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Introduction

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This publication was designed as an aid to state and local Workforce Investment Boards in understanding some of the changes in the economy of Mississippi. Hundreds of ways to measure economic activity exist, but in many cases the data are not available below state and national levels. By focusing on six 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 has been provided where possible at the following levels: Statewide, County, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Area. The six areas of focus include: population, labor force, employment by industry, occupations, per capita income and sales tax revenues. The general approach was 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 State Tax Commission 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 – <http://mdes.ms.gov>. Inquiries regarding the data and analysis found in this publication should be directed to:

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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 3.7 percent compared to 9.1 percent nationally. The higher than national unemployment rate could be construed as a contributing factor to the slow population growth. The problem was exacerbated by the numerous relocations to other areas by people displaced following Hurricane Katrina. In the years from 2002 through 2005, the state's population increased by roughly one half a percent each year. The change from 2005 to 2006 was a decrease, almost entirely due to storm displacements. For 2007 and 2008, the state's population increased above one half a percent both years. For 2009, the increase was less than one half a percent.

Looking at the state internally, similar trends and patterns can be discerned. Over forty percent of Mississippi's counties lost population between 2005 and 2009 according to Census Bureau estimates. Of the thirty-five counties with negative population change, only seven posted unemployment rates lower than the statewide average; three of which were the counties most affected by Katrina—Hancock, Harrison and

Jackson. These three counties showed above average population growth in 2007 and 2008, but were still below pre-Katrina levels. Conversely, among the ten counties with the highest net increase in population, only two (George and Greene) had jobless rates higher than the state. George County's increase could be attributed to numerous people relocating from neighboring Jackson County as a result of lost homes and jobs due to Katrina.

There also appeared to be a correlation between the overall size of a county's population and its tendency to gain or lose citizens. The average county in Mississippi has almost 36,000 residents. Of the thirty-five counties losing population, twenty-seven of them were smaller than the average. 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.

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.

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Total Population

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 to 2009		RANK
						Net Chg	Pct Chg	Pct Chg
Mississippi	2,900,116	2,897,150	2,921,723	2,940,212	2,951,996	51,880	1.8%	XXX
Adams	31,741	32,110	31,618	31,182	30,722	(1,019)	(3.2%)	69
Alcorn	35,075	35,433	35,758	35,825	35,822	747	2.1%	28
Amite	13,345	13,512	13,327	13,243	13,038	(307)	(2.3%)	66
Attala	19,298	19,466	19,569	19,700	19,755	457	2.4%	25
Benton	7,876	7,955	7,992	8,086	7,981	105	1.3%	35
Bolivar	37,567	37,614	37,384	36,997	36,766	(801)	(2.1%)	64
Calhoun	14,531	14,616	14,602	14,494	14,422	(109)	(0.8%)	52
Carroll	10,261	10,266	10,327	10,373	10,278	17	0.2%	47
Chickasaw	19,088	18,919	18,869	18,759	18,683	(405)	(2.1%)	63
Choctaw	9,267	9,172	8,999	9,067	9,023	(244)	(2.6%)	67
Claiborne	11,272	11,026	10,685	10,813	10,755	(517)	(4.6%)	73
Clarke	17,321	17,438	17,366	17,335	17,207	(114)	(0.7%)	51
Clay	21,104	20,986	20,876	20,716	20,722	(382)	(1.8%)	61
Coahoma	28,265	27,915	27,553	27,184	26,936	(1,329)	(4.7%)	74
Copiah	28,909	29,256	29,265	29,228	29,094	185	0.6%	38
Covington	20,028	20,212	20,302	20,489	20,544	516	2.6%	22
DeSoto	136,134	144,272	149,693	155,156	158,719	22,585	16.6%	1
Forrest	75,726	77,480	79,131	79,836	81,078	5,352	7.1%	9
Franklin	8,194	8,249	8,329	8,338	8,324	130	1.6%	33
George	20,856	21,565	22,030	22,500	22,681	1,825	8.8%	8
Greene	13,133	13,013	13,697	14,301	14,352	1,219	9.3%	6
Grenada	22,726	23,035	23,112	23,093	23,046	320	1.4%	34
Hancock	46,097	38,383	39,740	40,493	40,962	(5,135)	(11.1%)	81
Harrison	195,843	171,890	176,257	179,322	181,191	(14,652)	(7.5%)	77
Hinds	248,970	250,889	248,959	247,463	247,631	(1,339)	(0.5%)	50
Holmes	20,597	20,570	20,429	20,521	20,290	(307)	(1.5%)	58
Humphreys	10,156	10,052	9,923	9,986	9,809	(347)	(3.4%)	70
Issaquena	1,817	1,752	1,667	1,655	1,612	(205)	(11.3%)	82
Itawamba	23,014	22,944	22,976	23,095	23,000	(14)	(0.1%)	49
Jackson	134,474	128,190	130,971	132,010	132,922	(1,552)	(1.2%)	57
Jasper	17,811	17,921	17,954	18,092	17,940	129	0.7%	37
Jefferson	9,089	8,969	8,982	8,889	8,928	(161)	(1.8%)	60
Jefferson Davis	12,835	12,895	12,713	12,617	12,543	(292)	(2.3%)	65
Jones	65,915	66,380	66,850	67,466	67,776	1,861	2.8%	19
Kemper	10,200	10,100	9,994	9,863	9,833	(367)	(3.6%)	71
Lafayette	41,316	42,845	43,302	43,688	43,975	2,659	6.4%	10
Lamar	44,164	45,888	47,551	48,950	49,980	5,816	13.2%	2
Lauderdale	77,151	76,955	77,974	78,653	79,099	1,948	2.5%	23
Lawrence	13,243	13,218	13,248	13,275	13,308	65	0.5%	41
Leake	22,421	22,622	22,763	22,970	23,132	711	3.2%	17
Lee	78,213	79,279	80,116	80,974	81,913	3,700	4.7%	12
Leflore	35,284	35,139	35,090	35,090	34,563	(721)	(2.0%)	62
Lincoln	33,645	34,137	34,313	34,650	34,830	1,185	3.5%	15
Lowndes	59,481	59,606	59,525	59,225	59,658	177	0.3%	44
Madison	84,406	87,251	89,505	91,494	93,097	8,691	10.3%	5
Marion	25,069	25,463	25,650	25,719	25,732	663	2.6%	21
Marshall	35,733	35,968	36,496	36,875	36,900	1,167	3.3%	16

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Monroe	37,200	37,152	37,054	37,135	36,905	(295)	(0.8%)	54
Montgomery	11,597	11,596	11,485	11,251	11,129	(468)	(4.0%)	72
Neshoba	29,698	29,767	29,871	30,106	30,302	604	2.0%	31
Newton	22,022	22,317	22,562	22,545	22,568	546	2.5%	24
Noxubee	11,951	11,849	11,853	11,785	11,631	(320)	(2.7%)	68
Oktibbeha	42,443	43,203	43,891	44,070	44,544	2,101	5.0%	11
Panola	34,928	34,994	35,210	35,362	35,245	317	0.9%	36
Pearl River	51,764	56,057	57,113	57,770	57,860	6,096	11.8%	4
Perry	11,999	11,988	12,197	12,214	12,035	36	0.3%	43
Pike	38,633	39,908	39,776	39,878	39,834	1,201	3.1%	18
Pontotoc	28,166	28,656	28,809	28,994	29,248	1,082	3.8%	14
Prentiss	25,653	25,518	25,481	25,611	25,709	56	0.2%	46
Quitman	9,283	9,060	8,782	8,587	8,391	(892)	(9.6%)	80
Rankin	131,367	135,365	138,249	140,982	143,124	11,757	8.9%	7
Scott	28,843	29,035	29,209	29,259	29,341	498	1.7%	32
Sharkey	5,912	5,752	5,489	5,492	5,420	(492)	(8.3%)	78
Simpson	27,841	27,903	27,823	28,027	27,920	79	0.3%	45
Smith	15,951	15,965	15,938	15,766	15,826	(125)	(0.8%)	53
Stone	14,715	15,408	15,586	16,340	16,619	1,904	12.9%	3
Sunflower	31,349	30,985	30,962	30,116	29,610	(1,739)	(5.5%)	76
Tallahatchie	13,826	13,481	13,162	12,897	12,638	(1,188)	(8.6%)	79
Tate	26,313	26,680	26,906	27,204	27,337	1,024	3.9%	13
Tippah	21,221	21,319	21,456	21,538	21,661	440	2.1%	30
Tishomingo	18,932	19,069	19,186	19,081	19,034	102	0.5%	39
Tunica	10,165	10,413	10,491	10,526	10,436	271	2.7%	20
Union	26,658	26,854	26,822	27,100	27,263	605	2.3%	26
Walthall	14,972	15,458	15,368	15,432	15,291	319	2.1%	27
Warren	48,604	49,164	48,893	48,145	48,175	(429)	(0.9%)	55
Washington	57,626	56,390	55,482	54,941	54,616	(3,010)	(5.2%)	75
Wayne	20,884	20,972	21,136	20,814	20,654	(230)	(1.1%)	56
Webster	9,810	9,810	9,783	9,914	9,852	42	0.4%	42
Wilkinson	10,149	10,328	10,216	10,164	10,143	(6)	(0.1%)	48
Winston	19,654	19,606	19,701	19,447	19,309	(345)	(1.8%)	59
Yalobusha	13,487	13,572	13,740	13,658	13,773	286	2.1%	29
Yazoo	27,839	28,740	28,609	28,311	27,981	142	0.5%	40

MSAs

Gulfport-Biloxi	256,655	225,681	231,583	236,155	238,772	(17,883)	(7.0%)	4
Hattiesburg	131,889	135,356	138,879	141,000	143,093	11,204	8.5%	1
Jackson	521,493	530,664	533,801	537,194	540,866	19,373	3.7%	2
Pascagoula	155,330	149,755	153,001	154,510	155,603	273	0.2%	3

WIA Areas

Delta	307,036	304,383	301,951	299,727	296,610	(10,426)	(3.4%)	4
Mississippi Partnership	815,941	829,380	838,052	845,541	851,014	35,073	4.3%	1
Southcentral MS Works	782,219	795,483	797,165	799,514	802,195	19,976	2.6%	2
Twin Districts	994,920	967,904	984,555	995,430	1,002,177	7,257	0.7%	3

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Demographics

	PERCENT FEMALE		PERCENT MALE		PERCENT WHITE		PERCENT BLACK		PERCENT OTHER		PERCENT HISPANIC	
	2005	2009	2005	2009	2005	2009	2005	2009	2005	2009	2005	2009
MISSISSIPPI	51.6	51.5	48.4	48.5	61.3	60.5	36.6	37.2	2.1	2.4	2.0	2.5
Adams	53.8	53.9	46.2	46.1	44.1	42.3	54.7	56.4	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.3
Alcorn	51.3	51.3	48.7	48.7	87.6	87.0	11.2	11.6	1.2	1.4	1.9	2.5
Amite	51.8	52.0	48.2	48.0	56.2	55.2	43.1	44.0	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1
Attala	52.6	52.9	47.4	47.1	58.5	57.2	40.5	41.7	1.0	1.1	1.8	2.1
Benton	51.5	51.7	48.5	48.3	63.1	63.6	35.7	35.1	1.2	1.3	1.6	2.2
Bolivar	53.0	53.0	47.0	47.0	33.4	33.1	65.4	65.6	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.6
Calhoun	52.0	51.5	48.0	48.5	70.1	70.0	29.0	29.0	0.9	0.9	3.6	4.6
Carroll	50.1	50.0	49.9	50.0	64.6	65.6	34.8	33.7	0.6	0.7	1.1	1.3
Chickasaw	51.5	51.3	48.5	48.7	57.9	57.3	41.1	41.5	0.9	1.1	3.6	4.7
Choctaw	51.8	51.6	48.2	48.4	68.3	67.4	30.7	31.4	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.3
Claiborne	53.5	53.6	46.5	46.4	15.3	14.6	84.0	84.6	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.2
Clarke	52.0	52.0	48.0	48.0	64.7	64.0	34.7	35.3	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.1
Clay	53.0	53.0	47.0	47.0	42.9	42.1	56.4	57.1	0.7	0.8	1.2	1.4
Coahoma	54.0	54.0	46.0	46.0	26.1	23.6	72.5	74.9	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.6
Copiah	51.8	51.9	48.2	48.1	48.2	47.5	51.0	51.7	0.8	0.9	1.6	1.9
Covington	52.3	52.4	47.7	47.6	63.0	62.4	36.2	36.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.2
DeSoto	50.4	50.4	49.6	49.6	80.6	75.3	17.2	21.8	2.3	3.0	3.6	4.6
Forrest	52.7	52.6	47.3	47.4	62.8	61.8	34.8	35.6	2.4	2.6	1.8	2.6
Franklin	52.2	52.4	47.8	47.6	61.9	61.8	37.2	37.3	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.8
George	49.2	49.5	50.8	50.5	89.3	89.1	9.6	9.8	1.1	1.1	2.3	2.7
Greene	42.1	39.9	57.9	60.1	72.7	69.4	26.5	29.6	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.0
Grenada	53.2	53.0	46.8	47.0	57.3	56.5	41.4	41.9	1.3	1.6	0.8	1.0
Hancock	50.5	50.5	49.5	49.5	90.1	89.4	7.2	7.5	2.7	3.1	2.2	2.5
Harrison	50.8	50.9	49.2	49.1	72.3	70.9	22.0	22.7	5.7	6.4	3.5	4.4
Hinds	52.8	52.8	47.2	47.2	34.3	31.5	63.9	66.3	1.8	2.2	1.2	1.6
Holmes	52.7	52.7	47.3	47.3	19.1	18.0	80.0	80.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.2
Humphreys	53.0	52.9	47.0	47.1	26.7	25.2	72.5	73.9	0.8	1.0	2.3	2.9
Issaquena	44.6	43.5	55.4	56.5	38.1	38.6	61.1	60.5	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6
Itawamba	51.3	51.1	48.7	48.9	92.1	92.1	6.9	6.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.3
Jackson	50.6	50.8	49.4	49.2	75.0	73.9	21.5	22.2	3.5	3.9	3.0	3.9
Jasper	52.3	52.1	47.7	47.9	47.1	47.2	52.2	52.0	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.0
Jefferson	49.9	49.4	50.1	50.6	13.7	13.0	85.7	86.3	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Jefferson Davis	52.7	52.6	47.3	47.4	41.8	41.6	57.3	57.4	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.2
Jones	51.1	50.7	48.9	49.3	71.6	71.0	27.0	27.4	1.4	1.7	4.0	5.8
Kemper	50.5	50.5	49.5	49.5	38.1	37.0	59.0	59.8	2.9	3.2	0.9	1.0
Lafayette	50.9	51.2	49.1	48.8	72.5	72.6	24.8	24.6	2.7	2.8	1.5	1.6
Lamar	51.3	51.4	48.7	48.6	84.1	81.6	14.3	16.5	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.7
Lauderdale	52.3	51.7	47.7	48.3	58.3	56.5	40.1	41.7	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.8
Lawrence	51.9	51.8	48.1	48.2	67.4	66.9	31.7	32.1	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.0
Leake	49.8	49.8	50.2	50.2	56.1	54.7	38.2	39.2	5.7	6.1	3.4	4.4
Lee	51.9	51.8	48.1	48.2	72.8	71.5	25.7	26.8	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.9
Leflore	51.9	51.8	48.1	48.2	29.2	26.9	69.3	71.4	1.4	1.7	2.3	2.6
Lincoln	51.9	51.8	48.1	48.2	69.3	68.1	29.8	31.0	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.8
Lowndes	52.9	53.1	47.1	46.9	56.0	54.8	42.2	43.3	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.8
Madison	52.5	52.5	47.5	47.5	60.2	60.2	37.7	37.4	2.2	2.4	1.5	1.9
Marion	51.5	51.5	48.5	48.5	66.4	65.6	32.4	33.1	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.2
Marshall	50.6	50.7	49.4	49.3	49.5	50.8	49.6	48.1	1.0	1.1	1.6	2.1

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	PERCENT FEMALE		PERCENT MALE		PERCENT WHITE		PERCENT BLACK		PERCENT OTHER		PERCENT HISPANIC	
	2005	2009	2005	2009	2005	2009	2005	2009	2005	2009	2005	2009
Monroe	52.6	52.6	47.4	47.4	68.2	68.0	31.0	31.1	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9
Montgomery	53.2	52.9	46.8	47.1	53.7	53.2	45.5	45.9	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0
Neshoba	52.2	52.0	47.8	48.0	64.0	62.0	20.3	21.5	15.7	16.4	1.8	2.0
Newton	51.9	52.1	48.1	47.9	65.0	64.5	29.9	30.0	5.1	5.5	1.3	1.6
Noxubee	52.0	52.0	48.0	48.0	29.6	28.6	69.5	70.4	0.9	1.1	1.5	2.0
Oktibbeha	49.8	49.9	50.2	50.1	59.4	59.7	37.1	36.7	3.5	3.6	1.4	1.6
Panola	52.0	51.9	48.0	48.1	51.2	51.3	48.0	47.8	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.5
Pearl River	51.4	51.4	48.6	48.6	85.4	85.0	12.6	12.8	2.0	2.2	1.7	2.2
Perry	51.5	51.3	48.5	48.7	76.4	76.6	22.5	22.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2
Pike	53.0	53.0	47.0	47.0	50.7	49.4	48.1	49.3	1.2	1.3	0.9	1.1
Pontotoc	51.1	51.0	48.9	49.0	84.3	84.1	14.8	14.9	0.9	1.1	2.8	3.7
Prentiss	51.6	51.6	48.4	48.4	85.0	84.5	13.9	14.2	1.1	1.3	0.8	0.9
Quitman	52.9	52.9	47.1	47.1	30.6	29.3	68.4	69.5	0.9	1.2	0.7	0.9
Rankin	51.1	51.0	48.9	49.0	79.4	78.0	18.9	19.9	1.8	2.1	1.8	2.3
Scott	50.6	50.0	49.4	50.0	60.2	60.4	38.2	37.5	1.7	2.2	8.3	11.1
Sharkey	52.7	52.4	47.3	47.6	30.1	29.0	68.8	69.8	1.1	1.3	1.7	2.0
Simpson	51.2	51.0	48.8	49.0	64.5	63.9	34.6	35.1	0.8	1.0	1.7	2.2
Smith	51.1	51.3	48.9	48.7	75.3	74.7	24.1	24.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8
Stone	49.8	49.9	50.2	50.1	78.9	79.3	20.0	19.6	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.7
Sunflower	46.2	46.8	53.8	53.2	27.6	26.1	71.4	72.8	1.0	1.1	1.7	1.9
Tallahatchie	53.4	53.6	46.6	46.4	38.9	38.0	60.0	60.6	1.1	1.4	1.1	1.3
Tate	51.3	51.2	48.7	48.8	68.0	67.5	31.0	31.4	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.5
Tippah	51.5	51.2	48.5	48.8	81.7	81.1	16.7	16.6	1.7	2.3	4.2	6.0
Tishomingo	52.0	52.0	48.0	48.0	95.6	95.3	3.3	3.3	1.1	1.4	2.8	3.6
Tunica	52.6	52.8	47.4	47.2	27.0	26.1	71.7	72.1	1.3	1.7	3.0	3.5
Union	51.4	51.4	48.6	48.6	83.4	83.1	15.4	15.5	1.1	1.4	2.9	4.0
Walthall	52.1	52.1	47.9	47.9	54.6	54.0	44.1	44.2	1.3	1.8	1.4	1.6
Warren	53.0	52.9	47.0	47.1	52.5	50.7	45.8	47.4	1.7	2.0	1.4	1.6
Washington	53.3	53.3	46.7	46.7	32.5	30.1	65.8	67.7	1.7	2.2	1.5	2.0
Wayne	52.4	52.4	47.6	47.6	61.4	60.5	37.9	38.8	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.1
Webster	51.5	51.3	48.5	48.7	79.0	78.4	20.2	20.7	0.8	0.9	2.0	2.2
Wilkinson	47.0	47.2	53.0	52.8	30.3	29.5	69.2	69.9	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
Winston	51.5	51.3	48.5	48.7	54.8	53.2	43.7	45.1	1.5	1.7	1.7	2.2
Yalobusha	52.4	52.4	47.6	47.6	59.9	59.9	39.3	39.1	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.2
Yazoo	48.0	46.4	52.0	53.6	44.5	43.8	54.2	54.8	1.2	1.4	5.7	7.2

MSAs

Gulfport-Biloxi	50.7	50.8	49.3	49.2	75.9	74.7	19.3	19.9	4.9	5.5	3.1	3.9
Hattiesburg	52.1	52.0	47.9	48.0	71.2	70.0	26.8	27.8	2.0	2.2	1.6	2.2
Jackson	52.2	52.1	47.8	47.9	52.2	51.3	46.0	46.7	1.8	2.1	1.5	1.9
Pascagoula	50.4	50.6	49.6	49.4	76.9	76.1	19.9	20.4	3.2	3.5	2.9	3.8

WIA Areas

Delta	52.0	52.1	48.0	47.9	33.3	32.1	65.5	66.5	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.9
Mississippi Partnership	51.5	51.5	48.5	48.5	70.3	69.2	28.2	28.9	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.6
Southcentral MS Works	52.1	52.0	47.9	48.0	51.5	50.6	46.9	47.6	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.9
Twin Districts	51.1	51.1	48.9	48.9	70.4	69.3	26.4	27.1	3.2	3.5	2.5	3.2

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

Labor Force

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From 2005 to 2008, the national unemployment rate was on a steady downward track. In 2009, labor market conditions further declined, and the economy took a drastic turn for the worse; evidenced in the national rate jumping to 9.3% from 5.8% in 2008. Mississippi's unemployment rate tracked even worse than the national rate. At the end of 2009, the rate had soared to an alarming 9.6%. 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-three counties recording rates equal to or lower than the state rate of 9.6%.

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 2005 through 2009, indicates a startling 57.7% increase. This trend is reflected in the majority of the counties statewide. The percentage increase in some counties skyrocketed to above 200%. Only the three coastal counties affected by Hurricane Katrina actually showed a significant decrease in the amount of unemployment benefits paid for the five year period.

The unemployment rate in all four of the WIA areas tracked the same as the state from 2005 to 2009. In the Delta WIA area, population losses have been mirrored by a similarly shrinking labor force. The gap between the Delta's jobless rate and the statewide figure has declined

very little over the past five years. People are simply fleeing the region to head for areas where job opportunities are more plentiful. The unemployment rate for the MS Partnership WIA area usually tracks closely to the state rate. In 2007, the area's economy seemed to gradually turn downward before the rest of the state. Over the past five years the Southcentral MS Works WIA region has consistently had the lowest unemployment rate. Some of the southernmost counties in the region were affected by storm damage from Katrina in 2005, which led to a one-year upward spike in the unemployment rate. By 2006, the area had fully recovered and saw its rate drop. There remain pockets of very high unemployment in some of the area's most rural counties, but the sheer size of the Jackson MSA causes it to dominate the area's rate.

The Twin Districts WIA region was the most heavily impacted by Hurricane Katrina. In a matter of days the region's economy was devastated. With thousands of homes and businesses destroyed, the unemployment rate soared. Because recovery efforts began immediately, jobs started to return. By the end of 2007, the number employed was back to pre-Katrina counts. Even the three most Katrina affected counties – Hancock, Harrison and Jackson – had unemployment rates below pre-Katrina rates by the end of 2007. This region was also the only area that actually experienced a decline in unemployment benefits paid for the five year period.

Comparative Labor Force Data

Annual Averages

						2005 TO 2009	
UNITED STATES	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	NET CHG	PCT CHG
Civilian Labor Force	149,321,000	151,428,000	153,125,000	154,286,000	154,142,000	4,821,000	3.2%
Unemployed	7,591,000	7,001,000	7,078,000	8,924,000	14,265,000	6,674,000	87.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	4.6%	4.6%	5.8%	9.3%	4.2%	XXX
Employed	141,730,000	144,427,000	146,047,000	145,362,000	139,877,000	(1,853,000)	(1.3%)

						2005 TO 2009	
MISSISSIPPI	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	NET CHG	PCT CHG
Civilian Labor Force	1,321,700	1,291,600	1,297,700	1,298,700	1,292,000	(29,700)	(2.2%)
Unemployed	102,600	87,200	81,100	88,600	123,400	20,800	20.3%
Unemployment Rate	7.8%	6.8%	6.2%	6.8%	9.6%	1.8%	XXX
Employed	1,219,100	1,204,400	1,216,600	1,210,100	1,168,600	(50,500)	(4.1%)

Workforce Investment Act Areas

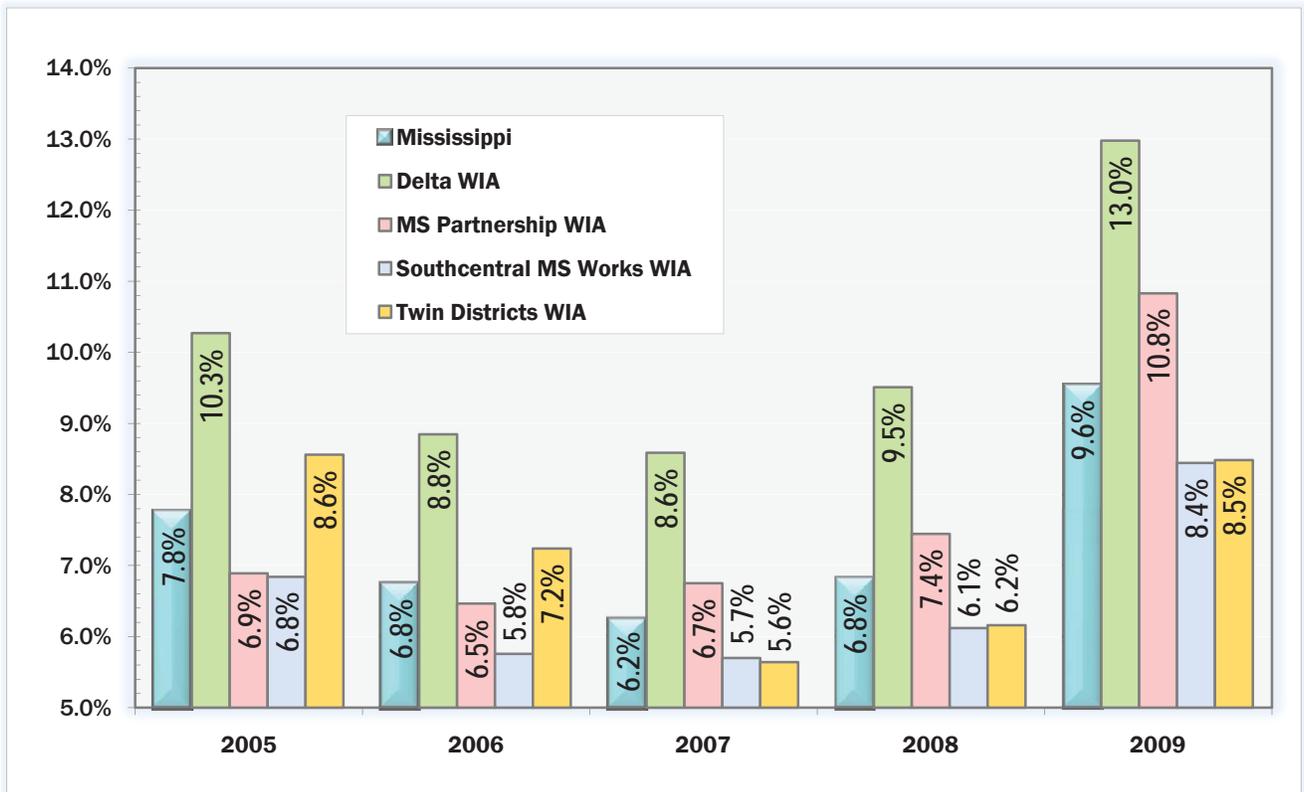
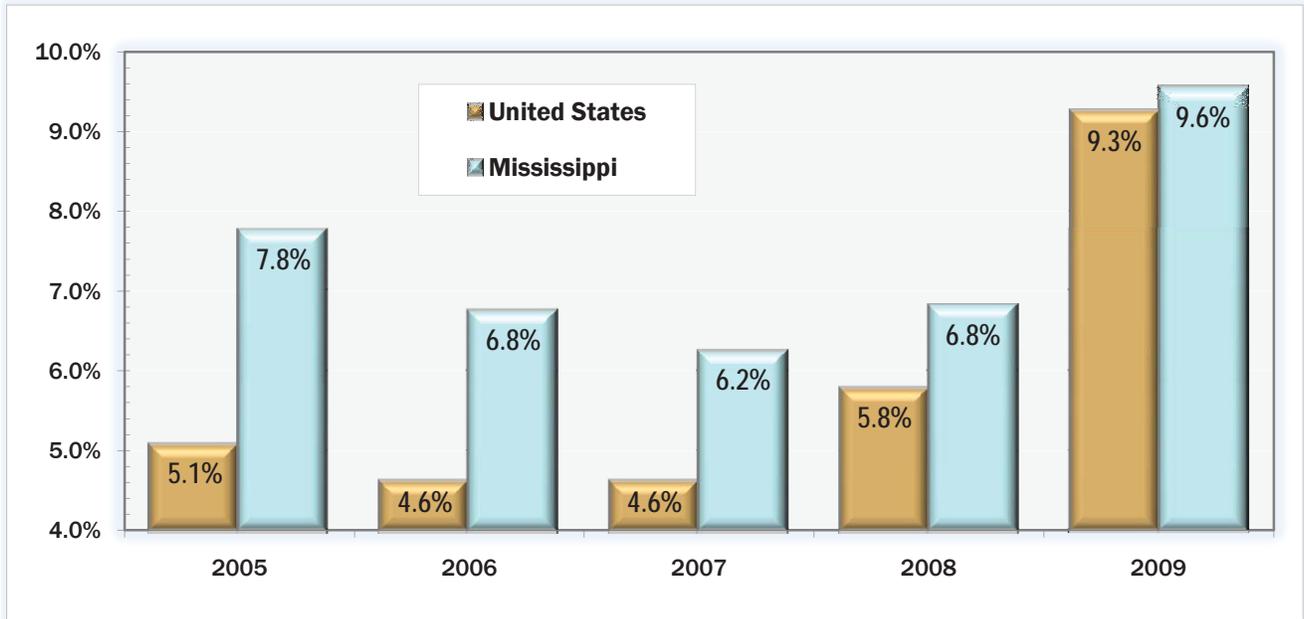
						2005 TO 2009	
DELTA	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	NET CHG	PCT CHG
Civilian Labor Force	124,660	122,400	121,260	119,660	118,210	(6,450)	(5.2%)
Unemployed	12,800	10,830	10,410	11,380	15,340	2,540	19.8%
Unemployment Rate	10.3%	8.8%	8.6%	9.5%	13.0%	2.7%	XXX
Employed	111,860	111,570	110,850	108,280	102,870	(8,990)	(8.0%)

						2005 TO 2009	
MISSISSIPPI PARTNERSHIP	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	NET CHG	PCT CHG
Civilian Labor Force	376,570	372,480	373,740	373,320	368,480	(8,090)	(2.1%)
Unemployed	25,950	24,070	25,220	27,790	39,910	13,960	53.8%
Unemployment Rate	6.9%	6.5%	6.7%	7.4%	10.8%	3.9%	XXX
Employed	350,620	348,410	348,520	345,530	328,570	(22,050)	(6.3%)

						2005 TO 2009	
SOUTHCENTRAL MS WORKS	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	NET CHG	PCT CHG
Civilian Labor Force	369,800	363,140	362,940	363,730	363,680	(6,120)	(1.7%)
Unemployed	25,300	20,900	20,680	22,260	30,710	5,410	21.4%
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	5.8%	5.7%	6.1%	8.4%	1.6%	XXX
Employed	344,500	342,240	342,260	341,470	332,970	(11,530)	(3.3%)

						2005 TO 2009	
TWIN DISTRICTS	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	NET CHG	PCT CHG
Civilian Labor Force	450,780	433,590	439,790	442,130	441,640	(9,140)	(2.0%)
Unemployed	38,590	31,380	24,810	27,230	37,460	(1,130)	(2.9%)
Unemployment Rate	8.6%	7.2%	5.6%	6.2%	8.5%	(0.1%)	XXX
Employed	412,190	402,210	414,980	414,900	404,180	(8,010)	(1.9%)

Unemployment Rate Comparison



Civilian Labor Force Annual Averages

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 TO 2009	
						NET CHG	PCT CHG
ADAMS							
Civilian Labor Force	13,460	13,240	13,330	13,400	13,070	(390)	(2.9%)
Unemployed	1,270	930	870	900	1,220	(50)	(3.9%)
Rate	9.4	7.0	6.5	6.7	9.3	(0.1)	XXX
Employed	12,190	12,310	12,460	12,500	11,850	(340)	(2.8%)
ALCORN							
Civilian Labor Force	16,050	15,450	15,350	15,160	15,110	(940)	(5.9%)
Unemployed	1,170	1,150	1,080	1,200	1,810	640	54.7%
Rate	7.3	7.4	7.0	7.9	12.0	4.7	XXX
Employed	14,880	14,300	14,270	13,960	13,300	(1,580)	(10.6%)
AMITE							
Civilian Labor Force	5,280	5,160	5,130	5,190	5,080	(200)	(3.8%)
Unemployed	450	320	330	380	550	100	22.2%
Rate	8.5	6.2	6.4	7.3	10.8	2.3	XXX
Employed	4,830	4,840	4,800	4,810	4,530	(300)	(6.2%)
ATTALA							
Civilian Labor Force	7,700	7,460	7,330	7,270	7,090	(610)	(7.9%)
Unemployed	660	590	570	670	960	300	45.5%
Rate	8.6	7.9	7.8	9.2	13.5	5.0	XXX
Employed	7,040	6,870	6,760	6,600	6,130	(910)	(12.9%)
BENTON							
Civilian Labor Force	3,000	2,940	2,910	2,870	2,810	(190)	(6.3%)
Unemployed	310	270	280	330	410	100	32.3%
Rate	10.3	9.2	9.6	11.5	14.6	4.3	XXX
Employed	2,690	2,670	2,630	2,540	2,400	(290)	(10.8%)
BOLIVAR							
Civilian Labor Force	15,600	15,670	15,510	15,190	14,870	(730)	(4.7%)
Unemployed	1,490	1,320	1,280	1,330	1,630	140	9.4%
Rate	9.6	8.4	8.3	8.8	11.0	1.4	XXX
Employed	14,110	14,350	14,230	13,860	13,240	(870)	(6.2%)
CALHOUN							
Civilian Labor Force	6,350	6,230	6,050	5,960	5,830	(520)	(8.2%)
Unemployed	470	490	500	550	670	200	42.6%
Rate	7.4	7.9	8.3	9.2	11.5	4.1	XXX
Employed	5,880	5,740	5,550	5,410	5,160	(720)	(12.2%)
CARROLL							
Civilian Labor Force	4,830	4,850	4,970	4,870	4,810	(20)	(0.4%)
Unemployed	350	290	320	360	530	180	51.4%
Rate	7.2	6.0	6.4	7.4	11.0	3.8	XXX
Employed	4,480	4,560	4,650	4,510	4,280	(200)	(4.5%)
CHICKASAW							
Civilian Labor Force	7,800	7,650	7,400	7,220	7,090	(710)	(9.1%)
Unemployed	740	690	750	800	970	230	31.1%
Rate	9.5	9.0	10.1	11.1	13.7	4.2	XXX
Employed	7,060	6,960	6,650	6,420	6,120	(940)	(13.3%)

Civilian Labor Force
Annual Averages

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 TO 2009	
					NET CHG	PCT CHG

CHOCTAW

Civilian Labor Force	3,630	3,470	3,470	3,410	3,400	(230)	(6.3%)
Unemployed	290	270	270	280	430	140	48.3%
Rate	8.0	7.8	7.8	8.2	12.6	4.7	XXX
Employed	3,340	3,200	3,200	3,130	2,970	(370)	(11.1%)

CLAIBORNE

Civilian Labor Force	3,780	3,570	3,560	3,610	3,690	(90)	(2.4%)
Unemployed	460	390	400	400	590	130	28.3%
Rate	12.2	10.9	11.2	11.1	16.0	3.8	XXX
Employed	3,320	3,180	3,160	3,210	3,100	(220)	(6.6%)

CLARKE

Civilian Labor Force	7,240	7,080	7,060	6,980	6,900	(340)	(4.7%)
Unemployed	570	450	530	550	770	200	35.1%
Rate	7.9	6.4	7.5	7.9	11.2	3.3	XXX
Employed	6,670	6,630	6,530	6,430	6,130	(540)	(8.1%)

CLAY

Civilian Labor Force	8,590	8,210	7,910	7,290	7,430	(1,160)	(13.5%)
Unemployed	940	910	1,200	970	1,310	370	39.4%
Rate	10.9	11.1	15.2	13.3	17.6	6.7	XXX
Employed	7,650	7,300	6,710	6,320	6,120	(1,530)	(20.0%)

COAHOMA

Civilian Labor Force	11,190	10,700	10,380	10,120	9,980	(1,210)	(10.8%)
Unemployed	1,210	1,020	950	950	1,250	40	3.3%
Rate	10.8	9.5	9.2	9.4	12.5	1.7	XXX
Employed	9,980	9,680	9,430	9,170	8,730	(1,250)	(12.5%)

COPIAH

Civilian Labor Force	12,540	12,120	12,120	11,980	12,140	(400)	(3.2%)
Unemployed	1,040	860	910	890	1,240	200	19.2%
Rate	8.3	7.1	7.5	7.4	10.2	1.9	XXX
Employed	11,500	11,260	11,210	11,090	10,900	(600)	(5.2%)

COVINGTON

Civilian Labor Force	8,820	8,600	8,780	8,760	8,690	(130)	(1.5%)
Unemployed	610	500	480	540	720	110	18.0%
Rate	6.9	5.8	5.5	6.2	8.3	1.4	XXX
Employed	8,210	8,100	8,300	8,220	7,970	(240)	(2.9%)

DESOTO

Civilian Labor Force	71,660	73,930	76,430	78,060	77,000	5,340	7.5%
Unemployed	3,090	3,040	3,060	3,770	5,520	2,430	78.6%
Rate	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.8	7.2	2.9	XXX
Employed	68,570	70,890	73,370	74,290	71,480	2,910	4.2%

FORREST

Civilian Labor Force	35,750	36,430	36,890	36,640	36,850	1,100	3.1%
Unemployed	2,320	1,930	1,880	2,140	2,870	550	23.7%
Rate	6.5	5.3	5.1	5.8	7.8	1.3	XXX
Employed	33,430	34,500	35,010	34,500	33,980	550	1.6%

Civilian Labor Force Annual Averages

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 TO 2009	
						NET CHG	PCT CHG
FRANKLIN							
Civilian Labor Force	3,130	3,160	3,120	3,070	3,000	(130)	(4.2%)
Unemployed	280	220	220	240	340	60	21.4%
Rate	8.9	7.0	7.1	7.8	11.3	2.4	XXX
Employed	2,850	2,940	2,900	2,830	2,660	(190)	(6.7%)
GEORGE							
Civilian Labor Force	8,600	8,840	9,070	9,510	9,600	1,000	11.6%
Unemployed	790	830	660	730	960	170	21.5%
Rate	9.2	9.4	7.3	7.7	10.0	0.8	XXX
Employed	7,810	8,010	8,410	8,780	8,640	830	10.6%
GREENE							
Civilian Labor Force	4,790	4,940	4,910	4,930	4,850	60	1.3%
Unemployed	460	380	380	460	560	100	21.7%
Rate	9.6	7.7	7.7	9.3	11.5	1.9	XXX
Employed	4,330	4,560	4,530	4,470	4,290	(40)	(0.9%)
GRENADA							
Civilian Labor Force	10,230	9,810	9,610	9,530	8,980	(1,250)	(12.2%)
Unemployed	780	640	710	720	1,130	350	44.9%
Rate	7.6	6.5	7.4	7.6	12.6	5.0	XXX
Employed	9,450	9,170	8,900	8,810	7,850	(1,600)	(16.9%)
HANCOCK							
Civilian Labor Force	21,080	18,240	18,210	18,280	18,490	(2,590)	(12.3%)
Unemployed	2,320	1,810	970	1,050	1,480	(840)	(36.2%)
Rate	11.0	9.9	5.3	5.7	8.0	(3.0)	XXX
Employed	18,760	16,430	17,240	17,230	17,010	(1,750)	(9.3%)
HARRISON							
Civilian Labor Force	92,940	82,820	85,980	86,240	86,980	(5,960)	(6.4%)
Unemployed	10,220	8,550	4,660	4,850	6,620	(3,600)	(35.2%)
Rate	11.0	10.3	5.4	5.6	7.6	(3.4)	XXX
Employed	82,720	74,270	81,320	81,390	80,360	(2,360)	(2.9%)
HINDS							
Civilian Labor Force	122,470	118,420	117,340	115,940	116,560	(5,910)	(4.8%)
Unemployed	8,230	6,910	6,610	7,090	9,640	1,410	17.1%
Rate	6.7	5.8	5.6	6.1	8.3	1.6	XXX
Employed	114,240	111,510	110,730	108,850	106,920	(7,320)	(6.4%)
HOLMES							
Civilian Labor Force	7,080	7,180	7,140	7,120	7,080	0	0.0%
Unemployed	860	760	790	950	1,380	520	60.5%
Rate	12.1	10.6	11.1	13.3	19.5	7.3	XXX
Employed	6,220	6,420	6,350	6,170	5,700	(520)	(8.4%)
HUMPHREYS							
Civilian Labor Force	4,330	4,260	4,340	4,310	4,200	(130)	(3.0%)
Unemployed	450	390	390	430	550	100	22.2%
Rate	10.4	9.2	9.0	10.0	13.1	2.7	XXX
Employed	3,880	3,870	3,950	3,880	3,650	(230)	(5.9%)

Civilian Labor Force Annual Averages

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 TO 2009	
						NET CHG	PCT CHG

ISSAQUENA

Civilian Labor Force	770	730	710	680	680	(90)	(11.7%)
Unemployed	90	70	60	60	80	(10)	(11.1%)
Rate	11.7	9.6	8.5	8.8	11.8	0.1	XXX
Employed	680	660	650	620	600	(80)	(11.8%)

ITAWAMBA

Civilian Labor Force	10,570	10,230	10,000	10,010	9,750	(820)	(7.8%)
Unemployed	710	660	730	830	1,140	430	60.6%
Rate	6.7	6.5	7.3	8.3	11.7	5.0	XXX
Employed	9,860	9,570	9,270	9,180	8,610	(1,250)	(12.7%)

JACKSON

Civilian Labor Force	62,390	58,500	59,340	61,170	61,680	(710)	(1.1%)
Unemployed	6,320	4,680	3,310	3,630	5,110	(1,210)	(19.1%)
Rate	10.1	8.0	5.6	5.9	8.3	(1.8)	XXX
Employed	56,070	53,820	56,030	57,540	56,570	500	0.9%

JASPER

Civilian Labor Force	7,440	7,530	7,530	7,470	7,460	20	0.3%
Unemployed	600	460	470	540	790	190	31.7%
Rate	8.1	6.1	6.2	7.2	10.6	2.5	XXX
Employed	6,840	7,070	7,060	6,930	6,670	(170)	(2.5%)

JEFFERSON

Civilian Labor Force	2,830	2,740	2,770	2,790	2,790	(40)	(1.4%)
Unemployed	430	350	370	380	480	50	11.6%
Rate	15.2	12.8	13.4	13.6	17.2	2.0	XXX
Employed	2,400	2,390	2,400	2,410	2,310	(90)	(3.8%)

JEFFERSON DAVIS

Civilian Labor Force	5,460	5,240	5,240	5,590	5,010	(450)	(8.2%)
Unemployed	510	400	380	400	550	40	7.8%
Rate	9.3	7.6	7.3	7.2	11.0	1.6	XXX
Employed	4,950	4,840	4,860	5,190	4,460	(490)	(9.9%)

JONES

Civilian Labor Force	30,180	31,020	31,170	30,710	30,240	60	0.2%
Unemployed	1,810	1,490	1,460	1,650	2,260	450	24.9%
Rate	6.0	4.8	4.7	5.4	7.5	1.5	XXX
Employed	28,370	29,530	29,710	29,060	27,980	(390)	(1.4%)

KEMPER

Civilian Labor Force	4,260	4,130	4,090	4,010	4,010	(250)	(5.9%)
Unemployed	410	350	320	340	510	100	24.4%
Rate	9.6	8.5	7.8	8.5	12.7	3.1	XXX
Employed	3,850	3,780	3,770	3,670	3,500	(350)	(9.1%)

LAFAYETTE

Civilian Labor Force	21,390	21,690	22,000	22,100	22,420	1,030	4.8%
Unemployed	1,150	1,020	1,060	1,200	1,750	600	52.2%
Rate	5.4	4.7	4.8	5.4	7.8	2.4	XXX
Employed	20,240	20,670	20,940	20,900	20,670	430	2.1%

Civilian Labor Force Annual Averages

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 TO 2009	
						NET CHG	PCT CHG

LAMAR

Civilian Labor Force	22,380	23,230	23,750	23,870	23,960	1,580	7.1%
Unemployed	1,230	990	1,030	1,150	1,590	360	29.3%
Rate	5.5	4.3	4.3	4.8	6.6	1.1	XXX
Employed	21,150	22,240	22,720	22,720	22,370	1,220	5.8%

LAUDERDALE

Civilian Labor Force	33,730	33,060	33,120	33,350	32,730	(1,000)	(3.0%)
Unemployed	2,470	2,130	2,150	2,320	3,150	680	27.5%
Rate	7.3	6.4	6.5	7.0	9.6	2.3	XXX
Employed	31,260	30,930	30,970	31,030	29,580	(1,680)	(5.4%)

LAWRENCE

Civilian Labor Force	5,140	5,080	5,130	5,290	5,330	190	3.7%
Unemployed	430	390	390	420	590	160	37.2%
Rate	8.4	7.7	7.6	7.9	11.1	2.7	XXX
Employed	4,710	4,690	4,740	4,870	4,740	30	0.6%

LEAKE

Civilian Labor Force	8,590	8,230	8,120	8,400	8,510	(80)	(0.9%)
Unemployed	650	570	530	590	800	150	23.1%
Rate	7.6	6.9	6.5	7.0	9.4	1.8	XXX
Employed	7,940	7,660	7,590	7,810	7,710	(230)	(2.9%)

LEE

Civilian Labor Force	38,660	37,790	37,480	37,620	36,720	(1,940)	(5.0%)
Unemployed	2,500	2,290	2,340	2,680	3,970	1,470	58.8%
Rate	6.5	6.1	6.2	7.1	10.8	4.3	XXX
Employed	36,160	35,500	35,140	34,940	32,750	(3,410)	(9.4%)

LEFLORE

Civilian Labor Force	13,940	13,820	13,770	13,450	13,300	(640)	(4.6%)
Unemployed	1,400	1,210	1,120	1,220	1,690	290	20.7%
Rate	10.0	8.8	8.1	9.1	12.7	2.7	XXX
Employed	12,540	12,610	12,650	12,230	11,610	(930)	(7.4%)

LINCOLN

Civilian Labor Force	14,600	14,330	14,160	14,050	13,870	(730)	(5.0%)
Unemployed	1,110	880	930	1,050	1,440	330	29.7%
Rate	7.6	6.1	6.6	7.5	10.4	2.8	XXX
Employed	13,490	13,450	13,230	13,000	12,430	(1,060)	(7.9%)

LOWNDES

Civilian Labor Force	25,590	25,600	26,110	25,750	25,590	0	0.0%
Unemployed	1,990	1,750	1,990	2,020	2,720	730	36.7%
Rate	7.8	6.8	7.6	7.8	10.6	2.9	XXX
Employed	23,600	23,850	24,120	23,730	22,870	(730)	(3.1%)

MADISON

Civilian Labor Force	44,170	44,470	45,160	45,890	45,870	1,700	3.8%
Unemployed	2,360	2,090	2,160	2,420	3,170	810	34.3%
Rate	5.3	4.7	4.8	5.3	6.9	1.6	XXX
Employed	41,810	42,380	43,000	43,470	42,700	890	2.1%

Civilian Labor Force
Annual Averages

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 TO 2009	
					NET CHG	PCT CHG

MARION

Civilian Labor Force	10,360	10,330	10,280	10,350	10,690	330	3.2%
Unemployed	880	670	660	750	1,080	200	22.7%
Rate	8.5	6.5	6.4	7.2	10.1	1.6	XXX
Employed	9,480	9,660	9,620	9,600	9,610	130	1.4%

MARSHALL

Civilian Labor Force	15,420	15,010	15,350	15,290	15,280	(140)	(0.9%)
Unemployed	1,370	1,180	1,170	1,270	1,790	420	30.7%
Rate	8.9	7.9	7.6	8.3	11.7	2.8	XXX
Employed	14,050	13,830	14,180	14,020	13,490	(560)	(4.0%)

MONROE

Civilian Labor Force	17,260	16,670	16,480	15,780	15,740	(1,520)	(8.8%)
Unemployed	1,440	1,480	1,550	1,570	2,190	750	52.1%
Rate	8.3	8.9	9.4	9.9	13.9	5.6	XXX
Employed	15,820	15,190	14,930	14,210	13,550	(2,270)	(14.3%)

MONTGOMERY

Civilian Labor Force	4,840	4,570	4,480	4,470	4,550	(290)	(6.0%)
Unemployed	400	420	420	400	650	250	62.5%
Rate	8.3	9.2	9.4	8.9	14.3	6.0	XXX
Employed	4,440	4,150	4,060	4,070	3,900	(540)	(12.2%)

NESHOBA

Civilian Labor Force	14,810	14,360	13,920	14,000	13,230	(1,580)	(10.7%)
Unemployed	920	720	720	770	1,270	350	38.0%
Rate	6.2	5.0	5.2	5.5	9.6	3.4	XXX
Employed	13,890	13,640	13,200	13,230	11,960	(1,930)	(13.9%)

NEWTON

Civilian Labor Force	9,780	9,580	9,530	9,390	9,120	(660)	(6.7%)
Unemployed	640	560	550	630	850	210	32.8%
Rate	6.5	5.8	5.8	6.7	9.3	2.8	XXX
Employed	9,140	9,020	8,980	8,760	8,270	(870)	(9.5%)

NOXUBEE

Civilian Labor Force	4,230	4,100	4,010	3,800	3,580	(650)	(15.4%)
Unemployed	540	480	510	530	700	160	29.6%
Rate	12.8	11.7	12.7	13.9	19.6	6.8	XXX
Employed	3,690	3,620	3,500	3,270	2,880	(810)	(22.0%)

OKTIBBEHA

Civilian Labor Force	20,270	19,770	19,830	20,340	20,420	150	0.7%
Unemployed	1,270	1,140	1,330	1,310	1,750	480	37.8%
Rate	6.3	5.8	6.7	6.4	8.6	2.3	XXX
Employed	19,000	18,630	18,500	19,030	18,670	(330)	(1.7%)

PANOLA

Civilian Labor Force	14,860	14,880	14,930	14,640	14,780	(80)	(0.5%)
Unemployed	1,340	1,160	1,210	1,270	1,840	500	37.3%
Rate	9.0	7.8	8.1	8.7	12.4	3.4	XXX
Employed	13,520	13,720	13,720	13,370	12,940	(580)	(4.3%)

Civilian Labor Force
Annual Averages

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 TO 2009	
						NET CHG	PCT CHG

PEARL RIVER

Civilian Labor Force	21,430	20,510	21,510	21,320	21,420	(10)	(0.0%)
Unemployed	2,020	1,390	1,300	1,460	1,940	(80)	(4.0%)
Rate	9.4	6.8	6.0	6.8	9.1	(0.4)	XXX
Employed	19,410	19,120	20,210	19,860	19,480	70	0.4%

PERRY

Civilian Labor Force	5,150	5,120	5,110	5,050	5,100	(50)	(1.0%)
Unemployed	440	350	350	420	540	100	22.7%
Rate	8.5	6.8	6.8	8.3	10.6	2.0	XXX
Employed	4,710	4,770	4,760	4,630	4,560	(150)	(3.2%)

PIKE

Civilian Labor Force	15,580	15,480	15,360	15,610	15,220	(360)	(2.3%)
Unemployed	1,410	1,040	1,040	1,120	1,570	160	11.3%
Rate	9.1	6.7	6.8	7.2	10.3	1.3	XXX
Employed	14,170	14,440	14,320	14,490	13,650	(520)	(3.7%)

PONTOTOC

Civilian Labor Force	13,410	13,310	13,140	13,190	12,700	(710)	(5.3%)
Unemployed	830	800	870	1,050	1,320	490	59.0%
Rate	6.2	6.0	6.6	8.0	10.4	4.2	XXX
Employed	12,580	12,510	12,270	12,140	11,380	(1,200)	(9.5%)

PRENTISS

Civilian Labor Force	11,480	11,170	11,070	11,100	10,980	(500)	(4.4%)
Unemployed	920	810	850	920	1,430	510	55.4%
Rate	8.0	7.3	7.7	8.3	13.0	5.0	XXX
Employed	10,560	10,360	10,220	10,180	9,550	(1,010)	(9.6%)

QUITMAN

Civilian Labor Force	3,970	3,880	3,770	3,600	3,470	(500)	(12.6%)
Unemployed	380	330	320	330	440	60	15.8%
Rate	9.6	8.5	8.5	9.2	12.7	3.1	XXX
Employed	3,590	3,550	3,450	3,270	3,030	(560)	(15.6%)

RANKIN

Civilian Labor Force	71,860	71,940	72,630	73,350	73,410	1,550	2.2%
Unemployed	3,380	2,990	2,930	3,150	4,450	1,070	31.7%
Rate	4.7	4.2	4.0	4.3	6.1	1.4	XXX
Employed	68,480	68,950	69,700	70,200	68,960	480	0.7%

SCOTT

Civilian Labor Force	13,310	13,270	13,200	13,390	13,580	270	2.0%
Unemployed	770	720	660	690	960	190	24.7%
Rate	5.8	5.4	5.0	5.2	7.1	1.3	XXX
Employed	12,540	12,550	12,540	12,700	12,620	80	0.6%

SHARKEY

Civilian Labor Force	2,570	2,540	2,530	2,470	2,440	(130)	(5.1%)
Unemployed	290	240	210	220	270	(20)	(6.9%)
Rate	11.3	9.4	8.3	8.9	11.1	(0.2)	XXX
Employed	2,280	2,300	2,320	2,250	2,170	(110)	(4.8%)

Civilian Labor Force
Annual Averages

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 TO 2009	
					NET CHG	PCT CHG

SIMPSON

Civilian Labor Force	12,000	11,670	11,520	11,530	11,640	(360)	(3.0%)
Unemployed	750	660	650	700	1,000	250	33.3%
Rate	6.3	5.7	5.6	6.1	8.6	2.3	XXX
Employed	11,250	11,010	10,870	10,830	10,640	(610)	(5.4%)

SMITH

Civilian Labor Force	6,870	6,780	6,700	6,450	6,370	(500)	(7.3%)
Unemployed	430	380	370	430	590	160	37.2%
Rate	6.3	5.6	5.5	6.7	9.3	3.0	XXX
Employed	6,440	6,400	6,330	6,020	5,780	(660)	(10.2%)

STONE

Civilian Labor Force	6,850	7,270	7,660	7,730	7,790	940	13.7%
Unemployed	540	560	440	460	610	70	13.0%
Rate	7.9	7.7	5.7	6.0	7.8	(0.1)	XXX
Employed	6,310	6,710	7,220	7,270	7,180	870	13.8%

SUNFLOWER

Civilian Labor Force	11,240	11,200	10,850	10,610	10,420	(820)	(7.3%)
Unemployed	1,180	1,050	1,060	1,120	1,380	200	16.9%
Rate	10.5	9.4	9.8	10.6	13.2	2.7	XXX
Employed	10,060	10,150	9,790	9,490	9,040	(1,020)	(10.1%)

TALLAHATCHIE

Civilian Labor Force	6,460	6,160	6,010	5,950	5,850	(610)	(9.4%)
Unemployed	610	470	470	510	680	70	11.5%
Rate	9.4	7.6	7.8	8.6	11.6	2.2	XXX
Employed	5,850	5,690	5,540	5,440	5,170	(680)	(11.6%)

TATE

Civilian Labor Force	11,930	11,760	11,790	11,730	11,770	(160)	(1.3%)
Unemployed	810	800	720	810	1,260	450	55.6%
Rate	6.8	6.8	6.1	6.9	10.7	3.9	XXX
Employed	11,120	10,960	11,070	10,920	10,510	(610)	(5.5%)

TIPPAH

Civilian Labor Force	9,600	9,320	9,200	8,760	8,320	(1,280)	(13.3%)
Unemployed	680	650	670	900	1,240	560	82.4%
Rate	7.1	7.0	7.3	10.3	14.9	7.8	XXX
Employed	8,920	8,670	8,530	7,860	7,080	(1,840)	(20.6%)

TISHOMINGO

Civilian Labor Force	8,130	8,120	7,950	7,900	7,630	(500)	(6.2%)
Unemployed	720	600	650	720	970	250	34.7%
Rate	8.9	7.4	8.2	9.1	12.7	3.9	XXX
Employed	7,410	7,520	7,300	7,180	6,660	(750)	(10.1%)

TUNICA

Civilian Labor Force	4,530	4,360	4,370	4,410	4,420	(110)	(2.4%)
Unemployed	480	360	350	480	640	160	33.3%
Rate	10.6	8.3	8.0	10.9	14.5	3.9	XXX
Employed	4,050	4,000	4,020	3,930	3,780	(270)	(6.7%)

Civilian Labor Force Annual Averages

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 TO 2009	
						NET CHG	PCT CHG

UNION

Civilian Labor Force	11,960	11,580	11,760	11,900	11,650	(310)	(2.6%)
Unemployed	800	700	740	860	1,230	430	53.8%
Rate	6.7	6.0	6.3	7.2	10.6	3.9	XXX
Employed	11,160	10,880	11,020	11,040	10,420	(740)	(6.6%)

WALTHALL

Civilian Labor Force	5,910	5,830	5,860	5,850	5,810	(100)	(1.7%)
Unemployed	550	390	380	430	660	110	20.0%
Rate	9.3	6.7	6.5	7.4	11.4	2.1	XXX
Employed	5,360	5,440	5,480	5,420	5,150	(210)	(3.9%)

WARREN

Civilian Labor Force	23,110	22,410	22,040	22,420	22,140	(970)	(4.2%)
Unemployed	1,650	1,340	1,380	1,470	2,150	500	30.3%
Rate	7.1	6.0	6.3	6.6	9.7	2.6	XXX
Employed	21,460	21,070	20,660	20,950	19,990	(1,470)	(6.8%)

WASHINGTON

Civilian Labor Force	23,290	22,190	21,970	22,220	21,940	(1,350)	(5.8%)
Unemployed	2,680	2,150	1,890	2,160	2,990	310	11.6%
Rate	11.5	9.7	8.6	9.7	13.6	2.1	XXX
Employed	20,610	20,040	20,080	20,060	18,950	(1,660)	(8.1%)

WAYNE

Civilian Labor Force	8,600	8,530	8,640	8,520	8,410	(190)	(2.2%)
Unemployed	670	530	570	660	900	230	34.3%
Rate	7.8	6.2	6.6	7.7	10.7	2.9	XXX
Employed	7,930	8,000	8,070	7,860	7,510	(420)	(5.3%)

WEBSTER

Civilian Labor Force	3,570	3,420	3,400	3,400	3,440	(130)	(3.6%)
Unemployed	300	280	280	320	490	190	63.3%
Rate	8.4	8.2	8.2	9.4	14.2	5.8	XXX
Employed	3,270	3,140	3,120	3,080	2,950	(320)	(9.8%)

WILKINSON

Civilian Labor Force	3,740	3,520	3,590	3,680	3,880	140	3.7%
Unemployed	470	290	310	300	430	(40)	(8.5%)
Rate	12.6	8.2	8.6	8.2	11.1	(1.5)	XXX
Employed	3,270	3,230	3,280	3,380	3,450	180	5.5%

WINSTON

Civilian Labor Force	8,010	7,940	7,990	7,990	7,820	(190)	(2.4%)
Unemployed	620	550	540	620	1,320	700	112.9%
Rate	7.7	6.9	6.8	7.8	16.9	9.1	XXX
Employed	7,390	7,390	7,450	7,370	6,500	(890)	(12.0%)

YALOBUSHA

Civilian Labor Force	5,300	5,280	5,300	5,420	5,420	120	2.3%
Unemployed	480	410	420	480	790	310	64.6%
Rate	9.1	7.8	7.9	8.9	14.6	5.5	XXX
Employed	4,820	4,870	4,880	4,940	4,630	(190)	(3.9%)

Civilian Labor Force

Annual Averages

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 TO 2009	
						NET CHG	PCT CHG

YAZOO

Civilian Labor Force	10,190	10,050	10,110	10,080	10,200	10	0.1%
Unemployed	1,020	870	780	910	1,200	180	17.6%
Rate	10.0	8.7	7.7	9.0	11.8	1.8	XXX
Employed	9,170	9,180	9,330	9,170	9,000	(170)	(1.9%)

Metropolitan Statistical Areas

GULFPORT- BILOXI

Civilian Labor Force	120,860	108,330	111,850	112,250	113,240	(7,620)	(6.3%)
Unemployed	13,080	10,920	6,070	6,370	8,700	(4,380)	(33.5%)
Rate	10.8	10.1	5.4	5.7	7.7	(3.1)	XXX
Employed	107,780	97,410	105,780	105,880	104,540	(3,240)	(3.0%)

HATTIESBURG

Civilian Labor Force	63,280	64,790	65,740	65,560	65,920	2,640	4.2%
Unemployed	3,990	3,280	3,260	3,720	5,000	1,010	25.3%
Rate	6.3	5.1	5.0	5.7	7.6	1.3	XXX
Employed	59,290	61,510	62,480	61,840	60,920	1,630	2.7%

JACKSON

Civilian Labor Force	263,020	258,610	258,780	258,690	259,590	(3,430)	(1.3%)
Unemployed	15,750	13,510	13,270	14,250	19,490	3,740	23.7%
Rate	6.0	5.2	5.1	5.5	7.5	1.5	XXX
Employed	247,270	245,100	245,510	244,440	240,100	(7,170)	(2.9%)

PASCAGOULA

Civilian Labor Force	70,990	67,330	68,410	70,680	71,270	280	0.4%
Unemployed	7,110	5,500	3,970	4,360	6,060	(1,050)	(14.8%)
Rate	10.0	8.2	5.8	6.2	8.5	(1.5)	XXX
Employed	63,880	61,830	64,440	66,320	65,210	1,330	2.1%

**SOURCE: MS Department of Employment Security, Labor Market Information Department
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Regular UI Benefits Paid

						2005 TO 2009	
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Net Chg	Pct Chg
Mississippi	\$210,346,345	\$161,343,104	\$134,224,228	\$174,687,155	\$331,779,574	\$121,433,229	57.7%
Adams	1,994,477	1,754,090	1,326,867	1,511,388	2,730,647	736,170	36.9%
Alcorn	1,794,539	2,488,137	1,905,457	2,742,875	5,668,141	3,873,602	215.9%
Amite	410,073	328,735	240,405	503,910	1,257,817	847,744	206.7%
Attala	970,930	1,106,027	1,007,442	1,676,560	2,727,930	1,757,000	181.0%
Benton	402,654	346,521	394,402	732,114	915,267	512,613	127.3%
Bolivar	2,939,952	2,676,502	2,442,651	2,828,527	3,887,365	947,413	32.2%
Calhoun	799,390	1,137,609	1,130,195	1,308,171	1,873,485	1,074,095	134.4%
Carroll	483,222	377,762	406,864	554,917	1,411,950	928,728	192.2%
Chickasaw	1,667,251	1,672,742	2,103,677	2,063,020	2,806,928	1,139,677	68.4%
Choctaw	368,739	471,734	494,762	575,677	1,358,302	989,563	268.4%
Claiborne	642,732	689,959	721,257	799,975	1,656,798	1,014,066	157.8%
Clarke	790,591	607,282	975,773	996,743	1,925,555	1,134,964	143.6%
Clay	2,311,002	2,344,921	4,395,135	2,281,854	4,597,817	2,286,815	99.0%
Coahoma	2,566,711	2,201,195	1,905,325	1,896,938	3,142,563	575,852	22.4%
Copiah	1,631,098	1,283,716	1,697,479	1,494,911	2,976,917	1,345,819	82.5%
Covington	881,783	670,414	668,938	945,798	1,665,191	783,408	88.8%
DeSoto	2,295,654	2,490,165	2,595,319	4,251,543	8,652,497	6,356,843	276.9%
Forrest	3,469,935	2,470,264	2,459,404	3,342,893	6,049,301	2,579,366	74.3%
Franklin	347,398	238,335	276,464	349,654	701,017	353,619	101.8%
George	1,274,527	882,686	820,537	1,010,592	2,360,586	1,086,059	85.2%
Greene	654,504	467,911	511,180	681,803	1,219,056	564,552	86.3%
Grenada	1,195,908	986,858	1,339,784	1,480,619	3,338,401	2,142,493	179.2%
Hancock	7,419,264	3,936,957	733,420	1,443,927	3,070,262	(4,349,002)	(58.6%)
Harrison	39,009,236	21,015,162	5,597,399	8,378,951	15,333,145	(23,676,091)	(60.7%)
Hinds	12,111,182	10,556,123	9,874,445	12,692,595	23,524,097	11,412,915	94.2%
Holmes	1,732,903	1,629,549	1,682,854	2,868,403	4,359,595	2,626,692	151.6%
Humphreys	985,666	990,979	876,828	1,159,910	1,414,617	428,951	43.5%
Issaquena	179,438	176,672	91,944	133,632	212,439	33,001	18.4%
Itawamba	1,068,386	1,137,942	1,384,168	1,959,994	3,267,045	2,198,659	205.8%
Jackson	20,796,407	9,741,818	4,025,764	6,014,699	12,662,413	(8,133,994)	(39.1%)
Jasper	841,497	604,294	736,917	1,015,102	2,302,810	1,461,313	173.7%
Jefferson	652,843	612,225	648,017	631,250	1,075,673	422,830	64.8%
Jefferson Davis	1,014,704	736,018	667,327	908,514	1,503,105	488,401	48.1%
Jones	2,047,109	1,486,220	1,510,221	2,323,490	5,131,968	3,084,859	150.7%
Kemper	735,238	722,728	627,131	736,885	1,564,174	828,936	112.7%
Lafayette	919,761	1,077,976	1,231,194	1,588,923	4,240,686	3,320,925	361.1%
Lamar	1,499,387	889,610	906,583	1,494,712	3,116,407	1,617,020	107.8%
Lauderdale	3,451,263	3,133,705	3,363,061	3,989,713	7,197,600	3,746,337	108.5%
Lawrence	652,154	597,996	551,201	750,902	1,275,007	622,853	95.5%
Leake	741,688	697,379	575,491	904,763	1,666,149	924,461	124.6%
Lee	4,500,649	4,512,923	5,087,798	6,601,266	12,034,868	7,534,219	167.4%
Leflore	2,355,686	2,316,369	2,000,260	2,662,508	4,593,851	2,238,165	95.0%
Lincoln	1,526,397	1,054,153	1,364,025	1,954,347	3,311,821	1,785,424	117.0%
Lowndes	3,072,841	3,022,447	4,381,872	3,908,107	7,307,484	4,234,643	137.8%
Madison	2,826,511	2,658,200	3,055,394	4,598,665	7,651,787	4,825,276	170.7%
Marion	1,584,358	926,113	956,478	1,369,166	2,321,476	737,118	46.5%
Marshall	1,524,811	1,365,470	1,358,092	2,124,307	3,805,604	2,280,793	149.6%

Regular UI Benefits Paid

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 TO 2009	
						Net Chg	Pct Chg
Monroe	3,367,332	3,801,982	3,846,270	4,203,488	7,194,558	3,827,226	113.7%
Montgomery	809,242	1,079,414	926,696	899,026	2,037,604	1,228,362	151.8%
Neshoba	1,299,120	871,365	1,060,674	1,281,710	3,812,506	2,513,386	193.5%
Newton	773,687	685,434	686,110	1,032,116	1,942,973	1,169,286	151.1%
Noxubee	985,747	1,136,536	1,232,130	1,455,779	2,136,259	1,150,512	116.7%
Oktibbeha	1,392,595	1,487,867	2,436,883	1,851,191	3,703,714	2,311,119	166.0%
Panola	2,234,401	2,399,796	2,447,076	2,592,192	5,310,710	3,076,309	137.7%
Pearl River	2,606,334	1,561,943	1,061,689	1,595,417	2,692,976	86,642	3.3%
Perry	695,988	470,529	477,700	757,400	1,493,921	797,933	114.6%
Pike	1,971,771	1,296,588	1,624,156	1,782,031	2,987,540	1,015,769	51.5%
Pontotoc	1,264,011	1,441,379	1,895,871	2,601,536	3,738,470	2,474,459	195.8%
Prentiss	1,537,575	1,793,585	1,855,166	2,402,335	4,709,286	3,171,711	206.3%
Quitman	724,528	793,314	717,627	804,489	1,298,400	573,872	79.2%
Rankin	3,722,957	3,025,835	2,988,203	4,056,683	9,731,226	6,008,269	161.4%
Scott	859,447	1,005,527	690,345	917,372	1,981,044	1,121,597	130.5%
Sharkey	702,044	589,573	428,428	455,064	660,924	(41,120)	(5.9%)
Simpson	854,674	737,024	782,136	1,042,355	2,171,302	1,316,628	154.1%
Smith	520,000	466,549	451,917	861,319	1,615,067	1,095,067	210.6%
Stone	1,167,715	594,549	377,957	708,439	1,298,179	130,464	11.2%
Sunflower	2,032,406	2,017,129	2,023,100	2,307,172	3,327,439	1,295,033	63.7%
Tallahatchie	1,137,126	994,174	1,012,384	1,329,439	2,044,438	907,312	79.8%
Tate	1,038,726	1,381,481	1,284,743	1,509,017	2,871,134	1,832,408	176.4%
Tippah	1,040,660	1,340,268	1,328,787	3,042,619	3,848,608	2,807,948	269.8%
Tishomingo	1,245,733	978,944	1,385,988	1,523,163	2,977,083	1,731,350	139.0%
Tunica	884,076	784,961	698,481	1,113,917	1,756,158	872,082	98.6%
Union	1,131,451	1,188,571	1,433,827	2,014,724	3,498,602	2,367,151	209.2%
Walthall	747,068	459,759	444,235	714,235	1,493,550	746,482	99.9%
Warren	2,262,845	2,018,716	2,355,601	2,975,146	6,201,463	3,938,618	174.1%
Washington	5,537,592	4,373,961	3,482,373	5,028,100	6,588,649	1,051,057	19.0%
Wayne	915,738	776,234	1,059,174	1,401,647	2,808,210	1,892,472	206.7%
Webster	346,370	417,218	424,776	661,988	1,399,311	1,052,941	304.0%
Wilkinson	582,808	539,484	332,087	324,440	651,814	69,006	11.8%
Winston	771,844	772,241	691,949	1,164,551	5,123,973	4,352,129	563.9%
Yalobusha	729,574	811,105	717,543	1,121,040	2,899,507	2,169,933	297.4%
Yazoo	1,680,096	1,710,491	1,282,734	1,994,951	2,891,315	1,211,219	72.1%

MSAs

Gulfport-Biloxi	47,596,215	25,546,668	6,708,776	10,531,317	19,701,586	(27,894,629)	(58.6%)
Hattiesburg	5,665,310	3,830,403	3,843,687	5,595,005	10,659,629	4,994,319	88.2%
Jackson	21,146,422	18,260,898	18,397,657	23,885,209	46,055,329	24,908,907	117.8%
Pascagoula	22,070,934	10,624,504	4,846,301	7,025,291	15,022,999	(7,047,935)	(31.9%)

WIA Areas

Delta	24,495,751	22,321,936	20,216,195	25,735,208	40,009,098	15,513,347	63.3%
Mississippi Partnership	38,553,375	41,792,063	48,269,926	57,745,487	108,732,564	70,179,189	182.0%
Southcentral MS Works	34,617,084	29,561,429	29,564,706	38,177,438	72,289,791	37,672,707	108.8%
Twin Districts	95,049,520	55,420,691	31,001,190	44,113,171	86,734,074	(8,315,446)	(8.7%)

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 loss of 31,275 from 2005 to 2009. This was mainly due to the continuing erosion of manufacturing jobs, which posted a net loss of 37,435 over the same period. Three main industry sectors led the way in job gains across Mississippi: Education and Health Services; Professional and Business Services; and Public Administration. From 2005 to 2009, Education and Health Services grew by 19,652 workers, with 13,855 of those being in the subgroup of Health Care & Social Assistance. As the "baby boomer" generation reaches senior citizen status, employment in this industry is likely to keep growing at a rapid pace. Also posting a minor job gain was the Professional and Business Services sector, with an increase of 219 for the same time period. The subsector of Management of Companies & Enterprises accounted for the majority of the gain. Public Administration was still another industry sector that saw positive job growth, gaining 2,772 jobs since 2005. Most of the gains for the state occurred prior to 2008. With the downturn of the economy in 2008, job losses occurred in all other industry sectors during the year.

Covered employment in the Delta WIA region was reflective of its population and labor force trends, posting a net loss of 7,514 jobs from 2005 to 2009. Declining employment was evident all across the

spectrum with the majority of industry sectors showing negative growth. Jobs in Natural Resources & Mining, which in this area means mainly agriculture, registered a drop of 23.3 percent during the period. Manufacturing had a short lived increase in 2005 and 2006, before continuing its downward path. One bright spot, Education and Health Services managed a gain of 313 jobs since 2005. Skilled trades are not in abundance in the region; therefore, it could be at a disadvantage when competing for "high-tech" industries. There are other growth industries such as transportation and warehousing that might be a better fit for the region. Jobs in this industry area often share similar skill sets with jobs in manufacturing, which would make the transition easier for persons who have been laid off from factory jobs.

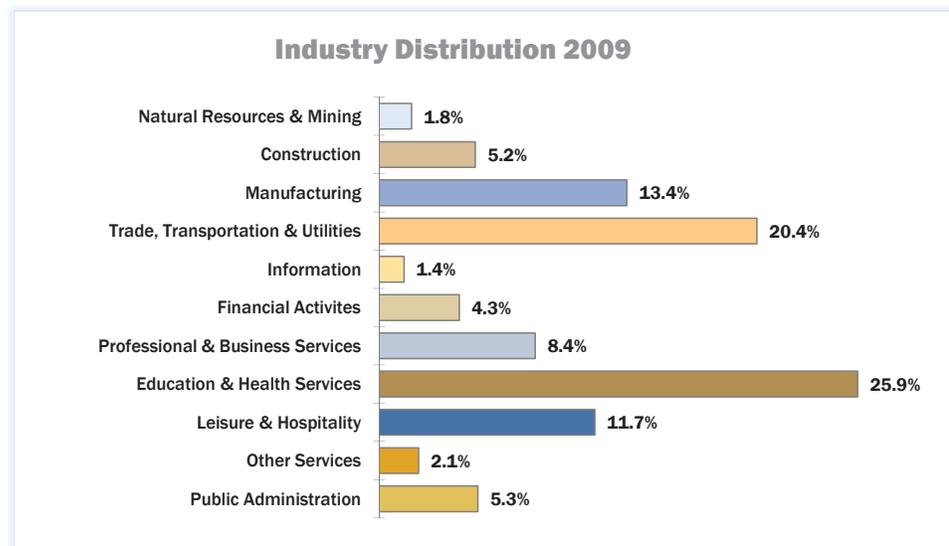
In the Mississippi Partnership WIA region, covered employment posted a net loss of 13,353 jobs from 2005 to 2009. The area has long had the heaviest concentration of manufacturing jobs in the state, but some 22,212 of these have departed since 2005. The economy remained viable by diversifying, adding jobs in several other industry sectors. The largest employment increase was recorded in the Education and Health Services sector which added 5,817 jobs. An additional 2,203 workers were added to the payrolls in the Trade, Transportation and Utilities sector. Job gains were also noted in Leisure and Hospitality, 1,598. Further diversification was achieved by

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adding 533 jobs in Professional and Business Services. 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 decrease of 5,373 from 2005 to 2009. Manufacturing had a significant decrease of 8,351 jobs since 2005. Several sectors in the region had employment trends that were quite positive. Education and Health Services was the largest gainer, adding 8,965 jobs. Public Administration grew by 5.4 percent, an increase of 1,025 jobs. Another 646 workers were added to the local economy in the Leisure and Hospitality sector.

Despite heavy job losses in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Twin Districts WIA area managed to turn the tide by recording a .2 percent increase in covered employment from 2005 to 2009. Its growth rate outpaced the state and all other regions. Leisure and Hospitality, which was particularly hard hit by the storm, managed to recover to only have a decrease of 3,069 jobs from 2005 to 2009. For the same time period, the Construction sector showed an increase of 2,103 workers, due to rebuilding the destroyed homes and businesses. The Manufacturing sector posted a loss of 3,070 jobs. Losses were also identified in the Information sector, with a decline of 1,186 jobs.



Mississippi Covered Employment

Average Monthly - (Place of Work)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 TO 2009	
	Avg Mo	Net Chg	Pct Chg				
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	1,085,719	1,096,282	1,109,355	1,104,534	1,054,444	(31,275)	(2.9%)
Natural Resources & Mining	20,612	20,672	20,437	20,040	18,592	(2,020)	(9.8%)
Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	15,771	14,857	14,259	13,522	12,886	(2,885)	(18.3%)
Mining	4,841	5,815	6,178	6,518	5,706	865	17.9%
Construction	55,635	60,829	62,381	64,147	54,856	(779)	(1.4%)
Manufacturing	178,775	176,012	169,657	160,041	141,340	(37,435)	(20.9%)
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	221,598	227,005	227,654	224,883	215,573	(6,025)	(2.7%)
Wholesale Trade	35,131	36,388	36,954	36,491	34,795	(336)	(1.0%)
Retail Trade	139,126	142,672	141,865	139,535	133,454	(5,672)	(4.1%)
Transportation & Warehousing	38,275	38,890	40,006	39,957	38,335	60	0.2%
Utilities	9,066	9,055	8,829	8,900	8,989	(77)	(0.8%)
Information	15,830	15,153	14,867	14,954	14,273	(1,557)	(9.8%)
Financial Activities	46,444	46,575	47,245	46,959	45,781	(663)	(1.4%)
Finance & Insurance	33,551	33,661	34,182	33,935	33,141	(410)	(1.2%)
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	12,893	12,914	13,063	13,024	12,640	(253)	(2.0%)
Professional & Business Services	88,800	94,988	96,743	96,459	89,019	219	0.2%
Professional & Technical Services	32,771	34,773	35,112	34,274	32,566	(205)	(0.6%)
Management of Companies & Enter.	9,640	9,435	9,762	9,855	9,891	251	2.6%
Administrative & Waste Services	46,389	50,780	51,869	52,330	46,562	173	0.4%
Education & Health Services	253,358	255,041	262,754	268,644	273,010	19,652	7.8%
Educational Services	107,521	107,363	110,085	112,217	113,318	5,797	5.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance	145,837	147,678	152,669	156,427	159,692	13,855	9.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	126,977	123,135	129,595	129,438	123,084	(3,893)	(3.1%)
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13,299	12,065	14,082	13,855	13,114	(185)	(1.4%)
Accommodation & Food Services	113,678	111,070	115,513	115,583	109,970	(3,708)	(3.3%)
Other Services	24,107	23,910	23,865	23,645	22,558	(1,549)	(6.4%)
Public Administration	53,585	52,961	54,157	55,326	56,357	2,772	5.2%

Delta WIA Area Covered Employment

Average Monthly

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 to 2009	
						Net Chg	Pct Chg
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	106,383	107,878	107,354	104,463	98,869	(7,514)	(7.1%)
Natural Resources & Mining	5,792	5,477	5,193	4,723	4,441	(1,351)	(23.3%)
Construction	3,077	3,279	3,395	3,371	2,901	(176)	(5.7%)
Manufacturing	13,240	13,282	13,067	12,110	9,978	(3,262)	(24.6%)
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	19,186	19,685	19,318	18,769	17,933	(1,253)	(6.5%)
Information	1,136	1,114	1,093	1,094	1,028	(108)	(9.5%)
Financial Activities	3,159	3,150	3,193	3,213	3,197	38	1.2%
Professional & Business Services	4,984	5,126	5,200	5,141	5,198	214	4.3%
Education & Health Services	26,731	27,163	27,520	27,173	27,044	313	1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	20,151	20,444	20,296	19,788	18,106	(2,045)	(10.1%)
Other Services	2,309	2,424	2,356	2,349	2,288	(21)	(0.9%)
Public Administration	6,652	6,737	6,731	6,749	6,770	118	1.8%

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

Mississippi Partnership WIA Area Covered Employment Average Monthly

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 to 2009	
						Net Chg	Pct Chg
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	280,902	285,930	286,759	282,773	267,549	(13,353)	(4.8%)
Natural Resources & Mining	2,971	2,948	2,718	2,633	2,564	(407)	(13.7%)
Construction	12,484	12,818	13,353	12,677	10,812	(1,672)	(13.4%)
Manufacturing	72,958	70,344	65,924	60,077	50,746	(22,212)	(30.4%)
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	56,730	58,852	60,528	60,195	58,933	2,203	3.9%
Information	2,943	2,947	2,900	2,835	2,652	(291)	(9.9%)
Financial Activities	9,019	9,298	9,513	9,622	9,287	268	3.0%
Professional & Business Services	18,821	21,180	20,928	21,533	19,354	533	2.8%
Education & Health Services	65,233	66,520	68,858	70,174	71,050	5,817	8.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	24,610	25,764	26,508	27,079	26,208	1,598	6.5%
Other Services	5,470	5,463	5,366	5,436	5,166	(304)	(5.6%)
Public Administration	9,692	9,820	10,181	10,539	10,793	1,101	11.4%

Southcentral Mississippi Works WIA Area Covered Employment Average Monthly

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 to 2009	
						Net Chg	Pct Chg
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	311,845	316,952	318,354	317,746	306,472	(5,373)	(1.7%)
Natural Resources & Mining	4,318	4,236	4,200	4,043	3,702	(616)	(14.3%)
Construction	16,295	17,479	17,875	18,684	14,975	(1,320)	(8.1%)
Manufacturing	34,794	34,576	32,625	30,491	26,443	(8,351)	(24.0%)
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	66,318	68,309	67,153	65,944	63,489	(2,829)	(4.3%)
Information	5,889	5,492	5,349	5,625	5,429	(460)	(7.8%)
Financial Activities	17,517	17,820	17,950	17,742	17,410	(107)	(0.6%)
Professional & Business Services	30,729	31,605	33,271	31,359	28,896	(1,833)	(6.0%)
Education & Health Services	78,154	78,851	81,197	84,902	87,119	8,965	11.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	30,946	31,879	31,825	31,884	31,592	646	2.1%
Other Services	7,897	7,790	7,809	7,617	7,403	(494)	(6.3%)
Public Administration	19,000	18,921	19,113	19,471	20,025	1,025	5.4%

Twin Districts WIA Area Covered Employment Average Monthly

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 to 2009	
						Net Chg	Pct Chg
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	342,759	342,223	354,486	355,389	343,382	623	0.2%
Natural Resources & Mining	5,998	6,201	6,369	6,681	6,394	396	6.6%
Construction	19,328	22,062	22,705	23,630	21,431	2,103	10.9%
Manufacturing	55,817	55,940	56,255	55,492	52,747	(3,070)	(5.5%)
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	64,403	66,740	67,570	66,626	64,144	(259)	(0.4%)
Information	4,867	4,495	4,332	3,972	3,681	(1,186)	(24.4%)
Financial Activities	12,716	12,635	13,241	13,313	12,936	220	1.7%
Professional & Business Services	25,471	27,399	27,706	27,894	26,080	609	2.4%
Education & Health Services	81,051	80,591	83,334	84,324	86,148	5,097	6.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	49,681	43,765	49,952	50,077	46,612	(3,069)	(6.2%)
Other Services	7,292	7,107	7,142	7,062	6,699	(593)	(8.1%)
Public Administration	16,078	15,305	15,901	16,339	16,529	451	2.8%

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

Total Covered Employment (Place of Work) Average Monthly

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 TO 2009	
						Net Chg	Pct Chg
Mississippi	1,085,719	1,096,282	1,109,354	1,104,534	1,054,444	(31,275)	(2.9%)
Adams	11,482	11,983	12,077	12,166	11,337	(145)	(1.3%)
Alcorn	13,380	13,096	13,142	12,879	12,277	(1,103)	(8.2%)
Amite	1,840	2,125	2,175	2,071	1,701	(139)	(7.6%)
Attala	5,307	5,216	5,141	4,995	4,573	(734)	(13.8%)
Benton	1,257	1,270	1,204	1,152	1,110	(147)	(11.7%)
Bolivar	11,860	12,420	12,420	12,110	11,769	(91)	(0.8%)
Calhoun	3,575	3,481	3,360	3,278	3,270	(305)	(8.5%)
Carroll	1,151	1,136	1,158	1,140	1,018	(133)	(11.6%)
Chickasaw	6,283	6,277	5,899	5,611	5,545	(738)	(11.7%)
Choctaw	1,999	1,882	1,900	1,831	1,759	(240)	(12.0%)
Claiborne	3,249	3,114	3,118	3,193	3,197	(52)	(1.6%)
Clarke	2,799	2,916	2,966	3,017	3,012	213	7.6%
Clay	7,058	6,742	5,992	5,479	5,110	(1,948)	(27.6%)
Coahoma	9,332	9,140	8,869	8,657	8,399	(933)	(10.0%)
Copiah	7,622	7,796	7,697	7,853	7,492	(130)	(1.7%)
Covington	4,984	4,845	5,061	5,049	4,928	(56)	(1.1%)
DeSoto	39,712	42,997	45,956	45,554	43,469	3,757	9.5%
Forrest	35,373	36,563	36,468	35,848	35,612	239	0.7%
Franklin	1,621	1,704	1,675	1,612	1,568	(53)	(3.3%)
George	4,364	4,323	4,450	4,807	4,453	89	2.0%
Greene	1,927	2,101	2,049	1,989	1,941	14	0.7%
Grenada	10,608	10,485	10,192	10,095	9,054	(1,554)	(14.6%)
Hancock	10,993	9,905	11,655	11,813	11,841	848	7.7%
Harrison	79,664	72,768	79,571	79,650	77,151	(2,513)	(3.2%)
Hinds	122,821	122,990	123,014	122,000	119,556	(3,265)	(2.7%)
Holmes	3,944	4,265	4,234	4,075	3,691	(253)	(6.4%)
Humphreys	3,271	3,179	3,330	3,316	3,201	(70)	(2.1%)
Issaquena	268	261	297	291	318	50	18.7%
Itawamba	5,501	5,611	5,698	5,629	5,179	(322)	(5.9%)
Jackson	47,059	47,610	48,903	50,955	50,057	2,998	6.4%
Jasper	4,023	4,204	4,225	4,262	4,216	193	4.8%
Jefferson	1,076	1,100	1,121	1,125	1,132	56	5.2%
Jefferson Davis	2,144	2,043	2,031	2,339	1,951	(193)	(9.0%)
Jones	28,164	30,045	30,232	29,401	27,657	(507)	(1.8%)
Kemper	1,749	1,667	1,633	1,632	1,629	(120)	(6.9%)
Lafayette	16,753	17,731	18,072	18,090	17,242	489	2.9%
Lamar	14,230	16,382	18,072	18,133	17,184	2,954	20.8%
Lauderdale	34,884	35,374	35,466	35,265	33,251	(1,633)	(4.7%)
Lawrence	2,616	2,619	2,689	2,833	2,699	83	3.2%
Leake	5,737	5,458	5,418	5,703	5,780	43	0.7%
Lee	49,809	49,947	49,425	49,710	47,039	(2,770)	(5.6%)
Leflore	15,011	15,515	15,822	15,288	14,522	(489)	(3.3%)
Lincoln	11,823	11,948	11,728	11,443	10,882	(941)	(8.0%)
Lowndes	23,401	24,467	24,922	24,591	23,350	(51)	(0.2%)
Madison	41,352	42,297	42,336	41,935	40,537	(815)	(2.0%)
Marion	7,435	7,697	7,656	7,638	7,483	48	0.6%
Marshall	6,151	6,094	6,182	6,070	5,804	(347)	(5.6%)

Local Area Highlights - Covered Employment

COUNTY	RANK		COMMENTS
	Pct Chg	Net Chg	
MISSISSIPPI	XXX	XXX	Manufacturing on steady decline
Adams	36	27	Decrease in Construction and Natural Resources; increase in Mfg.
Alcorn	69	60	Loss in Manufacturing, Information and Other Services
Amite	35	54	Decrease in Manufacturing and Construction
Attala	63	74	Large drop in Manufacturing and Natural Resources & Mining
Benton	37	68	Large drop in Natural Resources and Mining and Construction
Bolivar	28	24	Increase in Leisure & Hospitality; decrease in Natural Res. And Mining
Calhoun	48	61	Very large drop in Manufacturing; increase in Construction
Carroll	34	67	Large decrease in Natural Resources and Mining; increase in Leisure
Chickasaw	64	69	Decrease in Manufacturing, Construction, Information, & Nat. Resource
Choctaw	44	71	Large decline in Construction, Professional & Bus. Services, and Mfg.
Claiborne	24	28	Decline in Manufacturing, Information, and Natural Res. and Mining
Clarke	12	6	Increase in Professional and Business Services; decrease in Constr.
Clay	78	82	Extremely large drop in Manufacturing
Coahoma	67	65	Moderate drops in Leisure & Hospitality and Construction
Copiah	33	29	Incr. in Fin. Act., Prof. & Bus. Svc.; decrease in Nat. Res. & Other Svces.
Covington	26	26	Decrease in Prof. & Bus. Services; large increase in Nat. Resources
DeSoto	1	4	Gains in Trade, Transp. & Utilities, Educ. & Health Svces, Public Adm.
Forrest	11	21	Small increases in Educ. & Health Serv; & Leisure and Hospitality
Franklin	25	39	Decrease in Manufacturing; increase in Other Services
George	16	18	Increase in Leisure & Hospitality and Public Administration
Greene	22	20	Gain in Construction; decrease in Professional & Business Services
Grenada	72	76	Decrease in Mfg., Construction, Natural Resources, Prof. & Bus. Svce.
Hancock	5	5	Gain in Trade, Transp. & Util., and Professional and Business Svces
Harrison	79	37	Drop in Leisure and Hospitality, Natural Resources, and Information
Hinds	82	36	Loss in Manufacturing, Trade, Transportation & Util, and Information
Holmes	45	47	Drop in Manufacturing; Gain in Other Services
Humphreys	27	34	Gain in Professional and Bus. Services, loss in Natural Res. & Mining
Issaquena	19	2	Gain in Other Services, Professional & Bus. Services, and Construction
Itawamba	49	45	Loss in Prof. & Bus. Svces, Manufacturing, and Natural Resources
Jackson	2	7	Increases in Construction, Natural Resources and Mining
Jasper	13	11	Large increase in Construction
Jefferson	18	9	Gain in Leisure and Hospitality; loss in Natural Resources and Mining
Jefferson Davis	40	63	Loss in Manufacturing
Jones	58	30	Loss in Manufacturing and Information; gain in Natural Resources
Kemper	31	49	Loss in Construction, Leisure and Hospitality, and Information
Lafayette	7	16	Increases in most industries except Construction, Mfg. and Information
Lamar	3	1	Gains in all Industry areas except Manufacturing
Lauderdale	74	40	Losses in Construction, Information, and Manufacturing
Lawrence	17	15	Large increase in Construction; loss in Prof. and Bus. Services
Leake	21	19	Decline in Information; gain in Natural Resources & Mining
Lee	81	43	Drop in Manufacturing; moderate gain in Prof. & Bus. Services
Leflore	57	38	Small loss in Natural Resources, Mfg., and Information
Lincoln	68	56	Medium losses in Manufacturing, Natural Resources, and Mining
Lowndes	23	23	Increase in Natural Resources; loss in Information, & Prof. & Bus. Svce
Madison	66	33	Decrease in Manufacturing; Increase in most other industry areas
Marion	20	22	Drop in Mfg., Construction & Other Services; gain in most other areas
Marshall	51	44	Decrease in Manufacturing; increase in Natural Resources and Mining

Total Covered Employment (Place of Work) Average Monthly

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005 TO 2009	
						Net Chg	Pct Chg
Monroe	10,888	10,540	10,391	9,682	9,185	(1,703)	(15.6%)
Montgomery	2,779	2,552	2,499	2,548	2,553	(226)	(8.1%)
Neshoba	14,584	14,537	14,040	14,121	12,930	(1,654)	(11.3%)
Newton	6,322	6,358	6,369	6,115	5,767	(555)	(8.8%)
Noxubee	2,996	2,910	2,789	2,573	2,401	(595)	(19.9%)
Oktibbeha	17,093	17,549	17,524	18,213	17,530	437	2.6%
Panola	10,430	10,854	10,898	10,598	10,318	(112)	(1.1%)
Pearl River	9,369	10,001	10,604	10,273	9,849	480	5.1%
Perry	2,351	2,365	2,355	2,244	2,053	(298)	(12.7%)
Pike	15,175	15,552	15,364	15,675	14,888	(287)	(1.9%)
Pontotoc	11,606	11,950	11,405	10,637	10,219	(1,387)	(12.0%)
Prentiss	7,698	7,754	7,653	7,690	7,121	(577)	(7.5%)
Quitman	1,749	1,694	1,618	1,493	1,365	(384)	(22.0%)
Rankin	51,750	54,450	55,990	56,326	54,153	2,403	4.6%
Scott	12,034	12,221	12,289	12,597	12,712	678	5.6%
Sharkey	1,367	1,334	1,335	1,283	1,238	(129)	(9.4%)
Simpson	7,569	7,355	7,540	7,388	7,211	(358)	(4.7%)
Smith	3,295	3,252	3,213	2,951	2,825	(470)	(14.3%)
Stone	3,889	4,167	4,234	4,205	4,052	163	4.2%
Sunflower	10,057	10,407	9,947	9,625	9,315	(742)	(7.4%)
Tallahatchie	2,910	2,811	2,723	2,685	2,671	(239)	(8.2%)
Tate	5,670	5,601	5,554	5,461	5,306	(364)	(6.4%)
Tippah	7,212	7,164	7,045	6,283	5,647	(1,565)	(21.7%)
Tishomingo	5,542	5,887	5,661	5,560	5,102	(440)	(7.9%)
Tunica	15,551	15,763	15,432	14,563	12,992	(2,559)	(16.5%)
Union	8,512	8,502	8,736	8,799	8,319	(193)	(2.3%)
Walthall	2,839	2,928	2,993	2,950	2,688	(151)	(5.3%)
Warren	21,719	21,792	21,441	21,769	19,971	(1,748)	(8.0%)
Washington	19,482	19,099	19,271	19,339	18,052	(1,430)	(7.3%)
Wayne	5,386	5,421	5,526	5,382	5,048	(338)	(6.3%)
Webster	2,201	2,091	2,121	2,078	2,037	(164)	(7.5%)
Wilkinson	1,905	1,869	1,905	2,006	2,176	271	14.2%
Winston	5,269	5,402	5,537	5,441	4,580	(689)	(13.1%)
Yalobusha	2,642	2,732	2,759	2,844	2,768	126	4.8%
Yazoo	5,386	5,330	5,491	5,401	5,284	(102)	(1.9%)

MSAs

Gulfport-Biloxi	94,546	86,840	95,460	95,668	93,044	(1,502)	(1.6%)
Hattiesburg	51,954	55,310	56,895	56,225	54,849	2,895	5.6%
Jackson	231,114	234,888	236,577	235,502	228,949	(2,165)	(0.9%)
Pascagoula	51,423	51,933	53,353	55,762	54,510	3,087	6.0%

WIA Areas

Delta	106,383	107,878	107,354	104,463	98,869	(7,514)	(7.1%)
Mississippi Partnership	280,902	285,930	286,759	282,773	267,549	(13,353)	(4.8%)
Southcentral MS Works	311,845	316,952	318,354	317,746	306,472	(5,373)	(1.7%)
Twin Districts	342,759	342,223	354,486	355,389	343,382	623	0.2%

Local Area Highlights - Covered Employment

COUNTY	RANK		COMMENTS
	Pct Chg	Net Chg	
Monroe	76	77	Drop in Manufacturing; increase in Other Services, Prof. & Bus. Srvces
Montgomery	42	58	Decrease in Manufacturing and Information
Neshoba	75	66	Decline in Mfg., Leisure and Hospitality; increase in Prof. & Bus. Svcs.
Newton	59	62	Moderate decline in Manufacturing, increase in Health and Educ. Svce.
Noxubee	61	79	Decrease in Manufacturing, Nat .Res., Construction,& Information
Oktibbeha	9	17	Gain in Prof. & Bus. Services, Educ. & Health Services, & Fin. Activities
Panola	30	25	Loss in Other Services and Natural Resources and Mining
Pearl River	8	10	Gain in Prof. & Business Srv.; & Educ. & Health Srv; loss in Nat. Res.
Perry	47	72	Decrease in Manufacturing, Construction, and Natural Resources
Pike	46	31	Decrease in Construction, Manufacturing, and Other Services
Pontotoc	70	70	Decrease in Manufacturing, Natural Resources, and Information
Prentiss	60	53	Drop in Manufacturing, Construction, and Natural Resources & Mining
Quitman	54	81	Large decrease in Manufacturing and Construction
Rankin	4	13	Gains in most areas with the exception of Construction and Mfg.
Scott	6	8	Gain in Mfg., Prof., & Bus. Services; loss in Construction & Information
Sharkey	32	64	Decline in Nat. Resources & Mining, & Mfg.; increase in Other Services
Simpson	52	41	Loss in Trade, Tran. & Util., Constr., Mfg., Nat. Res., Oth., Pro.& Bus. Sv.
Smith	56	75	Decline in Mfg., Construction, Nat. Resources, and Mining
Stone	14	14	Gains in most areas except Manufacturing and Natural Resources
Sunflower	65	51	Drop in Mfg., & Natural Res. & Mining, and Construction
Tallahatchie	43	59	Drop in Constr., Trade, Transp. & Utilities, & Mfg; increase in Other Svc.
Tate	53	48	Decline in Manufacturing, Construction, and Other Services
Tippah	73	80	Decline in Manufacturing, Natural Resources, and Financial Activities
Tishomingo	55	55	Decline in Manufacturing, and Professional and Business Services
Tunica	80	78	Drop in Leisure and Hospitality, and Other Services
Union	41	35	Drop in Professional & Bus. Services, and Manufacturing
Walthall	38	42	Drop in Construction, and Manufacturing; increase in Other Services
Warren	77	57	Decrease in Manufacturing, and Natural Resources and Mining
Washington	71	50	Drop in Manufacturing and Natural Resources and Mining
Wayne	50	46	Drop in all industry areas except Other Services
Webster	39	52	Drop in Mfg., Constr., and Natural Res.; increase in Prof.& Bus. Serv.
Wilkinson	10	3	Increase in Professional and Business Services, and Manufacturing
Winston	62	73	Drop in Manufacturing, Construction, and Natural Resources & Mining
Yalobusha	15	12	Decrease in Other Services; increase in Prof. & Bus. Services
Yazoo	29	32	Decrease in Manufacturing, Prof. & Bus. Svces, and Nat. Resources

MSAs

Gulfport-Biloxi	3	4	Drop in Leisure and Hospitality, Natural Res.& Mining, & Information
Hattiesburg	2	2	Gain in Educ. & Health Srv: and Leisure and Hospitality
Jackson	4	3	Loss in Manufacturing; gain in Education and Health Services
Pascagoula	1	1	Gain in Construction and Nat. Resources & Mining, loss in Information

WIA Areas

Delta	3	4	Drop in Natural Resources & Mining and Manufacturing
Mississippi Partnership	4	3	Drop in Manufacturing, Natural Resources & Mining, and Construction
Southcentral MS Works	2	2	Drop in Manufacturing and increase in Education and Health Services
Twin Districts	1	1	Drop in Information ; increase in Construction

A Word About Location Quotients

The Location Quotient (LQ) is still another tool that gives us a different perspective on employment by industry for the various areas. The LQ is a measure of relative concentration that tells us how concentrated a particular industry is in relation to the state as a whole. The mathematics involved are simple. First, the total employment for a selected industry group is divided by the total covered employment for a particular county or other labor market area. If the industry employment total was 3,000 and the total covered employment was 9,000 for the county, the local factor would be 3,000 divided by 9,000, or .333. If the corresponding numbers for the state were 100,000 and 900,000, the state factor would be 100,000 divided by 900,000 or .111. The LQ of 3.00 would be yielded by dividing the local factor of .333 by the state factor of .111. This shows that the particular industry is three times more concentrated in the county than it is in the state.

Economists often use LQs to determine whether goods or services are exported or imported into a particular area. For labor force analysis they have a different use. Location quotients are an excellent way to determine just how vulnerable a particular area might be to outside influences or external economic shocks. For example, a county with a particularly high concentration of oil and gas extraction industries could be affected by changes in crude oil

prices set by OPEC. An area with a high LQ for construction employment would likely be affected by changes in interest rates. A drop-off in housing starts might affect an area with a high proportion of carpet mills or lumber and wood manufacturing. These are but a few examples of how a local economy could be affected by outside events. Knowing which industries could be hurt or helped by such phenomena would help local planners and officials be better prepared to deal with the changes.

Location quotients should not be viewed as either negative or positive. A high LQ is not always good and a low LQ is not always bad. They just provide another way of looking at the industry structure in a particular area. It allows us to see how different a local industry mix is from the state as a whole. LQs will work for any area or combination of areas, as long as the smaller area is a part of the larger area it is measured against. Counties within a WIA region could be measured versus the region. States could be compared to the nation or to a region within the nation. LQs will work for any combination of industries. They can even be applied to other data classifications such as occupations.

In the following tables, the Location Quotient for each county, MSA and WIA area are tabulated for eleven major industry groups. In each case, the highest and lowest LQs for each industry are highlighted in yellow.

2009 Location Quotient - Natural Resources and Mining

Adams	2.13
Alcorn	0.15
Amite	5.33
Attala	1.10
Benton	0.31
Bolivar	2.26
Calhoun	7.20
Carroll	2.11
Chickasaw	1.47
Choctaw	9.41
Claiborne	0.34
Clarke	4.54
Clay	1.00
Coahoma	3.01
Copiah	1.73
Covington	2.75
DeSoto	0.13
Forrest	0.24
Franklin	3.83
George	1.25
Greene	6.10
Grenada	0.44
Hancock	0.08
Harrison	0.01
Hinds	0.25
Holmes	2.86
Humphreys	6.98
Issaquena	11.20
Itawamba	1.26
Jackson	0.15
Jasper	3.93
Jefferson	0.80
Jefferson Davis	2.41
Jones	3.88
Kemper	2.02
Lafayette	0.29
Lamar	0.61
Lauderdale	0.24
Lawrence	4.35
Leake	2.58
Lee	0.05
Leflore	2.50
Lincoln	1.84
Lowndes	0.42
Madison	0.35

Marion	2.60
Marshall	0.43
Monroe	0.78
Montgomery	1.20
Neshoba	1.49
Newton	2.34
Noxubee	1.65
Oktibbeha	0.09
Panola	0.59
Pearl River	0.20
Perry	1.60
Pike	1.47
Pontotoc	0.21
Prentiss	0.31
Quitman	6.02
Rankin	0.34
Scott	3.77
Sharkey	9.66
Simpson	1.43
Smith	1.38
Stone	2.83
Sunflower	3.51
Tallahatchie	4.06
Tate	0.92
Tippah	1.31
Tishomingo	0.73
Tunica	1.74
Union	0.20
Walthall	0.55
Warren	0.23
Washington	1.81
Wayne	2.83
Webster	1.50
Wilkinson	1.25
Winston	1.29
Yalobusha	0.82
Yazoo	3.80
Delta WIA	2.55
MS Partnership WIA	0.54
Southcentral MS Works WIA	0.69
Twin Districts WIA	1.06
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	0.14
Hattiesburg MSA	0.40
Jackson MSA	0.38
Pascagoula MSA	0.24

2009 Location Quotient - Construction

Adams	1.39
Alcorn	0.65
Amite	0.51
Attala	1.62
Benton	0.36
Bolivar	0.52
Calhoun	0.58
Carroll	2.34
Chickasaw	0.33
Choctaw	0.33
Claiborne	0.68
Clarke	0.24
Clay	0.80
Coahoma	0.39
Copiah	0.65
Covington	1.21
DeSoto	0.85
Forrest	0.92
Franklin	1.02
George	1.80
Greene	0.69
Grenada	0.32
Hancock	1.00
Harrison	1.26
Hinds	0.83
Holmes	0.30
Humphreys	0.35
Issaquena	3.01
Itawamba	2.38
Jackson	1.57
Jasper	2.12
Jefferson	0.34
Jefferson Davis	3.97
Jones	0.98
Kemper	0.20
Lafayette	0.48
Lamar	1.11
Lauderdale	0.78
Lawrence	1.25
Leake	0.38
Lee	0.68
Leflore	0.94
Lincoln	1.34
Lowndes	1.23
Madison	0.94

Marion	1.71
Marshall	1.34
Monroe	1.30
Montgomery	0.56
Neshoba	2.49
Newton	1.97
Noxubee	0.36
Oktibbeha	0.36
Panola	1.44
Pearl River	0.80
Perry	0.24
Pike	0.73
Pontotoc	0.54
Prentiss	0.67
Quitman	0.10
Rankin	1.27
Scott	0.57
Sharkey	0.31
Simpson	0.62
Smith	0.52
Stone	0.50
Sunflower	0.23
Tallahatchie	0.30
Tate	0.25
Tippah	0.80
Tishomingo	0.93
Tunica	0.12
Union	0.62
Walthall	0.95
Warren	0.67
Washington	0.41
Wayne	1.74
Webster	0.68
Wilkinson	0.32
Winston	0.80
Yalobusha	1.10
Yazoo	1.21
Delta WIA	0.56
MS Partnership WIA	0.78
Southcentral MS Works WIA	0.94
Twin Districts WIA	1.20
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	1.19
Hattiesburg MSA	0.95
Jackson MSA	0.94
Pascagoula MSA	1.59

2009 Location Quotient - Manufacturing

Adams	0.43
Alcorn	1.64
Amite	1.35
Attala	0.94
Benton	1.49
Bolivar	0.91
Calhoun	1.44
Carroll	1.19
Chickasaw	3.41
Choctaw	0.80
Claiborne	0.23
Clarke	1.45
Clay	1.11
Coahoma	0.58
Copiah	1.85
Covington	2.05
DeSoto	0.73
Forrest	0.51
Franklin	0.43
George	0.43
Greene	0.30
Grenada	2.01
Hancock	0.73
Harrison	0.41
Hinds	0.26
Holmes	0.81
Humphreys	1.82
Issaquena	0.00
Itawamba	1.57
Jackson	2.40
Jasper	2.11
Jefferson	0.13
Jefferson Davis	0.10
Jones	1.81
Kemper	1.92
Lafayette	0.44
Lamar	0.40
Lauderdale	0.69
Lawrence	1.91
Leake	2.45
Lee	1.57
Leflore	1.17
Lincoln	0.53
Lowndes	1.29
Madison	1.16

Marion	0.80
Marshall	0.77
Monroe	1.65
Montgomery	0.26
Neshoba	0.32
Newton	1.27
Noxubee	2.23
Oktibbeha	0.58
Panola	1.34
Pearl River	0.57
Perry	2.16
Pike	1.30
Pontotoc	3.99
Prentiss	1.88
Quitman	0.24
Rankin	0.57
Scott	3.70
Sharkey	0.05
Simpson	0.21
Smith	2.68
Stone	0.92
Sunflower	0.61
Tallahatchie	0.16
Tate	0.79
Tippah	2.19
Tishomingo	2.40
Tunica	0.11
Union	2.09
Walthall	1.36
Warren	1.22
Washington	0.57
Wayne	1.21
Webster	1.41
Wilkinson	0.59
Winston	1.60
Yalobusha	1.93
Yazoo	0.86
Delta WIA	0.75
MS Partnership WIA	1.41
Southcentral MS Works WIA	0.64
Twin Districts WIA	1.15
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	0.47
Hattiesburg MSA	0.53
Jackson MSA	0.54
Pascagoula MSA	2.24

2009 Location Quotient - Trade, Transportation & Utilities

Adams	1.21
Alcorn	1.10
Amite	1.18
Attala	1.06
Benton	1.52
Bolivar	1.03
Calhoun	1.15
Carroll	0.70
Chickasaw	0.87
Choctaw	0.70
Claiborne	1.25
Clarke	0.82
Clay	1.22
Coahoma	0.82
Copiah	0.94
Covington	0.85
DeSoto	1.60
Forrest	0.94
Franklin	0.78
George	1.26
Greene	0.57
Grenada	0.87
Hancock	0.77
Harrison	0.97
Hinds	0.76
Holmes	0.79
Humphreys	0.45
Issaquena	0.43
Itawamba	0.90
Jackson	0.66
Jasper	0.62
Jefferson	0.89
Jefferson Davis	0.85
Jones	0.85
Kemper	0.72
Lafayette	0.73
Lamar	1.42
Lauderdale	1.09
Lawrence	0.74
Leake	0.85
Lee	1.00
Leflore	0.90
Lincoln	1.61
Lowndes	1.17
Madison	1.06

Marion	1.18
Marshall	1.48
Monroe	0.98
Montgomery	1.07
Neshoba	0.68
Newton	0.70
Noxubee	0.91
Oktibbeha	0.62
Panola	1.21
Pearl River	1.19
Perry	0.75
Pike	1.21
Pontotoc	0.72
Prentiss	0.95
Quitman	0.79
Rankin	1.44
Scott	0.67
Sharkey	0.92
Simpson	0.76
Smith	0.86
Stone	0.98
Sunflower	1.07
Tallahatchie	0.68
Tate	0.97
Tippah	0.81
Tishomingo	0.93
Tunica	0.22
Union	1.38
Walthall	1.03
Warren	0.88
Washington	1.17
Wayne	1.11
Webster	0.85
Wilkinson	0.84
Winston	1.15
Yalobusha	0.94
Yazoo	0.88
Delta WIA	0.89
MS Partnership WIA	1.08
Southcentral MS Works WIA	1.01
Twin Districts WIA	0.91
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	0.94
Hattiesburg MSA	1.08
Jackson MSA	0.98
Pascagoula MSA	0.71

2009 Location Quotient - Information

Adams	0.99
Alcorn	0.55
Amite	0.52
Attala	0.94
Benton	0.20
Bolivar	0.81
Calhoun	0.79
Carroll	0.36
Chickasaw	0.12
Choctaw	1.47
Claiborne	0.32
Clarke	0.39
Clay	0.42
Coahoma	0.62
Copiah	0.50
Covington	0.36
DeSoto	0.48
Forrest	0.78
Franklin	7.44
George	0.73
Greene	0.61
Grenada	0.68
Hancock	0.59
Harrison	0.93
Hinds	1.79
Holmes	0.56
Humphreys	0.74
Issaquena	0.00
Itawamba	0.57
Jackson	1.01
Jasper	2.29
Jefferson	0.46
Jefferson Davis	0.72
Jones	0.69
Kemper	0.23
Lafayette	0.86
Lamar	0.61
Lauderdale	0.87
Lawrence	0.79
Leake	0.28
Lee	0.78
Leflore	0.85
Lincoln	0.85
Lowndes	0.84
Madison	1.68

Marion	0.68
Marshall	0.46
Monroe	0.64
Montgomery	0.55
Neshoba	0.59
Newton	0.41
Noxubee	0.46
Oktibbeha	0.77
Panola	0.71
Pearl River	1.01
Perry	0.94
Pike	0.76
Pontotoc	0.30
Prentiss	0.96
Quitman	0.59
Rankin	0.72
Scott	0.26
Sharkey	0.48
Simpson	0.54
Smith	0.34
Stone	0.46
Sunflower	0.36
Tallahatchie	0.44
Tate	3.79
Tippah	0.94
Tishomingo	0.64
Tunica	0.11
Union	0.81
Walthall	0.71
Warren	0.95
Washington	1.63
Wayne	0.60
Webster	0.25
Wilkinson	0.20
Winston	0.87
Yalobusha	0.29
Yazoo	0.66
Delta WIA	0.77
MS Partnership WIA	0.73
Southcentral MS Works WIA	1.31
Twin Districts WIA	0.79
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	0.87
Hattiesburg MSA	0.73
Jackson MSA	1.43
Pascagoula MSA	0.98

2009 Location Quotient - Financial Activities

Adams	1.02
Alcorn	0.98
Amite	0.57
Attala	0.77
Benton	0.46
Bolivar	0.74
Calhoun	0.58
Carroll	0.61
Chickasaw	0.59
Choctaw	0.39
Claiborne	0.35
Clarke	0.92
Clay	0.82
Coahoma	0.94
Copiah	0.66
Covington	0.60
DeSoto	0.81
Forrest	0.96
Franklin	1.40
George	0.94
Greene	0.39
Grenada	0.80
Hancock	0.68
Harrison	1.06
Hinds	1.38
Holmes	0.98
Humphreys	1.19
Issaquena	0.29
Itawamba	0.59
Jackson	0.66
Jasper	0.82
Jefferson	0.61
Jefferson Davis	0.53
Jones	0.77
Kemper	0.76
Lafayette	0.85
Lamar	1.03
Lauderdale	1.02
Lawrence	0.49
Leake	0.91
Lee	0.91
Leflore	0.76
Lincoln	0.88
Lowndes	0.87
Madison	1.96

Marion	1.16
Marshall	1.15
Monroe	0.80
Montgomery	0.83
Neshoba	0.54
Newton	0.65
Noxubee	0.77
Oktibbeha	0.66
Panola	0.98
Pearl River	1.12
Perry	0.73
Pike	0.99
Pontotoc	0.52
Prentiss	0.78
Quitman	1.53
Rankin	1.46
Scott	0.47
Sharkey	0.99
Simpson	0.93
Smith	0.44
Stone	0.76
Sunflower	0.59
Tallahatchie	0.55
Tate	0.85
Tippah	0.77
Tishomingo	0.72
Tunica	0.25
Union	0.58
Walthall	0.81
Warren	0.69
Washington	0.78
Wayne	0.78
Webster	0.57
Wilkinson	0.63
Winston	0.67
Yalobusha	0.83
Yazoo	1.31
Delta WIA	0.74
MS Partnership WIA	0.80
Southcentral MS Works WIA	1.31
Twin Districts WIA	0.87
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	1.00
Hattiesburg MSA	0.98
Jackson MSA	1.46
Pascagoula MSA	0.68

2009 Location Quotient - Professional & Business Services

Adams	0.51
Alcorn	0.60
Amite	0.21
Attala	0.79
Benton	0.62
Bolivar	0.47
Calhoun	0.16
Carroll	0.33
Chickasaw	0.17
Choctaw	0.20
Claiborne	0.20
Clarke	0.60
Clay	0.74
Coahoma	0.44
Copiah	0.31
Covington	0.34
DeSoto	0.86
Forrest	0.96
Franklin	0.39
George	0.41
Greene	0.04
Grenada	0.97
Hancock	2.52
Harrison	1.23
Hinds	1.50
Holmes	0.75
Humphreys	0.61
Issaquena	1.04
Itawamba	0.16
Jackson	0.94
Jasper	0.36
Jefferson	0.48
Jefferson Davis	0.14
Jones	0.57
Kemper	0.17
Lafayette	0.95
Lamar	0.68
Lauderdale	1.03
Lawrence	0.21
Leake	0.62
Lee	1.51
Leflore	0.66
Lincoln	0.43
Lowndes	0.80
Madison	1.47

Marion	0.56
Marshall	0.58
Monroe	0.39
Montgomery	0.55
Neshoba	0.41
Newton	0.31
Noxubee	0.16
Oktibbeha	1.22
Panola	0.63
Pearl River	0.55
Perry	0.23
Pike	0.50
Pontotoc	0.52
Prentiss	0.92
Quitman	0.30
Rankin	0.95
Scott	0.43
Sharkey	0.33
Simpson	0.60
Smith	0.57
Stone	0.56
Sunflower	0.29
Tallahatchie	3.10
Tate	0.31
Tippah	0.91
Tishomingo	0.28
Tunica	0.13
Union	0.26
Walthall	0.22
Warren	0.87
Washington	0.97
Wayne	0.62
Webster	0.59
Wilkinson	2.92
Winston	0.52
Yalobusha	1.11
Yazoo	0.22
Delta WIA	0.62
MS Partnership WIA	0.86
Southcentral MS Works WIA	1.12
Twin Districts WIA	0.90
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	1.37
Hattiesburg MSA	0.84
Jackson MSA	1.29
Pascagoula MSA	0.90

2009 Location Quotient - Education & Health Services

Adams	0.94
Alcorn	1.01
Amite	1.11
Attala	1.10
Benton	1.03
Bolivar	1.36
Calhoun	1.04
Carroll	1.11
Chickasaw	0.69
Choctaw	1.55
Claiborne	2.10
Clarke	1.22
Clay	0.97
Coahoma	1.46
Copiah	1.18
Covington	0.94
DeSoto	0.77
Forrest	1.40
Franklin	1.41
George	1.24
Greene	1.27
Grenada	0.95
Hancock	0.65
Harrison	0.79
Hinds	1.32
Holmes	1.44
Humphreys	1.16
Issaquena	0.45
Itawamba	1.15
Jackson	0.78
Jasper	0.86
Jefferson	2.04
Jefferson Davis	1.35
Jones	0.96
Kemper	1.37
Lafayette	1.66
Lamar	1.04
Lauderdale	1.28
Lawrence	1.11
Leake	0.86
Lee	0.89
Leflore	1.24
Lincoln	0.97
Lowndes	0.92
Madison	0.61

Marion	0.99
Marshall	1.06
Monroe	1.08
Montgomery	1.63
Neshoba	0.71
Newton	1.30
Noxubee	1.13
Oktibbeha	1.78
Panola	0.88
Pearl River	1.28
Perry	1.19
Pike	0.94
Pontotoc	0.51
Prentiss	0.98
Quitman	1.63
Rankin	0.92
Scott	0.52
Sharkey	1.50
Simpson	1.98
Smith	0.98
Stone	1.27
Sunflower	1.09
Tallahatchie	1.13
Tate	1.57
Tippah	0.93
Tishomingo	0.86
Tunica	0.21
Union	0.84
Walthall	1.21
Warren	0.87
Washington	1.05
Wayne	0.97
Webster	1.35
Wilkinson	1.17
Winston	0.93
Yalobusha	0.96
Yazoo	1.28
Delta WIA	1.06
MS Partnership WIA	1.03
Southcentral MS Works WIA	1.10
Twin Districts WIA	0.97
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	0.79
Hattiesburg MSA	1.28
Jackson MSA	1.11
Pascagoula MSA	0.81

2009 Location Quotient - Leisure and Hospitality

Adams	1.38
Alcorn	0.80
Amite	0.15
Attala	0.74
Benton	0.00
Bolivar	0.85
Calhoun	0.26
Carroll	0.31
Chickasaw	0.40
Choctaw	0.22
Claiborne	0.23
Clarke	0.35
Clay	0.94
Coahoma	1.28
Copiah	0.54
Covington	0.61
DeSoto	1.33
Forrest	1.07
Franklin	0.16
George	0.77
Greene	0.16
Grenada	0.88
Hancock	1.76
Harrison	2.11
Hinds	0.73
Holmes	0.30
Humphreys	0.36
Issaquena	0.03
Itawamba	0.56
Jackson	0.72
Jasper	0.21
Jefferson	0.06
Jefferson Davis	0.54
Jones	0.62
Kemper	0.23
Lafayette	1.29
Lamar	1.42
Lauderdale	0.88
Lawrence	0.36
Leake	0.53
Lee	0.78
Leflore	0.65
Lincoln	0.77
Lowndes	0.83
Madison	1.12

Marion	0.64
Marshall	0.40
Monroe	0.58
Montgomery	0.78
Neshoba	2.04
Newton	0.62
Noxubee	0.35
Oktibbeha	1.06
Panola	0.79
Pearl River	0.98
Perry	0.32
Pike	0.92
Pontotoc	0.38
Prentiss	0.61
Quitman	0.38
Rankin	0.87
Scott	0.33
Sharkey	0.24
Simpson	0.71
Smith	0.20
Stone	1.00
Sunflower	0.53
Tallahatchie	0.32
Tate	0.60
Tippah	0.44
Tishomingo	0.54
Tunica	6.76
Union	0.61
Walthall	0.54
Warren	1.83
Washington	1.10
Wayne	0.67
Webster	0.48
Wilkinson	0.31
Winston	0.71
Yalobusha	0.26
Yazoo	0.60
Delta WIA	1.57
MS Partnership WIA	0.84
Southcentral MS Works WIA	0.88
Twin Districts WIA	1.16
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	2.02
Hattiesburg MSA	1.15
Jackson MSA	0.82
Pascagoula MSA	0.72

2009 Location Quotient - Other Services

Adams	1.45
Alcorn	0.75
Amite	0.91
Attala	1.12
Benton	1.90
Bolivar	0.85
Calhoun	0.69
Carroll	0.55
Chickasaw	0.51
Choctaw	0.90
Claiborne	0.28
Clarke	0.68
Clay	1.07
Coahoma	0.96
Copiah	0.63
Covington	0.95
DeSoto	0.88
Forrest	0.96
Franklin	0.86
George	0.78
Greene	0.65
Grenada	0.57
Hancock	0.68
Harrison	1.02
Hinds	1.37
Holmes	2.19
Humphreys	0.60
Issaquena	1.90
Itawamba	0.39
Jackson	0.87
Jasper	0.65
Jefferson	0.25
Jefferson Davis	0.62
Jones	1.04
Kemper	0.26
Lafayette	0.87
Lamar	0.87
Lauderdale	1.20
Lawrence	0.69
Leake	0.35
Lee	1.13
Leflore	1.08
Lincoln	1.25
Lowndes	1.57
Madison	1.02

Marion	0.96
Marshall	0.98
Monroe	0.97
Montgomery	1.39
Neshoba	0.61
Newton	1.25
Noxubee	0.66
Oktibbeha	0.54
Panola	0.30
Pearl River	1.07
Perry	0.98
Pike	1.09
Pontotoc	0.35
Prentiss	0.54
Quitman	1.30
Rankin	0.90
Scott	0.45
Sharkey	2.45
Simpson	0.87
Smith	0.50
Stone	0.33
Sunflower	1.25
Tallahatchie	2.12
Tate	0.87
Tippah	0.56
Tishomingo	0.71
Tunica	0.14
Union	0.66
Walthall	2.05
Warren	0.76
Washington	1.94
Wayne	0.70
Webster	1.24
Wilkinson	0.73
Winston	1.33
Yalobusha	0.17
Yazoo	1.28
Delta WIA	1.08
MS Partnership WIA	0.90
Southcentral MS Works WIA	1.13
Twin Districts WIA	0.91
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	0.95
Hattiesburg MSA	0.93
Jackson MSA	1.16
Pascagoula MSA	0.86

2009 Location Quotient - Public Administration

Adams	0.92
Alcorn	0.89
Amite	1.56
Attala	0.81
Benton	1.55
Bolivar	0.92
Calhoun	0.96
Carroll	2.74
Chickasaw	0.84
Choctaw	1.26
Claiborne	1.07
Clarke	1.44
Clay	0.98
Coahoma	0.86
Copiah	0.97
Covington	0.88
DeSoto	0.78
Forrest	0.88
Franklin	1.24
George	1.06
Greene	5.81
Grenada	0.78
Hancock	0.97
Harrison	0.85
Hinds	1.83
Holmes	1.80
Humphreys	1.03
Issaquena	5.57
Itawamba	0.76
Jackson	0.63
Jasper	0.95
Jefferson	2.91
Jefferson Davis	1.71
Jones	0.58
Kemper	2.09
Lafayette	0.63
Lamar	0.48
Lauderdale	0.66
Lawrence	1.06
Leake	0.82
Lee	0.45
Leflore	0.87
Lincoln	0.78
Lowndes	0.58
Madison	0.60

Marion	1.08
Marshall	1.30
Monroe	1.00
Montgomery	1.18
Neshoba	2.98
Newton	0.91
Noxubee	1.20
Oktibbeha	0.68
Panola	1.06
Pearl River	1.09
Perry	1.59
Pike	0.86
Pontotoc	0.57
Prentiss	0.94
Quitman	1.88
Rankin	0.80
Scott	0.50
Sharkey	1.36
Simpson	0.87
Smith	1.05
Stone	1.14
Sunflower	3.80
Tallahatchie	1.58
Tate	1.05
Tippah	0.89
Tishomingo	1.17
Tunica	0.67
Union	0.79
Walthall	1.20
Warren	0.82
Washington	0.99
Wayne	0.56
Webster	1.22
Wilkinson	1.50
Winston	0.92
Yalobusha	1.18
Yazoo	1.17
Delta WIA	1.28
MS Partnership WIA	0.75
Southcentral MS Works WIA	1.22
Twin Districts WIA	0.90
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	0.88
Hattiesburg MSA	0.78
Jackson MSA	1.31
Pascagoula MSA	0.66

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 2008 because data is not available at the county level for 2009. At the state level, the PCI for 2009 was \$30,103. The state PCI increased \$4,946 or 19.7% from 2004 to 2009.

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

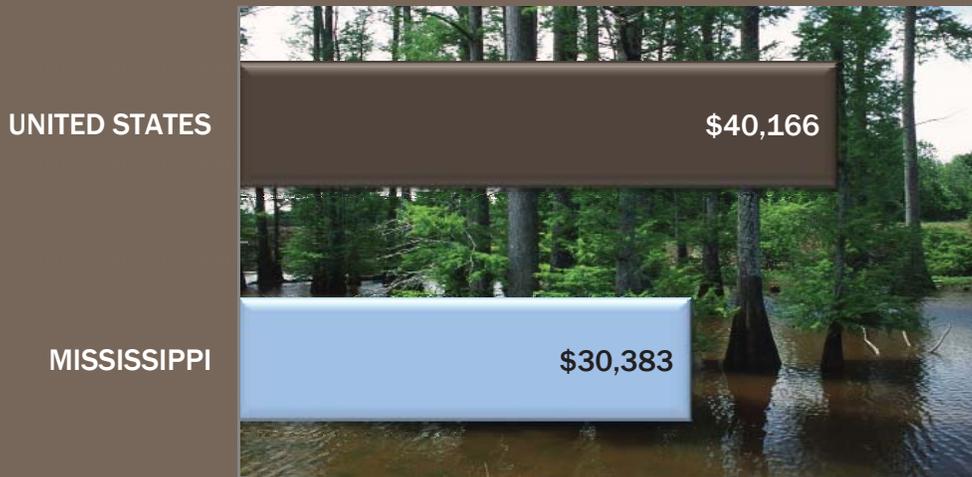
figure. This ratio has held very steady over the past several years. The accompanying chart reveals that there are wide discrepancies in the level of income among the various counties and regions of the state. Only one county, Madison, exceeded the national per capita income level in 2008. Two counties had a PCI less than half the national figure of \$40,166. Humphreys County may have presented the bleakest picture, ranking 72nd in PCI, 81st in net growth and 81st in percent growth.

Among the Metropolitan Statistical Areas, the Gulfport-Biloxi MSA posted the best ranking of second in income level, first in net growth and second in percent increase. Jackson had the highest PCI, but was third in net increase and in percent growth. Pascagoula was third in income, second in net change, and first in percent growth. Hattiesburg had the lowest overall rankings among the four.

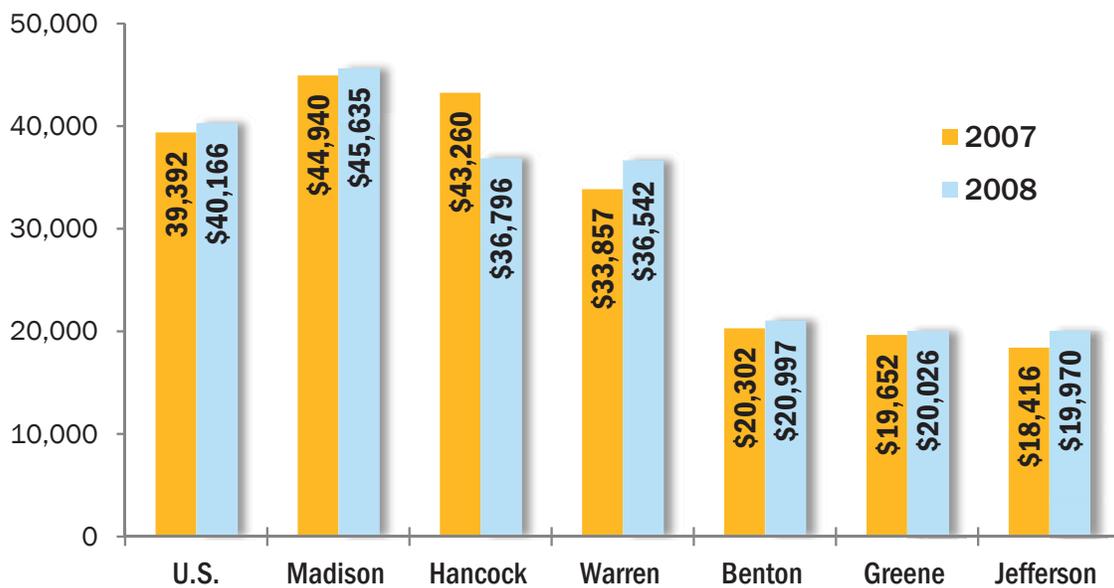
Comparing the WIA areas yields similar findings. Southcentral MS was first in income, but second in net increase and third in percent growth. Twin Districts posted the second highest PCI, but was first in net and percent change. MS Partnership came in last in net change and percent growth, but had the third highest income level. Delta WIA area recorded the lowest PCI, ranked third in net growth, and was second in percent change.

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2008 per capita income in Mississippi compared to U.S.



2007 and 2008 per capita income of the three highest and lowest counties in Mississippi compared to the nation



Per Capita Income

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Mississippi	\$25,157	\$26,819	\$28,006	\$29,542	\$30,383
Adams	\$24,355	\$26,249	\$28,220	\$29,742	\$31,924
Alcorn	\$22,753	\$24,064	\$24,737	\$25,744	\$27,017
Amite	\$21,578	\$22,781	\$23,424	\$24,560	\$26,282
Attala	\$21,183	\$22,041	\$23,048	\$23,615	\$25,011
Benton	\$18,401	\$19,379	\$19,635	\$20,302	\$20,997
Bolivar	\$21,679	\$22,626	\$23,533	\$25,552	\$26,835
Calhoun	\$22,157	\$23,217	\$22,934	\$23,868	\$24,530
Carroll	\$22,567	\$25,092	\$26,446	\$28,725	\$29,753
Chickasaw	\$20,552	\$21,689	\$22,363	\$23,250	\$24,176
Choctaw	\$18,801	\$19,705	\$20,170	\$21,071	\$22,029
Claiborne	\$17,889	\$19,101	\$19,817	\$21,509	\$22,252
Clarke	\$19,537	\$21,117	\$21,857	\$23,317	\$24,840
Clay	\$23,962	\$25,718	\$27,593	\$27,615	\$28,301
Coahoma	\$24,056	\$25,839	\$26,658	\$27,827	\$29,159
Copiah	\$19,977	\$21,106	\$21,700	\$22,323	\$23,538
Covington	\$21,832	\$23,392	\$22,665	\$23,994	\$24,933
DeSoto	\$30,167	\$31,812	\$32,090	\$33,191	\$32,393
Forrest	\$25,020	\$25,828	\$27,020	\$26,903	\$27,342
Franklin	\$19,060	\$20,390	\$21,646	\$21,842	\$22,929
George	\$21,020	\$22,858	\$23,091	\$23,391	\$25,212
Greene	\$17,392	\$18,540	\$19,621	\$19,652	\$20,026
Grenada	\$23,695	\$24,576	\$25,758	\$26,000	\$26,830
Hancock	\$25,693	\$28,350	\$31,961	\$43,260	\$36,796
Harrison	\$27,073	\$29,668	\$32,983	\$37,074	\$36,188
Hinds	\$29,921	\$31,359	\$33,610	\$34,057	\$35,385
Holmes	\$18,477	\$19,668	\$20,185	\$21,638	\$22,565
Humphreys	\$21,808	\$21,125	\$20,746	\$22,508	\$23,024
Issaquena	\$20,938	\$25,402	\$21,196	\$28,085	\$27,372
Itawamba	\$23,429	\$24,540	\$25,486	\$26,536	\$27,894
Jackson	\$25,542	\$28,596	\$29,841	\$35,220	\$35,045
Jasper	\$21,352	\$23,009	\$23,404	\$24,620	\$25,969
Jefferson	\$15,624	\$17,254	\$17,559	\$18,416	\$19,970
Jefferson Davis	\$20,289	\$21,694	\$21,949	\$22,938	\$26,359
Jones	\$25,754	\$27,593	\$28,964	\$30,386	\$31,505
Kemper	\$19,087	\$19,776	\$20,386	\$21,032	\$22,302
Lafayette	\$26,354	\$29,041	\$30,275	\$31,350	\$32,181
Lamar	\$25,895	\$28,243	\$30,574	\$32,501	\$33,452
Lauderdale	\$26,497	\$27,917	\$29,983	\$30,445	\$31,908
Lawrence	\$23,901	\$25,666	\$25,678	\$26,393	\$28,624
Leake	\$22,364	\$22,835	\$21,795	\$22,352	\$23,979
Lee	\$29,140	\$30,364	\$31,220	\$32,466	\$33,219
Leflore	\$22,961	\$24,722	\$25,466	\$26,299	\$26,943
Lincoln	\$23,304	\$24,769	\$26,009	\$26,349	\$27,446
Lowndes	\$24,603	\$26,324	\$28,197	\$29,841	\$31,196
Madison	\$38,749	\$40,795	\$43,518	\$44,940	\$45,635
Marion	\$21,369	\$23,408	\$24,439	\$25,036	\$27,058
Marshall	\$20,904	\$22,427	\$23,394	\$24,615	\$25,326

Per Capita Income

	2004 to 2008		RANK		
	Net Chg	Pct Chg	PCI 2008	Net Chg	Pct Chg
Mississippi	\$5,226	20.8%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Adams	\$7,569	31.1%	12	5	7
Alcorn	\$4,264	18.7%	34	40	44
Amite	\$4,704	21.8%	44	30	27
Attala	\$3,828	18.1%	55	53	48
Benton	\$2,596	14.1%	80	72	66
Bolivar	\$5,156	23.8%	36	23	20
Calhoun	\$2,373	10.7%	60	75	75
Carroll	\$7,186	31.8%	18	7	6
Chickasaw	\$3,624	17.6%	63	56	53
Choctaw	\$3,228	17.2%	78	63	56
Claiborne	\$4,363	24.4%	77	36	18
Clarke	\$5,303	27.1%	57	22	12
Clay	\$4,339	18.1%	23	38	47
Coahoma	\$5,103	21.2%	19	24	31
Copiah	\$3,561	17.8%	70	59	50
Covington	\$3,101	14.2%	56	68	65
DeSoto	\$2,226	7.4%	10	77	79
Forrest	\$2,322	9.3%	31	76	77
Franklin	\$3,869	20.3%	73	52	36
George	\$4,192	19.9%	52	41	39
Greene	\$2,634	15.1%	81	70	63
Grenada	\$3,135	13.2%	37	66	70
Hancock	\$11,103	43.2%	2	1	1
Harrison	\$9,115	33.7%	4	3	4
Hinds	\$5,464	18.3%	5	19	46
Holmes	\$4,088	22.1%	74	43	25
Humphreys	\$1,216	5.6%	72	81	81
Issaquena	\$6,434	30.7%	30	11	8
Itawamba	\$4,465	19.1%	25	34	42
Jackson	\$9,503	37.2%	6	2	3
Jasper	\$4,617	21.6%	45	32	28
Jefferson	\$4,346	27.8%	82	37	11
Jefferson Davis	\$6,070	29.9%	41	12	9
Jones	\$5,751	22.3%	15	15	23
Kemper	\$3,215	16.8%	76	64	58
Lafayette	\$5,827	22.1%	11	14	26
Lamar	\$7,557	29.2%	8	6	10
Lauderdale	\$5,411	20.4%	13	21	35
Lawrence	\$4,723	19.8%	22	29	40
Leake	\$1,615	7.2%	64	80	80
Lee	\$4,079	14.0%	9	44	67
Leflore	\$3,982	17.3%	35	50	54
Lincoln	\$4,142	17.8%	28	42	51
Lowndes	\$6,593	26.8%	16	10	14
Madison	\$6,886	17.8%	1	9	52
Marion	\$5,689	26.6%	33	16	15
Marshall	\$4,422	21.2%	50	35	32

Per Capita Income

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Monroe	\$23,548	\$24,623	\$25,390	\$26,444	\$27,219
Montgomery	\$22,877	\$23,535	\$24,008	\$24,749	\$26,355
Neshoba	\$28,660	\$30,131	\$30,022	\$30,447	\$31,812
Newton	\$22,892	\$23,427	\$23,274	\$24,184	\$25,479
Noxubee	\$20,259	\$21,359	\$21,724	\$22,681	\$23,873
Oktibbeha	\$24,099	\$25,744	\$27,018	\$27,867	\$29,068
Panola	\$21,110	\$22,711	\$23,431	\$24,409	\$25,646
Pearl River	\$21,093	\$23,325	\$23,405	\$24,122	\$25,086
Perry	\$18,633	\$20,183	\$21,212	\$21,514	\$22,413
Pike	\$21,563	\$23,237	\$23,903	\$24,713	\$26,576
Pontotoc	\$22,586	\$23,960	\$24,669	\$25,339	\$25,702
Prentiss	\$19,453	\$20,197	\$21,059	\$22,064	\$23,059
Quitman	\$20,752	\$22,758	\$21,999	\$24,074	\$26,345
Rankin	\$29,387	\$30,994	\$32,902	\$33,929	\$35,012
Scott	\$21,115	\$22,057	\$20,995	\$22,161	\$23,567
Sharkey	\$22,742	\$23,689	\$22,458	\$26,802	\$24,721
Simpson	\$24,983	\$26,011	\$25,809	\$27,495	\$28,974
Smith	\$24,738	\$25,746	\$22,861	\$23,689	\$25,246
Stone	\$23,374	\$25,440	\$26,196	\$26,642	\$27,379
Sunflower	\$18,613	\$20,400	\$20,949	\$22,518	\$24,624
Tallahatchie	\$22,820	\$23,979	\$23,280	\$25,392	\$27,717
Tate	\$24,679	\$26,014	\$26,760	\$27,737	\$28,217
Tippah	\$21,675	\$22,659	\$23,162	\$24,154	\$24,301
Tishomingo	\$19,773	\$20,920	\$21,832	\$22,628	\$23,829
Tunica	\$21,640	\$23,243	\$23,457	\$26,566	\$30,072
Union	\$22,520	\$23,926	\$24,662	\$25,700	\$26,406
Walthall	\$19,863	\$21,825	\$21,625	\$22,401	\$23,894
Warren	\$29,474	\$31,599	\$32,984	\$33,857	\$36,542
Washington	\$22,478	\$23,118	\$23,719	\$25,532	\$27,553
Wayne	\$20,965	\$22,626	\$22,869	\$23,968	\$25,614
Webster	\$20,372	\$21,698	\$21,650	\$22,802	\$23,648
Wilkinson	\$17,639	\$18,936	\$19,324	\$20,265	\$21,959
Winston	\$21,166	\$22,500	\$24,226	\$24,690	\$26,617
Yalobusha	\$22,095	\$22,832	\$23,635	\$23,808	\$25,020
Yazoo	\$22,234	\$22,843	\$22,345	\$23,594	\$24,402

MSAs

Gulfport-Biloxi	\$26,618	\$29,189	\$32,346	\$37,434	\$35,683
Hattiesburg	\$24,711	\$26,123	\$27,711	\$28,346	\$29,036
Jackson	\$30,369	\$31,940	\$33,992	\$34,863	\$36,054
Pascagoula	\$24,944	\$27,826	\$28,869	\$33,516	\$33,613

WIA Areas

Delta	\$21,675	\$22,994	\$23,489	\$25,164	\$26,611
Mississippi Partnership	\$24,527	\$25,966	\$26,877	\$27,902	\$28,565
Southcentral MS Works	\$27,925	\$29,525	\$31,169	\$32,080	\$33,462
Twin Districts	\$24,591	\$26,571	\$27,793	\$30,226	\$30,588

Per Capita Income

	2004 to 2008		RANK		
	Net Chg	Pct Chg	PCI 2008	Net Chg	Pct Chg
Monroe	\$3,671	15.6%	32	55	61
Montgomery	\$3,478	15.2%	42	61	62
Neshoba	\$3,152	11.0%	14	65	74
Newton	\$2,587	11.3%	49	73	73
Noxubee	\$3,614	17.8%	66	57	49
Oktibbeha	\$4,969	20.6%	20	27	33
Panola	\$4,536	21.5%	47	33	29
Pearl River	\$3,993	18.9%	53	48	43
Perry	\$3,780	20.3%	75	54	38
Pike	\$5,013	23.2%	39	26	21
Pontotoc	\$3,116	13.8%	46	67	68
Prentiss	\$3,606	18.5%	71	58	45
Quitman	\$5,593	27.0%	43	18	13
Rankin	\$5,625	19.1%	7	17	41
Scott	\$2,452	11.6%	69	74	72
Sharkey	\$1,979	8.7%	58	79	78
Simpson	\$3,991	16.0%	21	49	60
Smith	\$508	2.1%	51	82	82
Stone	\$4,005	17.1%	29	47	57
Sunflower	\$6,011	32.3%	59	13	5
Tallahatchie	\$4,897	21.5%	26	28	30
Tate	\$3,538	14.3%	24	60	64
Tippah	\$2,626	12.1%	62	71	71
Tishomingo	\$4,056	20.5%	67	45	34
Tunica	\$8,432	39.0%	17	4	2
Union	\$3,886	17.3%	40	51	55
Walthall	\$4,031	20.3%	65	46	37
Warren	\$7,068	24.0%	3	8	19
Washington	\$5,075	22.6%	27	25	22
Wayne	\$4,649	22.2%	48	31	24
Webster	\$3,276	16.1%	68	62	59
Wilkinson	\$4,320	24.5%	79	39	17
Winston	\$5,451	25.8%	38	20	16
Yalobusha	\$2,925	13.2%	54	69	69
Yazoo	\$2,168	9.8%	61	78	76

MSAs

Gulfport-Biloxi	\$9,065	34.1%	2	1	2
Hattiesburg	\$4,325	17.5%	4	4	4
Jackson	\$5,685	18.7%	1	3	3
Pascagoula	\$8,669	34.8%	3	2	1

WIA Areas

Delta	\$4,937	22.8%	4	3	2
Mississippi Partnership	\$4,038	16.5%	3	4	4
Southcentral MS Works	\$5,537	19.8%	1	2	3
Twin Districts	\$5,998	24.4%	2	1	1

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 some interesting tendencies. Ten counties registered a decline in tax collections between FY 2005 and 2009. Some counties exhibited mixed signals when the data were analyzed. For example, Clarke County was fifty-fifth in sales tax collections in FY 2009, but twenty-third in net increase and first in percent growth since 2005. Hinds County had the highest increase in sales tax collections from FY 2005 to 2009, but

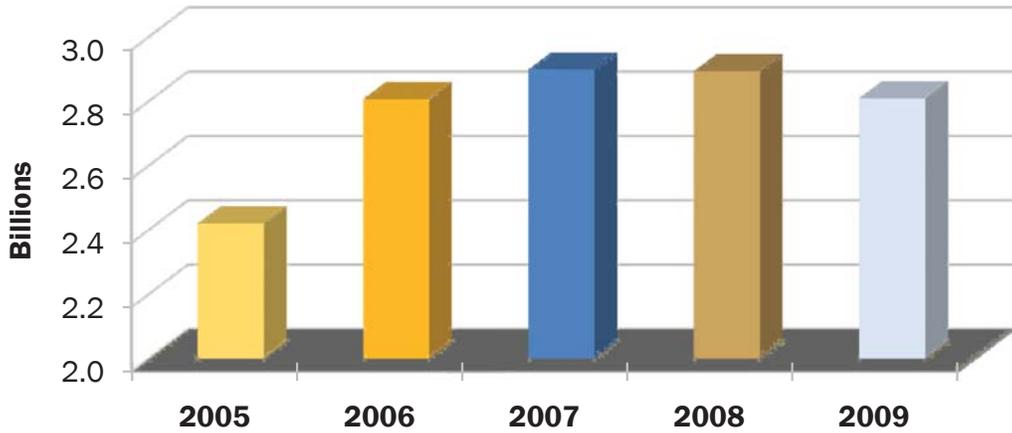
ranked 68th in percent growth. Quitman County may have fared worst of all. It posted a 21.6 percent loss in tax collections between FY 2005 and 2009, ranking it near the bottom in all categories. Choctaw County didn't do much better, also ranking near the bottom across the board.

Among the four Metropolitan Statistical Areas, Jackson was tops in collections and net growth but last in percent change. Pascagoula was almost just the opposite, coming in first in percent growth but third and fourth in the other two rankings. A lot more consistency was noted when comparing the four WIA areas. Twin Districts was first in all three rankings, but may have benefited from increased spending related to rebuilding the coastal region following Hurricane Katrina. Southcentral MS was second in all categories except percent change. The Mississippi Partnership area was close behind, finishing third in sales tax collections and net growth, and second in percent change. The Delta WIA is by far the least populous of the WIA regions and was at a distinct disadvantage, finishing last in the rankings. Four of the ten counties which lost sales tax revenues over the time frame were located in the region.

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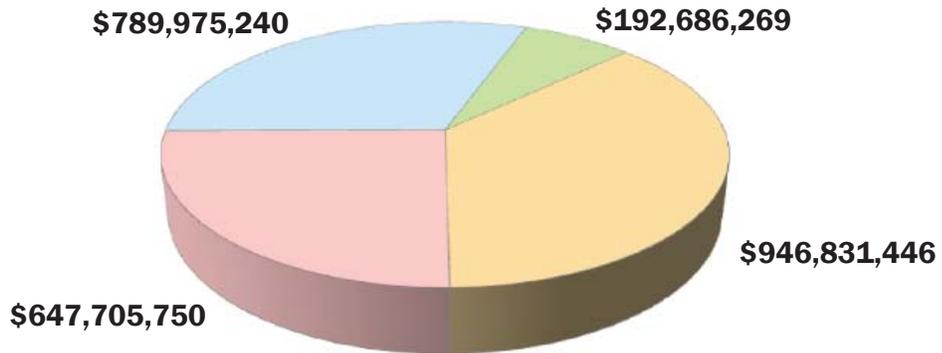
Sales Tax Collected 2005-2009

Mississippi



Sales Tax Collected 2009

Workforce Investment Act Areas



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Sales Tax Collected

	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Mississippi	\$2,421,578,472	\$2,807,349,366	\$2,899,368,395	\$2,893,929,503	\$2,809,902,028
Adams	\$29,298,910	\$35,926,814	\$33,321,364	\$36,709,040	\$34,629,809
Alcorn	\$29,591,662	\$30,880,392	\$33,362,307	\$33,620,169	\$31,808,990
Amite	\$2,862,667	\$3,013,160	\$2,960,967	\$3,006,231	\$3,379,859
Attala	\$11,247,400	\$11,524,043	\$11,785,480	\$11,725,220	\$12,734,552
Benton	\$1,185,765	\$1,266,472	\$1,314,057	\$1,206,950	\$1,196,912
Bolivar	\$19,990,185	\$21,875,984	\$22,536,300	\$22,687,652	\$23,485,674
Calhoun	\$5,203,401	\$5,459,091	\$5,604,165	\$5,864,862	\$5,721,892
Carroll	\$1,542,813	\$1,643,667	\$2,031,592	\$2,167,896	\$1,718,078
Chickasaw	\$8,274,516	\$8,748,231	\$8,801,712	\$8,668,451	\$8,157,747
Choctaw	\$2,467,885	\$2,398,111	\$2,232,685	\$2,171,996	\$2,140,632
Claiborne	\$2,804,665	\$3,041,777	\$3,060,169	\$3,224,994	\$2,726,948
Clarke	\$4,157,070	\$4,791,418	\$5,349,150	\$6,550,657	\$8,207,527
Clay	\$10,733,938	\$11,416,028	\$10,886,485	\$12,258,477	\$13,064,515
Coahoma	\$18,006,911	\$17,866,521	\$18,141,085	\$17,883,464	\$17,812,719
Copiah	\$10,851,869	\$12,041,190	\$12,137,145	\$13,356,981	\$14,538,902
Covington	\$8,456,102	\$10,507,911	\$10,137,767	\$10,300,853	\$9,884,474
DeSoto	\$126,942,112	\$149,155,525	\$154,755,426	\$153,823,380	\$147,412,097
Forrest	\$71,808,430	\$92,549,545	\$91,273,700	\$93,499,880	\$87,139,298
Franklin	\$1,689,993	\$1,901,617	\$2,165,693	\$2,022,611	\$1,907,161
George	\$10,803,311	\$13,946,341	\$13,747,652	\$17,041,370	\$13,619,518
Greene	\$2,277,818	\$2,974,669	\$3,492,294	\$2,968,972	\$2,733,914
Grenada	\$22,564,467	\$23,806,642	\$23,562,902	\$23,717,923	\$22,398,596
Hancock	\$27,514,491	\$25,439,931	\$42,565,085	\$41,957,733	\$39,045,521
Harrison	\$229,785,190	\$284,552,847	\$318,655,763	\$284,692,663	\$263,866,453
Hinds	\$271,783,016	\$296,681,673	\$290,834,280	\$294,664,869	\$281,555,690
Holmes	\$5,703,539	\$5,886,918	\$6,044,518	\$6,550,322	\$6,312,879
Humphreys	\$3,855,296	\$4,062,397	\$3,997,959	\$3,983,840	\$6,355,295
Issaquena	\$214,132	\$254,032	\$287,592	\$200,041	\$266,944
Itawamba	\$8,800,336	\$9,743,454	\$9,750,623	\$9,768,058	\$9,773,433
Jackson	\$82,639,928	\$118,103,542	\$120,004,509	\$117,445,513	\$115,145,072
Jasper	\$6,599,609	\$7,897,381	\$8,233,422	\$9,841,621	\$9,189,419
Jefferson	\$1,611,465	\$1,667,148	\$1,742,197	\$1,812,509	\$1,972,864
Jefferson Davis	\$4,338,219	\$4,757,851	\$4,631,527	\$5,036,442	\$5,153,023
Jones	\$56,740,623	\$71,877,718	\$75,691,570	\$78,292,891	\$75,753,670
Kemper	\$2,069,363	\$2,142,325	\$2,193,196	\$2,372,226	\$2,329,555
Lafayette	\$34,561,389	\$37,986,810	\$41,678,020	\$42,911,530	\$42,120,633
Lamar	\$56,482,214	\$75,201,394	\$76,634,323	\$77,597,020	\$73,646,186
Lauderdale	\$79,746,082	\$89,495,662	\$88,173,359	\$90,522,130	\$89,842,774
Lawrence	\$3,638,709	\$3,783,963	\$3,792,175	\$4,263,866	\$4,847,953
Leake	\$10,451,050	\$10,700,130	\$10,673,145	\$11,075,115	\$10,083,849
Lee	\$103,592,752	\$109,827,580	\$111,750,180	\$114,527,264	\$113,206,148
Leflore	\$26,568,364	\$28,267,142	\$30,896,956	\$30,279,994	\$28,720,485
Lincoln	\$28,070,602	\$34,749,807	\$34,075,585	\$35,070,616	\$33,161,125
Lowndes	\$55,427,530	\$60,196,150	\$64,955,343	\$63,167,590	\$61,361,598
Madison	\$94,579,959	\$108,339,020	\$112,942,042	\$114,590,424	\$114,063,194
Marion	\$18,337,896	\$23,742,081	\$24,894,851	\$24,619,510	\$24,991,189
Marshall	\$11,792,555	\$13,261,267	\$13,807,511	\$13,457,637	\$12,820,858

Sales Tax Collected

	2005 to 2009		RANK		
	Net Change	Pct Change	Tax 2009	Net Change	Pct Change
Mississippi	\$388,323,556	16.0%	XXX	XXX	XXX
Adams	\$5,330,899	18.2%	18	20	32
Alcorn	\$2,217,328	7.5%	22	37	64
Amite	\$517,192	18.1%	71	56	35
Attala	\$1,487,152	13.2%	44	41	46
Benton	\$11,147	0.9%	81	72	72
Bolivar	\$3,495,489	17.5%	26	25	36
Calhoun	\$518,491	10.0%	60	55	57
Carroll	\$175,265	11.4%	80	70	52
Chickasaw	(\$116,769)	(1.4%)	56	74	75
Choctaw	(\$327,253)	(13.3%)	76	77	81
Claiborne	(\$77,717)	(2.8%)	73	73	77
Clarke	\$4,050,457	97.4%	55	23	1
Clay	\$2,330,577	21.7%	40	35	24
Coahoma	(\$194,192)	(1.1%)	31	76	74
Copiah	\$3,687,033	34.0%	37	24	9
Covington	\$1,428,372	16.9%	49	42	38
DeSoto	\$20,469,985	16.1%	4	4	40
Forrest	\$15,330,868	21.3%	9	8	25
Franklin	\$217,168	12.9%	78	67	48
George	\$2,816,207	26.1%	39	27	17
Greene	\$456,096	20.0%	72	57	27
Grenada	(\$165,871)	(0.7%)	27	75	73
Hancock	\$11,531,030	41.9%	17	9	4
Harrison	\$34,081,263	14.8%	2	1	43
Hinds	\$9,772,674	3.6%	1	11	68
Holmes	\$609,340	10.7%	58	53	55
Humphreys	\$2,499,999	64.8%	57	33	2
Issaquena	\$52,812	24.7%	82	71	18
Itawamba	\$973,097	11.1%	50	50	53
Jackson	\$32,505,144	39.3%	5	2	5
Jasper	\$2,589,810	39.2%	52	30	6
Jefferson	\$361,399	22.4%	77	60	21
Jefferson Davis	\$814,804	18.8%	61	51	29
Jones	\$19,013,047	33.5%	10	6	10
Kemper	\$260,192	12.6%	75	66	50
Lafayette	\$7,559,244	21.9%	15	15	23
Lamar	\$17,163,972	30.4%	11	7	14
Lauderdale	\$10,096,692	12.7%	8	10	49
Lawrence	\$1,209,244	33.2%	63	44	11
Leake	(\$367,201)	(3.5%)	48	78	78
Lee	\$9,613,396	9.3%	7	12	60
Leflore	\$2,152,121	8.1%	23	38	62
Lincoln	\$5,090,523	18.1%	21	22	34
Lowndes	\$5,934,068	10.7%	12	18	54
Madison	\$19,483,235	20.6%	6	5	26
Marion	\$6,653,293	36.3%	25	16	7
Marshall	\$1,028,303	8.7%	43	49	61

Sales Tax Collected

	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Monroe	\$17,793,101	\$18,461,521	\$19,079,899	\$19,287,248	\$20,373,385
Montgomery	\$5,666,811	\$6,274,280	\$6,201,530	\$6,064,646	\$5,959,055
Neshoba	\$19,433,119	\$23,405,978	\$22,855,137	\$22,717,819	\$21,697,804
Newton	\$9,090,788	\$9,866,673	\$9,526,508	\$9,410,422	\$9,276,518
Noxubee	\$3,889,529	\$3,962,503	\$3,973,469	\$4,322,532	\$4,253,774
Oktibbeha	\$28,703,238	\$32,933,397	\$33,463,240	\$33,510,662	\$34,028,655
Panola	\$24,902,660	\$26,821,193	\$28,153,155	\$28,203,922	\$26,207,317
Pearl River	\$26,182,815	\$40,825,866	\$39,293,059	\$36,179,682	\$33,862,868
Perry	\$3,077,683	\$3,650,632	\$3,818,063	\$3,651,282	\$3,637,584
Pike	\$35,025,810	\$41,218,329	\$40,932,333	\$41,077,021	\$40,647,662
Pontotoc	\$11,974,372	\$12,923,684	\$13,758,775	\$15,423,261	\$14,625,438
Prentiss	\$11,038,168	\$11,619,234	\$11,680,180	\$12,825,417	\$14,427,354
Quitman	\$2,335,846	\$2,142,864	\$2,134,636	\$1,939,948	\$1,830,543
Rankin	\$143,883,804	\$174,848,512	\$179,133,701	\$178,441,676	\$167,516,327
Scott	\$14,150,280	\$15,392,763	\$17,163,361	\$17,514,067	\$16,771,849
Sharkey	\$2,199,494	\$2,365,610	\$2,507,712	\$2,558,280	\$2,520,468
Simpson	\$14,604,810	\$16,870,417	\$16,973,859	\$16,445,707	\$17,127,092
Smith	\$3,602,257	\$5,039,949	\$4,730,762	\$4,762,797	\$4,730,291
Stone	\$8,579,016	\$12,448,410	\$11,984,965	\$11,519,766	\$10,537,050
Sunflower	\$11,014,906	\$11,996,062	\$12,661,513	\$12,614,521	\$12,697,407
Tallahatchie	\$3,303,057	\$3,058,077	\$3,906,980	\$5,063,681	\$4,483,585
Tate	\$13,518,169	\$14,161,798	\$14,736,964	\$13,915,149	\$12,998,756
Tippah	\$8,532,252	\$8,621,634	\$9,088,347	\$10,150,275	\$9,187,063
Tishomingo	\$8,329,268	\$8,913,561	\$9,178,896	\$8,739,368	\$8,626,269
Tunica	\$17,808,644	\$17,877,293	\$18,219,492	\$17,298,920	\$16,982,776
Union	\$14,289,263	\$15,139,279	\$15,529,602	\$18,112,632	\$20,923,018
Walthall	\$3,783,513	\$4,900,122	\$5,378,902	\$7,688,340	\$4,864,470
Warren	\$41,267,836	\$46,885,357	\$47,178,407	\$51,938,175	\$50,629,566
Washington	\$44,282,906	\$45,196,111	\$44,624,889	\$44,483,600	\$43,292,099
Wayne	\$13,189,759	\$15,432,713	\$15,647,214	\$16,267,382	\$15,686,040
Webster	\$3,546,164	\$3,451,209	\$3,857,902	\$3,826,657	\$3,893,064
Wilkinson	\$3,165,947	\$3,252,492	\$3,269,565	\$3,601,755	\$3,579,955
Winston	\$9,958,448	\$10,745,323	\$10,670,811	\$10,604,637	\$10,251,294
Yalobusha	\$4,044,081	\$4,104,125	\$4,259,032	\$3,976,367	\$4,240,022
Yazoo	\$11,656,608	\$12,367,568	\$12,906,009	\$13,405,036	\$12,826,663

MSAs

Gulfport-Biloxi	\$265,878,697	\$322,441,188	\$373,205,813	\$338,170,162	\$313,449,024
Hattiesburg	\$131,368,327	\$171,401,571	\$171,726,086	\$174,748,182	\$164,423,068
Jackson	\$535,703,458	\$608,780,812	\$612,021,027	\$617,499,657	\$594,801,205
Pascagoula	\$93,443,239	\$132,049,883	\$133,752,161	\$134,486,883	\$128,764,590

WIA Areas

Delta	\$181,728,753	\$189,313,871	\$196,144,379	\$195,916,081	\$192,686,269
Mississippi Partnership	\$573,668,572	\$626,981,344	\$649,725,543	\$657,648,358	\$647,705,750
Southcentral MS Works	\$700,580,183	\$801,488,966	\$802,804,393	\$821,319,851	\$789,975,240
Twin Districts	\$769,513,113	\$964,743,730	\$1,021,370,382	\$995,837,813	\$946,831,446

Sales Tax Collected

	2005 to 2009		RANK		
	Net Change	Pct Change	Tax 2009	Net Change	Pct Change
Monroe	\$2,580,284	14.5%	30	31	45
Montgomery	\$292,244	5.2%	59	65	66
Neshoba	\$2,264,685	11.7%	28	36	51
Newton	\$185,730	2.0%	51	69	71
Noxubee	\$364,245	9.4%	66	59	59
Oktibbeha	\$5,325,417	18.6%	19	21	30
Panola	\$1,304,657	5.2%	24	43	65
Pearl River	\$7,680,053	29.3%	20	14	15
Perry	\$559,901	18.2%	69	54	33
Pike	\$5,621,852	16.1%	16	19	41
Pontotoc	\$2,651,066	22.1%	36	28	22
Prentiss	\$3,389,186	30.7%	38	26	13
Quitman	(\$505,303)	(21.6%)	79	79	82
Rankin	\$23,632,523	16.4%	3	3	39
Scott	\$2,621,569	18.5%	34	29	31
Sharkey	\$320,974	14.6%	74	62	44
Simpson	\$2,522,282	17.3%	32	32	37
Smith	\$1,128,034	31.3%	64	47	12
Stone	\$1,958,034	22.8%	46	39	19
Sunflower	\$1,682,501	15.3%	45	40	42
Tallahatchie	\$1,180,528	35.7%	65	45	8
Tate	(\$519,413)	(3.8%)	41	80	79
Tippah	\$654,811	7.7%	53	52	63
Tishomingo	\$297,001	3.6%	54	63	69
Tunica	(\$825,868)	(4.6%)	33	81	80
Union	\$6,633,755	46.4%	29	17	3
Walthall	\$1,080,957	28.6%	62	48	16
Warren	\$9,361,730	22.7%	13	13	20
Washington	(\$990,807)	(2.2%)	14	82	76
Wayne	\$2,496,281	18.9%	35	34	28
Webster	\$346,900	9.8%	68	61	58
Wilkinson	\$414,008	13.1%	70	58	47
Winston	\$292,846	2.9%	47	64	70
Yalobusha	\$195,941	4.8%	67	68	67
Yazoo	\$1,170,055	10.0%	42	46	56

MSAs

Gulfport-Biloxi	\$47,570,327	17.9%	2	2	3
Hattiesburg	\$33,054,741	25.2%	3	4	2
Jackson	\$59,097,747	11.0%	1	1	4
Pascagoula	\$35,321,351	37.8%	4	3	1

WIA Areas

Delta	\$10,957,516	6.0%	4	4	4
Mississippi Partnership	\$74,037,178	12.9%	3	3	2
Southcentral MS Works	\$89,395,057	12.8%	2	2	3
Twin Districts	\$177,318,333	23.0%	1	1	1

SOURCE: MS State Tax Commission

Index of Economic Stability

Having looked at various economic indicators, the question remained of how to put it all in perspective. Indexing is a common statistical procedure that has been used for decades as a means of comparative measurement. It was decided to develop five separate indexes from the economic indicators highlighted in this publication. Using the state as a base of 1.000, each county, MSA, and WIA area was “indexed” vis-à-vis 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 2009 was divided by the total for 2005. This yielded a growth factor of .9712. 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 .9712, or 1.025. 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. Hopefully, 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 ten counties with the highest composite index yielded one or two surprises. Madison and Lamar as the top two counties were not unexpected, given their high covered employment growth and high per capita income. Clarke County as number three was a different story. The high ranking was mostly attributed to a 97.4% increase in the Five Year Sales Tax Growth.

Lauderdale, Lee, and George 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, Pascagoula came out on top with an above-average index in four of the five categories. The Hattiesburg MSA was a very close second, with indexes above 1.000 in all but one category. Southcentral MS Works scored highest among the WIA areas with Per Capita Income as its strongest indicator. Delta WIA was a distant fourth, with particularly low scores on income and sales tax collections.

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	Five Year Covered Employment Growth	Labor Force Employed Growth 2009	Per Capita Income 2008	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	1.017	1.002	1.051	0.951	1.019	5.039	23
Alcorn	0.945	0.973	0.889	1.003	0.926	4.737	50
Amite	0.952	0.986	0.865	0.960	1.018	4.780	46
Attala	0.887	0.956	0.823	1.006	0.976	4.648	61
Benton	0.909	0.944	0.691	0.996	0.870	4.410	79
Bolivar	1.022	0.984	0.883	0.961	1.012	4.863	36
Calhoun	0.942	0.979	0.807	0.975	0.948	4.650	60
Carroll	0.911	0.984	0.979	0.984	0.960	4.817	40
Chickasaw	0.909	0.954	0.796	0.962	0.850	4.470	77
Choctaw	0.906	0.966	0.725	0.957	0.748	4.301	81
Claiborne	1.013	0.929	0.732	0.937	0.838	4.450	78
Clarke	1.108	0.982	0.818	0.976	1.702	5.585	3
Clay	0.745	0.911	0.931	0.965	1.049	4.601	69
Coahoma	0.927	0.967	0.960	0.936	0.853	4.642	63
Copiah	1.012	0.993	0.775	0.989	1.155	4.923	30
Covington	1.018	1.014	0.821	1.008	1.007	4.868	35
DeSoto	1.127	1.026	1.066	1.145	1.001	5.366	6
Forrest	1.037	1.019	0.900	1.052	1.046	5.054	20
Franklin	0.996	0.980	0.755	0.998	0.973	4.702	55
George	1.051	0.995	0.830	1.068	1.086	5.030	24
Greene	1.037	0.978	0.659	1.074	1.034	4.782	45
Grenada	0.879	0.966	0.883	0.996	0.855	4.580	71
Hancock	1.109	1.017	1.211	0.873	1.223	5.433	5
Harrison	0.997	1.021	1.191	0.909	0.990	5.108	16
Hinds	1.002	1.014	1.165	0.977	0.893	5.051	21
Holmes	0.964	0.890	0.743	0.968	0.954	4.518	75
Humphreys	1.008	0.961	0.758	0.949	1.421	5.096	18
Issaquena	1.222	0.976	0.901	0.872	1.074	5.044	22
Itawamba	0.969	0.976	0.918	0.982	0.957	4.803	42
Jackson	1.095	1.014	1.153	0.971	1.201	5.435	4
Jasper	1.079	0.989	0.855	0.990	1.200	5.112	15
Jefferson	1.083	0.915	0.657	0.965	1.055	4.676	57
Jefferson Davis	0.937	0.984	0.868	0.960	1.024	4.772	47
Jones	1.011	1.023	1.037	1.010	1.151	5.232	9
Kemper	0.959	0.965	0.734	0.947	0.970	4.575	73
Lafayette	1.060	1.019	1.059	1.046	1.050	5.234	8
Lamar	1.243	1.032	1.101	1.112	1.124	5.612	2
Lauderdale	0.981	0.999	1.050	1.007	0.971	5.009	26
Lawrence	1.062	0.983	0.942	0.987	1.148	5.123	14
Leake	1.037	1.002	0.789	1.014	0.832	4.673	58
Lee	0.972	0.986	1.093	1.029	0.942	5.022	25
Leflore	0.996	0.965	0.887	0.962	0.932	4.742	49
Lincoln	0.948	0.991	0.903	1.017	1.018	4.877	34
Lowndes	1.027	0.988	1.027	0.985	0.954	4.982	27
Madison	1.009	1.029	1.502	1.084	1.039	5.663	1
Marion	1.036	0.994	0.891	1.008	1.174	5.104	17
Marshall	0.972	0.976	0.834	1.015	0.937	4.733	51

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Monroe	0.869	0.952	0.896	0.975	0.987	4.678	56
Montgomery	0.946	0.948	0.867	0.943	0.906	4.610	68
Neshoba	0.913	0.999	1.047	1.002	0.962	4.924	29
Newton	0.939	1.003	0.839	1.007	0.879	4.667	59
Noxubee	0.825	0.889	0.786	0.956	0.943	4.399	80
Oktibbeha	1.056	1.011	0.957	1.031	1.022	5.076	19
Panola	1.019	0.968	0.844	0.991	0.907	4.729	52
Pearl River	1.082	1.005	0.826	1.098	1.115	5.126	13
Perry	0.899	0.989	0.738	0.985	1.019	4.629	64
Pike	1.010	0.992	0.875	1.013	1.000	4.890	33
Pontotoc	0.907	0.991	0.846	1.020	1.053	4.816	41
Prentiss	0.952	0.962	0.759	0.985	1.126	4.784	44
Quitman	0.804	0.965	0.867	0.888	0.675	4.199	82
Rankin	1.077	1.039	1.152	1.070	1.003	5.342	7
Scott	1.088	1.027	0.776	0.999	1.021	4.912	31
Sharkey	0.932	0.983	0.814	0.901	0.988	4.618	66
Simpson	0.981	1.011	0.954	0.985	1.011	4.941	28
Smith	0.883	1.003	0.831	0.975	1.132	4.823	39
Stone	1.073	1.019	0.901	1.110	1.058	5.161	11
Sunflower	0.954	0.959	0.810	0.928	0.993	4.645	62
Tallahatchie	0.945	0.977	0.912	0.898	1.170	4.902	32
Tate	0.964	0.987	0.929	1.021	0.829	4.729	53
Tippah	0.806	0.941	0.800	1.003	0.928	4.478	76
Tishomingo	0.948	0.965	0.784	0.988	0.893	4.577	72
Tunica	0.860	0.945	0.990	1.009	0.822	4.626	65
Union	1.006	0.989	0.869	1.005	1.262	5.131	12
Walthall	0.975	0.980	0.786	1.003	1.108	4.853	37
Warren	0.947	0.998	1.203	0.974	1.057	5.179	10
Washington	0.954	0.955	0.907	0.931	0.843	4.589	70
Wayne	0.965	0.987	0.843	0.972	1.025	4.792	43
Webster	0.953	0.948	0.778	0.987	0.946	4.612	67
Wilkinson	1.176	0.983	0.723	0.982	0.974	4.838	38
Winston	0.895	0.919	0.876	0.965	0.887	4.542	74
Yalobusha	1.079	0.944	0.823	1.003	0.904	4.754	48
Yazoo	1.010	0.976	0.803	0.987	0.948	4.725	54

MSAs

Gulfport-Biloxi	1.013	1.021	1.174	0.914	1.016	5.138	4
Hattiesburg	1.087	1.022	0.956	1.066	1.079	5.209	2
Jackson	1.020	1.023	1.187	1.019	0.957	5.205	3
Pascagoula	1.091	1.012	1.106	0.984	1.188	5.381	1

WIA Areas

Delta	0.957	0.962	0.876	0.949	0.914	4.658	4
Mississippi Partnership	0.981	0.986	0.940	1.025	0.973	4.904	3
Southcentral MS Works	1.012	1.012	1.101	1.008	0.972	5.105	1
Twin Districts	1.032	1.012	1.007	0.990	1.060	5.100	2

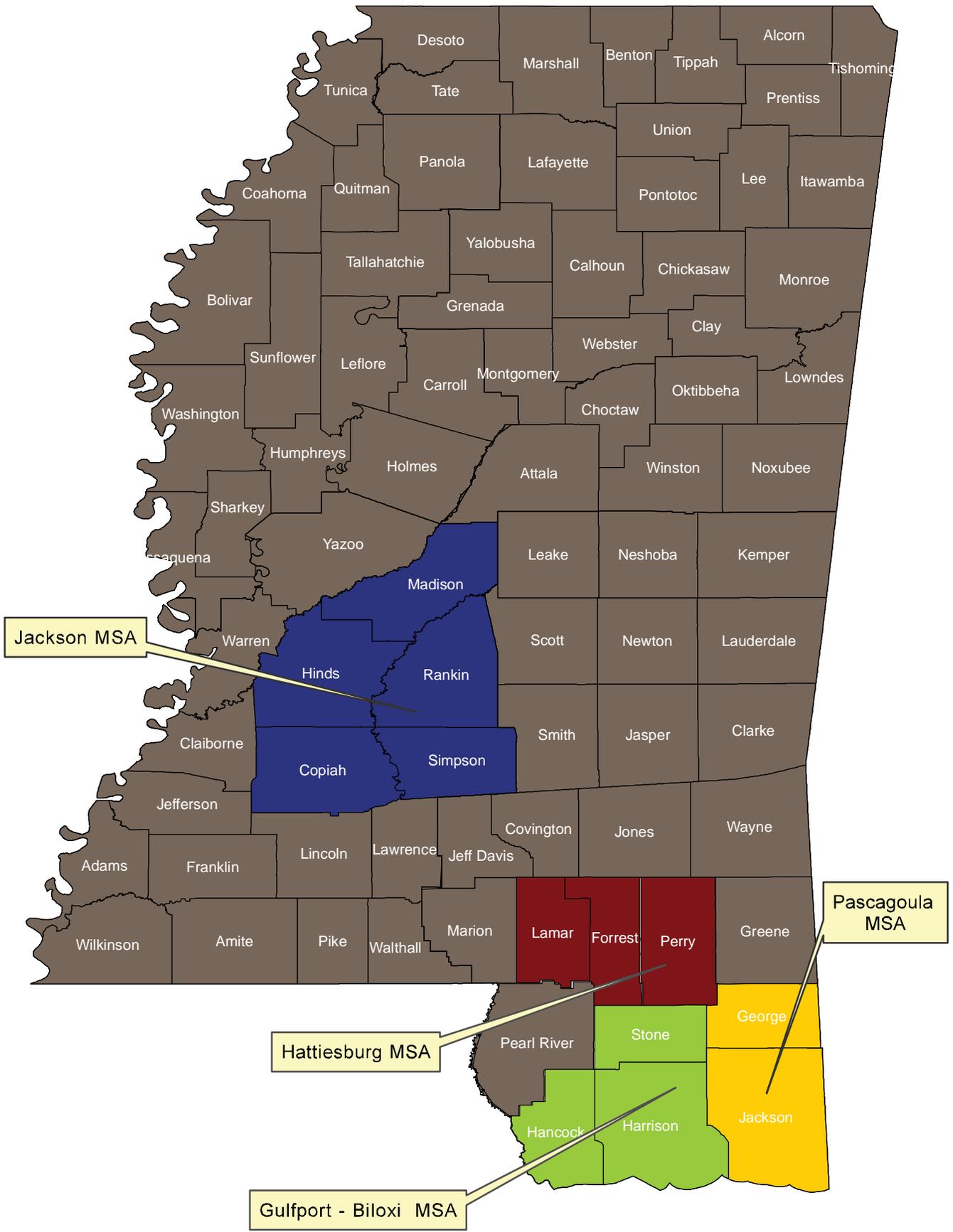
Data Maps

The following pages include state maps of some of the data used in this publication. The data is presented in this format to make visual comparisons easier.

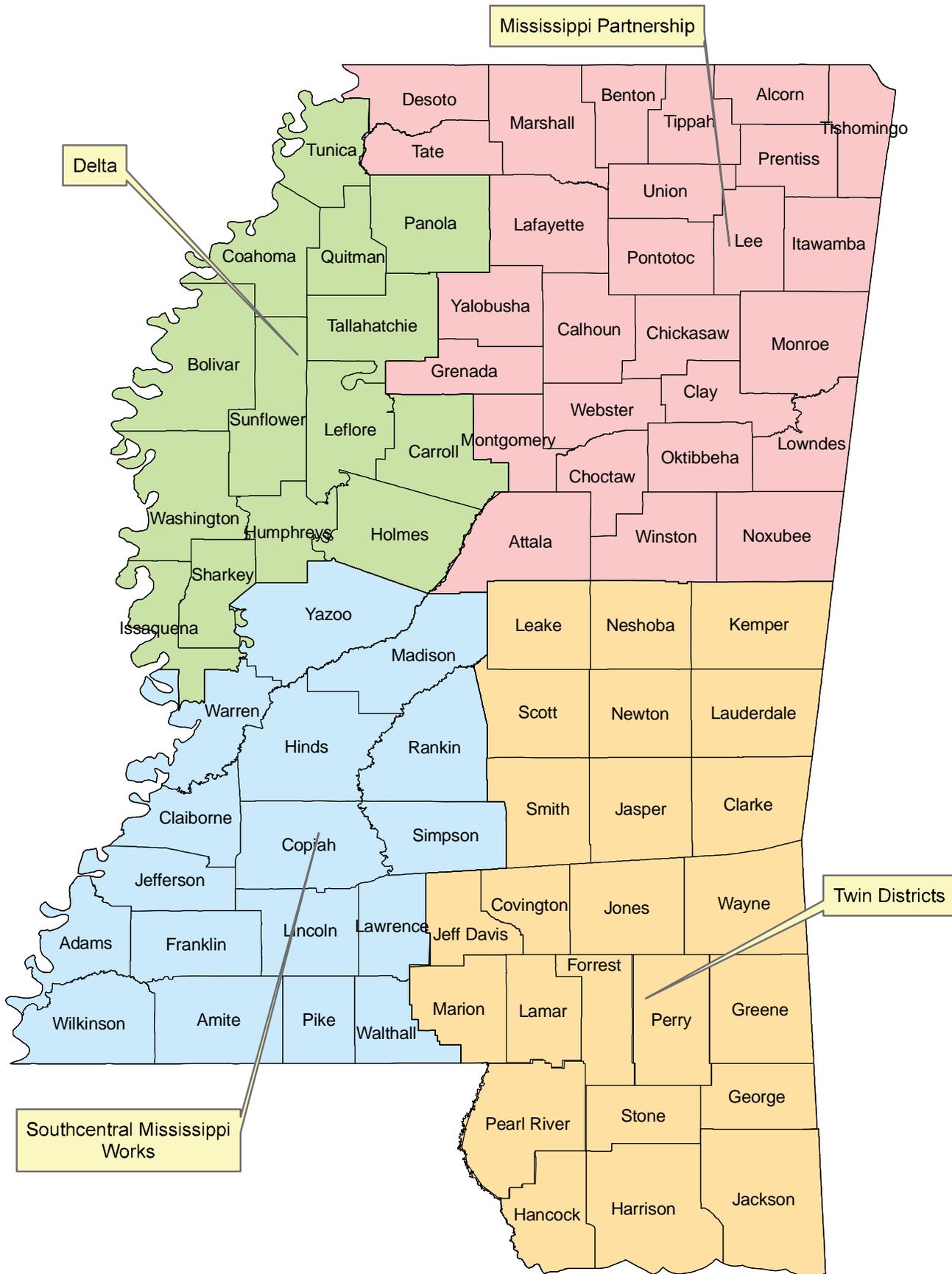
The following maps are included:

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Metropolitan Statistical Areas



Workforce Investment Act Areas



Summary & Conclusions

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There are some troublesome economic trends taking place across the Magnolia State. Population and labor force growth rates lag well behind the national pace. Per capita income is still considerably below the national average. Job growth has been stymied somewhat by natural disasters and a sluggish national economy. From the perspective of a wide range of events, the recession represents a deep downturn in the labor market. Even though sales taxes revenues increased from FY 2005 to FY 2009, collections were down over the last year. Even the recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina have been overshadowed once again by an increase in the unemployment rate, net losses of employment in most industry sectors, and a general decline in market conditions.

A review of employment by industry sector also reveals some long-term trends. Manufacturing jobs continue to decrease, while certain service providing jobs have increased. 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 both losses and gains across industry groups. The Southcentral Mississippi Works area saw heavy job losses in goods produc-

ing industries but had positive growth in other sectors. Despite heavy job losses in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Twin Districts area managed to be the only area with a net increase in jobs for the period.

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 only considering the last year, the state's economy looks worse. Mississippi has followed the National economic downward turn since 2007. After rebounding from Hurricane Katrina, the state now faces an economy that drastically affects every area of the state. There is no way to predict the extent or length of the current economic conditions – only time will tell.

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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