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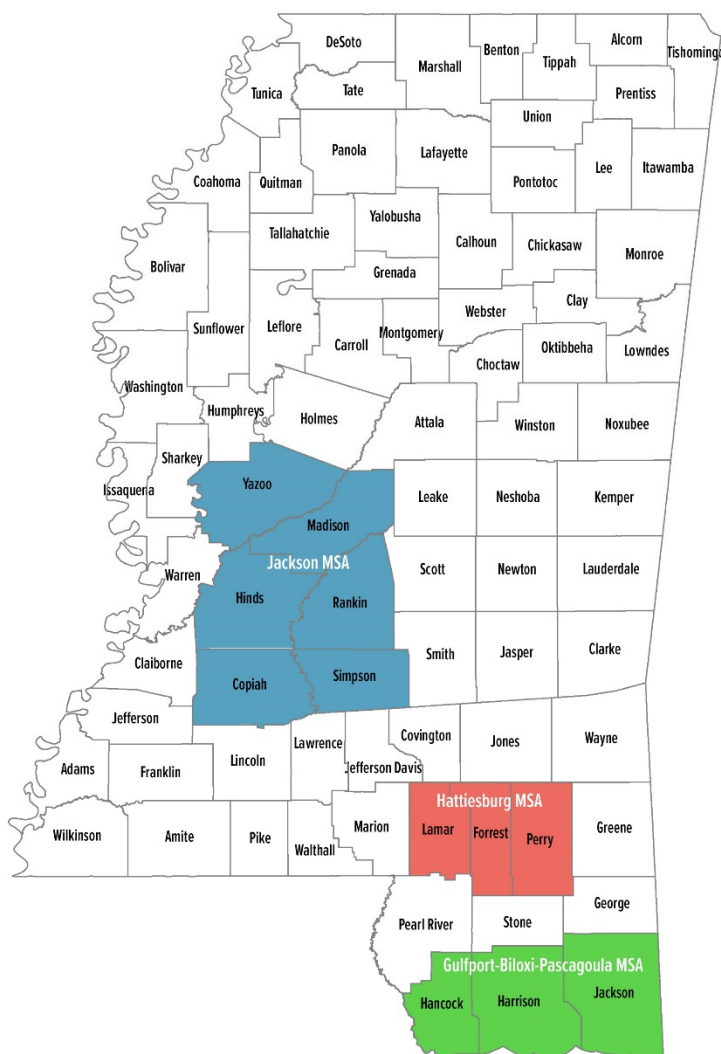


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County Map with Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)



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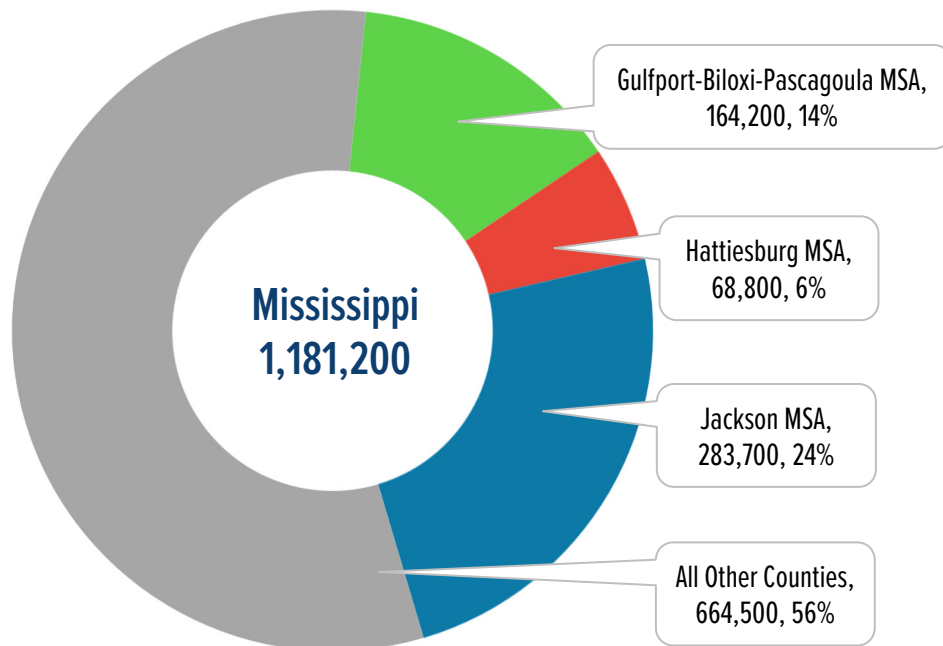
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Overview

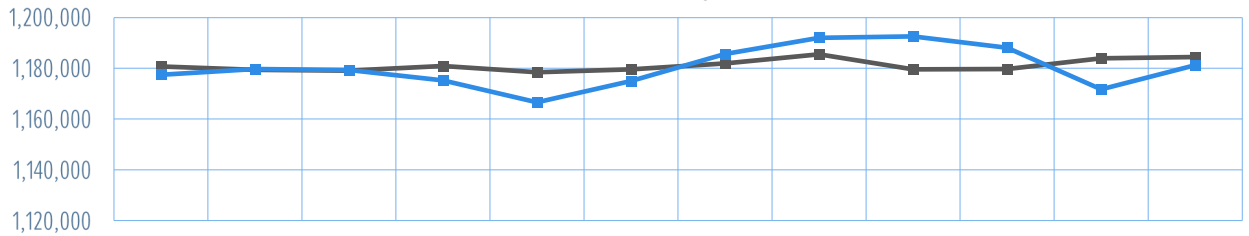
This issue reflects labor market information for **February 2024**. Data presented in this publication is based on estimates and may not add due to rounding. **All data presented is not seasonally adjusted, unless otherwise noted.** Additional seasonally adjusted data for state and metropolitan statistical areas may be found on the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics website at bls.gov/sae/.

February 2024 Preliminary Nonfarm Employment



Mississippi Nonfarm Employment

Mississippi Total Nonfarm Employment



	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24
Seasonally Adjusted	1,180,700	1,179,400	1,179,100	1,180,900	1,178,500	1,179,600	1,181,900	1,185,500	1,179,600	1,179,700	1,183,900	1,184,400
Unadjusted	1,177,400	1,179,700	1,179,300	1,175,200	1,166,600	1,175,000	1,185,600	1,192,000	1,192,600	1,188,100	1,171,700	1,181,200

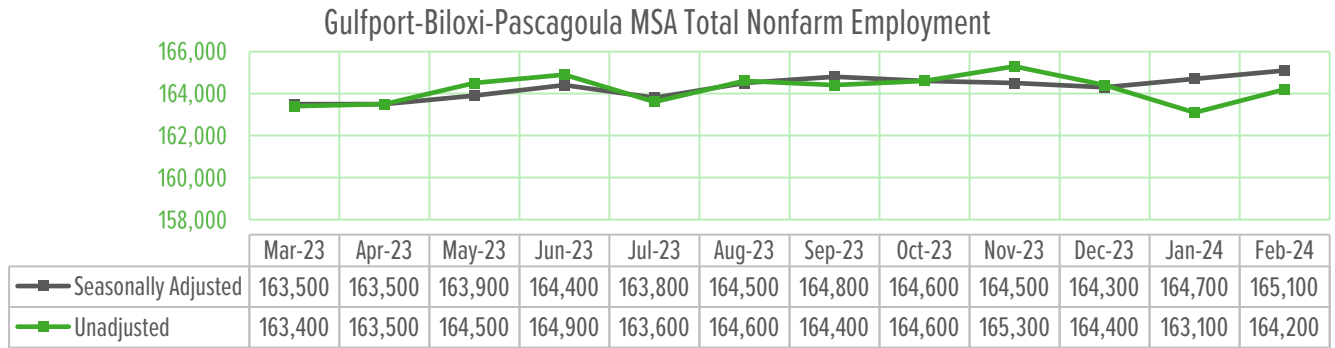
Industry	Preliminary Feb-2024	Revised Jan-2024	Revised Feb-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm	1,181,200	1,171,700	1,176,600	9,500	0.8	4,600	0.4
Total Private	940,900	934,400	939,300	6,500	0.7	1,600	0.2
Goods Producing	199,400	198,500	199,900	900	0.5	(500)	(0.3)
Service-Providing	981,800	973,200	976,700	8,600	0.9	5,100	0.5
Private Service Providing	741,500	735,900	739,400	5,600	0.76	2,100	0.3
Mining and Logging	6,300	6,300	6,200	0	0.0	100	1.6
Construction	48,800	47,800	47,000	1,000	2.1	1,800	3.8
Manufacturing	144,300	144,400	146,700	(100)	(0.1)	(2,400)	(1.6)
Durable Goods	94,800	94,100	95,700	700	0.7	(900)	(0.9)
Wood Product Manufacturing	9,200	9,100	9,000	100	1.1	200	2.2
Sawmills and Wood Preservation	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	0.0	200	4.4
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	9,700	9,600	9,700	100	1.0	0	0.0
Machinery Manufacturing	12,800	12,800	13,100	0	0.0	(300)	(2.3)
Electrical Equipment, Appliance & Component Manuf.	6,600	6,600	7,800	0	0.0	(1,200)	(15.4)
Electrical Equipment Manufacturing	5,500	5,400	6,600	100	1.9	(1,100)	(16.7)
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	28,600	28,600	28,100	0	0.0	500	1.8
Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	6,100	6,100	5,800	0	0.0	300	5.2
Ship and Boat Building	12,500	12,500	12,200	0	0.0	300	2.5
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing	14,800	14,800	15,300	0	0.0	(500)	(3.3)
Non-Durable Goods	49,500	50,300	51,000	(800)	(1.6)	(1,500)	(2.9)
Food Manufacturing	23,700	24,200	24,300	(500)	(2.1)	(600)	(2.5)
Animal Slaughtering & Processing	17,600	18,000	18,200	(400)	(2.2)	(600)	(3.3)
Paper Manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0.0	0	0.0
Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	8,300	8,400	8,600	(100)	(1.2)	(300)	(3.5)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	243,100	244,400	246,700	(1,300)	(0.5)	(3,600)	(1.5)
Wholesale Trade	35,400	35,200	36,000	200	0.6	(600)	(1.7)
Retail Trade	137,700	138,900	137,400	(1,200)	(0.9)	300	0.2
Food and Beverage Retailers	18,100	18,200	18,600	(100)	(0.5)	(500)	(2.7)

Mississippi Nonfarm Employment

Industry	Preliminary	Revised	Revised	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Feb-2024	Jan-2024	Feb-2023	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Grocery and Convenience Retailers	15,500	15,600	16,100	(100)	(0.6)	(600)	(3.7)
General Merchandise Retailers	38,400	38,600	36,100	(200)	(0.5)	2,300	6.4
Department Stores	4,700	4,900	4,500	(200)	(4.1)	200	4.4
Warehouse Clubs, Supercenters, Other Gen Merch Retailers	33,700	33,700	31,600	0	0.0	2,100	6.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	70,000	70,300	73,300	(300)	(0.4)	(3,300)	(4.5)
Utilities	8,000	8,000	8,100	0	0.0	(100)	(1.2)
Transportation and Warehousing	62,000	62,300	65,200	(300)	(0.5)	(3,200)	(4.9)
Warehousing and Storage	24,500	24,500	26,200	0	0.0	(1,700)	(6.5)
Information	9,400	9,400	10,100	0	0.0	(700)	(6.9)
Telecommunications	4,600	4,600	4,900	0	0.0	(300)	(6.1)
Financial Activities	45,000	45,200	45,300	(200)	(0.4)	(300)	(0.7)
Finance and Insurance	33,900	34,000	33,900	(100)	(0.3)	0	0.0
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities incl. Monetary	19,000	19,100	19,400	(100)	(0.5)	(400)	(2.1)
Depository Credit Intermediation incl. Monetary Auth.	14,400	14,500	14,500	(100)	(0.7)	(100)	(0.7)
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	13,000	13,000	13,000	0	0.0	0	0.0
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	11,100	11,200	11,400	(100)	(0.9)	(300)	(2.6)
Professional and Business Services	116,500	113,700	118,000	2,800	2.5	(1,500)	(1.3)
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	39,400	38,300	38,500	1,100	2.9	900	2.3
Management of Companies & Enterprises	11,000	10,800	11,000	200	1.9	0	0.0
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgt., & Remediation Services	66,100	64,600	68,500	1,500	2.3	(2,400)	(3.5)
Education and Health Services	155,100	154,100	148,700	1,000	0.6	6,400	4.3
Private Educational Services	14,100	13,600	13,700	500	3.7	400	2.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	141,000	140,500	135,000	500	0.4	6,000	4.4
Hospitals	27,900	27,900	28,000	0	0.0	(100)	(0.4)
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	23,200	23,200	21,700	0	0.0	1,500	6.9
Leisure and Hospitality	132,700	129,900	131,300	2,800	2.2	1,400	1.1
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	9,300	9,200	8,600	100	1.1	700	8.1
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Indus.	8,000	7,900	7,700	100	1.3	300	3.9
Accommodation and Food Services	123,400	120,700	122,700	2,700	2.2	700	0.6
Accommodation	24,500	24,200	24,100	300	1.2	400	1.7
Food Services and Drinking Places	98,900	96,500	98,600	2,400	2.5	300	0.3
Other Services	39,700	39,200	39,300	500	1.3	400	1.0
Repair and Maintenance	10,700	10,700	10,800	0	0.0	(100)	(0.9)
Government	240,300	237,300	237,300	3,000	1.3	3,000	1.3
Federal Government	27,000	26,900	26,100	100	0.4	900	3.4
State Government	59,500	57,000	57,700	2,500	4.4	1,800	3.1
State Government Educational Services	25,100	22,700	24,400	2,400	10.6	700	2.9
Local Government	153,800	153,400	153,500	400	0.3	300	0.2
Local Government Educational Services	79,800	79,300	79,300	500	0.6	500	0.6

Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA Nonfarm Employment

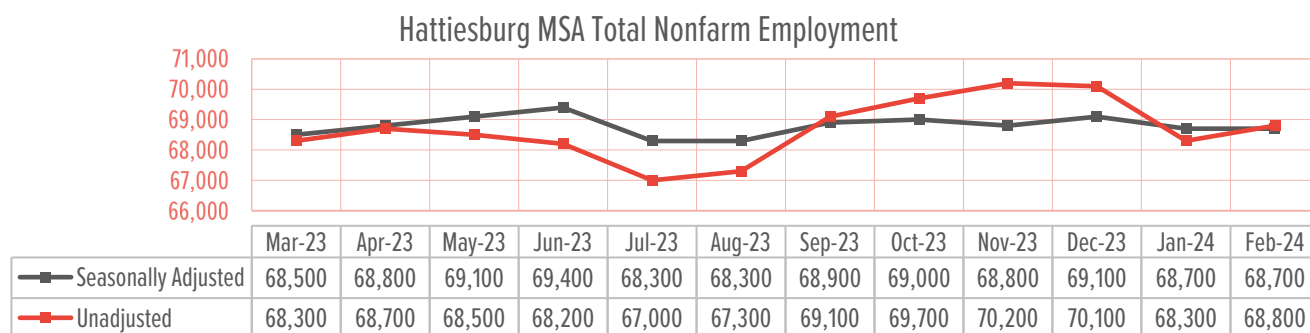
Includes Hancock, Harrison & Jackson Counties



Industry	Preliminary Feb-2024	Revised Jan-2024	Revised Feb-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm	164,200	163,100	162,600	1,100	0.7	1,600	1.0
Total Private	128,800	127,900	126,900	900	0.7	1,900	1.5
Goods Producing	26,200	26,000	25,900	200	0.8	300	1.2
Service-Providing	138,000	137,100	136,700	900	0.7	1,300	1.0
Private Service Providing	102,600	101,900	101,000	700	0.7	1,600	1.6
Mining, Logging and Construction	7,700	7,500	8,000	200	2.7	(300)	(3.8)
Manufacturing	18,500	18,500	17,900	0	0.0	600	3.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	25,500	25,600	25,400	(100)	(0.4)	100	0.4
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0.0	0	0.0
Retail Trade	18,600	18,700	18,400	(100)	(0.5)	200	1.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	4,400	4,400	4,500	0	0.0	(100)	(2.2)
Information	1,600	1,600	1,800	0	0.0	(200)	(11.1)
Financial Activities	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0.0	0	0.0
Professional and Business Services	19,500	19,100	18,900	400	2.1	600	3.2
Education and Health Services	13,800	13,800	13,100	0	0.0	700	5.3
Leisure and Hospitality	31,200	30,900	30,800	300	1.0	400	1.3
Other Services	5,300	5,200	5,300	100	1.9	0	0.0
Government	35,400	35,200	35,700	200	0.6	(300)	(0.8)
Federal Government	10,000	9,900	9,600	100	1.0	400	4.2
State Government	2,200	2,100	2,300	100	4.8	(100)	(4.3)
Local Government	23,200	23,200	23,800	0	0.0	(600)	(2.5)
Local Government Educational Services	9,600	9,600	9,700	0	0.0	(100)	(1.0)

Hattiesburg MSA Nonfarm Employment

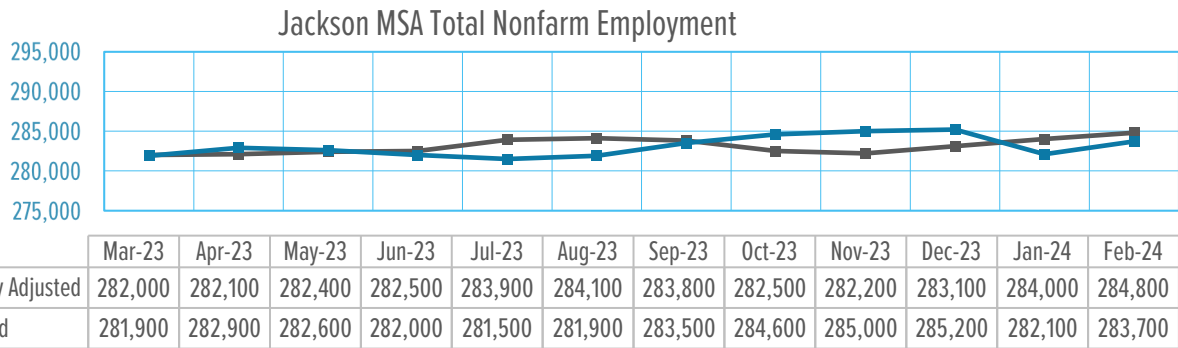
Includes Forrest, Lamar & Perry Counties



Industry	Preliminary Feb-2024	Revised Jan-2024	Revised Feb-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm	68,800	68,300	68,600	500	0.7	200	0.3
Total Private	54,000	54,000	54,000	0	0.0	0	0.0
Goods Producing	7,200	7,200	7,300	0	0.0	(100)	(1.4)
Service-Providing	61,600	61,100	61,300	500	0.8	300	0.5
Private Service Providing	46,800	46,800	46,700	0	0.0	100	0.2
Manufacturing	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0.0	0	0.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	14,000	14,300	14,100	(300)	(2.1)	(100)	(0.7)
Retail Trade	9,300	9,500	9,400	(200)	(2.1)	(100)	(1.1)
Leisure and Hospitality	8,300	8,100	8,300	200	2.5	0	0.0
Government	14,800	14,300	14,600	500	3.5	200	1.4
Federal Government	800	800	800	0	0.0	0	0.0
State Government	4,100	3,700	4,100	400	10.8	0	0.0
Local Government	9,900	9,800	9,700	100	1.0	200	2.1
Local Government Educational Services	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0.0	0	0.0

Jackson MSA Nonfarm Employment

Includes Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson & Yazoo Counties



Industry	Preliminary	Revised	Revised	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Feb-2024	Jan-2024	Feb-2023	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm	283,700	282,100	281,600	1,600	0.6	2,100	0.7
Total Private	229,000	227,800	228,500	1,200	0.5	500	0.2
Goods Producing	32,700	32,500	31,700	200	0.6	1,000	3.2
Service-Providing	251,000	249,600	249,900	1,400	0.6	1,100	0.4
Private Service Providing	196,300	195,300	196,800	1,000	0.5	(500)	(0.3)
Mining and Logging	800	800	800	0	0.0	0	0.0
Construction	12,800	12,600	11,800	200	1.6	1,000	8.5
Manufacturing	19,100	19,100	19,100	0	0.0	0	0.0
Durable Goods	11,600	11,500	11,700	100	0.9	(100)	(0.9)
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	6,000	5,900	6,000	100	1.7	0	0.0
Non-Durable Goods	7,500	7,600	7,400	(100)	(1.3)	100	1.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	55,600	55,900	56,500	(300)	(0.5)	(900)	(1.6)
Wholesale Trade	10,900	10,800	10,800	100	0.9	100	0.9
Retail Trade	28,300	28,600	28,000	(300)	(1.0)	300	1.1
General Merchandise Stores	6,700	6,700	6,400	0	0.0	300	4.7
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	16,400	16,500	17,700	(100)	(0.6)	(1,300)	(7.3)
Information	2,700	2,700	2,800	0	0.0	(100)	(3.6)
Financial Activities	15,800	15,800	16,300	0	0.0	(500)	(3.1)
Finance and Insurance	12,400	12,500	12,700	(100)	(0.8)	(300)	(2.4)
Professional and Business Services	37,100	36,600	38,300	500	1.4	(1,200)	(3.1)
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	14,100	13,900	13,900	200	1.4	200	1.4
Management of Companies & Enterprises	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	0.0	100	2.7
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Svcs.	19,200	18,900	20,700	300	1.6	(1,500)	(7.2)

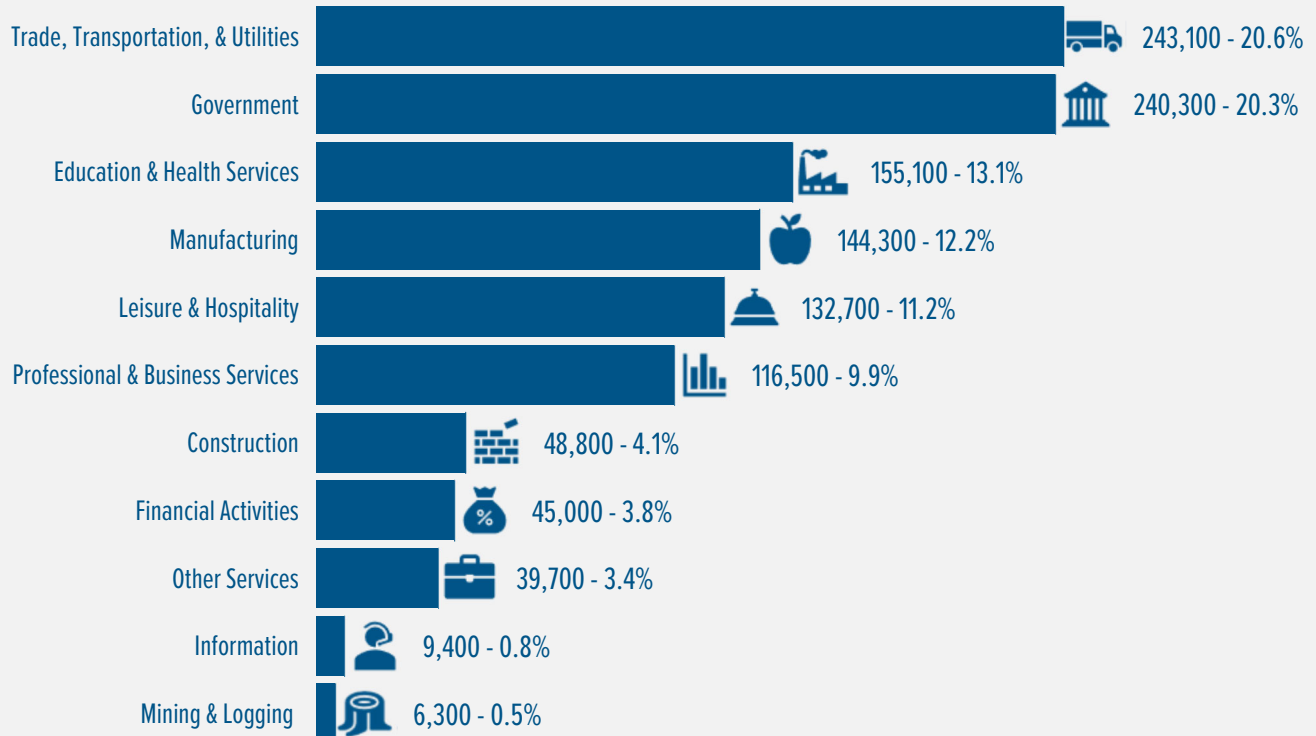
Jackson MSA Nonfarm Employment – continued

Includes Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson & Yazoo Counties

Industry	Preliminary	Revised	Revised	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Feb-2024	Jan-2024	Feb-2023	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Education and Health Services	46,800	46,300	44,600	500	1.1	2,200	4.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	40,300	39,900	38,400	400	1.0	1,900	4.9
Hospitals	8,100	8,100	8,200	0	0.0	(100)	(1.2)
Leisure and Hospitality	25,900	25,600	25,800	300	1.2	100	0.4
Accommodation and Food Services	23,500	23,100	23,500	400	1.7	0	0.0
Other Services	12,400	12,400	12,500	0	0.0	(100)	(0.8)
Government	54,700	54,300	53,100	400	0.7	1,600	3.0
Federal Government	6,400	6,400	6,100	0	0.0	300	4.9
State Government	26,600	26,300	25,700	300	1.1	900	3.5
State Government Educational Services	6,900	6,500	6,700	400	6.2	200	3.0
Local Government	21,700	21,600	21,300	100	0.5	400	1.9
Local Government Educational Services	13,800	13,800	13,400	0	0.0	400	3.0

Nonfarm Employment by Industry in Mississippi

February 2024



Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment

Seasonal adjustment eliminates the part of the change attributable to the normal seasonal variation making it possible to observe the cyclical and other nonseasonal movements in CES State and Area series.

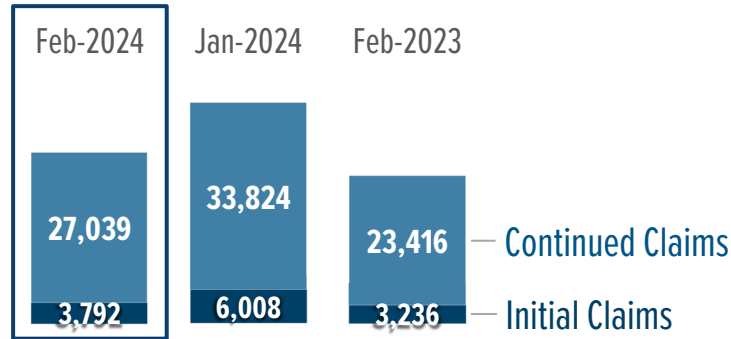
Mississippi	Preliminary Feb-2024	Revised Jan-2024	Revised Feb-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm	1,184,400	1,183,900	1,179,700	500	0.0	4,700	0.4
Total Private	945,500	945,100	944,200	400	0.0	1,300	0.1
Goods Producing	199,000	199,900	200,000	(900)	(0.5)	(1,000)	(0.5)
Service-Providing	985,400	984,000	979,700	1,400	0.1	5,700	0.6
Private Service Providing	746,500	745,200	744,200	1,300	0.2	2,300	0.3
Mining and Logging	6,300	6,300	6,300	0	0.0	0	0.0
Construction	48,800	48,700	47,400	100	0.2	1,400	3.0
Manufacturing	143,900	144,900	146,300	(1,000)	(0.7)	(2,400)	(1.6)
Durable Goods	94,400	94,300	95,200	100	0.1	(800)	(0.8)
Non-Durable Goods	49,500	50,600	51,100	(1,100)	(2.2)	(1,600)	(3.1)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	244,200	244,500	248,400	(300)	(0.1)	(4,200)	(1.7)
Wholesale Trade	35,500	35,400	35,900	100	0.3	(400)	(1.1)
Retail Trade	138,300	138,700	138,900	(400)	(0.3)	(600)	(0.4)
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	70,400	70,400	73,600	0	0.0	(3,200)	(4.3)
Information	9,500	9,500	10,100	0	0.0	(600)	(5.9)
Financial Activities	45,400	45,600	45,300	(200)	(0.4)	100	0.2
Finance and Insurance	34,100	34,200	33,800	(100)	(0.3)	300	0.9
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	11,300	11,400	11,500	(100)	(0.9)	(200)	(1.7)
Professional and Business Services	117,900	117,000	118,100	900	0.8	(200)	(0.2)
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	38,800	38,400	38,000	400	1.0	800	2.1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,100	10,800	11,000	300	2.8	100	0.9
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgt., & Remediation Serv.	68,000	67,800	69,100	200	0.3	(1,100)	(1.6)
Education and Health Services	154,500	154,200	148,700	300	0.2	5,800	3.9
Private Educational Services	13,800	13,800	13,000	0	0.0	800	6.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	140,700	140,400	135,700	300	0.2	5,000	3.7
Leisure and Hospitality	135,700	135,200	134,100	500	0.4	1,600	1.2
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10,000	10,100	9,400	(100)	(1.0)	600	6.4
Accommodation and Food Services	125,700	125,100	124,700	600	0.5	1,000	0.8
Other Services	39,300	39,200	39,500	100	0.3	(200)	(0.5)
Government	238,900	238,800	235,500	100	0.0	3,400	1.4
Federal Government	27,000	27,000	26,200	0	0.0	800	3.1
State Government	58,000	57,800	56,400	200	0.3	1,600	2.8
Local Government	153,900	154,000	152,900	(100)	(0.1)	1,000	0.7
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA Total Nonfarm	165,100	164,700	163,200	400	0.2	1,900	1.2
Hattiesburg MSA Total Nonfarm	68,700	68,700	68,500	0	0.0	200	0.3
Jackson MSA Total Nonfarm	284,800	284,000	281,800	800	0.3	3,000	1.1

Unemployment Insurance Data

Unemployment Insurance (UI)

benefits provide temporary financial assistance as determined by federal and state legislation for eligible workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own.

Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI)



Regular UI	Feb-2024	Jan-2024	Feb-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Initial Claims	3,792	6,008	3,236	(2,216)	(36.9)	556	17.2
Continued Claims	27,039	33,824	23,416	(6,785)	(20.1)	3,623	15.5
First Payments	1,367	1,748	1,214	(381)	(21.8)	153	12.6
Final Payments	422	444	282	(22)	(5.0)	140	49.6
Weeks Paid	18,245	23,091	15,558	(4,846)	(21.0)	2,687	17.3
Benefits Paid	\$ 4,021,386	\$ 5,072,810	\$ 3,406,612	(\$ 1,051,424)	(20.7)	\$ 614,774	18.0
Average Weekly Benefit	\$ 220.41	\$ 219.69	\$ 218.96	\$ 0.72	0.3	\$ 1.45	0.7

Initial Claim – A request for determination of entitlement for unemployment insurance benefits when a break in job attachment has occurred.

Continued Claim – A request for benefit payment or a notice filed to obtain credit for a waiting period week.

First Payment – Counts of individuals for whom states have decided to make at least one Unemployment Insurance payment. This is the measure generally used as a proxy for new entrants to the system.

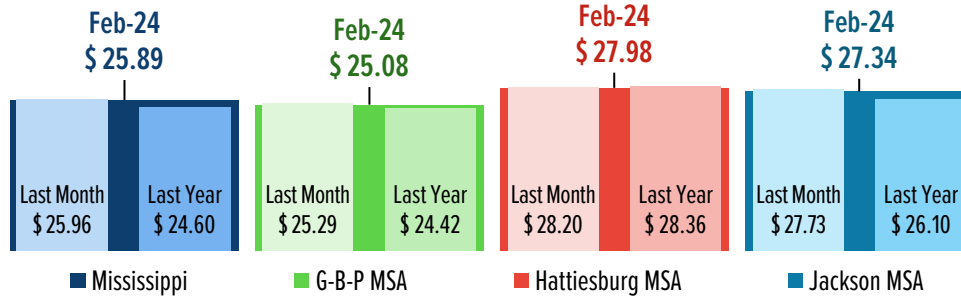
Final Payment – Occurs when a claimant receives a payment that reduces their account balance to zero in a particular program and exhausts their entitlement in that program.

Weeks Paid – The total number of requests for a week of compensation by UI claimants who have eligibility.

Benefits Paid – Unemployment compensation paid to individuals under a state program, usually the first 26 weeks of benefits. This total will be for all weeks compensated in these programs, including partial payments. This total does not include UCFE or UCX, Trade, DUA or any sort of extended or Federal benefit program.

Average Weekly Benefit – Amount paid to individuals receiving unemployment insurance payments, excluding partial weeks.

Average Hourly Earnings - Total Private Nonfarm Workers



All Workers	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Preliminary Feb-24	Revised Jan-24	Revised Feb-23	Prelim. Feb-24	Revised Jan-24	Revised Feb-23	Prelim. Feb-24	Revised Jan-24	Revised Feb-23
MISSISSIPPI									
Total Private Nonfarm	\$ 906.15	\$ 890.43	\$ 856.08	35.0	34.3	34.8	\$ 25.89	\$ 25.96	\$ 24.60
Private Goods Producing	\$ 1,121.45	\$ 1,106.80	\$ 1,082.32	40.5	40.0	41.2	\$ 27.69	\$ 27.67	\$ 26.27
Private Service Providing	\$ 847.89	\$ 830.58	\$ 795.72	33.5	32.7	33.1	\$ 25.31	\$ 25.40	\$ 24.04
Construction	\$ 1,139.84	\$ 1,082.66	\$ 1,118.12	39.4	36.8	40.6	\$ 28.93	\$ 29.42	\$ 27.54
Manufacturing	\$ 971.92	\$ 980.10	\$ 988.51	39.8	40.4	41.0	\$ 24.42	\$ 24.26	\$ 24.11
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	\$ 842.26	\$ 829.69	\$ 825.86	35.3	34.2	34.7	\$ 23.86	\$ 24.26	\$ 23.80
Financial Activities	\$ 1,030.49	\$ 1,017.20	\$ 979.39	35.4	35.1	37.0	\$ 29.11	\$ 28.98	\$ 26.47
Prof. & Business Services	\$ 959.81	\$ 953.87	\$ 898.58	35.3	34.8	35.8	\$ 27.19	\$ 27.41	\$ 25.10
Education & Health Services	\$ 992.15	\$ 964.69	\$ 933.65	34.8	34.1	34.3	\$ 28.51	\$ 28.29	\$ 27.22
Leisure and Hospitality	\$ 450.43	\$ 441.93	\$ 437.10	27.6	26.8	27.2	\$ 16.32	\$ 16.49	\$ 16.07
GULFPORT-BILOXI-PASCAGOULA MSA									
Total Private	\$ 892.85	\$ 895.27	\$ 879.12	35.6	35.4	36.0	\$ 25.08	\$ 25.29	\$ 24.42
HATTIESBURG MSA									
Total Private	\$ 976.50	\$ 975.72	\$ 995.44	34.9	34.6	35.1	\$ 27.98	\$ 28.20	\$ 28.36
JACKSON MSA									
Total Private	\$ 962.37	\$ 940.05	\$ 918.72	35.2	33.9	35.2	\$ 27.34	\$ 27.73	\$ 26.10

Production Workers	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Preliminary Feb-24	Revised Jan-24	Revised Feb-23	Prelim. Feb-24	Revised Jan-24	Revised Feb-23	Prelim. Feb-24	Revised Jan-24	Revised Feb-23
MISSISSIPPI									
Manufacturing	\$ 882.97	\$ 908.73	\$ 852.84	40.3	41.4	41.2	\$ 21.91	\$ 21.95	\$ 20.70
Durable Goods	\$ 947.77	\$ 957.49	\$ 882.71	41.1	41.2	41.5	\$ 23.06	\$ 23.24	\$ 21.27
Nondurable Goods	\$ 776.44	\$ 832.66	\$ 801.04	38.9	41.8	40.6	\$ 19.96	\$ 19.92	\$ 19.73

— Current Employment Statistics (CES) State and Metro Area program

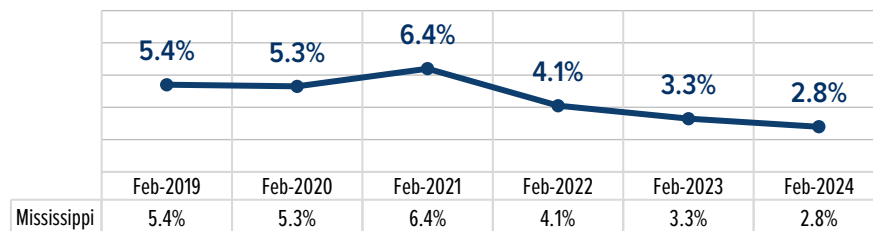
Comparative Labor Force Estimates

Annually at this time of year work is performed to revise labor force estimates from previous years, called benchmarking. It should be noted that at any level, other than statewide, February 2024, labor force data are NOT strictly comparable with any prior year data. Revised data for years prior to 2024 should be released in time for the March 2024 estimates. At that time, comparison of data across years will be available.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics by Area	Preliminary Feb-2024	Revised Jan-2024	Revised Feb-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
MISSISSIPPI							
Civilian Labor Force	1,225,900	1,218,100	1,230,700	7,800	0.6	(4,800)	(0.4)
Unemployed	33,800	41,400	40,600	(7,600)	(18.4)	(6,800)	(16.7)
Unemployment Rate	2.8%	3.4%	3.3%	(0.6)		(0.5)	
Employed	1,192,100	1,176,700	1,190,200	15,400	1.3	1,900	0.2
GULFPORT-BILOXI-PASCAGOULA MSA							
Civilian Labor Force	163,660	162,510	162,910	1,150	0.7	750	0.5
Unemployed	4,450	5,440	5,320	(990)	(18.2)	(870)	(16.4)
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	3.3%	3.3%	(0.6)		(0.6)	
Employed	159,200	157,070	157,590	2,130	1.4	1,610	1.0
HATTIESBURG MSA							
Civilian Labor Force	68,640	68,040	68,660	600	0.9	(20)	(0.0)
Unemployed	1,640	2,000	2,020	(360)	(18.0)	(380)	(18.8)
Unemployment Rate	2.4%	2.9%	2.9%	(0.5)		(0.5)	
Employed	66,990	66,040	66,640	950	1.4	350	0.5
JACKSON MSA							
Civilian Labor Force	259,850	257,800	259,090	2,050	0.8	760	0.3
Unemployed	6,240	7,580	7,540	(1,340)	(17.7)	(1,300)	(17.2)
Unemployment Rate	2.4%	2.9%	2.9%	(0.5)		(0.5)	
Employed	253,610	250,230	251,550	3,380	1.4	2,060	0.8

—Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program

Mississippi Five Year Comparison of Unemployment Rates



Consumer Price Index – South Region

South Census Region

The South region is comprised of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Prices in the South up 0.9 percent in February and 3.7 percent over the past year

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the South rose 0.9 percent in February. The shelter index continued to rise in February and was a leading contributor to the monthly all items increase. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes reflect the impact of seasonal influences.)

The all items CPI-U for the South increased 3.7 percent for the 12 months ending in February, after increasing 3.4 percent for the 12-month period ending in January. The index for all items less and food and energy advanced 4.4 percent over the past 12 months. The food index continued to increase, up 2.4 percent over the past year. In contrast, the energy index declined 1.3 percent over the last 12 months.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) in the South Census Region, unadjusted; 1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted

Expenditure Category	Feb-2024	Jan-2024	Feb-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
All Items	303.1	300.4	292.3	2.7	0.9	10.9	3.7
Food & Beverages	320.3	318.9	312.8	1.3	0.4	7.5	2.4
Housing	309.9	308.1	294.5	1.8	0.6	15.5	5.2
Rent of primary residence	387.0	385.2	362.7	1.8	0.5	24.3	6.7
Household Energy	244.4	244.6	242.7	(0.1)	(0.1)	1.7	0.7
Energy Services	244.3	244.5	242.3	(0.2)	(0.1)	2.0	0.8
Apparel	143.5	136.8	140.7	6.7	4.9	2.8	2.0
Transportation	270.6	264.9	261.0	5.7	2.2	9.6	3.7
New & Used Motor Vehicles*	126.9	126.1	127.4	0.8	0.6	(0.5)	(0.4)
New Vehicles	186.3	186.4	185.9	(0.2)	(0.1)	0.4	0.2
Used Cars & Trucks	179.8	179.3	183.6	0.5	0.3	(3.8)	(2.1)
Motor fuel	271.1	257.0	281.6	14.1	5.5	(10.4)	(3.7)
Gasoline (all types)	269.2	255.2	279.0	14.1	5.5	(9.7)	(3.5)
Medical Care	528.9	528.2	521.4	0.7	0.1	7.5	1.4
Professional Services	396.9	397.3	393.2	(0.4)	(0.1)	3.8	1.0
Recreation*	139.3	138.5	136.2	0.9	0.6	3.1	2.3
Education & Communication*	141.1	140.2	140.4	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.5
Other Goods & Services	525.9	523.1	506.8	2.7	0.5	19.0	3.8
All items less food and energy	308.0	305.5	295.1	2.5	0.8	12.9	4.4
Energy	252.1	245.4	255.4	6.7	2.7	(3.2)	(1.3)
Services	386.0	383.2	365.0	2.8	0.7	21.1	5.8

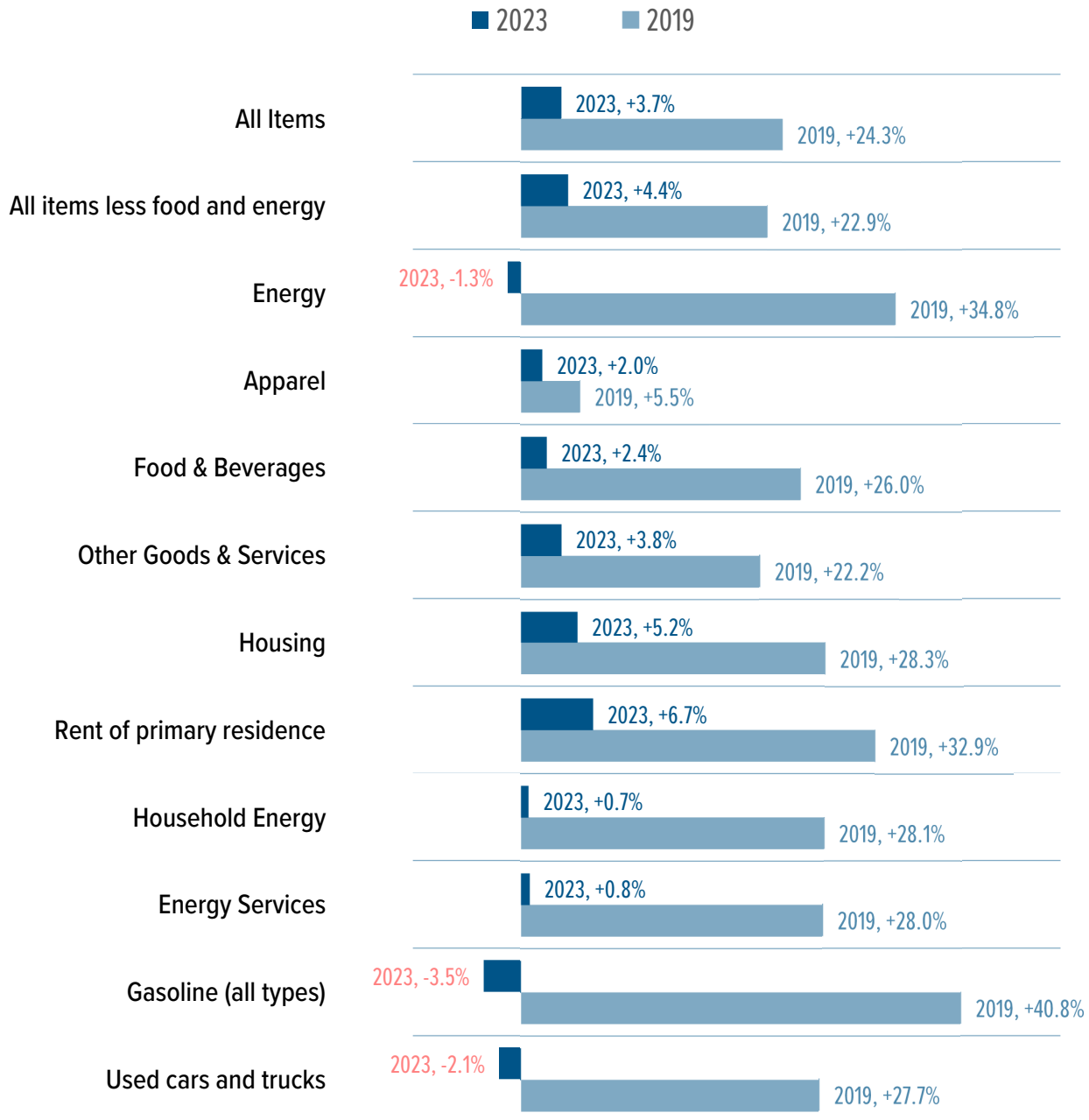
*Indexes on a December 1997 = 100 base.

NOTE: Data is rounded. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices between cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period. For further information on the CPI series visit the BLS website, bls.gov/cpi. [[bls.com/cpi](https://bls.gov/cpi)]

Consumer Price Index – South Region

Not Seasonally Adjusted

South Region CPI – 1-Year and 5-Year Percent Change to February 2024



Index: 1982-84=100



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