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INTRODUCTION

This publication is designed as an aid to state and local Workforce Investment Boards in understanding some of the changes in the economy of Mississippi. Numerous ways to measure economic activity exist, but in many cases the data are not available below state and national levels. By focusing on five common measures available at sub-state levels, it is hoped that some light can be shed on what is occurring down to the lowest possible geographies.

Data is provided where possible at the following levels: Statewide, County, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Area. The five areas of focus include: population, labor force, employment by industry, per capita income and sales tax revenues. The general approach is to look at both long and short term trends in order to gain a sense of where the state has been and where it might be headed. MDES staff made every attempt

to be as objective and thorough as possible within the limits of our resources.

Most of the data sets contained in this publication were generated internally by the Labor Market Information (LMI) Department of MDES, but there were exceptions. The population data came from official U.S. Census Bureau tables. The per capita

income tables were extracted from data generated by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. The sales tax collection figures were derived from Mississippi Department of Revenue annual reports.



A number of other data sets and publications that might be of further use to Workforce Investment Board staff are produced periodically by the LMI Department. These can be accessed at our website – mdes.ms.gov. Inquiries regarding the data and analysis found in this publication should be directed to lmi-info@mdes.ms.gov.



POPULATION

Population changes are often a reflection of what is going on in the economy of a particular area. The simple fact is that adults migrate toward places that offer job opportunities and away from places where opportunities are less plentiful. There is often a direct correlation between population shifts and economic status. As a whole, Mississippi's population since the 2000 Census has grown 5.2 percent compared to 12.3 percent nationally. The higher than national unemployment rate could be construed as a contributing factor to the slow population growth.

The problem was also exacerbated by the numerous relocations to other areas by people displaced following Hurricane Katrina. Since 2009, the increase has been limited to less than one half of one percent.

Looking at the state internally, similar trends and patterns can be discerned. Over fifty percent of Mississippi's counties lost population between 2009 and 2013 according to Census Bureau estimates. Of the forty-six counties with negative population change, only nine posted unemployment rates lower than the statewide average. Conversely, among the ten counties with the highest percentage change in population, only two (Benton and Tallahatchie Counties) had jobless rates higher than the state average.

There also appeared to be a correlation between the overall size of a county's population and its tendency to gain or lose citizens. Of the forty-six counties losing population, forty of them had less than 36,000 residents. The least populous counties were more likely to lose population than were the larger ones. Again, this could have economic undertones, since the more populous counties are also home to greater numbers and varieties

of businesses. More businesses equal more jobs which in turn equals more people.

Among the Metropolitan Statistical Areas, the Gulfport-Biloxi MSA posted the best ranking of first in net population change and percent change. The Pascagoula MSA ranked second in net change and percent change. The Jackson MSA ranked third in net change and fourth in percent change. The Hattiesburg MSA ranked lowest in net change and third in percent change.

Comparing the WIA areas yields similar findings. Twin Districts ranked highest in population, net change, and percent change. MS Partnership posted the second highest rankings in all three categories. Southcentral MS Works ranked third in all categories, and the Delta WIA ranked last in all three categories.

The key to attracting new residents to Mississippi is to create job opportunities, particularly in the less populous counties. These have been hard hit by the general erosion of manufacturing jobs across the state and nation. Replacing these lost jobs with new ones may be the only way to stem the out-migration to other states and to metropolitan areas within the state.



TOTAL POPULATION

						2009 to 2013		RANK		
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Net Chg	Pct Chg	POP 2013	Net Chg	Pct Chg
MISSISSIPPI	2,951,996	2,967,297	2,977,886	2,986,450	2,991,207	39,211	1.3%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Adams	30,722	32,297	32,410	32,145	32,090	1,368	4.5%	26	15	14
Alcorn	35,822	37,057	37,271	37,228	37,316	1,494	4.2%	20	13	16
Amite	13,038	13,131	13,154	12,966	12,899	(139)	(1.1%)	62	41	43
Attala	19,755	19,564	19,314	19,107	19,317	(438)	(2.2%)	50	50	49
Benton	7,981	8,729	8,727	8,713	8,571	590	7.4%	76	19	9
Bolivar	36,766	34,145	33,837	34,078	34,049	(2,717)	(7.4%)	25	77	71
Calhoun	14,422	14,962	14,906	14,842	14,734	312	2.2%	60	28	21
Carroll	10,278	10,597	10,481	10,439	10,385	107	1.0%	70	34	32
Chickasaw	18,683	17,392	17,424	17,443	17,311	(1,372)	(7.3%)	54	69	70
Choctaw	9,023	8,547	8,368	8,333	8,371	(652)	(7.2%)	77	56	69
Claiborne	10,755	9,604	9,749	9,377	9,253	(1,502)	(14.0%)	74	73	81
Clarke	17,207	16,732	16,699	16,539	16,415	(792)	(4.6%)	56	60	56
Clay	20,722	20,634	20,496	20,428	20,408	(314)	(1.5%)	47	44	47
Coahoma	26,936	26,151	25,861	25,667	25,182	(1,754)	(6.5%)	39	75	67
Copiah	29,094	29,449	29,234	28,964	28,921	(173)	(0.6%)	30	42	40
Covington	20,544	19,568	19,498	19,566	19,423	(1,121)	(5.5%)	49	67	64
DeSoto	158,719	161,252	163,838	166,317	168,240	9,521	6.0%	3	2	10
Forrest	81,078	74,934	76,026	76,925	77,059	(4,019)	(5.0%)	9	81	61
Franklin	8,324	8,118	7,991	7,912	7,931	(393)	(4.7%)	78	48	58
George	22,681	22,578	22,805	22,885	23,159	478	2.1%	42	22	22
Greene	14,352	14,400	14,288	14,300	14,244	(108)	(0.8%)	61	39	41
Grenada	23,046	21,906	21,600	21,613	21,612	(1,434)	(6.2%)	45	71	66
Hancock	40,962	43,929	44,664	45,266	45,566	4,604	11.2%	18	7	4
Harrison	181,191	187,105	190,850	193,702	196,500	15,309	8.4%	2	1	6
Hinds	247,631	245,285	248,304	248,149	244,899	(2,732)	(1.1%)	1	78	44
Holmes	20,290	19,198	18,913	18,743	18,428	(1,862)	(9.2%)	52	76	77
Humphreys	9,809	9,375	9,308	9,207	8,922	(887)	(9.0%)	75	65	76
Issaquena	1,612	1,406	1,379	1,393	1,395	(217)	(13.5%)	82	43	80
Itawamba	23,000	23,401	23,319	23,353	23,434	434	1.9%	40	25	24
Jackson	132,922	139,668	140,205	140,039	140,450	7,528	5.7%	5	4	11
Jasper	17,940	17,062	16,782	16,554	16,470	(1,470)	(8.2%)	55	72	73
Jefferson	8,928	7,726	7,603	7,659	7,629	(1,299)	(14.5%)	80	68	82
Jefferson Davis	12,543	12,487	12,183	12,089	11,948	(595)	(4.7%)	66	55	59
Jones	67,776	67,761	68,000	68,582	68,961	1,185	1.7%	10	16	26
Kemper	9,833	10,456	10,244	10,379	10,294	461	4.7%	71	23	13
Lafayette	43,975	47,351	48,459	50,502	51,318	7,343	16.7%	14	5	3
Lamar	49,980	55,658	57,040	57,739	58,801	8,821	17.6%	12	3	2
Lauderdale	79,099	80,261	80,571	80,258	80,254	1,155	1.5%	8	17	28
Lawrence	13,308	12,929	12,641	12,557	12,514	(794)	(6.0%)	63	61	65
Leake	23,132	23,805	23,341	23,289	23,389	257	1.1%	41	30	31
Lee	81,913	82,910	84,100	84,960	85,340	3,427	4.2%	7	10	15
Leflore	34,563	32,317	31,950	31,565	31,607	(2,956)	(8.6%)	27	80	74
Lincoln	34,830	34,869	34,884	34,896	34,810	(20)	(0.1%)	23	37	37
Lowndes	59,658	59,779	59,627	59,698	59,922	264	0.4%	11	29	35
Madison	93,097	95,203	97,120	98,555	100,412	7,315	7.9%	6	6	8
Marion	25,732	27,088	26,754	26,395	26,180	448	1.7%	37	24	27

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

TOTAL POPULATION

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009 to 2013		RANK		
						Net Chg	Pct Chg	POP 2013	Net Chg	Pct Chg
Marshall	36,900	37,144	36,747	36,545	36,515	(385)	(1.0%)	21	47	42
Monroe	36,905	36,989	36,572	36,422	36,116	(789)	(2.1%)	22	59	48
Montgomery	11,129	10,925	10,768	10,596	10,553	(576)	(5.2%)	69	53	62
Neshoba	30,302	29,676	29,711	29,698	29,507	(795)	(2.6%)	29	62	52
Newton	22,568	21,720	21,499	21,568	21,689	(879)	(3.9%)	44	64	55
Noxubee	11,631	11,545	11,342	11,210	11,089	(542)	(4.7%)	67	52	57
Oktibbeha	44,544	47,671	47,864	48,992	49,043	4,499	10.1%	16	8	5
Panola	35,245	34,707	34,522	34,427	34,402	(843)	(2.4%)	24	63	51
Pearl River	57,860	55,834	55,638	55,248	55,072	(2,788)	(4.8%)	13	79	60
Perry	12,035	12,250	12,237	12,095	12,131	96	0.8%	65	35	33
Pike	39,834	40,404	40,436	40,118	40,014	180	0.5%	19	31	34
Pontotoc	29,248	29,957	29,895	30,498	30,897	1,649	5.6%	28	12	12
Prentiss	25,709	25,276	25,312	25,306	25,388	(321)	(1.2%)	38	45	45
Quitman	8,391	8,223	8,023	7,798	7,803	(588)	(7.0%)	79	54	68
Rankin	143,124	141,617	143,659	145,173	146,767	3,643	2.5%	4	9	19
Scott	29,341	28,264	28,324	28,260	28,273	(1,068)	(3.6%)	32	66	54
Sharkey	5,420	4,916	4,883	4,805	4,708	(712)	(13.1%)	81	57	79
Simpson	27,920	27,503	27,338	27,345	27,500	(420)	(1.5%)	36	49	46
Smith	15,826	16,491	16,502	16,366	16,225	399	2.5%	57	27	20
Stone	16,619	17,786	17,893	18,060	18,016	1,397	8.4%	53	14	7
Sunflower	29,610	29,450	28,573	28,442	27,997	(1,613)	(5.4%)	33	74	63
Tallahatchie	12,638	15,378	15,362	15,106	15,081	2,443	19.3%	58	11	1
Tate	27,337	28,886	28,748	28,499	28,373	1,036	3.8%	31	18	17
Tippah	21,661	22,232	22,030	21,925	22,084	423	2.0%	43	26	23
Tishomingo	19,034	19,593	19,619	19,615	19,529	495	2.6%	48	20	18
Tunica	10,436	10,778	10,609	10,510	10,560	124	1.2%	68	33	30
Union	27,263	27,134	27,312	27,398	27,754	491	1.8%	35	21	25
Walthall	15,291	15,443	15,386	15,103	14,931	(360)	(2.4%)	59	46	50
Warren	48,175	48,773	48,253	48,108	48,218	43	0.1%	17	36	36
Washington	54,616	51,137	50,465	50,078	49,688	(4,928)	(9.0%)	15	82	75
Wayne	20,654	20,747	20,647	20,656	20,539	(115)	(0.6%)	46	40	39
Webster	9,852	10,253	10,130	10,074	9,987	135	1.4%	72	32	29
Wilkinson	10,143	9,878	9,582	9,457	9,381	(762)	(7.5%)	73	58	72
Winston	19,309	19,198	19,051	19,011	18,788	(521)	(2.7%)	51	51	53
Yalobusha	13,773	12,678	12,518	12,402	12,373	(1,400)	(10.2%)	64	70	78
Yazoo	27,981	28,065	28,218	28,220	27,883	(98)	(0.4%)	34	38	38

MSAs

Gulfport-Biloxi	238,772	248,820	253,407	257,028	260,082	21,310	8.9%	2	1	1
Hattiesburg	143,093	142,842	145,303	146,759	147,991	4,898	3.4%	4	4	3
Jackson	540,866	539,057	545,655	548,186	548,499	7,633	1.4%	1	3	4
Pascagoula	155,603	162,246	163,010	162,924	163,609	8,006	5.1%	3	2	2

WIA Areas

Delta	296,610	287,778	284,166	282,258	280,207	(16,403)	(5.5%)	4	4	4
MS Partnership	851,014	862,965	865,357	871,030	874,383	23,369	2.7%	2	2	2
SC MS Works	802,195	800,294	805,962	806,704	806,052	3,857	0.5%	3	3	3
Twin Districts	1,002,177	1,016,260	1,022,401	1,026,458	1,030,565	28,388	2.8%	1	1	1

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

	POPULATION		% FEMALE		% MALE		% WHITE		% BLACK		% OTHER		% HISPANIC	
	2009	2013	2009	2013	2009	2013	2009	2013	2009	2013	2009	2013	2009	2013
MISSISSIPPI	2,951,996	2,991,207	51.5	51.4	48.5	48.6	60.5	59.8	37.2	37.4	2.4	2.8	2.5	2.9
Adams	30,722	32,090	53.9	49.6	46.1	50.4	42.3	44.7	56.4	53.3	1.3	2.0	1.3	7.6
Alcorn	35,822	37,316	51.3	51.1	48.7	48.9	87.0	86.0	11.6	12.2	1.4	1.7	2.5	2.7
Amite	13,038	12,899	52.0	50.9	48.0	49.1	55.2	57.6	44.0	41.2	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.0
Attala	19,755	19,317	52.9	52.4	47.1	47.6	57.2	56.6	41.7	42.2	1.1	1.2	2.1	1.9
Benton	7,981	8,571	51.7	50.1	48.3	49.9	63.6	61.8	35.1	36.7	1.3	1.5	2.2	2.2
Bolivar	36,766	34,049	53.0	53.5	47.0	46.5	33.1	33.7	65.6	64.7	1.3	1.6	1.6	2.1
Calhoun	14,422	14,734	51.5	51.8	48.5	48.2	70.0	70.4	29.0	28.1	0.9	1.5	4.6	5.7
Carroll	10,278	10,385	50.0	48.9	50.0	51.1	65.6	65.4	33.7	33.3	0.7	1.3	1.3	1.2
Chickasaw	18,683	17,311	51.3	51.9	48.7	48.1	57.3	54.8	41.5	43.5	1.1	1.7	4.7	3.9
Choctaw	9,023	8,371	51.6	51.5	48.4	48.5	67.4	68.0	31.4	30.3	1.2	1.8	1.3	1.4
Claiborne	10,755	9,253	53.6	52.3	46.4	47.7	14.6	14.0	84.6	84.7	0.8	1.3	1.2	1.1
Clarke	17,207	16,415	52.0	52.6	48.0	47.4	64.0	64.3	35.3	34.4	0.7	1.3	1.1	1.1
Clay	20,722	20,408	53.0	53.0	47.0	47.0	42.1	40.1	57.1	58.8	0.8	1.0	1.4	1.3
Coahoma	26,936	25,182	54.0	53.9	46.0	46.1	23.6	23.4	74.9	75.1	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.4
Copiah	29,094	28,921	51.9	51.7	48.1	48.3	47.5	47.3	51.7	51.1	0.9	1.5	1.9	2.8
Covington	20,544	19,423	52.4	51.1	47.6	48.9	62.4	62.8	36.7	35.7	0.9	1.4	1.2	2.1
DeSoto	158,719	168,240	50.4	51.5	49.6	48.5	75.3	72.7	21.8	24.1	3.0	3.2	4.6	4.9
Forrest	81,078	77,059	52.6	52.2	47.4	47.8	61.8	60.3	35.6	36.9	2.6	2.8	2.6	3.4
Franklin	8,324	7,931	52.4	51.1	47.6	48.9	61.8	63.4	37.3	35.5	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.0
George	22,681	23,159	49.5	49.5	50.5	50.5	89.1	90.0	9.8	8.5	1.1	1.6	2.7	2.3
Greene	14,352	14,244	39.9	40.4	60.1	59.6	69.4	71.6	29.6	27.1	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.1
Grenada	23,046	21,612	53.0	52.9	47.0	47.1	56.5	56.3	41.9	42.2	1.6	1.5	1.0	1.2
Hancock	40,962	45,566	50.5	50.5	49.5	49.5	89.4	88.2	7.5	8.1	3.1	3.7	2.5	3.6
Harrison	181,191	196,500	50.9	50.3	49.1	49.7	70.9	70.2	22.7	23.7	6.4	6.1	4.4	5.4
Hinds	247,631	244,899	52.8	53.2	47.2	46.8	31.5	27.8	66.3	70.3	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.6
Holmes	20,290	18,428	52.7	52.9	47.3	47.1	18.0	16.1	80.9	82.9	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.9
Humphreys	9,809	8,922	52.9	52.7	47.1	47.3	25.2	23.9	73.9	74.7	1.0	1.4	2.9	2.4
Issaquena	1,612	1,395	43.5	40.0	56.5	60.0	38.6	34.8	60.5	64.2	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.9
Itawamba	23,000	23,434	51.1	51.0	48.9	49.0	92.1	92.2	6.9	6.5	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.4
Jackson	132,922	140,450	50.8	50.7	49.2	49.3	73.9	73.4	22.2	22.0	3.9	4.6	3.9	5.2
Jasper	17,940	16,470	52.1	51.5	47.9	48.5	47.2	46.7	52.0	52.2	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.1
Jefferson	8,928	7,629	49.4	50.0	50.6	50.0	13.0	13.9	86.3	85.3	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.4
Jefferson Davis	12,543	11,948	52.6	52.1	47.4	47.9	41.6	38.8	57.4	59.8	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.0
Jones	67,776	68,961	50.7	51.3	49.3	48.7	71.0	68.8	27.4	29.2	1.7	2.0	5.8	4.4
Kemper	9,833	10,294	50.5	50.0	49.5	50.0	37.0	34.9	59.8	60.5	3.2	4.6	1.0	0.7
Lafayette	43,975	51,318	51.2	51.1	48.8	48.9	72.6	72.2	24.6	23.8	2.8	4.0	1.6	2.3
Lamar	49,980	58,801	51.4	51.8	48.6	48.2	81.6	76.9	16.5	20.4	1.8	2.8	1.7	2.4
Lauderdale	79,099	80,254	51.7	51.5	48.3	48.5	56.5	55.0	41.7	42.9	1.7	2.2	1.8	2.0
Lawrence	13,308	12,514	51.8	50.8	48.2	49.2	66.9	67.4	32.1	31.2	1.1	1.4	1.0	2.3
Leake	23,132	23,389	49.8	48.0	50.2	52.0	54.7	50.4	39.2	41.7	6.1	7.9	4.4	4.3
Lee	81,913	85,340	51.8	52.1	48.2	47.9	71.5	69.2	26.8	28.6	1.7	2.2	1.9	2.4
Leflore	34,563	31,607	51.8	51.9	48.2	48.1	26.9	25.5	71.4	72.6	1.7	1.8	2.6	2.5
Lincoln	34,830	34,810	51.8	52.2	48.2	47.8	68.1	67.9	31.0	30.7	1.0	1.4	0.8	1.2
Lowndes	59,658	59,922	53.1	52.4	46.9	47.6	54.8	54.1	43.3	43.8	1.8	2.1	1.8	1.8
Madison	93,097	100,412	52.5	51.9	47.5	48.1	60.2	57.8	37.4	38.5	2.4	3.6	1.9	2.9
Marion	25,732	26,180	51.5	51.6	48.5	48.4	65.6	66.1	33.1	32.5	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.4

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

	POPULATION		% FEMALE		% MALE		% WHITE		% BLACK		% OTHER		% HISPANIC	
	2009	2013	2009	2013	2009	2013	2009	2013	2009	2013	2009	2013	2009	2013
Marshall	36,900	36,515	50.7	50.7	49.3	49.3	50.8	51.1	48.1	47.4	1.1	1.5	2.1	3.4
Monroe	36,905	36,116	52.6	52.0	47.4	48.0	68.0	68.1	31.1	30.6	0.9	1.3	0.9	1.1
Montgomery	11,129	10,553	52.9	52.2	47.1	47.8	53.2	53.4	45.9	45.4	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.2
Neshoba	30,302	29,507	52.0	52.3	48.0	47.7	62.0	60.3	21.5	21.2	16.4	18.4	2.0	1.9
Newton	22,568	21,689	52.1	51.9	47.9	48.1	64.5	63.6	30.0	30.3	5.5	6.1	1.6	1.6
Noxubee	11,631	11,089	52.0	51.6	48.0	48.4	28.6	27.0	70.4	71.7	1.1	1.3	2.0	1.0
Oktibbeha	44,544	49,043	49.9	50.3	50.1	49.7	59.7	58.6	36.7	36.9	3.6	4.5	1.6	1.6
Panola	35,245	34,402	51.9	51.7	48.1	48.3	51.3	48.8	47.8	49.6	1.0	1.6	1.5	1.6
Pearl River	57,860	55,072	51.4	50.7	48.6	49.3	85.0	84.5	12.8	12.6	2.2	2.9	2.2	3.1
Perry	12,035	12,131	51.3	51.2	48.7	48.8	76.6	78.5	22.2	19.8	1.2	1.7	1.2	1.1
Pike	39,834	40,014	53.0	52.6	47.0	47.4	49.4	45.8	49.3	52.4	1.3	1.8	1.1	1.3
Pontotoc	29,248	30,897	51.0	50.4	49.0	49.6	84.1	82.6	14.9	15.2	1.1	2.2	3.7	6.1
Prentiss	25,709	25,388	51.6	50.7	48.4	49.3	84.5	84.3	14.2	14.0	1.3	1.7	0.9	1.4
Quitman	8,391	7,803	52.9	52.3	47.1	47.7	29.3	28.7	69.5	69.5	1.2	1.8	0.9	0.9
Rankin	143,124	146,767	51.0	51.7	49.0	48.3	78.0	77.6	19.9	19.8	2.1	2.5	2.3	2.6
Scott	29,341	28,273	50.0	51.1	50.0	48.9	60.4	59.1	37.5	38.1	2.2	2.8	11.1	10.7
Sharkey	5,420	4,708	52.4	53.6	47.6	46.4	29.0	28.3	69.8	70.6	1.3	1.1	2.0	1.4
Simpson	27,920	27,500	51.0	51.3	49.0	48.7	63.9	62.7	35.1	35.6	1.0	1.7	2.2	1.7
Smith	15,826	16,225	51.3	51.9	48.7	48.1	74.7	75.6	24.7	23.5	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.4
Stone	16,619	18,016	49.9	49.9	50.1	50.1	79.3	78.3	19.6	19.7	1.2	2.0	1.7	1.5
Sunflower	29,610	27,997	46.8	46.8	53.2	53.2	26.1	26.0	72.8	72.8	1.1	1.2	1.9	1.5
Tallahatchie	12,638	15,081	53.6	44.4	46.4	55.6	38.0	41.3	60.6	56.5	1.4	2.2	1.3	6.0
Tate	27,337	28,373	51.2	51.9	48.8	48.1	67.5	67.2	31.4	30.9	1.1	1.9	1.5	2.6
Tippah	21,661	22,084	51.2	50.7	48.8	49.3	81.1	81.6	16.6	16.4	2.3	1.9	6.0	5.0
Tishomingo	19,034	19,529	52.0	51.7	48.0	48.3	95.3	95.6	3.3	2.9	1.4	1.6	3.6	2.6
Tunica	10,436	10,560	52.8	52.1	47.2	47.9	26.1	22.9	72.1	75.1	1.7	2.0	3.5	2.4
Union	27,263	27,754	51.4	51.2	48.6	48.8	83.1	83.0	15.5	15.0	1.4	2.0	4.0	4.6
Walthall	15,291	14,931	52.1	51.8	47.9	48.2	54.0	54.3	44.2	43.7	1.8	1.9	1.6	1.7
Warren	48,175	48,218	52.9	52.3	47.1	47.7	50.7	49.9	47.4	47.9	2.0	2.1	1.6	2.0
Washington	54,616	49,688	53.3	52.9	46.7	47.1	30.1	27.1	67.7	71.3	2.2	1.5	2.0	1.3
Wayne	20,654	20,539	52.4	51.9	47.6	48.1	60.5	59.9	38.8	38.8	0.7	1.4	1.1	1.4
Webster	9,852	9,987	51.3	51.1	48.7	48.9	78.4	78.9	20.7	19.7	0.9	1.4	2.2	1.3
Wilkinson	10,143	9,381	47.2	46.8	52.8	53.2	29.5	29.1	69.9	70.0	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.7
Winston	19,309	18,788	51.3	51.2	48.7	48.8	53.2	52.1	45.1	45.7	1.7	2.2	2.2	1.1
Yalobusha	13,773	12,373	52.4	51.8	47.6	48.2	59.9	60.4	39.1	38.0	0.9	1.6	1.2	1.6
Yazoo	27,981	27,883	46.4	44.7	53.6	55.3	43.8	41.0	54.8	57.2	1.4	1.8	7.2	5.4

MSAs

Gulfport-Biloxi	238,772	260,082	50.8	50.3	49.2	49.7	74.7	73.9	19.9	20.7	5.5	5.4	3.9	4.9
Hattiesburg	143,093	147,991	52.0	52.0	48.0	48.0	70.0	68.4	27.8	28.9	2.2	2.7	2.2	2.8
Jackson	540,866	548,499	52.1	52.4	47.9	47.6	51.3	49.4	46.7	48.2	2.1	2.4	1.9	2.1
Pascagoula	155,603	163,609	50.6	50.5	49.4	49.5	76.1	75.7	20.4	20.1	3.5	4.2	3.8	4.8

WIA Areas

Delta	296,610	280,207	52.1	51.5	47.9	48.5	32.1	31.3	66.5	67.2	1.4	1.5	1.9	1.9
MS Partnership	851,014	874,383	51.5	51.5	48.5	48.5	69.2	68.4	28.9	29.3	1.8	2.3	2.6	2.9
SC MS Works	802,195	806,052	52.0	51.8	48.0	48.2	50.6	49.2	47.6	48.6	1.8	2.1	1.9	2.3
Twin Districts	1,002,177	1,030,565	51.1	50.9	48.9	49.1	69.3	68.5	27.1	27.5	3.5	4.0	3.2	3.7

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau



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Until labor market conditions began to decline in 2009, the national unemployment rate was on a steady downward track. By 2009 and 2010, the economy took a drastic turn for the worse; evidenced in the national rate jumping to 9.6 percent. Mississippi's unemployment rate tracked even worse than the national rate at that time, jumping to 10.6 percent. The year 2011 remained much the same for the state, showing an average of 10.6 percent.

However, in 2013 the average annual rate for the state dropped to 8.6 percent. An analysis of the unemployment rate at the county level reveals that many counties across the state are facing double digit unemployment rates; with only twenty-six counties recording rates equal to or lower than the average annual rate of 8.6 percent.

There was also a direct correlation between the unemployment rate and the unemployment benefits paid. An analysis of the regular unemployment benefits paid in the state for the period 2009 through 2013 indicates an overwhelming 48.8 percent decrease. This trend is reflected in the majority of the counties statewide. All eighty-two counties showed a decrease in the amount of unemployment benefits paid for the five year period.

The unemployment rate in all four of the WIA areas tracked about the same as the state from

2009 to 2013. In the Delta WIA area, population losses have been mirrored by a similarly shrinking labor force, with the exception of 2011, where there is actually a slight increase in the labor force. The gap between the Delta's jobless rate and the statewide figure has declined very little over the past five years. The unemployment rate for the MS Partnership WIA area is usually higher, but tracks closely to the state average rate.

Over the past five years the Southcentral MS Works WIA region has consistently had the lowest unemployment rate. There remain pockets of very high unemployment in some of the area's most rural counties, but the dominant size of the Jackson MSA is actually the driving force of the area's rate. The Twin Districts WIA region has been following a similar trend to the Southcentral MS Works WIA, maintaining rates lower than the state average.

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Annual Averages

							2009 TO 2013	
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Net Chg	Pct Chg
Adams	Civilian Labor Force	12,970	12,930	13,140	12,850	12,530	(440)	(3.4%)
	Unemployed	1,180	1,400	1,380	1,200	1,070	(110)	(9.3%)
	Rate	9.1	10.8	10.5	9.3	8.5	(1)	XXX
	Employed	11,790	11,530	11,760	11,650	11,460	(330)	(2.8%)
Alcorn	Civilian Labor Force	15,060	15,410	15,650	15,600	15,290	230	1.5%
	Unemployed	1,780	1,850	1,830	1,420	1,220	(560)	(31.5%)
	Rate	11.8	12.0	11.7	9.1	8.0	(4)	XXX
	Employed	13,280	13,560	13,820	14,180	14,070	790	5.9%
Amite	Civilian Labor Force	5,010	5,010	4,940	4,820	4,680	(330)	(6.6%)
	Unemployed	530	620	580	500	440	(90)	(17.0%)
	Rate	10.6	12.4	11.7	10.4	9.4	(1)	XXX
	Employed	4,480	4,390	4,360	4,320	4,240	(240)	(5.4%)
Attala	Civilian Labor Force	7,030	7,100	7,090	6,800	6,570	(460)	(6.5%)
	Unemployed	940	1,000	920	760	690	(250)	(26.6%)
	Rate	13.4	14.1	13.0	11.2	10.5	(3)	XXX
	Employed	6,090	6,100	6,170	6,040	5,880	(210)	(3.4%)
Benton	Civilian Labor Force	2,820	2,880	3,040	2,990	2,930	110	3.9%
	Unemployed	400	410	430	350	330	(70)	(17.5%)
	Rate	14.2	14.2	14.1	11.7	11.3	(3)	XXX
	Employed	2,420	2,470	2,610	2,640	2,600	180	7.4%
Bolivar	Civilian Labor Force	14,920	15,440	15,460	14,880	14,440	(480)	(3.2%)
	Unemployed	1,580	1,730	1,750	1,550	1,500	(80)	(5.1%)
	Rate	10.6	11.2	11.3	10.4	10.4	(0)	XXX
	Employed	13,340	13,710	13,710	13,330	12,940	(400)	(3.0%)
Calhoun	Civilian Labor Force	5,940	6,230	6,320	6,100	5,910	(30)	(0.5%)
	Unemployed	660	660	650	580	570	(90)	(13.6%)
	Rate	11.1	10.6	10.3	9.5	9.6	(1)	XXX
	Employed	5,280	5,570	5,670	5,520	5,340	60	1.1%
Carroll	Civilian Labor Force	4,810	5,100	5,010	5,000	4,830	20	0.4%
	Unemployed	520	530	500	440	410	(110)	(21.2%)
	Rate	10.8	10.4	10.0	8.8	8.5	(2)	XXX
	Employed	4,290	4,570	4,510	4,560	4,420	130	3.0%
Chickasaw	Civilian Labor Force	7,190	7,540	7,750	7,540	7,310	120	1.7%
	Unemployed	950	980	980	830	840	(110)	(11.6%)
	Rate	13.2	13.0	12.6	11.0	11.5	(2)	XXX
	Employed	6,240	6,560	6,770	6,710	6,470	230	3.7%
Choctaw	Civilian Labor Force	3,370	3,390	3,420	3,380	3,470	100	3.0%
	Unemployed	410	430	390	340	320	(90)	(22.0%)
	Rate	12.2	12.7	11.4	10.1	9.2	(3)	XXX
	Employed	2,960	2,960	3,030	3,040	3,150	190	6.4%
Claiborne	Civilian Labor Force	3,720	3,880	3,960	4,250	3,620	(100)	(2.7%)
	Unemployed	580	600	600	550	570	(10)	(1.7%)
	Rate	15.6	15.5	15.2	12.9	15.7	0	XXX
	Employed	3,140	3,280	3,360	3,700	3,050	(90)	(2.9%)

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Annual Averages

							2009 TO 2013	
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Net Chg	Pct Chg
Clarke	Civilian Labor Force	6,770	6,590	6,690	6,740	6,810	40	0.6%
	Unemployed	750	850	820	740	680	(70)	(9.3%)
	Rate	11.1	12.9	12.3	11.0	10.0	(1)	XXX
	Employed	6,020	5,740	5,870	6,000	6,130	110	1.8%
Clay	Civilian Labor Force	7,230	7,370	7,330	7,260	7,200	(30)	(0.4%)
	Unemployed	1,280	1,450	1,350	1,220	1,310	30	2.3%
	Rate	17.7	19.7	18.4	16.8	18.2	0	XXX
	Employed	5,950	5,920	5,980	6,040	5,890	(60)	(1.0%)
Coahoma	Civilian Labor Force	10,050	10,400	10,510	10,120	9,870	(180)	(1.8%)
	Unemployed	1,220	1,470	1,540	1,300	1,300	80	6.6%
	Rate	12.1	14.1	14.7	12.8	13.2	1	XXX
	Employed	8,830	8,930	8,970	8,820	8,570	(260)	(2.9%)
Copiah	Civilian Labor Force	11,880	12,310	12,490	12,110	11,830	(50)	(0.4%)
	Unemployed	1,210	1,380	1,470	1,250	1,090	(120)	(9.9%)
	Rate	10.2	11.2	11.8	10.3	9.2	(1)	XXX
	Employed	10,670	10,930	11,020	10,860	10,740	70	0.7%
Covington	Civilian Labor Force	8,700	8,740	8,950	8,810	8,490	(210)	(2.4%)
	Unemployed	720	840	820	710	630	(90)	(12.5%)
	Rate	8.3	9.6	9.2	8.1	7.4	(1)	XXX
	Employed	7,980	7,900	8,130	8,100	7,860	(120)	(1.5%)
DeSoto	Civilian Labor Force	77,290	78,170	80,360	80,870	79,060	1,770	2.3%
	Unemployed	5,500	6,170	6,360	5,560	4,970	(530)	(9.6%)
	Rate	7.1	7.9	7.9	6.9	6.3	(1)	XXX
	Employed	71,790	72,000	74,000	75,310	74,090	2,300	3.2%
Forrest	Civilian Labor Force	36,780	34,840	35,450	35,020	34,290	(2,490)	(6.8%)
	Unemployed	2,880	3,360	3,680	3,030	2,720	(160)	(5.6%)
	Rate	7.8	9.6	10.4	8.7	7.9	0	XXX
	Employed	33,900	31,480	31,770	31,990	31,570	(2,330)	(6.9%)
Franklin	Civilian Labor Force	3,040	3,150	3,130	3,010	2,950	(90)	(3.0%)
	Unemployed	340	370	360	310	280	(60)	(17.6%)
	Rate	11.2	11.7	11.5	10.3	9.5	(2)	XXX
	Employed	2,700	2,780	2,770	2,700	2,670	(30)	(1.1%)
George	Civilian Labor Force	9,500	9,330	9,270	9,000	8,960	(540)	(5.7%)
	Unemployed	950	1,010	1,200	940	860	(90)	(9.5%)
	Rate	10.0	10.8	12.9	10.4	9.6	(0)	XXX
	Employed	8,550	8,320	8,070	8,060	8,100	(450)	(5.3%)
Greene	Civilian Labor Force	4,900	4,990	5,040	4,910	4,840	(60)	(1.2%)
	Unemployed	570	620	660	580	510	(60)	(10.5%)
	Rate	11.6	12.4	13.1	11.8	10.5	(1)	XXX
	Employed	4,330	4,370	4,380	4,330	4,330	0	0.0%
Grenada	Civilian Labor Force	9,060	9,260	9,410	9,380	9,220	160	1.8%
	Unemployed	1,110	1,110	1,040	900	850	(260)	(23.4%)
	Rate	12.3	12.0	11.1	9.6	9.2	(3)	XXX
	Employed	7,950	8,150	8,370	8,480	8,370	420	5.3%

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							2009 TO 2013	
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Net Chg	Pct Chg
Hancock	Civilian Labor Force	18,320	19,200	19,580	19,160	18,830	510	2.8%
	Unemployed	1,460	1,790	1,990	1,660	1,540	80	5.5%
	Rate	8.0	9.3	10.2	8.7	8.2	0	XXX
	Employed	16,860	17,410	17,590	17,500	17,290	430	2.6%
Harrison	Civilian Labor Force	85,850	86,860	88,560	87,320	85,580	(270)	(0.3%)
	Unemployed	6,580	8,050	8,600	7,590	6,800	220	3.3%
	Rate	7.7	9.3	9.7	8.7	7.9	0	XXX
	Employed	79,270	78,810	79,960	79,730	78,780	(490)	(0.6%)
Hinds	Civilian Labor Force	114,950	117,060	119,990	118,440	116,280	1,330	1.2%
	Unemployed	9,460	11,250	11,350	10,020	9,130	(330)	(3.5%)
	Rate	8.2	9.6	9.5	8.5	7.9	(0)	XXX
	Employed	105,490	105,810	108,640	108,420	107,150	1,660	1.6%
Holmes	Civilian Labor Force	7,040	7,060	7,040	6,750	6,530	(510)	(7.2%)
	Unemployed	1,350	1,370	1,290	1,100	1,080	(270)	(20.0%)
	Rate	19.2	19.4	18.3	16.3	16.5	(3)	XXX
	Employed	5,690	5,690	5,750	5,650	5,450	(240)	(4.2%)
Humphreys	Civilian Labor Force	4,210	4,250	4,160	3,840	3,810	(400)	(9.5%)
	Unemployed	530	620	660	610	540	10	1.9%
	Rate	12.6	14.6	15.9	15.9	14.2	2	XXX
	Employed	3,680	3,630	3,500	3,230	3,270	(410)	(11.1%)
Issaquena	Civilian Labor Force	670	650	660	630	610	(60)	(9.0%)
	Unemployed	80	80	110	90	90	10	12.5%
	Rate	11.9	12.3	16.7	14.3	14.8	3	XXX
	Employed	590	570	550	540	520	(70)	(11.9%)
Itawamba	Civilian Labor Force	9,720	10,080	10,130	10,080	9,880	160	1.6%
	Unemployed	1,120	1,190	1,110	930	870	(250)	(22.3%)
	Rate	11.5	11.8	11.0	9.2	8.8	(3)	XXX
	Employed	8,600	8,890	9,020	9,150	9,010	410	4.8%
Jackson	Civilian Labor Force	61,360	64,050	62,470	61,460	61,120	(240)	(0.4%)
	Unemployed	5,070	6,250	7,060	6,050	5,480	410	8.1%
	Rate	8.3	9.8	11.3	9.8	9.0	1	XXX
	Employed	56,290	57,800	55,410	55,410	55,640	(650)	(1.2%)
Jasper	Civilian Labor Force	7,190	6,980	7,020	6,780	6,540	(650)	(9.0%)
	Unemployed	760	860	840	690	630	(130)	(17.1%)
	Rate	10.6	12.3	12.0	10.2	9.6	(1)	XXX
	Employed	6,430	6,120	6,180	6,090	5,910	(520)	(8.1%)
Jefferson	Civilian Labor Force	2,840	2,960	3,030	3,080	2,980	140	4.9%
	Unemployed	470	480	500	450	490	20	4.3%
	Rate	16.5	16.2	16.5	14.6	16.4	(0)	XXX
	Employed	2,370	2,480	2,530	2,630	2,490	120	5.1%
Jefferson Davis	Civilian Labor Force	5,190	5,060	5,080	4,920	4,740	(450)	(8.7%)
	Unemployed	540	640	660	570	530	(10)	(1.9%)
	Rate	10.4	12.6	13.0	11.6	11.2	1	XXX
	Employed	4,650	4,420	4,420	4,350	4,210	(440)	(9.5%)

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Annual Averages

							2009 TO 2013	
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Net Chg	Pct Chg
Jones	Civilian Labor Force	29,880	30,290	31,170	31,010	29,910	30	0.1%
	Unemployed	2,220	2,600	2,590	2,190	1,930	(290)	(13.1%)
	Rate	7.4	8.6	8.3	7.1	6.5	(1)	XXX
	Employed	27,660	27,690	28,580	28,820	27,980	320	1.2%
Kemper	Civilian Labor Force	3,910	4,110	4,120	4,260	4,330	420	10.7%
	Unemployed	490	540	580	530	530	40	8.2%
	Rate	12.5	13.1	14.1	12.4	12.2	(0)	XXX
	Employed	3,420	3,570	3,540	3,730	3,800	380	11.1%
Lafayette	Civilian Labor Force	21,750	22,200	23,130	23,650	23,690	1,940	8.9%
	Unemployed	1,730	2,040	2,070	1,750	1,580	(150)	(8.7%)
	Rate	8.0	9.2	8.9	7.4	6.7	(1)	XXX
	Employed	20,020	20,160	21,060	21,900	22,110	2,090	10.4%
Lamar	Civilian Labor Force	23,840	26,920	27,800	27,520	26,940	3,100	13.0%
	Unemployed	1,590	2,030	2,190	1,930	1,680	90	5.7%
	Rate	6.7	7.5	7.9	7.0	6.2	(0)	XXX
	Employed	22,250	24,890	25,610	25,590	25,260	3,010	13.5%
Lauderdale	Civilian Labor Force	32,770	33,210	34,020	34,400	34,850	2,080	6.3%
	Unemployed	3,100	3,670	3,750	3,220	3,030	(70)	(2.3%)
	Rate	9.5	11.1	11.0	9.4	8.7	(1)	XXX
	Employed	29,670	29,540	30,270	31,180	31,820	2,150	7.2%
Lawrence	Civilian Labor Force	5,190	5,190	5,060	4,930	4,790	(400)	(7.7%)
	Unemployed	580	640	620	520	450	(130)	(22.4%)
	Rate	11.2	12.3	12.3	10.5	9.4	(2)	XXX
	Employed	4,610	4,550	4,440	4,410	4,340	(270)	(5.9%)
Leake	Civilian Labor Force	8,550	8,640	8,330	7,920	7,760	(790)	(9.2%)
	Unemployed	790	970	970	840	760	(30)	(3.8%)
	Rate	9.2	11.2	11.6	10.6	9.8	1	XXX
	Employed	7,760	7,670	7,360	7,080	7,000	(760)	(9.8%)
Lee	Civilian Labor Force	37,190	38,320	39,500	39,680	38,880	1,690	4.5%
	Unemployed	3,910	4,080	4,130	3,460	3,210	(700)	(17.9%)
	Rate	10.5	10.6	10.5	8.7	8.3	(2)	XXX
	Employed	33,280	34,240	35,370	36,220	35,670	2,390	7.2%
Leflore	Civilian Labor Force	13,160	12,940	12,880	12,380	12,010	(1,150)	(8.7%)
	Unemployed	1,650	1,800	1,800	1,570	1,530	(120)	(7.3%)
	Rate	12.5	13.9	14.0	12.7	12.7	0	XXX
	Employed	11,510	11,140	11,080	10,810	10,480	(1,030)	(8.9%)
Lincoln	Civilian Labor Force	13,760	13,840	13,990	13,670	13,370	(390)	(2.8%)
	Unemployed	1,410	1,550	1,510	1,270	1,110	(300)	(21.3%)
	Rate	10.2	11.2	10.8	9.3	8.3	(2)	XXX
	Employed	12,350	12,290	12,480	12,400	12,260	(90)	(0.7%)
Lowndes	Civilian Labor Force	25,320	25,560	26,310	26,690	26,510	1,190	4.7%
	Unemployed	2,680	3,150	3,000	2,560	2,560	(120)	(4.5%)
	Rate	10.6	12.3	11.4	9.6	9.7	(1)	XXX
	Employed	22,640	22,410	23,310	24,130	23,950	1,310	5.8%

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							2009 TO 2013	
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Net Chg	Pct Chg
Madison	Civilian Labor Force	46,090	48,090	49,600	49,720	49,010	2,920	6.3%
	Unemployed	3,160	3,630	3,660	3,240	3,070	(90)	(2.8%)
	Rate	6.9	7.5	7.4	6.5	6.3	(1)	XXX
	Employed	42,930	44,460	45,940	46,480	45,940	3,010	7.0%
Marion	Civilian Labor Force	10,420	10,660	10,940	10,380	10,110	(310)	(3.0%)
	Unemployed	1,060	1,320	1,230	1,080	960	(100)	(9.4%)
	Rate	10.2	12.4	11.2	10.4	9.5	(1)	XXX
	Employed	9,360	9,340	9,710	9,300	9,150	(210)	(2.2%)
Marshall	Civilian Labor Force	14,890	15,030	15,030	14,820	14,340	(550)	(3.7%)
	Unemployed	1,750	1,980	1,970	1,760	1,500	(250)	(14.3%)
	Rate	11.8	13.2	13.1	11.9	10.5	(1)	XXX
	Employed	13,140	13,050	13,060	13,060	12,840	(300)	(2.3%)
Monroe	Civilian Labor Force	15,680	16,140	16,150	15,830	15,420	(260)	(1.7%)
	Unemployed	2,160	2,190	2,080	1,810	1,870	(290)	(13.4%)
	Rate	13.8	13.6	12.9	11.4	12.1	(2)	XXX
	Employed	13,520	13,950	14,070	14,020	13,550	30	0.2%
Montgomery	Civilian Labor Force	4,560	4,670	4,630	4,530	4,410	(150)	(3.3%)
	Unemployed	630	660	610	540	500	(130)	(20.6%)
	Rate	13.8	14.1	13.2	11.9	11.3	(2)	XXX
	Employed	3,930	4,010	4,020	3,990	3,910	(20)	(0.5%)
Neshoba	Civilian Labor Force	13,510	13,320	13,360	13,120	12,530	(980)	(7.3%)
	Unemployed	1,250	1,260	1,150	970	850	(400)	(32.0%)
	Rate	9.3	9.5	8.6	7.4	6.8	(2)	XXX
	Employed	12,260	12,060	12,210	12,150	11,680	(580)	(4.7%)
Newton	Civilian Labor Force	9,150	9,240	9,320	9,210	9,000	(150)	(1.6%)
	Unemployed	840	950	910	750	690	(150)	(17.9%)
	Rate	9.2	10.3	9.8	8.1	7.7	(2)	XXX
	Employed	8,310	8,290	8,410	8,460	8,310	0	0.0%
Noxubee	Civilian Labor Force	3,730	3,810	3,750	3,610	3,580	(150)	(4.0%)
	Unemployed	690	710	660	560	560	(130)	(18.8%)
	Rate	18.5	18.6	17.6	15.5	15.6	(3)	XXX
	Employed	3,040	3,100	3,090	3,050	3,020	(20)	(0.7%)
Oktibbeha	Civilian Labor Force	20,090	20,320	20,980	21,030	20,720	630	3.1%
	Unemployed	1,760	2,250	2,290	1,900	1,780	20	1.1%
	Rate	8.8	11.1	10.9	9.0	8.6	(0)	XXX
	Employed	18,330	18,070	18,690	19,130	18,940	610	3.3%
Panola	Civilian Labor Force	14,720	15,400	15,510	15,200	14,790	70	0.5%
	Unemployed	1,800	1,980	2,010	1,750	1,650	(150)	(8.3%)
	Rate	12.2	12.9	13.0	11.5	11.2	(1)	XXX
	Employed	12,920	13,420	13,500	13,450	13,140	220	1.7%
Pearl River	Civilian Labor Force	21,180	21,340	21,880	21,540	20,890	(290)	(1.4%)
	Unemployed	1,910	2,260	2,370	2,000	1,770	(140)	(7.3%)
	Rate	9.0	10.6	10.8	9.3	8.5	(1)	XXX
	Employed	19,270	19,080	19,510	19,540	19,120	(150)	(0.8%)

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							2009 TO 2013	
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Net Chg	Pct Chg
Perry	Civilian Labor Force	4,910	5,100	5,030	4,870	4,750	(160)	(3.3%)
	Unemployed	530	620	590	490	430	(100)	(18.9%)
	Rate	10.8	12.2	11.7	10.1	9.1	(2)	XXX
	Employed	4,380	4,480	4,440	4,380	4,320	(60)	(1.4%)
Pike	Civilian Labor Force	15,220	15,320	15,400	14,970	14,570	(650)	(4.3%)
	Unemployed	1,540	1,820	1,910	1,610	1,460	(80)	(5.2%)
	Rate	10.1	11.9	12.4	10.8	10.0	(0)	XXX
	Employed	13,680	13,500	13,490	13,360	13,110	(570)	(4.2%)
Pontotoc	Civilian Labor Force	12,860	13,500	13,550	13,780	13,540	680	5.3%
	Unemployed	1,310	1,470	1,340	1,110	1,070	(240)	(18.3%)
	Rate	10.2	10.9	9.9	8.1	7.9	(2)	XXX
	Employed	11,550	12,030	12,210	12,670	12,470	920	8.0%
Prentiss	Civilian Labor Force	10,950	11,050	11,020	10,820	10,550	(400)	(3.7%)
	Unemployed	1,410	1,390	1,270	1,000	960	(450)	(31.9%)
	Rate	12.9	12.6	11.5	9.2	9.1	(4)	XXX
	Employed	9,540	9,660	9,750	9,820	9,590	50	0.5%
Quitman	Civilian Labor Force	3,470	3,510	3,440	3,320	3,230	(240)	(6.9%)
	Unemployed	430	480	480	420	430	0	0.0%
	Rate	12.4	13.7	14.0	12.7	13.3	1	XXX
	Employed	3,040	3,030	2,960	2,900	2,800	(240)	(7.9%)
Rankin	Civilian Labor Force	73,540	74,290	76,340	76,110	74,730	1,190	1.6%
	Unemployed	4,420	5,040	5,030	4,360	3,810	(610)	(13.8%)
	Rate	6.0	6.8	6.6	5.7	5.1	(1)	XXX
	Employed	69,120	69,250	71,310	71,750	70,920	1,800	2.6%
Scott	Civilian Labor Force	13,580	14,030	13,960	13,490	13,350	(230)	(1.7%)
	Unemployed	950	1,100	1,200	1,010	850	(100)	(10.5%)
	Rate	7.0	7.8	8.6	7.5	6.4	(1)	XXX
	Employed	12,630	12,930	12,760	12,480	12,500	(130)	(1.0%)
Sharkey	Civilian Labor Force	2,410	2,480	2,400	2,280	2,220	(190)	(7.9%)
	Unemployed	260	320	310	270	260	0	0.0%
	Rate	10.8	12.9	12.9	11.8	11.7	1	XXX
	Employed	2,150	2,160	2,090	2,010	1,960	(190)	(8.8%)
Simpson	Civilian Labor Force	11,430	11,520	11,610	11,410	11,190	(240)	(2.1%)
	Unemployed	980	1,090	1,100	920	820	(160)	(16.3%)
	Rate	8.6	9.5	9.5	8.1	7.3	(1)	XXX
	Employed	10,450	10,430	10,510	10,490	10,370	(80)	(0.8%)
Smith	Civilian Labor Force	6,360	6,460	6,450	6,180	6,110	(250)	(3.9%)
	Unemployed	580	680	640	530	480	(100)	(17.2%)
	Rate	9.1	10.5	9.9	8.6	7.9	(1)	XXX
	Employed	5,780	5,780	5,810	5,650	5,630	(150)	(2.6%)
Stone	Civilian Labor Force	7,850	8,200	8,220	8,100	7,880	30	0.4%
	Unemployed	620	750	800	730	600	(20)	(3.2%)
	Rate	7.9	9.1	9.7	9.0	7.6	(0)	XXX
	Employed	7,230	7,450	7,420	7,370	7,280	50	0.7%

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							2009 TO 2013	
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Net Chg	Pct Chg
Sunflower	Civilian Labor Force	10,390	10,540	10,510	10,130	9,720	(670)	(6.4%)
	Unemployed	1,320	1,650	1,660	1,460	1,350	30	2.3%
	Rate	12.7	15.7	15.8	14.4	13.9	1	XXX
	Employed	9,070	8,890	8,850	8,670	8,370	(700)	(7.7%)
Tallahatchie	Civilian Labor Force	5,950	6,200	6,380	6,110	6,150	200	3.4%
	Unemployed	670	770	820	700	700	30	4.5%
	Rate	11.3	12.4	12.9	11.5	11.4	0	XXX
	Employed	5,280	5,430	5,560	5,410	5,450	170	3.2%
Tate	Civilian Labor Force	11,590	12,180	12,230	12,000	11,670	80	0.7%
	Unemployed	1,240	1,380	1,380	1,190	1,040	(200)	(16.1%)
	Rate	10.7	11.3	11.3	9.9	8.9	(2)	XXX
	Employed	10,350	10,800	10,850	10,810	10,630	280	2.7%
Tippah	Civilian Labor Force	8,440	8,430	8,590	8,420	8,260	(180)	(2.1%)
	Unemployed	1,240	1,230	1,140	920	870	(370)	(29.8%)
	Rate	14.7	14.6	13.3	10.9	10.5	(4)	XXX
	Employed	7,200	7,200	7,450	7,500	7,390	190	2.6%
Tishomingo	Civilian Labor Force	7,650	7,700	7,860	7,740	7,600	(50)	(0.7%)
	Unemployed	960	1,010	1,010	820	720	(240)	(25.0%)
	Rate	12.5	13.1	12.8	10.6	9.5	(3)	XXX
	Employed	6,690	6,690	6,850	6,920	6,880	190	2.8%
Tunica	Civilian Labor Force	4,330	4,560	4,660	4,410	4,280	(50)	(1.2%)
	Unemployed	630	790	900	690	620	(10)	(1.6%)
	Rate	14.5	17.3	19.3	15.6	14.5	(0)	XXX
	Employed	3,700	3,770	3,760	3,720	3,660	(40)	(1.1%)
Union	Civilian Labor Force	11,690	11,570	12,700	13,150	12,910	1,220	10.4%
	Unemployed	1,210	1,350	1,380	1,120	950	(260)	(21.5%)
	Rate	10.4	11.7	10.9	8.5	7.4	(3)	XXX
	Employed	10,480	10,220	11,320	12,030	11,960	1,480	14.1%
Walthall	Civilian Labor Force	5,670	5,780	5,730	5,500	5,310	(360)	(6.3%)
	Unemployed	640	760	730	630	570	(70)	(10.9%)
	Rate	11.3	13.1	12.7	11.5	10.7	(1)	XXX
	Employed	5,030	5,020	5,000	4,870	4,740	(290)	(5.8%)
Warren	Civilian Labor Force	21,670	21,950	21,770	21,100	20,580	(1,090)	(5.0%)
	Unemployed	2,120	2,480	2,490	2,140	2,010	(110)	(5.2%)
	Rate	9.8	11.3	11.4	10.1	9.8	(0)	XXX
	Employed	19,550	19,470	19,280	18,960	18,570	(980)	(5.0%)
Washington	Civilian Labor Force	21,670	22,080	22,110	20,950	20,370	(1,300)	(6.0%)
	Unemployed	2,940	3,370	3,420	2,930	2,820	(120)	(4.1%)
	Rate	13.6	15.3	15.5	14.0	13.8	0	XXX
	Employed	18,730	18,710	18,690	18,020	17,550	(1,180)	(6.3%)
Wayne	Civilian Labor Force	8,240	8,490	8,550	8,330	7,950	(290)	(3.5%)
	Unemployed	890	1,060	1,030	940	860	(30)	(3.4%)
	Rate	10.8	12.5	12.0	11.3	10.8	0	XXX
	Employed	7,350	7,430	7,520	7,390	7,090	(260)	(3.5%)

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							2009 TO 2013	
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Net Chg	Pct Chg
Webster	Civilian Labor Force	3,440	3,560	3,550	3,410	3,340	(100)	(2.9%)
	Unemployed	470	520	490	400	400	(70)	(14.9%)
	Rate	13.7	14.6	13.8	11.7	12.0	(2)	XXX
	Employed	2,970	3,040	3,060	3,010	2,940	(30)	(1.0%)
Wilkinson	Civilian Labor Force	3,920	4,120	4,070	3,840	3,550	(370)	(9.4%)
	Unemployed	420	510	490	430	390	(30)	(7.1%)
	Rate	10.7	12.4	12.0	11.2	11.0	0	XXX
	Employed	3,500	3,610	3,580	3,410	3,160	(340)	(9.7%)
Winston	Civilian Labor Force	7,700	7,620	7,570	7,330	7,120	(580)	(7.5%)
	Unemployed	1,290	1,390	1,130	910	840	(450)	(34.9%)
	Rate	16.8	18.2	14.9	12.4	11.8	(5)	XXX
	Employed	6,410	6,230	6,440	6,420	6,280	(130)	(2.0%)
Yalobusha	Civilian Labor Force	5,510	5,690	5,780	5,860	5,530	20	0.4%
	Unemployed	780	720	670	560	510	(270)	(34.6%)
	Rate	14.2	12.7	11.6	9.6	9.2	(5)	XXX
	Employed	4,730	4,970	5,110	5,300	5,020	290	6.1%
Yazoo	Civilian Labor Force	10,070	10,520	10,690	10,420	10,300	230	2.3%
	Unemployed	1,170	1,320	1,350	1,200	1,130	(40)	(3.4%)
	Rate	11.6	12.5	12.6	11.5	11.0	(1)	XXX
	Employed	8,900	9,200	9,340	9,220	9,170	270	3.0%

Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Gulfport-Biloxi	Civilian Labor Force	112,020	114,260	116,360	114,580	112,270	250	0.2%
	Unemployed	8,660	10,590	11,390	9,980	8,930	270	3.1%
	Rate	7.7	9.3	9.8	8.7	8.0	0	XXX
	Employed	103,360	103,670	104,970	104,600	103,340	(20)	(0.0%)
Hattiesburg	Civilian Labor Force	65,530	66,860	68,280	67,410	65,980	450	0.7%
	Unemployed	5,000	6,010	6,460	5,450	4,830	(170)	(3.4%)
	Rate	7.6	9.0	9.5	8.1	7.3	(0)	XXX
	Employed	60,530	60,850	61,820	61,960	61,150	620	1.0%
Jackson	Civilian Labor Force	257,890	263,250	270,030	267,790	263,000	5,110	2.0%
	Unemployed	19,230	22,380	22,620	19,790	17,900	(1,330)	(6.9%)
	Rate	7.5	8.5	8.4	7.4	6.8	(1)	XXX
	Employed	238,660	240,870	247,410	248,000	245,100	6,440	2.7%
Pascagoula	Civilian Labor Force	70,860	73,380	71,740	70,460	70,080	(780)	(1.1%)
	Unemployed	6,020	7,260	8,250	6,990	6,340	320	5.3%
	Rate	8.5	9.9	11.5	9.9	9.0	1	XXX
	Employed	64,840	66,120	63,490	63,470	63,740	(1,100)	(1.7%)

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COMPARATIVE LABOR FORCE DATA

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UNITED STATES	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009 TO 2013	
						Net Chg	Pct Chg
Civilian Labor Force	154,142,000	153,889,000	153,617,000	154,975,000	155,389,000	1,247,000	0.8%
Unemployed	14,265,000	14,825,000	13,747,000	12,506,000	11,460,000	(2,805,000)	(19.7%)
Unemployment Rate	9.3%	9.6%	8.9%	8.1%	7.4%	(1.9%)	XXX
Employed	139,877,000	139,064,000	139,869,000	142,469,000	143,929,000	4,052,000	2.9%

MISSISSIPPI	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009 TO 2013	
						Net Chg	Pct Chg
Civilian Labor Force	1,285,100	1,309,900	1,329,600	1,312,800	1,286,500	1,400	0.1%
Unemployed	121,600	138,700	140,300	120,400	110,800	(10,800)	(8.9%)
Unemployment Rate	9.5%	10.6%	10.6%	9.2%	8.6%	(0.9%)	XXX
Employed	1,163,500	1,171,200	1,189,300	1,192,400	1,175,700	12,200	1.0%

Workforce Investment Act Areas

DELTA	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009 TO 2013	
						Net Chg	Pct Chg
Civilian Labor Force	117,790	120,630	120,730	115,970	112,850	(4,940)	(4.2%)
Unemployed	14,960	16,970	17,250	14,870	14,260	(700)	(4.7%)
Unemployment Rate	12.7%	14.1%	14.3%	12.8%	12.6%	(0.1%)	XXX
Employed	102,830	103,660	103,480	101,110	98,590	(4,240)	(4.1%)

MS PARTNERSHIP	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009 TO 2013	
						Net Chg	Pct Chg
Civilian Labor Force	367,750	374,790	382,820	382,280	374,890	7,140	1.9%
Unemployed	39,380	42,780	41,660	35,230	32,880	(6,500)	(16.5%)
Unemployment Rate	10.7%	11.4%	10.9%	9.2%	8.8%	(1.9%)	XXX
Employed	328,370	332,020	341,160	347,040	342,000	13,630	4.2%

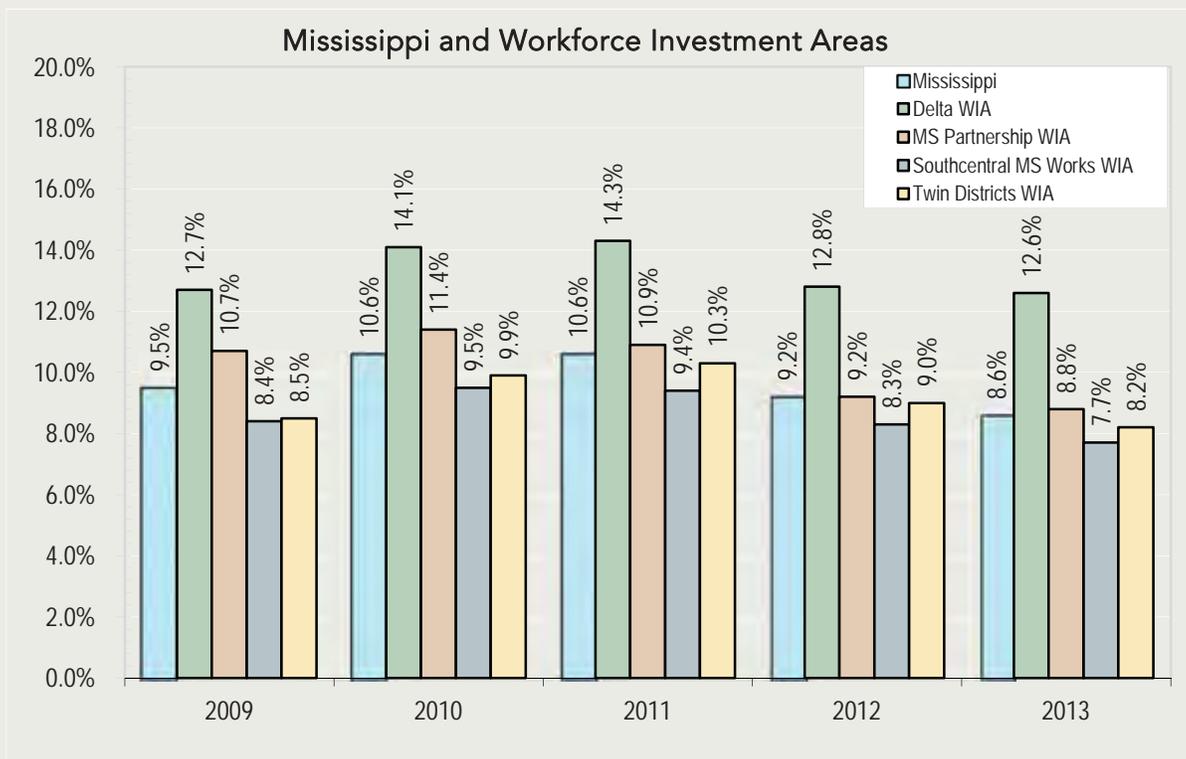
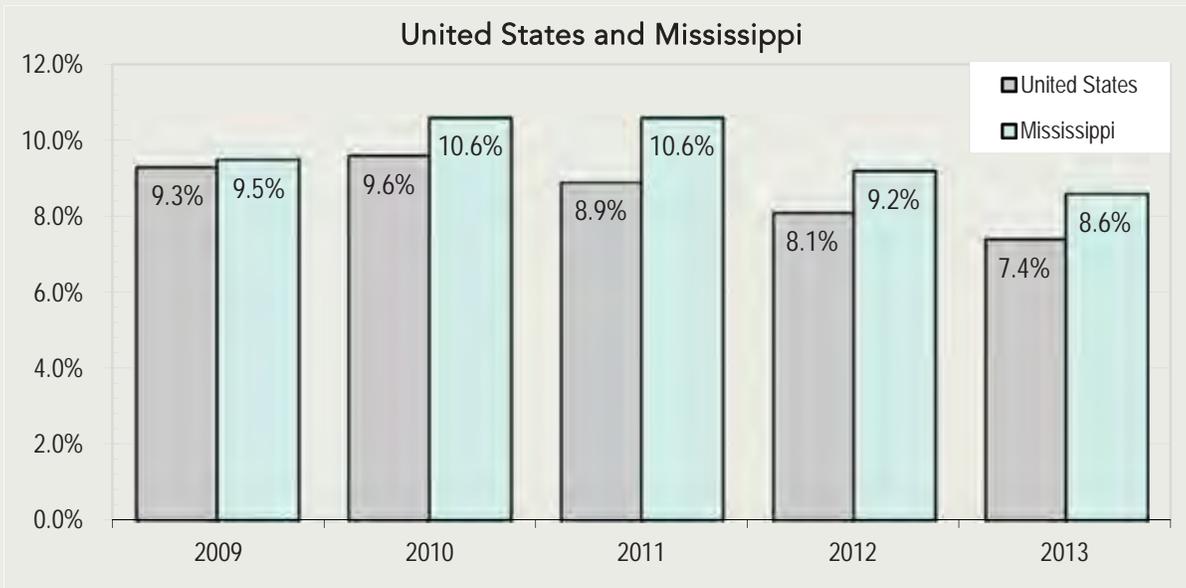
SC MS WORKS	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009 TO 2013	
						Net Chg	Pct Chg
Civilian Labor Force	360,980	367,910	374,950	370,210	362,230	1,250	0.3%
Unemployed	30,220	34,950	35,140	30,580	27,870	(2,350)	(7.8%)
Unemployment Rate	8.4%	9.5%	9.4%	8.3%	7.7%	(0.7%)	XXX
Employed	330,760	332,970	339,810	339,630	334,360	3,600	1.1%

TWIN DISTRICTS	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009 TO 2013	
						Net Chg	Pct Chg
Civilian Labor Force	438,700	446,630	451,220	444,480	436,540	(2,160)	(0.5%)
Unemployed	37,100	44,050	46,310	39,810	35,800	(1,300)	(3.5%)
Unemployment Rate	8.5%	9.9%	10.3%	9.0%	8.2%	(0.3%)	XXX
Employed	401,600	402,570	404,910	404,670	400,740	(860)	(0.2%)

SOURCE: MS Department of Employment Security, Labor Market Information Department in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE COMPARISON

Not Seasonally Adjusted Data



REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS PAID

						2009 TO 2013	
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Net Chg	Pct Chg
MISSISSIPPI	331,779,574	257,900,927	214,749,858	187,857,602	169,950,777	(161,828,797)	(48.8%)
Adams	2,730,647	2,248,632	1,725,410	1,569,082	1,545,064	(1,185,583)	(43.4%)
Alcorn	5,668,141	2,993,053	2,918,836	1,521,815	1,513,522	(4,154,619)	(73.3%)
Amite	1,257,817	944,484	546,465	422,494	442,433	(815,384)	(64.8%)
Attala	2,727,930	1,730,538	1,189,153	962,462	1,020,698	(1,707,232)	(62.6%)
Benton	915,267	560,415	567,484	389,658	480,625	(434,642)	(47.5%)
Bolivar	3,887,365	3,234,120	2,939,300	2,758,702	2,747,420	(1,139,945)	(29.3%)
Calhoun	1,873,485	1,038,649	932,482	966,405	873,880	(999,605)	(53.4%)
Carroll	1,411,950	798,480	529,630	619,328	503,496	(908,454)	(64.3%)
Chickasaw	2,806,928	1,912,350	1,615,519	1,559,320	1,519,554	(1,287,374)	(45.9%)
Choctaw	1,358,302	766,712	492,826	497,474	552,734	(805,568)	(59.3%)
Claiborne	1,656,798	1,042,830	960,705	1,170,596	864,223	(792,575)	(47.8%)
Clarke	1,925,555	1,679,846	1,095,371	1,176,338	979,192	(946,363)	(49.1%)
Clay	4,597,817	3,281,286	2,276,246	2,519,586	2,523,559	(2,074,258)	(45.1%)
Coahoma	3,142,563	2,929,372	2,673,788	2,125,367	2,408,390	(734,173)	(23.4%)
Copiah	2,976,917	2,423,473	2,250,737	1,999,672	1,562,315	(1,414,602)	(47.5%)
Covington	1,665,191	1,544,644	1,089,593	1,067,334	899,401	(765,790)	(46.0%)
DeSoto	8,652,497	6,578,767	4,999,579	4,139,220	4,180,156	(4,472,341)	(51.7%)
Forrest	6,049,301	6,277,284	5,447,146	4,076,712	3,669,198	(2,380,103)	(39.3%)
Franklin	701,017	537,851	443,809	333,379	332,215	(368,802)	(52.6%)
George	2,360,586	1,765,571	2,172,446	1,390,724	1,179,998	(1,180,588)	(50.0%)
Greene	1,219,056	949,810	1,021,359	845,342	647,423	(571,633)	(46.9%)
Grenada	3,338,401	1,846,357	1,414,037	1,499,774	1,238,505	(2,099,896)	(62.9%)
Hancock	3,070,262	2,929,138	2,716,438	1,895,902	1,880,101	(1,190,161)	(38.8%)
Harrison	15,333,145	15,079,144	13,355,750	11,178,754	9,610,668	(5,722,477)	(37.3%)
Hinds	23,524,097	21,197,609	16,251,580	15,663,468	13,680,270	(9,843,827)	(41.8%)
Holmes	4,359,595	2,599,227	2,335,369	2,126,044	1,936,855	(2,422,740)	(55.6%)
Humphreys	1,414,617	1,278,705	1,692,998	1,166,961	1,001,456	(413,161)	(29.2%)
Issaquena	212,439	180,245	200,125	158,945	137,018	(75,421)	(35.5%)
Itawamba	3,267,045	1,997,969	1,459,770	1,258,776	1,260,908	(2,006,137)	(61.4%)
Jackson	12,662,413	11,990,427	13,250,980	9,941,567	7,952,515	(4,709,898)	(37.2%)
Jasper	2,302,810	1,810,276	1,237,933	1,132,440	1,014,164	(1,288,646)	(56.0%)
Jefferson	1,075,673	734,490	801,794	847,633	825,788	(249,885)	(23.2%)
Jefferson Davis	1,503,105	1,405,113	1,085,145	1,023,092	909,342	(593,763)	(39.5%)
Jones	5,131,968	4,139,119	3,100,763	2,666,449	2,271,766	(2,860,202)	(55.7%)
Kemper	1,564,174	916,257	875,212	817,791	793,342	(770,832)	(49.3%)
Lafayette	4,240,686	2,481,481	2,069,401	1,982,422	1,810,051	(2,430,635)	(57.3%)
Lamar	3,116,407	3,130,950	2,665,246	2,288,253	1,849,618	(1,266,789)	(40.6%)
Lauderdale	7,197,600	5,913,848	4,762,349	4,315,678	3,988,279	(3,209,321)	(44.6%)
Lawrence	1,275,007	1,007,873	714,044	571,169	554,335	(720,672)	(56.5%)
Leake	1,666,149	1,538,676	1,097,096	1,189,767	865,296	(800,853)	(48.1%)
Lee	12,034,868	7,405,788	6,814,337	5,678,825	5,251,053	(6,783,815)	(56.4%)
Leflore	4,593,851	3,299,838	2,869,200	3,142,924	2,481,797	(2,112,054)	(46.0%)
Lincoln	3,311,821	2,317,068	1,616,605	1,496,834	1,240,645	(2,071,176)	(62.5%)
Lowndes	7,307,484	6,146,071	3,949,239	4,064,709	4,440,842	(2,866,642)	(39.2%)
Madison	7,651,787	6,144,097	4,876,490	4,436,114	4,340,670	(3,311,117)	(43.3%)
Marion	2,321,476	2,251,688	1,350,856	1,562,647	1,236,650	(1,084,826)	(46.7%)

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REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS PAID

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009 TO 2013	
						Net Chg	Pct Chg
Marshall	3,805,604	2,754,688	2,053,935	1,822,770	1,927,191	(1,878,413)	(49.4%)
Monroe	7,194,558	3,999,071	3,440,023	3,362,180	3,542,902	(3,651,656)	(50.8%)
Montgomery	2,037,604	1,100,440	869,200	1,009,659	776,971	(1,260,633)	(61.9%)
Neshoba	3,812,506	2,007,230	1,313,908	1,266,909	1,063,459	(2,749,047)	(72.1%)
Newton	1,942,973	1,553,687	970,272	891,794	822,734	(1,120,239)	(57.7%)
Noxubee	2,136,259	1,335,819	1,079,265	945,411	1,056,222	(1,080,037)	(50.6%)
Oktibbeha	3,703,714	3,313,062	2,233,345	2,132,891	2,296,463	(1,407,251)	(38.0%)
Panola	5,310,710	3,390,301	3,427,147	2,867,978	2,475,026	(2,835,684)	(53.4%)
Pearl River	2,692,976	2,566,454	2,410,427	1,742,137	1,571,024	(1,121,952)	(41.7%)
Perry	1,493,921	1,129,492	784,295	648,359	574,724	(919,197)	(61.5%)
Pike	2,987,540	2,669,831	2,135,403	1,754,459	1,610,937	(1,376,603)	(46.1%)
Pontotoc	3,738,470	2,656,312	1,919,006	1,563,508	1,669,677	(2,068,793)	(55.3%)
Prentiss	4,709,286	2,393,148	1,952,163	1,422,383	1,623,215	(3,086,071)	(65.5%)
Quitman	1,298,400	993,283	952,675	852,527	900,845	(397,555)	(30.6%)
Rankin	9,731,226	8,185,222	6,145,139	5,540,361	4,514,725	(5,216,501)	(53.6%)
Scott	1,981,044	1,745,404	1,925,302	1,295,690	1,068,979	(912,065)	(46.0%)
Sharkey	660,924	639,468	605,732	500,203	434,477	(226,447)	(34.3%)
Simpson	2,171,302	1,770,850	1,384,699	1,204,903	982,700	(1,188,602)	(54.7%)
Smith	1,615,067	1,309,114	668,074	664,393	605,980	(1,009,087)	(62.5%)
Stone	1,298,179	1,146,935	982,150	1,012,292	633,527	(664,652)	(51.2%)
Sunflower	3,327,439	3,481,152	2,882,093	2,626,689	2,229,186	(1,098,253)	(33.0%)
Tallahatchie	2,044,438	1,403,602	1,469,300	1,349,082	1,352,907	(691,531)	(33.8%)
Tate	2,871,134	2,002,168	1,643,560	1,375,156	1,319,250	(1,551,884)	(54.1%)
Tippah	3,848,608	2,264,410	1,716,075	1,367,777	1,330,355	(2,518,253)	(65.4%)
Tishomingo	2,977,083	1,976,243	1,618,973	1,179,199	978,329	(1,998,754)	(67.1%)
Tunica	1,756,158	1,535,247	1,595,621	1,139,547	1,188,015	(568,143)	(32.4%)
Union	3,498,602	2,886,754	2,087,480	1,675,657	1,371,589	(2,127,013)	(60.8%)
Walthall	1,493,550	1,137,386	840,731	947,546	665,330	(828,220)	(55.5%)
Warren	6,201,463	4,684,219	4,034,496	3,432,024	2,923,430	(3,278,033)	(52.9%)
Washington	6,588,649	5,953,849	5,659,142	5,036,002	4,369,451	(2,219,198)	(33.7%)
Wayne	2,808,210	2,239,702	1,683,231	1,766,562	1,220,405	(1,587,805)	(56.5%)
Webster	1,399,311	882,053	630,252	558,484	621,918	(777,393)	(55.6%)
Wilkinson	651,814	507,502	364,112	381,848	363,415	(288,399)	(44.2%)
Winston	5,123,973	2,707,505	1,274,284	1,368,371	1,287,419	(3,836,554)	(74.9%)
Yalobusha	2,899,507	1,165,012	1,010,372	932,911	869,184	(2,030,323)	(70.0%)
Yazoo	2,891,315	2,202,918	2,082,242	1,934,470	1,674,391	(1,216,924)	(42.1%)

MSAs

Gulfport-Biloxi	19,701,586	19,155,217	17,054,338	14,086,948	12,124,296	(7,577,290)	(38.5%)
Hattiesburg	10,659,629	10,537,726	8,896,687	7,013,324	6,093,540	(4,566,089)	(42.8%)
Jackson	46,055,329	39,721,251	30,908,645	28,844,518	25,080,680	(20,974,649)	(45.5%)
Pascagoula	15,022,999	13,755,998	15,423,426	11,332,291	9,132,513	(5,890,486)	(39.2%)

WIA Areas

Delta	40,009,098	31,716,889	29,832,120	26,470,299	24,166,339	(15,842,759)	(39.6%)
MS Partnership	108,732,564	70,176,121	54,226,842	47,756,803	47,336,772	(61,395,792)	(56.5%)
SC MS Works	72,289,791	59,756,335	47,174,461	43,706,052	38,122,886	(34,166,905)	(47.3%)
Twin Districts	86,734,074	77,019,809	67,061,342	55,856,926	47,307,785	(39,426,289)	(45.5%)

Note: County data will not add to state totals because out-of-state amounts are included in the state totals.



INDUSTRY TRENDS

Mississippi's average monthly covered employment (employment covered under the Mississippi Employment Security law), tallied by place of work, posted a gain of 13,777 from 2009 to 2013. Leisure and Hospitality and the Professional & Business Services sectors were the two main industry sectors that led the way in job gains during this period.

Covered employment in the Delta Workforce Investment Act (WIA) region was reflective of its population and labor force trends, posting a net loss of 5,190 jobs from 2009 to 2013. Declining employment was evident all across the spectrum with most industry sectors showing negative change. The majority of the losses occurred in the Manufacturing; Education and Health Services; and Leisure and Hospitality sectors, with a combined drop of over 4,600 jobs.

In the Mississippi Partnership WIA region, covered employment posted a large gain of 16,848 jobs from 2009 to 2013. The economy remained viable by adding jobs in most industry sectors. The largest employment increase was recorded in the Professional and Business Services sector which added 3,618 jobs. An additional 3,468 workers were added to the payrolls in the Trade, Transportation and Utilities sector. The area appears to be moving away from its long dependence on

manufacturing jobs toward a more service-oriented economy.

The Southcentral Mississippi Works WIA region showed a covered employment increase of 1,894 jobs from 2009 to 2013. A few sectors in the region had employment trends that were quite positive. The Professional and Business Services Education and Health Services, and Leisure and Hospitality sectors all had increases that reflected an additional 6,200 jobs. The Construction sector, however, continued in a declining trend, registering a moderate decrease of 1,937 jobs.

Despite having recovered substantially from heavy job losses in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Twin Districts WIA area experienced a slight decline of 1,622 jobs from 2009 to 2013. The greatest losses for the area occurred in the Manufacturing sector with a loss of over 4,500 jobs. The area remained positive in Leisure and Hospitality as the coastal area gained over 2,000 new jobs.

MISSISSIPPI COVERED EMPLOYMENT

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009 TO 2013	
	Avg Mo	Net Chg	Pct Chg				
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	1,054,444	1,047,327	1,050,489	1,060,109	1,068,221	13,777	1.3%
Natural Resources & Mining	18,592	18,982	19,396	19,666	19,350	758	4.1%
Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	12,886	13,219	13,206	13,290	13,120	234	1.8%
Mining	5,706	5,763	6,190	6,376	6,230	524	9.2%
Construction	54,856	52,818	52,207	51,714	54,613	(243)	(0.4%)
Manufacturing	141,340	136,039	135,351	136,992	136,948	(4,392)	(3.1%)
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	215,573	214,226	215,600	216,140	217,018	1,445	0.7%
Wholesale Trade	34,795	34,235	34,314	34,231	34,114	(681)	(2.0%)
Retail Trade	133,454	132,494	133,257	133,639	133,670	216	0.2%
Transportation & Warehousing	38,335	38,479	38,998	39,248	40,093	1,758	4.6%
Utilities	8,989	9,018	9,031	9,022	9,141	152	1.7%
Information	14,273	13,768	13,318	13,954	14,194	(79)	(0.6%)
Financial Activites	45,781	44,671	44,382	44,427	43,919	(1,862)	(4.1%)
Finance & Insurance	33,141	32,488	32,214	32,187	31,686	(1,455)	(4.4%)
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	12,640	12,183	12,168	12,240	12,233	(407)	(3.2%)
Professional & Business Services	89,019	93,485	95,006	97,732	100,034	11,015	12.4%
Professional & Technical Services	32,566	32,227	32,243	31,805	31,225	(1,341)	(4.1%)
Management of Companies & Enter.	9,891	10,017	10,142	10,407	10,764	873	8.8%
Administrative & Waste Services	46,562	51,241	52,621	55,520	58,045	11,483	24.7%
Education & Health Services	273,010	274,254	275,452	276,297	276,440	3,430	1.3%
Educational Services	113,318	112,044	111,498	112,308	112,218	(1,100)	(1.0%)
Health Care & Social Assistance	159,692	162,210	163,954	163,989	164,222	4,530	2.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	123,084	121,032	122,364	124,696	126,836	3,752	3.0%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13,114	12,731	11,789	12,122	12,500	(614)	(4.7%)
Accommodation & Food Services	109,970	108,301	110,575	112,574	114,336	4,366	4.0%
Other Services	22,558	22,036	21,729	21,999	22,067	(491)	(2.2%)
Public Administration	56,357	56,015	55,684	56,494	56,804	447	0.8%

DELTA WIA AREA COVERED EMPLOYMENT

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009 to 2013	
	Avg Mo	Net Chg	Pct Chg				
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	98,869	97,770	96,032	94,804	93,679	(5,190)	(5.2%)
Natural Resources & Mining	4,441	4,502	4,557	4,447	4,246	(195)	(4.4%)
Construction	2,901	2,779	2,814	2,872	2,740	(161)	(5.5%)
Manufacturing	9,978	9,592	9,341	9,140	9,023	(955)	(9.6%)
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	17,933	17,929	17,871	17,947	17,783	(150)	(0.8%)
Information	1,028	957	898	839	810	(218)	(21.2%)
Financial Activites	3,197	3,124	3,103	3,131	3,178	(19)	(0.6%)
Professional & Business Services	5,198	5,551	5,643	5,467	5,585	387	7.4%
Education & Health Services	27,044	27,073	26,759	26,434	26,245	(799)	(3.0%)
Leisure & Hospitality	18,106	17,360	16,272	15,685	15,198	(2,908)	(16.1%)
Other Services	2,288	2,238	2,162	2,092	2,048	(240)	(10.5%)
Public Administration	6,770	6,664	6,612	6,750	6,824	54	0.8%

SOURCE: MS Department of Employment Security, Labor Market Information Department in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

*2013 data is preliminary. Data based on place of work.

MISSISSIPPI PARTNERSHIP WIA AREA COVERED EMPLOYMENT

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009 to 2013	
	Avg Mo	Net Chg	Pct Chg				
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	267,549	268,214	273,644	281,925	284,397	16,848	6.3%
Natural Resources & Mining	2,564	2,787	2,862	2,922	2,969	405	15.8%
Construction	10,812	10,425	10,332	10,582	10,908	96	0.9%
Manufacturing	50,746	49,693	51,839	54,089	53,925	3,179	6.3%
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	58,933	59,580	60,707	62,126	62,401	3,468	5.9%
Information	2,652	2,519	2,534	3,167	3,169	517	19.5%
Financial Activites	9,287	9,140	8,974	9,159	9,065	(222)	(2.4%)
Professional & Business Services	19,354	20,730	21,857	22,833	22,972	3,618	18.7%
Education & Health Services	71,050	71,197	71,522	72,438	73,173	2,123	3.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	26,208	26,277	26,971	28,460	29,528	3,320	12.7%
Other Services	5,166	5,057	5,101	4,982	4,956	(210)	(4.1%)
Public Administration	10,793	10,811	10,944	11,169	11,332	539	5.0%

SOUTHCENTRAL MISSISSIPPI WORKS WIA AREA COVERED EMPLOYMENT

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009 to 2013	
	Avg Mo	Net Chg	Pct Chg				
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	306,472	303,903	305,126	306,876	308,366	1,894	0.6%
Natural Resources & Mining	3,702	3,817	3,775	3,869	3,967	265	7.2%
Construction	14,975	14,298	14,359	14,048	13,038	(1,937)	(12.9%)
Manufacturing	26,443	25,061	24,908	25,141	25,363	(1,080)	(4.1%)
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	63,489	62,430	62,337	62,203	62,486	(1,003)	(1.6%)
Information	5,429	5,457	5,464	5,692	5,846	417	7.7%
Financial Activites	17,410	16,701	16,730	17,069	16,651	(759)	(4.4%)
Professional & Business Services	28,896	29,500	30,036	30,953	32,310	3,414	11.8%
Education & Health Services	87,119	88,507	89,052	88,945	88,621	1,502	1.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	31,592	30,788	31,438	31,868	32,876	1,284	4.1%
Other Services	7,403	7,470	7,416	7,374	7,314	(89)	(1.2%)
Public Administration	20,025	19,877	19,613	19,718	19,894	(131)	(0.7%)

TWIN DISTRICTS WIA AREA COVERED EMPLOYMENT

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009 to 2013	
	Avg Mo	Net Chg	Pct Chg				
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	343,382	338,834	336,468	338,923	341,760	(1,622)	(0.5%)
Natural Resources & Mining	6,394	6,449	6,726	6,899	6,728	334	5.2%
Construction	21,431	20,626	19,532	19,363	21,850	419	2.0%
Manufacturing	52,747	50,304	47,809	48,186	48,226	(4,521)	(8.6%)
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	64,144	63,155	63,502	63,548	64,129	(15)	(0.0%)
Information	3,681	3,586	3,513	3,528	3,594	(87)	(2.4%)
Financial Activites	12,936	12,777	12,727	12,831	12,747	(189)	(1.5%)
Professional & Business Services	26,080	27,463	26,842	26,854	26,322	242	0.9%
Education & Health Services	86,148	85,606	86,212	86,489	86,469	321	0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	46,612	46,010	47,093	48,182	48,675	2,063	4.4%
Other Services	6,699	6,379	6,134	6,318	6,361	(338)	(5.0%)
Public Administration	16,529	16,479	16,379	16,724	16,660	131	0.8%

SOURCE: MS Department of Employment Security, Labor Market Information Department in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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TOTAL COVERED EMPLOYMENT

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009 TO 2013	
	Avg Mo	Net Chg	Pct Chg				
MISSISSIPPI	1,054,444	1,047,327	1,050,489	1,060,109	1,068,221	13,777	1.3%
Adams	11,337	10,904	10,891	10,656	10,661	(676)	(6.0%)
Alcorn	12,277	12,358	12,468	12,924	13,028	751	6.1%
Amite	1,701	1,650	1,648	1,572	1,599	(102)	(6.0%)
Attala	4,573	4,538	4,588	4,552	4,519	(54)	(1.2%)
Benton	1,110	1,177	1,279	1,282	1,269	159	14.3%
Bolivar	11,769	12,071	11,953	11,766	11,654	(115)	(1.0%)
Calhoun	3,270	3,441	3,469	3,375	3,280	10	0.3%
Carroll	1,018	1,017	1,086	1,147	1,074	56	5.5%
Chickasaw	5,545	5,870	6,028	5,970	5,775	230	4.1%
Choctaw	1,759	1,728	1,778	1,827	1,996	237	13.5%
Claiborne	3,197	3,357	3,468	4,091	3,158	(39)	(1.2%)
Clarke	3,012	2,859	2,951	3,121	3,032	20	0.7%
Clay	5,110	4,978	4,928	5,020	4,958	(152)	(3.0%)
Coahoma	8,399	8,410	8,376	8,307	8,226	(173)	(2.1%)
Copiah	7,492	7,028	7,449	7,068	7,009	(483)	(6.4%)
Covington	4,928	4,787	4,915	4,962	4,896	(32)	(0.6%)
DeSoto	43,469	44,145	45,114	47,207	48,356	4,887	11.2%
Forrest	35,612	35,298	34,965	35,846	35,737	125	0.4%
Franklin	1,568	1,644	1,622	1,604	1,606	38	2.4%
George	4,453	4,153	4,227	4,373	4,455	2	0.0%
Greene	1,941	1,941	1,950	1,956	2,004	63	3.2%
Grenada	9,054	9,125	9,304	9,498	9,644	590	6.5%
Hancock	11,841	11,633	11,326	11,231	11,175	(666)	(5.6%)
Harrison	77,151	75,855	76,495	76,650	76,914	(237)	(0.3%)
Hinds	119,556	117,397	116,991	115,515	114,893	(4,663)	(3.9%)
Holmes	3,691	3,647	3,676	3,662	3,564	(127)	(3.4%)
Humphreys	3,201	3,135	2,959	2,763	2,879	(322)	(10.1%)
Issaquena	318	287	250	236	204	(114)	(35.8%)
Itawamba	5,179	5,091	5,365	5,649	5,637	458	8.8%
Jackson	50,057	50,602	47,428	47,047	48,286	(1,771)	(3.5%)
Jasper	4,216	4,447	4,191	4,226	4,067	(149)	(3.5%)
Jefferson	1,132	1,199	1,219	1,276	1,289	157	13.9%
Jefferson Davis	1,951	1,718	1,660	1,627	1,561	(390)	(20.0%)
Jones	27,657	26,746	27,596	28,025	27,867	210	0.8%
Kemper	1,629	1,613	2,037	3,213	5,070	3,441	211.2%
Lafayette	17,242	17,093	17,734	18,619	19,250	2,008	11.6%
Lamar	17,184	17,095	17,071	17,537	17,881	697	4.1%
Lauderdale	33,251	32,644	32,540	32,699	32,585	(666)	(2.0%)
Lawrence	2,699	2,612	2,450	2,484	2,476	(223)	(8.3%)
Leake	5,780	5,595	5,161	4,986	5,020	(760)	(13.1%)
Lee	47,039	47,783	48,444	49,974	50,085	3,046	6.5%
Leflore	14,522	14,195	13,862	13,779	13,694	(828)	(5.7%)
Lincoln	10,882	10,700	10,789	10,850	10,991	109	1.0%
Lowndes	23,350	22,751	23,383	24,477	24,827	1,477	6.3%
Madison	40,537	42,161	44,144	46,410	48,506	7,969	19.7%
Marion	7,483	7,361	7,642	7,309	7,356	(127)	(1.7%)

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LOCAL AREA HIGHLIGHTS - COVERED EMPLOYMENT

COUNTY	RANK		COMMENTS
	Net Chg	Pct Chg	
MISSISSIPPI	XXX	XXX	
Adams	74	70	Large decrease in Construction and Manufacturing
Alcorn	11	15	Gains in Professional & Business Services, Information, and Public Administration
Amite	49	71	Large decrease in Construction and Manufacturing
Attala	44	45	Significant drop in Natural Resources and Mining
Benton	23	4	Large Increase in Trade, Transportation and Utilities and Natural Resources and Mining
Bolivar	51	44	Decrease in Information; Gain in Professional and Business Services
Calhoun	33	33	Increase in Manufacturing; Decrease in Construction
Carroll	29	17	Increase in Natural Resources & Mining; Decrease in Leisure and Hospitality
Chickasaw	17	21	Moderate increase in Construction and Public Administration
Choctaw	16	6	Significant gain in Prof. & Bus. Services with loss in Construction and Financial Activities
Claiborne	42	46	Gain in Natural Resources & Mining with loss in Construction and Leisure and Hospitality
Clarke	32	31	Huge increase in Construction ; Decrease in Professional and Business Services
Clay	56	54	Decline in Construction and Manufacturing; Incline in Information
Coahoma	59	51	Loss in Information and Professional & Business Services
Copiah	69	72	Decrease in Construction; Increase in Professional & Business Services
Covington	41	41	Decline in Construction and Professional & Business Services
DeSoto	2	8	Increase in Natural Resources and Mining and Professional and Business Services
Forrest	25	32	Increase in Natural Resources and Mining and Manufacturing
Franklin	31	25	Drop in Leisure & Hospitality and Financial Services
George	34	35	Decrease in Construction ; Increase in Manufacturing
Greene	28	24	Huge increase in Professional and Business Services and Other Services
Grenada	13	12	Gain in Professional and Business Services ; Drop in Construction and Information
Hancock	73	67	Increase in Natural Resources and Mining ; Decrease in Construction and Manufacturing
Harrison	65	38	Drop in Construction and Natural Resources & Mining
Hinds	82	60	Decrease in Construction, Manufacturing and Information
Holmes	53	55	Decline in Construction and Professional and Business Services
Humphreys	66	76	Large drop in Natural Resources & Mining and Professional and Business Services
Issaquena	50	82	Decrease in Construction and Professional & Business Services
Itawamba	14	10	Increase in Manufacturing and Other Services
Jackson	80	58	Drop in Manufacturing and Natural Resources & Mining
Jasper	55	57	Loss in Construction
Jefferson	24	5	Large decline in Leisure and Hospitality and Construction
Jefferson Davis	68	81	Large drop in Construction and Natural Resources & Mining
Jones	20	30	Decline in Construction
Kemper	3	1	Huge increase in Construction
Lafayette	5	7	Gain in Manufacturing and Leisure and Hospitality
Lamar	12	22	Gain in Professional and Business Services ; Drop in Manufacturing
Lauderdale	72	50	Drop in Construction and Manufacturing
Lawrence	63	75	Loss in Natural Resources and Mining, Information, Construction, and Prof. and Bus. Srv.
Leake	76	77	Drop in Manufacturing and Construction
Lee	4	13	Gain in Natural Resources and Mining and Information
Leflore	77	68	Loss in Manufacturing, Professional and Business Services, and Other Services
Lincoln	26	28	Moderate drop in Construction; Increase in Manufacturing
Lowndes	7	14	Increase in Construction
Madison	1	2	Significant gain in Information and Professional & Business Services; Loss in Construction
Marion	52	47	Increase in Professional and Business Services; Decrease in Manufacturing

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TOTAL COVERED EMPLOYMENT

	2009 Avg Mo	2010 Avg Mo	2011 Avg Mo	2012 Avg Mo	2013 Avg Mo	2009 TO 2013	
						Net Chg	Pct Chg
Marshall	5,804	5,889	5,778	5,641	5,570	(234)	(4.0%)
Monroe	9,185	9,353	9,258	9,165	8,984	(201)	(2.2%)
Montgomery	2,553	2,590	2,550	2,539	2,546	(7)	(0.3%)
Neshoba	12,930	12,549	12,571	12,634	12,251	(679)	(5.3%)
Newton	5,767	5,653	5,710	5,839	5,812	45	0.8%
Noxubee	2,401	2,448	2,393	2,400	2,403	2	0.1%
Oktibbeha	17,530	17,011	17,503	18,113	18,461	931	5.3%
Panola	10,318	10,743	10,667	10,650	10,519	201	1.9%
Pearl River	9,849	9,524	9,689	9,772	9,762	(87)	(0.9%)
Perry	2,053	2,027	2,004	1,993	1,966	(87)	(4.2%)
Pike	14,888	14,436	14,190	14,296	14,314	(574)	(3.9%)
Pontotoc	10,219	10,649	10,820	11,166	11,357	1,138	11.1%
Prentiss	7,121	7,046	7,001	7,054	6,973	(148)	(2.1%)
Quitman	1,365	1,308	1,220	1,215	1,177	(188)	(13.8%)
Rankin	54,153	53,772	53,865	55,205	56,159	2,006	3.7%
Scott	12,712	12,943	12,508	12,323	12,629	(83)	(0.7%)
Sharkey	1,238	1,255	1,209	1,216	1,215	(23)	(1.9%)
Simpson	7,211	7,346	7,370	7,363	7,288	77	1.1%
Smith	2,825	2,755	2,744	2,690	2,726	(99)	(3.5%)
Stone	4,052	3,968	4,010	3,848	3,884	(168)	(4.1%)
Sunflower	9,315	8,938	8,806	8,826	8,697	(618)	(6.6%)
Tallahatchie	2,671	2,728	2,794	2,737	2,890	219	8.2%
Tate	5,306	5,315	5,336	5,337	5,293	(13)	(0.2%)
Tippah	5,647	5,584	5,612	5,596	5,617	(30)	(0.5%)
Tishomingo	5,102	4,987	5,068	5,165	5,322	220	4.3%
Tunica	12,992	12,240	11,560	11,293	10,834	(2,158)	(16.6%)
Union	8,319	7,836	8,846	9,626	9,758	1,439	17.3%
Walthall	2,688	2,672	2,608	2,574	2,533	(155)	(5.8%)
Warren	19,971	19,292	18,726	18,375	18,480	(1,491)	(7.5%)
Washington	18,052	17,790	17,609	17,208	17,053	(999)	(5.5%)
Wayne	5,048	5,058	5,067	5,017	4,825	(223)	(4.4%)
Webster	2,037	2,096	2,064	2,029	1,997	(40)	(2.0%)
Wilkinson	2,176	2,257	2,196	2,057	1,836	(340)	(15.6%)
Winston	4,580	4,365	4,516	4,553	4,562	(18)	(0.4%)
Yalobusha	2,768	2,953	3,005	3,170	2,930	162	5.9%
Yazoo	5,284	5,469	5,492	5,482	5,571	287	5.4%

MSAs

Gulfport-Biloxi	93,044	91,456	91,831	91,729	91,973	(1,071)	(1.2%)
Hattiesburg	54,849	54,420	54,040	55,376	55,584	735	1.3%
Jackson	228,949	227,704	229,819	231,561	233,855	4,906	2.1%
Pascagoula	54,510	54,755	51,655	51,420	52,741	(1,769)	(3.2%)

WIA Areas

Delta	98,869	97,770	96,032	94,804	93,679	(5,190)	(5.2%)
MS Partnership	267,549	268,214	273,644	281,925	284,397	16,848	6.3%
SC MS Works	306,472	303,903	305,126	306,876	308,366	1,894	0.6%
Twin Districts	343,382	338,834	336,468	338,923	341,760	(1,622)	(0.5%)

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LOCAL AREA HIGHLIGHTS - COVERED EMPLOYMENT

COUNTY	RANK		COMMENTS
	Net Chg	Pct Chg	
Marshall	64	61	Drop in Information ; Increase in Leisure and Hospitality
Monroe	61	53	Increase in Construction ; Decrease in Other Services
Montgomery	36	37	Drop in Professional and Business Services ; Increase in Natural Resources and Mining
Neshoba	75	65	Decline in Professional & Business Services ; Increase in Natural Resources and Mining
Newton	30	29	Increase in Professional & Business Services ; Drop in Natural Resources and Mining
Noxubee	35	34	Decrease in Construction and Information ; Increase in Natural Resources and Mining
Oktibbeha	10	19	Increase in Natural Resources and Mining and Leisure and Hospitality
Panola	21	26	Increase in Professional and Business Services
Pearl River	46	43	Drop in Information and Manufacturing
Perry	47	63	Gain in Construction ; Decline in Information and Financial Activities
Pike	70	59	Increase in Natural Resources and Mining ; Decline in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities
Pontotoc	9	9	Increase in Leisure and Hospitality ; Decrease in Construction
Prentiss	54	52	Gains in Natural Resources & Mining ; Loss in Manufacturing
Quitman	60	78	Drop in Professional and Business Services and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities
Rankin	6	23	Increase in Professional and Business Services and Leisure and Hospitality
Scott	45	42	Loss in Professional & Business Services and Informaion
Sharkey	39	48	Large drop in Manufacturing
Simpson	27	27	Decline in Construction
Smith	48	56	Drop in Leisure & Hospitality and Information
Stone	58	62	Drop in Professional and Business Services and Other Services
Sunflower	71	73	Loss in Manufacturing
Tallahatchie	19	11	Decrease in Construction and Information
Tate	37	36	Decrease in Construction; Increase in Professional & Business Services
Tippah	40	40	Loss in Construction and Information
Tishomingo	18	20	Increase in Professional Business Services and Decline in Construction
Tunica	81	80	Significant Increase in Professional & Business Services and Manufacturing
Union	8	3	Increase in Professional and Business Services and Manufacturing
Walthall	57	69	Increase in Natural Resources and Mining ; Decline in Other Services
Warren	79	74	Decline in Manufacturing and Construction; Increase in Natural Resources & Mining
Washington	78	66	Drop in Information
Wayne	62	64	Decrease in Manufacturing ; Increase in Public Administration
Webster	43	49	Increase in Natural Resources & Mining ; Decline in Construction and Manufacturing
Wilkinson	67	79	Decrease in Construction and Professional & Business Services
Winston	38	39	Decline in Other Services
Yalobusha	22	16	Increase in Other Services and Manufacturing
Yazoo	15	18	Incline in Professional & Business Services

MSAs

Gulfport-Biloxi	3	3	Decrease in Construction and Information
Hattiesburg	2	2	Decline in Construction and Manufacturing
Jackson	1	1	Drop in Construction and Manufacturing
Pascagoula	4	4	Increase in Construction ; Decline in Information

WIA Areas

Delta	4	4	Decrease in Information and Leisure and Hospitality
MS Partnership	1	1	Increase in Information and Professional and Business Services
SC MS Works	2	2	Decline in Construction ; Increase in Professional and Business Services
Twin Districts	3	3	Decrease in Manufacturing

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PER CAPITA INCOME

Per capita income (PCI) has long been used as a measure of overall economic health for a particular area. It is derived simply by dividing the total personal income for a given area by the total population for that same area. The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) is charged with tabulating this data on a quarterly and annual basis for the states and counties across the nation. As with any other data set, it is not a perfect statistic. Some biases always exist and should be noted.

A county or state with a particularly high concentration of children or senior citizens can have its per capita income skewed downward since these groups would be included in the population but would make little or no contribution to the total income. The reverse would be true if an area had an unusually low number of children or seniors. For the most part, though, it is a reliable measure and worthy of review. The charts on the following pages include data through 2012 because data is not available at the county level for 2013. At the state level, the PCI for 2012 was \$33,657. The state PCI increased \$2,998 or 9.8 percent from 2008 to 2012.

Historically, Mississippi has had one of the lowest per capita income levels of any state. On average, the PCI for Mississippi is about three-quarters of the national figure. This ratio has held very steady over the past several years. The accompanying chart reveals that there are wide discrepancies in

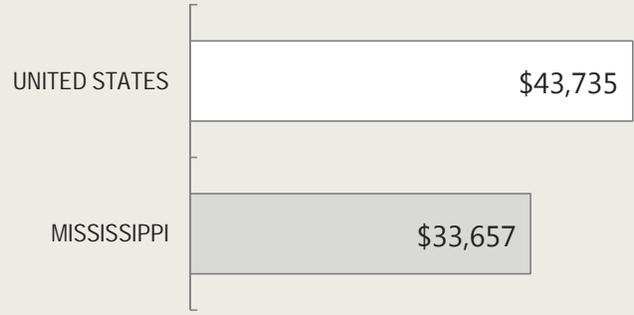
the level of income among the various counties and regions of the state. Only two counties, Madison and Issaquena, exceeded the national per capita income level in 2012. Issaquena County ranked number one within the state in PCI, Net Change and Percent Change. This is mainly attributed to a large increase in Farm Earnings. Kemper County ranked very high as well, mainly as a result of the construction of the new coal plant. Several of the Delta counties ranked high in percent change mainly due to a decrease in population.

Among the Metropolitan Statistical Areas, the Jackson MSA posted the best ranking of first in income level, first in net change and first in percent increase. The Gulfport-Biloxi MSA had the second highest PCI, but was fourth in Net and percent change. The Pascagoula MSA was third in all three categories. The Hattiesburg MSA had the lowest rankings in PCI, but came in second in net change and in percent change.



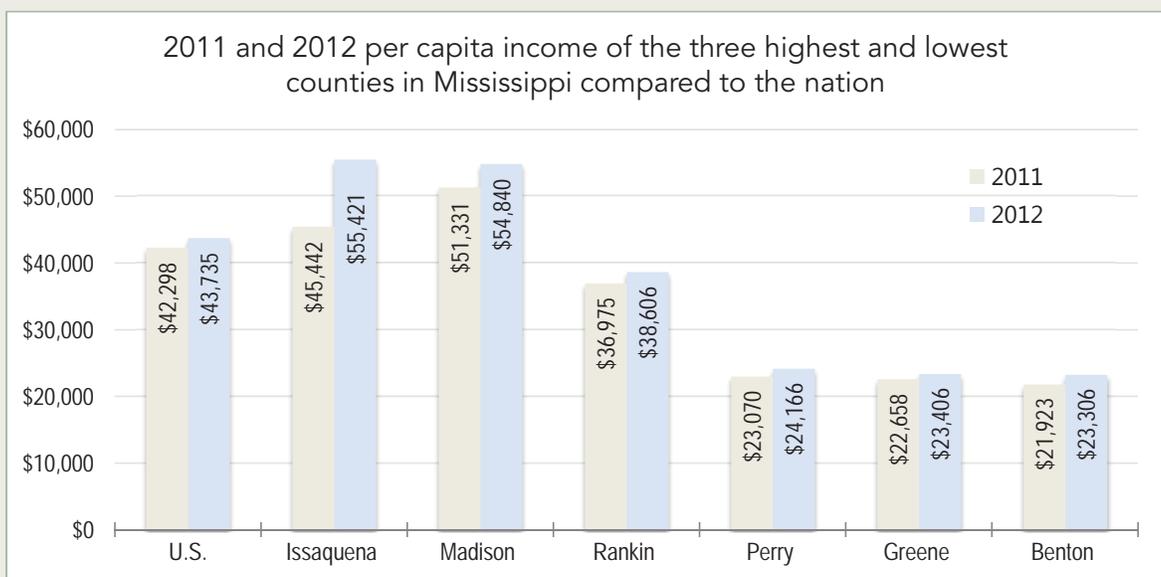


2012 per capita income in Mississippi compared to U.S.



Comparing the WIA areas yields similar findings. Southcentral MS was first in income, second in net increase and third in percent change. Twin Districts posted the second highest PCI, but was fourth in both net change and in percent change.

MS Partnership came in fourth in PCI, third in net change and second in percent change. Delta WIA area recorded the third in PCI, but ranked first in net change and in percent change.



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce - Bureau of Economic Analysis

PER CAPITA INCOME

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2008 to 2012		RANK		
						Net Chg	Pct Chg	PCI 2012	Net Chg	Pct Chg
MISSISSIPPI	30,659	30,249	30,847	32,193	33,657	2,998	9.8%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Adams	32,737	30,827	31,153	33,130	35,176	2,439	7.5%	14	59	64
Alcorn	26,658	26,629	26,909	28,270	29,536	2,878	10.8%	46	45	42
Amite	26,962	26,756	27,447	28,405	29,267	2,305	8.5%	50	62	60
Attala	25,547	24,792	24,934	26,267	27,387	1,840	7.2%	69	66	69
Benton	19,563	20,024	20,696	21,923	23,306	3,743	19.1%	82	29	13
Bolivar	28,643	29,037	30,081	32,964	35,161	6,518	22.8%	15	7	9
Calhoun	24,760	23,884	26,451	27,785	28,352	3,592	14.5%	58	34	27
Carroll	29,938	30,307	31,995	34,910	37,085	7,147	23.9%	7	5	7
Chickasaw	25,636	25,618	26,742	27,318	28,343	2,707	10.6%	59	52	44
Choctaw	24,243	24,350	24,964	26,280	27,534	3,291	13.6%	67	39	32
Claiborne	25,116	25,378	27,287	27,393	28,867	3,751	14.9%	53	28	24
Clarke	25,763	25,842	26,041	27,061	29,492	3,729	14.5%	48	30	28
Clay	27,897	27,027	27,726	29,140	30,630	2,733	9.8%	35	51	53
Coahoma	29,686	29,843	30,262	32,442	34,049	4,363	14.7%	20	19	25
Copiah	23,361	23,541	23,833	24,875	25,696	2,335	10.0%	76	61	49
Covington	27,037	27,781	27,443	27,979	29,656	2,619	9.7%	42	53	55
DeSoto	32,263	31,293	31,779	33,651	35,772	3,509	10.9%	13	35	41
Forrest	29,129	29,436	29,461	30,055	31,319	2,190	7.5%	33	63	63
Franklin	24,422	25,387	25,950	27,478	28,765	4,343	17.8%	55	20	18
George	25,315	24,966	24,720	24,978	25,957	642	2.5%	75	80	79
Greene	21,349	21,376	22,037	22,658	23,406	2,057	9.6%	81	65	56
Grenada	27,432	27,070	28,127	30,219	31,366	3,934	14.3%	32	25	29
Hancock	35,458	34,874	34,983	33,494	34,227	(1,231)	(3.5%)	18	82	82
Harrison	36,332	35,579	35,585	35,828	35,983	(349)	(1.0%)	12	81	81
Hinds	35,806	34,774	35,357	36,591	37,561	1,755	4.9%	5	70	77
Holmes	23,287	23,485	25,033	26,927	28,045	4,758	20.4%	63	16	12
Humphreys	24,747	24,519	27,784	29,625	31,721	6,974	28.2%	30	6	4
Issaquena	29,888	30,102	36,079	45,442	55,421	25,533	85.4%	1	1	1
Itawamba	28,552	28,385	28,892	30,120	32,358	3,806	13.3%	28	27	33
Jackson	34,450	34,424	34,903	35,372	35,103	653	1.9%	17	79	80
Jasper	27,241	27,678	28,351	28,101	29,977	2,736	10.0%	37	50	47
Jefferson	23,240	23,120	24,848	26,088	29,559	6,319	27.2%	45	8	5
Jefferson Davis	26,710	25,986	25,988	26,820	28,055	1,345	5.0%	62	77	75
Jones	32,118	31,693	32,298	33,539	35,146	3,028	9.4%	16	42	57
Kemper	21,674	23,115	23,912	26,993	32,945	11,271	52.0%	26	2	2
Lafayette	31,402	31,632	31,279	32,790	34,143	2,741	8.7%	19	49	59
Lamar	32,728	32,905	33,281	34,837	35,985	3,257	10.0%	11	40	50
Lauderdale	32,305	31,059	31,279	32,230	33,893	1,588	4.9%	22	75	76
Lawrence	29,493	29,546	29,893	30,343	32,367	2,874	9.7%	27	46	54
Leake	23,370	23,524	24,014	23,488	24,958	1,588	6.8%	79	76	71
Lee	33,332	32,366	32,822	35,083	36,666	3,334	10.0%	9	38	48
Leflore	27,909	27,558	28,797	30,944	33,928	6,019	21.6%	21	9	11
Lincoln	27,350	26,601	26,979	27,854	29,157	1,807	6.6%	51	68	72
Lowndes	31,649	31,153	31,725	34,131	36,622	4,973	15.7%	10	13	21
Madison	46,629	44,758	47,096	51,331	54,840	8,211	17.6%	2	4	19
Marion	26,289	26,255	26,985	28,597	29,882	3,593	13.7%	39	33	31

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

PER CAPITA INCOME

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2008 to 2012		RANK		
						Net Chg	Pct Chg	PCI 2012	Net Chg	Pct Chg
Marshall	25,101	24,841	25,179	26,459	27,565	2,464	9.8%	66	57	52
Monroe	26,946	26,254	27,249	28,541	29,955	3,009	11.2%	38	43	40
Montgomery	26,189	26,104	26,789	28,040	29,562	3,373	12.9%	44	37	35
Neshoba	32,632	32,826	33,552	34,312	36,718	4,086	12.5%	8	23	37
Newton	26,181	26,528	27,026	27,263	28,641	2,460	9.4%	56	58	58
Noxubee	24,190	23,537	24,824	26,232	28,606	4,416	18.3%	57	18	15
Oktibbeha	27,924	26,880	27,475	28,711	29,628	1,704	6.1%	43	72	74
Panola	25,928	25,592	26,418	27,970	29,533	3,605	13.9%	47	32	30
Pearl River	25,824	26,562	27,271	28,447	29,875	4,051	15.7%	40	24	22
Perry	22,537	23,097	22,921	23,070	24,166	1,629	7.2%	80	73	67
Pike	27,078	26,327	26,746	27,572	28,830	1,752	6.5%	54	71	73
Pontotoc	24,986	24,742	25,396	27,004	28,104	3,118	12.5%	60	41	38
Prentiss	23,121	22,916	23,828	24,614	25,586	2,465	10.7%	77	56	43
Quitman	26,163	24,815	26,918	29,145	32,041	5,878	22.5%	29	11	10
Rankin	35,804	35,103	35,304	36,975	38,606	2,802	7.8%	3	48	61
Scott	24,646	25,385	25,724	25,709	27,122	2,476	10.0%	70	55	46
Sharkey	26,058	25,186	29,285	31,829	37,164	11,106	42.6%	6	3	3
Simpson	29,483	30,222	31,182	31,896	33,194	3,711	12.6%	24	31	36
Smith	25,067	25,583	26,082	25,077	26,879	1,812	7.2%	71	67	66
Stone	26,931	27,726	27,255	28,689	29,017	2,086	7.7%	52	64	62
Sunflower	23,837	24,777	25,622	27,345	29,824	5,987	25.1%	41	10	6
Tallahatchie	23,564	22,694	23,227	25,256	27,778	4,214	17.9%	65	22	16
Tate	27,405	27,271	27,341	29,057	30,272	2,867	10.5%	36	47	45
Tippah	24,564	24,221	24,780	26,334	27,473	2,909	11.8%	68	44	39
Tishomingo	23,616	23,400	23,539	24,351	25,226	1,610	6.8%	78	74	70
Tunica	29,232	27,682	28,276	31,183	33,806	4,574	15.6%	23	17	23
Union	26,296	25,900	26,249	28,923	31,268	4,972	18.9%	34	14	14
Walthall	24,771	24,502	24,743	25,152	26,559	1,788	7.2%	73	69	68
Warren	35,612	34,374	34,986	36,531	38,212	2,600	7.3%	4	54	65
Washington	28,903	28,504	29,579	31,047	33,139	4,236	14.7%	25	21	26
Wayne	25,910	26,378	27,086	27,834	29,334	3,424	13.2%	49	36	34
Webster	24,203	24,628	24,827	25,605	26,601	2,398	9.9%	72	60	51
Wilkinson	22,158	23,048	23,715	25,252	26,047	3,889	17.6%	74	26	20
Winston	26,950	24,547	25,149	26,547	28,070	1,120	4.2%	61	78	78
Yalobusha	26,839	26,528	28,146	29,902	31,636	4,797	17.9%	31	15	17
Yazoo	22,763	23,275	24,296	26,425	28,024	5,261	23.1%	64	12	8

MSAs

Gulfport-Biloxi	35,516	34,898	34,883	34,913	35,186	(330)	(0.9%)	2	4	4
Hattiesburg	29,908	30,219	30,399	31,346	32,567	2,659	8.9%	4	2	2
Jackson	36,659	35,761	36,580	38,452	40,095	3,435	9.4%	1	1	1
Pascagoula	33,183	33,119	33,481	33,917	33,818	635	1.9%	3	3	3

WIA Areas

Delta	27,085	26,957	28,120	30,187	32,420	5,335	19.7%	3	1	1
MS Partnership	28,526	27,987	28,546	30,213	31,803	3,278	11.5%	4	3	2
SC MS Works	33,948	33,172	33,945	35,637	37,280	3,332	9.8%	1	2	3
Twin Districts	30,913	30,811	31,127	31,713	32,720	1,807	5.8%	2	4	4

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

SALES TAX COLLECTIONS

Sales tax collections are still another way to gauge an area's economic health. Since almost all goods and services are subject to the state sales tax, it offers a good resource to measure consumer spending. Increased consumer spending indicates increased earnings and reflects confidence in the current economic situation.

It should be noted, however, that inherent biases may exist when comparing data between counties. The more populous cities and counties are generally home to a larger number of businesses. Residents of less populous areas often purchase goods and services in neighboring counties. Since the tax collections are tallied at the point of sale, data may be skewed in favor of the more urban areas.

A quick review of the accompanying chart reveals there to be a 2.5 percent increase in the state's overall sales tax collections for the five year period of 2009 to 2013. There were increases in sales tax collections for fifty of the eighty-two counties. Several counties exhibited mixed signals when the data were analyzed. For example, Rankin County ranked in the top ten in all three categories of measurement. Kemper County was forty-sixth in sales tax collections in 2013, but fourth in net increase increase and first in percent change since 2009. Hinds County had the highest sales tax col-

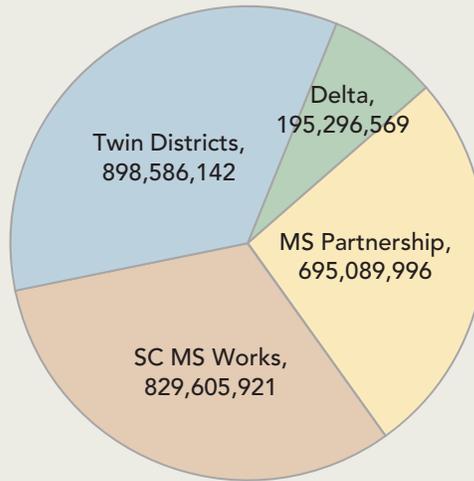
lections, but ranked seventy-ninth in net change, and fifty-fifth in percent change. Hancock County ranked eightieth in net change and in percent change, but ranked twenty-first in tax collections. Jefferson Davis County also posted mixed results, with a 29.0 percent loss in tax collections, ranking it near the bottom in all categories. Tallahatchie and Humphries Counties also had double digit percent reductions in sales tax collections and ranked low in all categories.

Among the four Metropolitan Statistical Areas, only one received positive percent changes during the five year period. The Jackson MSA was tops in collections, percent change, and in net change. The Gulfport-Biloxi MSA came in second in tax collections, but fourth and third in the other two rankings. The Hattiesburg and Pascagoula MSAS also had mixed results per category.

Similar patterns were noted when comparing the four WIA areas. Twin Districts was first in tax



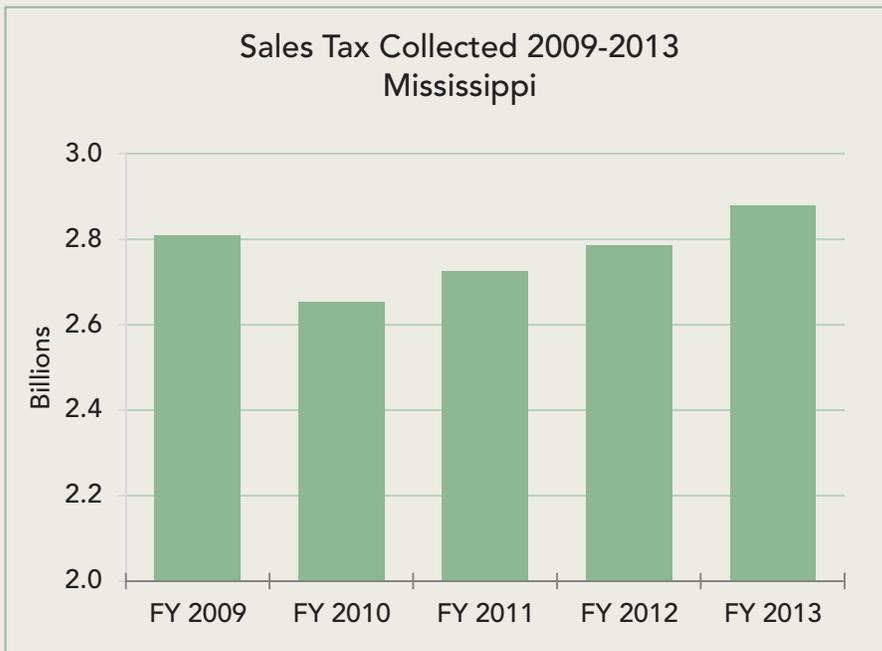
Sales Tax Collected 2013 Workforce Investment Act Areas



collections, but last in the other two categories. Southcentral MS was second in all three categories. The Mississippi Partnership area was third in sales tax collections, but first in both net change

and percent change. The Delta is by far the least populous of the WIA regions and was at a distinct disadvantage, finishing last in sales tax collections, and third in net change and percent change.

Sales Tax Collected 2009-2013 Mississippi



SALES TAX COLLECTED

	2009 to 2013					RANK				
	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	Net Chg	Pct Chg	Tax 2013	Net Chg	Pct Chg
MISSISSIPPI	2,809,902,028	2,652,437,575	2,725,829,828	2,785,749,171	2,879,001,368	69,099,340	2.5%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Adams	34,629,809	31,600,755	33,161,900	33,908,856	35,597,685	967,876	2.8%	18	24	39
Alcorn	31,808,990	31,486,241	33,211,752	32,400,514	33,828,400	2,019,410	6.3%	20	14	27
Amite	3,379,859	2,829,251	2,922,559	3,053,478	3,026,315	(353,544)	(10.5%)	74	59	68
Attala	12,734,552	12,582,938	13,091,116	13,044,031	12,247,533	(487,019)	(3.8%)	45	61	58
Benton	1,196,912	1,089,833	1,361,798	1,395,262	1,318,470	121,558	10.2%	81	46	17
Bolivar	23,485,674	23,815,624	24,635,148	26,205,364	26,280,938	2,795,264	11.9%	25	10	16
Calhoun	5,721,892	5,573,924	5,717,802	5,847,729	6,117,542	395,650	6.9%	59	35	25
Carroll	1,718,078	1,830,481	1,872,707	1,832,895	1,854,605	136,527	7.9%	78	45	22
Chickasaw	8,157,747	8,644,438	8,531,263	8,928,707	8,743,766	586,019	7.2%	55	29	23
Choctaw	2,140,632	2,079,622	2,092,900	2,189,829	2,647,211	506,579	23.7%	75	33	3
Claiborne	2,726,948	3,192,543	3,493,497	6,400,043	4,513,976	1,787,028	65.5%	63	18	2
Clarke	8,207,527	5,402,087	5,601,780	6,434,808	7,135,869	(1,071,658)	(13.1%)	57	66	71
Clay	13,064,515	12,344,866	12,858,913	13,346,435	13,531,133	466,618	3.6%	40	34	32
Coahoma	17,812,719	16,905,593	17,617,836	18,284,003	18,096,416	283,697	1.6%	31	39	44
Copiah	14,538,902	12,395,568	12,648,624	12,511,634	12,676,911	(1,861,991)	(12.8%)	44	71	70
Covington	9,884,474	9,840,531	12,675,069	11,524,879	11,248,028	1,363,554	13.8%	48	20	12
DeSoto	147,412,097	142,918,272	147,236,907	153,651,375	161,991,825	14,579,728	9.9%	4	3	18
Forrest	87,139,298	79,648,924	80,906,155	82,152,776	83,767,175	(3,372,123)	(3.9%)	9	76	59
Franklin	1,907,161	2,051,674	2,010,580	1,985,490	1,978,650	71,489	3.7%	77	47	30
George	13,619,518	12,687,762	12,971,338	12,750,023	13,381,301	(238,217)	(1.7%)	41	57	53
Greene	2,733,914	3,284,624	2,870,492	2,688,007	2,508,571	(225,343)	(8.2%)	76	56	64
Grenada	22,398,596	21,834,861	23,216,353	24,564,521	25,769,210	3,370,614	15.0%	26	8	11
Hancock	39,045,521	35,282,130	33,474,869	31,148,965	31,360,950	(7,684,571)	(19.7%)	21	80	80
Harrison	263,866,453	246,233,270	245,720,620	239,086,333	243,237,514	(20,628,939)	(7.8%)	2	81	62
Hinds	281,555,690	260,736,250	260,886,000	266,510,646	274,665,176	(6,890,514)	(2.4%)	1	79	55
Holmes	6,312,879	5,950,586	6,587,585	6,726,874	5,925,589	(387,290)	(6.1%)	60	60	60
Humphreys	6,355,295	3,736,578	3,877,411	3,860,887	3,771,030	(2,584,265)	(40.7%)	69	74	82
Issaquena	266,944	467,211	301,477	221,867	215,956	(50,988)	(19.1%)	82	52	79
Itawamba	9,773,433	9,672,364	9,626,300	10,320,596	10,581,578	808,145	8.3%	49	25	21
Jackson	115,145,072	107,708,593	101,067,865	93,845,135	93,652,867	(21,492,205)	(18.7%)	7	82	78
Jasper	9,189,419	7,791,521	8,017,813	7,703,157	7,775,027	(1,414,392)	(15.4%)	56	67	74
Jefferson	1,972,864	1,875,010	2,058,525	1,669,112	1,662,991	(309,873)	(15.7%)	80	58	76
Jefferson Davis	5,153,023	3,768,615	4,529,044	3,725,328	3,658,955	(1,494,068)	(29.0%)	71	69	81
Jones	75,753,670	63,966,395	68,589,691	73,477,094	77,611,735	1,858,065	2.5%	10	17	41
Kemper	2,329,555	2,296,882	2,693,146	8,445,879	12,182,728	9,853,173	423.0%	46	4	1
Lafayette	42,120,633	40,134,797	40,814,184	46,550,934	50,157,108	8,036,475	19.1%	13	5	6
Lamar	73,646,186	67,992,341	68,277,385	71,315,814	74,293,247	647,061	0.9%	11	27	47
Lauderdale	89,842,774	88,521,405	88,630,215	89,619,312	93,008,837	3,166,063	3.5%	8	9	33
Lawrence	4,847,953	4,033,555	4,127,891	4,038,486	4,136,736	(711,217)	(14.7%)	66	64	72
Leake	10,083,849	10,125,807	9,947,232	10,192,474	10,222,443	138,594	1.4%	51	44	45
Lee	113,206,148	106,830,421	111,732,311	119,117,946	120,932,246	7,726,098	6.8%	6	6	26
Leflore	28,720,485	28,726,000	28,460,867	29,507,664	29,712,979	992,494	3.5%	23	23	34
Lincoln	33,161,125	31,300,406	33,276,081	34,310,131	35,492,637	2,331,512	7.0%	19	12	24
Lowndes	61,361,598	58,329,455	60,947,036	63,797,096	61,664,339	302,741	0.5%	12	37	49
Madison	114,063,194	109,512,006	118,405,954	121,382,310	133,062,693	18,999,499	16.7%	5	2	7
Marion	24,991,189	21,681,892	22,459,721	20,507,094	21,133,788	(3,857,401)	(15.4%)	28	77	75

SOURCE: Mississippi Department of Revenue

SALES TAX COLLECTED

	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	2009 to 2013		RANK		
						Net Chg	Pct Chg	Tax 2013	Net Chg	Pct Chg
Marshall	12,820,858	11,988,601	12,993,659	13,710,981	14,771,373	1,950,515	15.2%	37	15	10
Monroe	20,373,385	18,206,736	18,194,541	19,795,836	19,733,192	(640,193)	(3.1%)	29	63	57
Montgomery	5,959,055	6,072,492	6,117,205	6,354,561	6,503,338	544,283	9.1%	58	31	19
Neshoba	21,697,804	22,036,289	22,185,542	21,777,402	21,837,776	139,972	0.6%	27	43	48
Newton	9,276,518	8,847,378	9,219,443	9,221,405	9,501,289	224,771	2.4%	52	41	42
Noxubee	4,253,774	4,381,222	4,529,111	4,740,881	4,908,293	654,519	15.4%	61	26	9
Oktibbeha	34,028,655	34,572,679	36,619,385	38,020,342	38,655,076	4,626,421	13.6%	17	7	13
Panola	26,207,317	27,026,800	27,755,829	28,189,816	28,411,358	2,204,041	8.4%	24	13	20
Pearl River	33,862,868	30,969,969	31,706,763	31,026,558	31,181,137	(2,681,731)	(7.9%)	22	75	63
Perry	3,637,584	3,458,572	3,576,357	3,890,502	3,806,838	169,254	4.7%	67	42	28
Pike	40,647,662	36,913,741	38,244,852	40,412,279	41,848,661	1,200,999	3.0%	16	22	38
Pontotoc	14,625,438	13,992,821	14,634,151	18,035,169	16,570,318	1,944,880	13.3%	33	16	14
Prentiss	14,427,354	13,728,195	14,323,052	14,693,941	15,034,118	606,764	4.2%	36	28	29
Quitman	1,830,543	1,843,244	2,032,455	1,994,642	1,807,556	(22,987)	(1.3%)	79	51	51
Rankin	167,516,327	166,120,016	175,536,131	181,570,539	194,928,999	27,412,672	16.4%	3	1	8
Scott	16,771,849	16,445,313	16,672,750	16,902,594	17,311,247	539,398	3.2%	32	32	36
Sharkey	2,520,468	2,315,916	2,421,913	2,604,965	3,074,985	554,517	22.0%	73	30	4
Simpson	17,127,092	16,014,544	15,839,182	15,936,858	15,553,887	(1,573,205)	(9.2%)	34	70	65
Smith	4,730,291	5,229,322	5,075,644	4,252,372	4,237,456	(492,835)	(10.4%)	65	62	67
Stone	10,537,050	10,322,869	10,615,969	9,957,569	10,332,019	(205,031)	(1.9%)	50	55	54
Sunflower	12,697,407	12,584,999	13,048,231	14,006,333	13,089,358	391,951	3.1%	42	36	37
Tallahatchie	4,483,585	4,199,444	4,347,181	3,929,178	3,764,552	(719,033)	(16.0%)	70	65	77
Tate	12,998,756	12,111,551	12,360,053	12,570,396	12,997,408	(1,348)	(0.0%)	43	50	50
Tippah	9,187,063	8,883,438	9,299,095	9,482,675	9,423,537	236,474	2.6%	53	40	40
Tishomingo	8,626,269	8,210,543	8,532,621	9,564,669	8,915,647	289,378	3.4%	54	38	35
Tunica	16,982,776	15,654,885	15,338,353	15,083,337	14,400,066	(2,582,710)	(15.2%)	38	73	73
Union	20,923,018	16,592,983	18,434,051	18,145,032	18,342,554	(2,580,464)	(12.3%)	30	72	69
Walthall	4,864,470	4,471,436	4,770,398	4,348,647	4,792,035	(72,435)	(1.5%)	62	53	52
Warren	50,629,566	44,734,726	44,325,449	46,510,474	46,737,883	(3,891,683)	(7.7%)	14	78	61
Washington	43,292,099	41,106,647	42,523,272	43,814,484	44,891,181	1,599,082	3.7%	15	19	31
Wayne	15,686,040	13,729,644	14,712,626	14,131,411	14,199,345	(1,486,695)	(9.5%)	39	68	66
Webster	3,893,064	3,687,641	3,712,960	3,942,836	3,792,558	(100,506)	(2.6%)	68	54	56
Wilkinson	3,579,955	3,744,460	3,616,924	3,678,915	3,621,484	41,529	1.2%	72	49	46
Winston	10,251,294	9,835,498	10,257,515	11,004,490	11,603,165	1,351,871	13.2%	47	21	15
Yalobusha	4,240,022	4,206,389	4,253,632	4,257,361	4,309,058	69,036	1.6%	64	48	43
Yazoo	12,826,663	12,624,656	14,678,590	15,530,753	15,309,202	2,482,539	19.4%	35	11	5

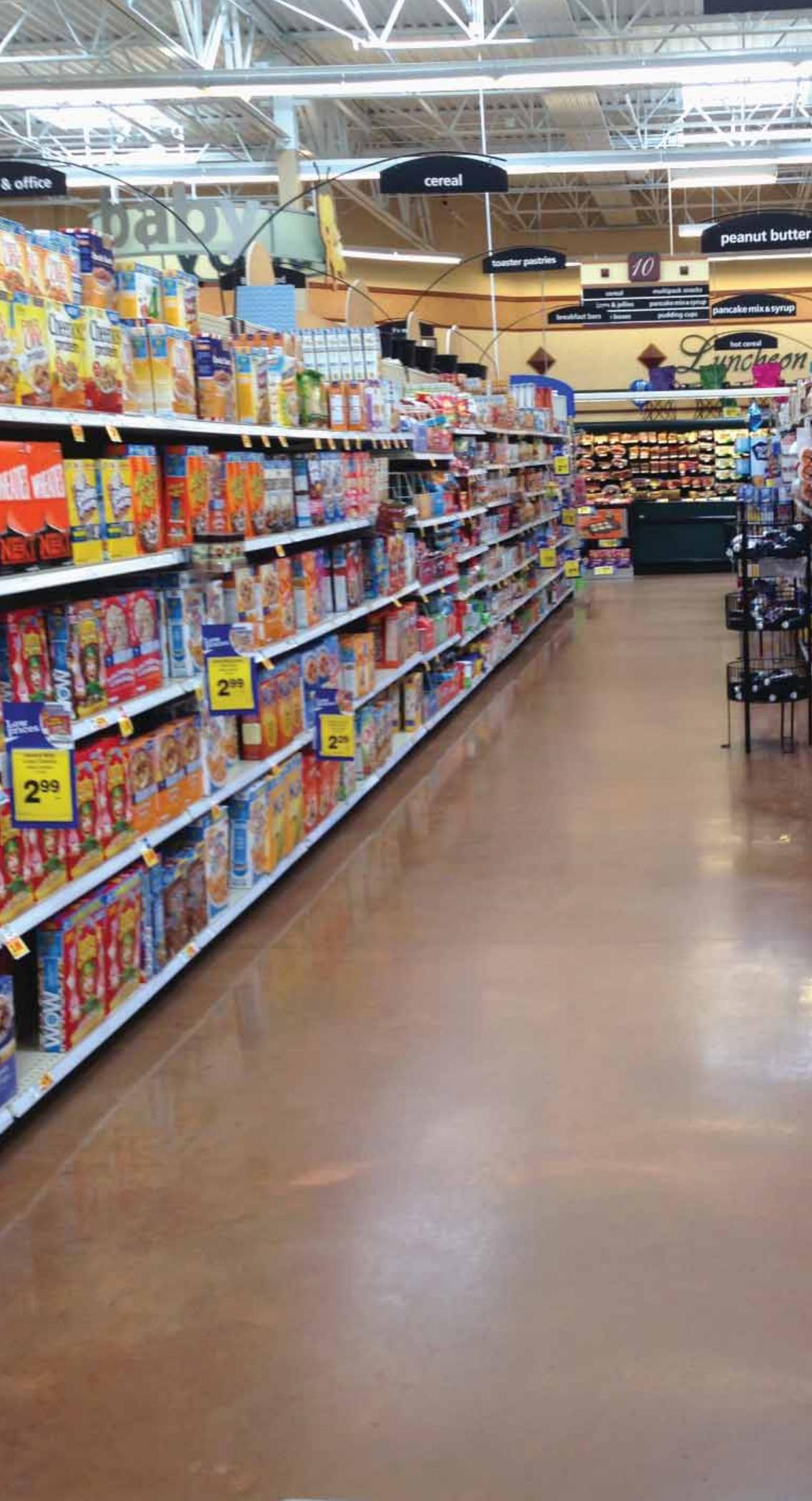
MSAs

Gulfport-Biloxi	313,449,024	291,838,269	289,811,458	280,192,867	284,930,483	(28,518,541)	(9.1%)	2	4	3
Hattiesburg	164,423,068	151,099,837	152,759,897	157,359,092	161,867,260	(2,555,808)	(1.6%)	3	2	2
Jackson	594,801,205	564,778,384	583,315,891	597,911,987	630,887,666	36,086,461	6.1%	1	1	1
Pascagoula	128,764,590	120,396,355	114,039,203	106,595,158	107,034,168	(21,730,422)	(16.9%)	4	3	4

WIA Areas

Delta	192,686,269	186,164,008	190,820,265	196,262,309	195,296,569	2,610,300	1.4%	4	3	3
MS Partnership	647,705,750	619,992,821	644,699,666	679,474,145	695,089,996	47,384,246	7.3%	3	1	1
SC MS Works	789,975,240	744,150,597	770,003,137	793,758,651	829,605,921	39,630,681	5.0%	2	2	2
Twin Districts	946,831,446	877,272,135	882,197,529	875,776,891	898,586,142	(48,245,304)	(5.1%)	1	4	4

SOURCE: Mississippi Department of Revenue





INDEX OF ECONOMIC STABILITY

Indexing is a common statistical procedure used as a means of comparative measurement. Five separate indexes from the economic indicators highlighted in this publication were developed. By using the state as a base of 1,000, each county, MSA, and WIA area was “indexed” in relation to the state base for each series selected. In some cases the latest available data were used and in others a five year growth rate was used. This allowed for a mixture of long term trends and current data. The method used and rationale for selecting each series indexed follows.

The first data set selected was Covered Employment Growth. The state total for 2013 was divided by the total for 2009. This yielded a growth factor of 1.013. A similar factor was developed for each area. The local factor was divided by the state factor to obtain the index. For example, if the growth factor for a particular area was .995, the resulting index would be .995 divided by 1.013, or .982.

The same methodology was utilized for Population Growth and Sales Tax Growth. One of the current data series chosen was Labor Force Percent Employed. Percent employed was selected instead of the more commonly reported percent unemployed because the larger numbers produced less volatility in the index. Also, since lower is better when looking at percent unemployed, the ratio would have to be reversed to produce the desired effect of measuring it versus the state. The other current series selected was Per Capita Income. In this case, the area's PCI was divided by the statewide figure to obtain the index. The five separate indexes were then summed into a composite index. The counties, MSAs and WIA areas were then ranked according to this composite score. Hope-

fully, this composite index takes into account the strengths and weaknesses of each entity and produces a method by which valid comparisons can be made between areas.

Looking at the five counties with the highest composite indexes yielded a few surprises. DeSoto, Lafayette, Madison and Rankin Counties as part of the top five were not unexpected, given their high covered employment growth and high per capita income. The high ranking of Kemper County was mainly due to the construction of the new coal plant.

Adams, Grenada, Harrison, Hinds, and Pontotoc Counties could be considered the “average” counties in terms of economic stability. In each case, their composite index was very near the statewide base of 5,000. Among the metropolitan areas, Jackson came out on top with an above-average index in all five categories. Gulfport-Biloxi, at number two, also had an above-average index in most categories. Southcentral MS Works scored highest among the WIA areas. The Delta WIA was a distant fourth.

REFLECTIONS

INDEX OF ECONOMIC STABILITY

	Five Year Covered Employment Growth	Labor Force Employed 2013	Per Capita Income 2012	Five Year Total Population Growth	Five Year Sales Tax Growth	Composite Index	Rank
MISSISSIPPI	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	5.000	XXX
Adams	0.928	1.001	1.045	1.031	1.003	5.008	20
Alcorn	1.047	1.007	0.878	1.028	1.038	4.998	22
Amite	0.928	0.991	0.870	0.976	0.874	4.639	69
Attala	0.975	0.979	0.814	0.965	0.939	4.672	65
Benton	1.128	0.971	0.692	1.060	1.075	4.927	27
Bolivar	0.977	0.981	1.045	0.914	1.092	5.009	19
Calhoun	0.990	0.989	0.842	1.008	1.043	4.873	33
Carroll	1.041	1.001	1.102	0.997	1.054	5.195	9
Chickasaw	1.028	0.968	0.842	0.914	1.046	4.799	50
Choctaw	1.120	0.993	0.818	0.916	1.207	5.054	16
Claiborne	0.975	0.922	0.858	0.849	1.616	5.219	7
Clarke	0.994	0.985	0.876	0.941	0.849	4.645	68
Clay	0.958	0.895	0.910	0.972	1.011	4.746	56
Coahoma	0.967	0.950	1.012	0.923	0.992	4.843	41
Copiah	0.923	0.993	0.763	0.981	0.851	4.512	78
Covington	0.981	1.013	0.881	0.933	1.111	4.919	29
DeSoto	1.098	1.025	1.063	1.046	1.073	5.305	5
Forrest	0.991	1.007	0.931	0.938	0.938	4.805	48
Franklin	1.011	0.990	0.855	0.940	1.013	4.809	46
George	0.988	0.989	0.771	1.008	0.959	4.715	58
Greene	1.019	0.979	0.695	0.979	0.896	4.568	76
Grenada	1.051	0.993	0.932	0.925	1.123	5.025	18
Hancock	0.932	1.005	1.017	1.098	0.784	4.835	42
Harrison	0.984	1.007	1.069	1.070	0.900	5.030	17
Hinds	0.949	1.008	1.116	0.976	0.952	5.001	21
Holmes	0.953	0.913	0.833	0.896	0.916	4.512	79
Humphreys	0.888	0.939	0.942	0.898	0.579	4.246	81
Issaquena	0.633	0.933	1.647	0.854	0.790	4.856	37
Itawamba	1.074	0.998	0.961	1.006	1.057	5.096	12
Jackson	0.952	0.996	1.043	1.043	0.794	4.828	45
Jasper	0.952	0.989	0.891	0.906	0.826	4.563	77
Jefferson	1.124	0.914	0.878	0.843	0.823	4.583	74
Jefferson Davis	0.790	0.972	0.834	0.940	0.693	4.228	82
Jones	0.995	1.024	1.044	1.004	1.000	5.067	15
Kemper	3.072	0.960	0.979	1.033	5.104	11.149	1
Lafayette	1.102	1.021	1.014	1.152	1.162	5.452	3
Lamar	1.027	1.026	1.069	1.161	0.985	5.268	6
Lauderdale	0.967	0.999	1.007	1.001	1.010	4.985	25
Lawrence	0.906	0.991	0.962	0.928	0.833	4.619	72
Leake	0.857	0.987	0.742	0.998	0.989	4.573	75
Lee	1.051	1.004	1.089	1.028	1.043	5.215	8
Leflore	0.931	0.955	1.008	0.902	1.010	4.806	47
Lincoln	0.997	1.003	0.866	0.986	1.045	4.898	30
Lowndes	1.050	0.989	1.088	0.991	0.981	5.098	11
Madison	1.181	1.026	1.629	1.064	1.139	6.039	2
Marion	0.970	0.990	0.888	1.004	0.825	4.678	62
Marshall	0.947	0.980	0.819	0.977	1.124	4.847	39

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Monroe	0.966	0.962	0.890	0.966	0.945	4.728	57
Montgomery	0.984	0.970	0.878	0.936	1.065	4.834	43
Neshoba	0.935	1.020	1.091	0.961	0.982	4.989	24
Newton	0.995	1.010	0.851	0.948	1.000	4.804	49
Noxubee	0.988	0.923	0.850	0.941	1.126	4.828	44
Oktibbeha	1.040	1.000	0.880	1.087	1.109	5.115	10
Panola	1.006	0.972	0.877	0.963	1.058	4.877	32
Pearl River	0.978	1.001	0.888	0.939	0.899	4.706	60
Perry	0.945	0.995	0.718	0.995	1.021	4.675	63
Pike	0.949	0.985	0.857	0.991	1.005	4.786	52
Pontotoc	1.097	1.008	0.835	1.043	1.106	5.088	13
Prentiss	0.967	0.995	0.760	0.975	1.017	4.713	59
Quitman	0.851	0.949	0.952	0.918	0.964	4.633	70
Rankin	1.024	1.038	1.147	1.012	1.136	5.357	4
Scott	0.981	1.025	0.806	0.951	1.007	4.769	55
Sharkey	0.969	0.966	1.104	0.857	1.191	5.087	14
Simpson	0.998	1.014	0.986	0.972	0.886	4.856	36
Smith	0.953	1.008	0.799	1.012	0.874	4.645	67
Stone	0.946	1.011	0.862	1.070	0.957	4.846	40
Sunflower	0.922	0.942	0.886	0.933	1.006	4.689	61
Tallahatchie	1.068	0.970	0.825	1.178	0.819	4.860	34
Tate	0.985	0.997	0.899	1.024	0.976	4.881	31
Tippah	0.982	0.979	0.816	1.006	1.001	4.784	53
Tishomingo	1.030	0.991	0.750	1.013	1.009	4.791	51
Tunica	0.823	0.936	1.004	0.999	0.828	4.589	73
Union	1.158	1.014	0.929	1.005	0.856	4.961	26
Walthall	0.930	0.977	0.789	0.964	0.961	4.621	71
Warren	0.913	0.987	1.135	0.988	0.901	4.925	28
Washington	0.932	0.943	0.985	0.898	1.012	4.770	54
Wayne	0.943	0.976	0.872	0.981	0.883	4.656	66
Webster	0.968	0.963	0.790	1.000	0.951	4.672	64
Wilkinson	0.833	0.974	0.774	0.913	0.987	4.481	80
Winston	0.983	0.965	0.834	0.960	1.105	4.847	38
Yalobusha	1.045	0.993	0.940	0.887	0.992	4.857	35
Yazoo	1.041	0.974	0.833	0.983	1.165	4.996	23

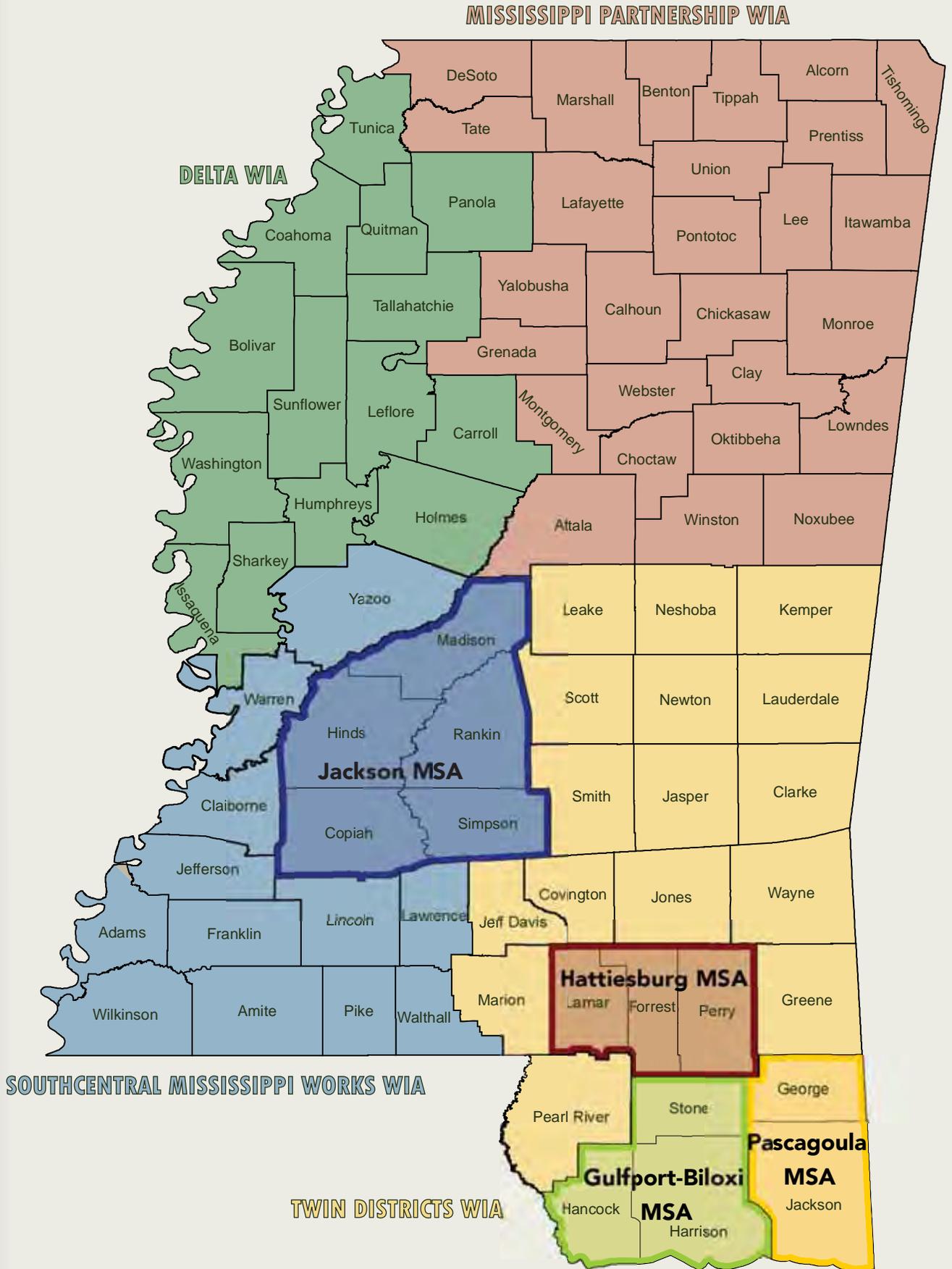
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Gulfport-Biloxi	0.976	1.007	1.045	1.075	0.887	4.991	2
Hattiesburg	1.000	1.014	0.968	1.021	0.961	4.964	3
Jackson	1.008	1.020	1.191	1.001	1.035	5.255	1
Pascagoula	0.955	0.995	1.005	1.038	0.811	4.804	4

WIA Areas

Delta	0.935	0.956	0.963	0.932	0.989	4.776	4
MS Partnership	1.049	0.998	0.945	1.014	1.047	5.054	2
SC MS Works	0.993	1.010	1.108	0.992	1.025	5.127	1
Twin Districts	0.982	1.004	0.972	1.015	0.926	4.900	3

WIAs and MSAs



SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

The current positive economic trends in Mississippi certainly indicate that the state is perhaps finally headed for recovery from the Great Recession. Slight increases in population and labor force growth are a strong indicator of continued growth. However, per capita income is still considerably below the national average.

Another good sign that the economy is getting better is the fact that state overall sales tax collections have shown a net increase over the past five years. Even with the total dollar amount of unemployment benefits decreasing in 2012 and 2013, the unemployment rate remains above ten percent in thirty-five of the eighty-two counties.

A review of employment by industry sector also reveals some long-term trends. Manufacturing jobs continue to decrease, leaving over a three percent reduction in those jobs in the last five years. Numerous manufacturing facilities have closed, with many opting to relocate. There were regional differences also. The Delta region lost jobs across most sectors while the Mississippi Partnership area posted mostly gains across industry groups. The Southcentral Mississippi Works area also saw heavy job losses in goods producing industries as well as several other key industry sectors. The Twin

Districts area showed heavy losses in the manufacturing sector as well.

Another trend emerges when looking at population and labor force changes for the various local areas. Generally speaking, the less populous rural counties are losing jobs and people while their more urbanized counterparts are experiencing solid and sometimes phenomenal growth. The aforementioned decline in manufacturing jobs is partly to

blame as many of the manufacturing facilities which have closed or downsized were located in the smaller counties. The job losses have pushed residents to relocate to the larger cities where jobs were more plentiful. Also, the service

providing industries which have been adding jobs are more often located in the urban areas.

When the data is evaluated considering only last year, the state's economy seems a bit brighter. Sales tax collections are up, demonstrating a 3.3 percent increase. The slow growth of covered employment for all industries showed a net change of 8,112, a 0.76 percent increase. The unemployment rate dropped into the single digits to the lowest it has been since 2008. In short, the state is slowly moving in the right direction and if progress continues through the next few years we will be looking at a healthier Mississippi economy.



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Civilian Labor Force — that proportion of the civilian noninstitutional population that is employed or actively seeking employment. The labor force is the sum of the number of employed and unemployed.

Civilian Noninstitutional Population — included are persons 16 years of age and older residing in the 50 states and the District of Columbia who are not inmates of institutions (for example, penal and mental facilities, homes for the aged), and who are not on active duty in the Armed Forces.

Covered Employment — the number of workers for firms registered under the Mississippi Employment Security Law who earned wages during the pay period including the twelfth of the month. State and local government is included but not federal government.

Employed — all persons who during the reference week, (a) did any work at all as paid employees, worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family, and (b) all those who were not working but who had jobs or businesses from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, bad weather, childcare problems, maternity or paternity leave, labor management dispute, job training or other family or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off or were seeking other jobs. Persons are counted only once even if they hold multiple jobs.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) — the general concept of an MSA is one of a large population nucleus, together with adjacent communities that have a high degree of economic and social integration with that nucleus. These



are defined by the Office of Management and Budget as a standard for Federal agencies in the preparation and publication of statistics relating to metropolitan areas.

Unemployed — all persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed. Persons that are classified as unemployed have not necessarily filed or would be eligible for unemployment benefits.

Unemployment Rate — the unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

Workforce Investment Act Areas (WIAs) — these are state designated areas in which an appointed Work Force Investment Board is charged with designing and managing a system that provides convenient access to services and program information for employers, jobseekers, and others in need of assistance. Multiple agencies and groups partner together to provide the services. Each board is employer led and demand driven. The state is divided into four such areas.



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