

# Veterans Affairs Spending

*Pontotoc County, MS (2020)*

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**EXTENSION**

**United States  
Population/Expenditure Category**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Veteran Population</b>	20,293,065	19,902,577	19,508,946	19,119,131	19,465,698
<b>Total VA Expenditures</b>	\$173,685,850,089	\$180,591,466,363	\$180,603,860,664	\$202,404,735,805	\$217,953,742,328
<b>Compensation &amp; Pension Expenditures</b>	\$84,028,286,713	\$84,138,459,706	\$82,776,199,272	\$97,637,686,281	\$104,566,124,781
<b>Education/Voc Rehab/ Employment Exp</b>	\$13,838,234,851	\$13,182,263,320	\$13,178,383,693	\$13,810,757,929	\$12,688,057,485
<b>Insurance &amp; Indemnities Expenditures</b>	\$1,612,961,908	\$1,700,374,431	\$1,466,226,995	\$1,401,616,153	\$1,274,360,771
<b>Unique Medical Patients</b>	6,015,944	6,056,199	6,115,733	6,159,661	6,108,277
<b>Medical Care Expenditures</b>	\$63,473,219,558	\$69,709,569,591	\$71,303,324,777	\$77,802,983,515	\$86,807,908,368

***Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics***

## State of Mississippi Population/Expenditure Category

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Veteran Population</b>	193,589	191,411	189,085	186,702	185,462
<b>Total VA Expenditures</b>	\$1,750,776,269	\$1,814,225,772	\$1,778,520,178	\$2,046,100,126	\$2,227,333,457
<b>Compensation &amp; Pension Expenditures</b>	\$882,754,577	\$880,954,606	\$854,730,773	\$1,026,348,169	\$1,108,022,586
<b>Education/Voc Rehab/ Employment Exp</b>	\$94,794,823	\$88,460,065	\$74,722,057	\$86,211,003	\$85,280,501
<b>Insurance &amp; Indemnities Expenditures</b>	\$11,985,189	\$14,017,970	\$9,907,015	\$10,931,075	\$9,406,450
<b>Unique Medical Patients</b>	68,847	68,491	67,824	67,697	67,092
<b>Medical Care Expenditures</b>	\$724,649,500	\$787,030,647	\$802,964,318	\$886,074,097	\$969,665,615

***Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics***

**Pontotoc County, MS  
Population/Expenditure Category**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Veteran Population</b>	1,538	1,519	1,499	1,479	1,690
<b>Total VA Expenditures</b>	\$10,135,271	\$9,740,825	\$9,733,201	\$11,641,410	\$12,510,463
<b>Compensation &amp; Pension Expenditures</b>	\$5,845,454	\$5,749,595	\$5,604,560	\$7,111,153	\$8,083,431
<b>Education/Voc Rehab/ Employment Exp</b>	\$467,219	\$444,247	\$369,441	\$486,247	\$506,895
<b>Insurance &amp; Indemnities Expenditures</b>	\$37,597	\$10,651	\$38,272	\$36,857	\$65,952
<b>Unique Medical Patients</b>	515	513	543	554	559
<b>Medical Care Expenditures</b>	\$3,785,001	\$3,536,332	\$3,720,928	\$4,007,153	\$3,854,185

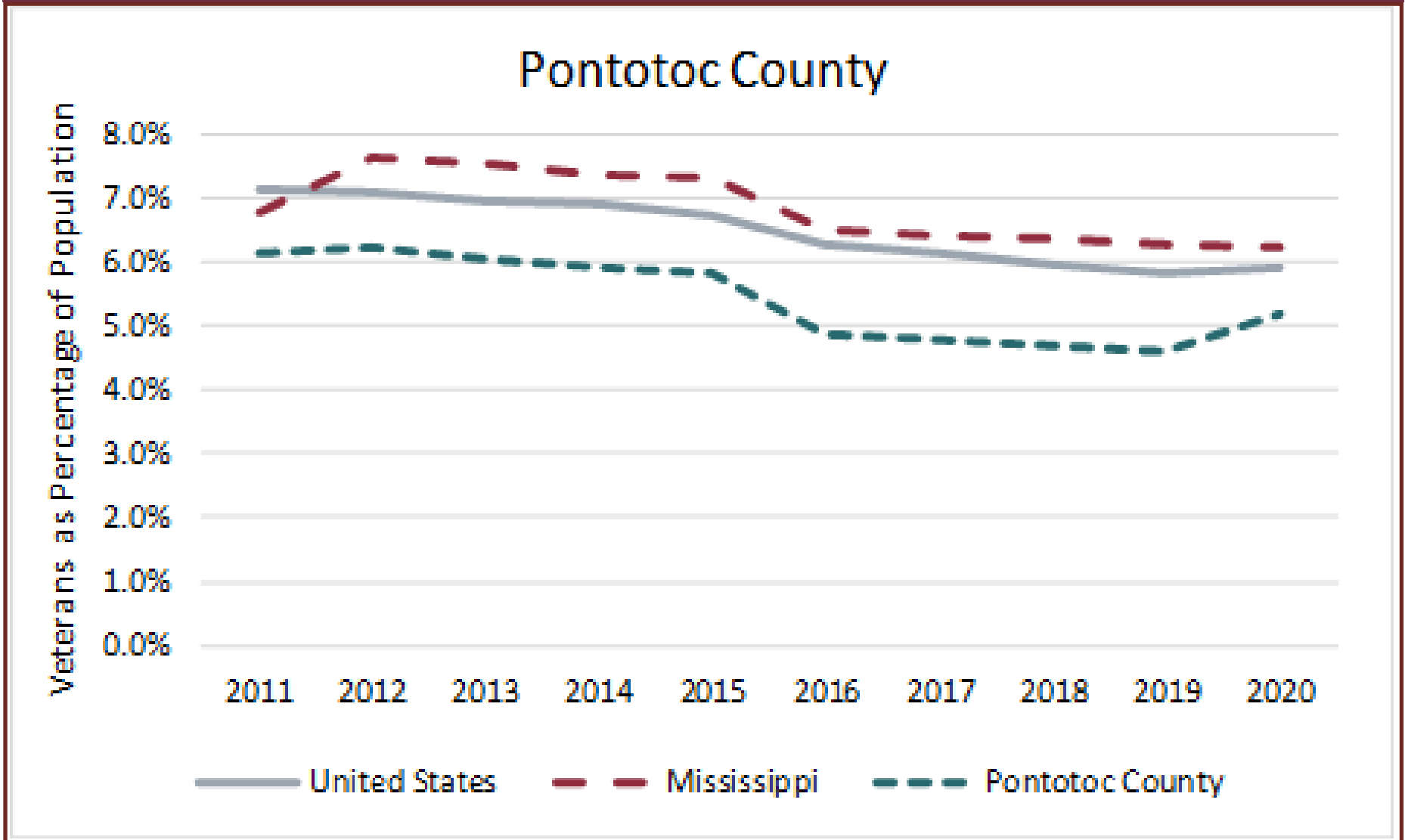
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<b>Pontotoc County, MS Economic Impacts</b>		<b>Employment</b>	<b>Labor Income</b>	<b>Value Added</b>	<b>Industry Sales</b>
<b>Impact Type</b>					
Direct Effect		50.6	\$1,627,961	\$1,766,632	\$4,103,455
Indirect Effect		5.6	\$162,655	\$243,163	\$603,277
Induced Effect		38.5	\$1,129,085	\$2,489,276	\$4,671,830
<b>Total Effect</b>		<b>94.7</b>	<b>\$2,919,701</b>	<b>\$4,499,071</b>	<b>\$9,378,562</b>
<b>Specific Industry Effects</b>					
Agriculture		0.5	\$971	\$3,220	\$7,936
Mining		0.0	\$49	\$65	\$320
Construction		0.4	\$12,897	\$16,413	\$64,716
Transportation, Insurance, Public Utilities		0.3	\$16,583	\$58,731	\$183,832
Trade		4.6	\$162,947	\$253,614	\$453,494
Service		86.1	\$2,616,686	\$4,038,202	\$8,402,489
Government		2.4	\$87,987	\$95,918	\$193,150

<b>Pontotoc County, MS</b>	
<b>State and Local Tax Revenues</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
<b>Tax Revenue Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Income Taxes	\$41,984
Sales Taxes	\$251,908
Property Taxes	\$1,800
Other Taxes	\$169,650
<b>Total State &amp; Local Tax Revenues</b>	<b>\$465,342</b>

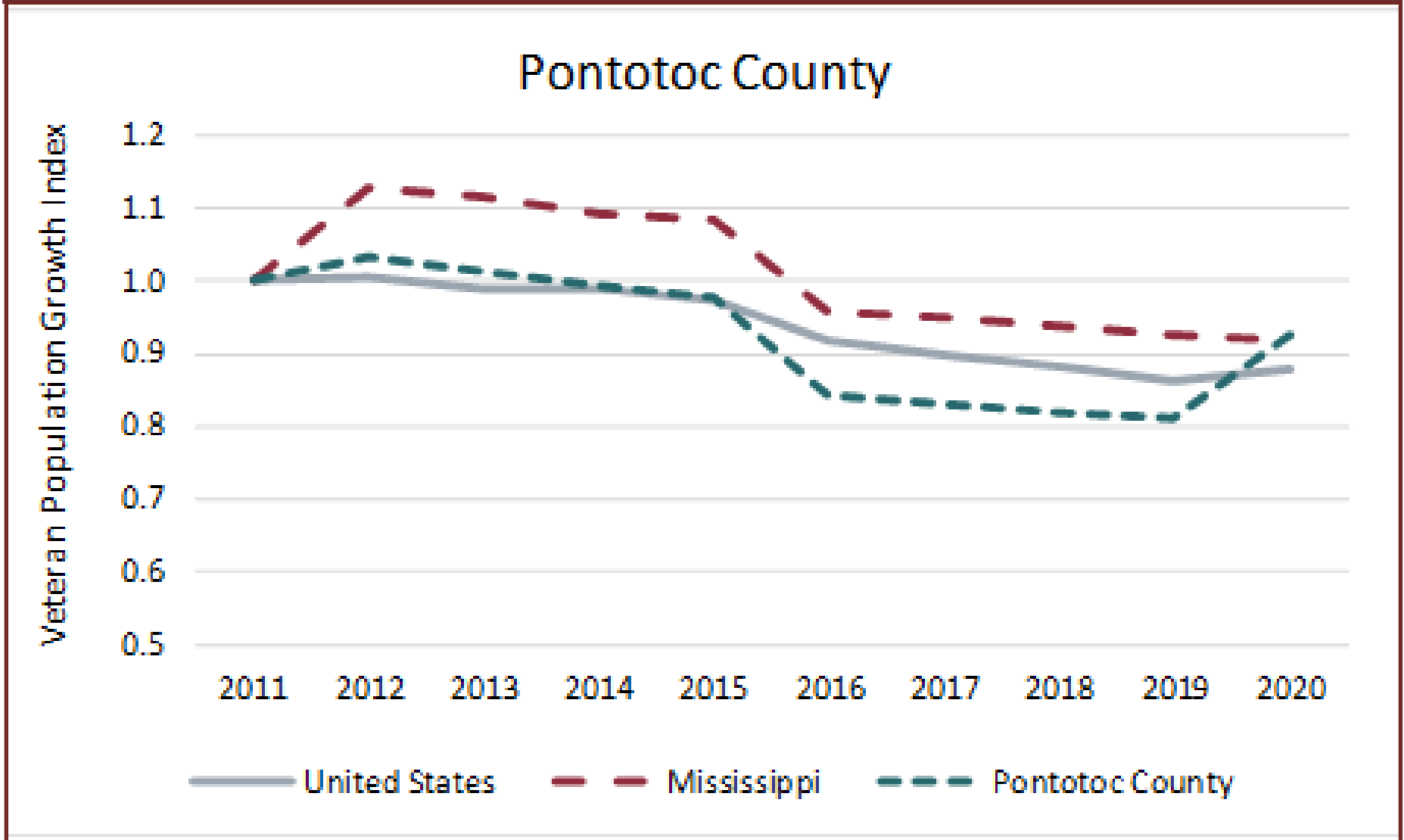
<b>Pontotoc County, MS</b>	
<b>Federal Tax Revenues</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
<b>Tax Revenue Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Income Taxes	\$142,877
Social Insurance Taxes	\$344,183
Production & Import Taxes	\$49,364
Corporate Profits Taxes	\$36,057
<b>Total Federal Tax Revenues</b>	<b>\$572,482</b>

## Veterans as Percentage of Total Population



This graph depicts veterans as a percentage of the total population by the state/county of residence. Data were obtained from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

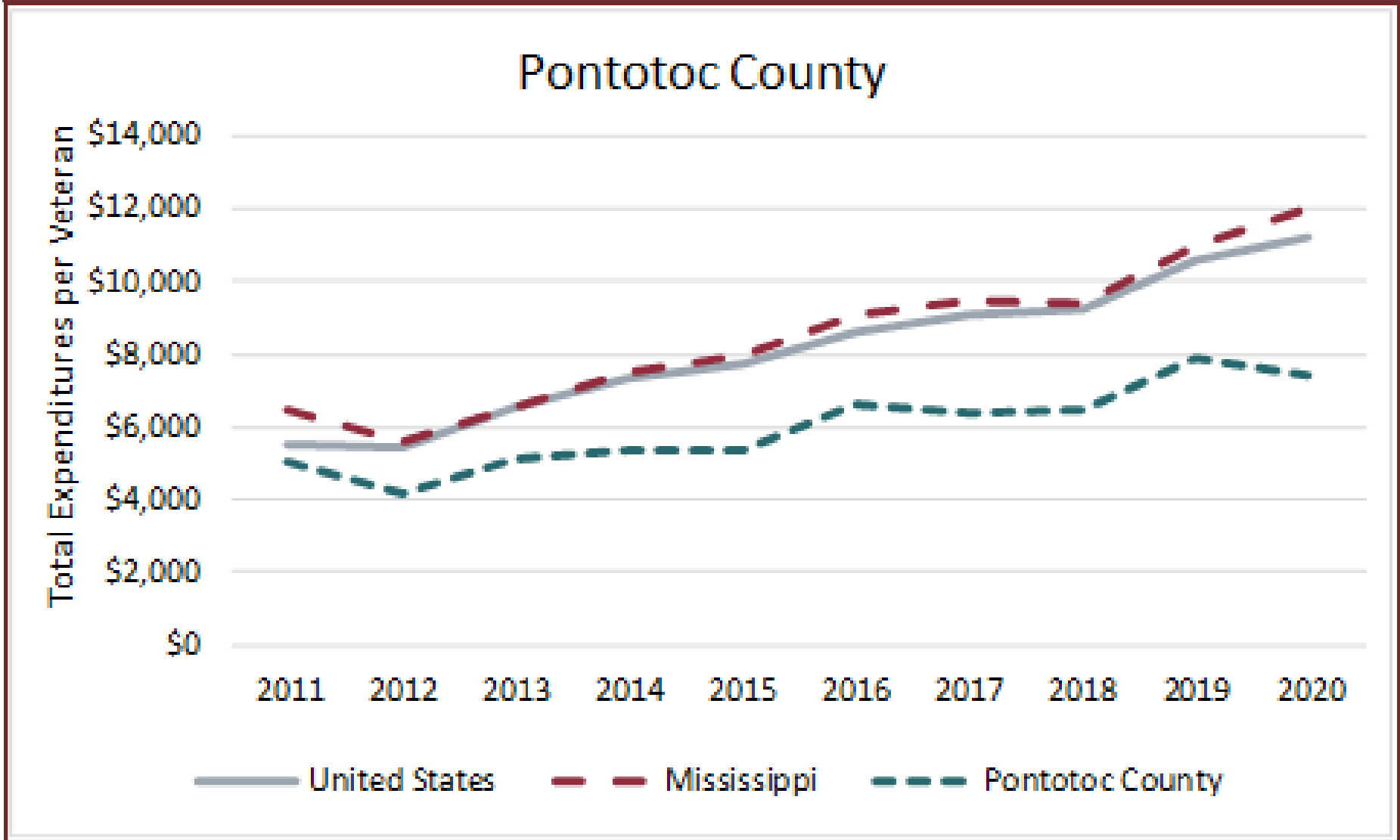
## Veteran Population Growth Index (2010=Base Year)



This graph depicts the growth of the veteran population as an index where the year 2011=100 by the state/county of residence. To calculate the index, each succeeding year's veteran population was divided by the 2011 veteran population. An index value above 1.0 indicates that the veteran population is growing; an index below 1.0 indicates that the veteran population is declining. Data were obtained from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

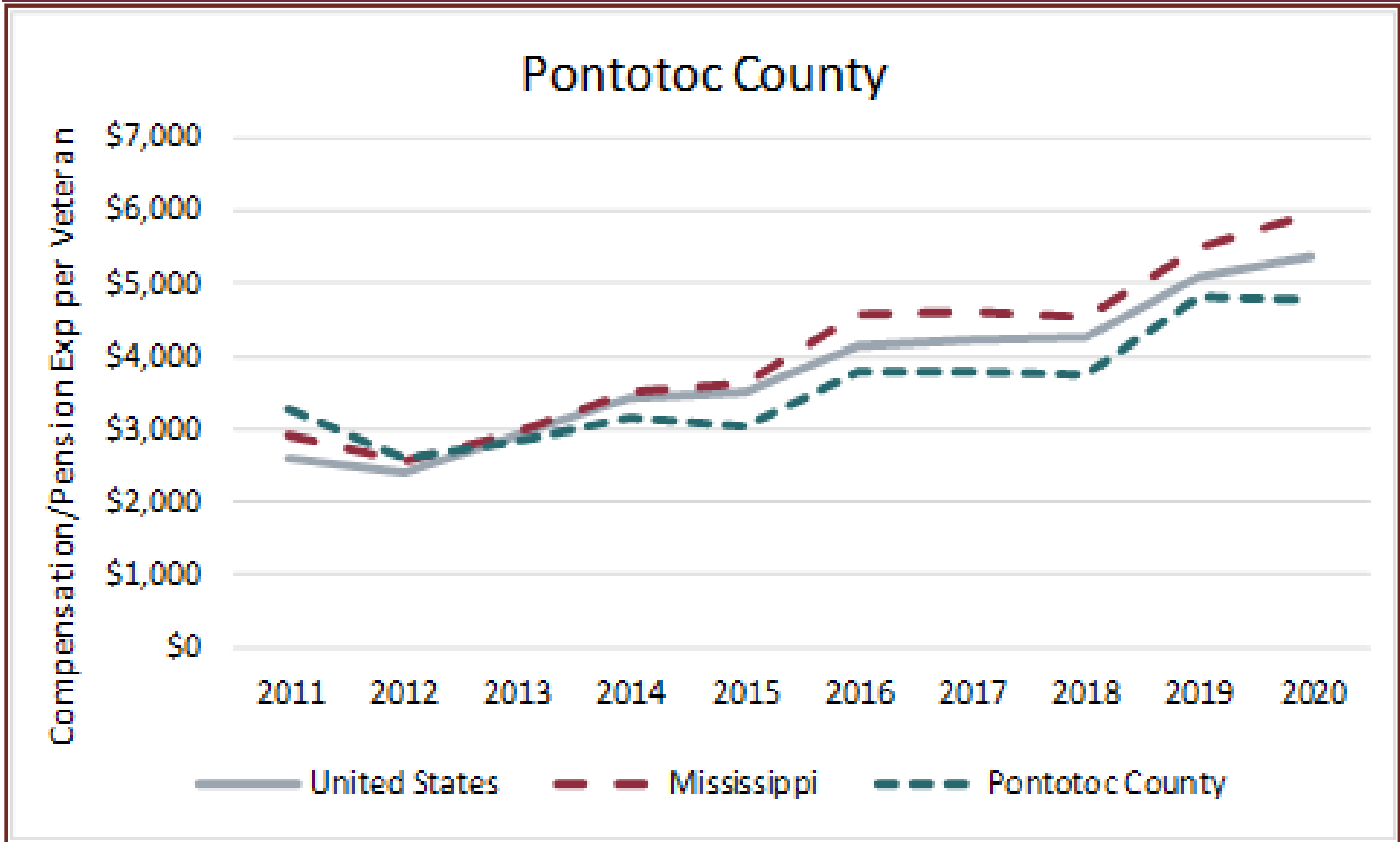


## Total Expenditures per Veteran



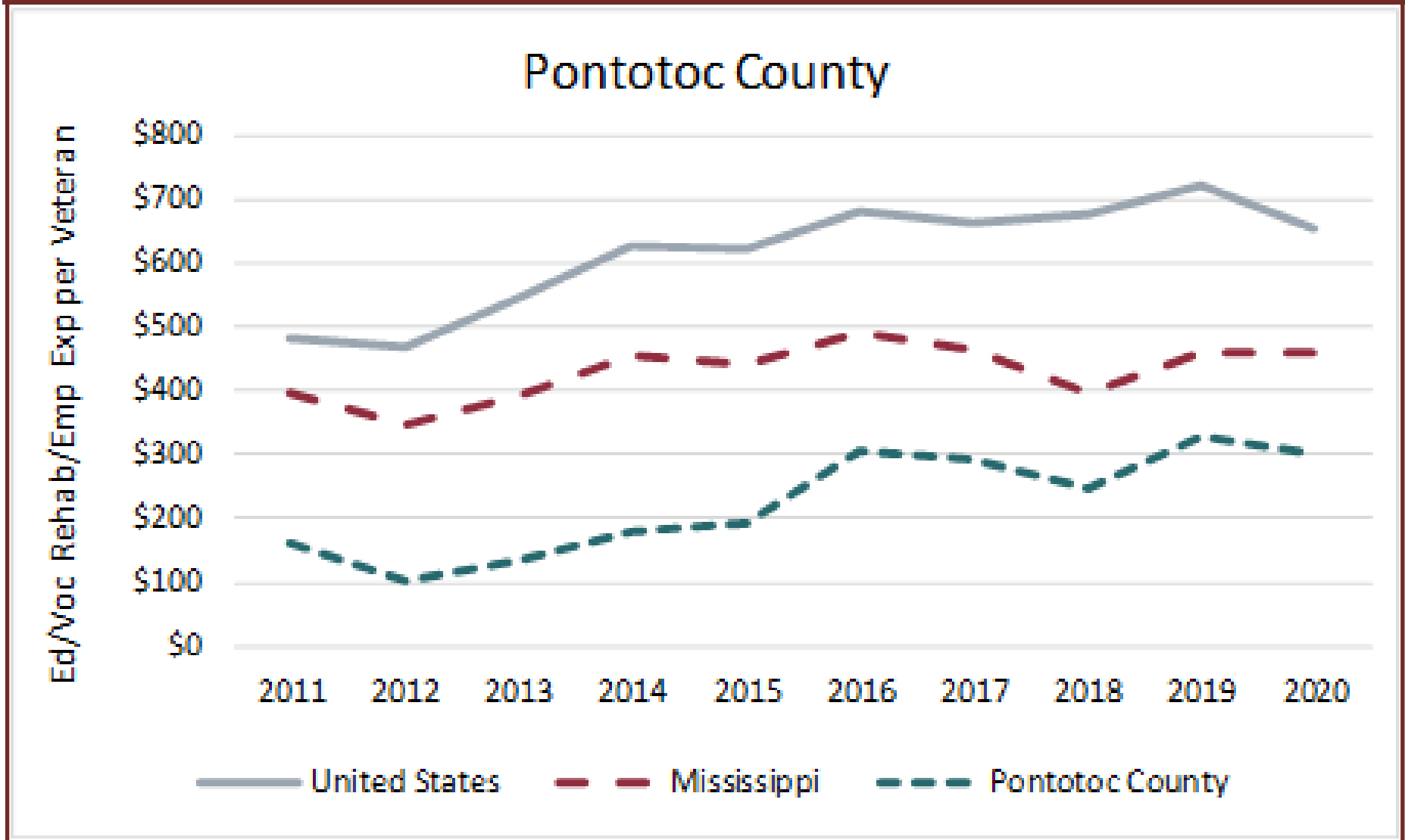
This graph depicts the average (mean) level of total expenditures per veteran by the state/county of residence. Categories included in Total Expenditures include *Compensation and Pension*; *Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment*; *Insurance and Indemnities*; *Construction and Related Costs*; *General Operating Expenses*; *Loan Guaranty*; and *Medical Expenditures*. Data were obtained from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Compensation/Pension Expenditures per Veteran



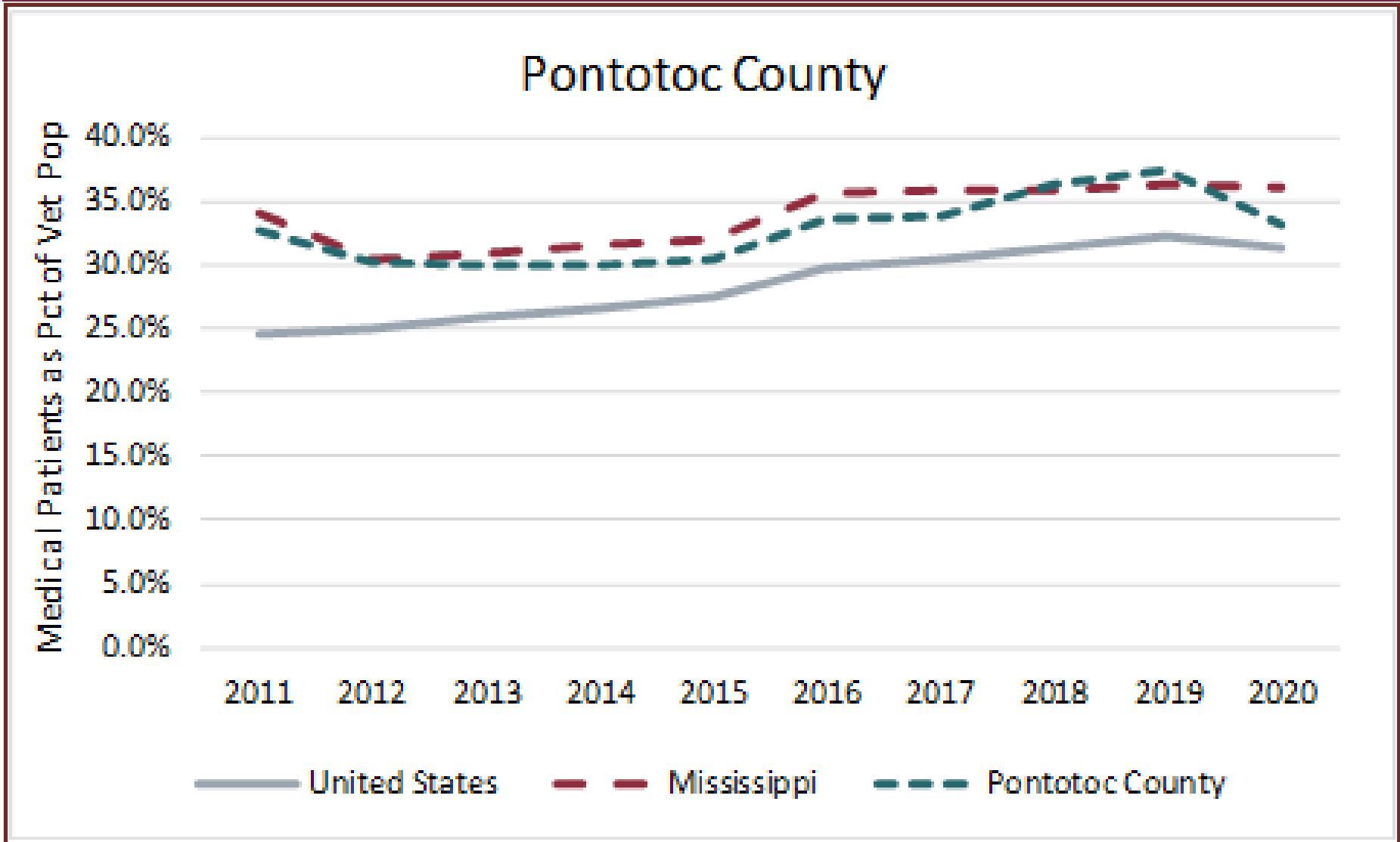
This graph depicts the average (mean) level of compensation and pension expenditures per veteran by the state/county of residence. This includes expenditures for compensation payments, pension payments, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, and burial allowances. Most expenditures in this category reflect monthly payments to individuals. Data were obtained from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Employment Expenditures per Veteran



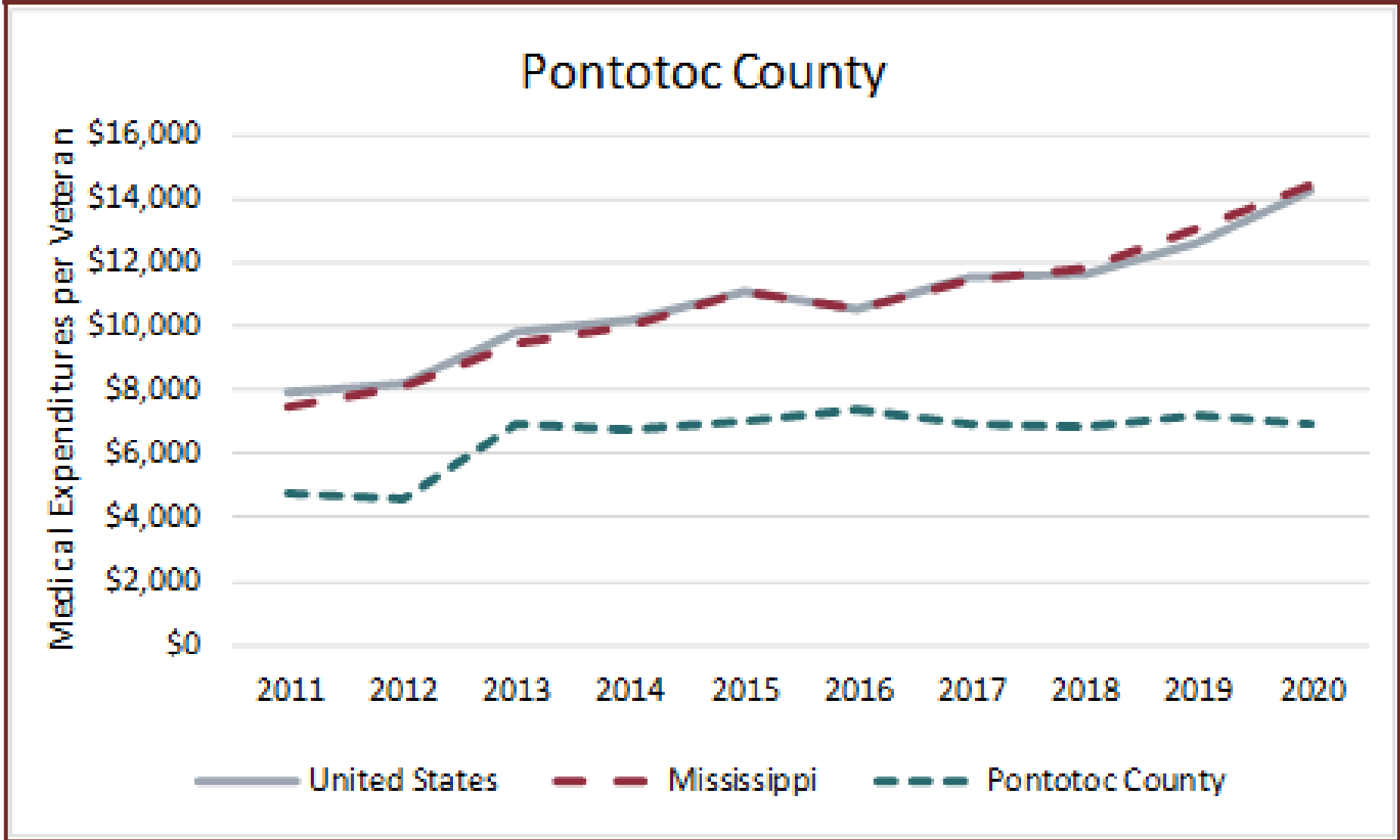
This graph depicts the average (mean) level of education, vocational rehabilitation, and employment expenditures per veteran by the state/county of residence. This includes expenditures for auto & adaptive equipment, specially adapted housing, *Chapter 35, Chapter 31, Chapter 32, Chapter 1606, Chapter 1607, Chapter 30, and Chapter 33* (these chapters are enumerated in the Data Key at the end of the publication). Data were obtained from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Medical Patients as Percentage of Veteran Population



This graph depicts the percentage of unique medical patients as a percentage of the total veteran population by the state/county of residence. Data were obtained from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Medical Expenditures per Medical Patient



This graph depicts the average (mean) level of medical expenditures per unique medical patient by the state/county of residence. This includes expenditures for medical care, *General Post Fund*, medical and prosthetic research, miscellaneous accounts, and *Choice Act* funds. Data were obtained from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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