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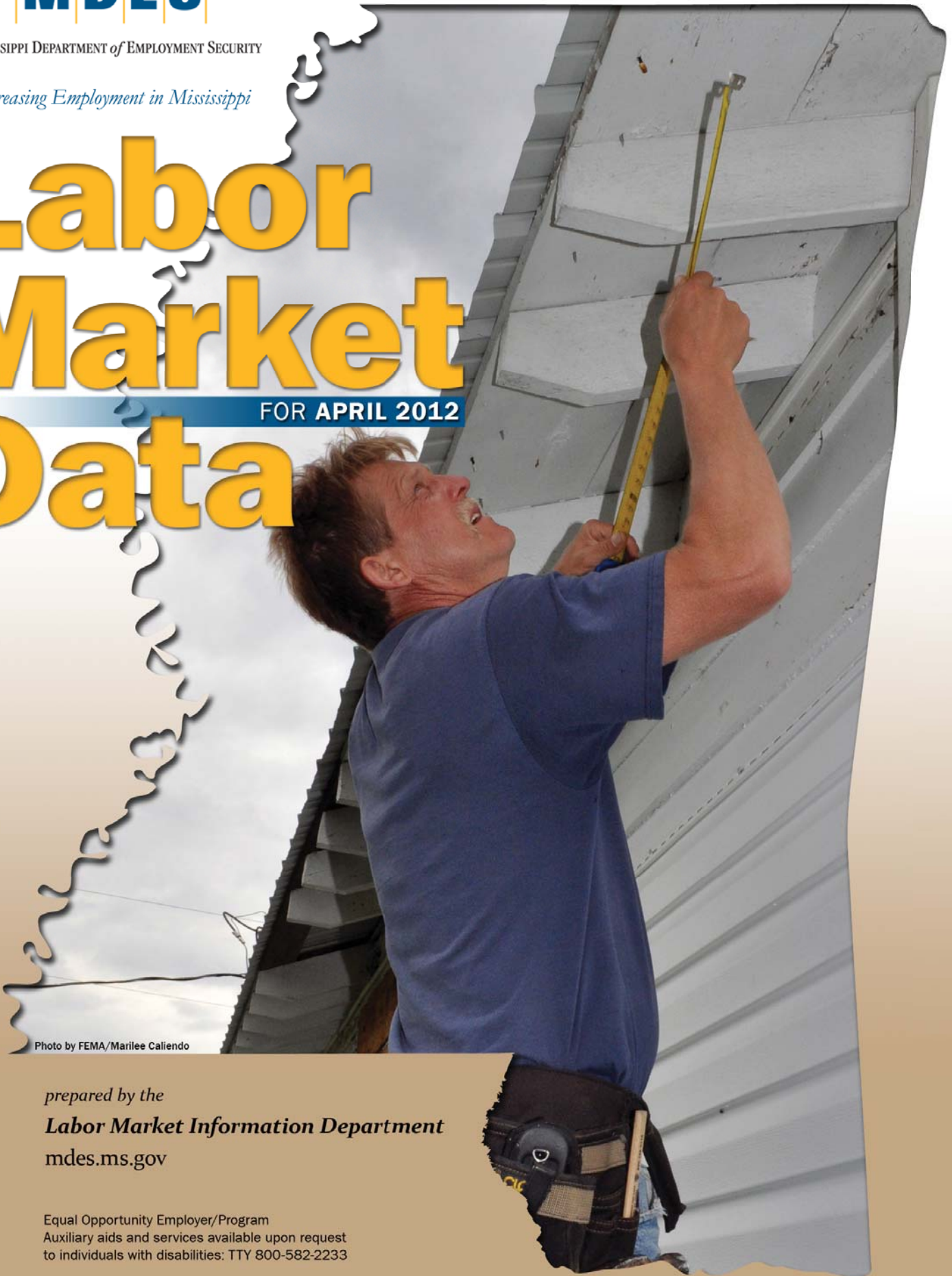
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Labor Force Highlights

Labor force data presented are rounded estimates.

Seasonally Adjusted

Mississippi's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 8.7 percent for April 2012 decreased three-tenths of a percentage point over the month. When compared to one year ago, the rate was 1.9 percentage points lower than the 10.6 percent reported for April 2011. The Nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of one percentage point over the month from 8.2 percent to 8.1 percent, and was nine-tenths of a percentage point lower than the year ago rate of 9.0 percent.

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 April 2012 was 8.3 percent, decreasing four-tenths of a percentage point from the previous month's rate of 8.7 percent. When compared to the April 2011 rate of 10.0 percent, the rate decreased 1.7 percentage points. The number of unemployed decreased 5,000 over the month, while the employed total increased 4,200 from the prior month. The Nation's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2012 at 7.7 percent was down seven-tenths of a percentage point over the month, and one percentage point from the year ago rate of 8.7 percent.

Results from Mississippi's nonfarm employment survey, which is counted by the location of establishments, reported a not seasonally adjusted employment increase of 3,700 over the month but a decrease of 2,500 from one year ago. Industry sectors registering the largest monthly employment gains were Leisure & Hospitality; Trade, Transportation & Utilities; and Manufacturing. The Professional & Business Services sector had the largest over the month employment loss.

For the month of April 2012, only twenty-seven counties in Mississippi posted unemployment rates less than or equal to the state's rate of 8.3 percent. The unemployment rate decreased or was unchanged in all but five counties, and the rate was below 15.0 percent in all counties. Rankin County posted the lowest unemployment rate for the month of April at 5.2 percent followed by Madison County at 5.8 percent. Holmes County had the highest unemployment rate for April at 14.9 percent followed by Clay County at 14.6 percent.

Unemployment Rates

April 2012

(County Rankings)

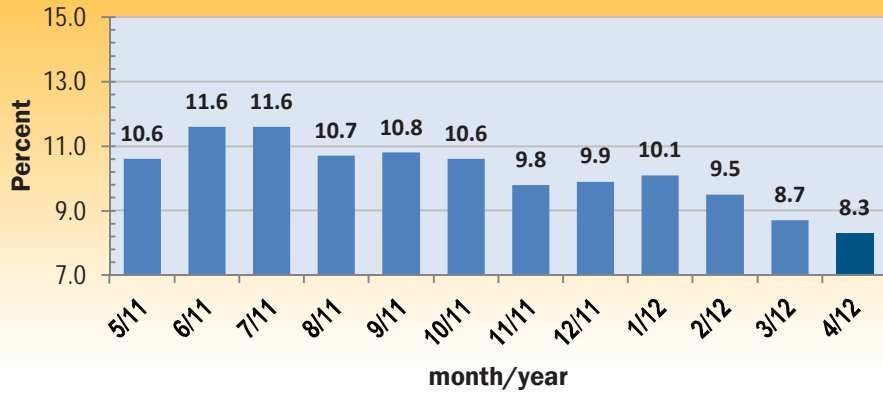
1	Rankin	5.2	42	Tallahatchie	9.3
2	Madison	5.8	43	Warren	9.3
3	Lafayette	6.3	44	Wilkinson	9.3
4	Jones	6.4	45	Amite	9.4
5	Lamar	6.4	46	Tate	9.4
6	Neshoba	6.7	47	Chickasaw	9.5
7	Covington	6.9	48	Leake	9.5
8	Scott	6.9	49	Monroe	9.5
9	DeSoto	7.0	50	Tishomingo	9.5
10	Pontotoc	7.3	51	Lawrence	9.6
11	Forrest	7.4	52	Choctaw	9.7
12	Hancock	7.4	53	Tippah	9.8
13	Newton	7.4	54	Yazoo	9.9
14	Smith	7.4	55	Greene	10.0
15	Simpson	7.5	56	Pike	10.0
16	Hinds	7.6	57	Walthall	10.0
17	Itawamba	7.6	58	Attala	10.2
18	Union	7.7	59	Benton	10.3
19	Harrison	7.9	60	Panola	10.3
20	Lee	7.9	61	Jefferson Davis	10.4
21	Adams	8.1	62	Webster	10.5
22	Calhoun	8.1	63	Wayne	10.6
23	Lincoln	8.1	64	Montgomery	10.8
24	Stone	8.1	65	Sharkey	10.8
25	Oktibbeha	8.2	66	Leflore	11.1
26	Perry	8.3	67	Clarke	11.2
27	Prentiss	8.3	68	Quitman	11.2
28	Alcorn	8.4	69	Coahoma	11.4
29	Pearl River	8.6	70	Marshall	11.5
30	Carroll	8.7	71	Kemper	11.6
31	Grenada	8.7	72	Winston	11.6
32	Lowndes	8.7	73	Claiborne	11.8
33	Yalobusha	8.7	74	Washington	11.8
34	Jasper	8.8	75	Jefferson	13.0
35	Lauderdale	8.8	76	Issaquena	13.2
36	Marion	8.8	77	Sunflower	13.8
37	Franklin	8.9	78	Tunica	14.0
38	George	8.9	79	Humphreys	14.4
39	Bolivar	9.0	80	Noxubee	14.4
40	Jackson	9.0	81	Clay	14.6
41	Copiah	9.1	82	Holmes	14.9

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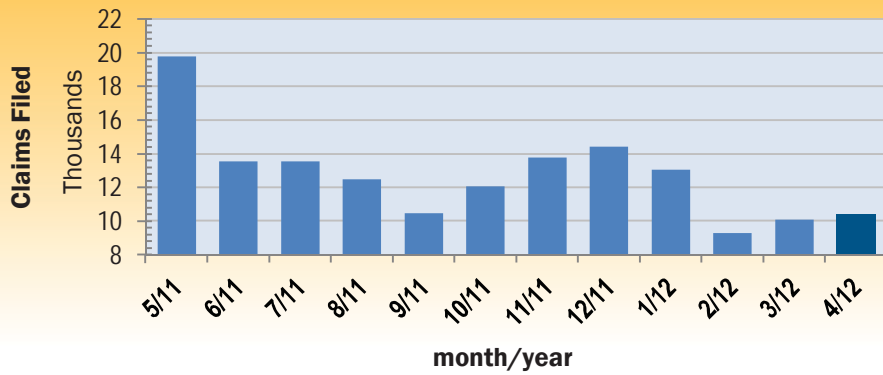
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Statewide Unemployment Rate

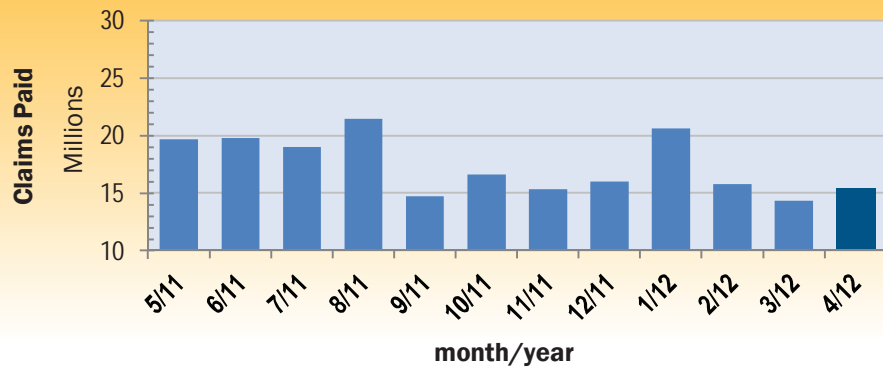
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Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims



Unemployment Insurance Benefits Paid



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

Labor Force and Employment Security Data

Labor Force Data Estimates					
State of Mississippi	Preliminary April 2012	Revised March 2012	Revised April 2011	2011 Annual Average	Moving** Average
Civilian Labor Force	1,323,900	1,324,700	1,333,000	1,343,800	1,343,400
Unemployed	109,800	114,800	132,700	143,100	136,900
Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)	8.3	8.7	10.0	10.6	10.2
Unemployment Rate (Adjusted)	8.7	9.0	10.6	XXX	XXX
Employed	1,214,100	1,209,900	1,200,300	1,200,700	1,206,500
United States	Preliminary April 2012	Revised March 2012	Revised April 2011	2011 Annual Average	Moving** Average
Civilian Labor Force	153,905,000	154,316,000	152,898,000	153,617,000	154,011,000
Unemployed	11,910,000	12,904,000	13,237,000	13,747,000	13,332,000
Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)	7.7	8.4	8.7	8.9	8.7
Unemployment Rate (Adjusted)	8.1	8.2	9.0	XXX	XXX
Employed	141,995,000	141,412,000	139,661,000	139,869,000	140,679,000

Unemployment Insurance Data [◇]			
State of Mississippi	April 2012	March 2012	April 2011
Initial UI Claims	10,417	10,073	12,495
Continued Claims	112,902	102,540	110,819
Benefits Paid	\$15,383,991	\$14,335,826	\$15,292,381
Weeks Paid	82,758	76,665	83,141
First Payments	4,648	3,823	5,374
Final Payments	2,718	2,087	2,651
Average Weekly Benefit	\$185.89	\$186.99	\$183.93

Estimates for the current month are preliminary and the prior month amounts have been revised.

** 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.

Definitions are provided on page 29.

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 † adjusted	Preliminary April 2012			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Mississippi	1,323,900	1,214,100	109,800	8.3
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	116,930	107,770	9,160	7.8
Hattiesburg MSA	68,070	63,260	4,810	7.1
Jackson MSA	267,550	249,740	17,810	6.7
Pascagoula MSA	72,560	66,070	6,490	8.9
United States	153,905,000	141,995,000	11,910,000	7.7
United States†	154,365,000	141,865,000	12,500,000	8.1
Counties				
Adams	13,090	12,030	1,060	8.1
Alcorn	15,480	14,170	1,310	8.4
Amite	4,820	4,360	460	9.4
Attala	7,170	6,440	730	10.2
Benton	3,080	2,760	320	10.3
Bolivar	15,240	13,860	1,380	9.0
Calhoun	6,260	5,750	510	8.1
Carroll	5,000	4,560	440	8.7
Chickasaw	7,640	6,910	730	9.5
Choctaw	3,280	2,960	320	9.7
Claiborne	3,790	3,340	450	11.8
Clarke	6,730	5,980	750	11.2
Clay	7,120	6,080	1,040	14.6
Coahoma	10,160	9,000	1,160	11.4
Copiah	12,460	11,330	1,130	9.1
Covington	9,090	8,460	630	6.9
DeSoto	80,810	75,160	5,650	7.0
Forrest	35,350	32,730	2,620	7.4
Franklin	3,140	2,860	280	8.9
George	9,120	8,310	810	8.9
Greene	4,960	4,460	500	10.0
Grenada	9,470	8,650	820	8.7
Hancock	19,550	18,100	1,450	7.4
Harrison	88,960	81,930	7,030	7.9
Hinds	118,690	109,710	8,980	7.6
Holmes	6,850	5,830	1,020	14.9
Humphreys	4,000	3,420	580	14.4
Issaquena	620	540	80	13.2
Itawamba	10,170	9,400	770	7.6
Jackson	63,440	57,760	5,680	9.0
Jasper	7,020	6,400	620	8.8
Jefferson	2,940	2,560	380	13.0
Jefferson Davis	4,830	4,330	500	10.4
Jones	30,940	28,960	1,980	6.4
Kemper	4,210	3,720	490	11.6
Lafayette	23,530	22,050	1,480	6.3
Lamar	27,650	25,880	1,770	6.4
Lauderdale	33,720	30,760	2,960	8.8
Lawrence	4,910	4,440	470	9.6

Revised March 2012				Revised April 2011				Area
Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment		Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment		† adjusted
		Number	Rate			Number	Rate	
1,324,700	1,209,900	114,800	8.7	1,333,000	1,200,300	132,700	10.0	Mississippi
115,990	106,590	9,400	8.1	117,000	106,360	10,640	9.1	Gulfport-Biloxi MSA
68,070	63,050	5,020	7.4	67,970	62,070	5,900	8.7	Hattiesburg MSA
268,270	249,550	18,720	7.0	269,800	248,710	21,090	7.8	Jackson MSA
72,530	65,620	6,910	9.5	72,860	65,040	7,820	10.7	Pascagoula MSA
154,316,000	141,412,000	12,904,000	8.4	152,898,000	139,661,000	13,237,000	8.7	United States
154,707,000	142,034,000	12,673,000	8.2	153,420,000	139,628,000	13,792,000	9.0	United States†
Counties								
13,100	11,950	1,150	8.8	13,120	11,860	1,260	9.6	Adams
15,510	14,100	1,410	9.1	16,160	14,390	1,770	11.0	Alcorn
4,860	4,400	460	9.4	4,960	4,420	540	10.9	Amite
7,280	6,500	780	10.7	7,160	6,280	880	12.3	Attala
3,090	2,750	340	11.0	3,060	2,650	410	13.5	Benton
15,410	13,880	1,530	9.9	15,620	14,050	1,570	10.0	Bolivar
6,210	5,680	530	8.6	6,180	5,580	600	9.7	Calhoun
4,970	4,510	460	9.2	5,030	4,560	470	9.3	Carroll
7,630	6,900	730	9.5	7,710	6,790	920	11.9	Chickasaw
3,230	2,910	320	10.0	3,450	3,060	390	11.3	Choctaw
3,820	3,350	470	12.2	3,770	3,230	540	14.3	Claiborne
6,800	6,030	770	11.3	6,660	5,880	780	11.7	Clarke
7,200	6,070	1,130	15.7	7,260	5,990	1,270	17.5	Clay
10,250	8,930	1,320	12.9	10,400	9,040	1,360	13.1	Coahoma
12,570	11,320	1,250	9.9	12,640	11,290	1,350	10.7	Copiah
9,090	8,440	650	7.1	8,930	8,150	780	8.7	Covington
80,150	74,870	5,280	6.6	80,570	73,830	6,740	8.4	DeSoto
35,410	32,620	2,790	7.9	35,460	32,110	3,350	9.4	Forrest
3,170	2,890	280	9.0	3,120	2,770	350	11.1	Franklin
9,100	8,260	840	9.2	9,260	8,180	1,080	11.7	George
5,060	4,510	550	10.8	4,980	4,360	620	12.5	Greene
9,290	8,420	870	9.3	9,590	8,600	990	10.3	Grenada
19,360	17,900	1,460	7.6	19,790	17,860	1,930	9.8	Hancock
88,270	81,030	7,240	8.2	88,820	80,850	7,970	9.0	Harrison
118,980	109,620	9,360	7.9	119,850	109,250	10,600	8.8	Hinds
7,010	5,890	1,120	15.9	7,000	5,810	1,190	17.0	Holmes
4,200	3,550	650	15.4	4,070	3,450	620	15.2	Humphreys
630	540	90	14.2	700	550	150	21.0	Issaquena
10,250	9,340	910	8.8	10,240	9,260	980	9.6	Itawamba
63,440	57,360	6,080	9.6	63,590	56,850	6,740	10.6	Jackson
7,040	6,380	660	9.4	7,090	6,330	760	10.7	Jasper
2,960	2,550	410	13.9	2,970	2,540	430	14.5	Jefferson
4,930	4,390	540	11.0	5,180	4,570	610	11.7	Jefferson Davis
30,940	28,880	2,060	6.7	31,120	28,630	2,490	8.0	Jones
4,190	3,750	440	10.5	4,250	3,660	590	13.9	Kemper
23,580	21,960	1,620	6.9	23,090	21,300	1,790	7.8	Lafayette
27,560	25,790	1,770	6.4	27,450	25,390	2,060	7.5	Lamar
34,080	31,030	3,050	9.0	33,840	30,260	3,580	10.6	Lauderdale
4,950	4,460	490	9.8	5,080	4,500	580	11.3	Lawrence



Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

Area	Preliminary April 2012			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment	
Number			Rate	
Counties				
Leake	8,040	7,280	760	9.5
Lee	39,310	36,200	3,110	7.9
Leflore	12,500	11,110	1,390	11.1
Lincoln	13,990	12,860	1,130	8.1
Lowndes	26,640	24,320	2,320	8.7
Madison	48,940	46,090	2,850	5.8
Marion	11,260	10,270	990	8.8
Marshall	15,400	13,630	1,770	11.5
Monroe	16,080	14,540	1,540	9.5
Montgomery	4,560	4,070	490	10.8
Neshoba	13,280	12,390	890	6.7
Newton	9,360	8,670	690	7.4
Noxubee	3,580	3,060	520	14.4
Oktibbeha	20,880	19,180	1,700	8.2
Panola	15,530	13,930	1,600	10.3
Pearl River	21,710	19,840	1,870	8.6
Perry	5,080	4,660	420	8.3
Pike	14,900	13,410	1,490	10.0
Pontotoc	13,710	12,710	1,000	7.3
Prentiss	10,920	10,010	910	8.3
Quitman	3,320	2,950	370	11.2
Rankin	75,770	71,800	3,970	5.2
Scott	13,780	12,830	950	6.9
Sharkey	2,280	2,030	250	10.8
Simpson	11,690	10,810	880	7.5
Smith	6,370	5,900	470	7.4
Stone	8,430	7,750	680	8.1
Sunflower	9,940	8,570	1,370	13.8
Tallahatchie	6,410	5,810	600	9.3
Tate	12,440	11,270	1,170	9.4
Tippah	8,540	7,710	830	9.8
Tishomingo	7,880	7,130	750	9.5
Tunica	4,580	3,940	640	14.0
Union	13,650	12,600	1,050	7.7
Walthall	5,640	5,080	560	10.0
Warren	21,390	19,400	1,990	9.3
Washington	21,310	18,800	2,510	11.8
Wayne	8,410	7,520	890	10.6
Webster	3,420	3,060	360	10.5
Wilkinson	4,040	3,660	380	9.3
Winston	7,370	6,520	850	11.6
Yalobusha	5,760	5,260	500	8.7
Yazoo	10,550	9,500	1,050	9.9

Revised March 2012				Revised April 2011				Area
Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment		Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment		Counties
		Number	Rate			Number	Rate	
8,090	7,280	810	10.0	8,490	7,580	910	10.7	Leake
39,130	35,970	3,160	8.1	39,450	35,650	3,800	9.6	Lee
12,520	10,980	1,540	12.3	12,860	11,100	1,760	13.7	Leflore
14,020	12,830	1,190	8.5	13,920	12,510	1,410	10.1	Lincoln
26,430	24,040	2,390	9.0	26,210	23,340	2,870	10.9	Lowndes
49,200	46,060	3,140	6.4	49,300	45,900	3,400	6.9	Madison
11,360	10,330	1,030	9.1	10,930	9,780	1,150	10.5	Marion
15,170	13,570	1,600	10.6	15,380	13,390	1,990	12.9	Marshall
16,070	14,480	1,590	9.9	16,240	14,360	1,880	11.6	Monroe
4,590	4,060	530	11.5	4,670	4,100	570	12.2	Montgomery
13,370	12,410	960	7.1	13,500	12,410	1,090	8.1	Neshoba
9,510	8,770	740	7.8	9,300	8,420	880	9.5	Newton
3,660	3,100	560	15.3	3,730	3,120	610	16.3	Noxubee
20,580	18,790	1,790	8.7	20,940	18,910	2,030	9.7	Oktibbeha
15,480	13,730	1,750	11.3	15,580	13,670	1,910	12.3	Panola
21,750	19,810	1,940	8.9	22,100	19,850	2,250	10.2	Pearl River
5,100	4,640	460	8.9	5,070	4,570	500	9.8	Perry
15,140	13,530	1,610	10.6	15,390	13,580	1,810	11.8	Pike
13,660	12,630	1,030	7.6	13,920	12,520	1,400	10.1	Pontotoc
10,860	9,880	980	9.0	11,020	9,820	1,200	10.9	Prentiss
3,370	2,970	400	12.0	3,360	2,920	440	13.1	Quitman
75,800	71,740	4,060	5.4	76,190	71,500	4,690	6.2	Rankin
13,750	12,770	980	7.2	14,080	12,900	1,180	8.4	Scott
2,340	2,040	300	12.6	2,310	2,070	240	10.2	Sharkey
11,710	10,800	910	7.8	11,820	10,770	1,050	8.9	Simpson
6,520	6,020	500	7.7	6,430	5,810	620	9.6	Smith
8,360	7,660	700	8.3	8,380	7,640	740	8.9	Stone
10,150	8,660	1,490	14.7	10,370	8,820	1,550	15.0	Sunflower
6,420	5,740	680	10.6	6,370	5,620	750	11.8	Tallahatchie
12,300	11,230	1,070	8.7	12,640	11,070	1,570	12.4	Tate
8,560	7,640	920	10.7	8,670	7,550	1,120	13.0	Tippah
7,850	7,060	790	10.1	8,060	7,140	920	11.4	Tishomingo
4,620	3,920	700	15.1	4,690	3,870	820	17.4	Tunica
13,570	12,480	1,090	8.0	12,750	11,390	1,360	10.6	Union
5,690	5,090	600	10.5	5,710	5,010	700	12.2	Walthall
21,290	19,320	1,970	9.3	21,860	19,390	2,470	11.3	Warren
21,660	18,850	2,810	13.0	22,020	18,900	3,120	14.2	Washington
8,400	7,520	880	10.5	8,480	7,470	1,010	11.9	Wayne
3,410	3,010	400	11.7	3,520	3,060	460	13.2	Webster
4,020	3,630	390	9.7	4,100	3,640	460	11.3	Wilkinson
7,380	6,480	900	12.2	7,630	6,520	1,110	14.6	Winston
5,710	5,170	540	9.5	5,690	5,080	610	10.8	Yalobusha
10,600	9,480	1,120	10.6	10,690	9,440	1,250	11.7	Yazoo



Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

Area	Preliminary April 2012			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Workforce Investment Act Areas				
Delta	117,740	104,350	13,390	11.4
Miss. Partnership	384,150	351,600	32,550	8.5
Southcentral MS	370,750	343,240	27,510	7.4
Twin Districts	451,290	414,890	36,400	8.1
Planning and Development Districts				
Central Mississippi	299,490	278,640	20,850	7.0
East Central	102,510	93,930	8,580	8.4
Golden Triangle	72,290	65,180	7,110	9.8
North Central	51,310	45,920	5,390	10.5
North Delta	133,250	122,060	11,190	8.4
Northeast	61,300	55,410	5,890	9.6
South Delta	53,390	47,220	6,170	11.6
Southern	348,780	320,960	27,820	8.0
Southwest	71,260	64,600	6,660	9.3
Three Rivers	130,350	120,160	10,190	7.8
Community College Districts*				
Copiah-Lincoln	62,220	56,890	5,330	8.6
East Central	51,830	47,690	4,140	8.0
East Mississippi	62,430	56,360	6,070	9.7
Gulf Coast	169,950	155,750	14,200	8.4
Hinds	219,640	204,250	15,390	7.0
Holmes	99,240	91,160	8,080	8.1
Itawamba	86,910	79,760	7,150	8.2
Jones	78,600	72,340	6,260	8.0
Mississippi Delta	65,890	58,330	7,560	11.5
Northeast	56,470	51,620	4,850	8.6
Northwest	177,120	162,510	14,610	8.2
Pearl River	120,350	111,150	9,200	7.6
Southwest	29,400	26,510	2,890	9.8
Cities				
Biloxi	19,710	17,850	1,860	9.4
Clinton	13,890	13,170	720	5.2
Columbus	10,750	9,290	1,460	13.6
Greenville	14,260	12,520	1,740	12.2
Gulfport	31,900	28,930	2,970	9.3
Hattiesburg	22,550	20,370	2,180	9.7
Hattiesburg ¹	19,550	17,750	1,800	9.2
Hattiesburg ²	3,000	2,620	380	12.7
Horn Lake	12,990	12,080	910	7.0
Jackson	81,320	74,580	6,740	8.3
Meridian	16,520	14,590	1,930	11.7
Moss Point	6,280	5,770	510	8.1
Olive Branch	17,110	15,860	1,250	7.3
Pascagoula	9,430	8,320	1,110	11.7
Pearl	13,540	12,840	700	5.2
Southaven	25,170	23,590	1,580	6.3
Tupelo	16,690	15,130	1,560	9.3
Vicksburg	10,260	8,720	1,540	15.0

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

Revised March 2012				Revised April 2011				Area
Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment		Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment		
		Number	Rate			Number	Rate	
				Workforce				Investment Act Areas
119,030	104,190	14,840	12.5	120,380	104,430	15,950	13.2	Delta
382,350	349,090	33,260	8.7	384,990	344,750	40,240	10.5	Miss. Partnership
371,880	343,020	28,860	7.8	374,490	341,600	32,890	8.8	Southcentral MS
451,480	413,580	37,900	8.4	453,180	409,510	43,670	9.6	Twin Districts
				Planning and				Development Districts
300,150	278,340	21,810	7.3	302,350	277,540	24,810	8.2	Central Mississippi
103,350	94,440	8,910	8.6	103,640	93,250	10,390	10.0	East Central
71,890	64,400	7,490	10.4	72,740	64,000	8,740	12.0	Golden Triangle
51,370	45,530	5,840	11.4	52,000	45,530	6,470	12.4	North Central
132,590	121,390	11,200	8.4	133,610	120,020	13,590	10.2	North Delta
61,040	55,000	6,040	9.9	62,350	54,940	7,410	11.9	Northeast
54,390	47,520	6,870	12.6	55,090	47,840	7,250	13.2	South Delta
348,130	319,140	28,990	8.3	349,540	316,260	33,280	9.5	Southern
71,730	64,680	7,050	9.8	72,140	64,060	8,080	11.2	Southwest
130,100	119,440	10,660	8.2	129,580	116,850	12,730	9.8	Three Rivers
				Community College Districts*				
62,480	56,800	5,680	9.1	62,670	56,240	6,430	10.3	Copiah-Lincoln
52,100	47,710	4,390	8.4	53,000	47,830	5,170	9.8	East Central
62,060	55,750	6,310	10.2	62,390	55,020	7,370	11.8	East Mississippi
169,170	154,310	14,860	8.8	170,050	153,520	16,530	9.7	Gulf Coast
219,890	204,030	15,860	7.2	221,670	203,370	18,300	8.3	Hinds
99,580	90,840	8,740	8.8	100,410	90,810	9,600	9.6	Holmes
86,740	79,320	7,420	8.6	87,560	78,580	8,980	10.3	Itawamba
78,950	72,420	6,530	8.3	78,760	71,200	7,560	9.6	Jones
66,910	58,500	8,410	12.6	67,950	58,940	9,010	13.3	Mississippi Delta
56,350	51,160	5,190	9.2	56,660	50,290	6,370	11.2	Northeast
176,100	161,590	14,510	8.2	176,610	158,980	17,630	10.0	Northwest
120,370	110,840	9,530	7.9	120,910	109,560	11,350	9.4	Pearl River
29,710	26,650	3,060	10.3	30,160	26,650	3,510	11.6	Southwest
								Cities
19,550	17,650	1,900	9.7	19,610	17,610	2,000	10.2	Biloxi
13,940	13,160	780	5.6	13,950	13,120	830	5.9	Clinton
10,730	9,190	1,540	14.3	10,760	8,920	1,840	17.1	Columbus
14,370	12,560	1,810	12.6	14,700	12,590	2,110	14.4	Greenville
31,750	28,620	3,130	9.9	31,970	28,550	3,420	10.7	Gulfport
22,610	20,300	2,310	10.2	22,660	19,980	2,680	11.8	Hattiesburg
19,590	17,690	1,900	9.7	19,670	17,410	2,260	11.5	Hattiesburg¹
3,020	2,610	410	13.5	3,000	2,570	430	14.2	Hattiesburg²
12,850	12,030	820	6.4	12,900	11,860	1,040	8.0	Horn Lake
81,440	74,520	6,920	8.5	82,080	74,270	7,810	9.5	Jackson
16,770	14,720	2,050	12.2	16,720	14,350	2,370	14.2	Meridian
6,270	5,730	540	8.6	6,310	5,680	630	10.0	Moss Point
16,940	15,800	1,140	6.7	16,950	15,580	1,370	8.1	Olive Branch
9,460	8,270	1,190	12.6	9,520	8,190	1,330	13.9	Pascagoula
13,600	12,830	770	5.7	13,680	12,780	900	6.6	Pearl
24,910	23,500	1,410	5.6	24,970	23,170	1,800	7.2	Southaven
16,610	15,030	1,580	9.5	16,740	14,900	1,840	11.0	Tupelo
10,220	8,690	1,530	14.9	10,650	8,720	1,930	18.1	Vicksburg

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

Twelve Month Moving Averages

As of April 2012

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Mississippi	1,343,400	1,206,500	136,900	10.2
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	118,150	107,000	11,150	9.4
Hattiesburg MSA	68,110	61,910	6,200	9.1
Jackson MSA	271,790	249,810	21,980	8.1
Pascagoula MSA	73,450	65,360	8,090	11.0
United States	154,011,000	140,679,000	13,332,000	8.7
Counties				
Adams	13,230	11,870	1,360	10.3
Alcorn	15,660	13,930	1,730	11.0
Amite	4,990	4,420	570	11.4
Attala	7,240	6,340	900	12.4
Benton	3,110	2,680	430	13.8
Bolivar	15,550	13,790	1,760	11.3
Calhoun	6,430	5,800	630	9.8
Carroll	5,030	4,540	490	9.7
Chickasaw	7,840	6,890	950	12.1
Choctaw	3,440	3,050	390	11.3
Claiborne	3,950	3,360	590	14.9
Clarke	6,780	5,960	820	12.1
Clay	7,380	6,050	1,330	18.0
Coahoma	10,520	8,990	1,530	14.5
Copiah	12,840	11,340	1,500	11.7
Covington	9,110	8,310	800	8.8
DeSoto	81,130	74,900	6,230	7.7
Forrest	35,540	32,030	3,510	9.9
Franklin	3,180	2,820	360	11.3
George	9,350	8,220	1,130	12.1
Greene	5,070	4,420	650	12.8
Grenada	9,440	8,430	1,010	10.7
Hancock	19,880	17,970	1,910	9.6
Harrison	89,790	81,340	8,450	9.4
Hinds	120,700	109,740	10,960	9.1
Holmes	7,090	5,820	1,270	17.9
Humphreys	4,210	3,520	690	16.4
Issaquena	660	560	100	15.2
Itawamba	10,350	9,270	1,080	10.4
Jackson	64,080	57,130	6,950	10.8
Jasper	7,200	6,370	830	11.5
Jefferson	3,050	2,560	490	16.1
Jefferson Davis	5,050	4,400	650	12.9
Jones	31,330	28,820	2,510	8.0
Kemper	4,260	3,700	560	13.1
Lafayette	23,620	21,670	1,950	8.3
Lamar	27,450	25,330	2,120	7.7
Lauderdale	34,320	30,640	3,680	10.7
Lawrence	5,080	4,470	610	12.0

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Counties				
Leake	8,420	7,460	960	11.4
Lee	39,700	35,690	4,010	10.1
Leflore	12,830	11,060	1,770	13.8
Lincoln	14,250	12,770	1,480	10.4
Lowndes	26,700	23,800	2,900	10.9
Madison	49,680	46,110	3,570	7.2
Marion	11,250	10,040	1,210	10.8
Marshall	15,560	13,580	1,980	12.7
Monroe	16,380	14,350	2,030	12.4
Montgomery	4,660	4,060	600	12.9
Neshoba	13,590	12,470	1,120	8.2
Newton	9,440	8,550	890	9.4
Noxubee	3,740	3,090	650	17.4
Oktibbeha	21,190	18,990	2,200	10.4
Panola	15,650	13,650	2,000	12.8
Pearl River	22,140	19,800	2,340	10.6
Perry	5,130	4,560	570	11.1
Pike	15,480	13,610	1,870	12.1
Pontotoc	13,810	12,530	1,280	9.3
Prentiss	11,090	9,880	1,210	10.9
Quitman	3,470	2,990	480	13.8
Rankin	76,680	71,820	4,860	6.3
Scott	14,000	12,810	1,190	8.5
Sharkey	2,410	2,090	320	13.3
Simpson	11,910	10,810	1,100	9.2
Smith	6,530	5,920	610	9.3
Stone	8,480	7,690	790	9.3
Sunflower	10,440	8,770	1,670	16.0
Tallahatchie	6,470	5,680	790	12.2
Tate	12,550	11,230	1,320	10.5
Tippah	8,690	7,600	1,090	12.5
Tishomingo	7,970	6,990	980	12.3
Tunica	4,780	3,920	860	18.0
Union	13,240	11,930	1,310	9.9
Walthall	5,760	5,040	720	12.5
Warren	21,890	19,470	2,420	11.1
Washington	22,230	18,850	3,380	15.2
Wayne	8,640	7,620	1,020	11.8
Webster	3,550	3,080	470	13.2
Wilkinson	4,120	3,630	490	11.9
Winston	7,620	6,550	1,070	14.0
Yalobusha	5,800	5,150	650	11.2
Yazoo	10,790	9,450	1,340	12.4

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Workforce Investment Act Areas				
Delta	121,340	104,230	17,110	14.1
Mississippi Partnership	387,890	347,510	40,380	10.4
Southcentral MS	377,580	343,290	34,290	9.1
Twin Districts	456,830	411,560	45,270	9.9
Planning and Development Districts				
Central Mississippi	304,490	278,740	25,750	8.5
East Central	104,540	93,880	10,660	10.2
Golden Triangle	73,620	64,610	9,010	12.2
North Central	52,090	45,400	6,690	12.8
North Delta	134,570	121,360	13,210	9.8
Northeast	62,080	54,660	7,420	12.0
South Delta	55,500	47,580	7,920	14.3
Southern	352,290	317,680	34,610	9.8
Southwest	73,090	64,550	8,540	11.7
Three Rivers	131,370	118,130	13,240	10.1
Community College Districts*				
Copiah-Lincoln	63,540	56,640	6,900	10.9
East Central	53,070	47,840	5,230	9.9
East Mississippi	63,270	55,630	7,640	12.1
Gulf Coast	171,700	154,380	17,320	10.1
Hinds	223,220	204,390	18,830	8.4
Holmes	100,920	90,880	10,040	9.9
Itawamba	88,080	78,730	9,350	10.6
Jones	79,790	71,980	7,810	9.8
Mississippi Delta	68,330	58,640	9,690	14.2
Northeast	56,650	50,330	6,320	11.2
Northwest	178,570	161,250	17,320	9.7
Pearl River	121,310	109,570	11,740	9.7
Southwest	30,350	26,700	3,650	12.0
Cities				
Biloxi	19,890	17,720	2,170	10.9
Clinton	14,060	13,170	890	6.3
Columbus	10,920	9,100	1,820	16.7
Greenville	14,840	12,550	2,290	15.4
Gulfport	32,320	28,730	3,590	11.1
Hattiesburg	22,760	19,930	2,830	12.4
Hattiesburg ¹	19,750	17,370	2,380	12.1
Hattiesburg ²	3,010	2,570	440	14.6
Horn Lake	13,010	12,030	980	7.5
Jackson	82,690	74,600	8,090	9.8
Meridian	16,930	14,530	2,400	14.2
Moss Point	6,380	5,710	670	10.5
Olive Branch	17,100	15,810	1,290	7.5
Pascagoula	9,540	8,230	1,310	13.7
Pearl	13,750	12,840	910	6.6
Southaven	25,200	23,510	1,690	6.7
Tupelo	16,840	14,920	1,920	11.4
Vicksburg	10,610	8,760	1,850	17.4

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Five Year Comparison of Unemployment Rates

As of April 2012

Area	Current month Apr-2012	ONE Year Ago Apr-2011	TWO Years Ago Apr-2010	THREE Years Ago Apr-2009	FOUR Years Ago Apr-2008	FIVE Years Ago Apr-2007
Mississippi	8.3	10.0	9.9	8.3	5.5	5.9
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	7.8	9.1	8.6	6.7	4.7	5.4
Hattiesburg MSA	7.1	8.7	8.2	6.1	4.6	4.6
Jackson MSA	6.7	7.8	7.9	6.4	4.5	5.0
Pascagoula MSA	8.9	10.7	9.2	7.1	4.7	5.7
United States	7.7	8.7	9.5	8.6	4.8	4.3
United States (adjusted)	8.1	9.0	9.9	8.9	5.0	4.5
Counties						
Adams	8.1	9.6	10.4	8.1	5.1	5.9
Alcorn	8.4	11.0	11.2	11.5	6.6	6.6
Amite	9.4	10.9	11.4	9.6	6.0	5.8
Attala	10.2	12.3	13.3	12.6	7.5	7.3
Benton	10.3	13.5	13.0	12.9	8.6	7.7
Bolivar	9.0	10.0	10.0	8.5	6.7	7.4
Calhoun	8.1	9.7	10.1	10.7	7.1	7.1
Carroll	8.7	9.3	9.8	9.3	6.5	6.6
Chickasaw	9.5	11.9	11.7	12.0	8.0	8.6
Choctaw	9.7	11.3	12.5	11.2	7.2	7.2
Claiborne	11.8	14.3	12.8	14.3	9.1	9.8
Clarke	11.2	11.7	12.4	10.1	7.8	7.1
Clay	14.6	17.5	17.9	14.7	11.6	16.5
Coahoma	11.4	13.1	12.6	9.9	7.4	7.8
Copiah	9.1	10.7	10.1	8.4	5.8	7.3
Covington	6.9	8.7	9.1	6.8	4.9	5.0
DeSoto	7.0	8.4	7.8	6.4	3.9	3.7
Forrest	7.4	9.4	8.8	6.2	4.7	4.9
Franklin	8.9	11.1	11.2	10.1	5.8	6.7
George	8.9	11.7	9.0	8.0	4.7	6.9
Greene	10.0	12.5	10.9	9.5	6.6	7.1
Grenada	8.7	10.3	11.0	12.1	5.9	7.0
Hancock	7.4	9.8	8.5	7.2	4.4	5.0
Harrison	7.9	9.0	8.7	6.7	4.7	5.5
Hinds	7.6	8.8	8.9	7.1	5.0	5.4
Holmes	14.9	17.0	18.0	17.1	9.7	10.0
Humphreys	14.4	15.2	14.1	10.7	7.7	8.0
Issaquena	13.2	21.0	11.6	9.1	8.1	6.2
Itawamba	7.6	9.6	11.2	10.4	5.8	6.7
Jackson	9.0	10.6	9.3	7.0	4.7	5.5
Jasper	8.8	10.7	11.6	9.2	6.1	5.5
Jefferson	13.0	14.5	14.4	14.7	10.7	11.2
Jefferson Davis	10.4	11.7	11.7	8.3	5.1	6.6
Jones	6.4	8.0	8.0	6.4	4.4	4.2
Kemper	11.6	13.9	12.8	12.0	6.7	7.4
Lafayette	6.3	7.8	8.2	6.4	4.2	4.3
Lamar	6.4	7.5	6.9	5.4	4.0	4.1
Lauderdale	8.8	10.6	10.4	8.2	5.7	6.2

Five Year Comparison of Unemployment Rates

As of April 2012

Area	Current month Apr-2012	ONE Year Ago Apr-2011	TWO Years Ago Apr-2010	THREE Years Ago Apr-2009	FOUR Years Ago Apr-2008	FIVE Years Ago Apr-2007
Counties						
Lawrence	9.6	11.3	11.5	9.0	6.1	7.2
Leake	9.5	10.7	10.5	7.6	5.6	6.3
Lee	7.9	9.6	10.0	9.8	5.4	5.6
Leflore	11.1	13.7	12.6	11.0	6.8	7.4
Lincoln	8.1	10.1	10.6	9.1	6.4	6.1
Lowndes	8.7	10.9	11.2	9.2	6.6	7.4
Madison	5.8	6.9	7.0	6.0	4.4	4.7
Marion	8.8	10.5	11.6	8.2	5.9	6.0
Marshall	11.5	12.9	13.4	11.0	7.3	6.1
Monroe	9.5	11.6	12.4	12.4	7.8	8.4
Montgomery	10.8	12.2	13.2	13.0	7.4	9.1
Neshoba	6.7	8.1	8.8	8.2	4.5	5.2
Newton	7.4	9.5	9.5	7.9	5.3	5.3
Noxubee	14.4	16.3	16.9	17.1	9.8	13.7
Oktibbeha	8.2	9.7	9.9	6.5	5.1	6.7
Panola	10.3	12.3	12.1	11.3	7.3	7.6
Pearl River	8.6	10.2	10.0	7.3	5.5	5.7
Perry	8.3	9.8	11.3	9.2	6.1	5.3
Pike	10.0	11.8	11.2	8.4	6.0	6.4
Pontotoc	7.3	10.1	10.0	8.9	6.1	5.9
Prentiss	8.3	10.9	11.6	12.6	6.9	7.3
Quitman	11.2	13.1	12.4	11.2	7.5	7.2
Rankin	5.2	6.2	6.5	5.2	3.5	4.0
Scott	6.9	8.4	7.2	6.0	4.2	4.9
Sharkey	10.8	10.2	11.1	8.8	6.7	7.6
Simpson	7.5	8.9	9.3	7.7	4.7	5.7
Smith	7.4	9.6	9.9	7.7	5.4	5.2
Stone	8.1	8.9	8.4	6.5	4.6	5.7
Sunflower	13.8	15.0	14.4	10.9	8.5	9.0
Tallahatchie	9.3	11.8	11.0	9.8	6.6	7.1
Tate	9.4	12.4	11.7	9.8	5.7	5.7
Tippah	9.8	13.0	13.9	13.0	8.0	6.7
Tishomingo	9.5	11.4	12.8	12.6	6.7	7.5
Tunica	14.0	17.4	16.3	12.4	8.5	6.5
Union	7.7	10.6	10.0	9.2	5.6	5.9
Walthall	10.0	12.2	12.4	9.6	5.9	6.9
Warren	9.3	11.3	10.5	8.7	5.3	6.0
Washington	11.8	14.2	13.5	11.9	8.0	7.9
Wayne	10.6	11.9	12.4	11.3	8.4	5.8
Webster	10.5	13.2	14.2	11.2	7.9	8.3
Wilkinson	9.3	11.3	11.4	9.2	6.4	8.6
Winston	11.6	14.6	17.8	13.9	5.8	6.4
Yalobusha	8.7	10.8	12.0	12.7	7.0	7.3
Yazoo	9.9	11.7	11.5	10.2	7.3	7.3

Five Year Comparison of Unemployment Rates

As of April 2012

Area	Current month Apr-2012	ONE Year Ago Apr-2011	TWO Years Ago Apr-2010	THREE Years Ago Apr-2009	FOUR Years Ago Apr-2008	FIVE Years Ago Apr-2007
Workforce Investment Act Areas						
Delta	11.4	13.2	12.8	11.0	7.6	7.8
Miss Partnership	8.5	10.5	10.7	9.6	5.9	6.3
Southcentral MS	7.4	8.8	8.9	7.3	4.9	5.5
Twin Districts	8.1	9.6	9.2	7.2	5.0	5.4
Planning and Development Districts						
Central Miss.	7.0	8.2	8.3	6.7	4.6	5.1
East Central	8.4	10.0	9.9	8.1	5.5	5.8
Golden Triangle	9.8	12.0	12.7	10.0	6.8	8.5
North Central	10.5	12.4	12.9	12.5	7.2	7.8
North Delta	8.4	10.2	9.6	8.0	5.1	5.0
Northeast	9.6	11.9	12.5	12.0	7.1	6.8
South Delta	11.6	13.2	12.6	10.5	7.7	7.9
Southern	8.0	9.5	9.0	6.9	4.9	5.3
Southwest	9.3	11.2	11.3	9.4	6.2	6.8
Three Rivers	7.8	9.8	10.2	9.6	5.9	6.2
Community College Districts*						
Copiah-Lincoln	8.6	10.3	10.5	8.8	5.8	6.6
East Central	8.0	9.8	10.0	8.3	4.9	5.5
East Mississippi	9.7	11.8	12.0	9.6	6.9	8.8
Gulf Coast	8.4	9.7	8.9	6.9	4.7	5.6
Hinds	7.0	8.3	8.3	6.7	4.6	5.1
Holmes	8.1	9.6	10.0	9.2	6.0	6.4
Itawamba	8.2	10.3	10.7	10.4	6.2	6.6
Jones	8.0	9.6	9.9	8.0	5.7	5.2
Mississippi Delta	11.5	13.3	12.6	10.6	7.5	7.8
Northeast	8.6	11.2	11.7	11.6	6.7	6.8
Northwest	8.2	10.0	9.8	8.3	5.3	5.0
Pearl River	7.6	9.4	8.9	6.7	4.8	5.1
Southwest	9.8	11.6	11.5	9.0	6.0	6.6
Cities						
Biloxi	9.4	10.2	10.2	7.4	5.4	6.5
Clinton	5.2	5.9	6.0	4.6	3.9	4.0
Columbus	13.6	17.1	17.6	14.8	10.4	11.2
Greenville	12.2	14.4	13.7	12.8	8.5	8.1
Gulfport	9.3	10.7	9.9	7.5	5.2	6.0
Hattiesburg	9.7	11.8	10.9	7.2	5.5	5.6
Hattiesburg ¹	9.2	11.5	10.5	6.9	5.3	5.5
Hattiesburg ²	12.7	14.2	13.0	9.5	6.6	6.1
Horn Lake	7.0	8.0	7.5	5.7	3.6	3.1
Jackson	8.3	9.5	9.5	7.6	5.3	5.7
Meridian	11.7	14.2	13.9	11.6	7.6	8.1
Moss Point	8.1	10.0	8.8	6.6	4.2	5.3
Olive Branch	7.3	8.1	8.2	6.3	3.2	3.3
Pascagoula	11.7	13.9	11.4	8.2	5.6	6.8
Pearl	5.2	6.6	6.7	5.6	3.4	3.0
Southaven	6.3	7.2	7.0	5.4	3.7	3.1
Tupelo	9.3	11.0	11.3	10.2	5.9	5.5
Vicksburg	15.0	18.1	16.7	14.0	8.0	8.6

*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

April 2012				
Regular UI				Benefits Paid All Programs
Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Benefits Paid		
Metropolitan Statistical Areas				
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	822	8,417	\$1,257,316	\$3,283,589
Hattiesburg MSA	419	3,947	\$513,794	\$1,409,821
Jackson MSA	1,513	17,168	\$2,459,877	\$5,706,806
Pascagoula MSA	537	6,292	\$1,017,152	\$2,481,321
Workforce Investment Act Areas				
Delta	1,145	14,921	\$1,974,067	\$4,566,648
Miss Partnership	2,667	25,979	\$3,589,810	\$8,410,855
Southcentral MS	2,376	25,212	\$3,516,928	\$8,464,732
Twin Districts	3,108	32,686	\$4,795,430	\$11,744,664

March 2012				
Regular UI				Benefits Paid All Programs
Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Benefits Paid		
Metropolitan Statistical Areas				
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	675	7,097	\$1,123,942	\$2,788,558
Hattiesburg MSA	386	3,374	\$478,864	\$1,229,209
Jackson MSA	1,726	15,119	\$2,228,618	\$4,895,875
Pascagoula MSA	524	5,790	\$939,837	\$2,154,482
Workforce Investment Act Areas				
Delta	1,082	14,646	\$2,157,014	\$4,276,468
Miss Partnership	2,539	22,815	\$3,325,631	\$7,306,948
Southcentral MS	2,476	21,973	\$3,196,498	\$7,255,348
Twin Districts	2,996	28,262	\$4,297,572	\$10,027,733

April 2011				
Regular UI				Benefits Paid All Programs
Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Benefits Paid		
Metropolitan Statistical Areas				
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	843	8,064	\$1,293,524	\$2,970,379
Hattiesburg MSA	484	4,223	\$634,598	\$1,522,849
Jackson MSA	1,835	14,780	\$2,193,858	\$5,324,959
Pascagoula MSA	776	7,450	\$1,267,907	\$2,339,907
Workforce Investment Act Areas				
Delta	1,706	13,910	\$1,855,309	\$4,229,329
Miss Partnership	3,053	25,438	\$3,746,224	\$9,036,360
Southcentral MS	2,601	22,483	\$3,320,651	\$8,015,844
Twin Districts	3,748	32,437	\$5,050,810	\$11,185,888

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County Data

	April 2012		March 2012		April 2011	
	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims
Counties						
Adams	83	787	102	792	83	715
Alcorn	79	855	81	799	92	1,440
Amite	25	212	26	192	27	224
Attala	64	681	73	598	67	539
Benton	19	211	23	198	20	308
Bolivar	106	1,412	96	1,507	129	1,099
Calhoun	34	484	33	469	58	406
Carroll	16	398	17	342	28	265
Chickasaw	117	712	78	508	113	700
Choctaw	43	318	17	235	25	226
Claiborne	46	365	35	325	34	350
Clarke	60	899	89	656	69	579
Clay	107	1,246	119	1,111	134	906
Coahoma	86	1,191	104	1,317	146	1,207
Copiah	81	1,210	94	1,158	137	986
Covington	58	537	52	513	47	463
DeSoto	230	2,365	258	2,270	322	2,401
Forrest	261	2,357	247	2,042	278	2,603
Franklin	24	216	14	157	21	209
George	88	671	72	585	122	892
Greene	41	377	30	390	89	414
Grenada	74	814	60	743	67	685
Hancock	120	988	103	805	136	1,301
Harrison	657	6,889	518	5,874	661	6,305
Hinds	904	9,654	1,023	8,283	972	8,138
Holmes	95	1,180	86	1,138	196	1,116
Humphreys	39	709	34	747	182	788
Issaquena	3	95	2	106	4	107
Itawamba	78	580	86	504	68	581
Jackson	449	5,621	452	5,205	654	6,558
Jasper	56	547	52	459	72	524
Jefferson	37	278	45	282	29	280
Jefferson Davis	50	529	47	475	57	465
Jones	158	1,461	121	1,350	200	1,597
Kemper	43	529	69	319	51	473
Lafayette	74	807	149	889	110	874
Lamar	123	1,283	108	1,033	166	1,249
Lauderdale	245	3,004	381	2,386	315	2,692
Lawrence	24	320	38	286	33	313
Leake	86	578	77	639	73	514
Lee	319	2,966	288	2,375	342	3,140

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	April 2012		March 2012		April 2011	
	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims
Counties						
Leflore	157	1,929	151	1,736	147	1,748
Lincoln	97	874	59	786	81	686
Lowndes	245	2,506	233	2,128	297	2,173
Madison	213	2,488	304	2,261	368	2,296
Marion	94	889	66	768	68	568
Marshall	105	1,124	98	927	98	1,008
Monroe	221	1,511	141	1,168	188	1,436
Montgomery	57	672	43	580	37	398
Neshoba	77	787	70	722	57	585
Newton	65	607	83	518	64	501
Noxubee	59	586	61	561	66	462
Oktibbeha	128	1,181	120	1,012	171	1,136
Panola	120	1,621	150	1,539	147	1,741
Pearl River	88	966	100	854	113	1,046
Perry	35	307	31	299	40	371
Pike	100	1,225	94	1,090	93	1,113
Pontotoc	105	820	95	613	167	977
Prentiss	80	744	75	686	86	829
Quitman	38	429	31	432	48	463
Rankin	250	3,013	230	2,725	280	2,689
Scott	64	868	75	728	229	1,064
Sharkey	15	278	15	357	28	193
Simpson	65	803	75	692	78	671
Smith	27	321	32	331	44	272
Stone	45	540	54	418	46	458
Sunflower	113	1,647	110	1,528	179	1,286
Tallahatchie	53	630	45	720	50	639
Tate	68	796	62	687	116	907
Tippah	57	705	52	725	101	855
Tishomingo	48	579	47	582	63	693
Tunica	58	678	53	723	122	802
Union	99	1,034	101	914	98	973
Walthall	46	475	43	396	43	359
Warren	261	2,046	177	1,504	153	2,321
Washington	246	2,724	188	2,454	300	2,456
Wayne	118	1,131	67	893	97	943
Webster	39	293	34	307	34	295
Wilkinson	14	172	19	137	15	130
Winston	77	942	65	752	59	705
Yalobusha	41	447	47	474	54	385
Yazoo	106	1,074	98	907	154	1,003

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Counties	April 2012		March 2012		April 2011	
	Regular UI Benefits Paid	Benefits Paid All Programs	Regular UI Benefits Paid	Benefits Paid All Programs	Regular UI Benefits Paid	Benefits Paid All Programs
Adams	\$100,443	\$277,894	\$106,411	\$254,278	\$99,462	\$250,108
Alcorn	\$120,746	\$388,530	\$122,714	\$352,638	\$255,627	\$480,118
Amite	\$24,690	\$94,700	\$20,896	\$77,766	\$31,939	\$122,931
Attala	\$91,370	\$213,930	\$74,669	\$181,834	\$69,610	\$227,778
Benton	\$28,409	\$87,297	\$23,151	\$71,713	\$50,456	\$106,732
Bolivar	\$178,206	\$417,053	\$225,119	\$414,580	\$147,308	\$367,316
Calhoun	\$62,208	\$149,126	\$59,109	\$126,559	\$54,324	\$132,000
Carroll	\$61,393	\$112,897	\$59,476	\$102,771	\$44,029	\$108,621
Chickasaw	\$95,838	\$222,207	\$61,772	\$164,783	\$95,583	\$238,196
Choctaw	\$42,196	\$90,948	\$38,445	\$84,042	\$35,615	\$90,591
Claiborne	\$51,463	\$149,733	\$44,670	\$125,067	\$53,841	\$143,458
Clarke	\$126,510	\$225,052	\$95,702	\$178,199	\$82,479	\$186,447
Clay	\$170,344	\$354,199	\$164,998	\$309,625	\$116,662	\$314,273
Coahoma	\$139,981	\$384,023	\$184,297	\$373,897	\$159,699	\$368,885
Copiah	\$176,440	\$430,353	\$164,088	\$368,220	\$138,775	\$340,210
Covington	\$77,465	\$164,281	\$77,190	\$150,308	\$69,270	\$173,509
DeSoto	\$325,526	\$775,954	\$340,518	\$698,731	\$387,350	\$904,155
Forrest	\$287,088	\$828,305	\$279,273	\$729,984	\$386,102	\$920,731
Franklin	\$29,092	\$72,198	\$23,973	\$62,529	\$35,928	\$75,396
George	\$104,370	\$273,844	\$97,782	\$248,079	\$154,778	\$273,061
Greene	\$67,749	\$123,280	\$66,478	\$117,000	\$74,754	\$134,405
Grenada	\$118,278	\$250,627	\$112,931	\$222,979	\$95,907	\$224,536
Hancock	\$141,909	\$431,258	\$122,733	\$367,708	\$212,725	\$470,706
Harrison	\$1,020,790	\$2,658,875	\$928,575	\$2,263,197	\$1,005,221	\$2,334,309
Hinds	\$1,298,120	\$3,073,559	\$1,164,186	\$2,614,203	\$1,137,567	\$2,896,566
Holmes	\$153,995	\$355,875	\$159,355	\$325,200	\$150,010	\$339,889
Humphreys	\$104,569	\$237,314	\$116,878	\$224,904	\$101,289	\$187,754
Issaquena	\$14,246	\$46,144	\$17,524	\$49,327	\$18,153	\$36,926
Itawamba	\$84,649	\$184,041	\$73,389	\$159,544	\$88,152	\$227,437
Jackson	\$912,782	\$2,207,477	\$842,055	\$1,906,403	\$1,113,129	\$2,066,846
Jasper	\$87,200	\$189,846	\$67,435	\$159,899	\$80,737	\$202,201
Jefferson	\$34,377	\$133,114	\$40,217	\$116,466	\$47,718	\$117,844
Jefferson Davis	\$77,533	\$192,465	\$64,556	\$158,633	\$72,979	\$170,192
Jones	\$211,495	\$499,276	\$206,751	\$445,886	\$235,696	\$521,205
Kemper	\$76,044	\$168,741	\$47,231	\$120,112	\$67,510	\$138,871
Lafayette	\$107,645	\$260,362	\$117,842	\$247,899	\$133,115	\$307,556
Lamar	\$185,247	\$464,059	\$157,259	\$390,816	\$194,441	\$454,726
Lauderdale	\$386,991	\$908,545	\$299,111	\$711,692	\$361,550	\$856,570
Lawrence	\$45,179	\$117,552	\$41,593	\$104,956	\$45,138	\$128,202
Leake	\$85,448	\$209,593	\$96,084	\$192,661	\$68,604	\$193,513
Lee	\$405,784	\$978,844	\$342,979	\$817,426	\$467,383	\$1,041,731

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Counties	April 2012		March 2012		April 2011	
	Regular UI Benefits Paid	Benefits Paid All Programs	Regular UI Benefits Paid	Benefits Paid All Programs	Regular UI Benefits Paid	Benefits Paid All Programs
Leflore	\$273,171	\$514,449	\$263,985	\$465,294	\$225,063	\$496,327
Lincoln	\$125,703	\$314,819	\$117,915	\$268,609	\$101,202	\$290,633
Lowndes	\$319,952	\$718,777	\$294,547	\$619,460	\$273,673	\$734,507
Madison	\$375,687	\$823,147	\$346,088	\$712,871	\$351,658	\$771,970
Marion	\$129,034	\$283,150	\$110,906	\$237,804	\$80,137	\$256,869
Marshall	\$155,286	\$388,423	\$128,482	\$314,591	\$138,165	\$346,816
Monroe	\$198,063	\$456,575	\$160,641	\$364,119	\$202,931	\$482,113
Montgomery	\$96,323	\$173,187	\$90,829	\$154,870	\$53,654	\$141,181
Neshoba	\$106,250	\$231,746	\$108,533	\$211,008	\$85,046	\$224,783
Newton	\$83,490	\$177,070	\$70,122	\$148,647	\$70,914	\$204,572
Noxubee	\$81,871	\$158,232	\$84,947	\$151,174	\$60,836	\$149,136
Oktibbeha	\$148,483	\$325,719	\$134,181	\$291,617	\$132,733	\$386,990
Panola	\$227,133	\$599,991	\$225,153	\$524,187	\$260,210	\$532,355
Pearl River	\$147,086	\$419,996	\$132,979	\$353,470	\$168,171	\$400,961
Perry	\$41,459	\$117,457	\$42,332	\$108,409	\$54,055	\$147,392
Pike	\$145,277	\$406,409	\$142,724	\$348,878	\$159,323	\$358,528
Pontotoc	\$124,045	\$292,960	\$91,678	\$232,845	\$147,250	\$346,315
Prentiss	\$108,061	\$274,418	\$110,442	\$245,262	\$125,744	\$304,142
Quitman	\$47,457	\$121,965	\$66,432	\$132,331	\$65,558	\$120,050
Rankin	\$498,398	\$1,127,319	\$454,667	\$985,661	\$466,639	\$1,080,186
Scott	\$113,547	\$343,927	\$105,660	\$293,930	\$148,400	\$295,452
Sharkey	\$34,375	\$82,840	\$53,690	\$91,368	\$26,404	\$69,210
Simpson	\$111,232	\$252,428	\$99,589	\$214,920	\$99,219	\$236,027
Smith	\$48,269	\$120,223	\$55,438	\$113,596	\$41,348	\$130,191
Stone	\$94,617	\$193,456	\$72,634	\$157,653	\$75,578	\$165,364
Sunflower	\$217,656	\$497,298	\$218,051	\$453,585	\$159,974	\$442,388
Tallahatchie	\$93,552	\$191,202	\$112,951	\$189,382	\$93,423	\$185,944
Tate	\$107,050	\$265,039	\$104,864	\$240,322	\$134,932	\$301,303
Tippah	\$110,734	\$273,550	\$119,362	\$255,368	\$150,621	\$327,822
Tishomingo	\$97,124	\$251,331	\$100,698	\$227,214	\$116,099	\$249,686
Tunica	\$79,377	\$176,858	\$111,047	\$191,930	\$107,126	\$200,493
Union	\$159,152	\$348,750	\$132,687	\$284,856	\$153,822	\$426,088
Walthall	\$65,192	\$149,779	\$62,180	\$131,916	\$51,080	\$142,395
Warren	\$265,958	\$655,382	\$208,688	\$528,319	\$343,356	\$715,774
Washington	\$348,956	\$828,739	\$343,056	\$737,712	\$297,063	\$773,171
Wayne	\$183,057	\$312,742	\$150,753	\$262,639	\$147,186	\$263,012
Webster	\$42,135	\$107,730	\$49,920	\$108,587	\$47,219	\$118,141
Wilkinson	\$21,575	\$59,910	\$19,637	\$53,442	\$21,972	\$58,815
Winston	\$125,456	\$269,078	\$113,351	\$234,470	\$101,555	\$295,371
Yalobusha	\$63,082	\$151,021	\$76,485	\$144,420	\$57,206	\$131,646
Yazoo	\$148,102	\$326,436	\$138,976	\$287,247	\$135,834	\$286,801

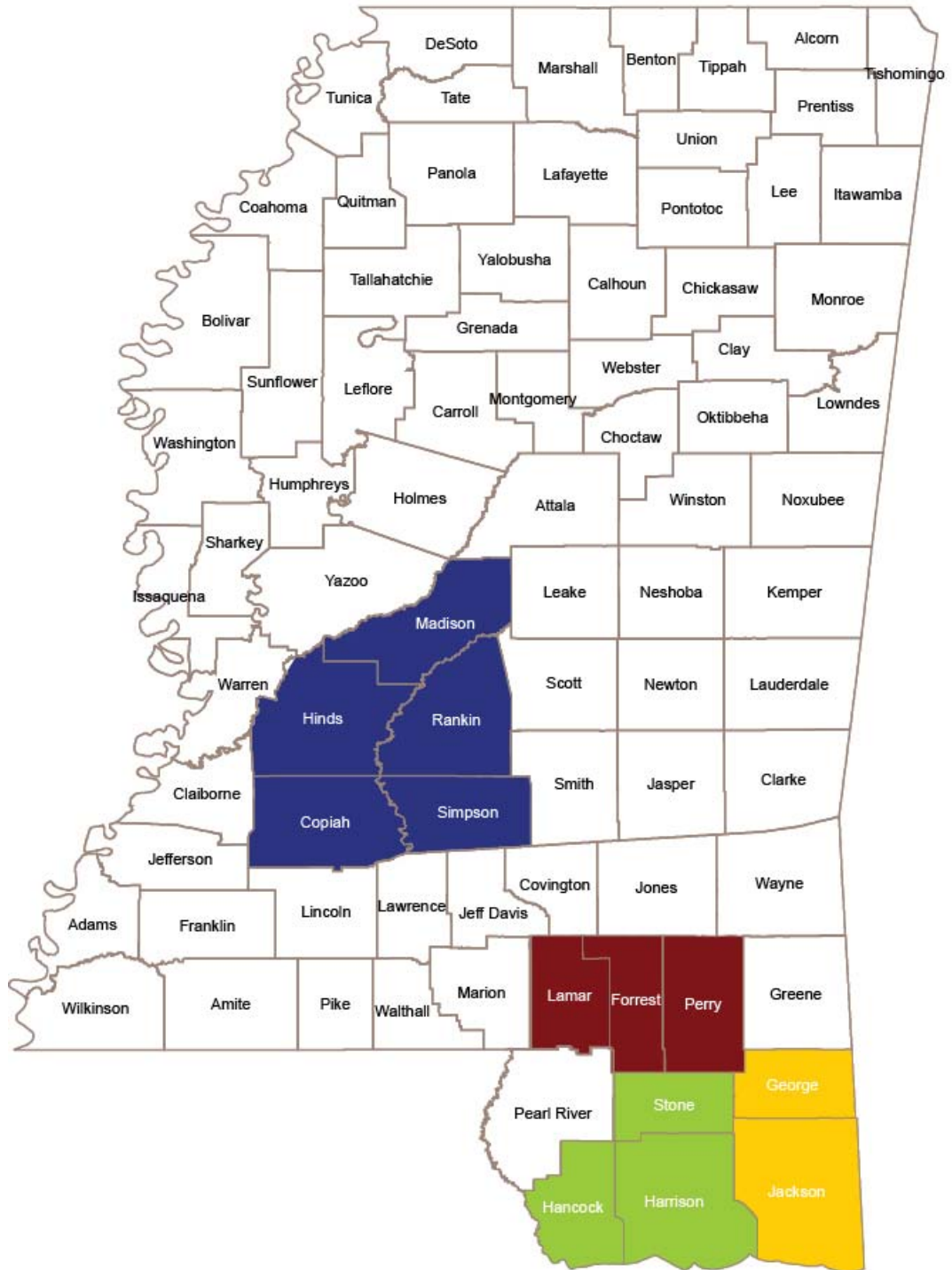
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) (revised 1/05)

Gulfport-Biloxi MSA Hancock, Harrison and Stone Counties

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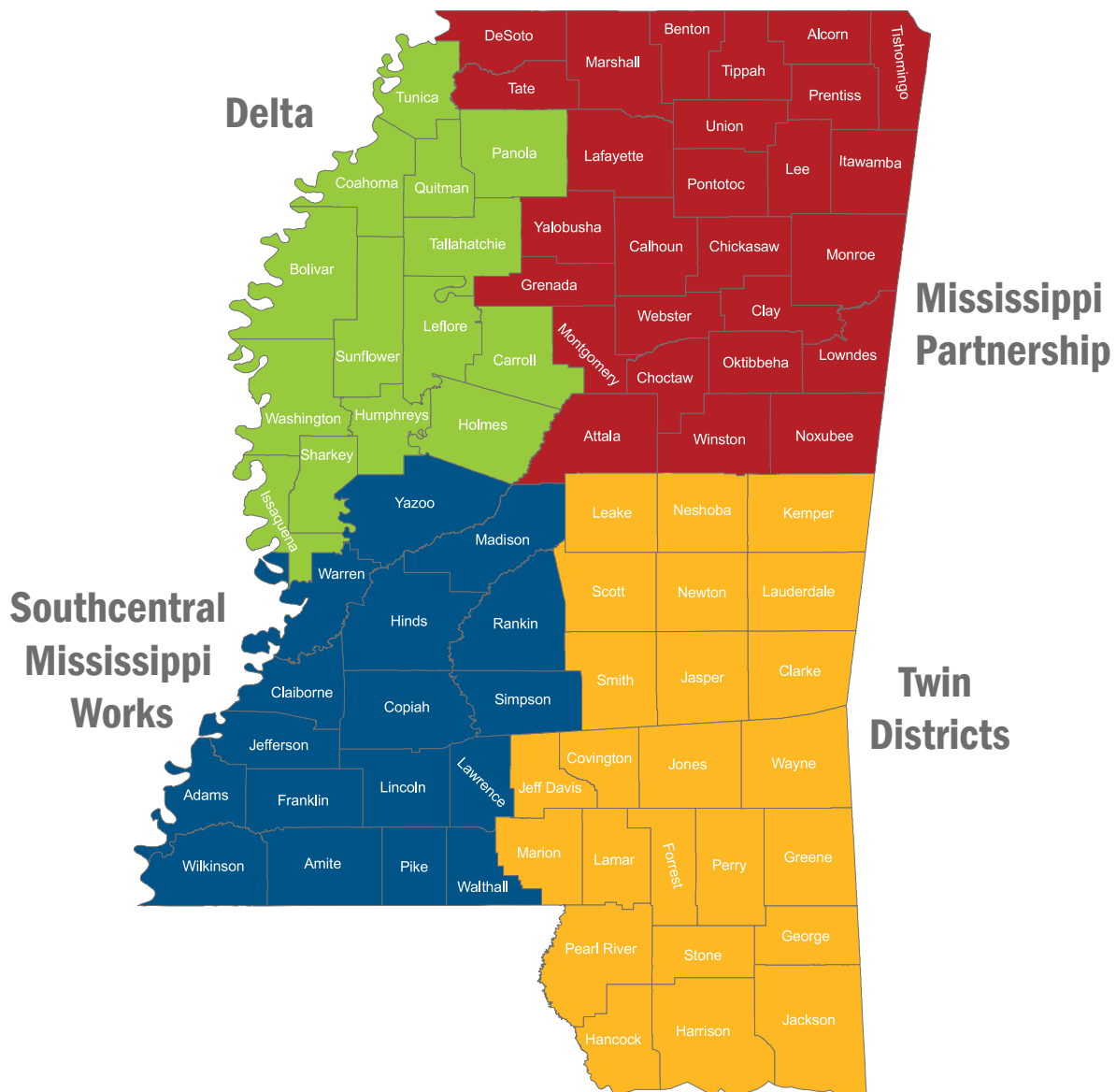
Workforce Investment Act Areas

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

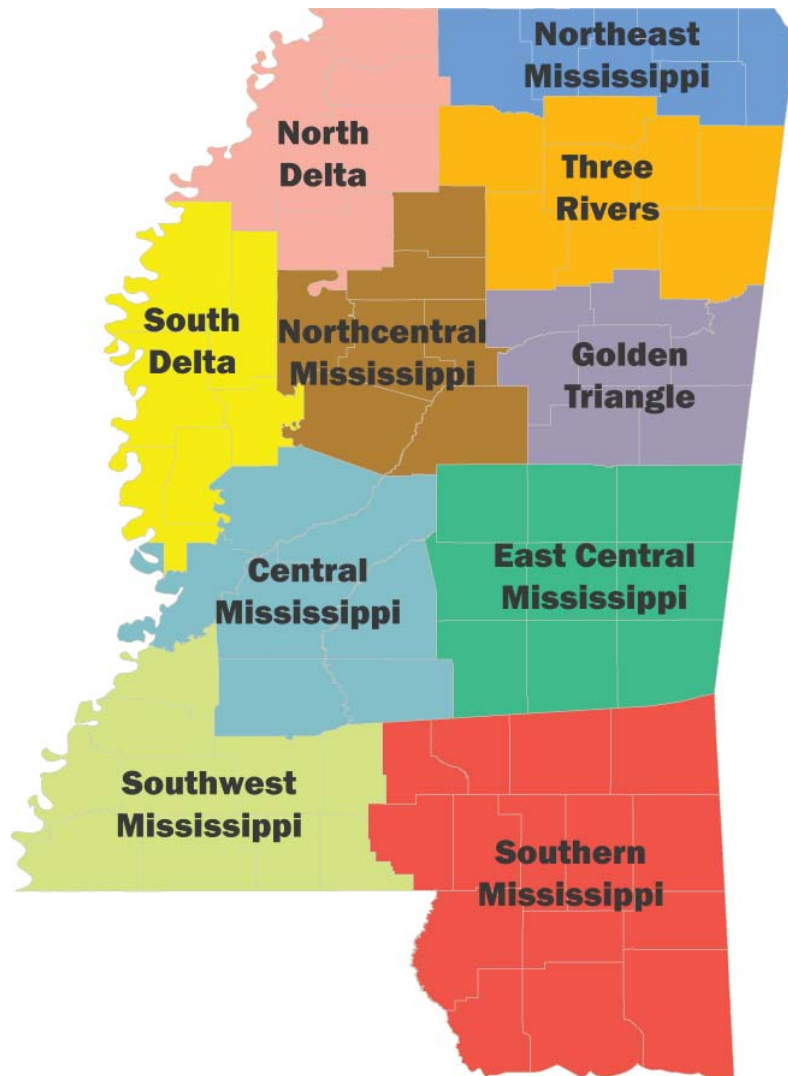
Southcentral Mississippi Works Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Franklin, Hinds, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Madison, Pike, Rankin, Simpson, Walthall, Warren, Wilkinson, and Yazoo Counties

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 - 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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