## Making Mississippi Competitive:

# Solutions for Building Assets in Low-Wealth Communities





Strengthening Families & Communities Coalition of East MS

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## **Building Personal Wealth:**

Recognize Where You Are

Stabilize

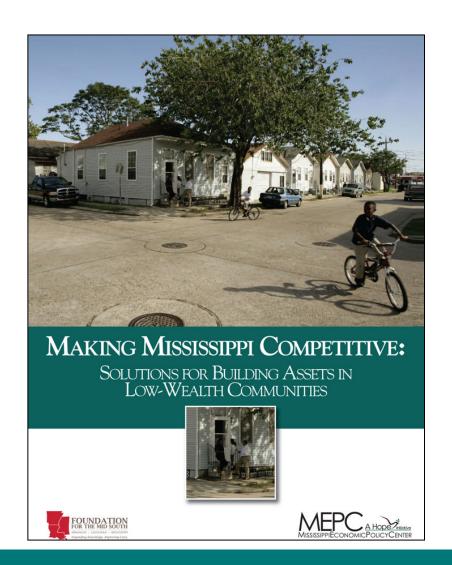
Moving Forward

Making Wiser Decisions

Plans for Tomorrow







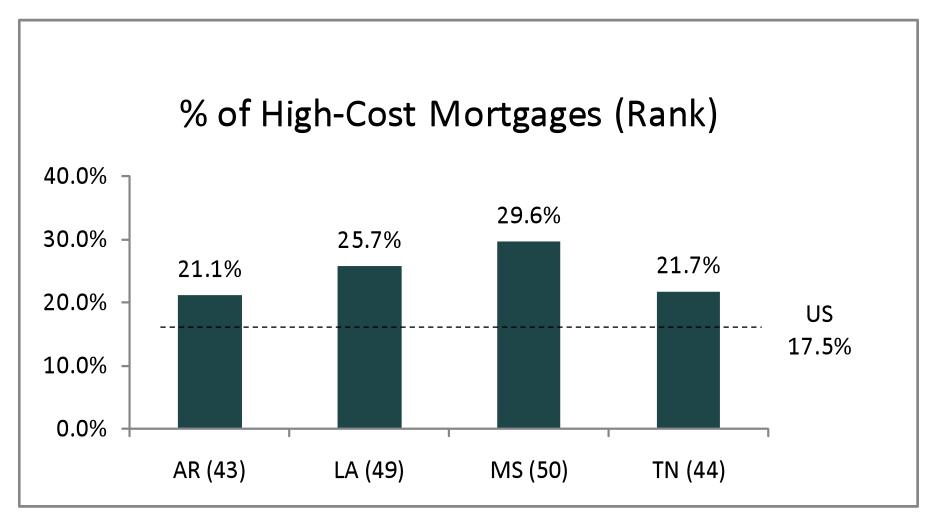
## 3 main sections:

Overview of asset levels and banking profiles in Mississippi

Use and pricing of alternative financial services

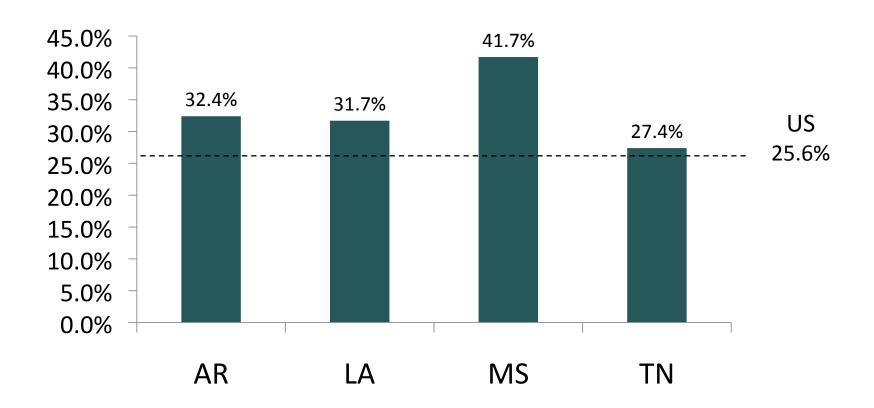
Promising practices that *promote* and *protect* asset development







## % Unbanked and Underbanked





# **Recommendations**

Building Assets

**Increasing Alternatives** 

**Strengthening Consumer Protections** 

Enhancing Access to Financial

Education





# THE BASIC ECONOMIC SECURITY TABLES

# MISSISSIPPI



FOR WOMEN'S FAMILY ECONOMIC

SECURITY PROGRAM

2011

### **Basic Economic Security Tables**

(Workers with Employment-based Benefits)

#### Mississippi

Monthly Expenses for: 1 Worker	
Housing	\$443
Utilities	\$138
Food	\$246
Transportation	\$596
Child Care	\$0
Personal & Household Items	\$223
Health Care	\$143
Emergency Savings	\$71
Retirement Savings	\$57
Taxes	\$305
Tax Credits	\$0
Monthly Total	\$2,222
Annual Total	\$26,664
Hourly Wage	\$12.63
Additional Asset Building Savings	
Children's Higher Education	\$0
Homeownership	\$49



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