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## Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data Estimates

(Establishment Based: (P)-Preliminary (R)-Revised)

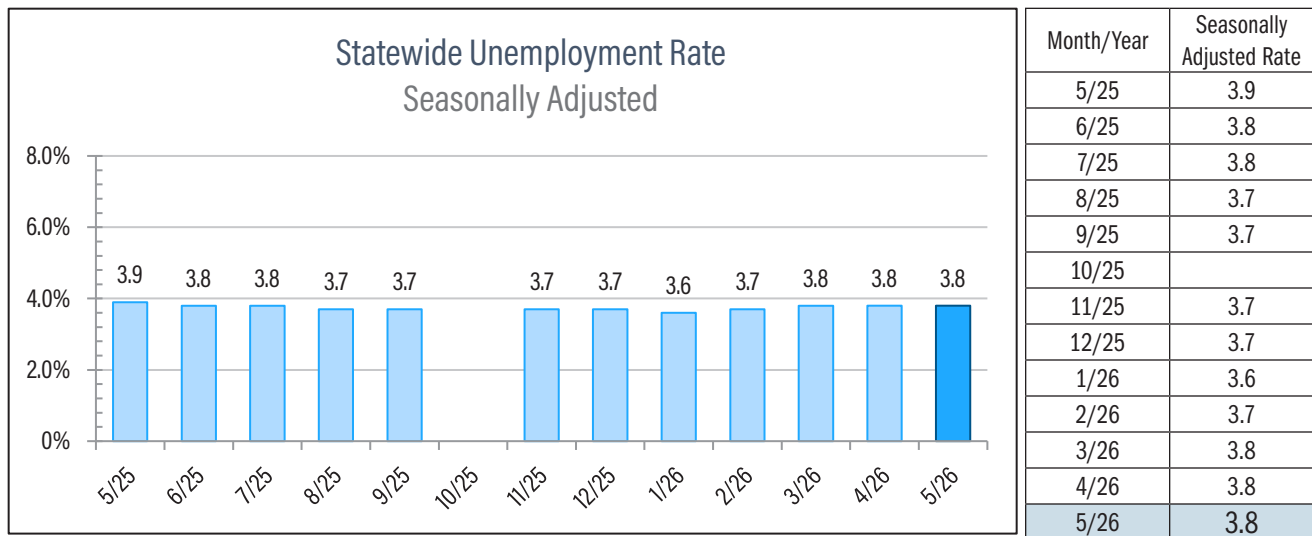
	May 2026 (P)	April 2026 (R)	May 2025 (R)
Mississippi	1,195,400	1,193,800	1,188,600
United States	159,001,000	158,829,000	158,498,000

## Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data Estimates

(Residence Based: (P)-Preliminary (R)-Revised)

Mississippi	May 2026 (P)	April 2026 (R)	May 2025 (R)
Civilian Labor Force	1,287,582	1,288,867	1,294,436
Unemployed	49,333	49,474	50,061
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.8	3.9
Employed	1,238,249	1,239,393	1,244,375

United States	May 2026 (P)	April 2026 (R)	May 2025 (R)
Civilian Labor Force	170,078,000	169,995,000	170,492,000
Unemployed	7,307,000	7,373,000	7,248,000
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.3	4.3
Employed	162,771,000	162,622,000	163,244,000



Note: Seasonal adjustment is a statistical procedure that removes the effects of normal seasonal variations—resulting from events such as holidays, school openings and closings, and weather—from data series. Seasonally adjusted data make it easier to observe cyclical and other economic trends, such as those associated with general economic expansions and contractions.

## Labor Force Highlights for May 2026

Labor force data presented are rounded estimates.

### Seasonally Adjusted

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2026 at 3.8 percent was unchanged over the month. The rate was one-tenth of a percentage point lower than the 3.9 percent reported for May 2025. The Nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 4.3 percent was also unchanged over the month and was unchanged over the year.

The number of nonfarm jobs in Mississippi for May 2026 was a record high at 1,195,400. According to the seasonally adjusted results from a survey of Mississippi employers, there were 1,600 more nonfarm jobs than April 2026. Over the year the number of nonfarm jobs has increased 6,800. Industry sectors registering the largest monthly employment gains were Trade, Transportation & Utilities; and Professional & Business Services.

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 May 2026 was 3.5 percent, increasing three-tenths of a percentage point from the previous month's rate of 3.2 percent. When compared to May 2025, the rate decreased two-tenths of a percentage point over the year. The Nation's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2026 at 4.1 percent increased one-tenth of a percentage point over the month and over the year.

Mississippi's not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment at 1,198,100 increased 2,400 from the prior month. Nonfarm jobs increased 7,600 from one year ago. The Trade, Transportation & Utilities sector had the largest monthly employment increase.

For the month of May 2026, thirty-one counties in Mississippi posted unemployment rates less than or equal to the state's rate of 3.5 percent. Rankin County posted the lowest unemployment rate for the month of May at 2.5 percent followed by Jones County at 2.6 percent. Issaquena County had the highest unemployment rate for May at 8.8 percent followed by Jefferson County at 8.5 percent.

## Unemployment Rates

May, 2026

### County Rankings

Mississippi - 3.5

<b>1</b> Rankin	2.5	<b>41</b> Oktibbeha	3.7
<b>2</b> Jones	2.6	<b>43</b> Clarke	3.8
<b>3</b> Hancock	2.8	<b>43</b> Hinds	3.8
<b>3</b> Lafayette	2.8	<b>43</b> Wayne	3.8
<b>3</b> Madison	2.8	<b>46</b> Benton	3.9
<b>3</b> Webster	2.8	<b>46</b> Choctaw	3.9
<b>7</b> Tippah	2.9	<b>46</b> Grenada	3.9
<b>7</b> Union	2.9	<b>46</b> Lowndes	3.9
<b>9</b> Alcorn	3.0	<b>46</b> Walthall	3.9
<b>9</b> Lamar	3.0	<b>51</b> Carroll	4.0
<b>9</b> Leake	3.0	<b>51</b> George	4.0
<b>9</b> Scott	3.0	<b>51</b> Jasper	4.0
<b>13</b> Calhoun	3.1	<b>51</b> Panola	4.0
<b>13</b> Neshoba	3.1	<b>55</b> Amite	4.1
<b>13</b> Tallahatchie	3.1	<b>55</b> Perry	4.1
<b>16</b> Harrison	3.2	<b>57</b> Franklin	4.2
<b>16</b> Simpson	3.2	<b>57</b> Marshall	4.2
<b>16</b> Tishomingo	3.2	<b>59</b> Chickasaw	4.3
<b>19</b> Forrest	3.3	<b>59</b> Quitman	4.3
<b>19</b> Itawamba	3.3	<b>59</b> Warren	4.3
<b>19</b> Jackson	3.3	<b>62</b> Pike	4.4
<b>19</b> Lee	3.3	<b>63</b> Clay	4.5
<b>19</b> Pearl River	3.3	<b>64</b> Bolivar	4.6
<b>19</b> Prentiss	3.3	<b>64</b> Monroe	4.6
<b>19</b> Yalobusha	3.3	<b>64</b> Yazoo	4.6
<b>26</b> Covington	3.4	<b>67</b> Wilkinson	4.7
<b>26</b> DeSoto	3.4	<b>68</b> Adams	4.8
<b>26</b> Montgomery	3.4	<b>68</b> Kemper	4.8
<b>26</b> Smith	3.4	<b>68</b> Noxubee	4.8
<b>30</b> Pontotoc	3.5	<b>68</b> Sunflower	4.8
<b>30</b> Tate	3.5	<b>72</b> Washington	5.2
<b>32</b> Attala	3.6	<b>73</b> Tunica	5.3
<b>32</b> Copiah	3.6	<b>74</b> Sharkey	5.7
<b>32</b> Jefferson Davis	3.6	<b>75</b> Greene	5.8
<b>32</b> Lauderdale	3.6	<b>76</b> Humphreys	5.9
<b>32</b> Lawrence	3.6	<b>77</b> Leflore	6.0
<b>32</b> Lincoln	3.6	<b>78</b> Holmes	6.5
<b>32</b> Newton	3.6	<b>79</b> Coahoma	7.1
<b>32</b> Stone	3.6	<b>80</b> Claiborne	7.4
<b>32</b> Winston	3.6	<b>81</b> Jefferson	8.5
<b>41</b> Marion	3.7	<b>82</b> Issaquena	8.8

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



## Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data Estimates

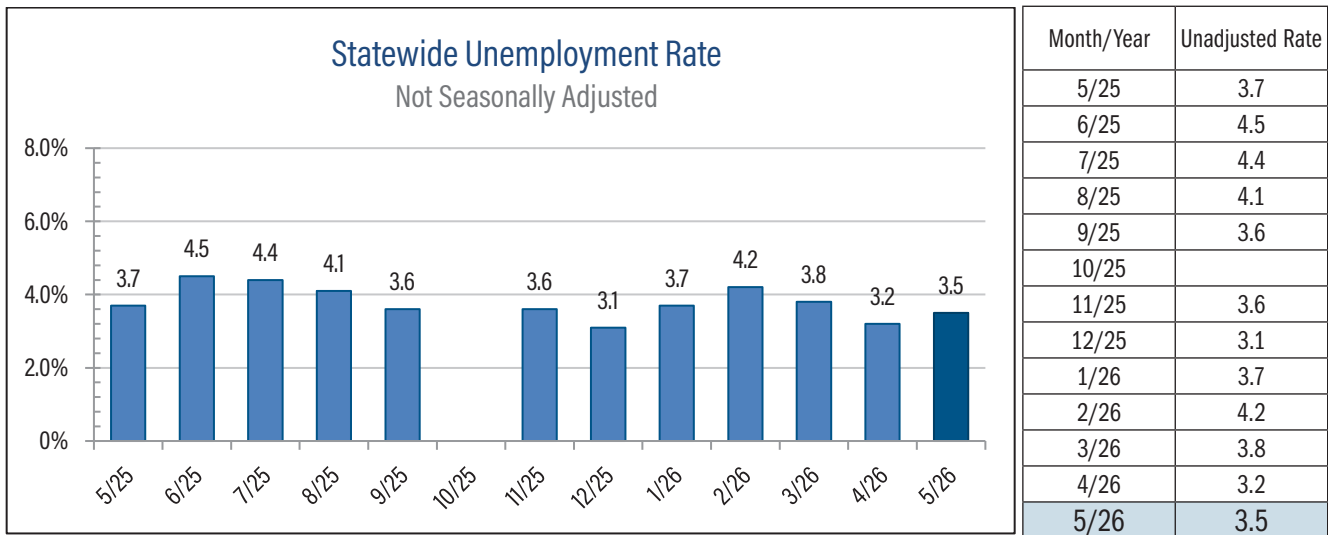
(Residence Based: (P)-Preliminary (R)-Revised)

Mississippi	May 2026 (P)	April 2026 (R)	May 2025 (R)	2025 Annual Average*
Civilian Labor Force	1,285,140	1,279,833	1,292,981	1,295,610
Unemployed	45,209	40,433	48,064	49,530
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.2	3.7	3.8
Employed	1,239,931	1,239,400	1,244,917	1,246,080

United States	May 2026 (P)	April 2026 (R)	May 2025 (R)	2025 Annual Average*
Civilian Labor Force	169,801,000	169,548,000	170,216,000	170,807,000
Unemployed	6,904,000	6,768,000	6,815,000	7,315,000
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.3
Employed	162,897,000	162,781,000	163,401,000	163,493,000

\*Excluding October 2025.

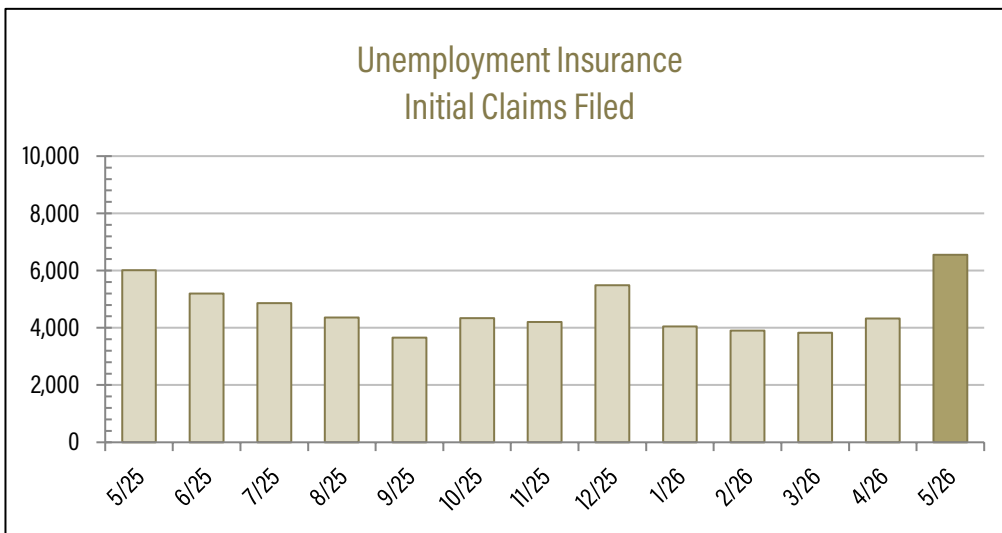
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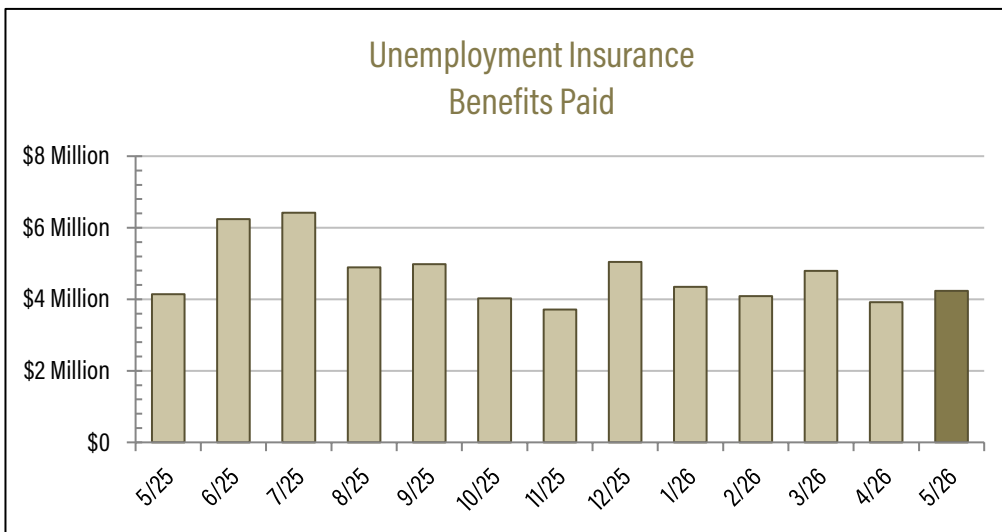
## Unemployment Insurance Data

(Regular UI benefits; federal program amounts not included)

Mississippi	May 2026 (P)	April 2026 (R)	May 2025 (R)
Initial UI Claims	6,552	4,326	6,013
Continued Claims	30,367	25,130	26,343
Benefits Paid	\$4,235,049	\$3,920,139	\$4,145,045
Weeks Paid	19,120	17,592	18,993
First Payments	1,542	1,322	1,466
Final Payments	439	418	416
Average Weekly Benefit	\$221.50	\$222.84	\$218.24



Month/Year	Initial Claims Filed
5/25	6,013
6/25	5,201
7/25	4,862
8/25	4,359
9/25	3,663
10/25	4,333
11/25	4,210
12/25	5,488
1/26	4,043
2/26	3,903
3/26	3,828
4/26	4,326
5/26	6,552



Month/Year	Benefits Paid
5/25	4,145,045
6/25	6,241,864
7/25	6,418,578
8/25	4,895,779
9/25	4,977,700
10/25	4,030,321
11/25	3,713,130
12/25	5,044,594
1/26	4,346,238
2/26	4,091,691
3/26	4,792,358
4/26	3,920,139
5/26	4,235,049

## Labor Force Estimates

By place of residence – persons 16 years of age and older.

Area	Preliminary May 2026			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Mississippi	<b>1,285,140</b>	<b>1,239,931</b>	<b>45,209</b>	<b>3.5</b>
United States	<b>169,801,000</b>	<b>162,897,000</b>	<b>6,904,000</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>Workforce Development Areas (WDA)</b>				
Delta WDA	<b>86,784</b>	<b>82,379</b>	<b>4,405</b>	<b>5.1</b>
Mississippi Partnership WDA	<b>399,921</b>	<b>386,028</b>	<b>13,893</b>	<b>3.5</b>
South Central Mississippi Works WDA	<b>348,556</b>	<b>336,490</b>	<b>12,066</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Twin Districts WDA	<b>449,884</b>	<b>435,039</b>	<b>14,845</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)</b>				
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	<b>191,720</b>	<b>185,534</b>	<b>6,186</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Hattiesburg MSA	<b>70,538</b>	<b>68,266</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Jackson MSA	<b>283,632</b>	<b>274,471</b>	<b>9,161</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>Planning and Development Districts (PDD)</b>				
Central Mississippi PDD	<b>284,964</b>	<b>275,723</b>	<b>9,241</b>	<b>3.2</b>
East Central PDD	<b>90,670</b>	<b>87,507</b>	<b>3,163</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Golden Triangle PDD	<b>76,349</b>	<b>73,400</b>	<b>2,949</b>	<b>3.9</b>
North Central PDD	<b>41,645</b>	<b>39,772</b>	<b>1,873</b>	<b>4.5</b>
North Delta PDD	<b>141,304</b>	<b>136,094</b>	<b>5,210</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Northeast PDD	<b>59,535</b>	<b>57,523</b>	<b>2,012</b>	<b>3.4</b>
South Delta PDD	<b>39,705</b>	<b>37,711</b>	<b>1,994</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Southern PDD	<b>359,214</b>	<b>347,532</b>	<b>11,682</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Southwest PDD	<b>63,592</b>	<b>60,767</b>	<b>2,825</b>	<b>4.4</b>
Three Rivers PDD	<b>128,167</b>	<b>123,907</b>	<b>4,260</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>Community College Districts (CCD)</b>				
Coahoma CCD	<b>6,740</b>	<b>6,262</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Copiah-Lincoln CCD	<b>56,064</b>	<b>53,835</b>	<b>2,229</b>	<b>4.0</b>
East Central CCD	<b>48,471</b>	<b>46,895</b>	<b>1,576</b>	<b>3.3</b>
East Mississippi CC	<b>64,265</b>	<b>61,685</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Gulf Coast CCD	<b>178,440</b>	<b>172,524</b>	<b>5,916</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Hinds CCD	<b>199,928</b>	<b>193,226</b>	<b>6,702</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Holmes CCD	<b>101,763</b>	<b>98,318</b>	<b>3,445</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Itawamba CCD	<b>79,362</b>	<b>76,506</b>	<b>2,856</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Jones CCD	<b>70,808</b>	<b>68,440</b>	<b>2,368</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Meridian CCD	<b>28,411</b>	<b>27,387</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Mississippi Delta CCD	<b>48,252</b>	<b>45,741</b>	<b>2,511</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Northeast CCD	<b>55,126</b>	<b>53,453</b>	<b>1,673</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Northwest CCD	<b>193,055</b>	<b>186,407</b>	<b>6,648</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Pearl River CCD	<b>128,165</b>	<b>124,084</b>	<b>4,081</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Southwest CCD	<b>26,295</b>	<b>25,173</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>4.3</b>
<b>Counties</b>				
Adams County	<b>9,939</b>	<b>9,461</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Alcorn County	<b>14,307</b>	<b>13,880</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Amite County	<b>4,540</b>	<b>4,355</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Attala County	<b>7,205</b>	<b>6,947</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Benton County	<b>3,278</b>	<b>3,151</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Bolivar County	<b>10,693</b>	<b>10,201</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Calhoun County	<b>5,371</b>	<b>5,202</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>3.1</b>
Carroll County	<b>3,220</b>	<b>3,091</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>4.0</b>

## Labor Force Estimates

By place of residence – persons 16 years of age and older.

Area	Revised April 2026				Revised May 2025			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Mississippi	1,279,833	1,239,400	40,433	3.2	1,292,981	1,244,917	48,064	3.7
United States	169,548,000	162,781,000	6,768,000	4.0	170,216,000	163,401,000	6,815,000	4.0
<b>Workforce Development Areas (WDA)</b>								
Delta WDA	86,608	82,412	4,196	4.8	87,065	82,589	4,476	5.1
MS Partnership WDA	398,823	386,500	12,323	3.1	400,568	385,960	14,608	3.6
SCMW WDA	347,076	336,320	10,756	3.1	353,021	340,078	12,943	3.7
Twin Districts WDA	447,329	434,170	13,159	2.9	452,333	436,291	16,042	3.5
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)</b>								
Gulport-Biloxi MSA	189,921	184,380	5,541	2.9	192,269	185,618	6,651	3.5
Hattiesburg MSA	70,547	68,532	2,015	2.9	71,347	68,908	2,439	3.4
Jackson MSA	282,660	274,511	8,149	2.9	287,746	278,000	9,746	3.4
<b>Planning and Development Districts (PDD)</b>								
Central Mississippi PDD	283,936	275,712	8,224	2.9	289,128	279,313	9,815	3.4
East Central PDD	90,191	87,410	2,781	3.1	91,587	88,258	3,329	3.6
Golden Triangle PDD	76,610	73,930	2,680	3.5	76,431	73,420	3,011	3.9
North Central PDD	41,678	39,937	1,741	4.2	42,167	40,183	1,984	4.7
North Delta PDD	140,672	135,834	4,838	3.4	141,611	136,179	5,432	3.8
Northeast PDD	59,265	57,488	1,777	3.0	60,084	57,853	2,231	3.7
South Delta PDD	39,561	37,640	1,921	4.9	39,942	37,981	1,961	4.9
Southern PDD	357,138	346,760	10,378	2.9	360,746	348,033	12,713	3.5
Southwest PDD	63,140	60,608	2,532	4.0	63,893	60,765	3,128	4.9
Three Rivers PDD	127,645	124,083	3,562	2.8	127,398	122,933	4,465	3.5
<b>Community College Districts (CCD)</b>								
Coahoma CCD	6,736	6,293	443	6.6	6,820	6,350	470	6.9
Copiah-Lincoln CCD	55,623	53,658	1,965	6.6	56,614	54,156	2,458	4.3
East Central CCD	48,143	46,783	1,360	2.8	48,445	46,746	1,699	3.5
East Mississippi CCD	64,484	62,137	2,347	3.6	64,467	61,864	2,603	4.0
Gulf Coast CCD	176,751	171,430	5,321	3.0	178,868	172,482	6,386	3.6
Hinds CCD	199,126	193,135	5,991	3.0	202,721	195,664	7,057	3.5
Holmes CCD	101,555	98,439	3,116	3.1	103,036	99,325	3,711	3.6
Itawamba CCD	78,874	76,489	2,385	3.0	80,120	77,119	3,001	3.7
Jones CCD	70,644	68,567	2,077	2.9	71,258	68,717	2,541	3.6
Meridian CCD	28,343	27,388	955	3.4	29,046	27,956	1,090	3.8
Mississippi Delta CCD	48,200	45,784	2,416	5.0	48,806	46,288	2,518	5.2
Northeast CCD	54,823	53,408	1,415	2.6	55,759	53,839	1,920	3.4
Northwest CCD	192,481	186,397	6,084	3.2	191,569	184,648	6,921	3.6
Pearl River CCD	127,876	124,311	3,565	2.8	129,010	124,552	4,458	3.5
Southwest CCD	26,177	25,183	994	3.8	26,448	25,212	1,236	4.7
<b>Counties</b>								
Adams County	9,785	9,356	429	4.4	10,238	9,701	537	5.2
Alcorn County	14,277	13,921	356	2.5	14,352	13,854	498	3.5
Amite County	4,511	4,345	166	3.7	4,502	4,306	196	4.4
Attala County	7,165	6,930	235	3.3	7,141	6,850	291	4.1
Benton County	3,253	3,134	119	3.7	3,314	3,190	124	3.7
Bolivar County	10,670	10,212	458	4.3	10,691	10,201	490	4.6
Calhoun County	5,367	5,226	141	2.6	5,352	5,170	182	3.4
Carroll County	3,230	3,118	112	3.5	3,329	3,194	135	4.1

## Labor Force Estimates

By place of residence – persons 16 years of age and older.

Area	Preliminary May 2026			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Chickasaw County	5,800	5,553	247	4.3
Choctaw County	3,062	2,942	120	3.9
Claiborne County	2,908	2,693	215	7.4
Clarke County	6,033	5,804	229	3.8
Clay County	8,490	8,105	385	4.5
Coahoma County	6,740	6,262	478	7.1
Copiah County	10,986	10,591	395	3.6
Covington County	7,253	7,004	249	3.4
DeSoto County	98,983	95,621	3,362	3.4
Forrest County	36,125	34,923	1,202	3.3
Franklin County	2,758	2,642	116	4.2
George County	9,002	8,645	357	4.0
Greene County	2,956	2,785	171	5.8
Grenada County	8,119	7,805	314	3.9
Hancock County	22,282	21,655	627	2.8
Harrison County	93,884	90,868	3,016	3.2
Hinds County	97,606	93,945	3,661	3.8
Holmes County	5,362	5,014	348	6.5
Humphreys County	2,526	2,378	148	5.9
Issaquena County	297	271	26	8.8
Itawamba County	10,504	10,158	346	3.3
Jackson County	67,647	65,386	2,261	3.3
Jasper County	6,626	6,361	265	4.0
Jefferson County	2,427	2,220	207	8.5
Jefferson Davis County	5,259	5,070	189	3.6
Jones County	30,787	29,972	815	2.6
Kemper County	3,330	3,169	161	4.8
Lafayette County	30,330	29,476	854	2.8
Lamar County	30,352	29,448	904	3.0
Lauderdale County	28,411	27,387	1,024	3.6
Lawrence County	4,925	4,750	175	3.6
Leake County	8,814	8,546	268	3.0
Lee County	38,023	36,782	1,241	3.3
Leflore County	8,547	8,030	517	6.0
Lincoln County	14,340	13,828	512	3.6
Lowndes County	25,725	24,722	1,003	3.9
Madison County	58,434	56,785	1,649	2.8
Marion County	8,990	8,653	337	3.7
Marshall County	14,235	13,642	593	4.2
Monroe County	12,720	12,129	591	4.6
Montgomery County	3,915	3,781	134	3.4
Neshoba County	12,307	11,920	387	3.1
Newton County	8,055	7,764	291	3.6
Noxubee County	4,095	3,897	198	4.8
Oktibbeha County	22,625	21,792	833	3.7
Panola County	12,148	11,659	489	4.0
Pearl River County	25,157	24,335	822	3.3

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By place of residence – persons 16 years of age and older.

Area	Revised April 2026				Revised May 2025			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Chickasaw County	5,836	5,620	216	3.7	5,909	5,611	298	5.0
Choctaw County	3,055	2,953	102	3.3	3,096	2,974	122	3.9
Claiborne County	2,924	2,714	210	7.2	2,870	2,629	241	8.4
Clarke County	6,051	5,855	196	3.2	6,138	5,904	234	3.8
Clay County	8,465	8,114	351	4.1	8,359	7,996	363	4.3
Coahoma County	6,736	6,293	443	6.6	6,820	6,350	470	6.9
Copiah County	10,912	10,585	327	3.0	11,166	10,743	423	3.8
Covington County	7,263	7,038	225	3.1	7,346	7,080	266	3.6
DeSoto County	98,521	95,420	3,101	3.1	99,620	96,133	3,487	3.5
Forrest County	36,095	35,026	1,069	3.0	36,531	35,261	1,270	3.5
Franklin County	2,704	2,606	98	3.6	2,794	2,669	125	4.5
George County	8,894	8,569	325	3.7	8,971	8,531	440	4.9
Greene County	2,933	2,779	154	5.3	3,026	2,834	192	6.3
Grenada County	8,075	7,786	289	3.6	8,284	7,958	326	3.9
Hancock County	22,064	21,519	545	2.5	22,372	21,667	705	3.2
Harrison County	93,062	90,350	2,712	2.9	94,132	90,886	3,246	3.4
Hinds County	97,226	93,929	3,297	3.4	98,935	95,134	3,801	3.8
Holmes County	5,339	5,002	337	6.3	5,421	5,087	334	6.2
Humphreys County	2,543	2,387	156	6.1	2,541	2,401	140	5.5
Issaquena County	315	280	35	11.1	299	271	28	9.4
Itawamba County	10,489	10,196	293	2.8	10,704	10,353	351	3.3
Jackson County	66,950	64,914	2,036	3.0	67,831	65,437	2,394	3.5
Jasper County	6,567	6,346	221	3.4	6,679	6,427	252	3.8
Jefferson County	2,417	2,209	208	8.6	2,507	2,251	256	10.2
Jefferson Davis County	5,274	5,105	169	3.2	5,466	5,260	206	3.8
Jones County	30,699	29,992	707	2.3	30,857	29,923	934	3.0
Kemper County	3,332	3,197	135	4.1	3,288	3,131	157	4.8
Lafayette County	30,443	29,715	728	2.4	28,614	27,743	871	3.0
Lamar County	30,385	29,595	790	2.6	30,708	29,703	1,005	3.3
Lauderdale County	28,343	27,388	955	3.4	29,046	27,956	1,090	3.8
Lawrence County	4,876	4,730	146	3.0	4,853	4,667	186	3.8
Leake County	8,740	8,524	216	2.5	8,898	8,595	303	3.4
Lee County	37,746	36,716	1,030	2.7	38,298	36,986	1,312	3.4
Leflore County	8,639	8,144	495	5.7	8,864	8,307	557	6.3
Lincoln County	14,257	13,810	447	3.1	14,183	13,636	547	3.9
Lowndes County	25,662	24,743	919	3.6	26,276	25,281	995	3.8
Madison County	58,279	56,812	1,467	2.5	59,310	57,481	1,829	3.1
Marion County	8,943	8,660	283	3.2	9,037	8,669	368	4.1
Marshall County	14,150	13,599	551	3.9	14,323	13,725	598	4.2
Monroe County	12,635	12,140	495	3.9	12,889	12,307	582	4.5
Montgomery County	3,898	3,775	123	3.2	3,953	3,796	157	4.0
Neshoba County	12,069	11,728	341	2.8	12,010	11,587	423	3.5
Newton County	8,031	7,784	247	3.1	8,228	7,920	308	3.7
Noxubee County	4,127	3,940	187	4.5	4,166	3,967	199	4.8
Oktibbeha County	22,898	22,143	755	3.3	22,378	21,489	889	4.0
Panola County	12,065	11,595	470	3.9	12,168	11,621	547	4.5
Pearl River County	25,115	24,406	709	2.8	24,896	23,992	904	3.6

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Area	Preliminary May 2026			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Perry County	4,061	3,895	166	4.1
Pike County	14,206	13,583	623	4.4
Pontotoc County	12,315	11,884	431	3.5
Prentiss County	10,102	9,765	337	3.3
Quitman County	2,089	1,999	90	4.3
Rankin County	81,166	79,117	2,049	2.5
Scott County	11,554	11,205	349	3.0
Sharkey County	1,330	1,254	76	5.7
Simpson County	10,689	10,343	346	3.2
Smith County	5,540	5,351	189	3.4
Stone County	7,907	7,625	282	3.6
Sunflower County	8,904	8,480	424	4.8
Tallahatchie County	5,245	5,084	161	3.1
Tate County	12,371	11,940	431	3.5
Tippah County	9,870	9,586	284	2.9
Tishomingo County	7,743	7,499	244	3.2
Tunica County	3,728	3,529	199	5.3
Union County	13,104	12,723	381	2.9
Walthall County	5,022	4,826	196	3.9
Warren County	18,248	17,471	777	4.3
Washington County	15,955	15,127	828	5.2
Wayne County	7,552	7,268	284	3.8
Webster County	4,611	4,482	129	2.8
Wilkinson County	2,527	2,409	118	4.7
Winston County	7,741	7,460	281	3.6
Yalobusha County	5,277	5,104	173	3.3
Yazoo County	7,835	7,471	364	4.6
<b>Cities</b>				
City of Biloxi	21,192	20,526	666	3.1
City of Brandon	12,369	12,054	315	2.5
City of Clinton	12,850	12,473	377	2.9
City of Columbus	9,868	9,425	443	4.5
City of Greenville	9,951	9,393	558	5.6
City of Gulfport	31,801	30,739	1,062	3.3
City of Hattiesburg	23,126	22,366	760	3.3
City of Horn Lake	13,014	12,434	580	4.5
City of Jackson	64,121	61,585	2,536	4.0
City of Madison	14,096	13,768	328	2.3
City of Meridian	13,224	12,723	501	3.8
City of Moss Point	4,607	4,389	218	4.7
City of Olive Branch	25,100	24,384	716	2.9
City of Oxford	14,621	14,253	368	2.5
City of Pascagoula	8,652	8,309	343	4.0
City of Pearl	15,742	15,361	381	2.4
City of Southaven	28,874	27,846	1,028	3.6
City of Starkville	12,408	12,032	376	3.0
City of Tupelo	17,605	17,039	566	3.2
City of Vicksburg	8,043	7,677	366	4.6

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By place of residence – persons 16 years of age and older.

Area	Revised April 2026				Revised May 2025			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Perry County	4,067	3,911	156	3.8	4,108	3,944	164	4.0
Pike County	14,155	13,612	543	3.8	14,303	13,636	667	4.7
Pontotoc County	12,168	11,817	351	2.9	12,320	11,862	458	3.7
Prentiss County	10,100	9,813	287	2.8	10,523	10,150	373	3.5
Quitman County	2,076	1,989	87	4.2	2,100	2,006	94	4.5
Rankin County	80,818	79,048	1,770	2.2	82,386	80,150	2,236	2.7
Scott County	11,543	11,241	302	2.6	11,727	11,351	376	3.2
Sharkey County	1,334	1,270	64	4.8	1,366	1,291	75	5.5
Simpson County	10,672	10,362	310	2.9	10,873	10,489	384	3.5
Smith County	5,515	5,347	168	3.0	5,573	5,387	186	3.3
Stone County	7,845	7,597	248	3.2	7,934	7,628	306	3.9
Sunflower County	8,858	8,436	422	4.8	8,930	8,529	401	4.5
Tallahatchie County	5,251	5,105	146	2.8	4,650	4,476	174	3.7
Tate County	12,312	11,906	406	3.3	12,482	12,026	456	3.7
Tippah County	9,863	9,611	252	2.6	9,848	9,494	354	3.6
Tishomingo County	7,622	7,410	212	2.8	7,724	7,440	284	3.7
Tunica County	3,711	3,526	185	5.0	3,771	3,567	204	5.4
Union County	12,961	12,653	308	2.4	13,312	12,901	411	3.1
Walthall County	5,014	4,850	164	3.3	5,057	4,831	226	4.5
Warren County	18,158	17,444	714	3.9	18,530	17,751	779	4.2
Washington County	15,841	15,055	786	5.0	16,115	15,288	827	5.1
Wayne County	7,549	7,299	250	3.3	7,531	7,218	313	4.2
Webster County	4,643	4,531	112	2.4	4,574	4,420	154	3.4
Wilkinson County	2,497	2,376	121	4.8	2,586	2,439	147	5.7
Winston County	7,760	7,506	254	3.3	7,582	7,293	289	3.8
Yalobusha County	5,332	5,182	150	2.8	5,175	4,991	184	3.6
Yazoo County	7,871	7,532	339	4.3	7,928	7,565	363	4.6
<b>Cities</b>								
City of Biloxi	20,996	20,409	587	2.8	21,273	20,531	742	3.5
City of Brandon	12,300	12,044	256	2.1	12,563	12,212	351	2.8
City of Clinton	12,801	12,471	330	2.6	13,064	12,631	433	3.3
City of Columbus	9,835	9,433	402	4.1	10,087	9,638	449	4.5
City of Greenville	9,870	9,348	522	5.3	10,022	9,493	529	5.3
City of Gulfport	31,523	30,564	959	3.0	31,862	30,746	1,116	3.5
City of Hattiesburg	23,077	22,438	639	2.8	23,395	22,578	817	3.5
City of Horn Lake	12,938	12,407	531	4.1	13,013	12,500	513	3.9
City of Jackson	63,878	61,574	2,304	3.6	64,948	62,364	2,584	4.0
City of Madison	14,069	13,775	294	2.1	14,300	13,937	363	2.5
City of Meridian	13,223	12,724	499	3.8	13,507	12,988	519	3.8
City of Moss Point	4,553	4,357	196	4.3	4,607	4,393	214	4.6
City of Olive Branch	24,980	24,333	647	2.6	25,328	24,515	813	3.2
City of Oxford	14,664	14,368	296	2.0	13,805	13,415	390	2.8
City of Pascagoula	8,592	8,249	343	4.0	8,656	8,315	341	3.9
City of Pearl	15,683	15,348	335	2.1	15,956	15,562	394	2.5
City of Southaven	28,741	27,788	953	3.3	29,001	27,996	1,005	3.5
City of Starkville	12,568	12,226	342	2.7	12,288	11,865	423	3.4
City of Tupelo	17,490	17,009	481	2.8	17,747	17,134	613	3.5
City of Vicksburg	8,046	7,665	381	4.7	8,183	7,800	383	4.7

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Area	May-2026	May-2025	May-2024	May-2023	May-2022	May-2021
Mississippi	3.5	3.7	2.9	3.0	3.6	5.8
United States	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.4	3.4	5.5
<b>Workforce Development Areas (WDA)</b>						
Delta WDA	5.1	5.1	4.2	4.2	4.7	8.4
Mississippi Partnership WDA	3.5	3.6	2.8	3.0	3.4	5.3
South Central Mississippi Works WDA	3.5	3.7	2.9	3.0	3.7	5.8
Twin Districts WDA	3.3	3.5	2.8	2.9	3.6	5.6
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)</b>						
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA	3.2	3.5	2.7	2.8	3.5	5.5
Hattiesburg MSA	3.2	3.4	2.7	2.8	3.4	5.3
Jackson MSA	3.2	3.4	2.6	2.7	3.4	5.4
<b>Planning and Development Districts (PDD)</b>						
Central Mississippi PDD	3.2	3.4	2.6	2.7	3.4	5.4
East Central PDD	3.5	3.6	3.0	3.0	3.8	5.6
Golden Triangle PDD	3.9	3.9	3.1	3.1	4.0	6.3
North Central PDD	4.5	4.7	3.7	3.9	4.1	7.1
North Delta PDD	3.7	3.8	2.9	3.0	3.3	5.6
Northeast PDD	3.4	3.7	2.9	3.1	3.4	5.3
South Delta PDD	5.0	4.9	4.1	4.2	4.7	8.2
Southern PDD	3.3	3.5	2.8	2.9	3.6	5.6
Southwest PDD	4.4	4.9	4.1	4.1	4.8	7.7
Three Rivers PDD	3.3	3.5	2.6	3.0	3.3	5.0
<b>Community College Districts (CCD)</b>						
Coahoma CCD	7.1	6.9	5.2	5.2	5.3	9.6
Copiah-Lincoln CCD	4.0	4.3	3.6	3.6	4.3	6.8
East Central CCD	3.3	3.5	2.9	2.9	3.6	5.4
East Mississippi CCD	4.0	4.0	3.2	3.2	4.1	6.6
Gulf Coast CCD	3.3	3.6	2.8	2.9	3.6	5.6
Hinds CCD	3.4	3.5	2.7	2.8	3.5	5.6
Holmes CCD	3.4	3.6	2.7	2.9	3.4	5.5
Itawamba CCD	3.6	3.7	2.8	3.2	3.3	5.2
Jones CCD	3.3	3.6	2.9	3.0	3.9	5.7
Meridian CCD	3.6	3.8	3.0	3.1	3.8	5.6
Mississippi CCD	5.2	5.2	4.2	4.2	4.7	8.2
Northeast CCD	3.0	3.4	2.6	2.8	3.2	4.8
Northwest CCD	3.4	3.6	2.8	2.9	3.3	5.3
Pearl River CCD	3.2	3.5	2.8	2.8	3.5	5.5
Southwest CCD	4.3	4.7	3.9	3.9	4.7	7.6
<b>Counties</b>						
Adams County	4.8	5.2	4.5	4.5	5.1	9.0
Alcorn County	3.0	3.5	2.7	2.9	3.2	5.0
Amite County	4.1	4.4	3.8	3.9	4.7	7.8
Attala County	3.6	4.1	3.1	3.3	3.8	6.2
Benton County	3.9	3.7	2.8	3.3	3.6	6.2
Bolivar County	4.6	4.6	3.5	3.6	4.5	8.3
Calhoun County	3.1	3.4	2.4	2.9	3.0	4.7
Carroll County	4.0	4.1	3.1	3.1	3.6	5.6

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Area	May-2026	May-2025	May-2024	May-2023	May-2022	May-2021
Chickasaw County	4.3	5.0	3.6	4.2	3.7	6.7
Choctaw County	3.9	3.9	3.3	2.9	4.2	5.6
Claiborne County	7.4	8.4	7.4	6.8	8.2	12.4
Clarke County	3.8	3.8	3.1	3.0	4.3	6.0
Clay County	4.5	4.3	4.2	3.0	3.9	7.7
Coahoma County	7.1	6.9	5.2	5.2	5.3	9.6
Copiah County	3.6	3.8	3.3	3.2	4.1	6.8
Covington County	3.4	3.6	2.7	2.8	3.8	5.7
DeSoto County	3.4	3.5	2.6	2.6	2.9	4.6
Forrest County	3.3	3.5	2.7	2.8	3.5	5.9
Franklin County	4.2	4.5	3.7	4.2	4.6	6.8
George County	4.0	4.9	3.9	4.0	5.1	7.1
Greene County	5.8	6.3	5.4	6.0	8.5	10.3
Grenada County	3.9	3.9	3.2	3.7	3.6	5.6
Hancock County	2.8	3.2	2.6	2.7	3.2	5.3
Harrison County	3.2	3.4	2.7	2.8	3.5	5.5
Hinds County	3.8	3.8	3.0	3.1	3.9	6.7
Holmes County	6.5	6.2	5.2	5.5	5.7	10.7
Humphreys County	5.9	5.5	5.6	4.9	5.1	10.3
Issaquena County	8.8	9.4	5.8	8.5	7.4	10.3
Itawamba County	3.3	3.3	2.4	2.8	3.1	4.2
Jackson County	3.3	3.5	2.8	2.9	3.6	5.6
Jasper County	4.0	3.8	3.4	3.1	4.1	6.5
Jefferson County	8.5	10.2	8.9	9.2	10.7	14.2
Jefferson Davis County	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.2	4.0	6.8
Jones County	2.6	3.0	2.3	2.6	3.2	4.9
Kemper County	4.8	4.8	3.9	4.2	5.3	7.5
Lafayette County	2.8	3.0	2.4	2.6	3.5	4.8
Lamar County	3.0	3.3	2.6	2.6	3.1	4.5
Lauderdale County	3.6	3.8	3.0	3.1	3.8	5.6
Lawrence County	3.6	3.8	3.3	3.5	4.3	7.0
Leake County	3.0	3.4	2.7	2.8	3.6	5.6
Lee County	3.3	3.4	2.5	2.8	3.1	5.0
Leflore County	6.0	6.3	4.6	4.5	4.6	8.4
Lincoln County	3.6	3.9	3.0	2.9	3.6	5.2
Lowndes County	3.9	3.8	3.0	3.2	3.9	6.4
Madison County	2.8	3.1	2.2	2.5	2.9	4.4
Marion County	3.7	4.1	3.4	3.5	4.0	6.4
Marshall County	4.2	4.2	3.4	3.5	3.6	6.2
Monroe County	4.6	4.5	3.6	4.6	3.7	6.1
Montgomery County	3.4	4.0	3.1	3.1	4.0	6.2
Neshoba County	3.1	3.5	2.9	2.9	3.6	5.0
Newton County	3.6	3.7	2.9	3.2	3.7	5.4
Noxubee County	4.8	4.8	3.6	3.6	4.4	7.2
Oktibbeha County	3.7	4.0	2.9	3.2	4.0	6.1
Panola County	4.0	4.5	3.9	3.9	4.5	8.1
Pearl River County	3.3	3.6	2.8	2.9	3.7	6.0
Perry County	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.6	4.4	6.7

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Area	May-2026	May-2025	May-2024	May-2023	May-2022	May-2021
Pike County	4.4	4.7	3.6	3.7	4.6	7.2
Pontotoc County	3.5	3.7	2.8	3.0	3.4	5.0
Prentiss County	3.3	3.5	2.8	2.9	3.3	4.8
Quitman County	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.7	5.3	9.8
Rankin County	2.5	2.7	2.1	2.2	2.7	3.6
Scott County	3.0	3.2	2.7	2.6	3.3	5.3
Sharkey County	5.7	5.5	4.0	6.2	4.1	8.0
Simpson County	3.2	3.5	2.8	2.9	3.4	5.1
Smith County	3.4	3.3	3.0	2.8	3.6	4.7
Stone County	3.6	3.9	2.9	3.0	3.8	5.3
Sunflower County	4.8	4.5	4.0	3.6	4.6	8.3
Tallahatchie County	3.1	3.7	3.1	3.6	4.2	6.7
Tate County	3.5	3.7	3.0	2.9	3.5	5.7
Tippah County	2.9	3.6	2.5	2.7	3.2	5.0
Tishomingo County	3.2	3.7	3.0	3.4	3.5	4.8
Tunica County	5.3	5.4	3.5	3.6	4.3	10.1
Union County	2.9	3.1	2.2	2.3	2.8	4.4
Walthall County	3.9	4.5	3.6	3.8	4.0	6.1
Warren County	4.3	4.2	3.2	3.4	4.1	6.5
Washington County	5.2	5.1	4.3	4.5	4.8	7.8
Wayne County	3.8	4.2	3.2	3.4	4.4	6.5
Webster County	2.8	3.4	2.5	2.5	3.0	4.9
Wilkinson County	4.7	5.7	5.8	5.5	6.8	12.4
Winston County	3.6	3.8	3.0	3.2	4.1	6.3
Yalobusha County	3.3	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.4	5.7
Yazoo County	4.6	4.6	3.7	3.4	4.4	7.9
Cities						
City of Biloxi	3.1	3.5	2.6	2.8	3.2	5.2
City of Brandon	2.5	2.8	2.1	2.2	2.8	3.9
City of Clinton	2.9	3.3	2.6	2.6	3.0	4.6
City of Columbus	4.5	4.5	3.0	3.6	4.4	6.9
City of Greenville	5.6	5.3	4.3	4.6	4.7	8.5
City of Gulfport	3.3	3.5	2.8	2.9	3.7	5.9
City of Hattiesburg	3.3	3.5	2.7	2.9	3.4	5.7
City of Horn Lake	4.5	3.9	3.0	2.9	3.3	4.6
City of Jackson	4.0	4.0	3.1	3.3	4.0	7.2
City of Madison	2.3	2.5	1.9	2.1	2.6	3.2
City of Meridian	3.8	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.7	6.1
City of Moss Point	4.7	4.6	3.9	3.4	4.6	8.4
City of Olive Branch	2.9	3.2	2.4	2.2	2.5	3.3
City of Oxford	2.5	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.9	4.3
City of Pascagoula	4.0	3.9	3.3	3.5	3.9	7.3
City of Pearl	2.4	2.5	1.9	2.0	2.6	3.8
City of Southaven	3.6	3.5	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.8
City of Starkville	3.0	3.4	2.6	2.7	3.4	5.3
City of Tupelo	3.2	3.5	2.5	2.7	3.0	5.0
City of Vicksburg	4.6	4.7	3.6	3.8	4.4	8.1

## Unemployment Insurance Statistics

For Metropolitan Statistical Areas and Workforce Development Areas

May 2026	Regular Unemployment Insurance			Benefits Paid - All Programs
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Benefits Paid	
Gulfport-Biloxi Metropolitan Statistical Area	520	3,107	\$481,126	\$486,088
Hattiesburg Metropolitan Statistical Area	234	1,175	\$174,339	\$174,339
Jackson Metropolitan Statistical Area	1,261	5,977	\$873,547	\$882,335
Delta Workforce Development Area	974	4,703	\$633,384	\$656,224
Mississippi Partnership Workforce Development Area	1,954	8,182	\$1,167,566	\$1,180,563
South Central MS Works Workforce Development Area	1,544	7,220	\$1,054,972	\$1,079,057
Twin Districts Workforce Development Area	1,512	7,341	\$1,077,790	\$1,086,696

April 2026	Regular Unemployment Insurance			Benefits Paid - All Programs
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Benefits Paid	
Gulfport-Biloxi Metropolitan Statistical Area	466	2,752	\$492,144	\$501,292
Hattiesburg Metropolitan Statistical Area	152	926	\$152,950	\$153,420
Jackson Metropolitan Statistical Area	792	4,634	\$811,469	\$822,984
Delta Workforce Development Area	683	3,456	\$573,569	\$585,554
Mississippi Partnership Workforce Development Area	1,160	5,817	\$1,006,042	\$1,007,922
South Central MS Works Workforce Development Area	963	5,633	\$992,377	\$1,018,697
Twin Districts Workforce Development Area	1,024	5,923	\$1,030,450	\$1,042,976

May 2025	Regular Unemployment Insurance			Benefits Paid - All Programs
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Benefits Paid	
Gulfport-Biloxi Metropolitan Statistical Area	554	2,584	\$431,286	\$442,737
Hattiesburg Metropolitan Statistical Area	211	1,029	\$177,386	\$178,796
Jackson Metropolitan Statistical Area	1,147	5,355	\$938,226	\$943,206
Delta Workforce Development Area	857	3,339	\$548,311	\$560,894
Mississippi Partnership Workforce Development Area	1,646	6,473	\$1,084,053	\$1,092,442
South Central MS Works Workforce Development Area	1,458	6,720	\$1,158,177	\$1,172,792
Twin Districts Workforce Development Area	1,494	6,255	\$1,068,164	\$1,090,071

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## Unemployment Insurance Statistics

### County Data - Claims

	May 2026		April 2026		May 2025	
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims
Adams County	94	177	34	161	59	199
Alcorn County	66	213	31	117	48	174
Amite County	18	88	8	52	16	47
Attala County	22	128	22	125	31	139
Benton County	16	68	10	61	11	31
Bolivar County	149	521	55	344	132	375
Calhoun County	35	99	10	72	17	64
Carroll County	15	58	18	37	5	48
Chickasaw County	75	257	41	129	52	216
Choctaw County	16	61	6	40	15	46
Claiborne County	30	122	17	109	38	168
Clarke County	36	139	13	95	38	102
Clay County	82	375	47	274	65	262
Coahoma County	106	529	62	438	87	403
Copiah County	66	224	27	146	44	176
Covington County	24	124	10	97	26	116
DeSoto County	221	1,483	208	1,211	212	1,124
Forrest County	137	734	87	551	134	640
Franklin County	8	50	5	42	14	56
George County	45	97	12	102	47	119
Greene County	16	47	5	29	11	48
Grenada County	44	215	23	176	40	146
Hancock County	20	219	31	190	30	199
Harrison County	282	1,591	262	1,443	275	1,336
Hinds County	618	2,850	374	2,179	568	2,556
Holmes County	70	384	51	305	67	253
Humphreys County	44	169	35	154	27	97
Issaquena County	1	13	1	16	3	22
Itawamba County	29	192	32	115	44	108
Jackson County	191	1,177	157	1,057	215	937
Jasper County	44	163	26	87	37	66
Jefferson County	31	112	18	63	34	112
Jefferson Davis County	26	77	14	74	26	100
Jones County	71	305	50	235	83	296
Kemper County	29	164	18	68	20	101
Lafayette County	84	328	40	216	92	241
Lamar County	80	364	56	299	65	350
Lauderdale County	169	723	104	536	136	638
Lawrence County	17	83	9	52	23	67
Leake County	38	123	16	77	38	113
Lee County	242	910	152	587	177	783

## Unemployment Insurance Statistics

### County Data - Claims

	May 2026		April 2026		May 2025	
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims
Leflore County	114	567	99	468	98	482
Lincoln County	34	202	29	168	49	182
Lowndes County	162	794	97	597	144	605
Madison County	215	994	107	807	178	1,075
Marion County	36	150	22	104	30	127
Marshall County	99	375	56	265	72	252
Monroe County	115	609	89	321	90	387
Montgomery County	24	76	15	77	18	88
Neshoba County	38	135	18	117	43	158
Newton County	38	142	18	87	49	134
Noxubee County	53	166	24	127	62	173
Oktibbeha County	121	466	57	369	135	401
Panola County	99	422	98	290	101	294
Pearl River County	51	263	32	217	43	294
Perry County	17	77	9	76	12	39
Pike County	67	296	47	235	72	307
Pontotoc County	112	234	25	124	46	192
Prentiss County	47	151	23	129	54	165
Quitman County	32	117	19	76	29	65
Rankin County	139	907	142	726	158	814
Scott County	44	150	26	114	48	107
Sharkey County	10	72	13	55	9	59
Simpson County	12	148	18	132	19	107
Smith County	17	97	6	68	14	33
Stone County	27	120	16	62	34	112
Sunflower County	85	539	68	387	72	243
Tallahatchie County	28	170	21	103	42	147
Tate County	41	259	33	183	52	183
Tippah County	50	140	33	106	36	172
Tishomingo County	28	70	10	45	27	89
Tunica County	39	246	24	173	25	163
Union County	76	200	31	116	32	179
Walthall County	13	71	11	44	20	82
Warren County	69	534	68	459	89	481
Washington County	182	896	119	610	160	688
Wayne County	36	160	16	138	40	90
Webster County	15	51	6	36	11	47
Wilkinson County	16	42	2	33	12	24
Winston County	53	156	19	128	38	144
Yalobusha County	26	106	20	71	25	62
Yazoo County	97	320	47	225	65	267

## Unemployment Insurance Statistics

### County Data - Benefits Paid

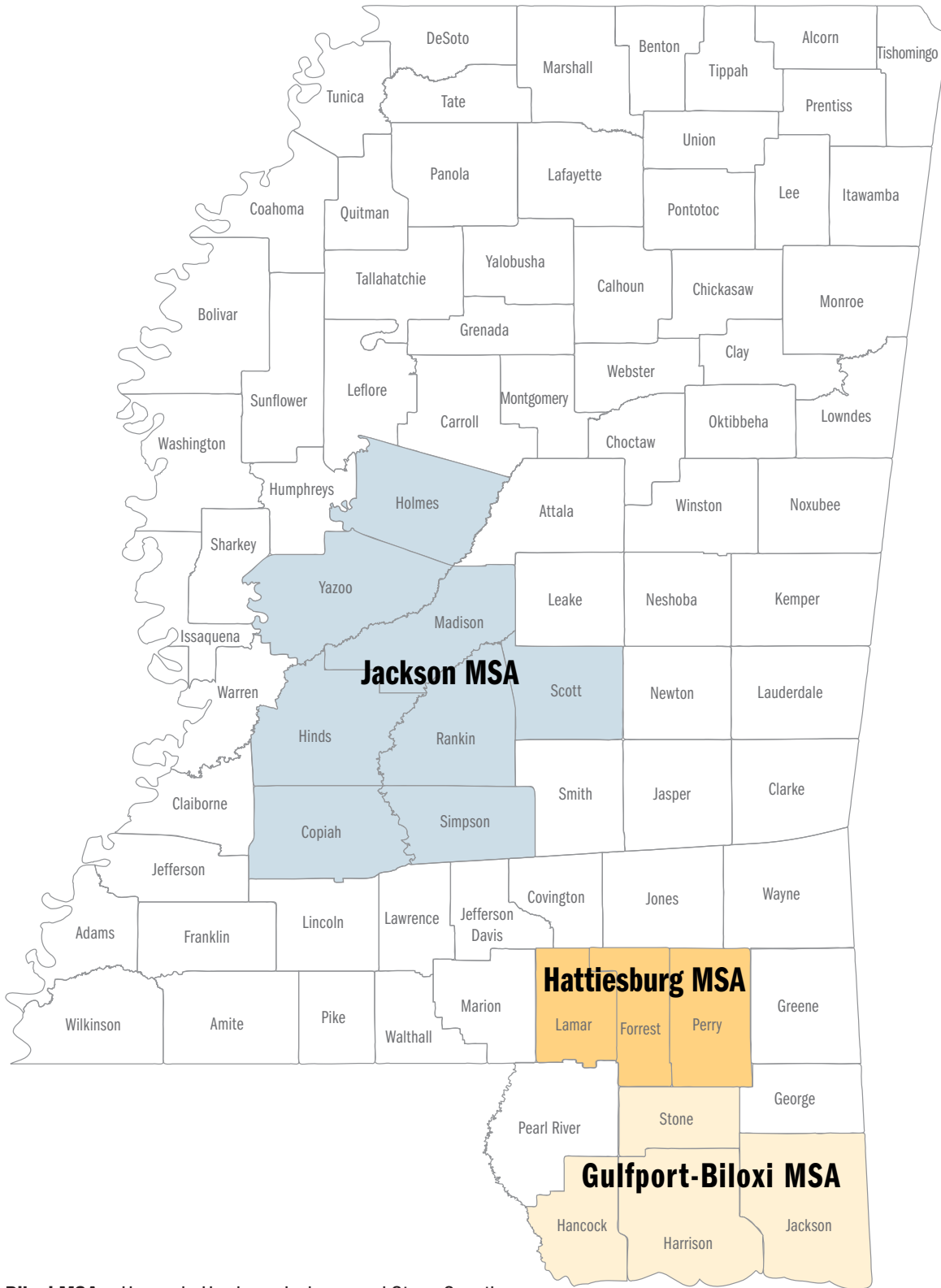
	May 2026		April 2026		May 2025	
	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs
Adams County	\$25,921	\$26,626	\$24,212	\$25,152	\$34,723	\$36,838
Alcorn County	\$22,588	\$23,372	\$19,550	\$19,550	\$29,075	\$29,075
Amite County	\$13,003	\$13,003	\$10,433	\$10,433	\$7,250	\$7,250
Attala County	\$20,125	\$21,325	\$22,792	\$22,792	\$19,839	\$19,839
Benton County	\$9,664	\$9,776	\$9,593	\$9,593	\$5,354	\$5,354
Bolivar County	\$61,293	\$62,457	\$56,375	\$57,550	\$51,152	\$51,857
Calhoun County	\$11,252	\$11,252	\$12,137	\$12,137	\$12,327	\$12,327
Carroll County	\$8,121	\$8,449	\$4,660	\$4,660	\$9,079	\$9,079
Chickasaw County	\$33,243	\$33,243	\$22,501	\$22,501	\$30,368	\$30,368
Choctaw County	\$7,806	\$8,212	\$7,022	\$7,022	\$8,058	\$8,058
Claiborne County	\$20,206	\$23,026	\$21,074	\$23,659	\$31,662	\$33,307
Clarke County	\$20,416	\$20,416	\$17,667	\$17,667	\$17,466	\$17,466
Clay County	\$55,779	\$55,779	\$48,746	\$48,746	\$46,812	\$47,752
Coahoma County	\$81,557	\$82,663	\$82,147	\$82,147	\$70,264	\$70,264
Copiah County	\$28,187	\$29,127	\$22,426	\$24,071	\$30,299	\$30,299
Covington County	\$16,025	\$16,025	\$18,736	\$18,736	\$23,257	\$28,607
DeSoto County	\$232,743	\$233,549	\$219,832	\$219,832	\$198,411	\$200,291
Forrest County	\$106,755	\$106,755	\$88,246	\$88,246	\$109,071	\$110,246
Franklin County	\$7,431	\$7,431	\$9,092	\$9,092	\$8,812	\$8,812
George County	\$11,242	\$11,242	\$17,682	\$17,682	\$19,919	\$19,919
Greene County	\$6,969	\$6,969	\$4,643	\$4,643	\$7,227	\$7,227
Grenada County	\$29,337	\$29,561	\$28,724	\$28,724	\$20,019	\$20,019
Hancock County	\$39,074	\$39,074	\$33,083	\$33,083	\$36,265	\$37,205
Harrison County	\$246,766	\$247,941	\$253,535	\$257,260	\$221,979	\$229,734
Hinds County	\$406,972	\$412,940	\$378,055	\$385,575	\$433,484	\$436,819
Holmes County	\$55,867	\$55,867	\$53,759	\$53,759	\$42,431	\$42,431
Humphreys County	\$23,537	\$25,777	\$25,714	\$25,714	\$18,800	\$19,740
Issaquena County	\$2,493	\$6,488	\$3,673	\$8,373	\$4,270	\$6,150
Itawamba County	\$29,221	\$29,221	\$22,527	\$22,527	\$16,905	\$16,905
Jackson County	\$180,325	\$184,112	\$195,312	\$200,735	\$157,379	\$160,135
Jasper County	\$19,059	\$19,059	\$14,666	\$14,666	\$10,919	\$10,919
Jefferson County	\$17,185	\$23,530	\$11,703	\$18,753	\$18,774	\$20,654
Jefferson Davis County	\$9,509	\$9,509	\$13,304	\$13,304	\$16,796	\$16,796
Jones County	\$39,972	\$39,972	\$37,126	\$37,126	\$54,719	\$54,719
Kemper County	\$27,965	\$27,965	\$10,679	\$10,679	\$19,397	\$20,572
Lafayette County	\$50,423	\$50,759	\$37,673	\$37,673	\$37,711	\$38,651
Lamar County	\$55,131	\$55,131	\$50,510	\$50,980	\$61,740	\$61,975
Lauderdale County	\$102,337	\$104,871	\$90,930	\$92,822	\$109,761	\$110,167
Lawrence County	\$10,518	\$10,518	\$6,699	\$6,699	\$9,410	\$9,410
Leake County	\$16,937	\$16,937	\$14,911	\$14,911	\$15,853	\$15,853
Lee County	\$123,609	\$123,609	\$93,198	\$93,668	\$132,644	\$133,714

## Unemployment Insurance Statistics

### County Data - Benefits Paid

	May 2026		April 2026		May 2025	
	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs
Leflore County	\$79,251	\$81,253	\$72,918	\$72,918	\$78,891	\$78,891
Lincoln County	\$26,434	\$27,374	\$26,720	\$27,660	\$30,952	\$30,952
Lowndes County	\$111,202	\$111,202	\$95,730	\$96,200	\$105,579	\$106,754
Madison County	\$150,455	\$151,395	\$143,658	\$145,068	\$200,717	\$200,952
Marion County	\$17,527	\$17,997	\$15,828	\$16,768	\$24,303	\$24,303
Marshall County	\$50,695	\$50,695	\$46,109	\$46,109	\$41,079	\$41,079
Monroe County	\$96,417	\$96,417	\$54,885	\$54,885	\$62,146	\$62,146
Montgomery County	\$10,386	\$12,290	\$10,390	\$10,390	\$17,118	\$17,118
Neshoba County	\$19,547	\$19,547	\$20,072	\$20,072	\$28,240	\$28,240
Newton County	\$19,112	\$19,112	\$13,339	\$13,339	\$20,275	\$20,275
Noxubee County	\$23,737	\$23,737	\$22,715	\$22,715	\$24,907	\$24,907
Oktibbeha County	\$64,945	\$64,945	\$64,416	\$64,416	\$57,873	\$58,847
Panola County	\$49,572	\$50,058	\$45,389	\$45,389	\$48,795	\$48,795
Pearl River County	\$35,247	\$36,187	\$42,203	\$42,279	\$52,222	\$53,397
Perry County	\$12,453	\$12,453	\$14,194	\$14,194	\$6,575	\$6,575
Pike County	\$41,802	\$41,802	\$38,857	\$38,857	\$40,560	\$40,795
Pontotoc County	\$30,428	\$30,428	\$22,639	\$22,639	\$34,332	\$34,802
Prentiss County	\$21,553	\$21,553	\$22,747	\$22,747	\$30,067	\$30,067
Quitman County	\$16,058	\$16,170	\$11,482	\$11,482	\$11,659	\$11,659
Rankin County	\$146,351	\$147,291	\$135,567	\$136,507	\$144,386	\$145,796
Scott County	\$19,256	\$19,256	\$15,745	\$15,745	\$20,385	\$20,385
Sharkey County	\$11,792	\$16,022	\$8,839	\$11,424	\$11,931	\$15,691
Simpson County	\$22,589	\$22,589	\$25,159	\$25,159	\$17,483	\$17,483
Smith County	\$15,502	\$15,502	\$12,777	\$12,777	\$4,836	\$4,836
Stone County	\$14,961	\$14,961	\$10,214	\$10,214	\$15,663	\$15,663
Sunflower County	\$73,182	\$74,704	\$62,052	\$62,052	\$44,410	\$44,410
Tallahatchie County	\$22,180	\$22,180	\$16,954	\$16,954	\$25,225	\$25,225
Tate County	\$34,278	\$35,656	\$32,608	\$32,608	\$29,471	\$30,411
Tippah County	\$13,710	\$17,705	\$13,638	\$13,638	\$31,173	\$31,173
Tishomingo County	\$9,571	\$9,907	\$7,956	\$7,956	\$13,991	\$13,991
Tunica County	\$32,954	\$32,954	\$32,585	\$32,585	\$30,030	\$30,030
Union County	\$30,838	\$30,838	\$23,716	\$23,716	\$34,369	\$34,369
Walthall County	\$10,366	\$10,366	\$9,427	\$9,427	\$12,152	\$12,152
Warren County	\$76,614	\$81,101	\$82,040	\$85,330	\$84,349	\$87,169
Washington County	\$115,527	\$121,182	\$97,022	\$100,547	\$101,374	\$106,672
Wayne County	\$25,703	\$25,703	\$25,048	\$25,048	\$13,917	\$14,857
Webster County	\$7,890	\$7,890	\$6,681	\$6,681	\$8,844	\$8,844
Wilkinson County	\$7,068	\$7,068	\$10,155	\$10,155	\$4,123	\$5,063
Winston County	\$22,630	\$22,630	\$23,378	\$23,378	\$23,559	\$23,559
Yalobusha County	\$13,496	\$15,012	\$14,139	\$15,079	\$12,022	\$12,022
Yazoo County	\$43,870	\$43,870	\$37,100	\$37,100	\$49,041	\$49,041

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)

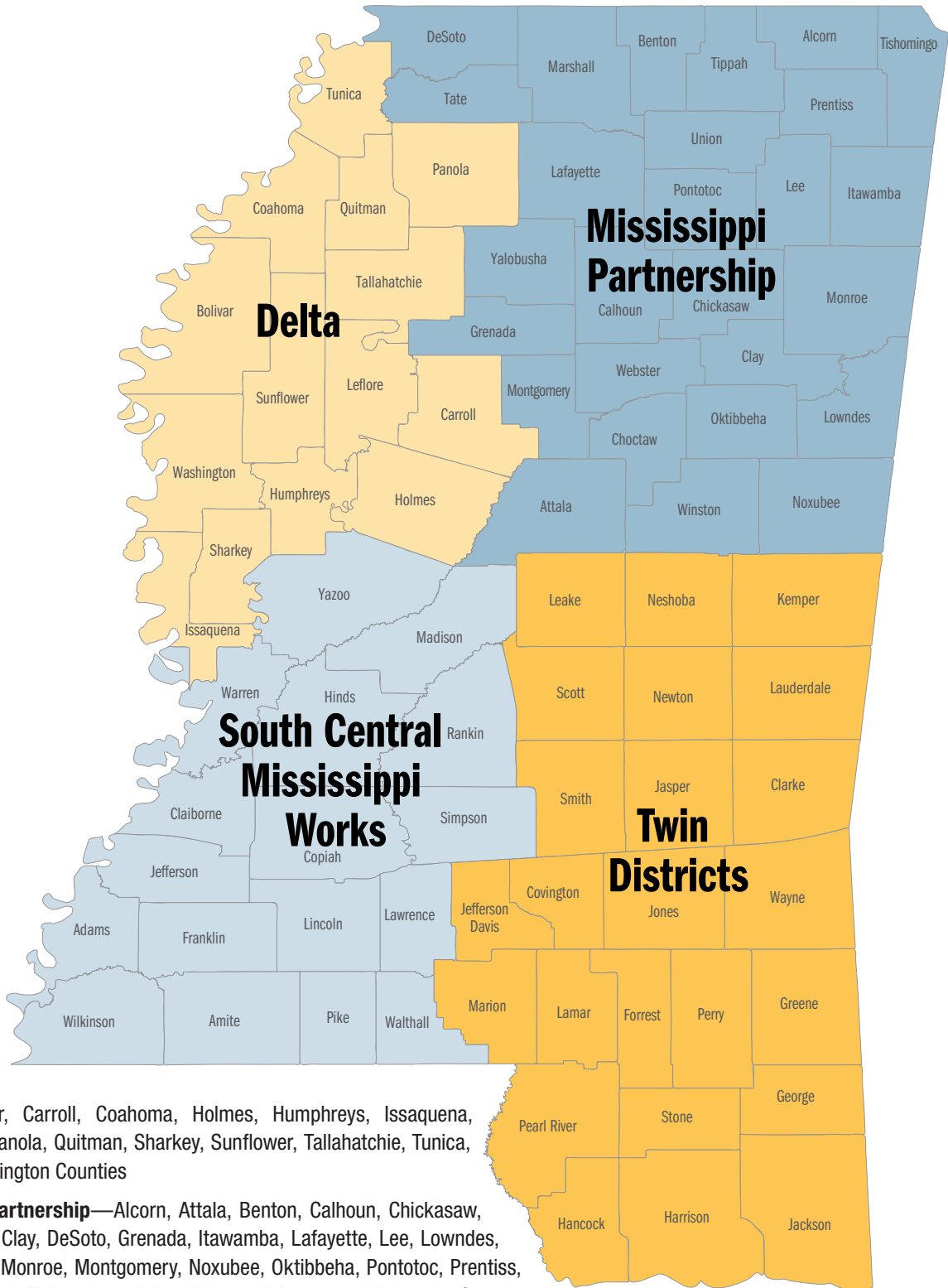


**Gulfport-Biloxi MSA**—Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, and Stone Counties

**Hattiesburg MSA**—Forrest, Lamar, and Perry Counties

**Jackson MSA**—Copiah, Hinds, Holmes, Madison, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, and Yazoo Counties

## Workforce Development Areas (WDAs)



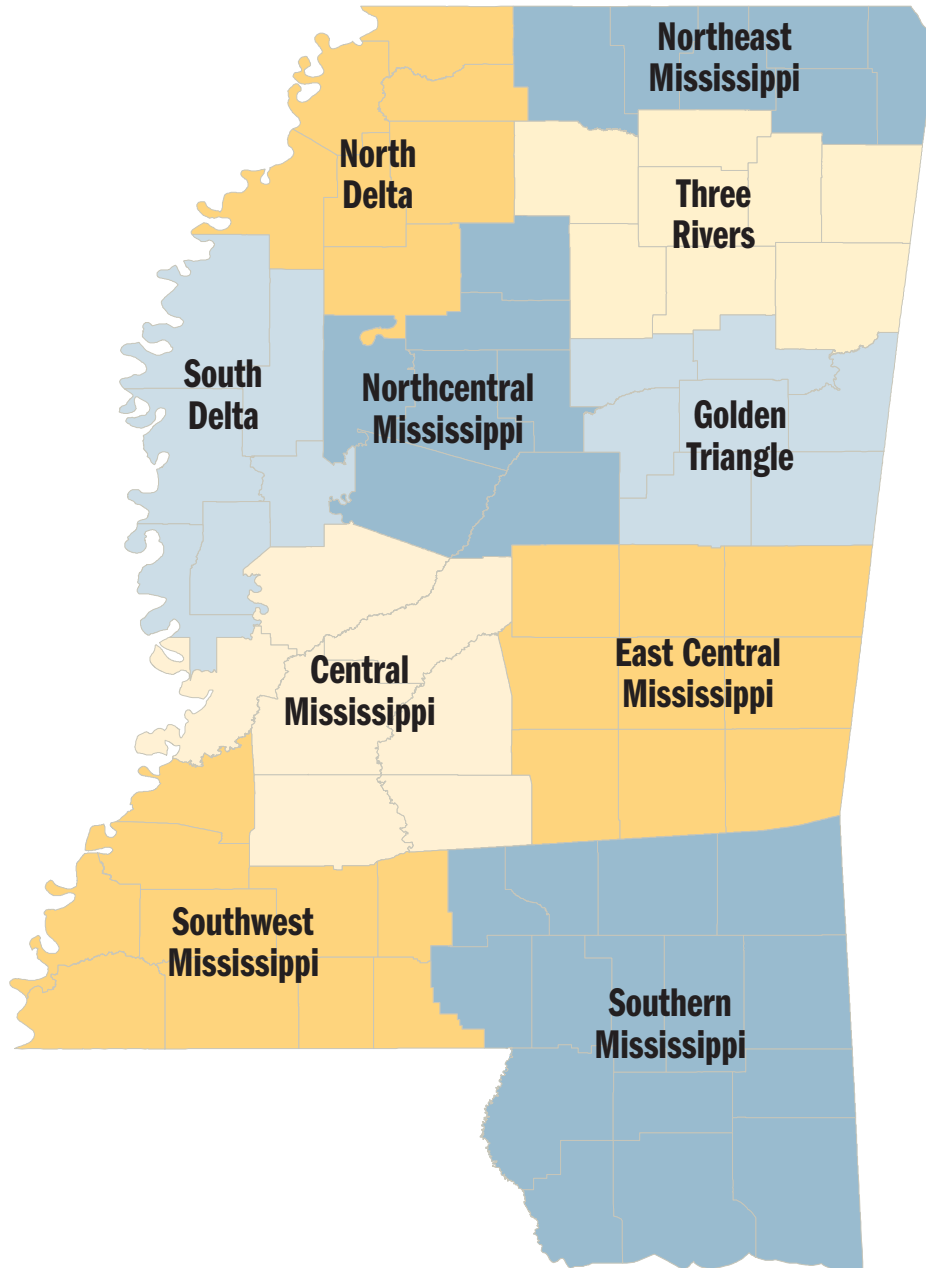
**Delta**—Bolivar, Carroll, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tunica, and Washington Counties

**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

**South Central 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 (PDDs)



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

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

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

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

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

**Northeast Mississippi**—Alcorn, Benton, Marshall, Prentiss, Tippah, and Tishomingo Counties

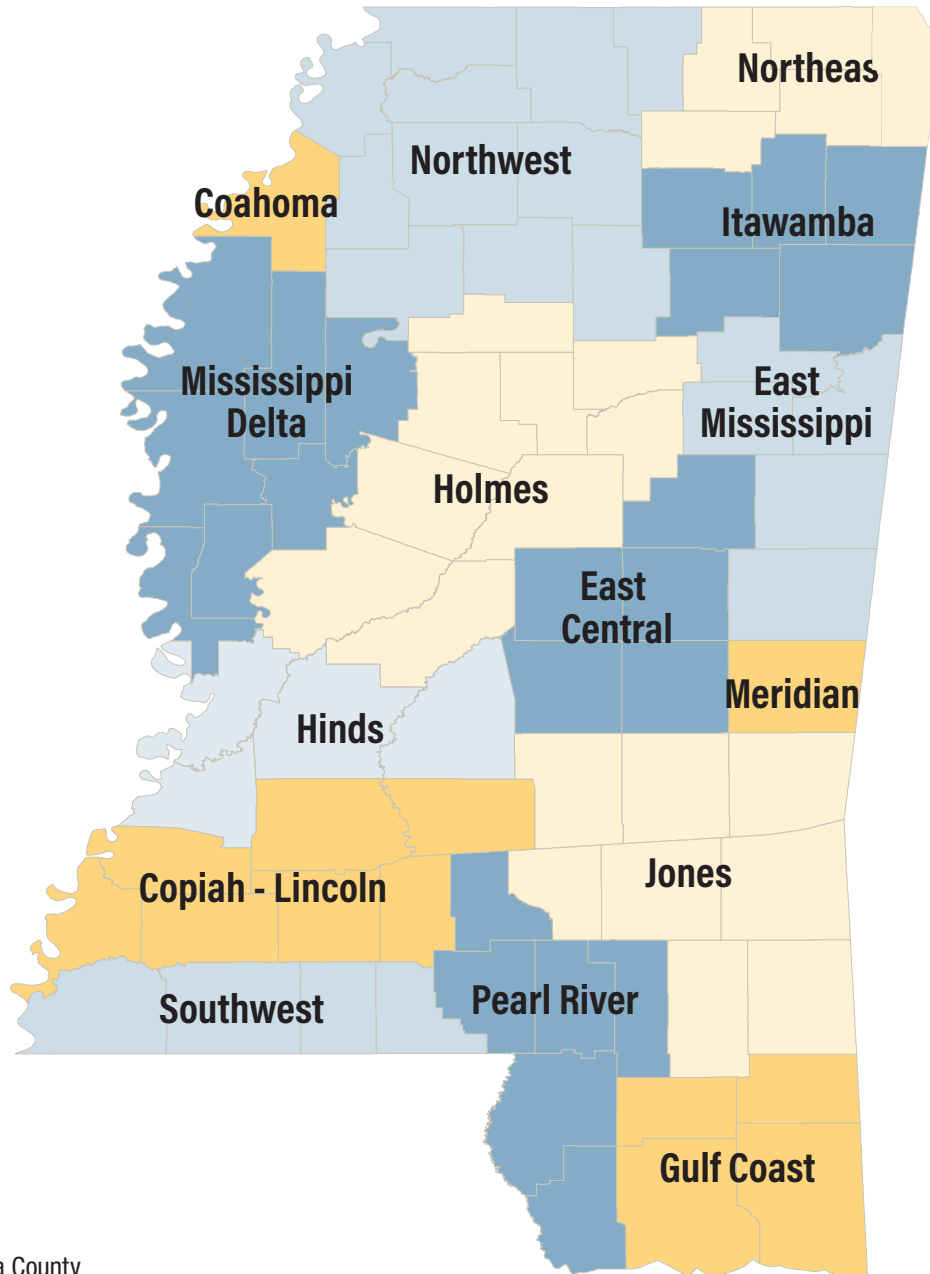
**South Delta**—Bolivar, Humphreys, Issaquena, Sharkey, Sunflower, and Washington Counties

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

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

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

## Community College Districts (CCDs)



**Coahoma**—Coahoma County

**Copiah-Lincoln**—Adams, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, and Simpson Counties

**East Central**—Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Winston Counties

**East Mississippi**—Clay, Kemper, Lowndes, Noxubee, and Oktibbeha Counties

**Gulf Coast**—George, Harrison, Jackson, and Stone Counties

**Hinds**—Claiborne, Hinds, Rankin, and Warren Counties

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

**Itawamba**—Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, and Pontotoc Counties

**Jones**—Clarke, Covington, Greene, Jasper, Jones, Perry, Smith, and Wayne Counties

**Meridian**—Lauderdale County

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

**Northeast**—Alcorn, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo, and Union Counties

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

**Pearl River**—Forrest, Hancock, Jefferson Davis, Lamar, Marion, and Pearl River Counties

**Southwest**—Amite, Pike, Walthall, and 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 noninstitutionalized population that is employed or actively seeking employment. The labor force is the sum of the number of employed and unemployed.

**Civilian Noninstitutionalized 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, with occasional exceptions, ex. November and December.

**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** – represents the number of unemployed population as a percent of the civilian labor force.

**Workforce Development Areas (WDAs)** - 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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