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Tracking Mississippi's Workforce

Data for December 2009

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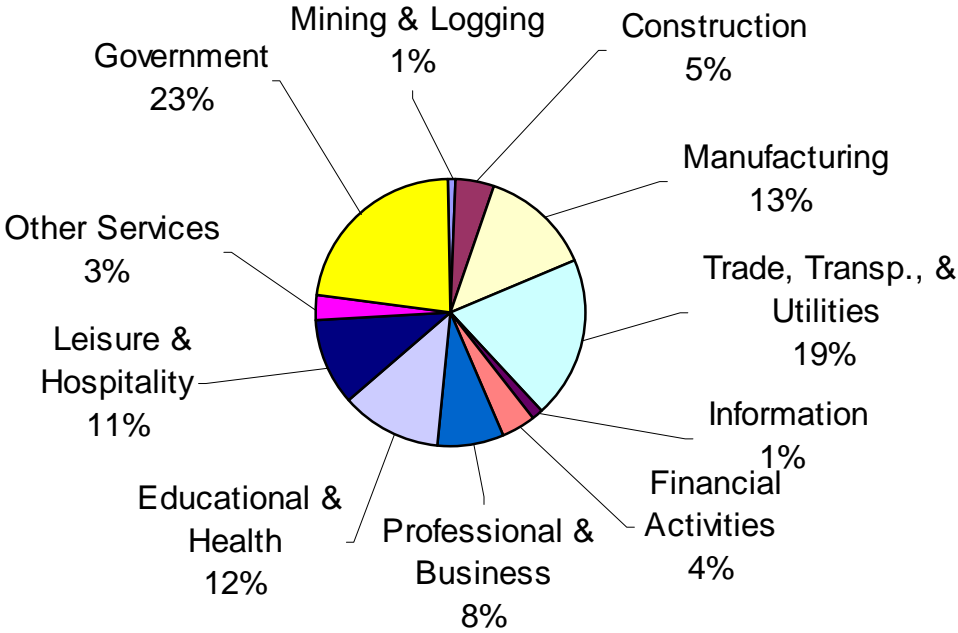
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Mississippi Nonfarm Employment

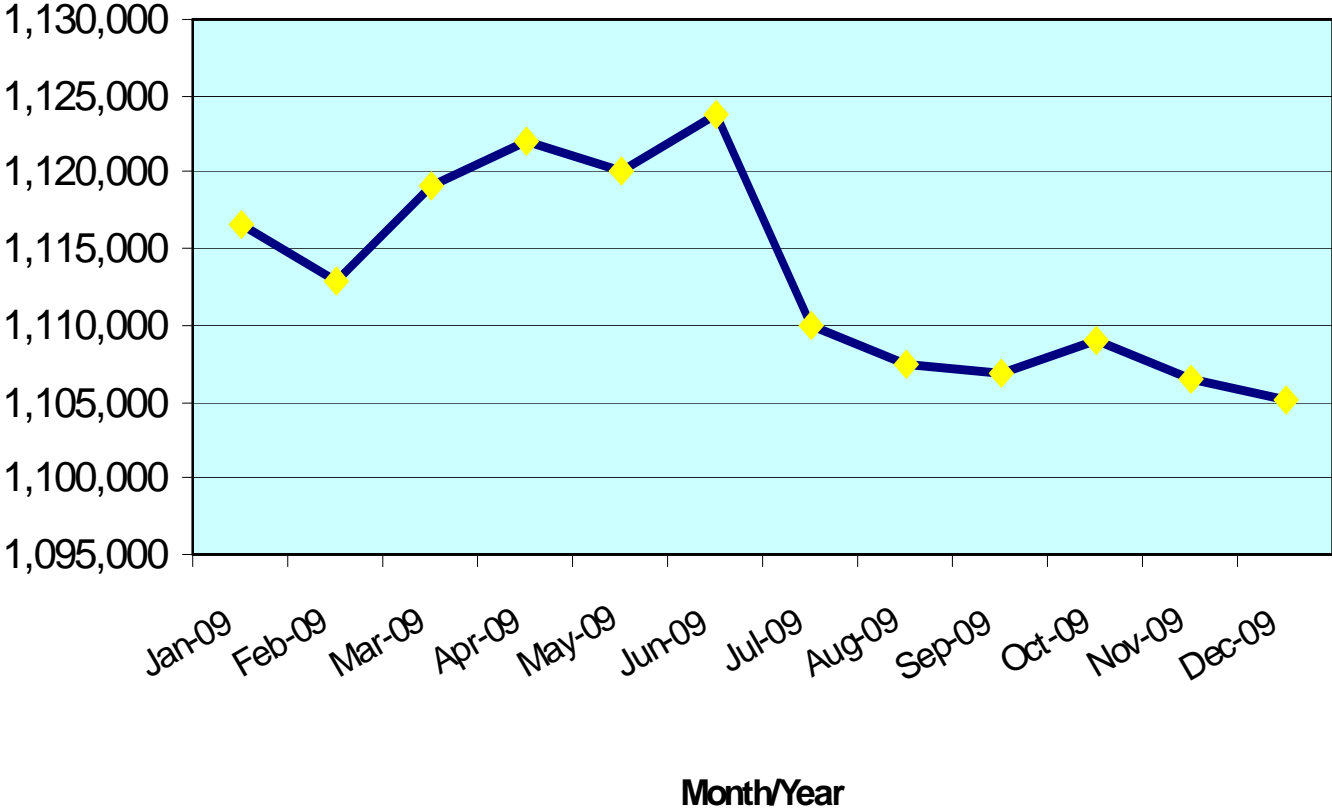
	Pre liminary	Revised	Revised	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,105,100	1,106,400	1,131,300	(1,300)	(0.1)	(26,200)	(2.3)
Total Private	851,300	851,000	879,400	300	0.0	(28,100)	(3.2)
Goods Producing	207,600	207,200	220,700	400	0.2	(13,100)	(5.9)
Service Providing	897,500	899,200	910,600	(1,700)	(0.2)	(13,100)	(1.4)
Private Service Providing	643,700	643,800	658,700	(100)	(0.0)	(15,000)	(2.3)
Mining & Logging	9,400	9,500	9,400	(100)	(1.1)	0	0.0
Construction	52,400	52,500	57,800	(100)	(0.2)	(5,400)	(9.3)
Manufacturing	145,800	145,200	153,500	600	0.4	(7,700)	(5.0)
Durable Goods	93,500	93,100	100,400	400	0.4	(6,900)	(6.9)
Wood Product Manufacturing	11,300	11,400	12,400	(100)	(0.9)	(1,100)	(8.9)
Sawmill- Wood Preservation	4,400	4,500	4,700	(100)	(2.2)	(300)	(6.4)
Fabricated Metals	10,600	10,700	11,100	(100)	(0.9)	(500)	(4.5)
Machinery Manufacturing	11,600	11,700	11,900	(100)	(0.9)	(300)	(2.5)
Electrical Equipment & Appliances	7,600	7,800	8,800	(200)	(2.6)	(1,200)	(13.6)
Electrical Equipment	4,400	4,600	5,300	(200)	(4.3)	(900)	(17.0)
Transportation Equipment	25,800	25,300	24,800	500	2.0	1,000	4.0
Motor Vehicle Parts	3,800	3,800	4,500	0	0.0	(700)	(15.6)
Ship & Boat Building	15,400	15,200	15,200	200	1.3	200	1.3
Furniture & Related	18,800	18,600	19,200	200	1.1	(400)	(2.1)
Nondurable Goods	52,300	52,100	53,100	200	0.4	(800)	(1.5)
Food Manufacturing	23,600	23,700	24,200	(100)	(0.4)	(600)	(2.5)
Animal Slaughtering	17,900	17,800	17,900	100	0.6	0	0.0
Paper Manufacturing	4,400	4,400	4,600	0	0.0	(200)	(4.3)
Plastics & Rubber	6,800	6,800	6,700	0	0.0	100	1.5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	214,300	214,100	223,700	200	0.1	(9,400)	(4.2)
Wholesale Trade	34,000	33,200	35,400	800	2.4	(1,400)	(4.0)
Retail Trade	136,000	137,000	141,800	(1,000)	(0.7)	(5,800)	(4.1)
Food & Beverage Stores	18,200	18,100	18,400	100	0.6	(200)	(1.1)
Grocery Stores	16,400	16,300	16,600	100	0.6	(200)	(1.2)
General Merchandise	38,000	37,900	39,000	100	0.3	(1,000)	(2.6)
Department Stores	8,300	8,000	8,600	300	3.8	(300)	(3.5)
Other General Merchandise	29,700	29,900	30,400	(200)	(0.7)	(700)	(2.3)
Transportation, Warehouse, Utilities	44,300	43,900	46,500	400	0.9	(2,200)	(4.7)
Utilities	7,300	7,200	7,600	100	1.4	(300)	(3.9)
Transportation & Warehousing	37,000	36,700	38,900	300	0.8	(1,900)	(4.9)
Warehousing & Storage	8,600	8,600	9,200	0	0.0	(600)	(6.5)
Information	13,000	13,000	13,300	0	0.0	(300)	(2.3)
Telecommunications	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	0.0	0	0.0
Financial Activities	43,700	43,200	45,900	500	1.2	(2,200)	(4.8)
Finance & Insurance	31,800	31,400	33,600	400	1.3	(1,800)	(5.4)
Credit Intermediation	20,000	19,900	21,900	100	0.5	(1,900)	(8.7)
Depository Credit Intermediation	14,400	14,300	15,600	100	0.7	(1,200)	(7.7)
Insurance Carriers	10,300	10,200	11,200	100	1.0	(900)	(8.0)
Real Estate & Rental	11,900	11,800	12,300	100	0.8	(400)	(3.3)
Professional & Business Services	85,000	86,100	90,200	(1,100)	(1.3)	(5,200)	(5.8)
Prof., Scient., Technical Services	31,000	30,800	33,000	200	0.6	(2,000)	(6.1)
Management of Companies	9,200	9,200	9,700	0	0.0	(500)	(5.2)
Admin Support & Waste Management	44,800	46,100	47,500	(1,300)	(2.8)	(2,700)	(5.7)
Educational & Health Services	133,600	133,500	128,800	100	0.1	4,800	3.7
Education Services	14,400	14,400	14,500	0	0.0	(100)	(0.7)
Health Care & Social Assistance	119,200	119,100	114,300	100	0.1	4,900	4.3
Hospitals	31,300	31,300	30,800	0	0.0	500	1.6
Nursing & Resident Care	24,100	24,000	23,200	100	0.4	900	3.9
Leisure & Hospitality	118,000	118,500	120,800	(500)	(0.4)	(2,800)	(2.3)
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	11,300	11,400	11,900	(100)	(0.9)	(600)	(5.0)
Amusements, Gambling, Recreation	10,500	10,600	10,900	(100)	(0.9)	(400)	(3.7)
Accommodation & Food Services	106,700	107,100	108,900	(400)	(0.4)	(2,200)	(2.0)
Accommodation	27,800	27,800	29,700	0	0.0	(1,900)	(6.4)
Food Services & Drinking	78,900	79,300	79,200	(400)	(0.5)	(300)	(0.4)
Other Services (Private)	36,100	35,400	36,000	700	2.0	100	0.3
Repair & Maintenance	9,500	9,400	9,500	100	1.1	0	0.0
Government	253,800	255,400	251,900	(1,600)	(0.6)	1,900	0.8
Federal	26,000	26,000	26,400	0	0.0	(400)	(1.5)
State	62,300	64,000	62,100	(1,700)	(2.7)	200	0.3
State Education	21,500	23,500	22,300	(2,000)	(8.5)	(800)	(3.6)
Local	165,500	165,400	163,400	100	0.1	2,100	1.3
Local Education	89,600	89,300	89,600	300	0.3	0	0.0

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Nonfarm Employment Mississippi - December, 2009



Nonfarm Employment - Mississippi



Gulfport-Biloxi MSA Nonfarm Employment

Includes Hancock, Harrison & Stone Counties

	Preliminary Dec 2009	Revised Nov 2009	Revised Dec 2008	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Total Nonfarm Employment	106,200	106,400	107,500	(200)	(0.2)	(1,300)	(1.2)
Total Private	81,800	81,900	82,600	(100)	(0.1)	(800)	(1.0)
Goods Producing	11,800	11,900	12,600	(100)	(0.8)	(800)	(6.3)
Service Providing	94,400	94,500	94,900	(100)	(0.1)	(500)	(0.5)
Private Service Providing	70,000	70,000	70,000	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mining, Logging, & Construction	6,200	6,300	6,700	(100)	(1.6)	(500)	(7.5)
Manufacturing	5,600	5,600	5,900	0	0.0	(300)	(5.1)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	18,800	18,800	19,500	0	0.0	(700)	(3.6)
Retail Trade	12,900	13,000	13,400	(100)	(0.8)	(500)	(3.7)
Leisure & Hospitality	21,400	21,500	22,400	(100)	(0.5)	(1,000)	(4.5)
Government	24,400	24,500	24,900	(100)	(0.4)	(500)	(2.0)
Federal	8,000	8,100	8,400	(100)	(1.2)	(400)	(4.8)
State	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0.0	0	0.0
Local	13,900	13,900	14,000	0	0.0	(100)	(0.7)
Local Education	6,400	6,300	6,300	100	1.6	100	1.6

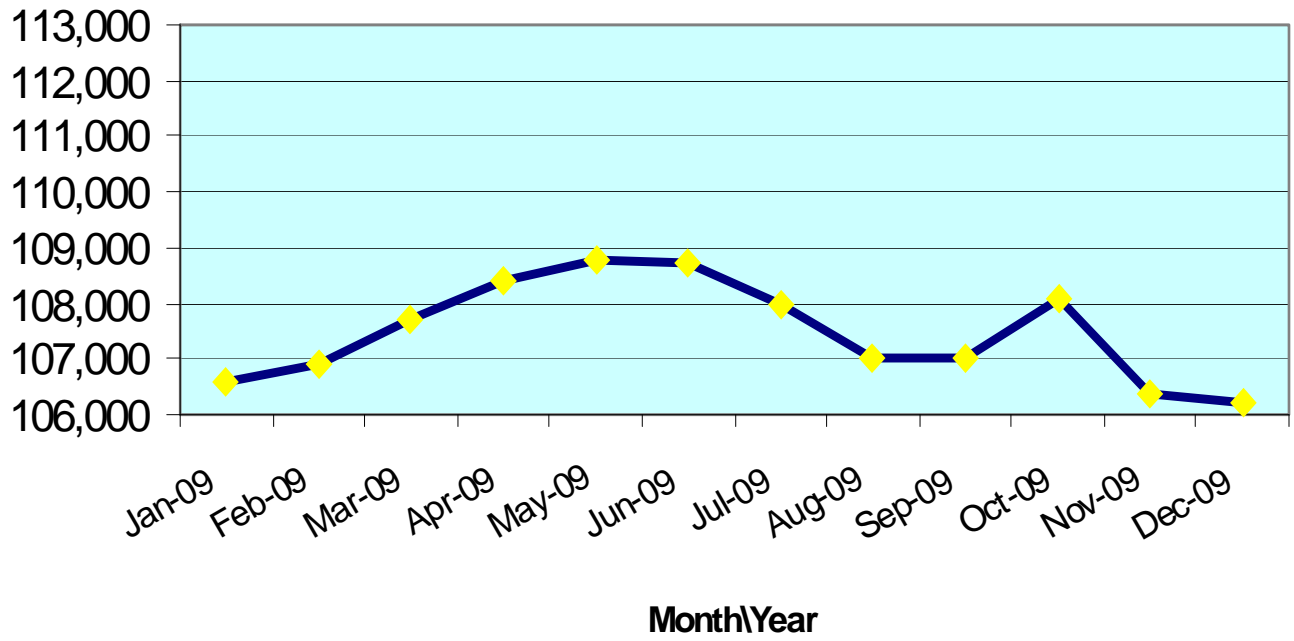
Hattiesburg MSA Nonfarm Employment

Includes Forrest, Lamar & Perry Counties

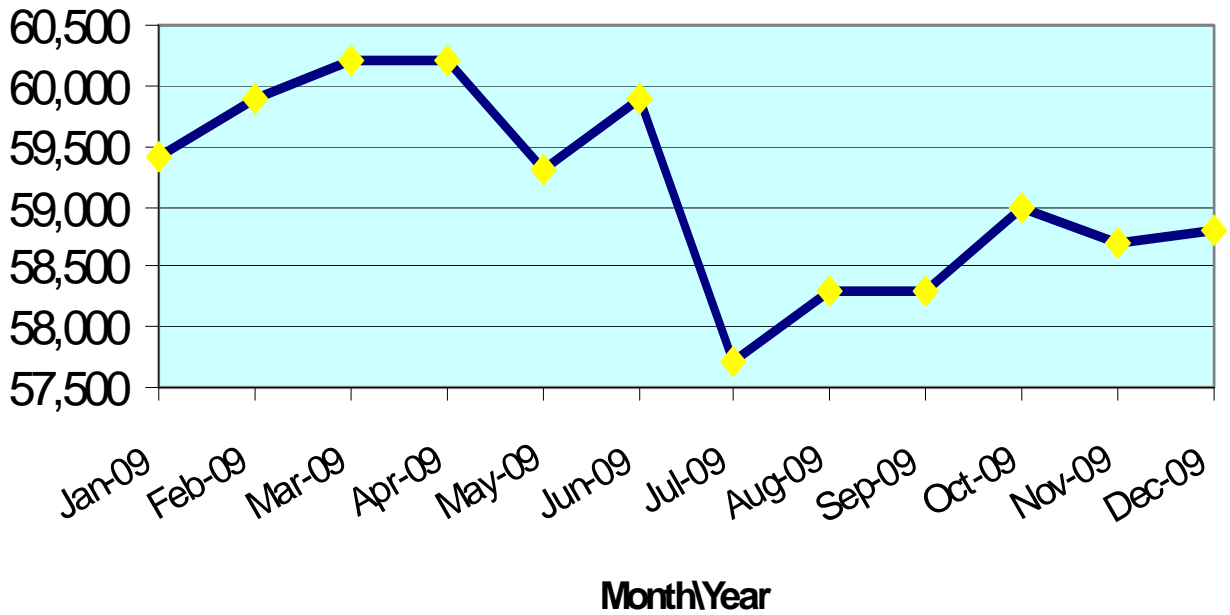
	Preliminary Dec 2009	Revised Nov 2009	Revised Dec 2008	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Total Nonfarm Employment	58,800	58,700	61,100	100	0.2	(2,300)	(3.8)
Total Private	43,900	43,800	46,200	100	0.2	(2,300)	(5.0)
Goods Producing	6,900	6,800	7,200	100	1.5	(300)	(4.2)
Service Providing	51,900	51,900	53,900	0	0.0	(2,000)	(3.7)
Private Service Providing	37,000	37,000	39,000	0	0.0	(2,000)	(5.1)
Manufacturing	4,000	4,000	4,100	0	0.0	(100)	(2.4)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,900	12,900	13,400	0	0.0	(500)	(3.7)
Retail Trade	9,200	9,300	9,500	(100)	(1.1)	(300)	(3.2)
Leisure & Hospitality	7,300	7,300	7,500	0	0.0	(200)	(2.7)
Government	14,900	14,900	14,900	0	0.0	0	0.0
Federal	800	800	900	0	0.0	(100)	(11.1)
State	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0.0	0	0.0
Local	9,800	9,800	9,700	0	0.0	100	1.0
Local Education	4,900	4,900	4,300	0	0.0	600	14.0

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Nonfarm Employment - Gulfport Biloxi MSA



Nonfarm Employment - Hattiesburg MSA



Jackson MSA Nonfarm Employment

Includes Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin & Simpson Counties

	Preliminary	Revised	Revised	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Total Nonfarm Employment	258,600	258,500	259,500	100	0.0	(900)	(0.3)
Total Private	200,000	199,900	202,500	100	0.1	(2,500)	(1.2)
Goods Producing	29,700	29,800	32,400	(100)	(0.3)	(2,700)	(8.3)
Service Providing	228,900	228,700	227,100	200	0.1	1,800	0.8
Private Service Providing	170,300	170,100	170,100	200	0.1	200	0.1
Mining & Logging	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0	0	0.0
Construction	11,500	11,700	13,100	(200)	(1.7)	(1,600)	(12.2)
Manufacturing	17,200	17,100	18,300	100	0.6	(1,100)	(6.0)
Durable Goods	11,300	11,200	12,100	100	0.9	(800)	(6.6)
Transportation Equipment	4,700	4,700	5,000	0	0.0	(300)	(6.0)
Non-durable Goods	5,900	5,900	6,200	0	0.0	(300)	(4.8)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	50,500	50,600	51,900	(100)	(0.2)	(1,400)	(2.7)
Wholesale Trade	11,300	11,200	11,500	100	0.9	(200)	(1.7)
Retail Trade	28,300	28,500	29,300	(200)	(0.7)	(1,000)	(3.4)
General Merchandise	6,400	6,400	6,700	0	0.0	(300)	(4.5)
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	10,900	10,900	11,100	0	0.0	(200)	(1.8)
Information	4,100	4,200	4,500	(100)	(2.4)	(400)	(8.9)
Financial Activities	16,200	16,000	16,300	200	1.3	(100)	(0.6)
Finance & Insurance	12,300	12,300	12,400	0	0.0	(100)	(0.8)
Professional & Business Services	28,000	28,400	28,900	(400)	(1.4)	(900)	(3.1)
Profess., Scientific, Technical Services	11,000	11,100	11,800	(100)	(0.9)	(800)	(6.8)
Management of Companies	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0.0	0	0.0
Admin Support & Waste Management	12,500	12,800	12,600	(300)	(2.3)	(100)	(0.8)
Educational & Health Services	41,300	40,600	37,300	700	1.7	4,000	10.7
Health Care & Social Assistance	31,800	31,800	30,900	0	0.0	900	2.9
Hospitals	9,500	9,500	9,500	0	0.0	0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	20,800	20,900	21,400	(100)	(0.5)	(600)	(2.8)
Accommodation & Food Services	19,500	19,400	20,000	100	0.5	(500)	(2.5)
Other Services (Private)	9,400	9,400	9,800	0	0.0	(400)	(4.1)
Government	58,600	58,600	57,000	0	0.0	1,600	2.8
Federal	5,900	6,000	6,200	(100)	(1.7)	(300)	(4.8)
State	28,100	28,100	27,500	0	0.0	600	2.2
State Education	7,300	7,300	7,100	0	0.0	200	2.8
Local	24,600	24,500	23,300	100	0.4	1,300	5.6
Local Education	15,100	15,000	15,000	100	0.7	100	0.7

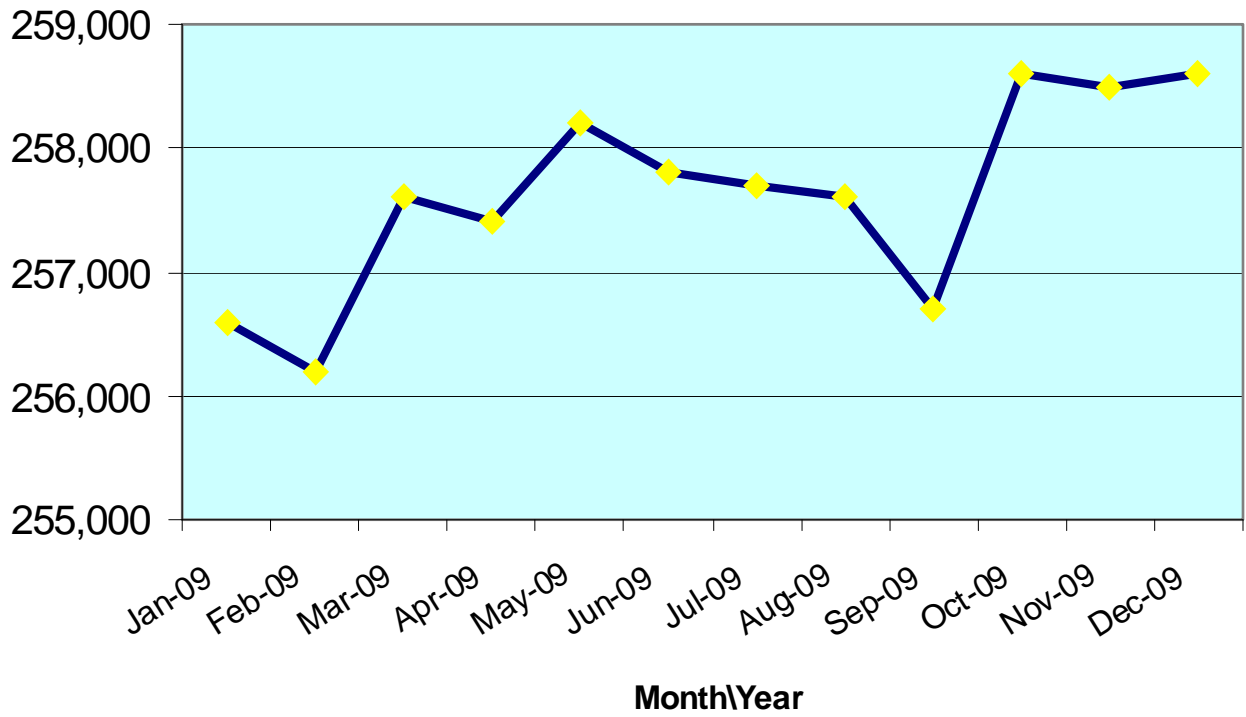
Pascagoula MSA Nonfarm Employment

Includes Jackson & George Counties

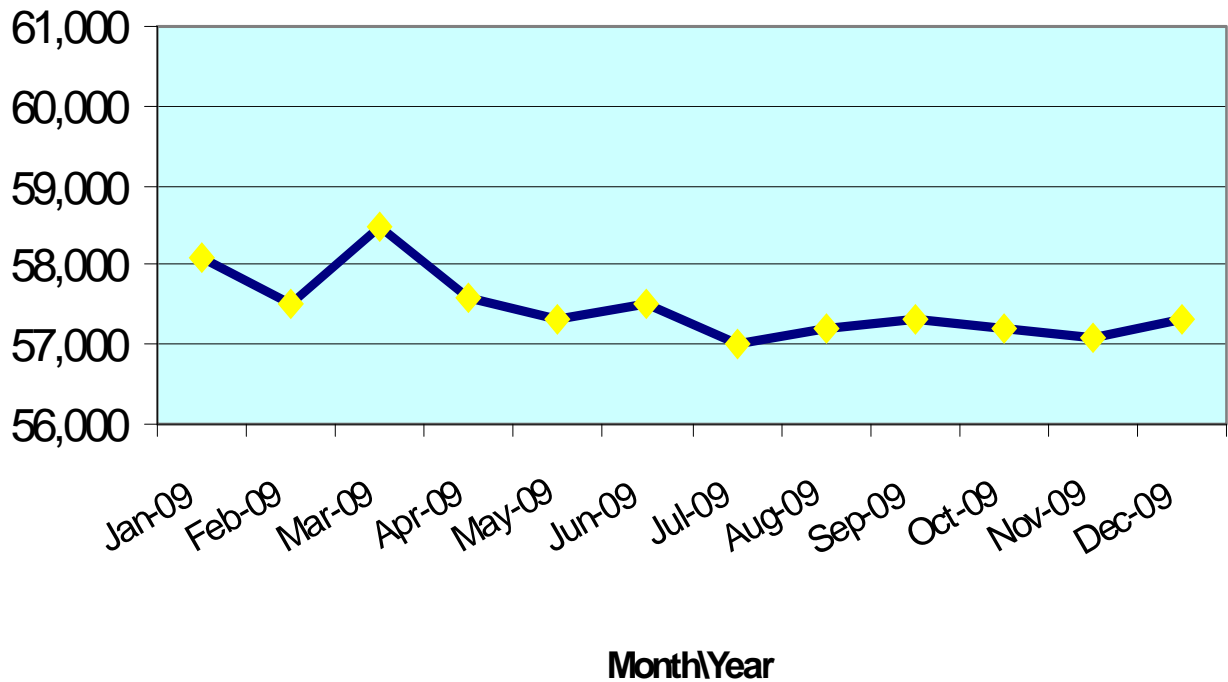
	Preliminary	Revised	Revised	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Total Nonfarm Employment	57,300	57,100	58,700	200	0.4	(1,400)	(2.4)
Total Private	45,400	45,200	47,100	200	0.4	(1,700)	(3.6)
Goods Producing	20,100	19,900	20,900	200	1.0	(800)	(3.8)
Service Producing	37,200	37,200	37,800	0	0.0	(600)	(1.6)
Private Service Providing	25,300	25,300	26,200	0	0.0	(900)	(3.4)
Mining, Logging, & Construction	3,900	3,900	4,300	0	0.0	(400)	(9.3)
Manufacturing	16,200	16,000	16,600	200	1.3	(400)	(2.4)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	8,200	8,300	8,500	(100)	(1.2)	(300)	(3.5)
Retail Trade	5,900	6,000	6,100	(100)	(1.7)	(200)	(3.3)
Government	11,900	11,900	11,600	0	0.0	300	2.6
Federal	800	800	900	0	0.0	(100)	(11.1)
State	500	500	500	0	0.0	0	0.0
Local	10,600	10,600	10,200	0	0.0	400	3.9
Local Education	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	0.0	100	2.0

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Nonfarm Employment - Jackson MSA



Nonfarm Employment - Pascagoula MSA



Average Hours & Earnings

Data are for production workers only

Mississippi

Manufacturing
Durable Goods
Nondurable Goods

	Avg. Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	Dec 09	Nov 09	Dec 08	Dec 09	Nov 09	Dec 08	Dec 09	Nov 09	Dec 08
Manufacturing	\$604.50	\$596.51	\$601.02	40.3	39.9	42.0	\$15.00	\$14.95	\$14.31
Durable Goods	\$654.04	\$637.70	\$649.00	41.5	40.8	44.3	\$15.76	\$15.63	\$14.65
Nondurable Goods	\$512.11	\$528.77	\$518.32	37.6	38.4	38.0	\$13.62	\$13.77	\$13.64

Comparative Labor Force Data

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Mississippi

Civilian Labor Force
Unemployed
Unemployment Rate
Employed

	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Civilian Labor Force	1,295,900	1,282,400	1,316,700	13,500	1.1	(20,800)	(1.6)
Unemployed	133,700	117,300	101,200	16,400	14.0	32,500	32.1
Unemployment Rate	10.3%	9.1%	7.7%	1.2	xxx	2.6	xxx
Employed	1,162,200	1,165,100	1,215,500	(2,900)	(0.2)	(53,300)	(4.4)

Gulfport-Biloxi MSA

Civilian Labor Force
Unemployed
Unemployment Rate
Employed

	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Civilian Labor Force	108,090	107,440	111,330	650	0.6	(3,240)	(2.9)
Unemployed	9,510	8,380	7,380	1,130	13.5	2,130	28.9
Unemployment Rate	8.8%	7.8%	6.6%	1.0	xxx	2.2	xxx
Employed	98,580	99,060	103,950	(480)	(0.5)	(5,370)	(5.2)

Hattiesburg MSA

Civilian Labor Force
Unemployed
Unemployment Rate
Employed

	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Civilian Labor Force	63,470	62,900	66,370	570	0.9	(2,900)	(4.4)
Unemployed	5,520	4,850	3,850	670	13.8	1,670	43.4
Unemployment Rate	8.7%	7.7%	5.8%	1.0	xxx	2.9	xxx
Employed	57,950	58,050	62,520	(100)	(0.2)	(4,570)	(7.3)

Jackson MSA

Civilian Labor Force
Unemployed
Unemployment Rate
Employed

	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Civilian Labor Force	254,820	252,960	260,470	1,860	0.7	(5,650)	(2.2)
Unemployed	21,050	18,540	15,740	2,510	13.5	5,310	33.7
Unemployment Rate	8.3%	7.3%	6.0%	1.0	xxx	2.3	xxx
Employed	233,770	234,420	244,730	(650)	(0.3)	(10,960)	(4.5)

Pascagoula MSA

Civilian Labor Force
Unemployed
Unemployment Rate
Employed

	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Civilian Labor Force	68,270	67,410	70,810	860	1.3	(2,540)	(3.6)
Unemployed	6,870	5,950	5,340	920	15.5	1,530	28.7
Unemployment Rate	10.1%	8.8%	7.5%	1.3	xxx	2.6	xxx
Employed	61,400	61,460	65,470	(60)	(0.1)	(4,070)	(6.2)

Unemployment Claims Data

	Current Dec 09	Previous Nov 09	Year Ago Dec 08	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Initial UI Claims	20,325	15,102	34,395	5,223	34.6	(14,070)	(40.9)
Continued Claims	170,703	185,566	185,031	(14,863)	(8.0)	(14,328)	(7.7)
Benefits Paid	\$24,851,848	\$26,759,730	\$25,677,026	(\$1,907,882)	(7.1)	(\$825,178)	(3.2)
Weeks Paid	134,055	144,691	137,631	(10,636)	(7.4)	(3,576)	(2.6)
First Payments	7,947	7,363	12,917	584	7.9	(4,970)	(38.5)
Final Payments	3,918	4,257	2,427	(339)	(8.0)	1,491	61.4
Avg. Weekly Benefit	\$185.39	\$184.94	\$186.56	\$0.44	0.2	(\$1.18)	(0.6)

Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers (U)

	Current Dec 2009	Previous Nov 2009	Year Ago Dec 2008	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Pct	Net	Pct
All Items (1982-84= 100)	216.0	216.3	210.2	(0.3)	(0.1)	5.8	2.8
Food & Beverages	218.0	217.7	218.8	0.3	0.1	(0.8)	(0.4)
Housing	215.5	215.8	216.1	(0.3)	(0.1)	(0.6)	(0.3)
Shelter	247.9	248.2	247.1	(0.3)	(0.1)	0.8	0.3
Rent of primary residence	249.0	248.9	247.3	0.1	0.0	1.7	0.7
Apparel	119.4	122.5	117.1	(3.1)	(2.5)	2.3	2.0
Transportation	188.3	188.6	164.6	(0.3)	(0.2)	23.7	14.4
Medical Care	379.5	379.6	367.1	(0.1)	(0.0)	12.4	3.4
Recreation *	113.2	113.8	113.7	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.4)
Education & Communications *	128.9	128.8	125.9	0.1	0.1	3.0	2.4
Other Goods & Services	377.3	376.7	349.2	0.6	0.2	28.1	8.0

Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (W)

	Current Dec 2009	Previous Nov 2009	Year Ago Dec 2008	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Pct	Net	Pct
All Items (1982-84= 100)	211.7	212.0	205.0	(0.3)	(0.1)	6.7	3.3
Food & Beverages	217.2	216.9	218.3	0.3	0.1	(1.1)	(0.5)
Housing	212.1	212.3	212.5	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.4)	(0.2)
Shelter	242.0	240.2	240.8	1.8	0.7	1.2	0.5
Rent of primary residence	247.5	247.4	246.0	0.1	0.0	1.5	0.6
Apparel	119.0	122.2	117.0	(3.2)	(2.6)	2.0	1.7
Transportation	186.9	186.9	161.0	0.0	0.0	25.9	16.1
Medical Care	380.3	380.3	367.3	0.0	0.0	13.0	3.5
Recreation *	110.0	110.4	110.5	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.5)	(0.5)
Education & Communications *	124.2	124.1	122.0	0.1	0.1	2.2	1.8
Other Goods & Services	404.0	403.2	363.0	0.8	0.2	41.0	11.3

* Indexes on a December 1997 = 100 base

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