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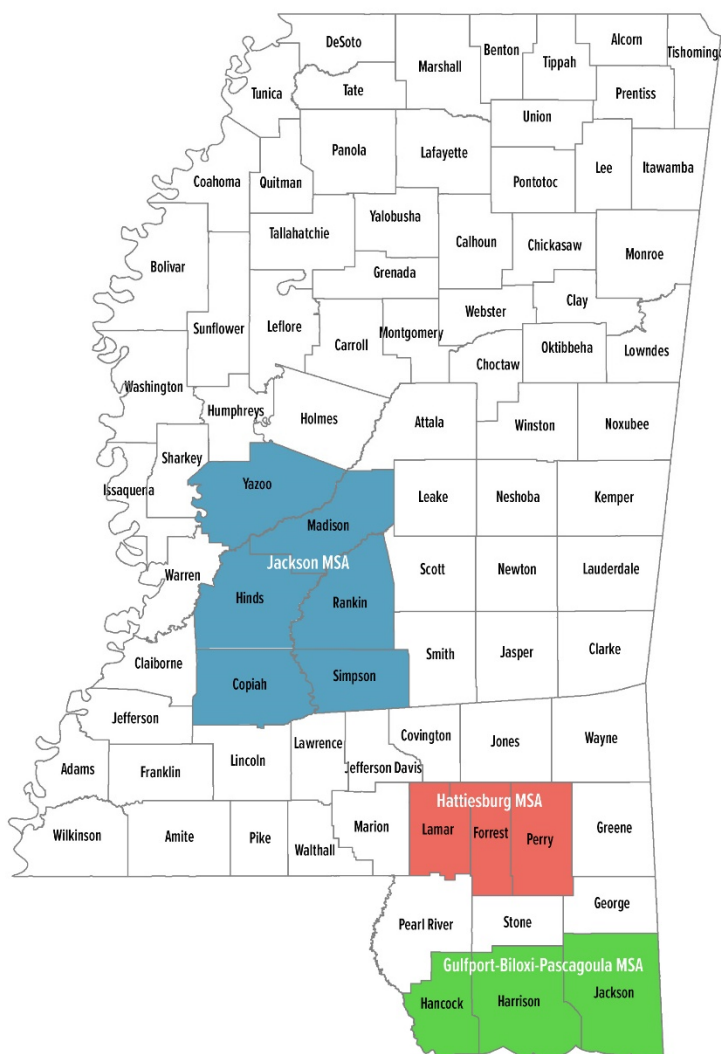


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County Map with Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)



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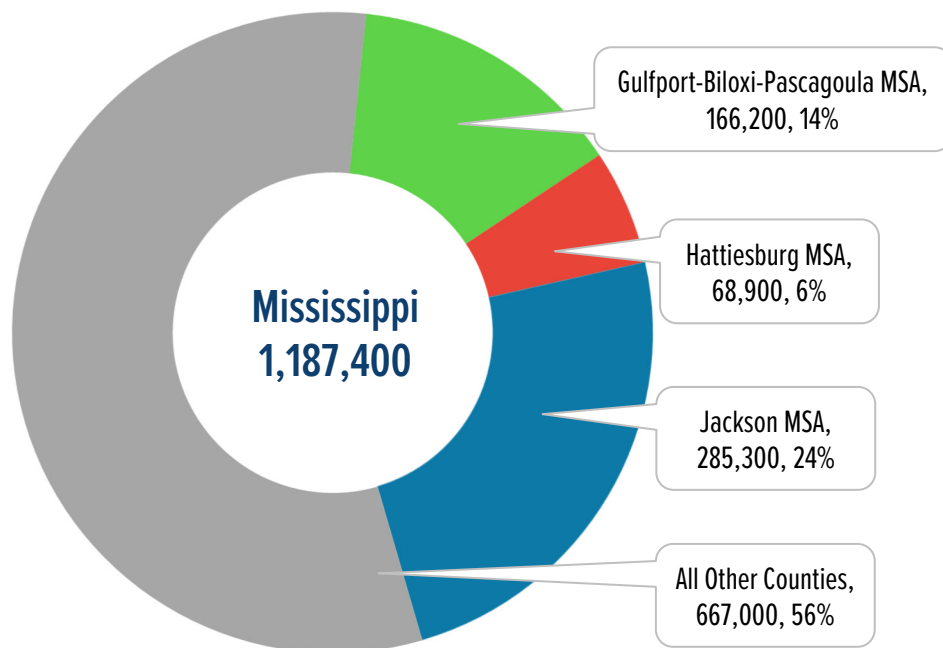
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Overview

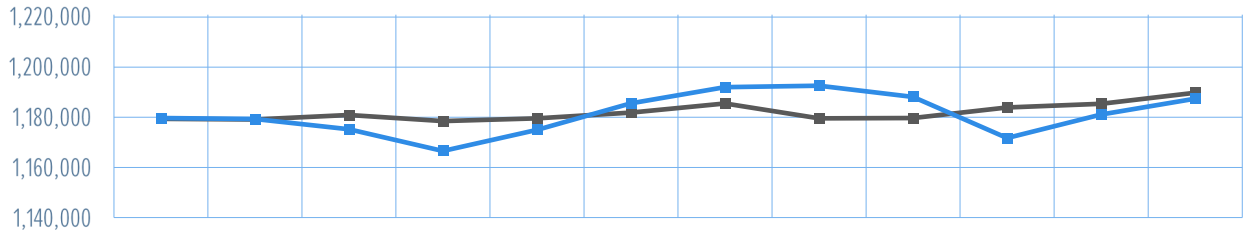
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March 2024 Preliminary Nonfarm Employment



Mississippi Nonfarm Employment

Mississippi Total Nonfarm Employment



	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24
Seasonally Adjusted	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	1,185,400	1,189,800
Unadjusted	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	1,181,100	1,187,400

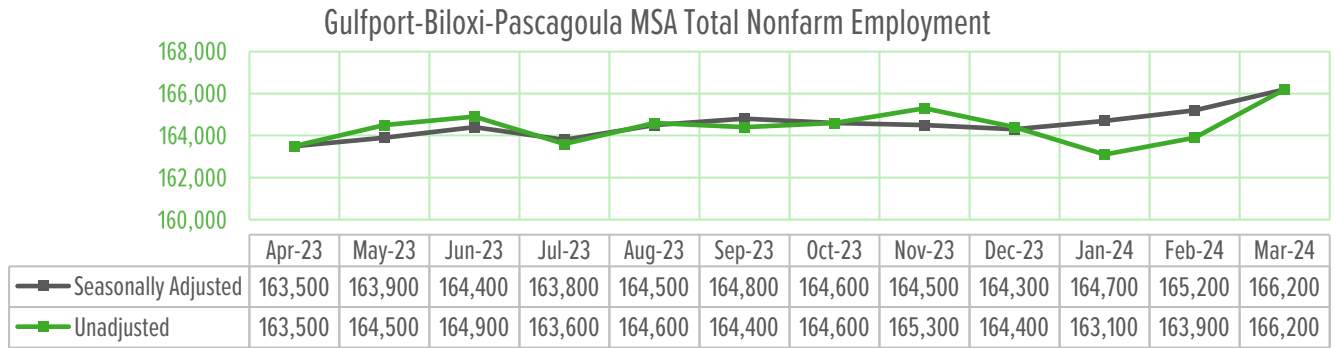
Industry	Preliminary Mar-2024	Revised Feb-2024	Revised Mar-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm	1,187,400	1,181,100	1,177,400	6,300	0.5	10,000	0.8
Total Private	946,400	940,700	939,700	5,700	0.6	6,700	0.7
Goods Producing	200,900	199,200	200,000	1,700	0.9	900	0.5
Service-Providing	986,500	981,900	977,400	4,600	0.5	9,100	0.9
Private Service Providing	745,500	741,500	739,700	4,000	0.54	5,800	0.8
Mining and Logging	6,300	6,300	6,200	0	0.0	100	1.6
Construction	50,000	48,900	47,600	1,100	2.2	2,400	5.0
Manufacturing	144,600	144,000	146,200	600	0.4	(1,600)	(1.1)
Durable Goods	95,100	94,700	95,400	400	0.4	(300)	(0.3)
Wood Product Manufacturing	9,200	9,200	9,100	0	0.0	100	1.1
Sawmills and Wood Preservation	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	0.0	200	4.4
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	9,700	9,700	9,600	0	0.0	100	1.0
Machinery Manufacturing	12,900	12,800	13,000	100	0.8	(100)	(0.8)
Electrical Equipment, Appliance & Component Manuf.	6,700	6,600	7,800	100	1.5	(1,100)	(14.1)
Electrical Equipment Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	6,600	0	0.0	(1,100)	(16.7)
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	28,800	28,700	28,000	100	0.3	800	2.9
Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	6,100	6,100	5,800	0	0.0	300	5.2
Ship and Boat Building	12,500	12,500	12,100	0	0.0	400	3.3
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing	14,900	14,800	15,200	100	0.7	(300)	(2.0)
Non-Durable Goods	49,500	49,300	50,800	200	0.4	(1,300)	(2.6)
Food Manufacturing	23,700	23,600	24,000	100	0.4	(300)	(1.3)
Animal Slaughtering & Processing	17,700	17,500	17,900	200	1.1	(200)	(1.1)
Paper Manufacturing	4,200	4,100	4,200	100	2.4	0	0.0
Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	8,300	8,300	8,600	0	0.0	(300)	(3.5)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	244,900	243,200	245,700	1,700	0.7	(800)	(0.3)
Wholesale Trade	35,400	35,400	36,000	0	0.0	(600)	(1.7)
Retail Trade	139,000	137,700	137,400	1,300	0.9	1,600	1.2
Food and Beverage Retailers	18,100	18,100	18,300	0	0.0	(200)	(1.1)

Mississippi Nonfarm Employment

Industry	Preliminary	Revised	Revised	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Mar-2024	Feb-2024	Mar-2023	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Grocery and Convenience Retailers	15,500	15,500	15,800	0	0.0	(300)	(1.9)
General Merchandise Retailers	38,500	38,400	36,300	100	0.3	2,200	6.1
Department Stores	4,600	4,700	4,500	(100)	(2.1)	100	2.2
Warehouse Clubs, Supercenters, Other Gen Merch Retailers	33,900	33,700	31,800	200	0.6	2,100	6.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	70,500	70,100	72,300	400	0.6	(1,800)	(2.5)
Utilities	8,100	8,000	8,100	100	1.3	0	0.0
Transportation and Warehousing	62,400	62,100	64,200	300	0.5	(1,800)	(2.8)
Warehousing and Storage	24,400	24,500	25,300	(100)	(0.4)	(900)	(3.6)
Information	9,400	9,400	9,900	0	0.0	(500)	(5.1)
Telecommunications	4,600	4,600	4,900	0	0.0	(300)	(6.1)
Financial Activities	45,200	45,200	45,300	0	0.0	(100)	(0.2)
Finance and Insurance	34,000	34,000	33,900	0	0.0	100	0.3
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities incl. Monetary	19,100	19,100	19,300	0	0.0	(200)	(1.0)
Depository Credit Intermediation incl. Monetary Auth.	14,500	14,500	14,600	0	0.0	(100)	(0.7)
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	12,900	13,100	13,000	(200)	(1.5)	(100)	(0.8)
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	11,200	11,200	11,400	0	0.0	(200)	(1.8)
Professional and Business Services	115,200	115,900	117,800	(700)	(0.6)	(2,600)	(2.2)
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	38,200	39,200	38,600	(1,000)	(2.6)	(400)	(1.0)
Management of Companies & Enterprises	11,200	11,000	11,100	200	1.8	100	0.9
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgt., & Remediation Services	65,800	65,700	68,100	100	0.2	(2,300)	(3.4)
Education and Health Services	155,900	155,300	148,800	600	0.4	7,100	4.8
Private Educational Services	13,900	14,100	13,600	(200)	(1.4)	300	2.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	142,000	141,200	135,200	800	0.6	6,800	5.0
Hospitals	28,100	27,900	28,100	200	0.7	0	0.0
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	23,500	23,200	21,800	300	1.3	1,700	7.8
Leisure and Hospitality	135,500	132,900	132,900	2,600	2.0	2,600	2.0
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	9,900	9,400	9,000	500	5.3	900	10.0
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Indus.	8,400	8,000	7,900	400	5.0	500	6.3
Accommodation and Food Services	125,600	123,500	123,900	2,100	1.7	1,700	1.4
Accommodation	25,100	24,600	24,500	500	2.0	600	2.4
Food Services and Drinking Places	100,500	98,900	99,400	1,600	1.6	1,100	1.1
Other Services	39,400	39,600	39,300	(200)	(0.5)	100	0.3
Repair and Maintenance	10,600	10,700	10,800	(100)	(0.9)	(200)	(1.9)
Government	241,000	240,400	237,700	600	0.2	3,300	1.4
Federal Government	27,200	27,000	26,000	200	0.7	1,200	4.6
State Government	59,500	59,500	57,900	0	0.0	1,600	2.8
State Government Educational Services	25,100	25,100	24,500	0	0.0	600	2.4
Local Government	154,300	153,900	153,800	400	0.3	500	0.3
Local Government Educational Services	80,000	79,700	79,500	300	0.4	500	0.6

Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA Nonfarm Employment

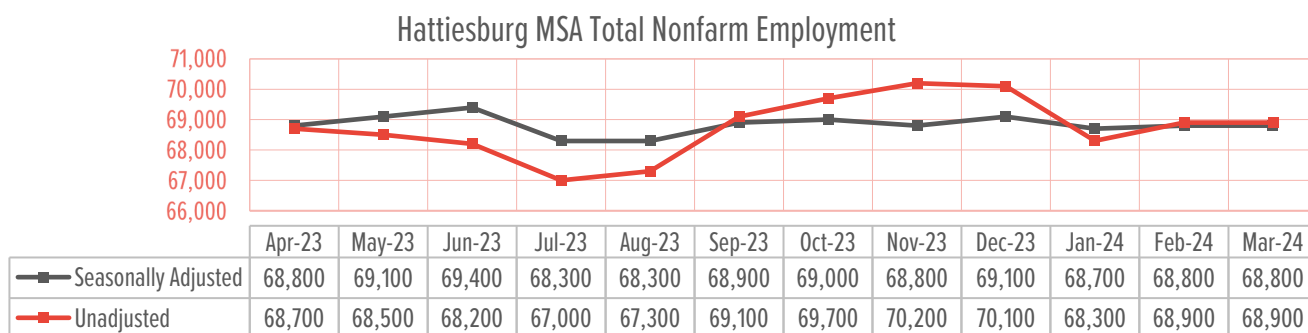
Includes Hancock, Harrison & Jackson Counties



Industry	Preliminary Mar-2024	Revised Feb-2024	Revised Mar-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm	166,200	163,900	163,400	2,300	1.4	2,800	1.7
Total Private	130,800	128,500	127,600	2,300	1.8	3,200	2.5
Goods Producing	26,300	26,200	25,900	100	0.4	400	1.5
Service-Providing	139,900	137,700	137,500	2,200	1.6	2,400	1.7
Private Service Providing	104,500	102,300	101,700	2,200	2.2	2,800	2.8
Mining, Logging and Construction	7,900	7,700	8,000	200	2.6	(100)	(1.3)
Manufacturing	18,400	18,500	17,900	(100)	(0.5)	500	2.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	25,700	25,400	25,400	300	1.2	300	1.2
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0.0	0	0.0
Retail Trade	18,800	18,500	18,500	300	1.6	300	1.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0.0	0	0.0
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	19,400	19,400	18,900	0	0.0	500	2.6
Education and Health Services	13,800	13,800	13,100	0	0.0	700	5.3
Leisure and Hospitality	33,100	31,200	31,500	1,900	6.1	1,600	5.1
Other Services	5,200	5,200	5,300	0	0.0	(100)	(1.9)
Government	35,400	35,400	35,800	0	0.0	(400)	(1.1)
Federal Government	10,000	10,000	9,600	0	0.0	400	4.2
State Government	2,200	2,200	2,300	0	0.0	(100)	(4.3)
Local Government	23,200	23,200	23,900	0	0.0	(700)	(2.9)
Local Government Educational Services	9,500	9,600	9,700	(100)	(1.0)	(200)	(2.1)

Hattiesburg MSA Nonfarm Employment

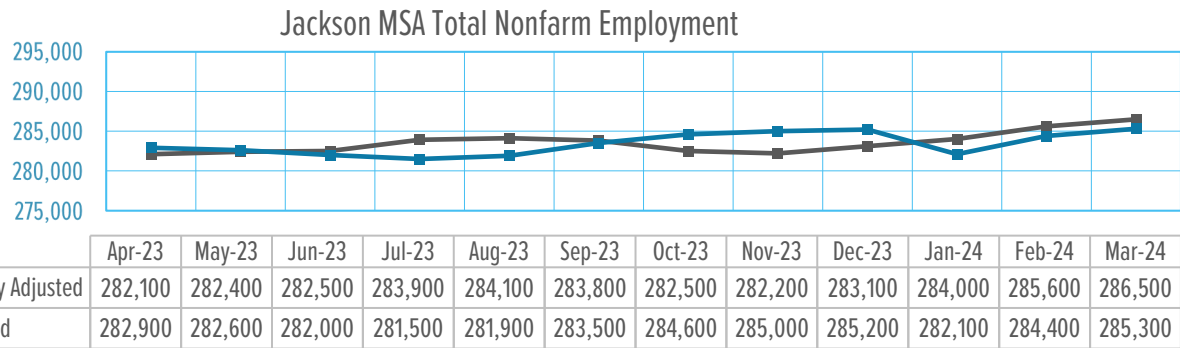
Includes Forrest, Lamar & Perry Counties



Industry	Preliminary Mar-2024	Revised Feb-2024	Revised Mar-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm	68,900	68,900	68,300	0	0.0	600	0.9
Total Private	54,100	54,100	53,800	0	0.0	300	0.6
Goods Producing	7,200	7,200	7,300	0	0.0	(100)	(1.4)
Service-Providing	61,700	61,700	61,000	0	0.0	700	1.1
Private Service Providing	46,900	46,900	46,500	0	0.0	400	0.9
Manufacturing	4,600	4,700	4,700	(100)	(2.1)	(100)	(2.1)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	14,100	14,000	14,100	100	0.7	0	0.0
Retail Trade	9,400	9,300	9,400	100	1.1	0	0.0
Leisure and Hospitality	8,500	8,300	8,200	200	2.4	300	3.7
Government	14,800	14,800	14,500	0	0.0	300	2.1
Federal Government	800	800	800	0	0.0	0	0.0
State Government	4,100	4,100	4,000	0	0.0	100	2.5
Local Government	9,900	9,900	9,700	0	0.0	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	
	Mar-2024	Feb-2024	Mar-2023	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm	285,300	284,400	281,900	900	0.3	3,400	1.2
Total Private	230,400	229,700	228,700	700	0.3	1,700	0.7
Goods Producing	32,900	32,600	31,800	300	0.9	1,100	3.5
Service-Providing	252,400	251,800	250,100	600	0.2	2,300	0.9
Private Service Providing	197,500	197,100	196,900	400	0.2	600	0.3
Mining and Logging	800	800	800	0	0.0	0	0.0
Construction	12,900	12,700	12,000	200	1.6	900	7.5
Manufacturing	19,200	19,100	19,000	100	0.5	200	1.1
Durable Goods	11,700	11,600	11,600	100	0.9	100	0.9
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	0.0	0	0.0
Non-Durable Goods	7,500	7,500	7,400	0	0.0	100	1.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	55,800	55,700	55,900	100	0.2	(100)	(0.2)
Wholesale Trade	10,900	11,000	10,800	(100)	(0.9)	100	0.9
Retail Trade	28,500	28,300	27,900	200	0.7	600	2.2
General Merchandise Stores	6,700	6,700	6,400	0	0.0	300	4.7
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	16,400	16,400	17,200	0	0.0	(800)	(4.7)
Information	2,700	2,700	2,800	0	0.0	(100)	(3.6)
Financial Activities	15,700	15,800	16,300	(100)	(0.6)	(600)	(3.7)
Finance and Insurance	12,400	12,400	12,800	0	0.0	(400)	(3.1)
Professional and Business Services	37,100	37,400	38,400	(300)	(0.8)	(1,300)	(3.4)
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	14,200	14,200	14,000	0	0.0	200	1.4
Management of Companies & Enterprises	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0.0	0	0.0
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Svcs.	19,100	19,400	20,600	(300)	(1.5)	(1,500)	(7.3)

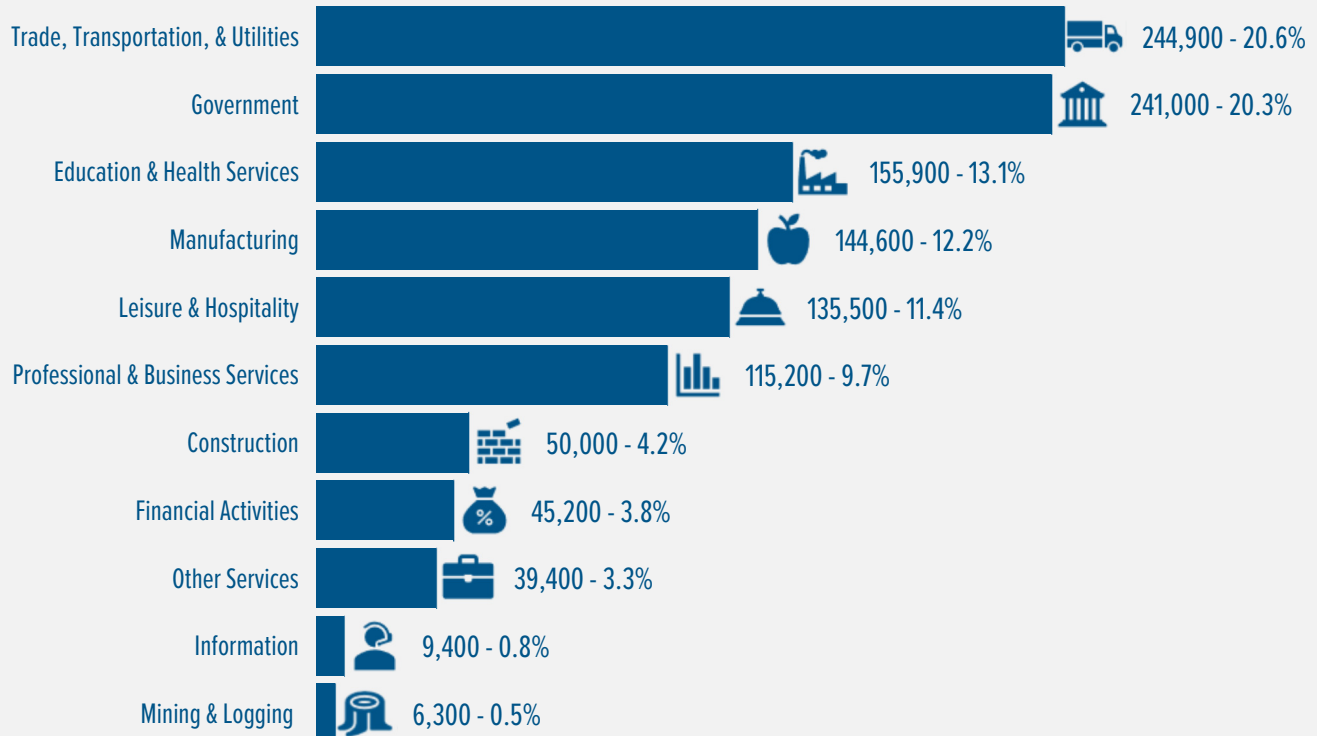
Jackson MSA Nonfarm Employment – continued

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

Industry	Preliminary	Revised	Revised	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Mar-2024	Feb-2024	Mar-2023	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Education and Health Services	47,600	47,100	44,600	500	1.1	3,000	6.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	40,900	40,400	38,400	500	1.2	2,500	6.5
Hospitals	8,200	8,100	8,300	100	1.2	(100)	(1.2)
Leisure and Hospitality	26,300	26,000	26,400	300	1.2	(100)	(0.4)
Accommodation and Food Services	23,800	23,500	24,000	300	1.3	(200)	(0.8)
Other Services	12,300	12,400	12,500	(100)	(0.8)	(200)	(1.6)
Government	54,900	54,700	53,200	200	0.4	1,700	3.2
Federal Government	6,500	6,400	6,200	100	1.6	300	4.8
State Government	26,700	26,600	25,700	100	0.4	1,000	3.9
State Government Educational Services	6,900	6,900	6,700	0	0.0	200	3.0
Local Government	21,700	21,700	21,300	0	0.0	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

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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.

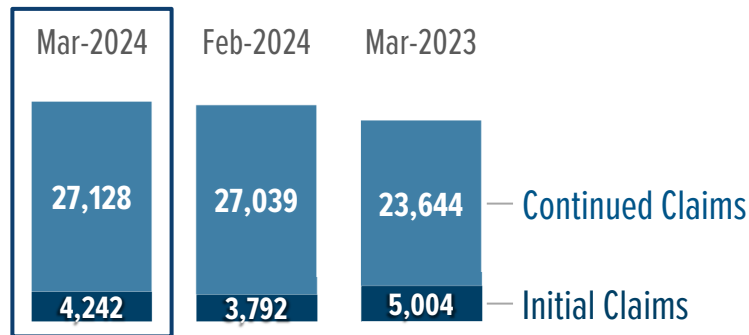
Mississippi	Preliminary Mar-2024	Revised Feb-2024	Revised Mar-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm	1,189,800	1,185,400	1,180,700	4,400	0.4	9,100	0.8
Total Private	950,500	946,300	945,000	4,200	0.4	5,500	0.6
Goods Producing	200,600	199,100	200,200	1,500	0.8	400	0.2
Service-Providing	989,200	986,300	980,500	2,900	0.3	8,700	0.9
Private Service Providing	749,900	747,200	744,800	2,700	0.4	5,100	0.7
Mining and Logging	6,300	6,300	6,200	0	0.0	100	1.6
Construction	49,500	49,100	47,700	400	0.8	1,800	3.8
Manufacturing	144,800	143,700	146,300	1,100	0.8	(1,500)	(1.0)
Durable Goods	95,100	94,400	95,200	700	0.7	(100)	(0.1)
Non-Durable Goods	49,700	49,300	51,100	400	0.8	(1,400)	(2.7)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	246,300	244,700	248,100	1,600	0.7	(1,800)	(0.7)
Wholesale Trade	35,400	35,500	36,000	(100)	(0.3)	(600)	(1.7)
Retail Trade	139,800	138,600	138,700	1,200	0.9	1,100	0.8
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	71,100	70,600	73,400	500	0.7	(2,300)	(3.1)
Information	9,500	9,500	10,000	0	0.0	(500)	(5.0)
Financial Activities	45,500	45,400	45,400	100	0.2	100	0.2
Finance and Insurance	34,100	34,100	33,900	0	0.0	200	0.6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	11,400	11,300	11,500	100	0.9	(100)	(0.9)
Professional and Business Services	115,800	117,100	118,300	(1,300)	(1.1)	(2,500)	(2.1)
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	38,200	38,500	38,200	(300)	(0.8)	0	0.0
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,200	11,100	11,100	100	0.9	100	0.9
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgt., & Remediation Serv.	66,400	67,500	69,000	(1,100)	(1.6)	(2,600)	(3.8)
Education and Health Services	155,800	155,000	149,100	800	0.5	6,700	4.5
Private Educational Services	13,700	13,800	13,100	(100)	(0.7)	600	4.6
Health Care and Social Assistance	142,100	141,200	136,000	900	0.6	6,100	4.5
Leisure and Hospitality	137,800	136,300	134,500	1,500	1.1	3,300	2.5
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10,500	10,200	9,600	300	2.9	900	9.4
Accommodation and Food Services	127,300	126,100	124,900	1,200	1.0	2,400	1.9
Other Services	39,200	39,200	39,400	0	0.0	(200)	(0.5)
Government	239,300	239,100	235,700	200	0.1	3,600	1.5
Federal Government	27,300	27,100	26,200	200	0.7	1,100	4.2
State Government	58,000	58,000	56,500	0	0.0	1,500	2.7
Local Government	154,000	154,000	153,000	0	0.0	1,000	0.7
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA Total Nonfarm	166,200	165,200	163,500	1,000	0.6	2,700	1.7
Hattiesburg MSA Total Nonfarm	68,800	68,800	68,500	0	0.0	300	0.4
Jackson MSA Total Nonfarm	286,500	285,600	282,000	900	0.3	4,500	1.6

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	Mar-2024	Feb-2024	Mar-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Initial Claims	4,242	3,792	5,004	450	11.9	(762)	(15.2)
Continued Claims	27,128	27,039	23,644	89	0.3	3,484	14.7
First Payments	1,201	1,367	1,206	(166)	(12.1)	(5)	(0.4)
Final Payments	359	422	240	(63)	(14.9)	119	49.6
Weeks Paid	16,940	18,245	15,587	(1,305)	(7.2)	1,353	8.7
Benefits Paid	\$ 3,731,298	\$ 4,021,386	\$ 3,409,915	(\$ 290,088)	(7.2)	\$ 321,383	9.4
Average Weekly Benefit	\$ 220.27	\$ 220.41	\$ 218.77	(\$ 0.14)	(0.1)	\$ 1.50	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.

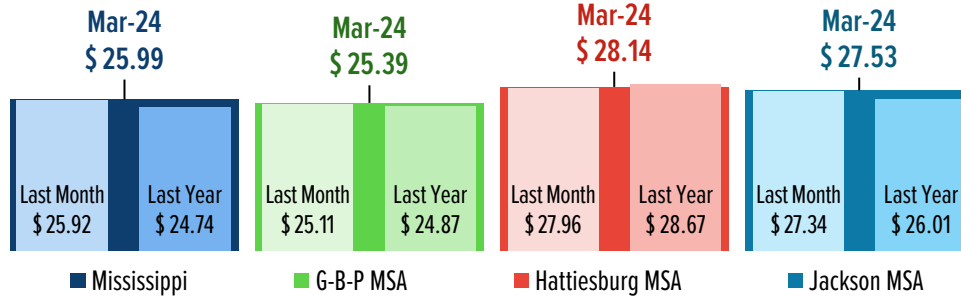
Weeks Paid – The total number of requests for a week of compensation by UI claimants who have eligibility.

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.

Hours and Earnings

Average Hourly Earnings - Total Private Nonfarm Workers



All Workers	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Preliminary Mar-24	Revised Feb-24	Revised Mar-23	Prelim. Mar-24	Revised Feb-24	Revised Mar-23	Prelim. Mar-24	Revised Feb-24	Revised Mar-23
MISSISSIPPI									
Total Private Nonfarm	\$ 904.45	\$ 904.61	\$ 863.43	34.8	34.9	34.9	\$ 25.99	\$ 25.92	\$ 24.74
Private Goods Producing	\$ 1,131.05	\$ 1,119.89	\$ 1,091.87	40.7	40.4	41.5	\$ 27.79	\$ 27.72	\$ 26.31
Private Service Providing	\$ 843.28	\$ 846.36	\$ 801.35	33.2	33.4	33.1	\$ 25.40	\$ 25.34	\$ 24.21
Construction	\$ 1,133.73	\$ 1,135.38	\$ 1,121.21	39.0	39.3	41.1	\$ 29.07	\$ 28.89	\$ 27.28
Manufacturing	\$ 1,002.05	\$ 978.75	\$ 979.82	40.9	39.9	41.1	\$ 24.50	\$ 24.53	\$ 23.84
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	\$ 846.26	\$ 846.85	\$ 841.35	35.1	35.3	35.1	\$ 24.11	\$ 23.99	\$ 23.97
Financial Activities	\$ 1,047.20	\$ 1,030.49	\$ 974.25	35.0	35.4	37.1	\$ 29.92	\$ 29.11	\$ 26.26
Prof. & Business Services	\$ 970.75	\$ 958.14	\$ 902.30	35.3	35.2	35.0	\$ 27.50	\$ 27.22	\$ 25.78
Education & Health Services	\$ 985.13	\$ 987.97	\$ 928.88	34.7	34.8	34.0	\$ 28.39	\$ 28.39	\$ 27.32
Leisure and Hospitality	\$ 439.56	\$ 451.79	\$ 438.44	27.0	27.7	27.3	\$ 16.28	\$ 16.31	\$ 16.06
GULFPORT-BILOXI-PASCAGOULA MSA									
Total Private	\$ 914.04	\$ 893.92	\$ 895.32	36.0	35.6	36.0	\$ 25.39	\$ 25.11	\$ 24.87
HATTIESBURG MSA									
Total Private	\$ 976.46	\$ 975.80	\$ 986.25	34.7	34.9	34.4	\$ 28.14	\$ 27.96	\$ 28.67
JACKSON MSA									
Total Private	\$ 952.54	\$ 959.63	\$ 918.15	34.6	35.1	35.3	\$ 27.53	\$ 27.34	\$ 26.01

Production Workers	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Preliminary Mar-24	Revised Feb-24	Revised Mar-23	Prelim. Mar-24	Revised Feb-24	Revised Mar-23	Prelim. Mar-24	Revised Feb-24	Revised Mar-23
MISSISSIPPI									
Manufacturing	\$ 914.66	\$ 883.60	\$ 871.74	41.5	40.2	42.4	\$ 22.04	\$ 21.98	\$ 20.56
Durable Goods	\$ 991.30	\$ 952.29	\$ 904.82	42.6	41.1	42.6	\$ 23.27	\$ 23.17	\$ 21.24
Nondurable Goods	\$ 792.82	\$ 776.44	\$ 815.64	39.8	38.9	42.0	\$ 19.92	\$ 19.96	\$ 19.42

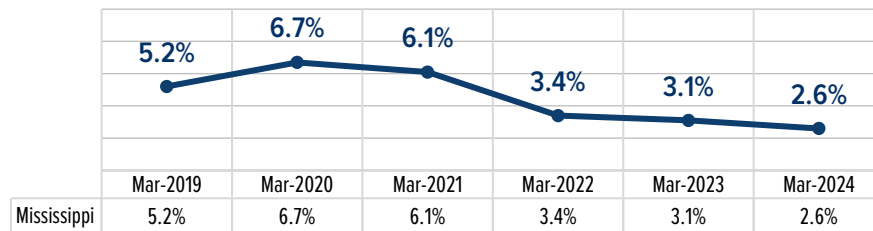
— Current Employment Statistics (CES) State and Metro Area program

Comparative Labor Force Estimates

Local Area Unemployment Statistics by Area	Preliminary Mar-2024	Revised Feb-2024	Revised Mar-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
MISSISSIPPI							
Civilian Labor Force	1,229,000	1,225,900	1,233,900	3,100	0.3	(4,900)	(0.4)
Unemployed	31,900	33,800	38,100	(1,900)	(5.6)	(6,200)	(16.3)
Unemployment Rate	2.6%	2.8%	3.1%	(0.2)		(0.5)	
Employed	1,197,100	1,192,200	1,195,800	4,900	0.4	1,300	0.1
GULFPORT-BILOXI-PASCAGOULA MSA							
Civilian Labor Force	165,280	163,540	163,880	1,740	1.1	1,400	0.9
Unemployed	4,150	4,450	4,940	(300)	(6.7)	(790)	(16.0)
Unemployment Rate	2.5%	2.7%	3.0%	(0.2)		(0.5)	
Employed	161,140	159,100	158,940	2,040	1.3	2,200	1.4
HATTIESBURG MSA							
Civilian Labor Force	68,660	68,630	68,690	30	0.0	(30)	(0.0)
Unemployed	1,560	1,640	1,870	(80)	(4.9)	(310)	(16.6)
Unemployment Rate	2.3%	2.4%	2.7%	(0.1)		(0.4)	
Employed	67,100	66,990	66,820	110	0.2	280	0.4
JACKSON MSA							
Civilian Labor Force	260,810	260,340	259,690	470	0.2	1,120	0.4
Unemployed	5,950	6,230	7,010	(280)	(4.5)	(1,060)	(15.1)
Unemployment Rate	2.3%	2.4%	2.7%	(0.1)		(0.4)	
Employed	254,860	254,110	252,680	750	0.3	2,180	0.9

—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 0.4 percent in March and 3.8 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 0.4 percent in March, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The monthly increase in the all items index was influenced by increases in the gasoline and shelter indexes. (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 3.8 percent for the 12 months ending in March, after increasing 3.7 percent for the 12-month period ending in February. (See chart 1 and table A.) The index for all items less and food and energy advanced 4.0 percent over the past 12 months. The food index and the energy index also increased over the past year, up 2.4 percent and 3.3 percent, respectively.

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

Expenditure Category	Mar-2024	Feb-2024	Mar-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
All Items	304.5	303.1	293.4	1.3	0.4	11.1	3.8
Food & Beverages	320.8	320.3	313.2	0.5	0.1	7.5	2.4
Housing	310.9	309.9	295.6	0.9	0.3	15.3	5.2
Rent of primary residence	388.3	387.0	364.5	1.3	0.3	23.8	6.5
Household Energy	244.4	244.4	235.7	(0.0)	(0.0)	8.7	3.7
Energy Services	244.3	244.3	235.2	(0.0)	(0.0)	9.0	3.8
Apparel	144.8	143.5	142.3	1.3	0.9	2.5	1.7
Transportation	274.7	270.6	263.5	4.1	1.5	11.2	4.3
New & Used Motor Vehicles*	127.1	126.9	128.4	0.2	0.2	(1.3)	(1.0)
New Vehicles	185.7	186.3	186.3	(0.5)	(0.3)	(0.6)	(0.3)
Used Cars & Trucks	180.6	179.8	185.4	0.8	0.4	(4.9)	(2.6)
Motor fuel	287.4	271.1	281.8	16.2	6.0	5.6	2.0
Gasoline (all types)	285.9	269.2	279.8	16.6	6.2	6.1	2.2
Medical Care	529.8	528.9	520.6	0.8	0.2	9.1	1.8
Professional Services	397.8	396.9	393.6	0.9	0.2	4.2	1.1
Recreation*	138.5	139.3	135.7	(0.8)	(0.6)	2.8	2.1
Education & Communication*	141.2	141.1	140.7	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.4
Other Goods & Services	529.4	525.9	506.2	3.5	0.7	23.2	4.6
All items less food and energy	308.8	308.0	296.8	0.8	0.2	12.0	4.0
Energy	260.0	252.1	251.7	7.8	3.1	8.3	3.3
Services	387.2	386.0	366.5	1.2	0.3	20.8	5.7

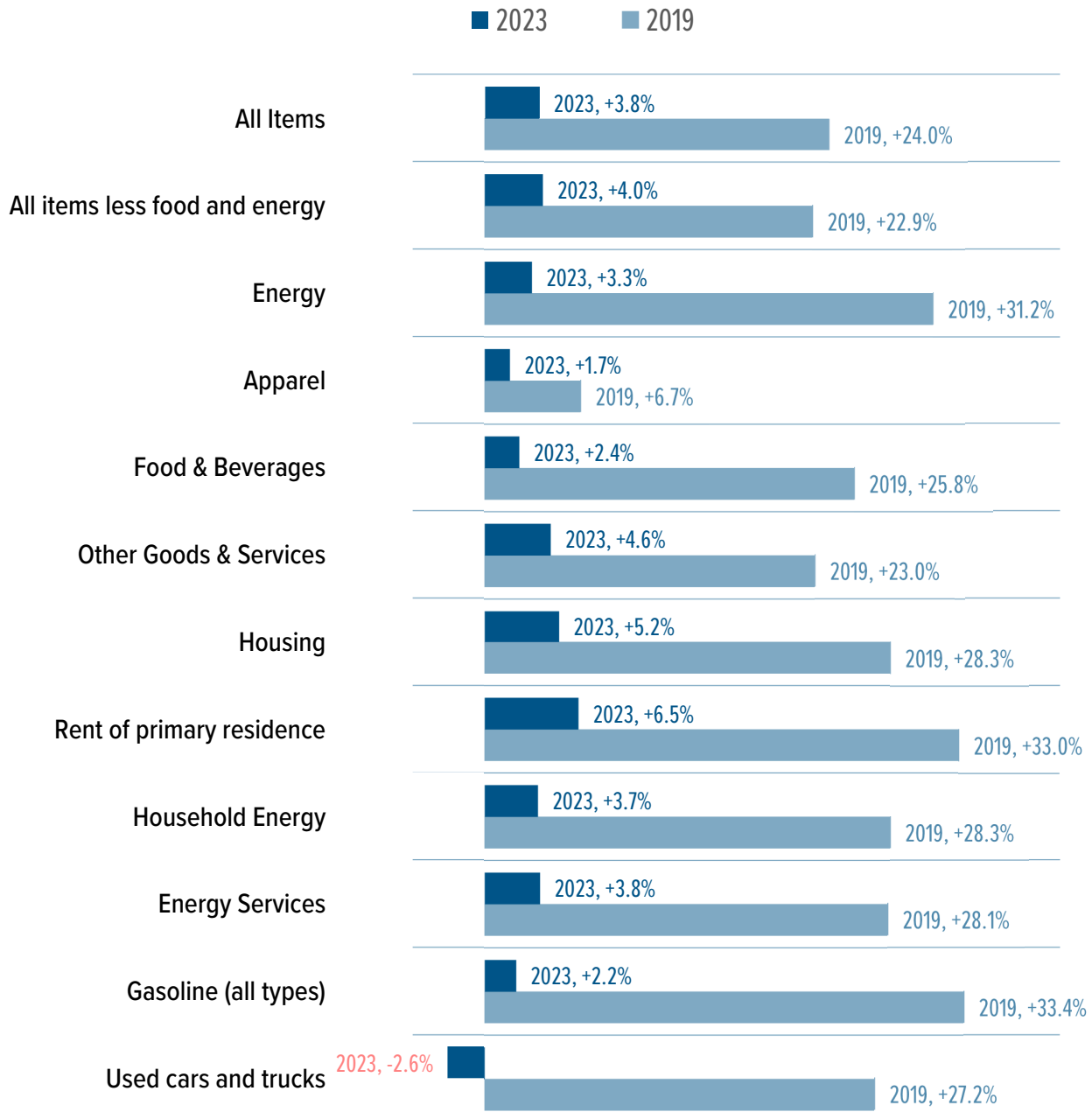
*Indexes on a December 1997 = 100 base.

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]

Consumer Price Index – South Region

Not Seasonally Adjusted

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



Index: 1982-84=100



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