

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - PERCENT STUDENT POVERTY RATE (2006) AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY STATUS (2009 - 2010)

WHAT THIS MAP SHOWS:

This maps shows the new MS Dept. of Education Accountability Status ratings for each school district released November 23, 2009 correlated with the 2006 Percentage Student Poverty Rates by district issued by MDE in January 31, 2007.

The SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY ratings are divided into 6 categories.

Below are the number of districts in each category and the percentage of total districts in each category:

- STAR (2 dists = 1.34%)
- HIGH PERFORMING (21 dists = 14.09%)
- SUCCESSFUL (37 dists = 24.83%)
- ACADEMIC WATCH (37 dists = 24.83%)
- RISK OF FAILING (44 dists = 29.53%)
- FAILING (8 dists = 5.37%).

Total school dists in dataset, excluding the Agricultural High Schools: 149

89 districts -- 59.73% -- are rated LESS THAN Successful.

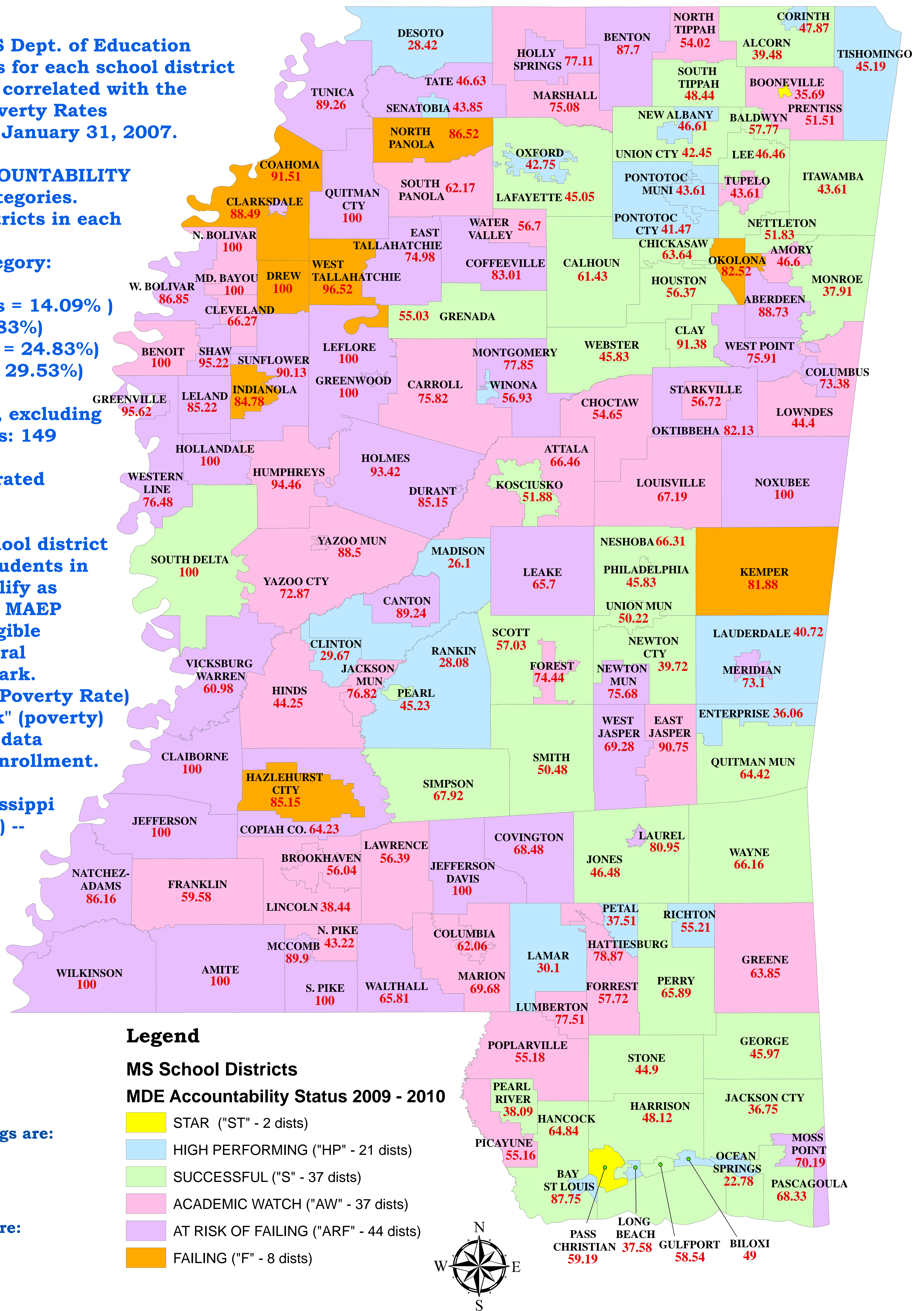
The red numbers in each school district identify the percentage of students in each school district who qualify as "Children At Risk" under the MAEP formula because they are eligible for FREE LUNCH, a key Federal STUDENT POVERTY benchmark. The % of "Children at Risk" (Poverty Rate) increases when other "at risk" (poverty) benchmarks are added. The data uses the Fall 2006 student enrollment.

More than 3 of every 5 Mississippi Public School Students (65%) -- 293,220 of 503,018 -- are Children At Risk under the MAEP formula.

Agricultural High Schools:
The Agricultural High Schools are not included in the visual map because they do not have discrete physical jurisdictions that school districts have. The ratings for the Ag High Schools are not included in the cumulative numbers set forth in the Legend.

The AHS ACCOUNTABILITY ratings are:
Coahoma AHS: At Risk of Failing
Forrest AHS: Successful
Hinds AHS: Not Rated

The AHS Student Poverty rates are:
Coahoma AHS: 93.75%
Forrest AHS: 40.5 %
Hinds AHS: 77.78 %



MS 2006 STUDENT POVERTY RATE SUMMARY:
41% (63 districts) have 70%+ children at risk;
56% (85 districts) have 60%+ children at risk;
71% (108 districts) have 50%+ children at risk;
89.5% (136 districts) have 40%+ children at risk;
96.7% (147 districts) have 30%+ children at risk;
The district with fewest children at risk: 22.78%.

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