



# REPI

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM

## STATE FACT SHEETS | MISSISSIPPI



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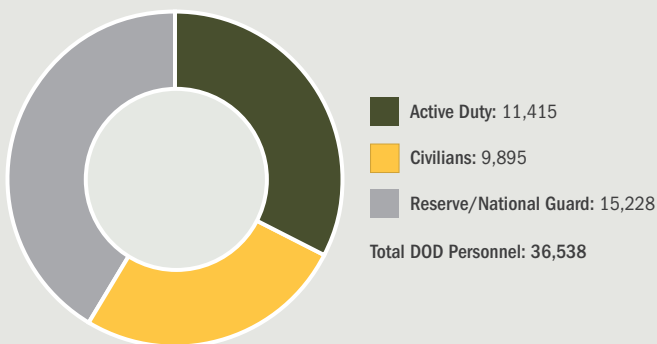
### OVERVIEW

Mississippi received \$5.6 billion in Defense spending in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, which provides direct funding for DOD personnel salaries, defense contracts, and construction of military facilities in the state. This spending by DOD personnel, contractors, and their families creates significant economic activity, attracts related industries and investment, and generates important state and local government tax revenues.

The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool used by DOD and its partners to protect the military's ability to train, test, and operate in the state. DOD created the REPI Program in response to the development of lands and loss of habitat in the vicinity of or affecting its installations, ranges, and airspace that can lead to restrictions or costly and inadequate training and testing alternatives. Through REPI, DOD works with state and local governments, conservation organizations, and willing private landowners to address these challenges to the military mission and the viability of DOD installations and ranges. The REPI Program has enjoyed broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. Through FY 2022, DOD and its partners have spent nearly \$14 million on REPI projects at four installations in Mississippi.

### DOD IN MISSISSIPPI

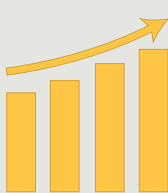
**DOD Personnel** (as of 30 Sep 2021)



### Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact (in FY 2021)



\$5.6 billion in Federal Defense spending

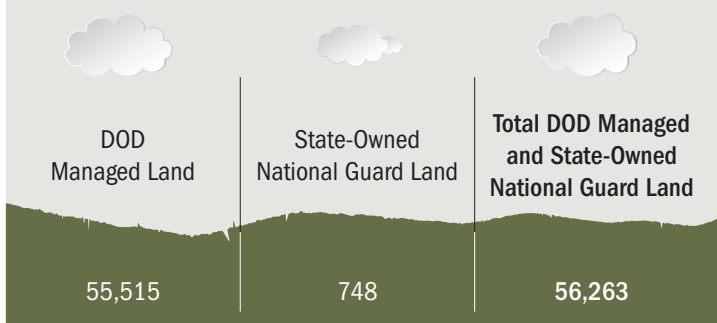


4.3% of state GDP



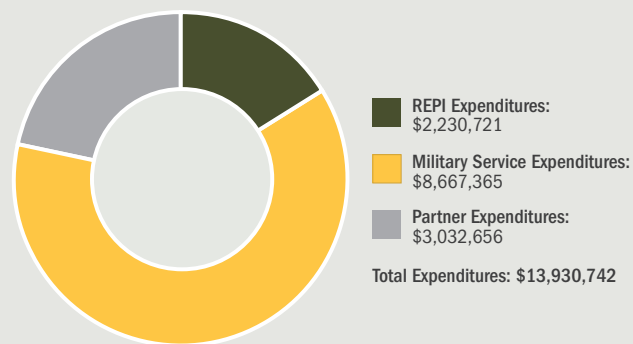
\$1.8 billion in payroll contributed  
\$3.8 billion in contracts awarded

### Acres of DOD Managed and State-Owned National Guard Land (as of 30 Sep 2021)



### REPI PROJECTS\* IN MISSISSIPPI

**Funding Summary** (through FY 2022)



\* REPI projects refer to any action authorized by 10 USC §2684(a) to include the acquisition of interests in land from willing landowners to prevent incompatible development and protect habitat or any other natural resources management. REPI projects involving the Army or Army National Guard are also termed Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) partnerships. Those involving the Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force, are also termed encroachment partnering agreements. Eligible partners include conservation organizations and state and local governments.

**Total Acres Protected** (through FY 2022): 5,927



## MILITARY PRESENCE

- The 14th Flying Training Wing, under Air Education Training Command, at Columbus Air Force Base is responsible for an intensive **52-week Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training** program.
- The Federal appropriations for the Mississippi Army and Air National Guard during FY 2018 were approximately **\$622 million**, and the state appropriations were approximately \$7.9 million.
- Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport **contributed more than \$850 million** to the local economy in fiscal year 2018.
- The military constantly strives to improve Mississippi's energy resiliency and energy security. Beginning in 2017, NAS Meridian **leased 38 acres of land for solar energy projects** and to diversify energy sources through local partnerships.
- Keesler AFB is a **lead joint training installation**, training over 30,000 military and civilian government personnel annually.
- Camp Shelby is the largest state-owned and operated field training site in the United States.

## REPI PROJECTS

Project Installation	County	Congressional District
Camp Shelby	Perry, Forrest	4th
Columbus AFB	Lowndes	1st
NAS Meridian	Lauderdale, Kemper	3rd
NCBC Gulfport	Harrison	4th

For all REPI Project Profiles visit: <http://www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx>



Camp Shelby offers a variety of training, including practice medical evacuations.

## Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS)

- The REPI Program supports regional partnerships such as SERPPAS to identify common issues and solutions for mutual benefit.
- SERPPAS partners work to prevent encroachment around military lands, encourage compatible resource-use decisions, and improve coordination among regions, states, communities, and military services. For more information, visit [www.serppas.org](http://www.serppas.org).
- Mississippi is a member of SERPPAS, along with the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

## Key REPI Partners

- Compatible Lands Foundation
- EKO Asset Management Partners
- Kemper County
- Kings County
- Lauderdale County
- Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks
- Mississippi Development Authority
- Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- Mississippi Land Trust
- Mississippi State University Foundation
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Sequoia River Lands Trust
- State of Mississippi
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Trust for Public Land
- Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
- U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service
- West Hills Community College District
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- Wildlife Mississippi

## Data Sources

- For Installation-Specific Information:
  - Camp Shelby information: <https://ms.ng.mil/installations/shelby/>
  - Gulfport Seabee base: <http://www.sunherald.com/news/business/article160701694.html>
  - Keesler Air Force Base: "Fiscal Year 2017 Economic Impact Analysis": <https://www.keesler.af.mil/Portals/14/documents/EIA%202017%20for%20web.pdf?ver=2018-05-01-155348-127>
  - NCBC Gulfport: <https://adcregionalforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Whitmire-W.-Nav-Const.-Batt.-Center-Mission-Brief.pdf>
  - NAS Meridian: [http://www.meridianstar.com/news/local\\_news/nas-meridian-announces-groundbreaking-for-solar-power-facility/article\\_d9c48e95-9080-5837-8a46-2bb6476583c4.html](http://www.meridianstar.com/news/local_news/nas-meridian-announces-groundbreaking-for-solar-power-facility/article_d9c48e95-9080-5837-8a46-2bb6476583c4.html)
- For Military Impact Information: Mississippi Military Department: "Mississippi National Guard Annual July 2018 – June 2018": [https://ms.ng.mil/resources/specialstaff/pa/AnnualReports/Annual%20Report%20\(Jul%2017,%202017%20-%20Jun%2030,%202018\).pdf](https://ms.ng.mil/resources/specialstaff/pa/AnnualReports/Annual%20Report%20(Jul%2017,%202017%20-%20Jun%2030,%202018).pdf)
- For Land Information: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: "Base Structure Report – FY22 Baseline" (as of 30 Sept 2021)
- For Federal Spending and Personnel Information: Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation: "Defense Spending by State – Fiscal Year 2021": <https://oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2021>
- For REPI Projects Information: "2023 REPI Report to Congress": [https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/Documents/Reports\\_to\\_Congress/REPI2023RTC.pdf](https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/Documents/Reports_to_Congress/REPI2023RTC.pdf)