

Mississippi School Districts Corporal Punishment Incidents: 2009-2010 to 2010-2011 School Years



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This map examines the practice and policy of corporal punishment (CP) in MS School Districts. The map is color coded to show five different classifications of MS school districts regarding their use of corporal punishment:

1) **PURPLE:** In these districts, the use of corporal punishment increased from 2009-2010 to 2010-2011.

2) **BLUE:** In these districts, the use of corporal punishment decreased from 2009-2010 to 2010-2011.

3) **PINK:** In 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 thirteen districts did not report incidents of corporal punishment to the MS Dept. of Education, but each district HAS an express policy which permits the use of corporal punishment according to the most recently available Student Handbook (typically but not exclusively the 2011-2012 student handbook).

4) **GREEN:** In 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 eleven districts did not report incidents of corporal punishment to the MS Dept. of Education, but these districts DO NOT have an express policy permitting the use of corporal punishment according to the most recently available student handbook.

5) **GRAY:** In 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 seventeen districts did not report incidents of corporal punishment to the MS Dept. of Education, and we were unable to obtain a recent student handbook to determine whether these districts have a policy concerning corporal punishment.

This map relies in part on data obtained from the MS Dept. of Education and the Jackson, MS Clarion Ledger.

We obtained corporal punishment data for 108 of 152 MS School Districts. For each of these districts we have provided three numbers.

The **BLUE** number represents the number of reported corporal punishment incidents for the 2009 - 2010 school year.

The **RED** number represents the number of reported corporal punishment incidents for the 2010 - 2011 school year.

The **GREEN** number represents the increase or decrease in reported corporal punishment incidents from the first school year to the second school year.

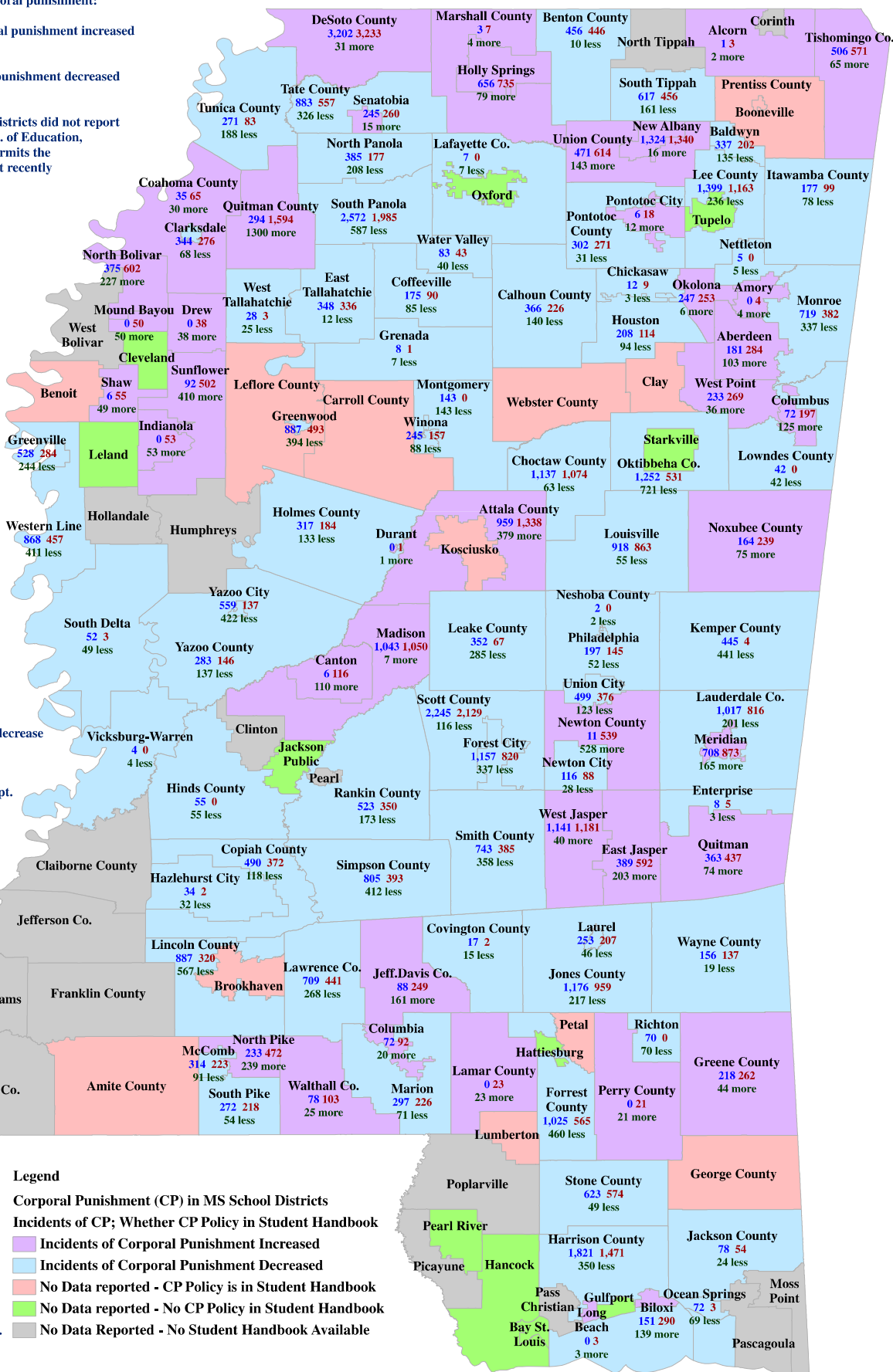
41 Districts did not report CP data to the MS Dept. of Education. Therefore, in these districts no numbers are provided.

Overall, 67 of 108 school districts reported a reduction in the incidents of corporal punishment by an accumulated total of 10,975 beatings.

Overall 33 of 108 school districts reported an increase in the incidents of corporal punishment by an accumulated total of 4,862 beatings.

Therefore there was a reported net decrease in the number of reported incidents of corporal punishment between the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years by an accumulated total of 6,113 beatings.

The 3 Agricultural High Schools are not included in the visual map because they do not have discrete physical jurisdictions that school districts have. These districts had no reported corporal punishment incidents. Coahoma AHS allows corporal punishment in its student handbook. Forrest AHS has no corporal punishment policy in its student handbook. Hinds AHS's student handbook was unavailable.



Data Sources:
Geospatial Boundary Data for MS School Districts comes from the U.S. Geological Survey by way of the U.S. Census Bureau's web site.
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