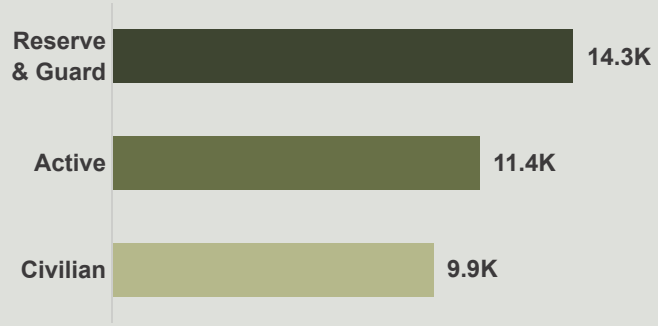
OVERVIEW

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, the state of Mississippi received $6.7 billion in Defense spending, which provides direct funding for the Department of War (DoW) personnel salaries, defense contracts, and construction of military facilities in the state. This spending by DoW personnel, contractors, and their families creates significant economic activity, attracts related industries and investments, and generates important state and local government tax revenues.

The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool used by DoW and its partners to protect the military's ability to train, test, and operate in the state. The Department 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 the REPI Program, DoW works with state and local governments, conservation organizations, and willing private landowners to address these challenges to the military mission and the viability of DoW installations and ranges. The REPI Program has benefited from broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. From FY 2009 through FY 2025, DoW and its partners have contributed nearly $20.7 million to REPI projects supporting five installations in Mississippi.

DOW IN MISSISSIPPI

DOW Personnel (as of 30 Sept 2024)



Total DOW Personnel: 35.6K

Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact (in FY 2024)

$6.7 billion in Federal Defense spending

4.2% of state Gross Domestic Product

$1.9B in payroll contributed

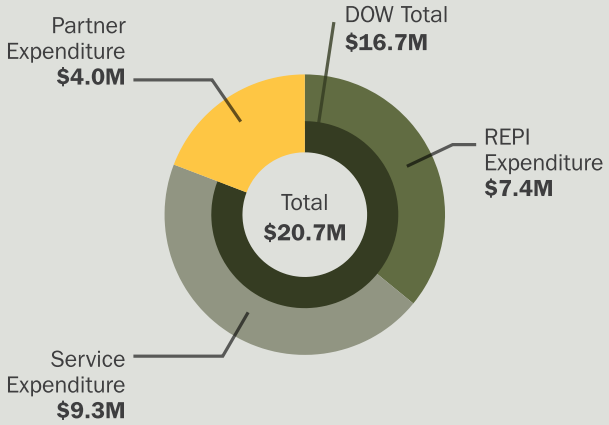
$4.6B in contracts awarded

Acres of National Defense Land (as of 30 Sept 2024)

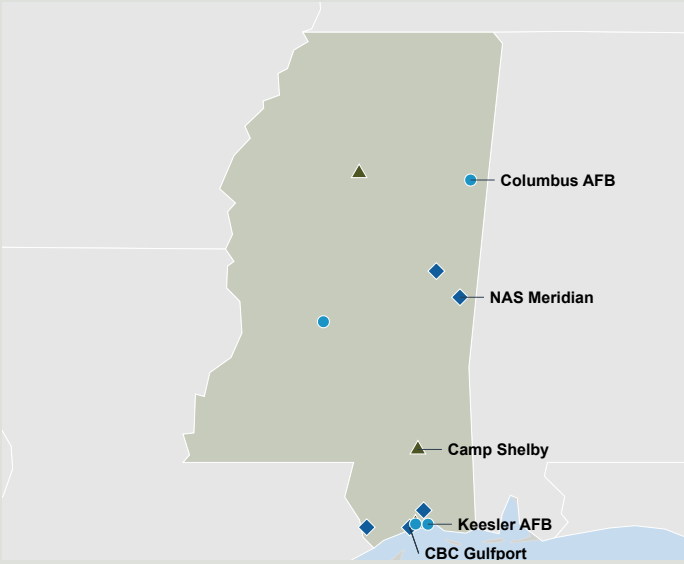
55,698 acres	729 acres	56,427 acres
DOW Managed Land	State-Owned National Guard Land	Total Defense Land

REPI PROJECTS IN MISSISSIPPI

Funding Summary (from FY 2009 through FY 2025)



Acres Protected (FY 2009 through FY 2025): 7,553



▲ Army ◆ Navy
■ Marine Corps ● Air Force

REPI Installations and Ranges

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.
- Keesler Air Force Base is a **lead joint training installation**, training over 30,000 military and civilian government personnel annually.
- Camp Shelby is the largest training site owned by a state in the US. It's one of the largest mobilization stations of the US Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), and it's also the biggest reserve training facility.

REPI PROJECTS

Installation	County	Congressional District
Camp Shelby	Perry, Forrest	4th
Columbus Air Force Base	Lowndes	1st
Keesler Air Force Base	Harrison	4th
Naval Air Station Meridian	Lauderdale, Kemper	3rd
Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport	Harrison	4th

For all REPI Project Profiles visit: **www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx**

Army Sgt. Maj. Peter Klundt jumps out of an Air Force C-130J Super Hercules over a designated landing zone during Bright Star in Alexandria, Egypt, Sept. 8, 2025.

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.
- Mississippi is a member of SERPPAS, along with the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. For more information, visit **https://www.serppas.org**.

Key REPI Partners

- Compatible Lands Foundation
- Kemper County
- Lauderdale County
- Mississippi Development Authority
- Mississippi State University
- Mississippi Wildlife Fisheries and Parks Foundation
- State of Mississippi
- The Nature Conservancy
- Wildlife Mississippi

Data Sources

- **For Installation-Specific Information:**
  - Camp Shelby information: **https://www.ms.ng.mil/installations/shelby/**
  - Gulfport Seabee base: **https://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**
  - **https://www.installations.militaryonesource.mil/indepth-overview/naval-construction-battalioncenter-gulfport**
  - Naval Air Station Meridian: **https://www.meridianstar.com/news/local_news/nas-meridian-announcesgroundbreaking-for-solar-power-facility/article_d9c48e95-9080-5837-8a46-2bb6476583c4.html**
- **For Military Impact Information:** Mississippi Military Department: "Mississippi National Guard Annual Report, 2023": **https://www.ng.ms.gov/sites/msng/files/documents/staff_depts/special_staff/pao/annual_reports/pdfs/Annual%20Report%20%28Jul%201%2C%202022%20-%20Jun%2030%2C%202023%29.pdf**
- **For Land Information:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of War for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: "Base Structure Report — FY25 Baseline" (as of 30 Sept 2024)
- **For Federal Spending and Personnel Information:** Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation: "Defense Spending by State — Fiscal Year 2024": **https://www.oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2023**
- **For REPI Projects Information:** "2026 REPI Report to Congress": **https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/REPI_2026_RTC_20260305.pdf**