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Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data Estimates

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

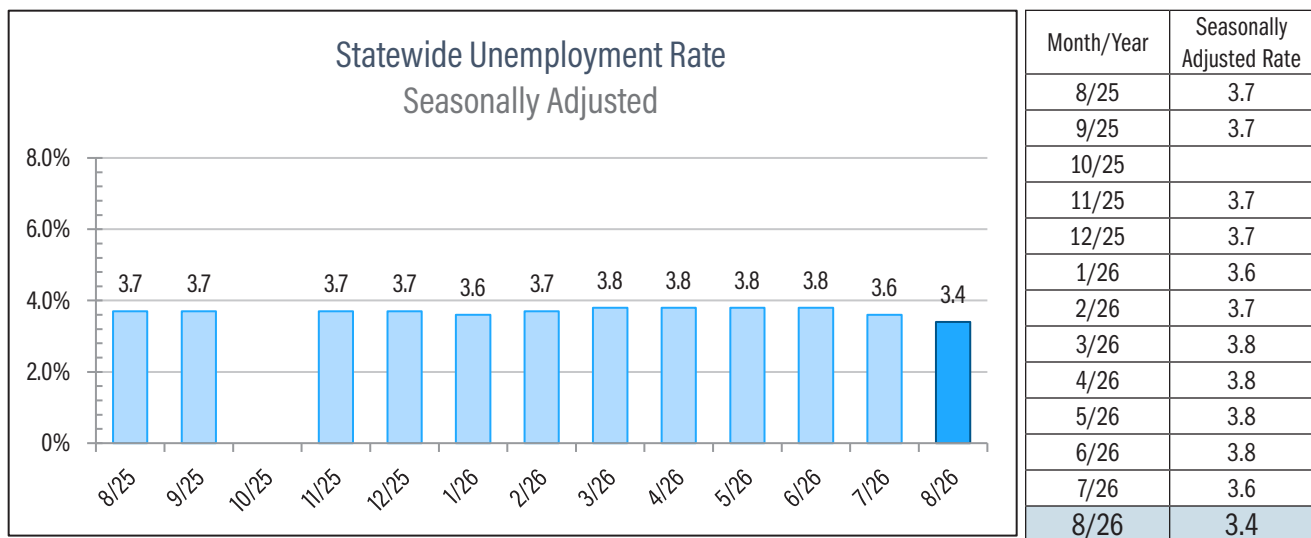
	August 2026 (P)	July 2026 (R)	August 2025 (R)
Mississippi	1,199,800	1,196,600	1,194,500
United States	159,075,000	158,913,000	158,472,000

Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data Estimates

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

Mississippi	August 2026 (P)	July 2026 (R)	August 2025 (R)
Civilian Labor Force	1,274,635	1,280,233	1,294,995
Unemployed	43,695	46,435	48,032
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.6	3.7
Employed	1,230,940	1,233,798	1,246,963

United States	August 2026 (P)	July 2026 (R)	August 2025 (R)
Civilian Labor Force	169,777,000	169,094,000	170,750,000
Unemployed	7,031,000	6,916,000	7,380,000
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.1	4.3
Employed	162,746,000	162,177,000	163,370,000



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 August 2026

Labor force data presented are rounded estimates.

Seasonally Adjusted

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2026 was 3.4 percent, decreasing two-tenths of a percentage point over the month. The rate decreased three-tenths of a percentage point when compared to the August 2025 rate of 3.7 percent. The Nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 4.1 percent was unchanged over the month and decreased two-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

In August 2026, the number of nonfarm jobs in Mississippi at 1,199,800 increased 3,200 from July, according to the seasonally adjusted results from a survey of Mississippi employers. The August 2026 jobs count is the highest in Mississippi history. Since August 2025, the number of jobs has increased 5,300. The Construction sector registered the largest monthly employment gain followed by the Other Services, and the Professional & Business Services sectors.

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 August 2026 was 3.2 percent, decreasing seven-tenths of a percentage point from the previous month's rate of 3.9 percent. When compared to the August 2025 rate of 4.1 percent, the rate decreased nine-tenths of a percentage point. The number of unemployed decreased 8,845 over the month, while the employed total decreased 13,165 from the prior month. The Nation's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2026 at 4.3 percent decreased one-tenth of a percentage point over the month and two-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

Mississippi's not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased 4,800 over the month and 2,800 over the year. Industry sectors registering the largest monthly employment gains were Government; Private Education & Health Services; Professional & Business Services; Other Services; and Construction.

For the month of August 2026, thirty-four counties in Mississippi posted unemployment rates less than or equal to the state's rate of 3.2 percent. Jones and Rankin Counties posted the lowest unemployment rate for the month of August at 2.4 percent followed by Hancock, Lafayette, Leake, Madison, Union, and Webster Counties at 2.6 percent. Jefferson County had the highest unemployment rate for August at 9.1 percent followed by Issaquena County at 8.1 percent.

Unemployment Rates

August, 2026

County Rankings

Mississippi - 3.2

1	Jones	2.4	40	Marion	3.4
1	Rankin	2.4	40	Oktibbeha	3.4
3	Hancock	2.6	40	Walthall	3.4
3	Lafayette	2.6	40	Wayne	3.4
3	Leake	2.6	46	Choctaw	3.5
3	Madison	2.6	46	Copiah	3.5
3	Union	2.6	46	Covington	3.5
3	Webster	2.6	46	Grenada	3.5
9	Neshoba	2.7	50	Carroll	3.6
9	Scott	2.7	50	Jasper	3.6
9	Tippah	2.7	50	Lowndes	3.6
12	Lamar	2.8	50	Warren	3.6
12	Tallahatchie	2.8	54	Amite	3.7
14	Alcorn	2.9	54	Perry	3.7
14	Calhoun	2.9	56	George	3.8
14	Lee	2.9	56	Marshall	3.8
14	Simpson	2.9	56	Monroe	3.8
18	Forrest	3.0	56	Pike	3.8
18	Harrison	3.0	56	Quitman	3.8
18	Itawamba	3.0	61	Panola	3.9
18	Jackson	3.0	62	Franklin	4.0
18	Smith	3.0	63	Clay	4.1
23	Pearl River	3.1	63	Yazoo	4.1
23	Prentiss	3.1	65	Chickasaw	4.2
23	Tate	3.1	65	Kemper	4.2
23	Tishomingo	3.1	65	Sunflower	4.2
27	Attala	3.2	65	Wilkinson	4.2
27	DeSoto	3.2	69	Bolivar	4.3
27	Jefferson Davis	3.2	69	Noxubee	4.3
27	Lawrence	3.2	71	Washington	4.6
27	Lincoln	3.2	72	Adams	4.7
27	Pontotoc	3.2	73	Sharkey	4.8
27	Stone	3.2	74	Tunica	5.0
27	Winston	3.2	75	Humphreys	5.5
35	Benton	3.3	76	Holmes	5.7
35	Lauderdale	3.3	76	Leflore	5.7
35	Montgomery	3.3	78	Greene	5.9
35	Newton	3.3	79	Coahoma	6.2
35	Yalobusha	3.3	80	Claiborne	7.2
40	Clarke	3.4	81	Issaquena	8.1
40	Hinds	3.4	82	Jefferson	9.1

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

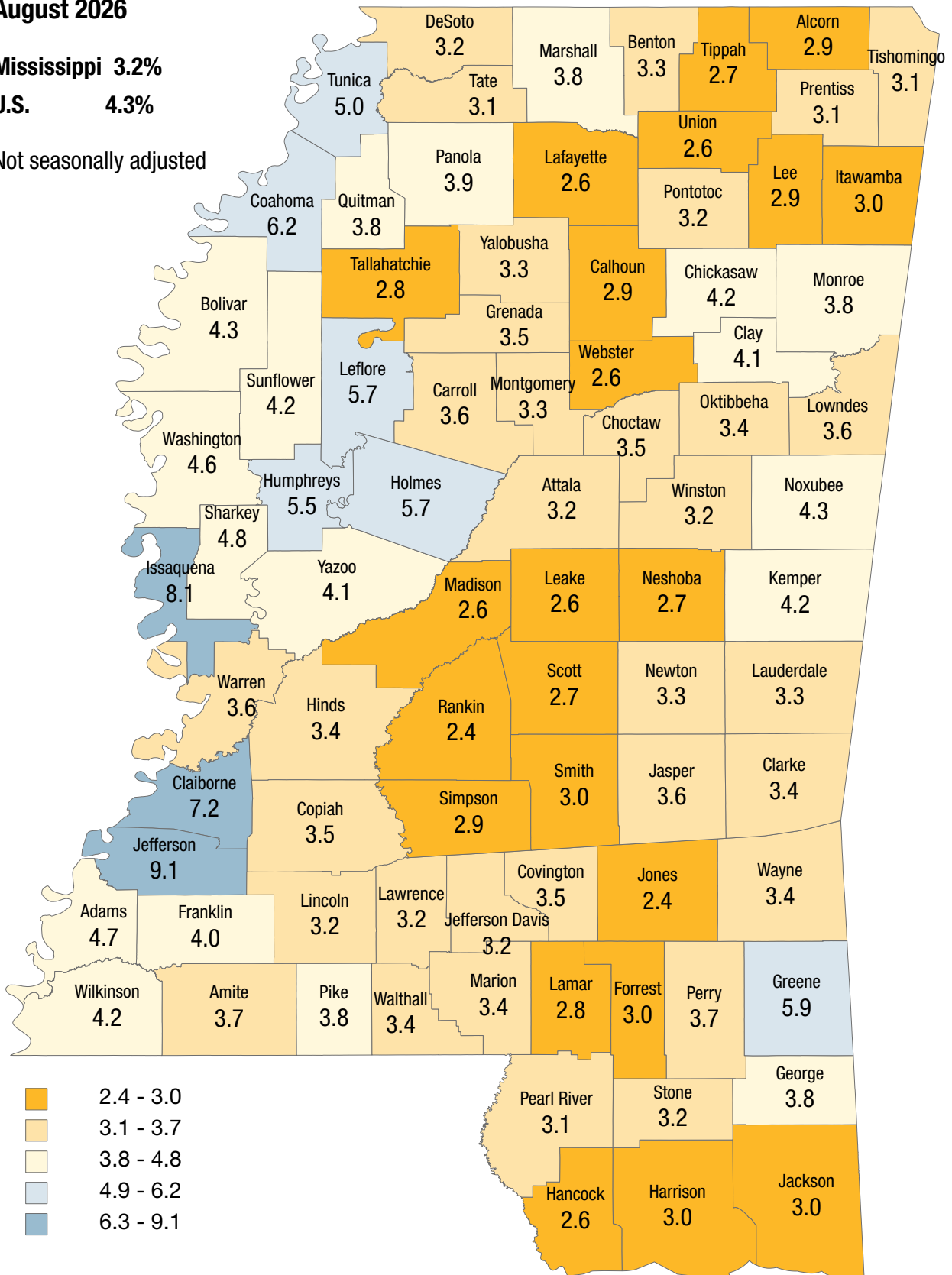
Mississippi Unemployment Rates by County

August 2026

Mississippi 3.2%

U.S. 4.3%

Not seasonally adjusted



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Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data Estimates

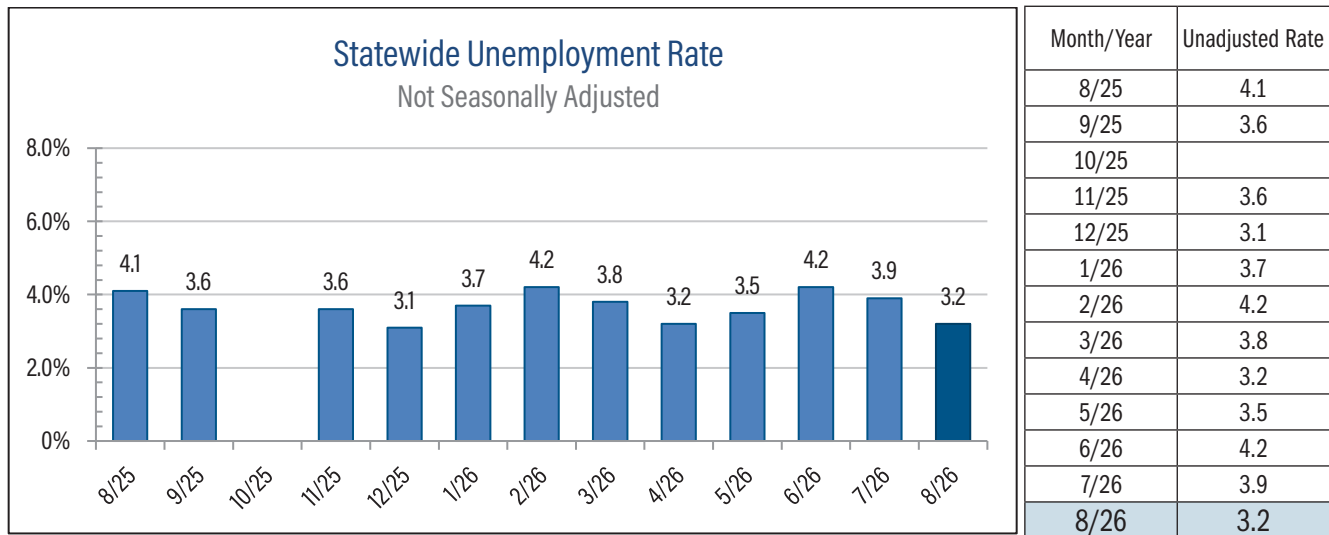
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State of Mississippi	Preliminary August 2026	Revised July 2026	Revised August 2025	2025 Annual Average
Civilian Labor Force	1,257,142	1,279,152	1,292,687	1,295,610
Unemployed	40,568	49,413	52,920	49,530
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.9	4.1	3.8
Employed	1,216,574	1,229,739	1,239,767	1,246,080

United States	Preliminary August 2026	Revised July 2026	Revised August 2025	2025 Annual Average
Civilian Labor Force	170,048,000	170,235,000	171,035,000	170,807,000
Unemployed	7,381,000	7,435,000	7,747,000	7,315,000
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.3
Employed	162,667,000	162,800,000	163,288,000	163,493,000

*Excluding October 2025.

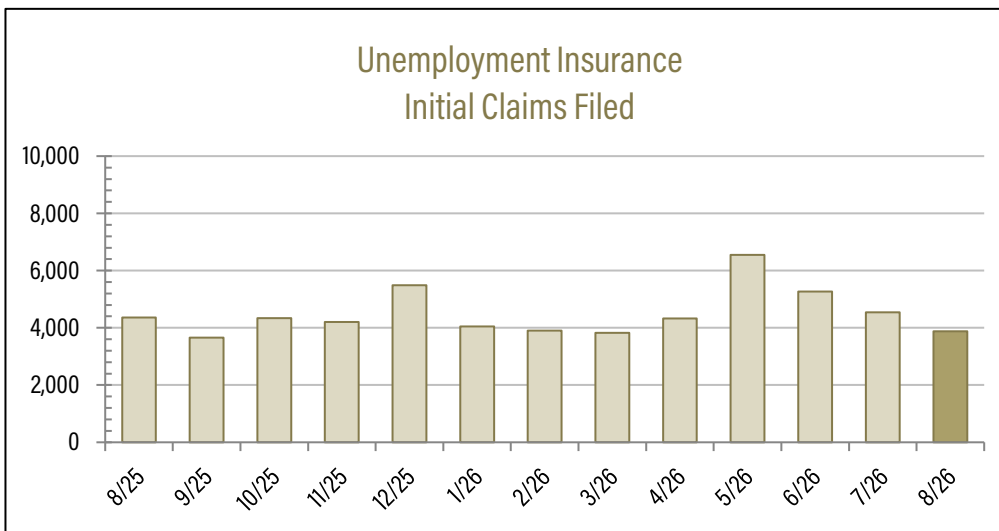
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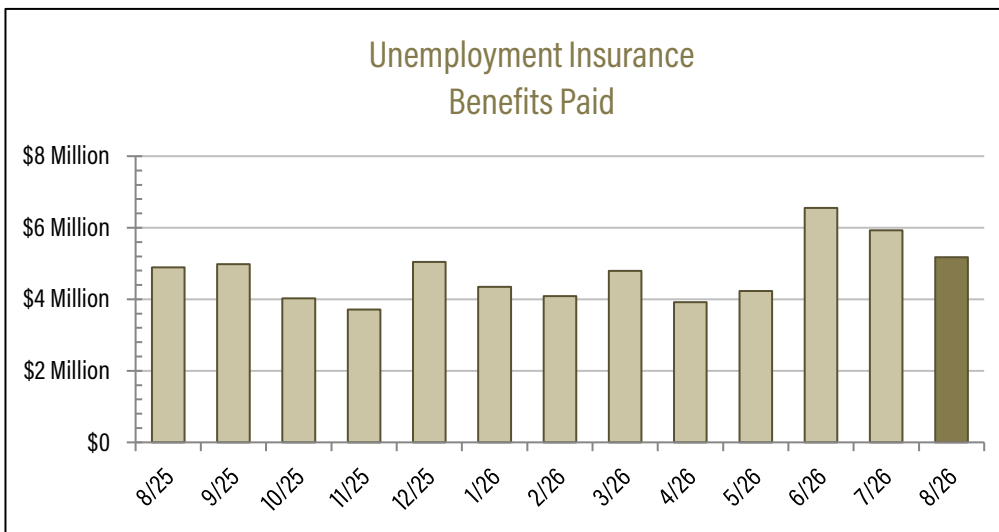
Unemployment Insurance Data

(Regular UI benefits; federal program amounts not included)

Mississippi	August 2026	July 2026	August 2025
Initial UI Claims	3,879	4,542	4,359
Continued Claims	33,372	37,042	34,291
Benefits Paid	\$5,175,791	\$5,930,826	\$4,895,779
Weeks Paid	23,453	27,008	22,256
First Payments	1,465	2,099	1,600
Final Payments	524	425	453
Average Weekly Benefit	\$220.69	\$219.60	\$219.98



Month/Year	Initial Claims Filed
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
6/26	5,268
7/26	4,542
8/26	3,879



Month/Year	Benefits Paid
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
6/26	\$6,551,602
7/26	\$5,930,826
8/26	\$5,175,791

Labor Force Estimates

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

Area	Preliminary August 2026			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Mississippi	1,257,142	1,216,574	40,568	3.2
United States	170,048,000	162,667,000	7,381,000	4.3
Workforce Development Areas (WDA)				
Delta WDA	84,386	80,490	3,896	4.6
Mississippi Partnership WDA	389,745	377,307	12,438	3.2
South Central Mississippi Works WDA	341,942	331,075	10,867	3.2
Twin Districts WDA	441,074	427,704	13,370	3.0
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)				
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	188,130	182,532	5,598	3.0
Hattiesburg MSA	69,053	67,023	2,030	2.9
Jackson MSA	278,594	270,339	8,255	3.0
Planning and Development Districts (PDD)				
Central Mississippi PDD	279,937	271,630	8,307	3.0
East Central PDD	88,839	86,066	2,773	3.1
Golden Triangle PDD	74,168	71,555	2,613	3.5
North Central PDD	40,700	39,017	1,683	4.1
North Delta PDD	138,215	133,477	4,738	3.4
Northeast PDD	57,871	56,032	1,839	3.2
South Delta PDD	38,552	36,810	1,742	4.5
Southern PDD	352,235	341,638	10,597	3.0
Southwest PDD	62,005	59,445	2,560	4.1
Three Rivers PDD	124,625	120,906	3,719	3.0
Community College Districts (CCD)				
Coahoma CCD	6,534	6,127	407	6.2
Copiah-Lincoln CCD	54,944	52,858	2,086	3.8
East Central CCD	47,413	46,059	1,354	2.9
East Mississippi CC	62,322	60,039	2,283	3.7
Gulf Coast CCD	175,138	169,780	5,358	3.1
Hinds CCD	196,299	190,273	6,026	3.1
Holmes CCD	99,877	96,820	3,057	3.1
Itawamba CCD	77,430	74,954	2,476	3.2
Jones CCD	69,502	67,351	2,151	3.1
Meridian CCD	27,976	27,043	933	3.3
Mississippi Delta CCD	46,829	44,617	2,212	4.7
Northeast CCD	53,598	52,072	1,526	2.8
Northwest CCD	188,295	182,239	6,056	3.2
Pearl River CCD	125,389	121,708	3,681	2.9
Southwest CCD	25,601	24,636	965	3.8
Counties				
Adams County	9,691	9,231	460	4.7
Alcorn County	13,919	13,518	401	2.9
Amite County	4,437	4,271	166	3.7
Attala County	7,139	6,908	231	3.2
Benton County	3,195	3,088	107	3.3
Bolivar County	10,388	9,943	445	4.3
Calhoun County	5,233	5,079	154	2.9
Carroll County	3,092	2,982	110	3.6

Labor Force Estimates

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

	Revised July 2026				Revised August 2025			
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Mississippi	1,279,152	1,229,739	49,413	3.9	1,292,687	1,239,767	52,920	4.1
United States	170,235,000	162,800,000	7,435,000	4.4	171,035,000	163,288,000	7,747,000	4.5
Workforce Development Areas (WDA)								
Delta WDA	86,242	81,407	4,835	5.6	87,500	82,828	4,672	5.3
MS Partnership WDA	395,346	380,255	15,091	3.8	400,785	384,495	16,290	4.1
SCMW WDA	347,621	334,207	13,414	3.9	351,513	337,344	14,169	4.0
Twin Districts WDA	449,945	433,867	16,078	3.6	452,887	435,102	17,785	3.9
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)								
Gulport-Biloxi MSA	192,081	185,493	6,588	3.4	192,712	185,392	7,320	3.8
Hattiesburg MSA	70,728	68,199	2,529	3.6	70,996	68,262	2,734	3.9
Jackson MSA	283,558	273,400	10,158	3.6	286,543	275,937	10,606	3.7
Planning and Development Districts (PDD)								
Central Mississippi PDD	284,907	274,716	10,191	3.6	287,672	277,021	10,651	3.7
East Central PDD	90,409	87,043	3,366	3.7	91,627	87,907	3,720	4.1
Golden Triangle PDD	75,364	72,109	3,255	4.3	76,628	73,176	3,452	4.5
North Central PDD	41,291	39,229	2,062	5.0	42,259	40,135	2,124	5.0
North Delta PDD	140,318	134,664	5,654	4.0	142,616	136,849	5,767	4.0
Northeast PDD	58,925	56,722	2,203	3.7	59,665	57,200	2,465	4.1
South Delta PDD	39,453	37,286	2,167	5.5	39,869	37,776	2,093	5.2
Southern PDD	359,536	346,824	12,712	3.5	361,260	347,195	14,065	3.9
Southwest PDD	62,714	59,491	3,223	5.1	63,841	60,323	3,518	5.5
Three Rivers PDD	126,237	121,652	4,585	3.6	127,248	122,187	5,061	4.0
Community College Districts (CCD)								
Coahoma CCD	6,671	6,167	504	7.6	6,893	6,435	458	6.6
Copiah-Lincoln CCD	55,712	53,132	2,580	4.6	56,465	53,698	2,767	4.9
East Central CCD	48,364	46,708	1,656	3.4	48,930	47,017	1,913	3.9
East Mississippi CCD	63,340	60,456	2,884	4.6	64,362	61,398	2,964	4.6
Gulf Coast CCD	178,825	172,461	6,364	3.6	179,437	172,388	7,049	3.9
Hinds CCD	199,776	192,389	7,387	3.7	201,503	193,831	7,672	3.8
Holmes CCD	101,460	97,660	3,800	3.7	102,898	98,875	4,023	3.9
Itawamba CCD	78,876	75,834	3,042	3.9	80,120	76,771	3,349	4.2
Jones CCD	70,838	68,261	2,577	3.6	71,465	68,605	2,860	4.0
Meridian CCD	28,317	27,211	1,106	3.9	28,761	27,561	1,200	4.2
Mississippi Delta CCD	47,990	45,244	2,746	5.7	48,740	46,091	2,649	5.4
Northeast CCD	54,549	52,739	1,810	3.3	55,152	53,055	2,097	3.8
Northwest CCD	190,559	183,282	7,277	3.8	192,617	185,001	7,616	4.0
Pearl River CCD	128,019	123,542	4,477	3.5	128,799	123,869	4,930	3.8
Southwest CCD	25,858	24,650	1,208	4.7	26,543	25,174	1,369	5.2
Counties								
Adams County	9,793	9,238	555	5.7	10,044	9,436	608	6.1
Alcorn County	14,259	13,789	470	3.3	14,242	13,693	549	3.9
Amite County	4,441	4,240	201	4.5	4,539	4,302	237	5.2
Attala County	7,056	6,787	269	3.8	7,240	6,943	297	4.1
Benton County	3,250	3,113	137	4.2	3,337	3,190	147	4.4
Bolivar County	10,606	10,044	562	5.3	10,609	10,078	531	5.0
Calhoun County	5,286	5,114	172	3.3	5,392	5,179	213	4.0
Carroll County	3,142	3,010	132	4.2	3,305	3,146	159	4.8

Labor Force Estimates

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

Area	Preliminary August 2026			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Chickasaw County	5,647	5,410	237	4.2
Choctaw County	3,007	2,903	104	3.5
Claiborne County	2,767	2,568	199	7.2
Clarke County	5,883	5,685	198	3.4
Clay County	8,270	7,935	335	4.1
Coahoma County	6,534	6,127	407	6.2
Copiah County	10,809	10,428	381	3.5
Covington County	7,180	6,931	249	3.5
DeSoto County	96,894	93,812	3,082	3.2
Forrest County	35,335	34,278	1,057	3.0
Franklin County	2,672	2,566	106	4.0
George County	8,891	8,552	339	3.8
Greene County	2,922	2,750	172	5.9
Grenada County	7,971	7,689	282	3.5
Hancock County	21,883	21,304	579	2.6
Harrison County	92,173	89,411	2,762	3.0
Hinds County	95,822	92,526	3,296	3.4
Holmes County	5,232	4,936	296	5.7
Humphreys County	2,463	2,327	136	5.5
Issaquena County	296	272	24	8.1
Itawamba County	10,282	9,971	311	3.0
Jackson County	66,323	64,312	2,011	3.0
Jasper County	6,464	6,233	231	3.6
Jefferson County	2,383	2,166	217	9.1
Jefferson Davis County	5,241	5,071	170	3.2
Jones County	30,214	29,474	740	2.4
Kemper County	3,243	3,107	136	4.2
Lafayette County	29,127	28,367	760	2.6
Lamar County	29,746	28,921	825	2.8
Lauderdale County	27,976	27,043	933	3.3
Lawrence County	4,797	4,642	155	3.2
Leake County	8,655	8,426	229	2.6
Lee County	37,245	36,175	1,070	2.9
Leflore County	8,277	7,807	470	5.7
Lincoln County	14,094	13,636	458	3.2
Lowndes County	24,867	23,974	893	3.6
Madison County	57,410	55,937	1,473	2.6
Marion County	8,762	8,460	302	3.4
Marshall County	13,913	13,378	535	3.8
Monroe County	12,374	11,899	475	3.8
Montgomery County	3,843	3,718	125	3.3
Neshoba County	12,010	11,689	321	2.7
Newton County	7,814	7,556	258	3.3
Noxubee County	4,001	3,828	173	4.3
Oktibbeha County	21,941	21,195	746	3.4
Panola County	11,902	11,438	464	3.9
Pearl River County	24,422	23,674	748	3.1

Labor Force Estimates

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

Area	Revised July 2026				Revised August 2025			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Chickasaw County	5,771	5,499	272	4.7	5,910	5,595	315	5.3
Choctaw County	3,043	2,920	123	4.0	3,137	2,981	156	5.0
Claiborne County	2,801	2,555	246	8.8	2,834	2,553	281	9.9
Clarke County	6,033	5,790	243	4.0	6,140	5,874	266	4.3
Clay County	8,450	8,027	423	5.0	8,362	7,943	419	5.0
Coahoma County	6,671	6,167	504	7.6	6,893	6,435	458	6.6
Copiah County	10,995	10,543	452	4.1	11,146	10,663	483	4.3
Covington County	7,353	7,044	309	4.2	7,419	7,125	294	4.0
DeSoto County	98,325	94,685	3,640	3.7	100,013	96,257	3,756	3.8
Forrest County	36,237	34,878	1,359	3.8	36,326	34,895	1,431	3.9
Franklin County	2,690	2,558	132	4.9	2,754	2,599	155	5.6
George County	9,065	8,618	447	4.9	9,134	8,636	498	5.5
Greene County	2,987	2,779	208	7.0	3,026	2,790	236	7.8
Grenada County	8,114	7,778	336	4.1	8,277	7,911	366	4.4
Hancock County	22,321	21,650	671	3.0	22,409	21,640	769	3.4
Harrison County	94,103	90,867	3,236	3.4	94,386	90,816	3,570	3.8
Hinds County	97,675	93,576	4,099	4.2	98,451	94,385	4,066	4.1
Holmes County	5,391	4,989	402	7.5	5,392	5,038	354	6.6
Humphreys County	2,522	2,357	165	6.5	2,572	2,408	164	6.4
Issaquena County	305	274	31	10.2	308	281	27	8.8
Itawamba County	10,455	10,063	392	3.7	10,646	10,239	407	3.8
Jackson County	67,718	65,349	2,369	3.5	67,944	65,296	2,648	3.9
Jasper County	6,578	6,309	269	4.1	6,650	6,360	290	4.4
Jefferson County	2,429	2,153	276	11.4	2,438	2,186	252	10.3
Jefferson Davis County	5,291	5,088	203	3.8	5,420	5,204	216	4.0
Jones County	30,734	29,852	882	2.9	30,796	29,765	1,031	3.3
Kemper County	3,297	3,110	187	5.7	3,292	3,118	174	5.3
Lafayette County	29,054	28,073	981	3.4	28,511	27,462	1,049	3.7
Lamar County	30,424	29,433	991	3.3	30,554	29,452	1,102	3.6
Lauderdale County	28,317	27,211	1,106	3.9	28,761	27,561	1,200	4.2
Lawrence County	4,887	4,693	194	4.0	4,869	4,639	230	4.7
Leake County	8,833	8,554	279	3.2	8,973	8,641	332	3.7
Lee County	37,967	36,669	1,298	3.4	38,295	36,854	1,441	3.8
Leflore County	8,537	7,958	579	6.8	8,871	8,315	556	6.3
Lincoln County	14,256	13,644	612	4.3	14,359	13,736	623	4.3
Lowndes County	25,401	24,318	1,083	4.3	25,867	24,756	1,111	4.3
Madison County	58,411	56,579	1,832	3.1	59,017	57,064	1,953	3.3
Marion County	8,889	8,520	369	4.2	9,041	8,633	408	4.5
Marshall County	14,147	13,501	646	4.6	14,401	13,730	671	4.7
Monroe County	12,566	11,954	612	4.9	12,937	12,264	673	5.2
Montgomery County	3,876	3,723	153	3.9	3,921	3,756	165	4.2
Neshoba County	12,331	11,931	400	3.2	12,279	11,802	477	3.9
Newton County	7,942	7,627	315	4.0	8,151	7,813	338	4.1
Noxubee County	4,068	3,858	210	5.2	4,227	3,997	230	5.4
Oktibbeha County	22,124	21,143	981	4.4	22,614	21,584	1,030	4.6
Panola County	12,087	11,534	553	4.6	12,204	11,609	595	4.9
Pearl River County	24,857	23,973	884	3.6	25,049	24,045	1,004	4.0

Labor Force Estimates

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

Area	Preliminary August 2026			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Perry County	3,972	3,824	148	3.7
Pike County	13,875	13,346	529	3.8
Pontotoc County	11,882	11,499	383	3.2
Prentiss County	9,773	9,467	306	3.1
Quitman County	2,030	1,952	78	3.8
Rankin County	79,788	77,908	1,880	2.4
Scott County	11,347	11,044	303	2.7
Sharkey County	1,287	1,225	62	4.8
Simpson County	10,498	10,189	309	2.9
Smith County	5,447	5,283	164	3.0
Stone County	7,751	7,505	246	3.2
Sunflower County	8,612	8,246	366	4.2
Tallahatchie County	5,121	4,976	145	2.8
Tate County	12,088	11,710	378	3.1
Tippah County	9,504	9,249	255	2.7
Tishomingo County	7,567	7,332	235	3.1
Tunica County	3,646	3,462	184	5.0
Union County	12,835	12,506	329	2.6
Walthall County	4,826	4,660	166	3.4
Warren County	17,922	17,271	651	3.6
Washington County	15,506	14,797	709	4.6
Wayne County	7,420	7,171	249	3.4
Webster County	4,495	4,376	119	2.6
Wilkinson County	2,463	2,359	104	4.2
Winston County	7,587	7,344	243	3.2
Yalobusha County	5,146	4,977	169	3.3
Yazoo County	7,688	7,371	317	4.1
Cities				
City of Biloxi	20,831	20,197	634	3.0
City of Brandon	12,171	11,870	301	2.5
City of Clinton	12,624	12,285	339	2.7
City of Columbus	9,531	9,140	391	4.1
City of Greenville	9,686	9,188	498	5.1
City of Gulfport	31,231	30,247	984	3.2
City of Hattiesburg	22,650	21,954	696	3.1
City of Horn Lake	12,643	12,198	445	3.5
City of Jackson	62,984	60,655	2,329	3.7
City of Madison	13,888	13,563	325	2.3
City of Meridian	13,010	12,564	446	3.4
City of Moss Point	4,507	4,317	190	4.2
City of Olive Branch	24,634	23,923	711	2.9
City of Oxford	14,048	13,716	332	2.4
City of Pascagoula	8,493	8,172	321	3.8
City of Pearl	15,468	15,126	342	2.2
City of Southaven	28,268	27,320	948	3.4
City of Starkville	12,033	11,703	330	2.7
City of Tupelo	17,264	16,758	506	2.9
City of Vicksburg	7,908	7,589	319	4.0

Labor Force Estimates

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

Area	Revised July 2026				Revised August 2025			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Perry County	4,067	3,888	179	4.4	4,116	3,915	201	4.9
Pike County	14,089	13,427	662	4.7	14,299	13,574	725	5.1
Pontotoc County	12,117	11,649	468	3.9	12,332	11,819	513	4.2
Prentiss County	9,955	9,591	364	3.7	10,094	9,681	413	4.1
Quitman County	2,062	1,961	101	4.9	2,082	1,984	98	4.7
Rankin County	81,017	78,783	2,234	2.8	81,967	79,466	2,501	3.1
Scott County	11,543	11,170	373	3.2	11,730	11,305	425	3.6
Sharkey County	1,335	1,259	76	5.7	1,362	1,285	77	5.7
Simpson County	10,662	10,303	359	3.4	10,855	10,439	416	3.8
Smith County	5,535	5,341	194	3.5	5,651	5,433	218	3.9
Stone County	7,939	7,627	312	3.9	7,973	7,640	333	4.2
Sunflower County	8,757	8,310	447	5.1	8,832	8,404	428	4.8
Tallahatchie County	5,185	5,012	173	3.3	5,122	4,943	179	3.5
Tate County	12,274	11,815	459	3.7	12,540	12,039	501	4.0
Tippah County	9,656	9,344	312	3.2	9,886	9,518	368	3.7
Tishomingo County	7,658	7,384	274	3.6	7,705	7,388	317	4.1
Tunica County	3,714	3,490	224	6.0	3,762	3,582	180	4.8
Union County	13,021	12,631	390	3.0	13,225	12,775	450	3.4
Walthall County	4,863	4,653	210	4.3	5,134	4,888	246	4.8
Warren County	18,283	17,475	808	4.4	18,251	17,427	824	4.5
Washington County	15,928	15,042	886	5.6	16,186	15,320	866	5.4
Wayne County	7,551	7,258	293	3.9	7,667	7,343	324	4.2
Webster County	4,563	4,417	146	3.2	4,624	4,459	165	3.6
Wilkinson County	2,465	2,330	135	5.5	2,571	2,410	161	6.3
Winston County	7,715	7,426	289	3.7	7,797	7,456	341	4.4
Yalobusha County	5,175	4,984	191	3.7	5,253	5,026	227	4.3
Yazoo County	7,864	7,457	407	5.2	7,985	7,577	408	5.1
Cities								
City of Biloxi	21,273	20,526	747	3.5	21,310	20,515	795	3.7
City of Brandon	12,352	12,003	349	2.8	12,506	12,107	399	3.2
City of Clinton	12,835	12,424	411	3.2	12,961	12,531	430	3.3
City of Columbus	9,745	9,271	474	4.9	9,902	9,438	464	4.7
City of Greenville	9,955	9,340	615	6.2	10,075	9,513	562	5.6
City of Gulfport	31,869	30,739	1,130	3.5	31,970	30,722	1,248	3.9
City of Hattiesburg	23,208	22,339	869	3.7	23,286	22,350	936	4.0
City of Horn Lake	12,890	12,312	578	4.5	13,046	12,516	530	4.1
City of Jackson	64,187	61,343	2,844	4.4	64,685	61,873	2,812	4.3
City of Madison	14,079	13,718	361	2.6	14,245	13,836	409	2.9
City of Meridian	13,185	12,642	543	4.1	13,386	12,804	582	4.3
City of Moss Point	4,609	4,387	222	4.8	4,632	4,383	249	5.4
City of Olive Branch	24,961	24,146	815	3.3	25,399	24,546	853	3.4
City of Oxford	13,968	13,574	394	2.8	13,724	13,279	445	3.2
City of Pascagoula	8,691	8,304	387	4.5	8,674	8,297	377	4.3
City of Pearl	15,707	15,296	411	2.6	15,882	15,429	453	2.9
City of Southaven	28,676	27,574	1,102	3.8	29,100	28,032	1,068	3.7
City of Starkville	12,075	11,674	401	3.3	12,386	11,917	469	3.8
City of Tupelo	17,612	16,987	625	3.5	17,748	17,072	676	3.8
City of Vicksburg	8,072	7,679	393	4.9	8,054	7,657	397	4.9

Five Year Unemployment Rate Comparison

As of August 2026

Area	Aug-2026	Aug-2025	Aug-2024	Aug-2023	Aug-2022	Aug-2021
Mississippi	3.2	4.1	3.6	3.6	4.0	5.5
United States	4.3	4.5	4.4	3.9	3.8	5.3
Workforce Development Areas (WDA)						
Delta WDA	4.6	5.3	4.9	4.7	5.2	7.4
Mississippi Partnership WDA	3.2	4.1	3.6	3.5	3.8	5.1
South Central Mississippi Works WDA	3.2	4.0	3.5	3.6	4.0	5.6
Twin Districts WDA	3.0	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.9	5.4
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)						
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA	3.0	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.8	5.2
Hattiesburg MSA	2.9	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.6	5.1
Jackson MSA	3.0	3.7	3.2	3.3	3.6	5.2
Planning and Development Districts (PDD)						
Central Mississippi PDD	3.0	3.7	3.2	3.2	3.6	5.2
East Central PDD	3.1	4.1	3.6	3.6	4.1	5.5
Golden Triangle PDD	3.5	4.5	4.0	3.8	4.4	6.2
North Central PDD	4.1	5.0	4.4	4.4	4.6	6.4
North Delta PDD	3.4	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.7	5.2
Northeast PDD	3.2	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.8	5.2
South Delta PDD	4.5	5.2	4.8	4.6	5.3	7.3
Southern PDD	3.0	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.9	5.4
Southwest PDD	4.1	5.5	4.9	5.0	5.5	7.6
Three Rivers PDD	3.0	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.9	5.0
Community College Districts (CCD)						
Coahoma CCD	6.2	6.6	6.1	5.3	5.8	8.4
Copiah-Lincoln CCD	3.8	4.9	4.4	4.5	4.9	6.7
East Central CCD	2.9	3.9	3.5	3.6	4.0	5.5
East Mississippi CCD	3.7	4.6	4.1	3.9	4.5	6.4
Gulf Coast CCD	3.1	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.9	5.4
Hinds CCD	3.1	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.7	5.3
Holmes CCD	3.1	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.7	5.3
Itawamba CCD	3.2	4.2	3.7	3.6	4.0	5.0
Jones CCD	3.1	4.0	3.6	3.6	4.3	5.9
Meridian CCD	3.3	4.2	3.5	3.6	4.0	5.3
Mississippi CCD	4.7	5.4	4.9	4.7	5.3	7.2
Northeast CCD	2.8	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.7	4.9
Northwest CCD	3.2	4.0	3.5	3.4	3.7	5.1
Pearl River CCD	2.9	3.8	3.4	3.4	3.7	5.3
Southwest CCD	3.8	5.2	4.6	4.8	5.2	7.7
Counties						
Adams County	4.7	6.1	5.3	5.1	5.4	8.2
Alcorn County	2.9	3.9	3.3	3.4	3.8	5.1
Amite County	3.7	5.2	4.4	4.9	5.6	7.9
Attala County	3.2	4.1	3.9	3.8	4.1	5.7
Benton County	3.3	4.4	3.4	3.5	4.2	5.3
Bolivar County	4.3	5.0	4.3	4.3	5.2	7.2
Calhoun County	2.9	4.0	3.4	3.4	4.0	4.7
Carroll County	3.6	4.8	3.7	3.8	4.2	5.5

Five Year Unemployment Rate Comparison

As of August 2026

Area	Aug-2026	Aug-2025	Aug-2024	Aug-2023	Aug-2022	Aug-2021
Chickasaw County	4.2	5.3	4.8	4.5	5.2	6.4
Choctaw County	3.5	5.0	4.3	3.7	4.1	5.7
Claiborne County	7.2	9.9	8.4	8.9	9.2	11.6
Clarke County	3.4	4.3	3.8	3.8	4.4	5.9
Clay County	4.1	5.0	4.4	3.9	4.3	6.9
Coahoma County	6.2	6.6	6.1	5.3	5.8	8.4
Copiah County	3.5	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.4	6.6
Covington County	3.5	4.0	3.3	3.3	4.0	5.5
DeSoto County	3.2	3.8	3.3	3.1	3.2	4.4
Forrest County	3.0	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.7	5.4
Franklin County	4.0	5.6	4.6	4.6	5.1	6.8
George County	3.8	5.5	4.8	4.9	5.6	7.6
Greene County	5.9	7.8	6.2	6.6	9.2	11.6
Grenada County	3.5	4.4	3.9	4.0	4.1	5.3
Hancock County	2.6	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.5	5.0
Harrison County	3.0	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.8	5.2
Hinds County	3.4	4.1	3.6	3.6	4.1	6.1
Holmes County	5.7	6.6	5.8	5.8	6.0	9.7
Humphreys County	5.5	6.4	5.8	5.5	6.2	8.9
Issaquena County	8.1	8.8	6.9	7.0	7.2	8.3
Itawamba County	3.0	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.5	4.6
Jackson County	3.0	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.9	5.3
Jasper County	3.6	4.4	3.7	3.8	4.6	6.4
Jefferson County	9.1	10.3	10.2	11.0	12.7	13.1
Jefferson Davis County	3.2	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2	6.4
Jones County	2.4	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.6	5.0
Kemper County	4.2	5.3	4.5	4.7	5.6	7.6
Lafayette County	2.6	3.7	3.5	3.2	3.9	5.0
Lamar County	2.8	3.6	3.2	3.1	3.3	4.6
Lauderdale County	3.3	4.2	3.5	3.6	4.0	5.3
Lawrence County	3.2	4.7	4.1	4.2	4.8	7.0
Leake County	2.6	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.9	5.4
Lee County	2.9	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.6	4.8
Leflore County	5.7	6.3	5.3	5.1	5.3	7.0
Lincoln County	3.2	4.3	3.7	4.1	4.2	5.5
Lowndes County	3.6	4.3	3.7	3.7	4.3	6.1
Madison County	2.6	3.3	2.9	2.9	3.2	4.3
Marion County	3.4	4.5	3.9	4.2	4.5	6.1
Marshall County	3.8	4.7	4.0	3.9	3.9	5.7
Monroe County	3.8	5.2	4.5	4.6	4.8	5.8
Montgomery County	3.3	4.2	3.7	3.8	4.3	5.9
Neshoba County	2.7	3.9	3.6	3.6	4.0	5.4
Newton County	3.3	4.1	3.7	3.9	4.1	5.7
Noxubee County	4.3	5.4	4.5	4.6	5.1	7.3
Oktibbeha County	3.4	4.6	4.3	3.8	4.5	6.1
Panola County	3.9	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.8	7.0
Pearl River County	3.1	4.0	3.5	3.6	4.0	5.9
Perry County	3.7	4.9	4.4	4.6	5.0	7.0

Five Year Unemployment Rate Comparison

As of August 2026

Area	Aug-2026	Aug-2025	Aug-2024	Aug-2023	Aug-2022	Aug-2021
Pike County	3.8	5.1	4.6	4.5	5.1	7.3
Pontotoc County	3.2	4.2	3.6	3.6	4.3	4.8
Prentiss County	3.1	4.1	3.6	3.4	3.8	4.9
Quitman County	3.8	4.7	4.9	4.6	5.7	7.9
Rankin County	2.4	3.1	2.6	2.7	3.0	3.9
Scott County	2.7	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.6	5.1
Sharkey County	4.8	5.7	4.5	4.7	5.0	7.3
Simpson County	2.9	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.8	5.3
Smith County	3.0	3.9	3.6	3.4	4.0	5.4
Stone County	3.2	4.2	3.7	3.6	4.1	5.5
Sunflower County	4.2	4.8	4.6	4.2	5.1	7.2
Tallahatchie County	2.8	3.5	3.6	3.6	4.6	6.6
Tate County	3.1	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.7	5.3
Tippah County	2.7	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.7	4.8
Tishomingo County	3.1	4.1	4.2	3.8	3.8	5.3
Tunica County	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.1	4.7	8.3
Union County	2.6	3.4	2.9	2.9	3.3	4.4
Walthall County	3.4	4.8	4.3	4.5	4.6	6.5
Warren County	3.6	4.5	3.7	3.8	4.2	6.0
Washington County	4.6	5.4	5.0	4.9	5.3	7.1
Wayne County	3.4	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.8	6.3
Webster County	2.6	3.6	3.4	3.1	3.6	5.0
Wilkinson County	4.2	6.3	5.8	6.2	6.6	11.3
Winston County	3.2	4.4	3.8	3.9	4.5	6.1
Yalobusha County	3.3	4.3	3.8	3.9	4.2	5.1
Yazoo County	4.1	5.1	4.4	4.2	4.8	7.6
Cities						
City of Biloxi	3.0	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.7	4.9
City of Brandon	2.5	3.2	2.7	2.8	3.0	4.0
City of Clinton	2.7	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.2	4.6
City of Columbus	4.1	4.7	4.0	4.2	4.8	5.9
City of Greenville	5.1	5.6	5.1	5.1	5.5	7.1
City of Gulfport	3.2	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.9	5.1
City of Hattiesburg	3.1	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.7	5.0
City of Horn Lake	3.5	4.1	3.5	3.5	3.7	4.3
City of Jackson	3.7	4.3	3.7	3.7	4.1	6.1
City of Madison	2.3	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.8	3.7
City of Meridian	3.4	4.3	3.7	3.7	4.2	5.5
City of Moss Point	4.2	5.4	4.6	4.6	5.2	6.7
City of Olive Branch	2.9	3.4	2.9	2.7	2.9	3.4
City of Oxford	2.4	3.2	2.9	3.0	3.3	4.4
City of Pascagoula	3.8	4.3	3.7	3.8	4.6	6.4
City of Pearl	2.2	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.7	3.6
City of Southaven	3.4	3.7	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.9
City of Starkville	2.7	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.7	4.9
City of Tupelo	2.9	3.8	3.2	3.3	3.5	4.6
City of Vicksburg	4.0	4.9	4.2	4.2	4.7	6.5

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

For Metropolitan Statistical Areas and Workforce Development Areas

August 2026	Regular Unemployment Insurance			Benefits Paid All Programs
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Benefits Paid	
Gulfport-Biloxi Metropolitan Statistical Area	482	3,268	\$524,601	\$528,541
Hattiesburg Metropolitan Statistical Area	155	1,319	\$214,663	\$91,807
Jackson Metropolitan Statistical Area	777	6,662	\$1,111,540	\$1,067,133
Delta Workforce Development Area	458	4,666	\$779,180	\$587,047
Mississippi Partnership Workforce Development Area	966	8,615	\$1,421,540	\$1,009,756
South Central MS Works Workforce Development Area	978	8,210	\$1,378,847	\$1,302,853
Twin Districts Workforce Development Area	1,039	7,704	\$1,235,459	\$1,035,930

July 2026	Regular Unemployment Insurance			Benefits Paid All Programs
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Benefits Paid	
Gulfport-Biloxi Metropolitan Statistical Area	505	3,326	\$577,303	\$581,768
Hattiesburg Metropolitan Statistical Area	203	1,522	\$259,068	\$259,538
Jackson Metropolitan Statistical Area	928	7,432	\$1,277,720	\$1,287,653
Delta Workforce Development Area	563	5,273	\$934,828	\$963,626
Mississippi Partnership Workforce Development Area	1,087	9,059	\$1,605,396	\$1,619,266
South Central MS Works Workforce Development Area	1,129	9,100	\$1,566,782	\$1,582,721
Twin Districts Workforce Development Area	1,165	8,501	\$1,481,342	\$1,488,882

August 2025	Regular Unemployment Insurance			Benefits Paid All Programs
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Benefits Paid	
Gulfport-Biloxi Metropolitan Statistical Area	439	3,133	\$505,082	\$515,440
Hattiesburg Metropolitan Statistical Area	146	1,166	\$176,349	\$178,699
Jackson Metropolitan Statistical Area	757	6,159	\$960,063	\$971,813
Delta Workforce Development Area	476	4,029	\$621,295	\$630,314
Mississippi Partnership Workforce Development Area	1,355	9,542	\$1,486,551	\$1,492,281
South Central MS Works Workforce Development Area	919	8,144	\$1,284,389	\$1,305,113
Twin Districts Workforce Development Area	1,037	7,545	\$1,182,642	\$1,200,070

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Unemployment Insurance Statistics

County Data - Claims

	August 2026		July 2026		August 2025	
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims
Adams County	37	313	41	334	24	294
Alcorn County	46	264	32	256	25	219
Amite County	7	72	9	101	6	95
Attala County	22	138	20	160	20	147
Benton County	7	67	11	89	16	94
Bolivar County	52	615	71	822	39	527
Calhoun County	18	90	18	119	45	139
Carroll County	13	67	12	61	10	95
Chickasaw County	30	328	46	280	53	289
Choctaw County	5	70	14	82	13	103
Claiborne County	17	184	17	191	18	354
Clarke County	18	134	18	178	23	151
Clay County	37	446	70	450	62	497
Coahoma County	42	586	68	646	56	412
Copiah County	40	326	36	305	30	225
Covington County	20	213	29	200	16	133
DeSoto County	165	1,500	172	1,346	140	1,267
Forrest County	85	796	117	937	87	660
Franklin County	11	59	7	55	4	64
George County	21	146	22	198	23	122
Greene County	11	64	13	69	10	44
Grenada County	19	231	24	232	46	251
Hancock County	36	284	37	256	26	217
Harrison County	260	1,654	278	1,762	238	1,608
Hinds County	363	3,230	462	3,584	371	2,990
Holmes County	28	343	65	520	38	341
Humphreys County	10	125	23	174	21	109
Issaquena County	0	12	0	13	1	21
Itawamba County	20	210	23	206	14	227
Jackson County	172	1,214	171	1,121	162	1,168
Jasper County	11	109	15	181	15	123
Jefferson County	9	155	21	188	16	213
Jefferson Davis County	17	168	14	162	13	171
Jones County	60	348	59	327	44	337
Kemper County	13	116	16	176	19	129
Lafayette County	24	359	55	405	44	400
Lamar County	62	474	78	512	46	430
Lauderdale County	78	726	96	816	108	735
Lawrence County	18	121	13	105	12	127
Leake County	17	110	14	144	19	111
Lee County	127	933	118	975	139	1,124

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

County Data - Claims

	August 2026		July 2026		August 2025	
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims
Leflore County	76	651	66	635	51	500
Lincoln County	29	213	39	245	31	241
Lowndes County	82	876	89	916	85	834
Madison County	132	1,104	138	1,357	109	1,085
Marion County	19	147	27	186	19	183
Marshall County	40	408	52	417	42	322
Monroe County	41	480	56	655	53	749
Montgomery County	13	88	11	103	18	124
Neshoba County	16	112	23	163	27	231
Newton County	17	124	15	161	17	154
Noxubee County	15	187	17	219	18	255
Oktibbeha County	43	480	72	583	42	630
Panola County	48	384	47	433	55	366
Pearl River County	38	248	32	230	26	286
Perry County	8	49	8	73	13	76
Pike County	44	297	56	408	49	364
Pontotoc County	30	220	35	219	142	293
Prentiss County	29	183	28	201	17	263
Quitman County	12	83	23	96	11	76
Rankin County	134	1,040	138	944	128	936
Scott County	26	156	28	211	34	165
Sharkey County	5	58	1	69	3	65
Simpson County	27	130	20	140	13	132
Smith County	6	69	9	86	12	74
Stone County	14	116	19	187	13	140
Sunflower County	52	427	57	412	50	338
Tallahatchie County	15	103	10	154	49	161
Tate County	20	191	16	222	32	233
Tippah County	33	162	21	192	57	180
Tishomingo County	22	81	17	91	12	133
Tunica County	15	210	22	231	21	125
Union County	26	202	21	189	144	242
Walthall County	11	66	16	126	10	115
Warren County	65	486	66	534	57	540
Washington County	90	1,002	98	1,007	71	893
Wayne County	14	127	27	165	27	97
Webster County	8	61	11	86	8	80
Wilkinson County	7	81	9	112	7	84
Winston County	23	208	26	238	29	294
Yalobusha County	21	152	12	128	39	153
Yazoo County	27	333	41	371	34	285

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

County Data - Benefits Paid

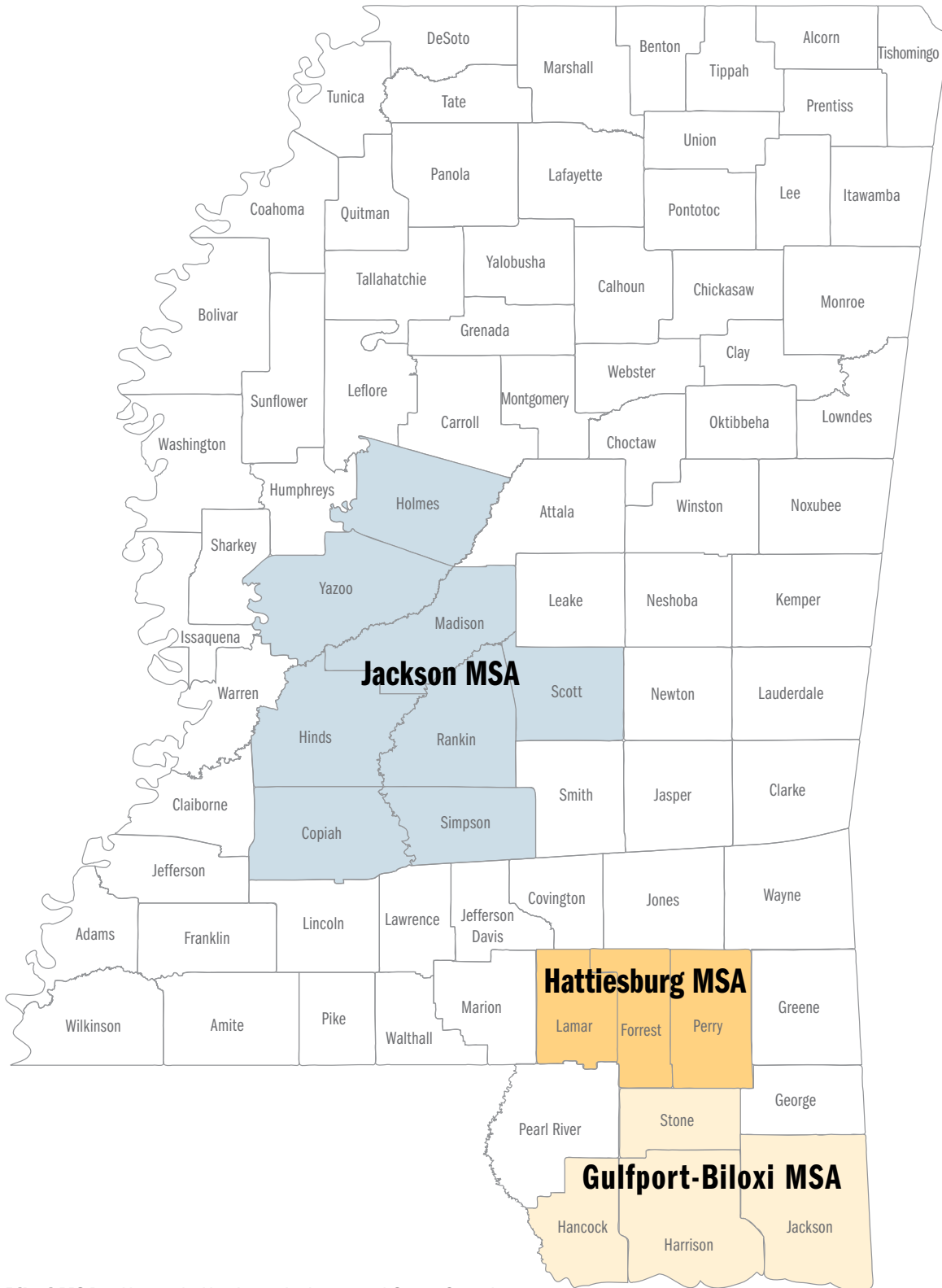
	August 2026		July 2026		August 2025	
	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs
Adams County	\$51,381	\$51,381	\$51,722	\$51,722	\$47,854	\$49,029
Alcorn County	\$35,149	\$35,149	\$47,094	\$47,206	\$31,397	\$31,397
Amite County	\$12,352	\$12,352	\$18,251	\$18,251	\$16,991	\$16,991
Attala County	\$16,318	\$16,318	\$23,913	\$23,913	\$19,956	\$19,956
Benton County	\$9,064	\$0	\$17,124	\$17,124	\$12,670	\$12,670
Bolivar County	\$102,403	\$1,631	\$147,013	\$148,413	\$88,417	\$89,122
Calhoun County	\$13,664	\$0	\$20,959	\$20,959	\$21,674	\$21,674
Carroll County	\$9,270	\$0	\$10,373	\$10,373	\$16,543	\$16,543
Chickasaw County	\$53,359	\$0	\$45,347	\$45,347	\$50,079	\$50,079
Choctaw County	\$8,949	\$0	\$12,649	\$12,649	\$15,897	\$15,897
Claiborne County	\$32,553	\$470	\$36,340	\$37,985	\$55,973	\$57,853
Clarke County	\$26,318	\$0	\$32,306	\$32,306	\$20,682	\$20,682
Clay County	\$73,732	\$0	\$77,267	\$77,267	\$78,385	\$79,325
Coahoma County	\$99,698	\$224	\$117,688	\$118,136	\$60,507	\$60,507
Copiah County	\$52,776	\$0	\$56,683	\$56,683	\$36,163	\$36,163
Covington County	\$37,989	\$0	\$35,003	\$35,003	\$19,302	\$19,302
DeSoto County	\$261,247	\$3,995	\$243,939	\$247,065	\$200,759	\$200,759
Forrest County	\$122,856	\$0	\$160,852	\$160,852	\$103,070	\$104,010
Franklin County	\$9,199	\$0	\$10,731	\$10,731	\$12,121	\$12,121
George County	\$22,555	\$0	\$37,496	\$37,496	\$16,450	\$16,450
Greene County	\$7,283	\$7,283	\$11,443	\$11,443	\$6,440	\$6,440
Grenada County	\$38,204	\$38,204	\$39,866	\$41,770	\$40,040	\$40,040
Hancock County	\$46,661	\$46,661	\$47,409	\$47,409	\$38,318	\$39,258
Harrison County	\$264,592	\$267,357	\$291,180	\$293,295	\$248,342	\$255,410
Hinds County	\$528,289	\$535,718	\$601,843	\$608,139	\$459,550	\$468,245
Holmes County	\$58,127	\$58,127	\$93,549	\$95,899	\$51,570	\$51,570
Humphreys County	\$24,181	\$24,405	\$30,464	\$34,091	\$16,986	\$17,926
Issaquena County	\$2,373	\$7,073	\$3,290	\$7,520	\$3,995	\$4,935
Itawamba County	\$39,251	\$39,251	\$39,887	\$39,887	\$39,837	\$39,837
Jackson County	\$193,378	\$194,553	\$203,107	\$205,457	\$193,392	\$195,742
Jasper County	\$20,144	\$20,144	\$33,142	\$33,142	\$17,743	\$17,743
Jefferson County	\$27,713	\$29,593	\$32,262	\$34,239	\$36,401	\$38,281
Jefferson Davis County	\$27,663	\$27,663	\$33,290	\$33,290	\$29,827	\$30,767
Jones County	\$48,799	\$48,799	\$59,004	\$59,004	\$55,645	\$55,645
Kemper County	\$19,679	\$19,679	\$33,160	\$33,160	\$17,088	\$17,793
Lafayette County	\$63,098	\$63,098	\$78,343	\$78,844	\$62,870	\$63,810
Lamar County	\$81,353	\$81,353	\$85,674	\$86,144	\$61,241	\$62,651
Lauderdale County	\$110,002	\$112,180	\$136,957	\$137,917	\$109,550	\$110,529
Lawrence County	\$20,662	\$20,662	\$20,099	\$20,099	\$20,098	\$20,803
Leake County	\$19,995	\$19,995	\$26,499	\$26,499	\$15,465	\$15,465
Lee County	\$156,719	\$157,189	\$172,747	\$173,922	\$176,434	\$177,374

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

County Data - Benefits Paid

	August 2026		July 2026		August 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	\$98,968	\$99,628	\$99,533	\$101,793	\$77,682	\$78,578
Lincoln County	\$34,330	\$36,680	\$38,900	\$38,900	\$36,943	\$36,943
Lowndes County	\$150,667	\$151,842	\$160,332	\$161,272	\$127,385	\$128,560
Madison County	\$189,707	\$189,707	\$238,433	\$238,433	\$177,603	\$179,718
Marion County	\$24,286	\$25,461	\$31,099	\$31,804	\$31,238	\$31,686
Marshall County	\$68,687	\$68,687	\$76,583	\$77,031	\$47,609	\$47,609
Monroe County	\$85,002	\$85,002	\$116,853	\$116,853	\$120,064	\$120,064
Montgomery County	\$13,576	\$14,052	\$16,840	\$17,288	\$18,725	\$18,725
Neshoba County	\$18,491	\$18,491	\$29,793	\$29,793	\$43,076	\$43,076
Newton County	\$20,864	\$20,864	\$26,188	\$26,188	\$24,405	\$24,405
Noxubee County	\$32,988	\$32,988	\$39,285	\$39,285	\$42,652	\$42,652
Oktibbeha County	\$77,136	\$77,136	\$96,080	\$96,080	\$93,900	\$94,695
Panola County	\$64,235	\$65,152	\$71,185	\$71,185	\$57,716	\$57,716
Pearl River County	\$40,225	\$41,553	\$42,411	\$43,351	\$48,948	\$49,656
Perry County	\$10,454	\$10,454	\$12,542	\$12,542	\$12,038	\$12,038
Pike County	\$50,871	\$50,871	\$70,511	\$70,511	\$56,911	\$57,851
Pontotoc County	\$33,049	\$33,049	\$42,550	\$42,550	\$43,418	\$43,418
Prentiss County	\$25,595	\$25,595	\$37,576	\$37,576	\$43,988	\$43,988
Quitman County	\$11,483	\$12,603	\$17,065	\$17,407	\$11,746	\$11,746
Rankin County	\$187,700	\$188,640	\$171,566	\$172,741	\$153,145	\$154,085
Scott County	\$19,011	\$19,011	\$33,337	\$33,337	\$20,461	\$20,461
Sharkey County	\$10,235	\$13,760	\$13,162	\$15,982	\$13,458	\$15,338
Simpson County	\$23,655	\$23,655	\$22,241	\$22,241	\$17,688	\$17,688
Smith County	\$11,202	\$11,202	\$14,478	\$14,478	\$11,445	\$11,445
Stone County	\$19,970	\$19,970	\$35,607	\$35,607	\$25,030	\$25,030
Sunflower County	\$68,091	\$68,091	\$76,469	\$77,773	\$46,371	\$46,371
Tallahatchie County	\$20,061	\$20,061	\$28,865	\$28,865	\$18,003	\$18,003
Tate County	\$35,164	\$35,164	\$36,460	\$36,460	\$31,559	\$31,559
Tippah County	\$25,515	\$25,985	\$37,147	\$38,087	\$29,947	\$29,947
Tishomingo County	\$10,386	\$10,386	\$13,966	\$14,671	\$21,719	\$21,719
Tunica County	\$34,945	\$34,945	\$41,655	\$41,767	\$15,766	\$15,766
Union County	\$32,733	\$33,908	\$35,678	\$36,618	\$35,297	\$35,297
Walthall County	\$9,889	\$10,594	\$20,005	\$21,180	\$16,454	\$17,673
Warren County	\$80,264	\$85,024	\$95,591	\$99,150	\$85,127	\$86,302
Washington County	\$175,110	\$181,347	\$184,517	\$194,422	\$142,535	\$146,193
Wayne County	\$21,689	\$23,257	\$29,365	\$29,365	\$13,446	\$14,386
Webster County	\$8,214	\$8,214	\$14,521	\$14,521	\$14,819	\$14,819
Wilkinson County	\$15,231	\$15,231	\$21,536	\$21,536	\$11,484	\$11,484
Winston County	\$29,718	\$29,718	\$39,367	\$39,367	\$44,685	\$44,685
Yalobusha County	\$24,356	\$24,826	\$23,023	\$25,654	\$20,786	\$21,726
Yazoo County	\$52,275	\$52,275	\$60,068	\$60,180	\$43,883	\$43,883

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)

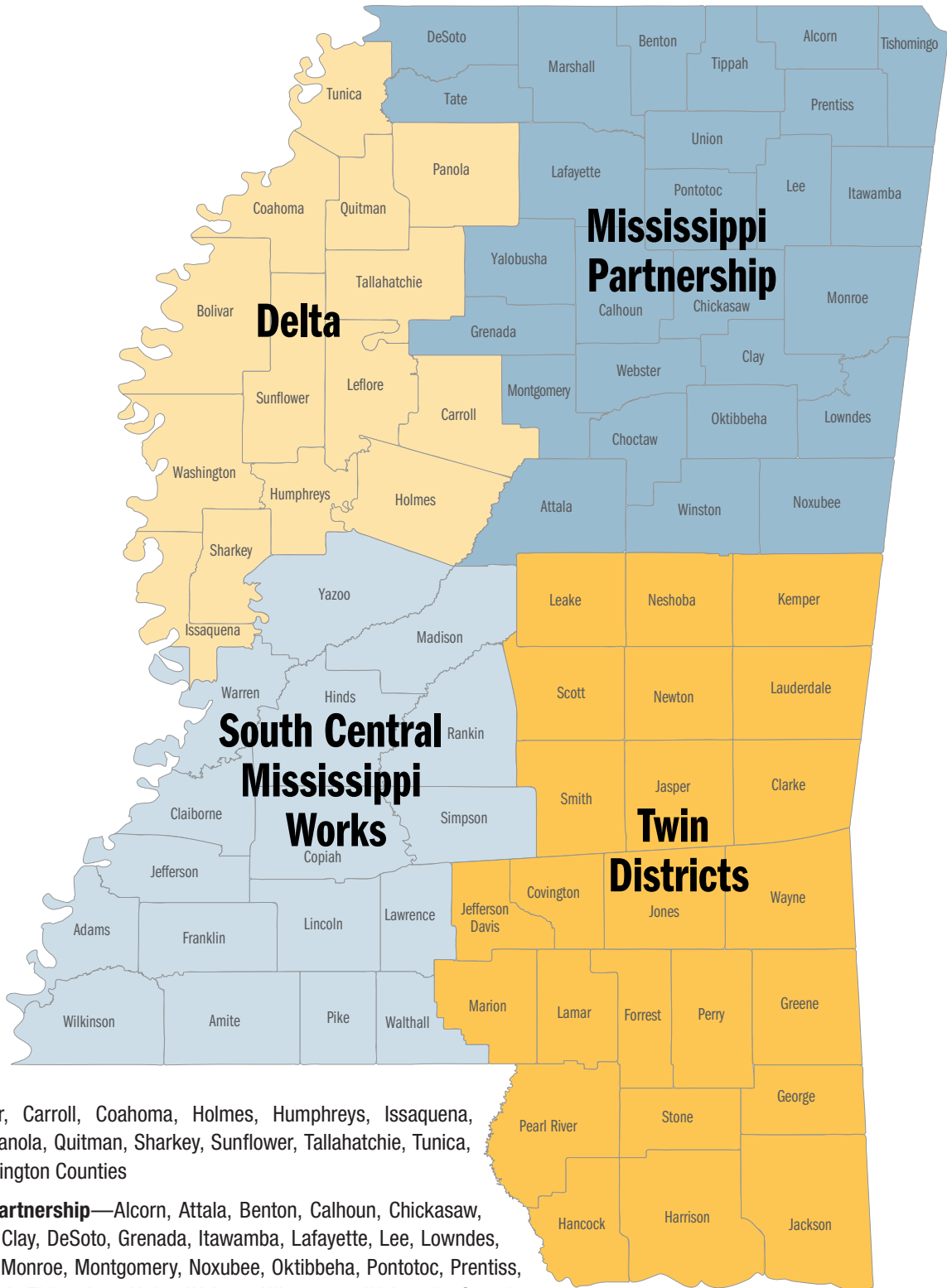


Gulfport-Biloxi MSA—Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, and Stone Counties

Hattiesburg MSA—Forrest, Lamar, and Perry Counties

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

Workforce Development Areas (WDAs)



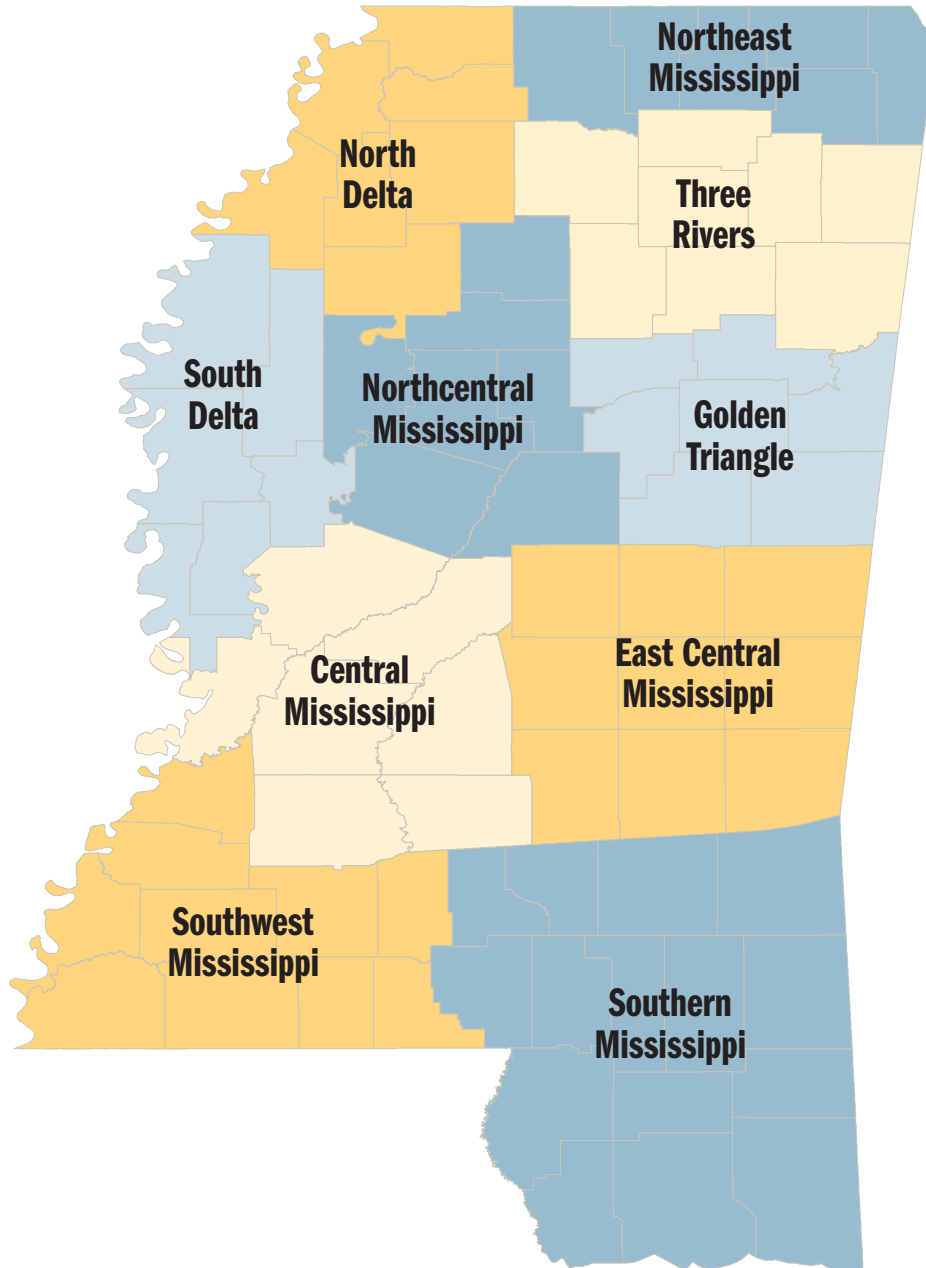
Delta—Bolivar, Carroll, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tunica, and Washington Counties

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

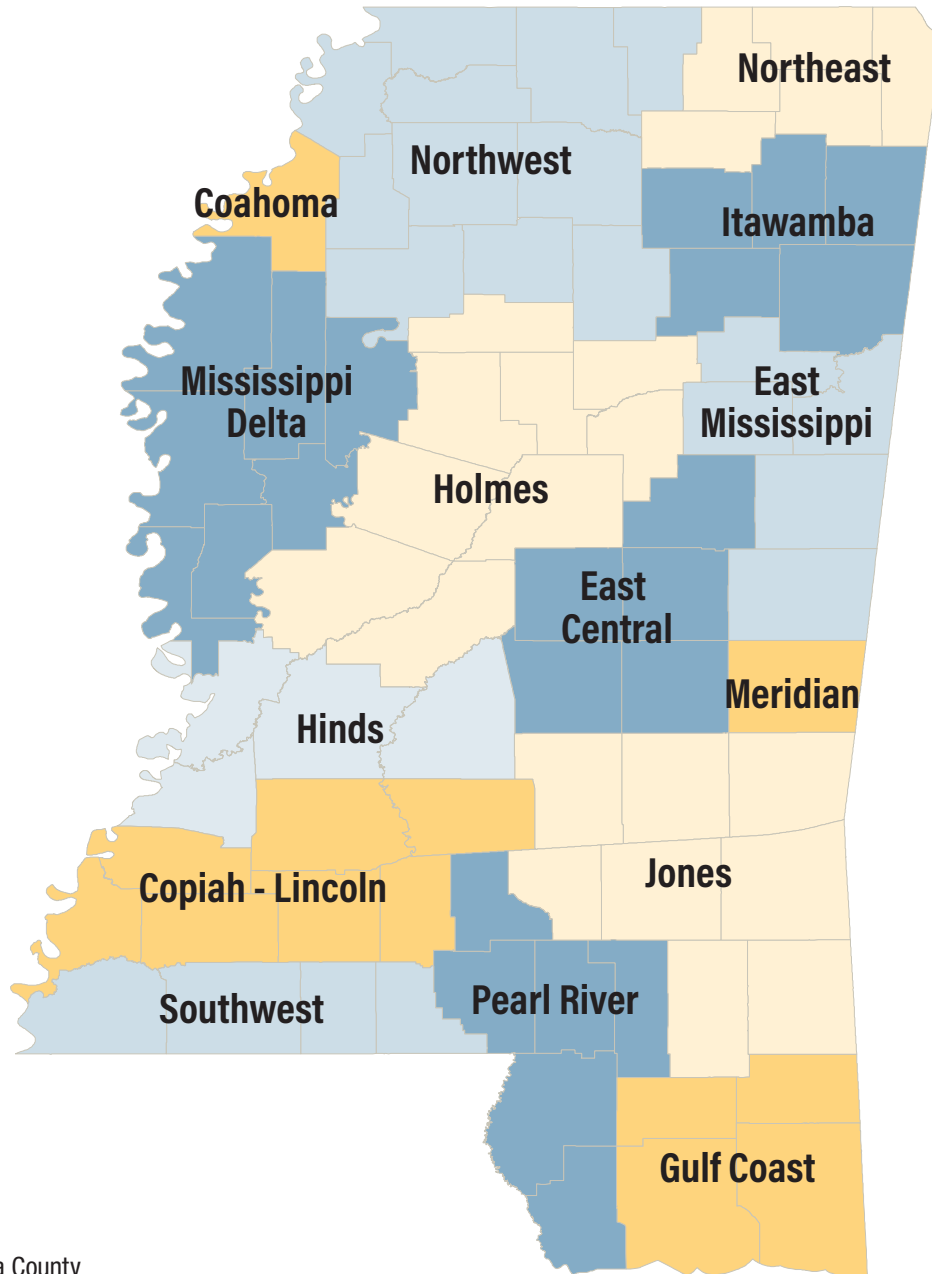
South Delta—Bolivar, Humphreys, Issaquena, Sharkey, Sunflower, and Washington Counties

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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