## **Mississippi rated most** affordable state to live



## Bob Bakken

A new report rates Mississippi as the most affordable United States.

tled, "America's Top States state number one for affordability.

With price increases and \$247,812. supply disruptions spiking thanks to the economic ef- lon of milk in Mississippi fects from the coronavirus was determined to be \$2.37 pandemic, cost of living be- and an average monthly came one of the 10 catego- energy bill in the state is ries of competitiveness.

Information for the rankof Labor Statistics figures, CNBC website. and average prices for se-2020 Average Cost of Liv- port: ing Index by the Council for

Community and Economic Research, or C2ER.

Mississippi became the place to live among the 50 top-ranked state for affordability with a 75 out of 75 CNBC's annual report ti- cost-of-living score, a Consumer Price Index that rose for Business" placed the 5.8 percent and an average home cost, using Hattiesburg as its center point, of

> An average price for a gal-\$153.76.

The 10 "cheapest states to ings came from U.S Bureau live" study is posted on the

Here are the top 10 states, lected items, based on the as ranked by the CNBC re-

1. Mississippi

- 2. Kansas 3. Oklahoma
- 4. Arkansas
- 5. Missouri
- 6. Alabama
- 7. New Mexico
- 8. Georgia (tied)
- 8. Tennessee (tied)
- 10. Indiana

By contrast, the 10 most expensive places to live are:

- 1. Hawaii 2. New York
- 3. California
- 4. Oregon
- 5. Massachusetts
- 6. Alaska
- 7. Maryland
- 8. Connecticut
- 9. Rhode Island
- 10.New Jersey

Another CNBC report is not as kind to Mississippi,

as the state overall is ranked 42nd in economy, and 43rd



## McRae returns \$50,000 to MDOT in **Unclaimed Money**



MDOT Executive Director Brad White (left) and State **Treasurer David McRae (right)** 

Money to be used for road and bridge projects, *improving transportation*, and motorist safety JACKSON, Miss. - State

45th in the country in CN-BC's Top States for Business rankings.

The state is ranked seventh for cost of doing business, but is 37th in the Life, Health, and Inclusion category, is 41st in workforce,

Treasurer David McRae presented Mississippi Department of Transporta- DOT on Facebook and Twittion (MDOT) Executive ter. Director Brad White with a check for unclaimed David McRae is the 55th money worth more than Treasurer for the State of \$50,000. The funds owed Mississippi. In this role, he to MDOT were turned over helps manage the state's to the State Treasurer's of- cash flow, oversees College fice from banks and other Savings Mississippi, and entities after sitting un- has returned more than \$20 claimed for an extended million in unclaimed money amount of time.

these funds to be used to re- MS.gov.

pair our roads and bridges and improve the state's infrastructure," said Treasurer McRae. "I am very pleased to have found and returned these funds so they can be invested in the projects that improve the way we live and work in Mississippi."

MDOT has reported they will use the money for road and bridge projects around the state, improving the quality of the transportation system, and safety for motorists.

About one in 10 people have some amount of unclaimed money in the state. To search for unclaimed property in your name, please visit Treasury. MS.gov.

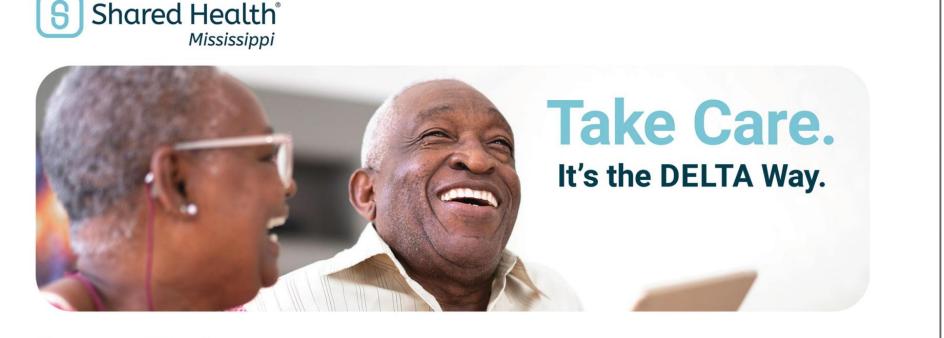
For more information about MDOT maintenance and construction projects, visit MDOTtraffic.com, download the free MDOT Traffic mobile app, or like and follow @Mississippi-

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