

# Community Analysis

Sardis Public Library



FIRST REGIONAL LIBRARY

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## I. Agency Profile

### A. Agency information sheet

Date: 4/21/07  
 Branch: Sardis Public Library  
 Address: 101 Mclaurin St.  
 Phone: (662) 487-2126  
 Fax: (662) 487-2126  
 Email: sar@first.lib.ms.us  
 Staff:

Total number of Staff:	
Professional Staff::	1
Library Assistants:	1
Pages:	2
Full-time Equivalent: (add total number of hours worked by all staff in a week and divide by 40)	2

The Building:

Date opened:	3/6/1973
Total square feet:	40x60
Seating capacity:	60
Square feet in meeting rooms	16x24
Number of meeting rooms:	1
Other rooms:	6

Parking spaces:

Regular:	2
Handicapped	1

Handicapped Accessibility:

Bathrooms:	1
Automatic Doors:	0
Ramp:	1

### B. Web page address

System [www.firstregional.org](http://www.firstregional.org)  
 Branch [sar@firstregional.org](mailto:sar@firstregional.org)

**C. Map of service area (n/a)***insert map***D. Hours of operation**

	<u>Open:</u>	<u>Close:</u>
Sunday		
Monday	10	6
Tuesday	10	6
Wednesday	12	6
Thursday	12	6
Friday	12	6
Saturday	12	6
Total Open Hours Per Week		37

**E. Statistical information****1. Circulation by Dewey 10's**

	FY 2007	SAR
000	Comp Sci, Knowledge & Sys	25
010	Bibliographies	1
020	Library Science	8
030	Encyclopedias	37
050	Magazines	0
060	Associations, Organizations	1
070	News media, Publishing	8
080	Quotations	0
090	Manuscripts & rare books	0
	TOTAL	80
100	Philosophy	0
110	Metaphysics	0
120	Epistemology	0
130	Parapsychology	15
140	Philosophical schools of thought	0
150	Psychology	90
160	Logic	0

170	Ethics	39
180	Ancient, Medieval & Eastern philosophy	2
190	Modern Western Philosophy	0
	TOTAL	146
200	Religion	11
210	Philosophy of religion	1
220	The Bible	89
230	Christianity	48
240	Christian practice and observance	123
250	Christian pastoral & religious orders	8
260	Christian organization	7
270	History of Christianity	37
280	Christian Denominations	9
290	Other religions	61
	TOTAL	394
300	Social Sciences	69
310	Statistics	0
320	Political Science	29
330	Economics	61
340	Law	41
350	Public Admin & military science	14
360	Social problems & services	163
370	Education	102
	Commerce, communication & transportation	18
380		
390	Customs, etiquette & folklore	111
	TOTAL	608
400	Language	1
410	Linguistics	12
420	English & Old English	7
430	German	0
440	French	6
450	Italian, Romanian & related	2
460	Spanish & Portuguese	49
470	Latin & Italic languages	1
480	Classical & modern Greek	0
490	Other languages	0
	TOTAL	78
500	Science	9
510	Mathematics	24
520	Astronomy	27
530	Physics	8
540	Chemistry	2
550	Earth sciences & geology	53

560	Fossils & Prehistoric life	12
570	Life Sciences, Biology	21
580	Botany (plants)	13
590	Zoology (animals)	135
	TOTAL	304
600	Technology	3
610	Medicine & health	318
620	Engineering	49
630	Agriculture	126
640	Home & Family management	186
650	Management & Public Relations	36
660	Chemical Engineering	2
670	Manufacturing	1
680	Manufacture for specific uses	26
690	Building & Construction	41
	TOTAL	788
700	Arts	6
710	Landscape & area planning	6
720	Architecture	18
730	Sculpture, ceramics & metalwork	20
740	Drawing & decorative arts	309
750	Painting	2
760	Graphic arts	4
770	Photography & computer arts	12
780	Music	352
790	Sports, games & entertainment	118
	TOTAL	847
800	Literature, rhetoric & criticism	46
810	American literature	169
820	English and Old English literature	39
830	German literature	1
840	French literature	3
850	Italian, Romanian & related literatures	0
860	Spanish & Portuguese literatures	0
870	Latin & Italic literatures	0
880	Classical & modern Greek	1
890	Other Literatures	0
	TOTAL	259
900	History	1
910	Geography and Travel	72
920	Biography & Genealogy	111
930	History of ancient world	3
940	History of Europe	53
950	History of Asia	16

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960	History of Africa	10
970	History of North America	188
980	History of South America	2
990	History of other areas	0
	Biography	148
	TOTAL	604
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,108</b>

## 2. Circulation by item type

FY 2007	SAR
AC	336
BIOGRAPHY	154
CD	184
CDROM	0
CDSW	263
DVD	4684
E-AUDIO	0
E-BOOK	0
EASY	3746
EASY-RDR	41
EQUIPMENT	0
FICTION	5826
FILM	0
FILMSTRIP	0
GENEALOGY	1
JBIOGRAPHY	86
JFICTION	511
JNONFIC	1009
JPAPERBACK	448
LARGE-TYPE	3037
MAGAZINES	618
MAP	0
MICROFORM	0
MM-KIT	2
NONFIC	2593
OVERSIZED	0
POSTER	0
PUPPET	46
RECORD	0
REFERENCE	63
STORY_TIME	36
TOY	0
UNKNOWN	2
VF	0
VIDEO	1588
YFICTION	196
YPAPERBACK	101
TOTAL	25571

### 3. Program statistics

FY 2007	Sardis
Programs (in library)	351
Attendance (in library)	11,557
Children's programs	154
Attendance at children's programs	17,953
Programs (outside library)	185
Attendance (outside library)	6,844

### 4. SLP statistics

Date Range:	June/July 2007	SLP Registrants
Centers		7
Birth-K	Off-Site	87
Grades 1-6		180
Subtotal		267
Birth-K	In-Library	76
Grades 1-9		251
Sub-total		327
Kid total		594
15-18		29
Adult		478
Grand Total		1101

## 5. User Count statistics

FY 2007	Sardis
Adult users {5 days}	501
% of Regional total	3.89
Juvenile users {5 days}	346
% of Regional total	4.56
Total Users {5 days}	847
% of Regional total	4.14
Saturday & Sunday only	56
Total Weekly Circ.	514
% of Regional total	2.06
Total Weekly Ref.Ques.	141
% Regional of total	2.32
YEARLY TOTAL USERS	46921
YEARLY TOTAL CIRC	26711
YEARLY TOTAL QUESTIONS	7315
Average Weekly Users	902

## II. Community Overview

### A. Ride-Around summation

The community of Sardis is a diverse community. Our ride-around was outlined to begin on the east side of the railroad track on Pocahontas Street , and make a left on to Rainwater. Rainwater Street has been permanently blocked off. We continued on Pocahontas and the street turned into Lincoln Street , a very poverty stricken area. We were surprised to see all the new homes that had been built in these areas of the community. This area wasn't (at one time) well kept. The homes are beautiful, the landscape is beautiful, (plenty of azaleas) and there was no junk around them. A lovely brick structured church site in the curve ( Mt. Zion , which is one of the oldest and largest churches in Sardis ). We proceeded to the first stop sign and made a left on to Magnolia. The neighborhood had old homes that were well kept area by the home owners. To get back on track, we made a left on Lee Street , crossing Pocahontas, the railroad track and made a next left on Main Street .

On the corner of main are businesses and they looked fine, but next door is a body shop with lots of wrecked cars, which was an eye sore

to this area. A few feet away is a Catholic Church. We made a right turn on to Hightower Street . There were several rummage sales. Also, there were several old homes mostly framed, we believed they were built during the late 60's early 70s. This area has vacant lots that are over grown and homes that need a little fix-up. There was even a home built in 1870. The homeowners are a mix- race. We turned on Lee Street drove up to the next corner and turn on to Butler St. and proceeded on to Sycamore Street and proceeded back to McLaurin. This well kept area has several for sale signs.

### ***B. History of the library***

The Sardis Public Library opened on June 5, 1947 in the second floor of the Buchanan building on Main Street. The location of this new library was donated rent free by Mrs. Lucy Buchanan. Volunteer workers of the Sardis Woman's Club kept the library open until Panola County joined the First Regional Library in October, 1950. On January 14, 1949, the library moved into a new location on Main Street near the Post Office, the former Style Beauty Shop. Rental funds were drawn from contributions to the Town of Sardis and several civic and church organizations.

From 1956-1976, the library operated in City Hall. Land was donated to the Town of Sardis for a new building in 1975 at the corner of Main Street and McLaurine. The library still is in this building, which was expanded in 2002.

### ***C. History of the community***

The city of Sardis was incorporated on October 22, 1866 by settlers who lived here since the county was formed. This community was first named Danville after the first school teacher, Dan Killebrew. When the residents chose Danville as the name of their community they had trouble when they were trying to get a post office. The Postal official asked the citizens if they would chose a shorter name. They chose Sardis , which was the name of one of the seven churches in the New Testament.

### III. Annual Community Events

Event: Annual Tractor Show  
 Date: August  
 Contact: Patty Carter- Chamber of Commerce (662) 487-3451  
 Information:

Event: Sardis Salute to Business  
 Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in April  
 Contact: Patsy Carter-Chamber of Commerce (662) 487-3451  
 Information:

### IV. Business Services

#### *A. Three largest employers in your community*

Name: Spring Global  
 Address: 457 Industrial Park Rd. Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-3925

Name: Coca-Cola -Dr Pepper Bottling Co.  
 Address: 2739 South Frontage Rd. Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-1681

Name: United (Solutions) Plastics  
 Address: 1052 Industrial Park Rd. Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-9248

#### *B. Health*

##### **1. Hospitals (n/a)**

##### **2. Clinics**

Name: Mettetal Family Medicine  
 Address: 401 East Lee Street Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-0004

Name: Richard Harti Clinic

Address: 111 West Lee Street Sardis, Ms  
 Phone #: (662) 487-1064

Name: Comminicare of Panola County  
 Address: 100 East Frontage Rd. Sardis,MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-2746

### **3. Nursing home / rest homes**

Name: Sardis Community Nursing Home  
 Address: 613 East Lee Street Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-2720

### **4. Other health related organizations and services**

Name: Dr. Scott Sallye Sawyer -OD  
 Address: 119 South Main Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-1316

Name: Whaley Lance MD  
 Address: 116 South Main Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-1605

Name: Sardis Dialysis  
 Address: 200 Frontage Rd.  
 Phone #: (662) 487-3938

## **V.Clubs, Organizations and Neighborhood Associations**

### ***A. Youth organizations and centers***

Name: Boys & Girls Club Sardis/Como Unit  
 Address: 119 East McLaurin Street  
 Phone #: (662) 487-0002  
 Contact Person: Dottie Merritt  
 Activities/Programs (especially Summer) Yes

Name: Madam Butterfly  
 Address: 119 East McLaurin Street Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-5008  
 Contact Person: Ara Heard  
 Activities/Programs (especially Summer) Yes

Name: Youth Unlimited Inc.  
 Address: 294 Hwy 3 South Marks, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 236-4614  
 Contact Person: Evelyn Jossell  
 Activities/Programs (especially Summer) Yes

### ***B. Neighborhood Associations (n/a)***

### ***C. Civic Organizations***

Name: Chamber of Commerce  
 Address: 120 South Main Street Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-3451  
 Contact Person: Patty Carter / Jimmy McClure - President

### ***D. Clubs – Garden, Country, Hobby***

Name: Sardis Women Club  
 Address: 511 Lena St. Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-1291  
 Contact Person: Linda Andrew  
 Activities/Programs (especially Summer) No

Name: Jesus is the Way Community Out-Reach  
 Address: 6 Depot Street Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 609-9731  
 Contact Person: Minister Jackie Reed & John Reed  
 Activities/Programs (especially Summer) Yes

***E. Fraternal Organizations***

Name: Rotary Club  
Address: 237 South Main Sardis, MS  
Phone #: (662) 487-2738  
Contact Person: Rev. Jim Cox (In coming president: John Reed)

***F. Housing associations***

Name: Sardis Housing Authority  
Address: 321 Green Hill Circle Sardis, MS  
Phone #: (662) 487-2441

***G. Charitable organizations (Foundations, etc.) (n/a)******H. Social agencies***

Name: Dept. Of Human Services  
Address: 335 East Lee Street Sardis, MS  
Phone #: (662) 487-2000

Name: Family & Children Services  
Address: Hwy 51 South Sardis, MS  
Phone #: (662) 487- 2098

***I. Legal Aid (n/a)******J. Labor unions (n/a)******K. Veteran's organizations (n/a)***

**L. Cultural Organizations and activities**

**1. Art Societies/Councils**

Name: Panola Playhouse  
 Address: 212 South Main St. Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-3975

**2. Dramatic Groups (n/a)**

**3. Book clubs/Literary societies (n/a)**

**4. Museums**

Name: Heflin House Museum  
 Address: South Main Street Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 4870757  
 Contact Person: Polly Gordon

**5. Symphonies/Opera/Music (n/a)**

**6. Dance (n/a)**

**M. Other (n/a)**

**VI. Demographics**

**A. Population**

**1. Numbers**

	2000	2005 (July 1)	2006 (July 1)	% Change 2000/2006	% Change 2000/2005
Panola County	34,274	35,217	35,427	3.4	2.8
Sardis	2,038	2,033	7,560		-0.3

\*Source: U.S. Census Bureau. American FactFinder. Population Estimates.

\*\*Source for 2006 population for communities is: ESRI Business Information Solutions. Products Reports. Zip Code Lookup

## 2. Ages

Panola County: Population – Ages (2005 Estimate)		
Ages	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	2,731	7.70%
Ages 5-9	2,530	7.20%
Ages 10-14	2,618	7.40%
Ages 15-19	2,755	7.80%
Ages 20-34	7,580	21.40%
Ages 35-54	9,485	26.90%
Ages 55-65	3,425	9.70%
Persons 65 years and older	4,207	11.90%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35,331</b>	<b>100%</b>
** Source: Census Bureau. Estimates 2005		
MEDIAN AGE BY LOCATION: 2006		
Panola County	33.6	
Sardis	37.3	

## 3. Changes / Trends (n/a)

## 4. Ethnic makeup

ETHNIC MAKEUP: Panola County 2005		
Ethnic Makeup	2005	Percentage
White	17,810	50.4
Black	16,951	48
Native American & Alaska Native	52	0.1
Asian	75	0.2
Hispanic or Latino	483	1.4
Native Hawaiian	3	0
Persons of 2 or more races	73	0.2
<b>TOTAL COUNTY POPULATION</b>	<b>35,331</b>	
Ethnic Makeup for Batesville, Como, Crenshaw and Sardis is only available for 2000		

## 5. Foreign languages spoken (n/a)

**6. Education levels**

Educational Levels: Panola County 2006			
	Number	Percentage	
Less than 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	2,423	10.93	
9-12 years (no diploma)	4,051	18.27	
High School Graduates	7,312	32.98	
Some College – No degree	3,995	18.02	
Associate Degree	1,494	6.74	
Bachelor Degree	2,137	9.64	
Graduate Degree	761	3.43	
Educational Levels: Age 25+ Communities 2006 (percentage only)			
Location	Associate Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree
Sardis	5.2	6.7	4.2
2000 are the latest statistics available for High School graduates for the above communities			

***B. Housing***

**1. Types of housing in service area**

LOCATION	OWNER OCC. UNITS	RENTER OCC. UNITS	VACANT UNITS	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	NEW CONST. PERMITS
Sardis	442	308	55	806	0
Source: Mississippi Development Authority					

**2. House sales by Zip Code (n/a)**

**3. Average cost per square foot for new construction (n/a)**

**4. Average size of housing**

<b>HOUSING: PANOLA COUNTY 2006</b>		
INCOME LEVEL	2006	PERCENT 2006
0 - \$34,999	7,019	53.8
\$35,000 - \$49,999	2,054	15.7
\$50,000 - \$74,999	2,213	16.95
\$75,000 +	1,768	13.5
TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS:		
	13,054	
PERSONS BY HOUSEHOLD (2000 data only)		
	2.75	
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME:		
	\$32,114	

**5. Average number living in a single dwelling**

LOCATION	# HOUSEHOLDS	AVG. HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
Sardis	751	2.49	\$22,761

### C. Economic

1. Unemployment rate
2. Average income
3. Percentage of types of jobs

ECONOMIC: Panola County			
Per Capita Income: \$20,017 (2004)			
Average Annual Wage: \$24,959 (2005)			
Unemployment Rate: 8.8% (2007)			
Employment by Industry 2007			
Total Nonagricultural		Manufacturing	Non-Manufacturing
11,730		2,150	9,580
Source: Mississippi Department of Employment Security. February 2007			

### D. Zip Code map (n/a)

*insert map*

## VII. Education

### A. Public & Private Schools

Name: North Panola High School  
 Address: Hwy 51 North Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-1070  
 Webpage: Yes

Name: Green Hill Elementary  
 Address: Hwy 51 South Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-1074  
 Webpage: No

Name: Gateway Extension Center (Testing)  
 Address: 22721 Hwy 315 East Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-3103

**B. Universities & Colleges (n/a)**

**C. Home School Groups (n/a)**

**D. Child Care Services**

Name: North Panola Day Care  
 Address: 215 Hwy 51 North Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-0403  
 Webpage: No  
 Capacity:  
 Ages served: 6 wk to  
 Transportation: Yes

Hours	Open:	Close:
Sunday		
Monday	6	6
Tuesday	6	6
Wednesday	6	6
Thursday	6	6
Friday	6	6
Saturday		

Name: Kid-r-us  
 Address: 316 Gin Street Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-2670  
 Webpage: No  
 Capacity:  
 Ages served: 6wks to 6yrs.  
 Transportation: No

Hours	Open:	Close:
Sunday		
Monday	6	5
Tuesday	6	5
Wednesday	6	5
Thursday	6	5
Friday	6	5
Saturday		

***E. Other Libraries (i.e. church, hospital, chamber, etc.)***

Name: First Baptist Church  
 Address: 108 West Lee Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-2503

**VIII. Government*****A. Government Offices*****1. City****a) City council**

<http://www.firstregional.org/FRLAreaResources.html#Officials>

Name: Joseph "Jojo" Still  
 District/Ward: 1  
 Address: 1302 Butler Street Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-3848  
 Webpage: No

Name: Rufus "Bill" Smith  
 District/Ward: 2  
 Address: 318 Gin Street Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-2670  
 Webpage: No

Name: Michael "Mike" Wilson  
 District/Ward: 3  
 Address: 206 Pearl Street Sardsi, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-1508  
 Webpage: No

Name: Douglar River  
 District/Ward: 4  
 Address: 301 Ruffin Drive Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-2438  
 Webpage: No

Name: Roy Scallorn  
District/Ward: Alderman at Large  
Address: 340 Hightower Street Sardis, MS  
Phone #: (662) 487-2156

### **b) City districts (n/a)**

*insert map*

### **c) Fire stations**

Name: Sardis Volunteer Fire Department  
Address: 114-A West Lee Street Sardis, MS  
Phone #: (662) 487-1383

### **d) Police stations**

Name: Sardis Police Department  
Address: 114-A West Lee Street Sardis, MS  
Phone #: (662) 487-1383

## **2. County**

### **a) Board of Supervisors**

Name: James Birge  
District/Ward: 1  
Address: 23955 Hwy 310 West Como, Ms 38619  
Phone #: (662) 934-0085 (Cell)  
Webpage: No

Name: Robert Avant Sr.  
District/Ward: 2  
Address: 1332 Avant Road Como, MS  
Phone #: (662) 609-2437(Cell)  
Webpage: No

Name: Mack Benson  
 District/Ward: 3  
 Address: 1536 Benson Road Courtland, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 609-2478 ( Cell)  
 Webpage: No

Name: Jerry Perkins  
 District/Ward: 4  
 Address: 347 Perkins Road Batesville, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 609-2475(Cell)  
 Webpage:

Name: Willie "Bubba" Waldrup  
 District/Ward: 5  
 Address: 208 Bruce Street BAtesville, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 563-3423 (Home)  
 Webpage:

### **b) County districts (n/a)**

*insert map*

## **3. State**

### **a) Senators**

Name: Thad Cochran  
 District/Ward:  
 Address: 118 East. Capital Street Suite 614 JACKSON,MS  
 39201  
 Phone #: (601) 965-4459  
 Webpage: senator@cochran.senator.gov

Name: Trent Lott  
 District/Ward:  
 Address: 245 east Capital Street 226 Jackson, MS  
 Phone #: (601) 965-4644  
 Webpage: senatorlott@lott.senate.gov

### **b) Representatives**

Name: Warner McBride  
 District/Ward: 10  
 Address: 7697 Eureka Road Batesville, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 578-4371  
 Webpage: wmcbride@mail.house.state.ms.us

Name: Dr. Joe C.Gardner  
 District/Ward: 11  
 Address: 11084 Curtis Road Batesville, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 5637751  
 Webpage: jgardner@mail.house.state.ms.us

Name: H. Nolan Mettal  
 District/Ward: Senator  
 Address: P.O. Box 414 Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (6662) 487-1512  
 Webpage:

Name: Rodger Wicker(Federal) U.S. House of Rep.  
 District/Ward: 1  
 Address: 2455 Rayburn Houde Bldg. Washington ,DC  
 20515  
 Phone #: (202) 225-4306  
 Webpage: roger.wicker@mail.house.gov

### **c) State districts (n/a)**

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### **B. Political party organizations (n/a)**

## IX. Media

### ***A. Newspapers***

Name: Southern Reporter  
Address: 211 Pochanto Sardis, MS  
Phone #: (662) 487-2551  
Webpage:

### ***B. Radio stations***

Name: KBUD- 102.1  
Address: 627 East Lee Street Sardis MS  
Phone #: (662) 487-3503

### ***C. Television stations (n/a)***

## X. Parks & Recreation

### ***A. Parks***

Name: John Klyce State Park  
Address: Sardis MS  
Phone #: (662) 487-1683

Name: Mallard Pointe Golf Course  
Address: 3037 State Park Road Sardis, Ms  
Phone #: (662) 487 2400

Name: Skatetasia Skate Center  
Address: Hwy 315 East Sardis MS  
Phone #: (662) 4871414

### ***B. Recreation center (n/a)***

**C. Major attractions**

Name: Heflin House  
 Address: South Main Sardis,MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-0757  
 Webpage:

Name: Panola Playhouse  
 Address: 212 South Main Street Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-3975  
 Webpage:

**D. City/County sports leagues (n/a)****XI. Religious Groups****A. Churches**

Name: First Baptist Church  
 Address: 108 East Lee Street Sardis,MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-2503  
 Webpage:

Name: Mt. Zion M.B. Church  
 Address: 316 Lincoln Street Sardis,MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-2234  
 Webpage:

Name: Church of Christ  
 Address: 414 East Lee Street Sardis, MS  
 Phone #: (662) 487-1771  
 Webpage:

**B. Synagogues (n/a)****C. Mosques (n/a)**

## **XII. Transportation**

***A. Buses (n/a)***

***B. Taxis (n/a)***

***C. Airports (n/a)***