

## RANKIN COUNTY

**COUNTY SEAT:** Brandon

**ORIGIN OF NAME:** Christopher Rankin, former representative in Congress.

**ORGANIZED AS COUNTY:** February 4, 1828

**LAND AREA:** 782 sq. miles

**MEMORIAL NOTES:** Twenty-fourth of Mississippi's 82 counties to organize, just 10 years after Mississippi was admitted to the Union. Gerard C. Brandon was Governor of Mississippi and John Quincy Adams was President of the United States. First passenger railroad in the United States (Baltimore & Ohio) begun July 4. (Horse drawn 14 miles).

### COUNTY POPULATION

Census Year	Total	White	Black & Other	Slaves
2006 est	135,830			
2005 est	131,521			
2004 est	128,416			
2003 est	124,714			
2002 est	121,584			
2001 est	118,990			
2000	115,327			
1990	87,161			
1980	69,427	56,282	13,145	
1970	43,933	31,529	12,404	
1960	34,322	21,504	12,818	
1950	28,881	15,210	13,671	
1940	27,934	13,260	14,674	
1930	20,353	9,257	11,096	
1920	20,272	8,969	11,303	
1910	23,944	9,695	14,249	
1900	20,955	8,679	12,276	
1890	17,922	7,507	10,415	
1880	16,752	7,193	9,559	
1870	12,977	5,704	7,273	
1860	13,635	6,530	7,105	7,103
1850	7,227	3,940	3,287	3,276
1840	4,631	2,777	1,854	1,851
1830	2,083	1,695	388	386

(Census Estimates Released July, 2007)