

# COUNTY DESCRIPTION

## **Geographical Facts**

Gibson County is located in the Northwest Region of West Tennessee, bordered on the north by Obion and Weakley Counties, on the west by Dyer, on the east by Carroll and on the south by Madison and Crockett Counties. Gibson County contains ten communities of Bradford, Dyer, Gibson, Milan, Humboldt, Medina, Trenton, Rutherford, Yorkville, and Kenton. The county is 604.2 square miles in area and is located approximately 27 miles from Jackson and 93 miles from Memphis to the south.

Gibson County has a total population of 46,315 (90 census) and Trenton is the county seat. Its largest population centers are Humboldt with 9,634 residents, Milan with 7,512 residents and Trenton with 4,523 residents.

Gibson County is a historical area with many pre-civil war homes and locations on the Historical Register, including the Gibson County Court House. Each community in the county is unique with its own history, community activities and personality.

## **Economic Base**

The economy in Gibson County is diversified and not dominated by anyone source. The county's economic bases consist of retail trade and services, agriculture, and industry.

Total retail sales in 1997 were reported at over 371-million with a per capita personal income in 1997 of \$18,602.

Agriculturally, life in Gibson County is tied very closely to the land. The major crops produced in the county are: corn, cotton and tobacco.

There are several manufactures in Gibson and the county is continuing to grow and expand its industry. The largest industries are Kellwood Industry with approximately 670 employees and Plastech with approximately 300 employees.

## **Health Care**

Gibson County has three separate hospitals owned and operated by West Tennessee Health Care, Inc. Humboldt General Hospital is a 62-bed facility. Milan Hospital is a 60-bed facility and Gibson General Hospital located in Trenton is a 100-bed facility. Each hospital serves Gibson County with a full range of diagnostic, therapeutic and specialty health care services. Each hospital also provides 24-hour ambulance services staffed by full-time emergency medicine department. In addition to the hospital there are 26 physicians, 8 dentists and 4 nursing homes.

The Gibson County Health Department is the final piece of the health care puzzle, providing services including: WIC, family planning, immunizations, nutritional education and environmental services. There are three separate locations in Gibson County.