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Labor Force Highlights for November 2016

Labor force data presented are rounded estimates.

Seasonally Adjusted

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2016 was 5.7 percent. The state's seasonally adjusted series reported an over the month decrease of two-tenths of a percentage point from 5.9 in October. When compared to one year ago, the rate was nine-tenths of a percentage point lower than the 6.6 percent reported for November 2015. The Nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased three-tenths of a percentage point over the month from 4.9 to 4.6 percent, and was four-tenths of a percentage point lower than the year ago rate of 5.0 percent.

In November 2016, there were 900 fewer jobs in Mississippi than in October 2016, and 2,400 fewer than November 2015, according to the seasonally adjusted results from a survey of Mississippi employers.

Seasonally adjusted data removes the effects of events that follow a more or less regular pattern each year such as the influences of weather, holidays, the opening and closing of schools, and other recurring seasonal events. These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other non-seasonal movements in a data series. Amounts are seasonally adjusted at the National and State levels only.

Unadjusted

Mississippi's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2016 was 5.2 percent, decreasing five-tenths of a percentage point from the previous month's rate and one percentage point from the November 2015 rate of 6.2 percent. The number of unemployed decreased 6,400 over the month, while the employed total decreased 500 from the prior month. The Nation's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2016 at 4.4 percent decreased three-tenths of a percentage point over the month, and was four-tenths of a percentage point lower than the year ago rate of 4.8 percent.

Mississippi's not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment decreased 800 over the month and 2,700 from one year ago. The Professional & Business Services sector registered the largest monthly employment loss.

For the month of November 2016, twenty-seven counties in Mississippi posted unemployment rates less than or equal to the state's rate of 5.2 percent. DeSoto and Rankin Counties posted the lowest unemployment rate for the month of November at 3.7 percent followed by Lamar and Madison Counties at 3.9 percent. Issaquena County had the highest unemployment rate for November at 11.8 percent followed by Jefferson County at 10.9 percent.

Unemployment Rates

November 2016

(County Rankings)

1	DeSoto	3.7
1	Rankin	3.7
3	Lamar	3.9
3	Madison	3.9
5	Union	4.0
6	Lafayette	4.1
7	Pontotoc	4.3
8	Lee	4.4
9	Itawamba	4.5
9	Scott	4.5
11	Choctaw	4.6
11	Oktibbeha	4.6
13	Tippah	4.7
14	Alcorn	4.8
14	Calhoun	4.8
14	Smith	4.8
17	Covington	4.9
17	Hinds	4.9
17	Prentiss	4.9
20	Grenada	5.0
20	Simpson	5.0
20	Tate	5.0
20	Tishomingo	5.0
24	Harrison	5.1
24	Lincoln	5.1
24	Marshall	5.1
27	Forrest	5.2
28	Benton	5.3
28	Newton	5.3
28	Yalobusha	5.3
31	Neshoba	5.4
32	Jones	5.5
32	Monroe	5.5
32	Pearl River	5.5
32	Tallahatchie	5.5
32	Webster	5.5
37	Hancock	5.6
37	Lowndes	5.6
39	Montgomery	5.7
40	Chickasaw	5.8
40	Lauderdale	5.8
40	Warren	5.8
43	Copiah	5.9
44	Franklin	6.0
44	Marion	6.0
44	Pike	6.0
44	Tunica	6.0
48	Jackson	6.1
48	Lawrence	6.1
50	Clarke	6.2
50	Greene	6.2
50	Perry	6.2
50	Stone	6.2
50	Yazoo	6.2
55	Attala	6.3
55	George	6.3
57	Bolivar	6.4
57	Leake	6.4
57	Panola	6.4
60	Amite	6.5
61	Jasper	6.6
61	Winston	6.6
63	Walthall	6.7
63	Wayne	6.7
65	Clay	7.0
66	Carroll	7.1
67	Adams	7.3
67	Coahoma	7.3
69	Jefferson Davis	7.4
70	Noxubee	7.6
71	Sharkey	7.7
72	Washington	8.0
73	Sunflower	8.1
74	Wilkinson	8.3
75	Leflore	8.4
76	Quitman	8.5
77	Kemper	9.2
78	Holmes	9.3
79	Humphreys	9.4
80	Claiborne	9.8
81	Jefferson	10.9
82	Issaquena	11.8

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Note: Unless indicated state and county data presented are not seasonally adjusted.

Mississippi Unemployment Rates by County

November 2016

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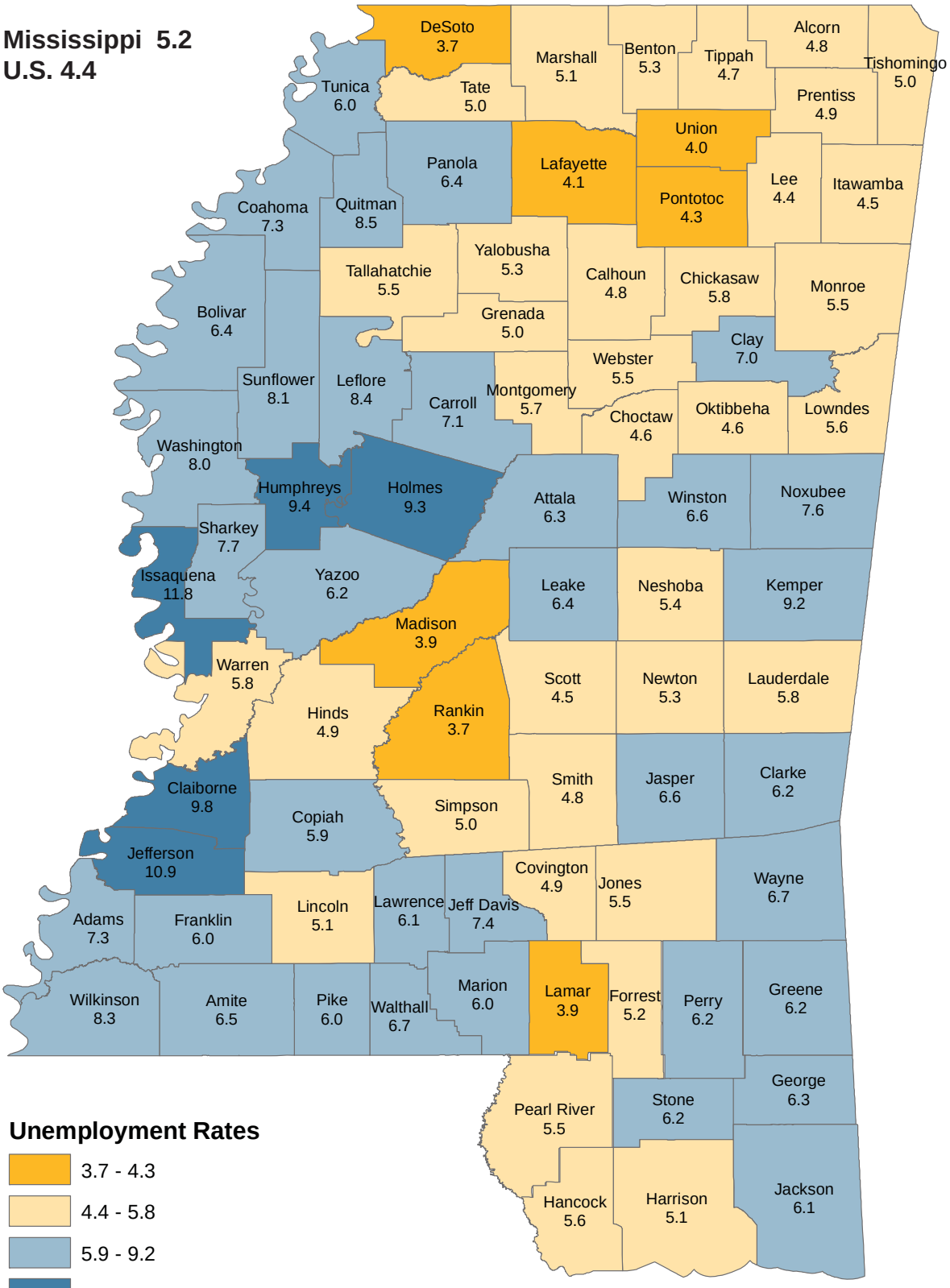

Unemployment Rates

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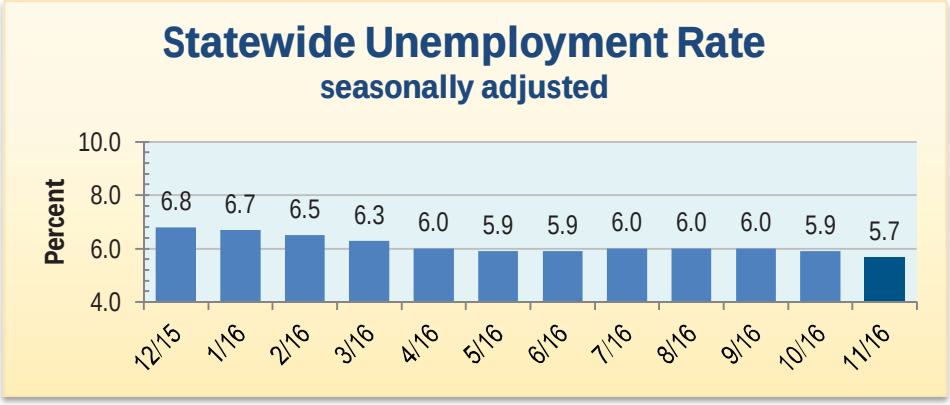

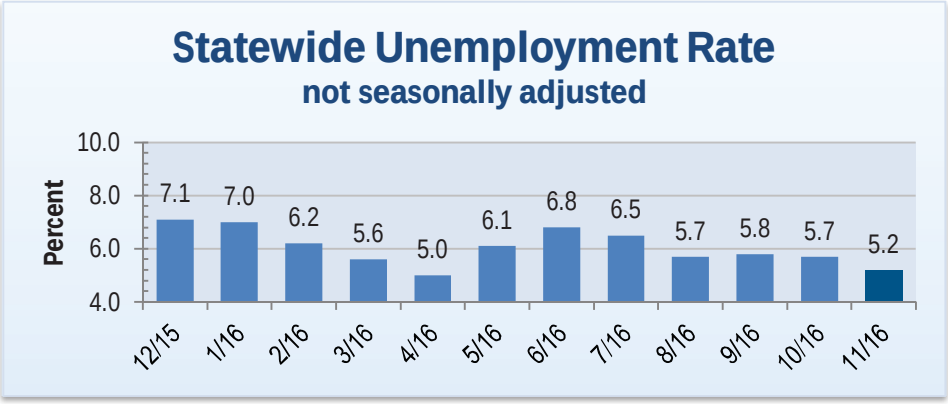

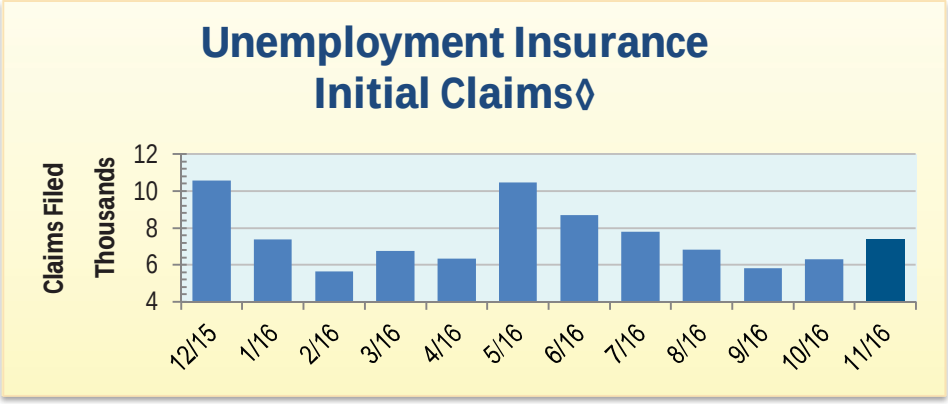

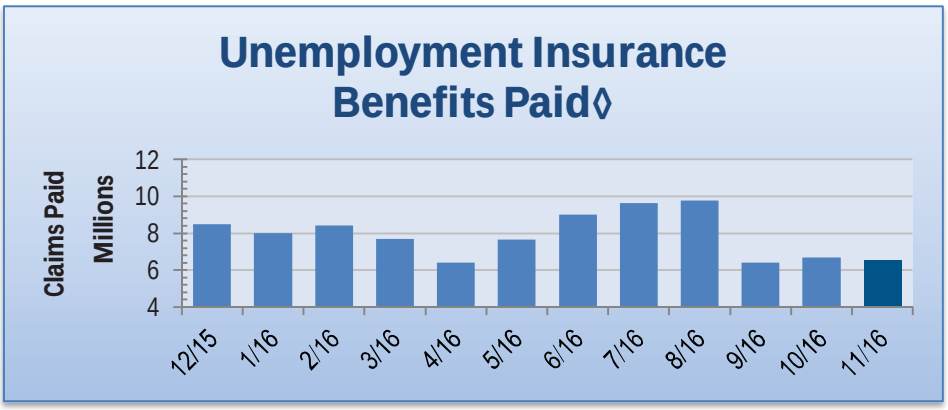

◊ Unemployment insurance amounts presented in this section only represent regular UI benefits; federal program amounts are not included.

Labor Force and Employment Security Data

Seasonally Adjusted Non-Farm Employment Estimates

	Preliminary November 2016	Revised October 2016	Revised November 2015
State of Mississippi	1,139,700	1,140,600	1,142,100
United States	145,128,000	144,950,000	142,875,000

Labor Force Data Estimates

State of Mississippi	Preliminary November 2016	Revised October 2016	Revised November 2015	2015 Annual Average	Moving** Average
Civilian Labor Force	1,286,100	1,293,000	1,285,300	1,272,700	1,285,100
Unemployed	67,300	73,700	79,100	83,000	77,900
Unemployment Rate (Adjusted)	5.7	5.9	6.6	XXX	XXX
Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)	5.2	5.7	6.2	6.5	6.1
Employed	1,218,800	1,219,300	1,206,200	1,189,700	1,207,200

United States	Preliminary November 2016	Revised October 2016	Revised November 2015	2015 Annual Average	Moving** Average
Civilian Labor Force	159,451,000	159,783,000	157,340,000	157,130,000	159,043,000
Unemployed	7,066,000	7,447,000	7,573,000	8,296,000	7,782,000
Unemployment Rate (Adjusted)	4.6	4.9	5.0	XXX	XXX
Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)	4.4	4.7	4.8	5.3	4.9
Employed	152,385,000	152,335,000	149,766,000	148,834,000	151,261,000

Unemployment Insurance Data ◊

State of Mississippi	November 2016	October 2016	November 2015
Initial UI Claims	7,423	6,315	8,105
Continued Claims	47,099	50,903	58,117
Benefits Paid	$6,500,757	$6,699,451	$7,530,210
Weeks Paid	32,043	33,132	37,604
First Payments	2,044	2,129	2,752
Final Payments	770	717	796
Average Weekly Benefit	$202.88	$202.20	$200.25

** Average for most recent twelve months, including current month.

◊ Unemployment Insurance amounts presented in this section only represent regular UI benefits; federal program amounts are not included.

Labor force amounts are produced in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Note: Unless indicated state and county data presented are not seasonally adjusted.

Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

Area	Preliminary November 2016			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Mississippi	1,286,100	1,218,800	67,300	5.2
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA	163,870	154,830	9,040	5.5
Hattiesburg MSA	68,960	65,710	3,250	4.7
Jackson MSA	270,970	258,860	12,110	4.5
United States	159,451,000	152,385,000	7,066,000	4.4
United States-adjusted	159,486,000	152,085,000	7,400,000	4.6
Counties				
Adams	11,630	10,780	850	7.3
Alcorn	16,000	15,230	770	4.8
Amite	4,560	4,260	300	6.5
Attala	6,830	6,400	430	6.3
Benton	3,070	2,910	160	5.3
Bolivar	13,500	12,640	860	6.4
Calhoun	6,270	5,970	300	4.8
Carroll	3,340	3,100	240	7.1
Chickasaw	7,190	6,770	420	5.8
Choctaw	3,900	3,720	180	4.6
Claiborne	2,950	2,660	290	9.8
Clarke	6,100	5,720	380	6.2
Clay	8,010	7,450	560	7.0
Coahoma	9,500	8,800	700	7.3
Copiah	11,450	10,780	670	5.9
Covington	8,100	7,700	400	4.9
DeSoto	86,070	82,870	3,200	3.7
Forrest	34,480	32,690	1,790	5.2
Franklin	2,940	2,760	180	6.0
George	9,030	8,460	570	6.3
Greene	4,450	4,180	270	6.2
Grenada	9,550	9,070	480	5.0
Hancock	18,650	17,600	1,050	5.6
Harrison	85,680	81,300	4,380	5.1
Hinds	112,060	106,590	5,470	4.9
Holmes	6,100	5,530	570	9.3
Humphreys	2,310	2,090	220	9.4
Issaquena	390	340	50	11.8
Itawamba	10,580	10,100	480	4.5
Jackson	59,530	55,930	3,600	6.1
Jasper	6,390	5,970	420	6.6
Jefferson	2,280	2,030	250	10.9
Jefferson Davis	4,200	3,890	310	7.4
Jones	26,900	25,430	1,470	5.5
Kemper	3,600	3,270	330	9.2
Lafayette	26,440	25,360	1,080	4.1
Lamar	30,040	28,850	1,190	3.9
Lauderdale	32,170	30,290	1,880	5.8
Lawrence	4,830	4,530	300	6.1

Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

Area	Revised October 2016				Revised November 2015			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment		Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment	
† adjusted			Number	Rate			Number	Rate
Mississippi	1,293,000	1,219,300	73,700	5.7	1,285,300	1,206,200	79,100	6.2
G-B-P MSA	164,420	154,640	9,780	5.9	165,140	154,660	10,480	6.3
Hattiesburg MSA	69,190	65,590	3,600	5.2	68,470	64,750	3,720	5.4
Jackson MSA	272,350	258,950	13,400	4.9	270,780	256,780	14,000	5.2
United States	159,783,000	152,335,000	7,447,000	4.7	157,340,000	149,766,000	7,573,000	4.8
United States-adj.	159,712,000	151,925,000	7,787,000	4.9	157,367,000	149,444,000	7,924,000	5.0
Counties								
Adams	11,670	10,740	930	7.9	11,750	10,770	980	8.3
Alcorn	16,020	15,160	860	5.4	15,760	14,870	890	5.6
Amite	4,610	4,280	330	7.2	4,570	4,220	350	7.6
Attala	6,960	6,480	480	6.9	6,980	6,460	520	7.5
Benton	3,070	2,880	190	6.1	3,080	2,860	220	7.1
Bolivar	13,730	12,850	880	6.4	13,550	12,570	980	7.2
Calhoun	6,480	6,150	330	5.1	6,110	5,740	370	6.0
Carroll	3,400	3,150	250	7.5	3,400	3,120	280	8.3
Chickasaw	7,300	6,840	460	6.3	7,180	6,660	520	7.2
Choctaw	3,970	3,770	200	5.0	3,870	3,650	220	5.7
Claiborne	2,960	2,670	290	9.8	3,050	2,690	360	11.7
Clarke	6,160	5,750	410	6.7	6,130	5,650	480	7.8
Clay	8,090	7,470	620	7.6	8,150	7,440	710	8.7
Coahoma	9,610	8,890	720	7.5	9,440	8,600	840	8.9
Copiah	11,560	10,810	750	6.5	11,470	10,680	790	6.9
Covington	8,160	7,720	440	5.4	8,080	7,630	450	5.6
DeSoto	85,910	82,280	3,630	4.2	85,490	81,550	3,940	4.6
Forrest	34,590	32,640	1,950	5.6	34,210	32,210	2,000	5.8
Franklin	2,990	2,800	190	6.4	2,950	2,730	220	7.4
George	9,120	8,520	600	6.5	8,890	8,260	630	7.1
Greene	4,520	4,210	310	6.9	4,480	4,130	350	7.7
Grenada	9,630	9,120	510	5.3	9,430	8,880	550	5.9
Hancock	18,870	17,750	1,120	5.9	18,800	17,590	1,210	6.4
Harrison	86,020	81,220	4,800	5.6	86,330	81,210	5,120	5.9
Hinds	112,520	106,500	6,020	5.4	112,170	105,740	6,430	5.7
Holmes	6,190	5,590	600	9.6	6,150	5,490	660	10.7
Humphreys	2,420	2,180	240	9.9	2,390	2,100	290	12.2
Issaquena	410	370	40	9.4	400	340	60	14.4
Itawamba	10,560	10,040	520	5.0	10,410	9,860	550	5.3
Jackson	59,540	55,680	3,860	6.5	60,010	55,860	4,150	6.9
Jasper	6,440	5,990	450	6.9	6,460	5,950	510	7.9
Jefferson	2,280	2,020	260	11.4	2,280	1,980	300	13.3
Jefferson Davis	4,270	3,930	340	8.0	4,190	3,830	360	8.5
Jones	27,140	25,500	1,640	6.0	26,980	25,340	1,640	6.1
Kemper	3,590	3,280	310	8.7	3,550	3,220	330	9.3
Lafayette	26,520	25,300	1,220	4.6	25,830	24,610	1,220	4.7
Lamar	30,110	28,770	1,340	4.4	29,830	28,440	1,390	4.7
Lauderdale	32,090	30,110	1,980	6.2	31,980	29,900	2,080	6.5
Lawrence	4,880	4,550	330	6.7	4,860	4,500	360	7.3

Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

Area	Preliminary November 2016			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Counties				
Leake	7,990	7,480	510	6.4
Lee	41,560	39,740	1,820	4.4
Leflore	10,120	9,270	850	8.4
Lincoln	14,430	13,690	740	5.1
Lowndes	25,530	24,100	1,430	5.6
Madison	52,130	50,080	2,050	3.9
Marion	10,200	9,590	610	6.0
Marshall	14,830	14,080	750	5.1
Monroe	15,700	14,840	860	5.5
Montgomery	4,230	3,990	240	5.7
Neshoba	10,660	10,090	570	5.4
Newton	8,810	8,340	470	5.3
Noxubee	3,960	3,660	300	7.6
Oktibbeha	23,600	22,520	1,080	4.6
Panola	13,590	12,720	870	6.4
Pearl River	23,030	21,770	1,260	5.5
Perry	4,450	4,170	280	6.2
Pike	14,850	13,960	890	6.0
Pontotoc	14,420	13,790	630	4.3
Prentiss	11,160	10,610	550	4.9
Quitman	2,700	2,470	230	8.5
Rankin	74,730	71,950	2,780	3.7
Scott	13,360	12,760	600	4.5
Sharkey	1,760	1,620	140	7.7
Simpson	11,230	10,670	560	5.0
Smith	6,820	6,500	320	4.8
Stone	6,530	6,130	400	6.2
Sunflower	8,380	7,700	680	8.1
Tallahatchie	5,930	5,600	330	5.5
Tate	12,160	11,550	610	5.0
Tippah	9,750	9,290	460	4.7
Tishomingo	8,200	7,790	410	5.0
Tunica	4,770	4,490	280	6.0
Union	13,930	13,370	560	4.0
Walthall	5,190	4,840	350	6.7
Warren	20,620	19,430	1,190	5.8
Washington	17,710	16,280	1,430	8.0
Wayne	7,450	6,950	500	6.7
Webster	4,010	3,790	220	5.5
Wilkinson	2,930	2,690	240	8.3
Winston	7,160	6,690	470	6.6
Yalobusha	5,160	4,880	280	5.3
Yazoo	9,370	8,790	580	6.2

Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

Area	Revised October 2016				Revised November 2015			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Counties								
Leake	8,170	7,600	570	7.0	7,920	7,430	490	6.1
Lee	41,390	39,360	2,030	4.9	40,910	38,810	2,100	5.1
Leflore	10,250	9,350	900	8.8	10,400	9,330	1,070	10.3
Lincoln	14,570	13,730	840	5.7	14,490	13,610	880	6.0
Lowndes	25,570	24,030	1,540	6.0	25,760	24,060	1,700	6.6
Madison	52,440	50,140	2,300	4.4	52,010	49,690	2,320	4.5
Marion	10,310	9,620	690	6.6	10,140	9,440	700	6.9
Marshall	14,870	14,040	830	5.6	14,850	13,860	990	6.7
Monroe	15,770	14,800	970	6.2	15,750	14,680	1,070	6.8
Montgomery	4,260	4,010	250	6.0	4,260	3,920	340	8.0
Neshoba	10,830	10,200	630	5.8	10,610	9,970	640	6.0
Newton	8,880	8,360	520	5.8	8,730	8,230	500	5.8
Noxubee	4,050	3,730	320	7.9	4,030	3,670	360	8.9
Oktibbeha	23,700	22,490	1,210	5.1	23,560	22,280	1,280	5.4
Panola	13,600	12,650	950	7.0	13,710	12,620	1,090	8.0
Pearl River	23,140	21,750	1,390	6.0	22,980	21,560	1,420	6.2
Perry	4,490	4,180	310	6.8	4,440	4,110	330	7.5
Pike	14,990	13,940	1,050	7.0	14,930	13,850	1,080	7.2
Pontotoc	14,450	13,770	680	4.7	14,220	13,480	740	5.2
Prentiss	11,220	10,620	600	5.4	11,180	10,530	650	5.8
Quitman	2,790	2,540	250	8.9	2,690	2,430	260	9.7
Rankin	74,960	71,880	3,080	4.1	74,480	71,380	3,100	4.2
Scott	13,480	12,830	650	4.9	13,250	12,610	640	4.9
Sharkey	1,810	1,680	130	7.2	1,740	1,570	170	9.5
Simpson	11,330	10,710	620	5.4	11,220	10,580	640	5.7
Smith	6,960	6,600	360	5.1	6,820	6,440	380	5.5
Stone	6,560	6,120	440	6.7	6,520	6,080	440	6.8
Sunflower	8,560	7,850	710	8.3	8,480	7,610	870	10.2
Tallahatchie	6,040	5,710	330	5.5	5,850	5,440	410	7.0
Tate	12,210	11,530	680	5.6	12,150	11,360	790	6.5
Tippah	9,780	9,270	510	5.2	9,700	9,130	570	5.9
Tishomingo	8,270	7,810	460	5.6	8,030	7,560	470	5.9
Tunica	4,760	4,470	290	6.1	4,750	4,410	340	7.2
Union	13,950	13,330	620	4.5	13,610	12,960	650	4.8
Walthall	5,220	4,840	380	7.3	5,190	4,800	390	7.4
Warren	20,670	19,360	1,310	6.3	21,040	19,660	1,380	6.6
Washington	17,860	16,390	1,470	8.2	18,080	16,280	1,800	9.9
Wayne	7,590	7,050	540	7.2	7,530	6,940	590	7.8
Webster	4,080	3,830	250	6.1	4,050	3,760	290	7.1
Wilkinson	2,940	2,690	250	8.3	2,970	2,670	300	10.1
Winston	7,230	6,730	500	6.9	7,220	6,640	580	8.0
Yalobusha	5,180	4,890	290	5.6	5,160	4,830	330	6.4
Yazoo	9,550	8,910	640	6.7	9,430	8,710	720	7.6

Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

Area	Preliminary November 2016			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Workforce Investment Areas				
Delta	100,100	92,650	7,450	7.4
Miss. Partnership	399,270	380,540	18,730	4.7
Southcentral MS	358,180	340,490	17,690	4.9
Twin Districts	428,620	405,060	23,560	5.5
Planning and Development Districts				
Central Mississippi	291,590	278,290	13,300	4.6
East Central	95,900	90,420	5,480	5.7
Golden Triangle	76,170	71,930	4,240	5.6
North Central	45,330	42,240	3,090	6.8
North Delta	134,720	128,500	6,220	4.6
Northeast	63,010	59,910	3,100	4.9
South Delta	44,050	40,670	3,380	7.7
Southern	332,720	314,640	18,080	5.4
Southwest	66,590	62,200	4,390	6.6
Three Rivers	136,090	129,940	6,150	4.5
Community College Districts*				
Copiah-Lincoln	58,790	55,240	3,550	6.0
East Central	47,980	45,360	2,620	5.5
East Mississippi	64,700	61,000	3,700	5.7
Gulf Coast	160,770	151,820	8,950	5.6
Hinds	210,360	200,630	9,730	4.6
Holmes	99,460	94,470	4,990	5.0
Itawamba	89,450	85,240	4,210	4.7
Jones	70,660	66,620	4,040	5.7
Mississippi Delta	54,170	49,940	4,230	7.8
Northeast	59,040	56,290	2,750	4.7
Northwest	180,990	172,900	8,090	4.5
Pearl River	120,600	114,390	6,210	5.1
Southwest	27,530	25,750	1,780	6.5
Cities *For Coahoma and Meridian Community College Districts refer to county data.				
Biloxi	19,620	18,580	1,040	5.3
Clinton	13,420	12,910	510	3.8
Columbus	9,760	8,980	780	8.0
Greenville	11,980	11,000	980	8.1
Gulfport	29,720	27,910	1,810	6.1
Hattiesburg	22,660	21,300	1,360	6.0
Hattiesburg [1]	19,750	18,600	1,150	5.8
Hattiesburg [2]	2,910	2,700	210	7.1
Horn Lake	12,800	12,290	510	4.0
Jackson	76,380	72,420	3,960	5.2
Madison	13,280	12,850	430	3.2
Meridian	15,810	14,710	1,100	6.9
Moss Point	5,320	4,990	330	6.3
Olive Branch	19,000	18,310	690	3.6
Pascagoula	9,290	8,620	670	7.2
Pearl	12,940	12,440	500	3.9
Southaven	26,730	25,790	940	3.5
Tupelo	16,770	15,950	820	4.9
Vicksburg	9,570	8,760	810	8.4

Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

Area	Revised October 2016				Revised November 2015			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Workforce Investment Areas								
Delta	101,430	93,670	7,760	7.7	101,030	91,910	9,120	9.0
Miss. Partnership	400,490	379,730	20,760	5.2	396,730	374,110	22,620	5.7
Southcentral MS	360,140	340,570	19,570	5.4	358,860	338,260	20,600	5.7
Twin Districts	431,030	405,380	25,650	6.0	428,860	402,030	26,830	6.3
Planning and Devel Planning and Development Districts								
Central Mississippi	293,030	278,310	14,720	5.0	291,820	276,440	15,380	5.3
East Central	96,600	90,720	5,880	6.1	95,450	89,400	6,050	6.3
Golden Triangle	76,690	72,050	4,640	6.1	76,640	71,500	5,140	6.7
North Central	45,870	42,590	3,280	7.2	45,780	42,030	3,750	8.2
North Delta	134,920	128,070	6,850	5.1	134,080	126,410	7,670	5.7
Northeast	63,230	59,780	3,450	5.5	62,600	58,810	3,790	6.1
South Delta	44,790	41,320	3,470	7.7	44,640	40,470	4,170	9.3
Southern	334,430	314,660	19,770	5.9	333,410	312,630	20,780	6.2
Southwest	67,110	62,260	4,850	7.2	67,040	61,820	5,220	7.8
Three Rivers	136,420	129,590	6,830	5.0	134,020	126,800	7,220	5.4
Community College Districts*								
Copiah-Lincoln	59,280	55,360	3,920	6.6	59,020	54,850	4,170	7.1
East Central	48,590	45,720	2,870	5.9	47,730	44,880	2,850	6.0
East Mississippi	65,000	61,000	4,000	6.2	65,050	60,670	4,380	6.7
Gulf Coast	161,240	151,540	9,700	6.0	161,750	151,410	10,340	6.4
Hinds	211,110	200,410	10,700	5.1	210,740	199,470	11,270	5.3
Holmes	100,480	95,000	5,480	5.5	99,580	93,680	5,900	5.9
Itawamba	89,470	84,810	4,660	5.2	88,470	83,490	4,980	5.6
Jones	71,460	67,000	4,460	6.2	70,920	66,190	4,730	6.7
Mississippi Delta	55,040	50,670	4,370	7.9	55,040	49,800	5,240	9.5
Northeast	59,240	56,190	3,050	5.1	58,280	55,050	3,230	5.5
Northwest	181,430	172,440	8,990	5.0	179,670	169,710	9,960	5.5
Pearl River	121,290	114,460	6,830	5.6	120,150	113,070	7,080	5.9
Southwest	27,760	25,750	2,010	7.2	27,660	25,540	2,120	7.7
Cities								
Biloxi	19,730	18,570	1,160	5.9	19,730	18,560	1,170	5.9
Clinton	13,440	12,900	540	4.0	13,380	12,810	570	4.3
Columbus	9,770	8,950	820	8.4	9,940	8,970	970	9.8
Greenville	12,110	11,080	1,030	8.5	12,160	11,010	1,150	9.5
Gulfport	29,820	27,880	1,940	6.5	30,000	27,880	2,120	7.1
Hattiesburg	22,730	21,270	1,460	6.4	22,500	20,990	1,510	6.7
Hattiesburg [1]	19,810	18,570	1,240	6.2	19,630	18,330	1,300	6.6
Hattiesburg [2]	2,910	2,690	220	7.7	2,880	2,660	220	7.5
Horn Lake	12,780	12,210	570	4.5	12,680	12,100	580	4.6
Jackson	76,690	72,360	4,330	5.6	76,500	71,840	4,660	6.1
Madison	13,340	12,870	470	3.5	13,220	12,750	470	3.5
Meridian	15,750	14,620	1,130	7.2	15,760	14,510	1,250	7.9
Moss Point	5,350	4,970	380	7.0	5,400	4,990	410	7.5
Olive Branch	18,940	18,170	770	4.1	18,860	18,010	850	4.5
Pascagoula	9,280	8,580	700	7.6	9,350	8,610	740	7.9
Pearl	12,970	12,430	540	4.1	12,910	12,340	570	4.4
Southaven	26,660	25,600	1,060	4.0	26,490	25,380	1,110	4.2
Tupelo	16,700	15,790	910	5.4	16,560	15,570	990	6.0
Vicksburg	9,600	8,730	870	9.1	9,810	8,860	950	9.7

Hattiesburg 1/ Forrest County part Hattiesburg 2/ Lamar County part

Twelve Month Moving Averages

As of November 2016

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Mississippi	1,285,100	1,207,200	77,900	6.1
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA	164,430	154,260	10,170	6.2
Hattiesburg MSA	68,070	64,340	3,730	5.5
Jackson MSA	270,850	257,040	13,810	5.1
United States	159,043,000	151,261,000	7,782,000	4.9
Counties				
Adams	11,700	10,720	980	8.4
Alcorn	15,940	15,080	860	5.4
Amite	4,600	4,250	350	7.6
Attala	6,970	6,470	500	7.2
Benton	3,060	2,850	210	6.9
Bolivar	13,640	12,620	1,020	7.5
Calhoun	6,190	5,840	350	5.7
Carroll	3,390	3,110	280	8.3
Chickasaw	7,280	6,790	490	6.7
Choctaw	3,880	3,660	220	5.7
Claiborne	3,040	2,670	370	12.2
Clarke	6,170	5,730	440	7.1
Clay	8,110	7,430	680	8.4
Coahoma	9,460	8,600	860	9.1
Copiah	11,500	10,730	770	6.7
Covington	8,100	7,640	460	5.7
DeSoto	85,150	81,370	3,780	4.4
Forrest	34,040	32,020	2,020	5.9
Franklin	2,970	2,750	220	7.4
George	9,060	8,380	680	7.5
Greene	4,490	4,150	340	7.6
Grenada	9,640	9,110	530	5.5
Hancock	18,740	17,560	1,180	6.3
Harrison	85,950	81,010	4,940	5.7
Hinds	112,070	105,770	6,300	5.6
Holmes	6,170	5,480	690	11.2
Humphreys	2,410	2,120	290	12.0
Issaquena	410	350	60	14.6
Itawamba	10,530	9,980	550	5.2
Jackson	59,750	55,700	4,050	6.8
Jasper	6,470	5,970	500	7.7
Jefferson	2,330	1,980	350	15.0
Jefferson Davis	4,220	3,860	360	8.5
Jones	27,020	25,370	1,650	6.1
Kemper	3,600	3,280	320	8.9
Lafayette	25,520	24,200	1,320	5.2
Lamar	29,620	28,240	1,380	4.7
Lauderdale	32,190	30,210	1,980	6.2
Lawrence	4,860	4,510	350	7.2

Twelve Month Moving Averages

As of November 2016

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Counties				
Leake	8,020	7,520	500	6.2
Lee	41,250	39,180	2,070	5.0
Leflore	10,280	9,270	1,010	9.8
Lincoln	14,500	13,640	860	5.9
Lowndes	25,470	23,830	1,640	6.4
Madison	52,070	49,730	2,340	4.5
Marion	10,230	9,520	710	6.9
Marshall	14,790	13,850	940	6.4
Monroe	15,720	14,690	1,030	6.6
Montgomery	4,250	3,960	290	6.8
Neshoba	10,900	10,260	640	5.9
Newton	8,860	8,320	540	6.1
Noxubee	4,020	3,670	350	8.7
Oktibbeha	22,790	21,480	1,310	5.7
Panola	13,620	12,590	1,030	7.6
Pearl River	22,960	21,520	1,440	6.3
Perry	4,410	4,090	320	7.3
Pike	14,910	13,860	1,050	7.0
Pontotoc	14,340	13,630	710	5.0
Prentiss	11,160	10,530	630	5.6
Quitman	2,710	2,440	270	10.0
Rankin	74,460	71,410	3,050	4.1
Scott	13,320	12,670	650	4.9
Sharkey	1,780	1,620	160	9.0
Simpson	11,250	10,620	630	5.6
Smith	6,890	6,510	380	5.5
Stone	6,520	6,060	460	7.1
Sunflower	8,520	7,690	830	9.7
Tallahatchie	5,950	5,540	410	6.9
Tate	12,120	11,380	740	6.1
Tippah	9,750	9,200	550	5.6
Tishomingo	8,250	7,780	470	5.7
Tunica	4,780	4,430	350	7.3
Union	13,830	13,190	640	4.6
Walthall	5,180	4,770	410	7.9
Warren	20,850	19,460	1,390	6.7
Washington	17,950	16,240	1,710	9.5
Wayne	7,580	7,000	580	7.7
Webster	3,950	3,690	260	6.6
Wilkinson	2,950	2,650	300	10.2
Winston	7,220	6,690	530	7.3
Yalobusha	5,100	4,780	320	6.3
Yazoo	9,510	8,790	720	7.6

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Workforce Investment Areas				
Delta	101,070	92,100	8,970	8.9
Mississippi Partnership	396,280	374,310	21,970	5.5
Southcentral MS	358,750	338,310	20,440	5.7
Twin Districts	429,110	402,590	26,520	6.2
Planning and Development Districts				
Central Mississippi	291,710	276,510	15,200	5.2
East Central	96,420	90,470	5,950	6.2
Golden Triangle	75,440	70,450	4,990	6.6
North Central	45,800	42,180	3,620	7.9
North Delta	133,790	126,350	7,440	5.6
Northeast	62,950	59,290	3,660	5.8
South Delta	44,710	40,640	4,070	9.1
Southern	332,690	312,120	20,570	6.2
Southwest	67,040	61,800	5,240	7.8
Three Rivers	134,660	127,500	7,160	5.3
Community College Districts*				
Copiah-Lincoln	59,110	54,950	4,160	7.0
East Central	48,320	45,460	2,860	5.9
East Mississippi	63,990	59,690	4,300	6.7
Gulf Coast	161,280	151,150	10,130	6.3
Hinds	210,420	199,310	11,110	5.3
Holmes	99,830	94,000	5,830	5.8
Itawamba	89,120	84,270	4,850	5.4
Jones	71,130	66,460	4,670	6.6
Mississippi Delta	54,990	49,910	5,080	9.2
Northeast	58,930	55,780	3,150	5.3
Northwest	178,990	169,270	9,720	5.4
Pearl River	119,810	112,720	7,090	5.9
Southwest	27,640	25,530	2,110	7.6
Cities				
Biloxi	19,700	18,520	1,180	6.0
Clinton	13,370	12,810	560	4.2
Columbus	9,820	8,880	940	9.6
Greenville	12,120	10,980	1,140	9.4
Gulfport	29,820	27,810	2,010	6.7
Hattiesburg	22,390	20,860	1,530	6.8
Hattiesburg [1]	19,530	18,220	1,310	6.7
Hattiesburg [2]	2,870	2,640	230	8.0
Horn Lake	12,650	12,070	580	4.6
Jackson	76,430	71,870	4,560	6.0
Madison	13,220	12,760	460	3.5
Meridian	15,850	14,670	1,180	7.4
Moss Point	5,360	4,970	390	7.3
Olive Branch	18,770	17,970	800	4.3
Pascagoula	9,350	8,580	770	8.2
Pearl	12,890	12,340	550	4.3
Southaven	26,410	25,320	1,090	4.1
Tupelo	16,640	15,720	920	5.5
Vicksburg	9,740	8,770	970	10.0

*For Coahoma and Meridian Community College Districts refer to county data.

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Five Year Comparison of Unemployment Rates

As of November 2016

Area	Current Month Nov-16	ONE Year Ago Nov-15	TWO Years Ago Nov-14	THREE Years Ago Nov-13	FOUR Years Ago Nov-12	FIVE Years Ago Nov-11
Mississippi	5.2	6.2	6.4	7.5	8.0	9.1
United States	4.4	4.8	5.5	6.6	7.4	8.2
United States-adjusted	4.6	5.0	5.8	6.9	7.7	8.6
MSAs						
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula	5.5	6.3	6.6	7.3	7.8	9.1
Hattiesburg	4.7	5.4	5.5	6.3	7.0	8.1
Jackson	4.5	5.2	5.3	6.3	6.8	7.6
Counties						
Adams	7.3	8.3	7.1	7.9	9.0	9.6
Alcorn	4.8	5.6	5.8	6.9	7.6	9.7
Amite	6.5	7.6	7.0	8.3	8.7	10.2
Attala	6.3	7.5	7.8	8.2	8.5	10.0
Benton	5.3	7.1	8.1	9.4	9.1	11.2
Bolivar	6.4	7.2	7.8	9.4	9.3	10.1
Calhoun	4.8	6.0	6.3	7.5	7.2	7.6
Carroll	7.1	8.3	8.1	9.2	9.8	10.4
Chickasaw	5.8	7.2	8.4	10.4	10.0	10.8
Choctaw	4.6	5.7	6.4	7.9	7.6	8.7
Claiborne	9.8	11.7	12.0	14.4	15.3	14.0
Clarke	6.2	7.8	7.8	9.0	9.4	10.4
Clay	7.0	8.7	10.7	14.4	14.1	14.0
Coahoma	7.3	8.9	9.7	10.9	10.7	11.9
Copiah	5.9	6.9	7.4	9.2	9.9	11.0
Covington	4.9	5.6	5.7	6.7	7.5	8.4
DeSoto	3.7	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.4	6.5
Forrest	5.2	5.8	6.2	7.1	7.8	9.1
Franklin	6.0	7.4	7.0	8.7	8.3	9.4
George	6.3	7.1	7.5	8.0	9.2	11.0
Greene	6.2	7.7	7.7	9.3	9.7	10.6
Grenada	5.0	5.9	6.2	7.5	8.8	9.5
Hancock	5.6	6.4	6.6	7.1	7.4	8.8
Harrison	5.1	5.9	6.1	6.7	7.3	8.5
Hinds	4.9	5.7	5.9	7.4	7.9	8.7
Holmes	9.3	10.7	11.7	14.6	14.3	15.9
Humphreys	9.4	12.2	12.7	14.4	16.0	16.5
Issaquena	11.8	14.4	14.8	15.3	15.9	15.3
Itawamba	4.5	5.3	6.0	7.5	7.3	9.0
Jackson	6.1	6.9	7.2	8.1	8.6	10.0
Jasper	6.6	7.9	7.1	8.6	8.9	10.3
Jefferson	10.9	13.3	12.8	16.2	16.0	16.2
Jefferson Davis	7.4	8.5	8.3	10.5	11.5	12.3
Jones	5.5	6.1	5.4	6.1	6.7	7.7
Kemper	9.2	9.3	10.9	11.9	12.2	13.5
Lafayette	4.1	4.7	5.0	5.4	6.1	7.1
Lamar	3.9	4.7	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.4
Lauderdale	5.8	6.5	6.8	7.6	8.2	9.5

Five Year Comparison of Unemployment Rates

As of November 2016

Area	Current Month Nov-16	ONE Year Ago Nov-15	TWO Years Ago Nov-14	THREE Years Ago Nov-13	FOUR Years Ago Nov-12	FIVE Years Ago Nov-11
Counties						
Lawrence	6.1	7.3	7.0	8.1	8.8	10.8
Leake	6.4	6.1	5.9	7.4	8.1	9.2
Lee	4.4	5.1	6.2	7.6	7.6	9.1
Leflore	8.4	10.3	10.4	12.4	13.1	12.9
Lincoln	5.1	6.0	5.8	6.5	7.4	8.8
Lowndes	5.6	6.6	7.3	8.6	8.4	9.4
Madison	3.9	4.5	4.4	5.1	5.4	6.2
Marion	6.0	6.9	6.9	8.5	9.3	10.1
Marshall	5.1	6.7	7.2	8.8	9.5	10.7
Monroe	5.5	6.8	8.5	11.2	11.2	11.4
Montgomery	5.7	8.0	7.3	9.7	10.8	11.2
Neshoba	5.4	6.0	6.1	7.0	7.5	8.5
Newton	5.3	5.8	5.7	6.6	6.9	8.3
Noxubee	7.6	8.9	10.1	12.2	11.7	12.6
Oktibbeha	4.6	5.4	5.5	6.5	7.0	7.9
Panola	6.4	8.0	9.1	10.4	11.1	12.3
Pearl River	5.5	6.2	5.9	6.4	7.2	8.6
Perry	6.2	7.5	7.7	8.8	10.0	11.7
Pike	6.0	7.2	6.9	8.7	9.2	10.7
Pontotoc	4.3	5.2	5.9	7.1	6.9	8.5
Prentiss	4.9	5.8	6.1	7.6	7.8	9.0
Quitman	8.5	9.7	10.1	12.5	12.4	12.7
Rankin	3.7	4.2	4.1	4.5	5.0	5.8
Scott	4.5	4.9	4.7	5.5	6.5	7.8
Sharkey	7.7	9.5	8.9	11.4	10.9	12.9
Simpson	5.0	5.7	5.5	6.5	7.0	8.4
Smith	4.8	5.5	5.2	5.8	6.4	7.1
Stone	6.2	6.8	7.5	8.1	8.9	9.8
Sunflower	8.1	10.2	10.6	12.6	12.8	14.0
Tallahatchie	5.5	7.0	7.1	9.4	9.9	10.2
Tate	5.0	6.5	7.1	7.8	7.9	9.1
Tippah	4.7	5.9	7.3	8.7	8.9	10.5
Tishomingo	5.0	5.9	6.7	8.5	9.0	11.6
Tunica	6.0	7.2	10.0	10.5	10.7	11.9
Union	4.0	4.8	5.4	6.9	7.0	8.4
Walthall	6.7	7.4	8.0	9.2	10.1	10.7
Warren	5.8	6.6	6.5	7.8	8.7	8.9
Washington	8.0	9.9	10.4	13.1	12.6	14.1
Wayne	6.7	7.8	7.3	9.4	10.1	9.5
Webster	5.5	7.1	7.0	8.8	8.2	9.1
Wilkinson	8.3	10.1	9.4	11.9	10.8	11.5
Winston	6.6	8.0	8.3	9.9	10.5	11.9
Yalobusha	5.3	6.4	7.2	9.2	9.2	10.4
Yazoo	6.2	7.6	7.9	9.6	10.0	10.4

Five Year Comparison of Unemployment Rates

As of November 2016

Area	Current Month Nov-16	ONE Year Ago Nov-15	TWO Years Ago Nov-14	THREE Years Ago Nov-13	FOUR Years Ago Nov-12	FIVE Years Ago Nov-11
Workforce Investment Areas						
Delta	7.4	9.0	9.7	11.6	11.7	12.7
Miss Partnership	4.7	5.7	6.2	7.5	7.7	8.9
Southcentral MS	4.9	5.7	5.7	6.9	7.4	8.2
Twin Districts	5.5	6.3	6.3	7.2	7.8	8.9
Planning and Development Districts						
Central Miss.	4.6	5.3	5.3	6.4	6.9	7.7
East Central	5.7	6.3	6.4	7.4	7.9	9.1
Golden Triangle	5.6	6.7	7.3	8.9	9.0	9.8
North Central	6.8	8.2	8.5	10.2	10.8	11.6
North Delta	4.6	5.7	6.1	6.8	7.2	8.3
Northeast	4.9	6.1	6.6	8.1	8.5	10.3
South Delta	7.7	9.3	9.8	12.0	11.8	13.1
Southern	5.4	6.2	6.3	7.1	7.7	8.9
Southwest	6.6	7.8	7.4	8.7	9.4	10.4
Three Rivers	4.5	5.4	6.2	7.7	7.7	8.9
Community College Districts*						
Copiah-Lincoln	6.0	7.1	6.7	7.9	8.7	9.8
East Central	5.5	6.0	5.9	7.0	7.7	8.9
East Mississippi	5.7	6.7	7.4	9.0	9.1	9.9
Gulf Coast	5.6	6.4	6.6	7.4	7.9	9.2
Hinds	4.6	5.3	5.4	6.6	7.1	7.8
Holmes	5.0	5.9	6.1	7.2	7.6	8.5
Itawamba	4.7	5.6	6.7	8.4	8.3	9.6
Jones	5.7	6.7	6.2	7.4	8.0	8.8
Mississippi Delta	7.8	9.5	9.9	12.0	12.1	13.0
Northeast	4.7	5.5	6.1	7.6	7.9	9.7
Northwest	4.5	5.5	5.9	6.7	7.1	8.3
Pearl River	5.1	5.9	5.9	6.7	7.4	8.5
Southwest	6.5	7.7	7.4	9.1	9.4	10.7
Cities						
Biloxi	5.3	5.9	6.2	7.2	8.1	9.2
Clinton	3.8	4.3	4.2	4.8	4.9	5.8
Columbus	8.0	9.8	11.5	14.4	13.9	14.7
Greenville	8.1	9.5	10.3	13.4	13.1	14.1
Gulfport	6.1	7.1	7.4	8.4	8.8	10.4
Hattiesburg	6.0	6.7	7.2	8.8	9.4	11.0
Hattiesburg -Forest County part	5.8	6.6	6.9	8.5	9.3	10.7
Hattiesburg -Lamar County part	7.1	7.5	8.8	10.7	10.3	13.0
Horn Lake	4.0	4.6	5.0	5.0	5.7	6.7
Jackson	5.2	6.1	6.3	8.1	8.6	9.4
Madison	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.9	4.3
Meridian	6.9	7.9	8.4	10.0	10.7	12.2
Moss Point	6.3	7.5	7.7	8.7	9.5	10.5
Olive Branch	3.6	4.5	4.1	4.8	5.0	6.3
Pascagoula	7.2	7.9	8.8	8.9	9.9	11.2
Pearl	3.9	4.4	3.9	4.8	5.4	6.1
Southaven	3.5	4.2	4.2	4.6	5.0	6.0
Tupelo	4.9	6.0	6.7	8.9	9.2	10.8
Vicksburg	8.4	9.7	10.1	12.8	14.2	14.3

*For Coahoma and Meridian Community College Districts refer to county data.
Hattiesburg 1/ Forrest County part Hattiesburg 2/ Lamar County part

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

MSAs & WIAs

	November 2016			
	Regular UI			Benefits Paid All Programs
	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Benefits Paid	
Metropolitan Statistical Areas				
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA	728	4,931	$881,621	$902,758
Hattiesburg MSA	179	1,428	$259,372	$265,012
Jackson MSA	991	5,970	$1,039,337	$1,050,738
Workforce Investment Act Areas				
Delta	1,131	5,580	$893,717	$896,814
Mississippi Partnership	1,370	7,932	$1,336,364	$1,349,340
Southcentral Mississippi	1,386	8,633	$1,479,654	$1,498,340
Twin Districts	1,749	12,305	$2,222,898	$2,258,239

	October 2016			
	Regular UI			Benefits Paid All Programs
	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Benefits Paid	
Metropolitan Statistical Areas				
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA	671	5,677	$871,310	$889,710
Hattiesburg MSA	202	1,846	$297,638	$300,458
Jackson MSA	813	7,113	$1,104,175	$1,114,690
Workforce Investment Act Areas				
Delta	758	5,731	$803,029	$806,657
Mississippi Partnership	1,475	10,018	$1,456,661	$1,466,099
Southcentral Mississippi	1,232	10,381	$1,574,166	$1,591,261
Twin Districts	1,626	14,522	$2,289,721	$2,319,441

	November 2015			
	Regular UI			Benefits Paid All Programs
	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Benefits Paid	
Metropolitan Statistical Areas				
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA	792	6,540	$1,020,338	$1,045,348
Hattiesburg MSA	209	1,972	$297,196	$306,173
Jackson MSA	1,087	8,254	$1,240,682	$1,243,502
Workforce Investment Act Areas				
Delta	1,280	7,935	$1,063,893	$1,072,097
Mississippi Partnership	1,875	11,928	$1,660,060	$1,680,208
Southcentral Mississippi	1,678	12,243	$1,782,463	$1,794,068
Twin Districts	1,934	15,231	$2,306,755	$2,355,323

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Unemployment Insurance Statistics

County Data - Claims

	November 2016		October 2016		November 2015	
	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims
Counties						
Adams	80	479	50	559	120	889
Alcorn	43	319	48	399	74	453
Amite	14	85	15	137	25	161
Attala	32	208	47	291	64	321
Benton	14	36	5	33	10	65
Bolivar	90	556	76	522	135	756
Calhoun	17	79	19	108	36	209
Carroll	18	75	10	102	21	143
Chickasaw	43	241	81	364	79	406
Choctaw	20	59	14	49	35	170
Claiborne	25	191	24	188	32	258
Clarke	27	192	33	213	32	308
Clay	59	356	92	558	96	755
Coahoma	93	540	78	535	151	803
Copiah	49	369	41	433	62	434
Covington	52	139	24	190	33	203
DeSoto	88	709	105	924	119	920
Forrest	110	919	127	1,187	119	1,083
Franklin	6	64	13	64	14	95
George	33	216	24	275	44	292
Greene	25	130	25	166	19	119
Grenada	52	257	50	246	48	336
Hancock	48	388	43	420	75	538
Harrison	372	2,302	333	2,675	379	3,339
Hinds	495	2,881	407	3,512	584	4,275
Holmes	103	462	76	505	85	579
Humphreys	40	142	21	163	47	298
Issaquena	9	39	5	23	15	50
Itawamba	51	170	41	198	48	233
Jackson	308	2,241	295	2,582	338	2,663
Jasper	48	256	30	281	37	392
Jefferson	27	124	15	130	39	217
Jefferson Davis	29	216	25	256	42	251
Jones	120	827	81	1,079	106	973
Kemper	33	262	37	245	27	183
Lafayette	60	262	32	316	61	328
Lamar	54	413	59	547	73	724
Lauderdale	135	1,313	190	1,396	148	1,359
Lawrence	17	111	19	162	20	134
Leake	28	399	41	522	29	209
Lee	132	999	213	1,469	215	1,144

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

County Data - Claims

	November 2016		October 2016		November 2015	
	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims
Counties						
Leflore	138	740	85	811	165	1,128
Lincoln	47	285	48	311	63	369
Lowndes	143	949	141	1,033	175	1,250
Madison	180	984	121	1,201	188	1,304
Marion	46	279	40	358	31	320
Marshall	50	234	41	300	46	338
Monroe	89	510	133	795	163	815
Montgomery	21	124	17	126	29	365
Neshoba	49	257	37	295	60	267
Newton	29	157	22	187	100	232
Noxubee	22	200	31	241	34	253
Oktibbeha	59	374	65	441	77	655
Panola	67	581	86	684	94	754
Pearl River	49	375	48	445	54	467
Perry	15	96	16	112	17	165
Pike	53	353	104	570	125	524
Pontotoc	46	218	31	263	37	342
Prentiss	43	261	39	303	83	452
Quitman	38	235	41	232	41	292
Rankin	164	1,183	164	1,330	158	1,405
Scott	33	322	35	382	67	386
Sharkey	36	94	12	83	32	131
Simpson	35	224	23	270	31	247
Smith	51	143	18	117	25	160
Stone	20	173	15	195	25	200
Sunflower	162	642	85	637	163	924
Tallahatchie	65	210	30	152	88	409
Tate	20	190	40	263	50	423
Tippah	57	180	25	215	37	281
Tishomingo	32	191	38	199	50	170
Tunica	69	194	33	186	57	211
Union	90	245	33	274	38	258
Walthall	16	126	20	156	26	143
Warren	99	756	102	899	115	1,093
Washington	203	1,070	120	1,096	186	1,457
Wayne	35	290	28	397	54	398
Webster	20	93	10	123	57	271
Wilkinson	11	89	9	92	12	106
Winston	39	322	57	352	80	505
Yalobusha	28	146	27	135	34	210
Yazoo	68	329	57	367	64	589

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

County Data - Benefits Paid

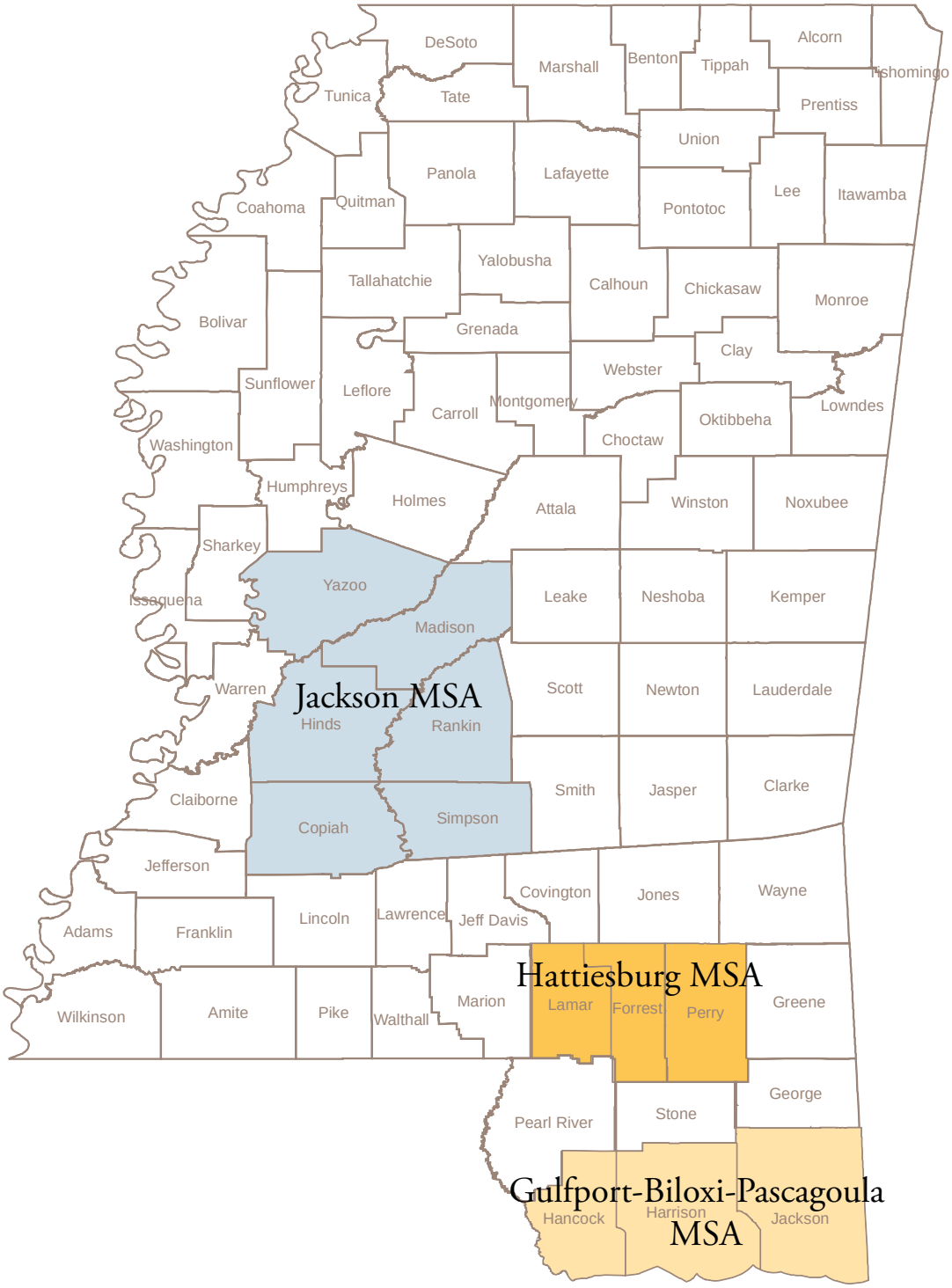
	November 2016		October 2016		November 2015	
	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs
Counties						
Adams	$80,972	$82,147	$71,841	$71,841	$118,003	$119,503
Alcorn	$52,524	$52,524	$53,328	$53,328	$56,072	$56,072
Amite	$16,343	$16,343	$22,082	$22,082	$22,494	$22,494
Attala	$39,218	$40,158	$45,299	$45,534	$46,500	$46,879
Benton	$4,134	$4,134	$4,309	$4,309	$9,920	$9,920
Bolivar	$89,826	$91,224	$76,178	$77,574	$98,173	$98,643
Calhoun	$11,366	$12,541	$16,025	$16,025	$31,421	$32,361
Carroll	$13,546	$13,546	$16,957	$16,957	$21,529	$21,529
Chickasaw	$35,246	$35,246	$47,288	$47,288	$58,108	$58,108
Choctaw	$5,305	$6,245	$5,383	$5,618	$20,645	$22,055
Claiborne	$31,630	$32,100	$28,254	$28,254	$34,009	$35,889
Clarke	$33,020	$33,020	$33,775	$33,775	$43,679	$43,679
Clay	$62,192	$62,192	$85,517	$85,517	$105,091	$105,091
Coahoma	$83,854	$83,854	$70,208	$71,728	$104,377	$106,134
Copiah	$58,665	$58,665	$60,322	$60,322	$63,101	$63,101
Covington	$20,615	$22,397	$31,698	$33,950	$29,512	$31,617
DeSoto	$129,034	$131,759	$142,245	$145,300	$142,209	$145,809
Forrest	$167,609	$170,899	$192,215	$192,450	$160,133	$165,350
Franklin	$9,141	$9,141	$9,048	$9,048	$16,419	$16,419
George	$44,516	$44,751	$48,098	$48,098	$47,150	$48,090
Greene	$24,914	$24,914	$25,085	$25,085	$21,728	$22,433
Grenada	$38,827	$39,767	$32,054	$32,054	$40,963	$42,885
Hancock	$68,576	$69,751	$65,886	$66,826	$80,847	$81,787
Harrison	$400,022	$411,906	$390,807	$403,967	$517,318	$533,839
Hinds	$479,387	$484,792	$533,172	$537,342	$616,087	$616,557
Holmes	$83,314	$83,314	$77,447	$77,447	$83,316	$83,316
Humphreys	$26,536	$26,536	$23,266	$23,314	$44,107	$44,107
Issaquena	$5,264	$5,264	$2,379	$2,379	$4,969	$4,969
Itawamba	$27,994	$27,994	$33,631	$33,631	$35,485	$35,485
Jackson	$413,023	$421,101	$414,617	$418,917	$422,173	$429,722
Jasper	$46,171	$46,171	$49,911	$49,911	$63,860	$64,330
Jefferson	$18,782	$19,252	$21,820	$21,820	$29,229	$30,404
Jefferson Davis	$39,611	$39,611	$37,023	$37,023	$31,564	$31,564
Jones	$161,675	$161,675	$193,279	$193,279	$155,001	$155,659
Kemper	$43,505	$43,505	$37,237	$37,666	$25,686	$26,391
Lafayette	$50,747	$50,747	$53,114	$53,114	$49,344	$49,344
Lamar	$74,497	$76,847	$88,631	$91,216	$109,988	$113,748
Lauderdale	$221,147	$223,281	$197,995	$200,328	$184,991	$185,931
Lawrence	$15,805	$16,745	$22,465	$25,050	$19,453	$19,453
Leake	$85,056	$87,876	$82,334	$83,274	$27,956	$28,896
Lee	$181,169	$181,169	$228,891	$228,891	$151,052	$155,282

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

County Data - Benefits Paid

	November 2016		October 2016		November 2015	
	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs
Counties						
Leflore	$119,616	$119,916	$113,782	$113,878	$162,873	$162,873
Lincoln	$47,407	$47,407	$43,683	$43,683	$60,216	$60,216
Lowndes	$146,602	$147,542	$138,634	$139,574	$173,604	$176,266
Madison	$182,081	$183,021	$189,352	$191,467	$200,790	$202,200
Marion	$50,609	$51,497	$61,434	$62,100	$47,238	$47,238
Marshall	$35,032	$35,032	$37,378	$37,378	$51,844	$51,844
Monroe	$88,258	$89,433	$113,346	$114,286	$110,027	$111,672
Montgomery	$18,571	$18,571	$18,532	$18,532	$51,132	$51,132
Neshoba	$42,457	$42,457	$43,847	$44,317	$40,830	$40,830
Newton	$29,812	$30,517	$28,375	$29,315	$28,835	$29,651
Noxubee	$35,016	$35,016	$28,443	$28,443	$28,414	$28,414
Oktibbeha	$61,249	$61,484	$62,092	$63,267	$100,179	$100,179
Panola	$101,251	$101,251	$100,866	$100,866	$96,336	$97,511
Pearl River	$67,993	$67,993	$67,746	$67,746	$76,099	$78,182
Perry	$17,266	$17,266	$16,792	$16,792	$27,075	$27,075
Pike	$55,298	$57,413	$79,262	$81,377	$60,666	$60,666
Pontotoc	$38,516	$38,896	$46,225	$46,700	$47,231	$47,701
Prentiss	$44,715	$44,715	$47,719	$47,719	$62,839	$62,839
Quitman	$38,106	$38,106	$29,935	$30,170	$40,907	$40,907
Rankin	$226,723	$229,899	$218,226	$221,516	$228,517	$229,457
Scott	$60,249	$60,249	$60,505	$60,505	$54,986	$57,795
Sharkey	$14,757	$14,757	$12,594	$12,594	$13,561	$13,561
Simpson	$41,704	$42,644	$47,563	$48,503	$37,812	$37,812
Smith	$23,590	$23,590	$24,024	$24,024	$20,753	$20,753
Stone	$33,452	$33,452	$35,441	$35,911	$32,160	$33,570
Sunflower	$95,068	$95,068	$79,617	$79,617	$116,904	$118,549
Tallahatchie	$31,902	$32,290	$24,359	$24,386	$60,033	$61,208
Tate	$38,146	$39,557	$29,906	$30,683	$62,005	$62,416
Tippah	$28,258	$28,258	$34,701	$34,701	$36,285	$37,345
Tishomingo	$31,950	$31,950	$25,931	$25,931	$24,536	$24,536
Tunica	$30,212	$30,212	$26,502	$26,502	$30,747	$30,747
Union	$36,996	$36,996	$39,564	$39,564	$38,540	$38,540
Walthall	$22,336	$22,336	$24,990	$24,990	$19,339	$19,339
Warren	$127,071	$129,186	$132,685	$134,565	$149,561	$153,791
Washington	$160,465	$161,476	$148,939	$149,245	$186,061	$188,043
Wayne	$53,513	$53,513	$62,966	$62,966	$57,193	$57,193
Webster	$19,370	$20,075	$20,811	$21,242	$34,111	$35,530
Wilkinson	$15,532	$15,532	$13,861	$13,861	$12,392	$12,392
Winston	$51,821	$53,231	$53,427	$54,602	$66,556	$66,556
Yalobusha	$24,108	$24,108	$12,868	$12,868	$25,947	$25,947
Yazoo	$50,777	$51,717	$55,540	$55,540	$94,375	$94,375

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)



Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA—Hancock, Harrison and Jackson Counties

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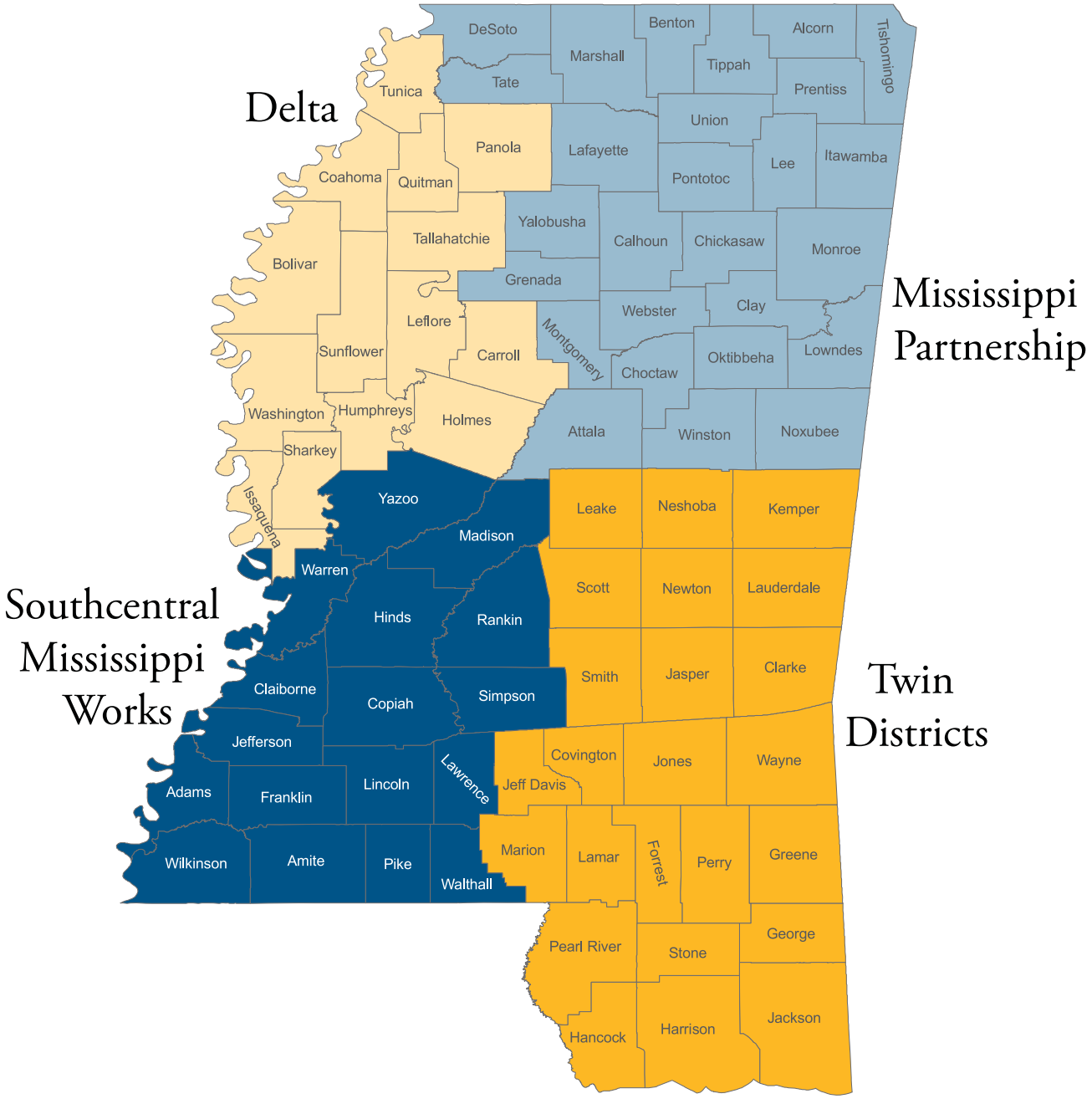
Workforce Investment Act Areas



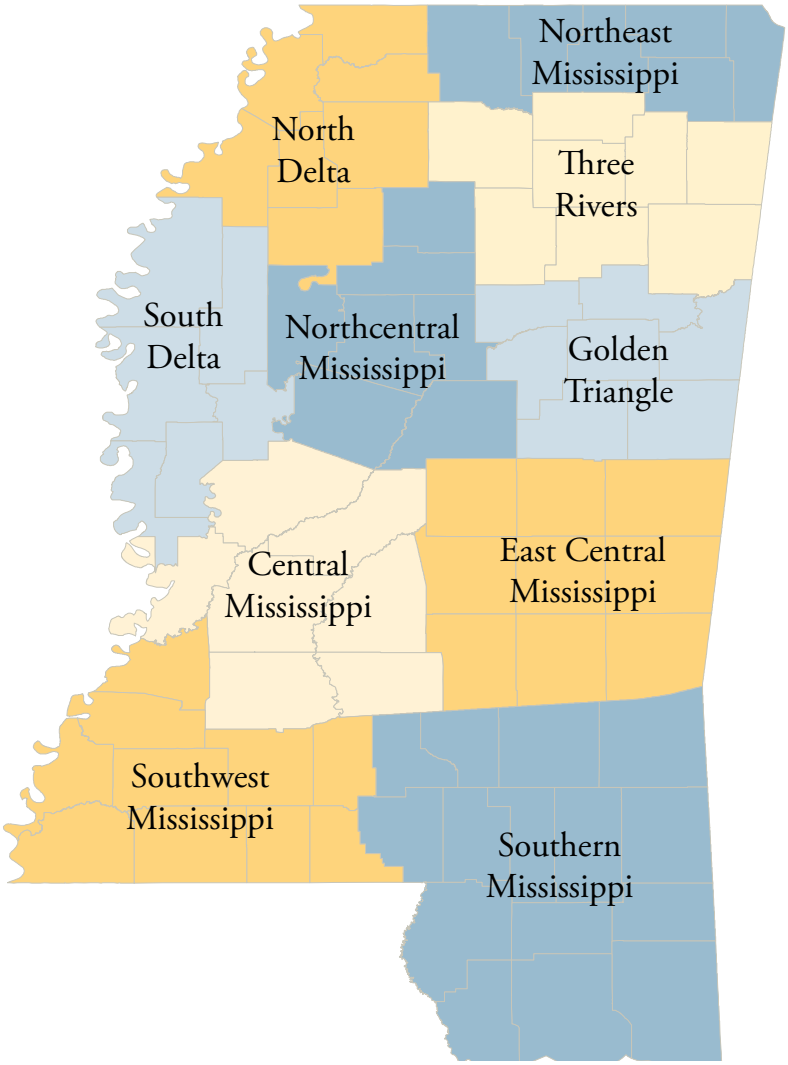
Delta—Bolivar, Carroll, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tunica, and Washington Counties

Mississippi Partnership—Alcorn, Attala, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, DeSoto, Grenada, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union, Webster, Winston, and Yalobusha Counties

Southcentral Mississippi Works—Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Franklin, Hinds, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Madison, Pike, Rankin, Simpson, Walthall, Warren, Wilkinson, and Yazoo Counties

Twin Districts—Clarke, Covington, Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lamar, Lauderdale, Leake, Marion, Neshoba, Newton, Pearl River, Perry, Scott, Smith, Stone and Wayne Counties

Planning & Development Districts



Central Mississippi—Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren, & Yazoo Counties

East Central Mississippi—Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, & Smith Counties

Golden Triangle—Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Webster, & Winston Counties

North Central Mississippi—Attala, Carroll, Grenada, Holmes, Leflore, Montgomery, & Yalobusha Counties

North Delta—Coahoma, DeSoto, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate & Tunica Counties

Northeast Mississippi—Alcorn, Benton, Marshall, Prentiss, Tippah, & Tishomingo Counties

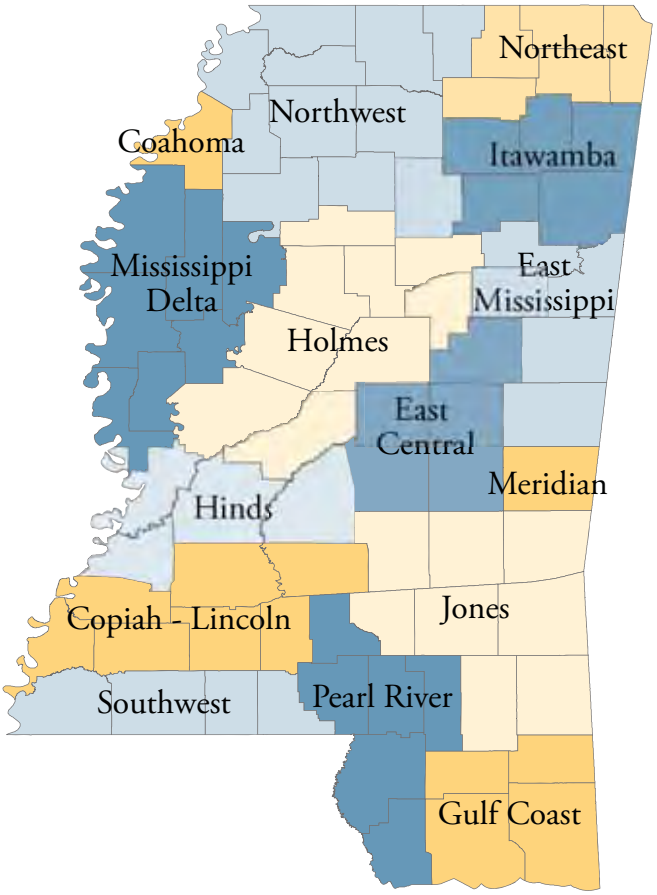
South Delta—Bolivar, Humphreys, Issaquena, Sharkey, Sunflower, & Washington Counties

Southern Mississippi—Covington, Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, Stone, & Wayne Counties

Southwest Mississippi—Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall, & Wilkinson Counties

Three Rivers—Calhoun, Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc, & Union Counties

Community College Districts



Coahoma—Coahoma County *(See County Data)*

Copiah-Lincoln—Adams, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, & Simpson Counties

East Central—Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, & Winston Counties

East Mississippi—Clay, Kemper, Lowndes, Noxubee, & Oktibbeha Counties

Gulf Coast—George, Harrison, Jackson, & Stone Counties

Hinds—Claiborne, Hinds, Rankin, & Warren Counties

Holmes—Attala, Carroll, Choctaw, Grenada, Holmes, Madison, Montgomery, Webster, & Yazoo Counties

Itawamba—Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, & Pontotoc Counties

Jones—Clarke, Covington, Greene, Jasper, Jones, Perry, Smith & Wayne Counties

Meridian—Lauderdale County *(See County Data)*

Mississippi Delta—Bolivar, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Sharkey, Sunflower, & Washington Counties

Northeast—Alcorn, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo & Union Counties

Northwest—Benton, Calhoun, DeSoto, Lafayette, Marshall, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tunica, & Yalobusha Counties

Pearl River—Forrest, Hancock, Jefferson Davis, Lamar, Marion, & Pearl River Counties

Southwest—Amite, Pike, Walthall, & Wilkinson Counties

Description of the Unemployment Rate Calculation

General summary of how the unemployment rate is calculated

- Monthly estimates of the labor force, employment, unemployment and the unemployment rate are generated by the Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program, a cooperative program between the Bureau of Labor Statistics and State Employment Security Agencies.
- Statistics on the employment status of the population and related data are compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS is a monthly survey of households conducted by the US Census Bureau. It is a scientifically selected survey designed to represent the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States.
- Households selected are interviewed to obtain information about the employment status of each member of the household 16 years of age and older. The inquiry relates to employment activity or status during the calendar week, Sunday through Saturday, which includes the 12th day of the month. This week is known as the reference week.
- The survey is designed so that each person who is over the age of 16 and who is not in an institution such as prison or mental hospital or on active duty with the Armed Forces is only counted and classified in one group; employed, unemployed or not in the labor force.
- The Bureau of Labor Statistics defines an individual employed if they did any work at all for pay or profit during the survey week; this includes all part-time and temporary work as well as full time year round employment. Unemployed individuals are those who do not have a job, have actively looked for work during the past four weeks and are currently available for work. The sum of employed and unemployed produces the Civilian Labor Force.
- Each month about 60,000 households are eligible to be interviewed nationally.
- Households in the survey are rotated out of the survey in a manner to ensure that 75% of the households are consistent from one month to the next and 50% of the households are consistent from the same month of the prior year.
- The results of the CPS survey are "residence" based; meaning the physical location of a person's residence rather than the location of the establishment where they are employed.
- Other statistics generated by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security's Labor Market Information Department are "establishment" based, meaning the location of the establishment where they are employed.
- Each month the MDES LMI Department processes information from the CPS, County continued claims (Unemployment Insurance claims that are paid), and a monthly survey of employment. These factors are used to estimate the employment, unemployment, labor force and resulting unemployment rate. A Statistical Model using historical trends and current amounts produces estimated amounts, which are reviewed and approved by the Bureau of Labor Statistics before publication. These methods are consistent for all states.

Glossary of Terms

All Benefit Programs — includes regular UI program and federal programs, such as UCFE, UCX, FAC and EUC.

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.

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

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.

First Payment — a payment issued to a claimant for his compensable week of unemployment in a benefit year.

Final Payment — the last benefit payment a claimant receives in a benefit year.

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

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.

Not Seasonally Adjusted — this term is used to describe data series not subject to the seasonal adjustment process. In other words, the effects of regular, or seasonal, patterns have not been removed from these series.

Reference Week — the calendar week, Sunday through Saturday, this includes the 12th day of the month.

Regular UI Program — the state unemployment insurance program which provides unemployment benefits to eligible workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own. Does not include any federal programs.

Seasonally Adjusted — monthly data that is adjusted (at the National level) to minimize the changes in any time series which result from normal annual occurrences such as holidays, vacations, harvests, and the opening and closing of schools. Because these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence on statistical trends can be eliminated by adjusting the statistics from month to month. Amounts are seasonally adjusted at the National and State levels only.

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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