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# Labor Force Highlights for October 2016

*Labor force data presented are rounded estimates.*

## ***Seasonally Adjusted***

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2016 was 5.9 percent. The state's seasonally adjusted series reported an over the month decrease of one-tenth of a percentage point from 6.0 in September. When compared to one year ago, the rate was six-tenths of a percentage point lower than the 6.5 percent reported for October 2015. The Nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 4.9 percent decreased one-tenth of a percentage point over the month and over the year.

In October 2016, there were 700 less jobs in Mississippi than in September 2016, and 1,000 less than October 2015, according to the seasonally adjusted results from a survey of Mississippi employers.

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

## ***Unadjusted***

Mississippi's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2016 was 5.7 percent, decreasing one-tenth of a percentage point from the previous month's rate of 5.8 percent. When compared to the October 2015 rate of 6.2 percent, the rate decreased five-tenths of a percentage point. The number of unemployed decreased 200 over the month, while the employed total increased 13,200 from the prior month. The Nation's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2016 at 4.7 percent decreased one-tenth of a percentage point over the month and over the year.

Mississippi's not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased 2,800 over the month but was 2,700 lower than one year ago. Industry sectors registering the largest monthly employment gains were Educational & Health Services; Government; and Professional & Business Services.

For the month of October 2016, twenty-nine counties in Mississippi posted unemployment rates less than or equal to the state's rate of 5.7 percent. Rankin County posted the lowest unemployment rate for the month of October at 4.1 percent followed by DeSoto County at 4.2 percent. Jefferson County had the highest unemployment rate for October at 11.4 percent followed by Claiborne County at 9.9 percent.

# Unemployment Rates

October 2016

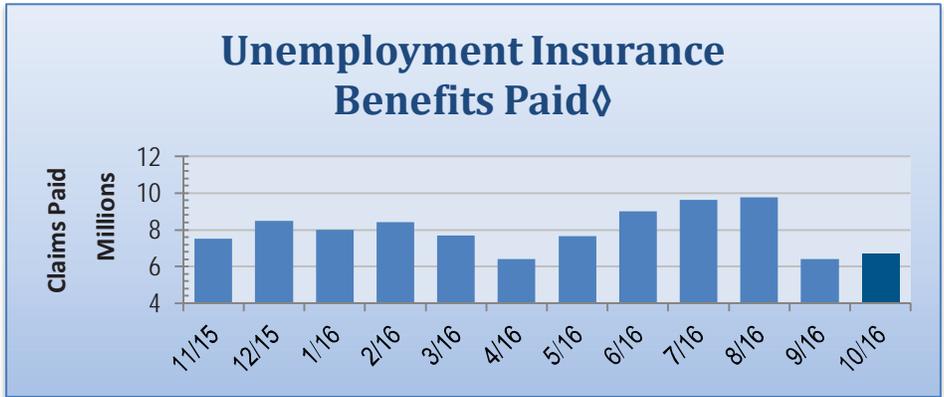
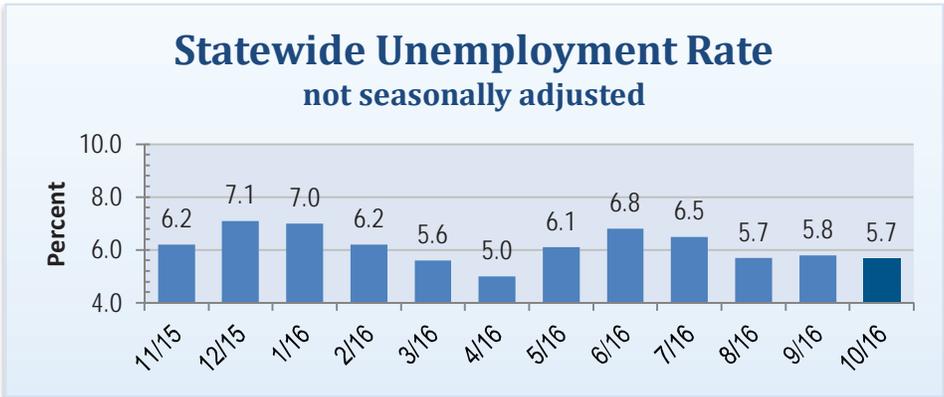
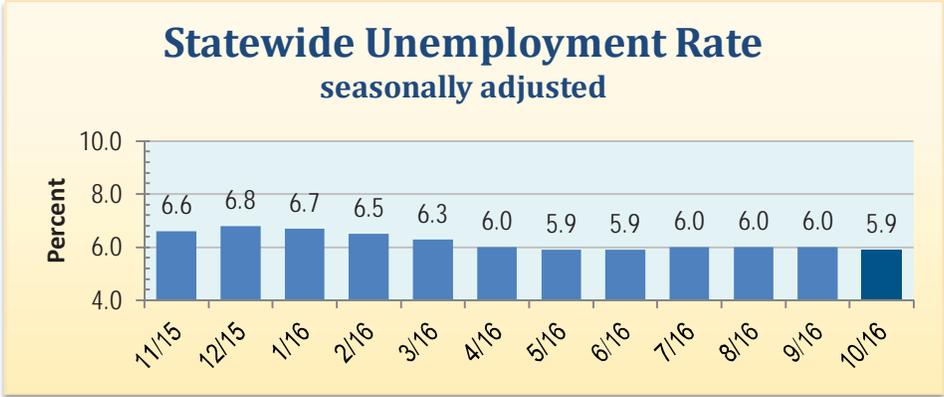
(County Rankings)

|    |              |     |    |                 |      |
|----|--------------|-----|----|-----------------|------|
| 1  | Rankin       | 4.1 | 42 | Chickasaw       | 6.3  |
| 2  | DeSoto       | 4.2 | 42 | Warren          | 6.3  |
| 3  | Madison      | 4.4 | 44 | Bolivar         | 6.4  |
| 4  | Lamar        | 4.5 | 44 | Copiah          | 6.4  |
| 4  | Union        | 4.5 | 44 | Franklin        | 6.4  |
| 6  | Lafayette    | 4.6 | 47 | George          | 6.5  |
| 7  | Pontotoc     | 4.7 | 47 | Jackson         | 6.5  |
| 8  | Choctaw      | 4.9 | 49 | Clarke          | 6.6  |
| 8  | Lee          | 4.9 | 49 | Marion          | 6.6  |
| 8  | Scott        | 4.9 | 49 | Perry           | 6.6  |
| 11 | Itawamba     | 5.0 | 52 | Lawrence        | 6.7  |
| 12 | Calhoun      | 5.1 | 52 | Stone           | 6.7  |
| 12 | Oktibbeha    | 5.1 | 52 | Yazoo           | 6.7  |
| 12 | Smith        | 5.1 | 55 | Attala          | 6.8  |
| 15 | Tippah       | 5.2 | 55 | Greene          | 6.8  |
| 16 | Grenada      | 5.3 | 57 | Jasper          | 6.9  |
| 17 | Alcorn       | 5.4 | 57 | Leake           | 6.9  |
| 17 | Covington    | 5.4 | 59 | Panola          | 7.0  |
| 17 | Hinds        | 5.4 | 59 | Pike            | 7.0  |
| 17 | Prentiss     | 5.4 | 59 | Winston         | 7.0  |
| 17 | Tallahatchie | 5.4 | 62 | Amite           | 7.2  |
| 22 | Simpson      | 5.5 | 62 | Sharkey         | 7.2  |
| 22 | Tishomingo   | 5.5 | 62 | Wayne           | 7.2  |
| 22 | Yalobusha    | 5.5 | 65 | Walthall        | 7.3  |
| 25 | Harrison     | 5.6 | 66 | Carroll         | 7.4  |
| 25 | Lincoln      | 5.6 | 67 | Coahoma         | 7.5  |
| 25 | Marshall     | 5.6 | 68 | Clay            | 7.6  |
| 25 | Tate         | 5.6 | 69 | Adams           | 7.9  |
| 29 | Forrest      | 5.7 | 69 | Jefferson Davis | 7.9  |
| 30 | Neshoba      | 5.8 | 69 | Noxubee         | 7.9  |
| 30 | Newton       | 5.8 | 72 | Washington      | 8.1  |
| 32 | Hancock      | 5.9 | 73 | Wilkinson       | 8.3  |
| 33 | Lowndes      | 6.0 | 74 | Sunflower       | 8.4  |
| 33 | Montgomery   | 6.0 | 75 | Kemper          | 8.7  |
| 33 | Pearl River  | 6.0 | 76 | Leflore         | 8.8  |
| 33 | Webster      | 6.0 | 77 | Quitman         | 8.9  |
| 37 | Benton       | 6.1 | 78 | Issaquena       | 9.4  |
| 37 | Jones        | 6.1 | 79 | Holmes          | 9.6  |
| 37 | Tunica       | 6.1 | 80 | Humphreys       | 9.8  |
| 40 | Lauderdale   | 6.2 | 81 | Claiborne       | 9.9  |
| 40 | Monroe       | 6.2 | 82 | Jefferson       | 11.4 |

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





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

# Labor Force and Employment Security Data

## Seasonally Adjusted Non-Farm Employment Estimates

|                      | Preliminary<br>October 2016 | Revised<br>September 2016 | Revised<br>October 2015 |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| State of Mississippi | 1,139,900                   | 1,140,600                 | 1,140,900               |
| United States        | 144,952,000                 | 144,791,000               | 142,595,000             |

## Labor Force Data Estimates

| State of Mississippi           | Preliminary<br>October 2016 | Revised<br>September 2016 | Revised<br>October 2015 | 2015 Annual<br>Average | Moving**<br>Average |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Civilian Labor Force           | 1,292,600                   | 1,279,600                 | 1,283,200               | 1,272,700              | 1,285,000           |
| Unemployed                     | 73,600                      | 73,800                    | 79,900                  | 83,000                 | 78,800              |
| Unemployment Rate (Adjusted)   | 5.9                         | 6.0                       | 6.5                     | XXX                    | XXX                 |
| Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted) | 5.7                         | 5.8                       | 6.2                     | 6.5                    | 6.1                 |
| Employed                       | 1,219,000                   | 1,205,800                 | 1,203,300               | 1,189,700              | 1,206,200           |

| United States                  | Preliminary<br>October 2016 | Revised<br>September 2016 | Revised<br>October 2015 | 2015 Annual<br>Average | Moving**<br>Average |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Civilian Labor Force           | 159,783,000                 | 159,636,000               | 157,313,000             | 157,130,000            | 158,867,000         |
| Unemployed                     | 7,447,000                   | 7,658,000                 | 7,597,000               | 8,296,000              | 7,824,000           |
| Unemployment Rate (Adjusted)   | 4.9                         | 5.0                       | 5.0                     | XXX                    | XXX                 |
| Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted) | 4.7                         | 4.8                       | 4.8                     | 5.3                    | 4.9                 |
| Employed                       | 152,335,000                 | 151,977,000               | 149,716,000             | 148,834,000            | 151,043,000         |

## Unemployment Insurance Data <sup>◇</sup>

| State of Mississippi   | October 2016 | September 2016 | October 2015 |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Initial UI Claims      | 6,315        | 5,823          | 7,771        |
| Continued Claims       | 50,903       | 48,664         | 48,458       |
| Benefits Paid          | \$6,699,451  | \$6,419,992    | \$6,528,926  |
| Weeks Paid             | 33,132       | 31,809         | 32,863       |
| First Payments         | 2,129        | 2,121          | 2,315        |
| Final Payments         | 717          | 702            | 747          |
| Average Weekly Benefit | \$202.20     | \$201.83       | \$198.67     |

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

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

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

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

# Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

| Area                                     | Preliminary October 2016 |                    |                  |            |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|
|  | Labor Force              | Employed           | Unemployment     |            |
|  |                          |                    | Number           | Rate       |
| <b>Mississippi</b>                       | <b>1,292,600</b>         | <b>1,219,000</b>   | <b>73,600</b>    | <b>5.7</b> |
| <b>Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA</b>    | 164,190                  | 154,410            | 9,780            | 6.0        |
| <b>Hattiesburg MSA</b>                   | 69,010                   | 65,420             | 3,590            | 5.2        |
| <b>Jackson MSA</b>                       | 272,180                  | 258,770            | 13,410           | 4.9        |
| <b>United States</b>                     | <b>159,783,000</b>       | <b>152,335,000</b> | <b>7,447,000</b> | <b>4.7</b> |
| <b>United States<sup>-adjusted</sup></b> | <b>159,712,000</b>       | <b>151,925,000</b> | <b>7,787,000</b> | <b>4.9</b> |
| <b>Counties</b>                          |                          |                    |                  |            |
| <b>Adams</b>                             | 11,670                   | 10,750             | 920              | 7.9        |
| <b>Alcorn</b>                            | 16,020                   | 15,160             | 860              | 5.4        |
| <b>Amite</b>                             | 4,610                    | 4,280              | 330              | 7.2        |
| <b>Attala</b>                            | 6,960                    | 6,480              | 480              | 6.8        |
| <b>Benton</b>                            | 3,070                    | 2,880              | 190              | 6.1        |
| <b>Bolivar</b>                           | 13,750                   | 12,860             | 890              | 6.4        |
| <b>Calhoun</b>                           | 6,480                    | 6,150              | 330              | 5.1        |
| <b>Carroll</b>                           | 3,400                    | 3,150              | 250              | 7.4        |
| <b>Chickasaw</b>                         | 7,300                    | 6,840              | 460              | 6.3        |
| <b>Choctaw</b>                           | 3,960                    | 3,770              | 190              | 4.9        |
| <b>Claiborne</b>                         | 2,960                    | 2,670              | 290              | 9.9        |
| <b>Clarke</b>                            | 6,160                    | 5,750              | 410              | 6.6        |
| <b>Clay</b>                              | 8,090                    | 7,470              | 620              | 7.6        |
| <b>Coahoma</b>                           | 9,610                    | 8,890              | 720              | 7.5        |
| <b>Copiah</b>                            | 11,550                   | 10,810             | 740              | 6.4        |
| <b>Covington</b>                         | 8,160                    | 7,720              | 440              | 5.4        |
| <b>DeSoto</b>                            | 85,950                   | 82,330             | 3,620            | 4.2        |
| <b>Forrest</b>                           | 34,520                   | 32,560             | 1,960            | 5.7        |
| <b>Franklin</b>                          | 2,990                    | 2,800              | 190              | 6.4        |
| <b>George</b>                            | 9,110                    | 8,510              | 600              | 6.5        |
| <b>Greene</b>                            | 4,520                    | 4,210              | 310              | 6.8        |
| <b>Grenada</b>                           | 9,640                    | 9,130              | 510              | 5.3        |
| <b>Hancock</b>                           | 18,840                   | 17,720             | 1,120            | 5.9        |
| <b>Harrison</b>                          | 85,890                   | 81,100             | 4,790            | 5.6        |
| <b>Hinds</b>                             | 112,460                  | 106,420            | 6,040            | 5.4        |
| <b>Holmes</b>                            | 6,190                    | 5,590              | 600              | 9.6        |
| <b>Humphreys</b>                         | 2,420                    | 2,180              | 240              | 9.8        |
| <b>Issaquena</b>                         | 410                      | 370                | 40               | 9.4        |
| <b>Itawamba</b>                          | 10,570                   | 10,040             | 530              | 5.0        |
| <b>Jackson</b>                           | 59,460                   | 55,590             | 3,870            | 6.5        |
| <b>Jasper</b>                            | 6,440                    | 5,990              | 450              | 6.9        |
| <b>Jefferson</b>                         | 2,280                    | 2,020              | 260              | 11.4       |
| <b>Jefferson Davis</b>                   | 4,270                    | 3,930              | 340              | 7.9        |
| <b>Jones</b>                             | 27,140                   | 25,500             | 1,640            | 6.1        |
| <b>Kemper</b>                            | 3,600                    | 3,290              | 310              | 8.7        |
| <b>Lafayette</b>                         | 26,530                   | 25,310             | 1,220            | 4.6        |
| <b>Lamar</b>                             | 30,040                   | 28,700             | 1,340            | 4.5        |
| <b>Lauderdale</b>                        | 32,090                   | 30,120             | 1,970            | 6.2        |
| <b>Lawrence</b>                          | 4,880                    | 4,550              | 330              | 6.7        |

# Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

| Area<br>† adjusted                   | Revised September 2016 |                    |                  |            | Revised October 2015 |                    |                  |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|
|                                      | Labor Force            | Employed           | Unemployment     |            | Labor Force          | Employed           | Unemployment     |            |
|                                      |                        |                    | Number           | Rate       |                      |                    | Number           | Rate       |
| <b>Mississippi</b>                   | <b>1,279,600</b>       | <b>1,205,800</b>   | <b>73,800</b>    | <b>5.8</b> | <b>1,283,200</b>     | <b>1,203,300</b>   | <b>79,900</b>    | <b>6.2</b> |
| <b>G-B-P MSA</b>                     | 161,610                | 151,880            | 9,730            | 6.0        | 164,770              | 154,180            | 10,590           | 6.4        |
| <b>Hattiesburg MSA</b>               | 68,080                 | 64,440             | 3,640            | 5.4        | 67,510               | 63,650             | 3,860            | 5.7        |
| <b>Jackson MSA</b>                   | 267,250                | 253,850            | 13,400           | 5.0        | 270,280              | 255,960            | 14,320           | 5.3        |
| <b>United States</b>                 | <b>159,636,000</b>     | <b>151,977,000</b> | <b>7,658,000</b> | <b>4.8</b> | <b>157,313,000</b>   | <b>149,716,000</b> | <b>7,597,000</b> | <b>4.8</b> |
| <b>United States<sup>-adj.</sup></b> | <b>159,907,000</b>     | <b>151,968,000</b> | <b>7,939,000</b> | <b>5.0</b> | <b>157,096,000</b>   | <b>149,197,000</b> | <b>7,899,000</b> | <b>5.0</b> |
| <b>Counties</b>                      |                        |                    |                  |            |                      |                    |                  |            |
| <b>Adams</b>                         | 11,550                 | 10,620             | 930              | 8.0        | 11,580               | 10,700             | 880              | 7.6        |
| <b>Alcorn</b>                        | 15,620                 | 14,800             | 820              | 5.3        | 15,690               | 14,780             | 910              | 5.8        |
| <b>Amite</b>                         | 4,650                  | 4,340              | 310              | 6.6        | 4,600                | 4,260              | 340              | 7.4        |
| <b>Attala</b>                        | 6,990                  | 6,530              | 460              | 6.5        | 7,040                | 6,520              | 520              | 7.4        |
| <b>Benton</b>                        | 3,020                  | 2,830              | 190              | 6.4        | 3,050                | 2,820              | 230              | 7.4        |
| <b>Bolivar</b>                       | 13,880                 | 12,990             | 890              | 6.4        | 13,760               | 12,830             | 930              | 6.8        |
| <b>Calhoun</b>                       | 6,550                  | 6,220              | 330              | 5.1        | 6,400                | 6,020              | 380              | 6.0        |
| <b>Carroll</b>                       | 3,420                  | 3,170              | 250              | 7.2        | 3,450                | 3,170              | 280              | 8.2        |
| <b>Chickasaw</b>                     | 7,310                  | 6,850              | 460              | 6.3        | 7,240                | 6,700              | 540              | 7.5        |
| <b>Choctaw</b>                       | 4,010                  | 3,810              | 200              | 4.9        | 3,930                | 3,700              | 230              | 5.8        |
| <b>Claiborne</b>                     | 2,970                  | 2,660              | 310              | 10.6       | 3,050                | 2,700              | 350              | 11.5       |
| <b>Clarke</b>                        | 6,170                  | 5,760              | 410              | 6.6        | 6,140                | 5,650              | 490              | 7.9        |
| <b>Clay</b>                          | 8,170                  | 7,520              | 650              | 7.9        | 8,210                | 7,480              | 730              | 8.8        |
| <b>Coahoma</b>                       | 9,590                  | 8,840              | 750              | 7.8        | 9,560                | 8,720              | 840              | 8.7        |
| <b>Copiah</b>                        | 11,440                 | 10,680             | 760              | 6.7        | 11,500               | 10,710             | 790              | 6.9        |
| <b>Covington</b>                     | 8,100                  | 7,660              | 440              | 5.5        | 8,050                | 7,590              | 460              | 5.7        |
| <b>DeSoto</b>                        | 84,110                 | 80,470             | 3,640            | 4.3        | 84,520               | 80,460             | 4,060            | 4.8        |
| <b>Forrest</b>                       | 34,090                 | 32,080             | 2,010            | 5.9        | 33,760               | 31,680             | 2,080            | 6.2        |
| <b>Franklin</b>                      | 2,980                  | 2,790              | 190              | 6.4        | 2,980                | 2,760              | 220              | 7.4        |
| <b>George</b>                        | 9,180                  | 8,550              | 630              | 6.8        | 8,990                | 8,370              | 620              | 6.9        |
| <b>Greene</b>                        | 4,560                  | 4,230              | 330              | 7.2        | 4,480                | 4,160              | 320              | 7.2        |
| <b>Grenada</b>                       | 9,560                  | 9,070              | 490              | 5.2        | 9,500                | 8,930              | 570              | 6.0        |
| <b>Hancock</b>                       | 18,470                 | 17,350             | 1,120            | 6.1        | 18,830               | 17,620             | 1,210            | 6.4        |
| <b>Harrison</b>                      | 84,490                 | 79,760             | 4,730            | 5.6        | 86,230               | 80,970             | 5,260            | 6.1        |
| <b>Hinds</b>                         | 110,370                | 104,290            | 6,080            | 5.5        | 111,850              | 105,250            | 6,600            | 5.9        |
| <b>Holmes</b>                        | 6,160                  | 5,580              | 580              | 9.4        | 6,180                | 5,530              | 650              | 10.5       |
| <b>Humphreys</b>                     | 2,500                  | 2,260              | 240              | 9.5        | 2,470                | 2,210              | 260              | 10.7       |
| <b>Issaquena</b>                     | 410                    | 370                | 40               | 9.2        | 420                  | 370                | 50               | 12.0       |
| <b>Itawamba</b>                      | 10,540                 | 10,010             | 530              | 5.0        | 10,380               | 9,810              | 570              | 5.5        |
| <b>Jackson</b>                       | 58,640                 | 54,770             | 3,870            | 6.6        | 59,710               | 55,600             | 4,110            | 6.9        |
| <b>Jasper</b>                        | 6,450                  | 6,000              | 450              | 7.0        | 6,470                | 5,970              | 500              | 7.7        |
| <b>Jefferson</b>                     | 2,320                  | 2,030              | 290              | 12.4       | 2,280                | 1,990              | 290              | 12.8       |
| <b>Jefferson Davis</b>               | 4,240                  | 3,910              | 330              | 7.8        | 4,200                | 3,840              | 360              | 8.5        |
| <b>Jones</b>                         | 27,030                 | 25,380             | 1,650            | 6.1        | 27,020               | 25,340             | 1,680            | 6.2        |
| <b>Kemper</b>                        | 3,660                  | 3,350              | 310              | 8.4        | 3,590                | 3,250              | 340              | 9.4        |
| <b>Lafayette</b>                     | 26,220                 | 24,940             | 1,280            | 4.9        | 25,790               | 24,510             | 1,280            | 4.9        |
| <b>Lamar</b>                         | 29,580                 | 28,240             | 1,340            | 4.5        | 29,360               | 27,920             | 1,440            | 4.9        |
| <b>Lauderdale</b>                    | 32,070                 | 30,140             | 1,930            | 6.0        | 31,690               | 29,630             | 2,060            | 6.5        |
| <b>Lawrence</b>                      | 4,840                  | 4,520              | 320              | 6.6        | 4,860                | 4,510              | 350              | 7.2        |

# Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

| Area                | Preliminary October 2016 |          |              |      |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------|--------------|------|
|                     | Labor Force              | Employed | Unemployment |      |
|                     |                          |          | Number       | Rate |
| <b>Counties</b>     |                          |          |              |      |
| <b>Leake</b>        | 8,160                    | 7,600    | 560          | 6.9  |
| <b>Lee</b>          | 41,390                   | 39,370   | 2,020        | 4.9  |
| <b>Leflore</b>      | 10,250                   | 9,350    | 900          | 8.8  |
| <b>Lincoln</b>      | 14,550                   | 13,740   | 810          | 5.6  |
| <b>Lowndes</b>      | 25,560                   | 24,030   | 1,530        | 6.0  |
| <b>Madison</b>      | 52,410                   | 50,110   | 2,300        | 4.4  |
| <b>Marion</b>       | 10,300                   | 9,620    | 680          | 6.6  |
| <b>Marshall</b>     | 14,880                   | 14,050   | 830          | 5.6  |
| <b>Monroe</b>       | 15,780                   | 14,800   | 980          | 6.2  |
| <b>Montgomery</b>   | 4,260                    | 4,010    | 250          | 6.0  |
| <b>Neshoba</b>      | 10,830                   | 10,200   | 630          | 5.8  |
| <b>Newton</b>       | 8,870                    | 8,360    | 510          | 5.8  |
| <b>Noxubee</b>      | 4,050                    | 3,730    | 320          | 7.9  |
| <b>Oktibbeha</b>    | 23,710                   | 22,500   | 1,210        | 5.1  |
| <b>Panola</b>       | 13,610                   | 12,660   | 950          | 7.0  |
| <b>Pearl River</b>  | 23,150                   | 21,750   | 1,400        | 6.0  |
| <b>Perry</b>        | 4,470                    | 4,170    | 300          | 6.6  |
| <b>Pike</b>         | 14,990                   | 13,940   | 1,050        | 7.0  |
| <b>Pontotoc</b>     | 14,470                   | 13,780   | 690          | 4.7  |
| <b>Prentiss</b>     | 11,220                   | 10,620   | 600          | 5.4  |
| <b>Quitman</b>      | 2,790                    | 2,540    | 250          | 8.9  |
| <b>Rankin</b>       | 74,900                   | 71,830   | 3,070        | 4.1  |
| <b>Scott</b>        | 13,490                   | 12,830   | 660          | 4.9  |
| <b>Sharkey</b>      | 1,810                    | 1,680    | 130          | 7.2  |
| <b>Simpson</b>      | 11,320                   | 10,700   | 620          | 5.5  |
| <b>Smith</b>        | 6,960                    | 6,600    | 360          | 5.1  |
| <b>Stone</b>        | 6,560                    | 6,120    | 440          | 6.7  |
| <b>Sunflower</b>    | 8,570                    | 7,850    | 720          | 8.4  |
| <b>Tallahatchie</b> | 6,040                    | 5,710    | 330          | 5.4  |
| <b>Tate</b>         | 12,220                   | 11,540   | 680          | 5.6  |
| <b>Tippah</b>       | 9,780                    | 9,270    | 510          | 5.2  |
| <b>Tishomingo</b>   | 8,270                    | 7,810    | 460          | 5.5  |
| <b>Tunica</b>       | 4,770                    | 4,480    | 290          | 6.1  |
| <b>Union</b>        | 13,950                   | 13,330   | 620          | 4.5  |
| <b>Walthall</b>     | 5,230                    | 4,850    | 380          | 7.3  |
| <b>Warren</b>       | 20,670                   | 19,370   | 1,300        | 6.3  |
| <b>Washington</b>   | 17,830                   | 16,390   | 1,440        | 8.1  |
| <b>Wayne</b>        | 7,600                    | 7,050    | 550          | 7.2  |
| <b>Webster</b>      | 4,070                    | 3,830    | 240          | 6.0  |
| <b>Wilkinson</b>    | 2,940                    | 2,690    | 250          | 8.3  |
| <b>Winston</b>      | 7,230                    | 6,730    | 500          | 7.0  |
| <b>Yalobusha</b>    | 5,180                    | 4,890    | 290          | 5.5  |
| <b>Yazoo</b>        | 9,550                    | 8,910    | 640          | 6.7  |

# Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

| Area                | Revised September 2016 |          |              |      | Revised October 2015 |          |              |      |
|---------------------|------------------------|----------|--------------|------|----------------------|----------|--------------|------|
|                     | Labor Force            | Employed | Unemployment |      | Labor Force          | Employed | Unemployment |      |
|                     |                        |          | Number       | Rate |                      |          | Number       | Rate |
| <b>Counties</b>     |                        |          |              |      |                      |          |              |      |
| <b>Leake</b>        | 8,140                  | 7,660    | 480          | 5.8  | 8,070                | 7,560    | 510          | 6.3  |
| <b>Lee</b>          | 41,100                 | 39,040   | 2,060        | 5.0  | 40,540               | 38,390   | 2,150        | 5.3  |
| <b>Leflore</b>      | 10,290                 | 9,380    | 910          | 8.8  | 10,520               | 9,410    | 1,110        | 10.6 |
| <b>Lincoln</b>      | 14,540                 | 13,700   | 840          | 5.8  | 14,510               | 13,640   | 870          | 6.0  |
| <b>Lowndes</b>      | 25,240                 | 23,720   | 1,520        | 6.0  | 25,580               | 23,880   | 1,700        | 6.7  |
| <b>Madison</b>      | 51,330                 | 49,070   | 2,260        | 4.4  | 51,910               | 49,520   | 2,390        | 4.6  |
| <b>Marion</b>       | 10,250                 | 9,570    | 680          | 6.6  | 10,150               | 9,430    | 720          | 7.1  |
| <b>Marshall</b>     | 14,580                 | 13,740   | 840          | 5.8  | 14,750               | 13,730   | 1,020        | 6.9  |
| <b>Monroe</b>       | 15,680                 | 14,650   | 1,030        | 6.6  | 15,700               | 14,610   | 1,090        | 6.9  |
| <b>Montgomery</b>   | 4,270                  | 4,020    | 250          | 5.8  | 4,290                | 3,940    | 350          | 8.0  |
| <b>Neshoba</b>      | 11,050                 | 10,410   | 640          | 5.7  | 10,760               | 10,100   | 660          | 6.1  |
| <b>Newton</b>       | 8,800                  | 8,290    | 510          | 5.8  | 8,730                | 8,210    | 520          | 5.9  |
| <b>Noxubee</b>      | 4,080                  | 3,770    | 310          | 7.7  | 4,110                | 3,750    | 360          | 8.7  |
| <b>Oktibbeha</b>    | 23,610                 | 22,350   | 1,260        | 5.3  | 23,480               | 22,160   | 1,320        | 5.6  |
| <b>Panola</b>       | 13,520                 | 12,560   | 960          | 7.1  | 13,630               | 12,510   | 1,120        | 8.2  |
| <b>Pearl River</b>  | 22,730                 | 21,340   | 1,390        | 6.1  | 22,910               | 21,490   | 1,420        | 6.2  |
| <b>Perry</b>        | 4,420                  | 4,120    | 300          | 6.7  | 4,400                | 4,060    | 340          | 7.6  |
| <b>Pike</b>         | 14,980                 | 13,970   | 1,010        | 6.7  | 14,880               | 13,820   | 1,060        | 7.1  |
| <b>Pontotoc</b>     | 14,330                 | 13,650   | 680          | 4.7  | 14,170               | 13,420   | 750          | 5.3  |
| <b>Prentiss</b>     | 11,200                 | 10,610   | 590          | 5.2  | 11,150               | 10,520   | 630          | 5.7  |
| <b>Quitman</b>      | 2,790                  | 2,570    | 220          | 7.8  | 2,780                | 2,520    | 260          | 9.4  |
| <b>Rankin</b>       | 73,440                 | 70,420   | 3,020        | 4.1  | 74,200               | 71,050   | 3,150        | 4.2  |
| <b>Scott</b>        | 13,450                 | 12,830   | 620          | 4.6  | 13,320               | 12,690   | 630          | 4.7  |
| <b>Sharkey</b>      | 1,840                  | 1,710    | 130          | 7.0  | 1,780                | 1,630    | 150          | 8.4  |
| <b>Simpson</b>      | 11,170                 | 10,550   | 620          | 5.5  | 11,260               | 10,600   | 660          | 5.8  |
| <b>Smith</b>        | 6,960                  | 6,610    | 350          | 5.1  | 6,870                | 6,500    | 370          | 5.4  |
| <b>Stone</b>        | 6,480                  | 6,020    | 460          | 7.1  | 6,530                | 6,080    | 450          | 6.9  |
| <b>Sunflower</b>    | 8,770                  | 8,040    | 730          | 8.3  | 8,600                | 7,800    | 800          | 9.3  |
| <b>Tallahatchie</b> | 6,100                  | 5,770    | 330          | 5.4  | 5,970                | 5,560    | 410          | 6.8  |
| <b>Tate</b>         | 12,060                 | 11,350   | 710          | 5.8  | 12,100               | 11,290   | 810          | 6.7  |
| <b>Tippah</b>       | 9,650                  | 9,140    | 510          | 5.3  | 9,630                | 9,050    | 580          | 6.0  |
| <b>Tishomingo</b>   | 8,250                  | 7,820    | 430          | 5.3  | 8,110                | 7,630    | 480          | 5.9  |
| <b>Tunica</b>       | 4,750                  | 4,460    | 290          | 6.2  | 4,780                | 4,410    | 370          | 7.7  |
| <b>Union</b>        | 13,760                 | 13,140   | 620          | 4.5  | 13,470               | 12,790   | 680          | 5.0  |
| <b>Walthall</b>     | 5,220                  | 4,840    | 380          | 7.3  | 5,210                | 4,800    | 410          | 7.8  |
| <b>Warren</b>       | 20,530                 | 19,210   | 1,320        | 6.4  | 20,980               | 19,580   | 1,400        | 6.7  |
| <b>Washington</b>   | 17,990                 | 16,470   | 1,520        | 8.5  | 18,060               | 16,370   | 1,690        | 9.4  |
| <b>Wayne</b>        | 7,720                  | 7,170    | 550          | 7.1  | 7,610                | 7,030    | 580          | 7.6  |
| <b>Webster</b>      | 4,020                  | 3,780    | 240          | 5.9  | 4,080                | 3,790    | 290          | 7.1  |
| <b>Wilkinson</b>    | 2,920                  | 2,660    | 260          | 9.0  | 2,940                | 2,660    | 280          | 9.5  |
| <b>Winston</b>      | 7,200                  | 6,710    | 490          | 6.8  | 7,230                | 6,670    | 560          | 7.7  |
| <b>Yalobusha</b>    | 5,080                  | 4,800    | 280          | 5.5  | 5,180                | 4,830    | 350          | 6.7  |
| <b>Yazoo</b>        | 9,500                  | 8,850    | 650          | 6.9  | 9,560                | 8,830    | 730          | 7.6  |

# Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

| Area  | Preliminary October 2016 |          |              |      |
|---|--------------------------|----------|--------------|------|
|   | Labor Force              | Employed | Unemployment |      |
|   |                          |          | Number       | Rate |
| <b>Workforce Investment Areas</b>   |                          |          |              |      |
| <b>Delta</b>  | 101,450                  | 93,700   | 7,750        | 7.6  |
| <b>Miss. Partnership</b>  | 400,590                  | 379,850  | 20,740       | 5.2  |
| <b>Southcentral MS</b>  | 359,960                  | 340,440  | 19,520       | 5.4  |
| <b>Twin Districts</b>   | 430,630                  | 404,990  | 25,640       | 6.0  |
| <b>Planning and Development Districts</b>   |                          |          |              |      |
| <b>Central Mississippi</b>  | 292,860                  | 278,150  | 14,710       | 5.0  |
| <b>East Central</b>   | 96,600                   | 90,740   | 5,860        | 6.1  |
| <b>Golden Triangle</b>  | 76,670                   | 72,060   | 4,610        | 6.0  |
| <b>North Central</b>  | 45,880                   | 42,600   | 3,280        | 7.1  |
| <b>North Delta</b>  | 134,990                  | 128,150  | 6,840        | 5.1  |
| <b>Northeast</b>  | 63,240                   | 59,790   | 3,450        | 5.5  |
| <b>South Delta</b>  | 44,790                   | 41,330   | 3,460        | 7.7  |
| <b>Southern</b>   | 334,030                  | 314,250  | 19,780       | 5.9  |
| <b>Southwest</b>  | 67,100                   | 62,290   | 4,810        | 7.2  |
| <b>Three Rivers</b>   | 136,470                  | 129,620  | 6,850        | 5.0  |
| <b>Community College Districts*</b>   |                          |          |              |      |
| <b>Copiah-Lincoln</b>   | 59,240                   | 55,370   | 3,870        | 6.5  |
| <b>East Central</b>   | 48,580                   | 45,720   | 2,860        | 5.9  |
| <b>East Mississippi</b>   | 65,010                   | 61,020   | 3,990        | 6.1  |
| <b>Gulf Coast</b>   | 161,020                  | 151,320  | 9,700        | 6.0  |
| <b>Hinds</b>  | 210,990                  | 200,290  | 10,700       | 5.1  |
| <b>Holmes</b>   | 100,440                  | 94,980   | 5,460        | 5.4  |
| <b>Itawamba</b>   | 89,510                   | 84,830   | 4,680        | 5.2  |
| <b>Jones</b>  | 71,450                   | 66,990   | 4,460        | 6.2  |
| <b>Mississippi Delta</b>  | 55,040                   | 50,680   | 4,360        | 7.9  |
| <b>Northeast</b>  | 59,240                   | 56,190   | 3,050        | 5.1  |
| <b>Northwest</b>  | 181,520                  | 172,540  | 8,980        | 4.9  |
| <b>Pearl River</b>  | 121,120                  | 114,280  | 6,840        | 5.6  |
| <b>Southwest</b>  | 27,770                   | 25,760   | 2,010        | 7.2  |
| <b>Cities</b> *For Coahoma and Meridian Community College Districts refer to county data. |                          |          |              |      |
| <b>Biloxi</b>   | 19,700                   | 18,540   | 1,160        | 5.9  |
| <b>Clinton</b>  | 13,430                   | 12,890   | 540          | 4.1  |
| <b>Columbus</b>   | 9,780                    | 8,960    | 820          | 8.4  |
| <b>Greenville</b>   | 12,100                   | 11,080   | 1,020        | 8.4  |
| <b>Gulfport</b>   | 29,770                   | 27,840   | 1,930        | 6.5  |
| <b>Hattiesburg</b>  | 22,680                   | 21,210   | 1,470        | 6.5  |
| <b>Hattiesburg<sup>1</sup></b>  | 19,770                   | 18,530   | 1,240        | 6.3  |
| <b>Hattiesburg<sup>2</sup></b>  | 2,920                    | 2,690    | 230          | 7.8  |
| <b>Horn Lake</b>  | 12,780                   | 12,210   | 570          | 4.5  |
| <b>Jackson</b>  | 76,660                   | 72,310   | 4,350        | 5.7  |
| <b>Madison</b>  | 13,340                   | 12,860   | 480          | 3.6  |
| <b>Meridian</b>   | 15,760                   | 14,620   | 1,140        | 7.2  |
| <b>Moss Point</b>   | 5,330                    | 4,960    | 370          | 7.0  |
| <b>Olive Branch</b>   | 18,950                   | 18,190   | 760          | 4.0  |
| <b>Pascagoula</b>   | 9,270                    | 8,570    | 700          | 7.5  |
| <b>Pearl</b>  | 12,960                   | 12,420   | 540          | 4.1  |
| <b>Southaven</b>  | 26,690                   | 25,620   | 1,070        | 4.0  |
| <b>Tupelo</b>   | 16,700                   | 15,800   | 900          | 5.4  |
| <b>Vicksburg</b>  | 9,600                    | 8,730    | 870          | 9.0  |

# Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

| Area                                      | Revised September 2016 |          |              |      | Revised October 2015 |          |              |      |
|---|------------------------|----------|--------------|------|----------------------|----------|--------------|------|
|   | Labor Force            | Employed | Unemployment |      | Labor Force          | Employed | Unemployment |      |
|   |                        |          | Number       | Rate |                      |          | Number       | Rate |
| <b>Workforce Investment Areas</b>         |                        |          |              |      |                      |          |              |      |
| Delta                                     | 102,010                | 94,170   | 7,840        | 7.7  | 101,960              | 93,040   | 8,920        | 8.7  |
| Miss. Partnership                         | 396,210                | 375,340  | 20,870       | 5.3  | 395,320              | 372,180  | 23,140       | 5.9  |
| Southcentral MS                           | 354,750                | 335,200  | 19,550       | 5.5  | 358,150              | 337,380  | 20,770       | 5.8  |
| Twin Districts                            | 426,730                | 401,200  | 25,530       | 6.0  | 427,870              | 400,740  | 27,130       | 6.3  |
| <b>Planning and Development Districts</b> |                        |          |              |      |                      |          |              |      |
| Central Mississippi                       | 287,780                | 273,070  | 14,710       | 5.1  | 291,260              | 275,540  | 15,720       | 5.4  |
| East Central                              | 96,750                 | 91,050   | 5,700        | 5.9  | 95,640               | 89,560   | 6,080        | 6.4  |
| Golden Triangle                           | 76,330                 | 71,660   | 4,670        | 6.1  | 76,620               | 71,430   | 5,190        | 6.8  |
| North Central                             | 45,770                 | 42,550   | 3,220        | 7.0  | 46,160               | 42,330   | 3,830        | 8.3  |
| North Delta                               | 132,920                | 126,020  | 6,900        | 5.2  | 133,340              | 125,470  | 7,870        | 5.9  |
| Northeast                                 | 62,320                 | 58,940   | 3,380        | 5.4  | 62,380               | 58,530   | 3,850        | 6.2  |
| South Delta                               | 45,390                 | 41,840   | 3,550        | 7.8  | 45,090               | 41,210   | 3,880        | 8.6  |
| Southern                                  | 329,980                | 310,150  | 19,830       | 6.0  | 332,230              | 311,180  | 21,050       | 6.3  |
| Southwest                                 | 66,970                 | 62,130   | 4,840        | 7.2  | 66,890               | 61,840   | 5,050        | 7.5  |
| Three Rivers                              | 135,490                | 128,500  | 6,990        | 5.2  | 133,690              | 126,250  | 7,440        | 5.6  |
| <b>Community College Districts*</b>       |                        |          |              |      |                      |          |              |      |
| Copiah-Lincoln                            | 58,840                 | 54,890   | 3,950        | 6.7  | 58,970               | 54,910   | 4,060        | 6.9  |
| East Central                              | 48,640                 | 45,900   | 2,740        | 5.6  | 48,110               | 45,230   | 2,880        | 6.0  |
| East Mississippi                          | 64,760                 | 60,710   | 4,050        | 6.3  | 64,970               | 60,520   | 4,450        | 6.8  |
| Gulf Coast                                | 158,790                | 149,100  | 9,690        | 6.1  | 161,460              | 151,020  | 10,440       | 6.5  |
| Hinds                                     | 207,310                | 196,580  | 10,730       | 5.2  | 210,080              | 198,580  | 11,500       | 5.5  |
| Holmes                                    | 99,260                 | 93,880   | 5,380        | 5.4  | 99,940               | 93,930   | 6,010        | 6.0  |
| Itawamba                                  | 88,960                 | 84,200   | 4,760        | 5.4  | 88,030               | 82,930   | 5,100        | 5.8  |
| Jones                                     | 71,410                 | 66,930   | 4,480        | 6.3  | 71,040               | 66,300   | 4,740        | 6.7  |
| Mississippi Delta                         | 55,680                 | 51,220   | 4,460        | 8.0  | 55,610               | 50,620   | 4,990        | 9.0  |
| Northeast                                 | 58,480                 | 55,510   | 2,970        | 5.1  | 58,050               | 54,770   | 3,280        | 5.7  |
| Northwest                                 | 178,780                | 169,710  | 9,070        | 5.1  | 178,950              | 168,660  | 10,290       | 5.8  |
| Pearl River                               | 119,360                | 112,490  | 6,870        | 5.8  | 119,210              | 111,980  | 7,230        | 6.1  |
| Southwest                                 | 27,770                 | 25,810   | 1,960        | 7.1  | 27,630               | 25,540   | 2,090        | 7.6  |
| <b>Cities</b>                             |                        |          |              |      |                      |          |              |      |
| Biloxi                                    | 19,370                 | 18,230   | 1,140        | 5.9  | 19,730               | 18,510   | 1,220        | 6.2  |
| Clinton                                   | 13,180                 | 12,630   | 550          | 4.2  | 13,350               | 12,750   | 600          | 4.5  |
| Columbus                                  | 9,670                  | 8,840    | 830          | 8.6  | 9,870                | 8,900    | 970          | 9.8  |
| Greenville                                | 12,210                 | 11,130   | 1,080        | 8.8  | 12,260               | 11,060   | 1,200        | 9.8  |
| Gulfport                                  | 29,280                 | 27,380   | 1,900        | 6.5  | 29,990               | 27,800   | 2,190        | 7.3  |
| Hattiesburg                               | 22,430                 | 20,900   | 1,530        | 6.8  | 22,240               | 20,640   | 1,600        | 7.2  |
| Hattiesburg <sup>1</sup>                  | 19,550                 | 18,250   | 1,300        | 6.7  | 19,390               | 18,030   | 1,360        | 7.0  |
| Hattiesburg <sup>2</sup>                  | 2,870                  | 2,640    | 230          | 8.0  | 2,850                | 2,610    | 240          | 8.4  |
| Horn Lake                                 | 12,520                 | 11,940   | 580          | 4.6  | 12,510               | 11,940   | 570          | 4.6  |
| Jackson                                   | 75,250                 | 70,860   | 4,390        | 5.8  | 76,270               | 71,510   | 4,760        | 6.2  |
| Madison                                   | 13,050                 | 12,590   | 460          | 3.5  | 13,200               | 12,710   | 490          | 3.7  |
| Meridian                                  | 15,770                 | 14,630   | 1,140        | 7.2  | 15,600               | 14,380   | 1,220        | 7.8  |
| Moss Point                                | 5,270                  | 4,890    | 380          | 7.2  | 5,330                | 4,960    | 370          | 7.0  |
| Olive Branch                              | 18,550                 | 17,780   | 770          | 4.1  | 18,650               | 17,770   | 880          | 4.7  |
| Pascagoula                                | 9,190                  | 8,440    | 750          | 8.2  | 9,300                | 8,570    | 730          | 7.8  |
| Pearl                                     | 12,680                 | 12,170   | 510          | 4.0  | 12,840               | 12,280   | 560          | 4.4  |
| Southaven                                 | 26,110                 | 25,040   | 1,070        | 4.1  | 26,180               | 25,040   | 1,140        | 4.3  |
| Tupelo                                    | 16,590                 | 15,670   | 920          | 5.5  | 16,410               | 15,410   | 1,000        | 6.1  |
| Vicksburg                                 | 9,560                  | 8,660    | 900          | 9.4  | 9,780                | 8,820    | 960          | 9.8  |

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

# Twelve Month Moving Averages

As of October 2016

| Area                                  | Labor Force        | Employed           | Unemployment     |            |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|
|                                       |                    |                    | Number           | Rate       |
| <b>Mississippi</b>                    | <b>1,285,000</b>   | <b>1,206,200</b>   | <b>78,800</b>    | <b>6.1</b> |
| <b>Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA</b> | 164,520            | 154,230            | 10,290           | 6.3        |
| <b>Hattiesburg MSA</b>                | 68,010             | 64,250             | 3,760            | 5.5        |
| <b>Jackson MSA</b>                    | 270,820            | 256,850            | 13,970           | 5.2        |
| <b>United States</b>                  | <b>158,867,000</b> | <b>151,043,000</b> | <b>7,824,000</b> | <b>4.9</b> |
| <b>Counties</b>                       |                    |                    |                  |            |
| <b>Adams</b>                          | 11,710             | 10,720             | 990              | 8.5        |
| <b>Alcorn</b>                         | 15,920             | 15,050             | 870              | 5.5        |
| <b>Amite</b>                          | 4,610              | 4,250              | 360              | 7.8        |
| <b>Attala</b>                         | 6,980              | 6,470              | 510              | 7.3        |
| <b>Benton</b>                         | 3,070              | 2,850              | 220              | 7.2        |
| <b>Bolivar</b>                        | 13,650             | 12,620             | 1,030            | 7.5        |
| <b>Calhoun</b>                        | 6,180              | 5,820              | 360              | 5.8        |
| <b>Carroll</b>                        | 3,390              | 3,110              | 280              | 8.3        |
| <b>Chickasaw</b>                      | 7,280              | 6,780              | 500              | 6.9        |
| <b>Choctaw</b>                        | 3,870              | 3,650              | 220              | 5.7        |
| <b>Claiborne</b>                      | 3,050              | 2,680              | 370              | 12.1       |
| <b>Clarke</b>                         | 6,170              | 5,720              | 450              | 7.3        |
| <b>Clay</b>                           | 8,120              | 7,420              | 700              | 8.6        |
| <b>Coahoma</b>                        | 9,460              | 8,580              | 880              | 9.3        |
| <b>Copiah</b>                         | 11,500             | 10,720             | 780              | 6.8        |
| <b>Covington</b>                      | 8,090              | 7,630              | 460              | 5.7        |
| <b>DeSoto</b>                         | 85,100             | 81,260             | 3,840            | 4.5        |
| <b>Forrest</b>                        | 34,010             | 31,970             | 2,040            | 6.0        |
| <b>Franklin</b>                       | 2,960              | 2,740              | 220              | 7.4        |
| <b>George</b>                         | 9,050              | 8,370              | 680              | 7.5        |
| <b>Greene</b>                         | 4,500              | 4,150              | 350              | 7.8        |
| <b>Grenada</b>                        | 9,630              | 9,100              | 530              | 5.5        |
| <b>Hancock</b>                        | 18,750             | 17,560             | 1,190            | 6.3        |
| <b>Harrison</b>                       | 85,990             | 80,990             | 5,000            | 5.8        |
| <b>Hinds</b>                          | 112,080            | 105,700            | 6,380            | 5.7        |
| <b>Holmes</b>                         | 6,170              | 5,480              | 690              | 11.2       |
| <b>Humphreys</b>                      | 2,410              | 2,120              | 290              | 12.0       |
| <b>Issaquena</b>                      | 410                | 350                | 60               | 14.6       |
| <b>Itawamba</b>                       | 10,520             | 9,960              | 560              | 5.3        |
| <b>Jackson</b>                        | 59,780             | 55,680             | 4,100            | 6.9        |
| <b>Jasper</b>                         | 6,480              | 5,970              | 510              | 7.9        |
| <b>Jefferson</b>                      | 2,330              | 1,980              | 350              | 15.0       |
| <b>Jefferson Davis</b>                | 4,220              | 3,850              | 370              | 8.8        |
| <b>Jones</b>                          | 27,020             | 25,360             | 1,660            | 6.1        |
| <b>Kemper</b>                         | 3,600              | 3,280              | 320              | 8.9        |
| <b>Lafayette</b>                      | 25,460             | 24,130             | 1,330            | 5.2        |
| <b>Lamar</b>                          | 29,600             | 28,200             | 1,400            | 4.7        |
| <b>Lauderdale</b>                     | 32,180             | 30,180             | 2,000            | 6.2        |
| <b>Lawrence</b>                       | 4,870              | 4,510              | 360              | 7.4        |

# Twelve Month Moving Averages

As of October 2016

| Area            | Labor Force | Employed | Unemployment |      |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|--------------|------|
|                 |             |          | Number       | Rate |
| <b>Counties</b> |             |          |              |      |
| Leake           | 8,000       | 7,510    | 490          | 6.1  |
| Lee             | 41,190      | 39,100   | 2,090        | 5.1  |
| Leflore         | 10,310      | 9,280    | 1,030        | 10.0 |
| Lincoln         | 14,500      | 13,630   | 870          | 6.0  |
| Lowndes         | 25,490      | 23,830   | 1,660        | 6.5  |
| Madison         | 52,050      | 49,690   | 2,360        | 4.5  |
| Marion          | 10,230      | 9,510    | 720          | 7.0  |
| Marshall        | 14,790      | 13,830   | 960          | 6.5  |
| Monroe          | 15,720      | 14,670   | 1,050        | 6.7  |
| Montgomery      | 4,250       | 3,950    | 300          | 7.1  |
| Neshoba         | 10,900      | 10,250   | 650          | 6.0  |
| Newton          | 8,850       | 8,310    | 540          | 6.1  |
| Noxubee         | 4,020       | 3,670    | 350          | 8.7  |
| Oktibbeha       | 22,790      | 21,460   | 1,330        | 5.8  |
| Panola          | 13,630      | 12,580   | 1,050        | 7.7  |
| Pearl River     | 22,970      | 21,510   | 1,460        | 6.4  |
| Perry           | 4,420       | 4,090    | 330          | 7.5  |
| Pike            | 14,920      | 13,850   | 1,070        | 7.2  |
| Pontotoc        | 14,330      | 13,610   | 720          | 5.0  |
| Prentiss        | 11,160      | 10,520   | 640          | 5.7  |
| Quitman         | 2,710       | 2,440    | 270          | 10.0 |
| Rankin          | 74,440      | 71,360   | 3,080        | 4.1  |
| Scott           | 13,310      | 12,660   | 650          | 4.9  |
| Sharkey         | 1,770       | 1,610    | 160          | 9.0  |
| Simpson         | 11,240      | 10,610   | 630          | 5.6  |
| Smith           | 6,890       | 6,510    | 380          | 5.5  |
| Stone           | 6,510       | 6,050    | 460          | 7.1  |
| Sunflower       | 8,530       | 7,680    | 850          | 10.0 |
| Tallahatchie    | 5,950       | 5,530    | 420          | 7.1  |
| Tate            | 12,120      | 11,360   | 760          | 6.3  |
| Tippah          | 9,750       | 9,190    | 560          | 5.7  |
| Tishomingo      | 8,240       | 7,760    | 480          | 5.8  |
| Tunica          | 4,780       | 4,430    | 350          | 7.3  |
| Union           | 13,800      | 13,160   | 640          | 4.6  |
| Walthall        | 5,180       | 4,770    | 410          | 7.9  |
| Warren          | 20,890      | 19,480   | 1,410        | 6.7  |
| Washington      | 17,980      | 16,240   | 1,740        | 9.7  |
| Wayne           | 7,580       | 7,000    | 580          | 7.7  |
| Webster         | 3,960       | 3,690    | 270          | 6.8  |
| Wilkinson       | 2,950       | 2,640    | 310          | 10.5 |
| Winston         | 7,220       | 6,680    | 540          | 7.5  |
| Yalobusha       | 5,110       | 4,780    | 330          | 6.5  |
| Yazoo           | 9,530       | 8,790    | 740          | 7.8  |

| Area                                      | Labor Force | Employed | Unemployment |      |
|---|-------------|----------|--------------|------|
|   |             |          | Number       | Rate |
| <b>Workforce Investment Areas</b>         |             |          |              |      |
| Delta                                     | 101,150     | 92,050   | 9,100        | 9.0  |
| Mississippi Partnership                   | 396,070     | 373,750  | 22,320       | 5.6  |
| Southcentral MS                           | 358,810     | 338,120  | 20,690       | 5.8  |
| Twin Districts                            | 429,100     | 402,310  | 26,790       | 6.2  |
| <b>Planning and Development Districts</b> |             |          |              |      |
| Central Mississippi                       | 291,730     | 276,350  | 15,380       | 5.3  |
| East Central                              | 96,380      | 90,390   | 5,990        | 6.2  |
| Golden Triangle                           | 75,470      | 70,400   | 5,070        | 6.7  |
| North Central                             | 45,840      | 42,170   | 3,670        | 8.0  |
| North Delta                               | 133,750     | 126,180  | 7,570        | 5.7  |
| Northeast                                 | 62,930      | 59,200   | 3,730        | 5.9  |
| South Delta                               | 44,750      | 40,620   | 4,130        | 9.2  |
| Southern                                  | 332,720     | 311,920  | 20,800       | 6.3  |
| Southwest                                 | 67,080      | 61,770   | 5,310        | 7.9  |
| Three Rivers                              | 134,480     | 127,230  | 7,250        | 5.4  |
| <b>Community College Districts*</b>       |             |          |              |      |
| Copiah-Lincoln                            | 59,110      | 54,910   | 4,200        | 7.1  |
| East Central                              | 48,280      | 45,410   | 2,870        | 5.9  |
| East Mississippi                          | 64,020      | 59,660   | 4,360        | 6.8  |
| Gulf Coast                                | 161,330     | 151,090  | 10,240       | 6.3  |
| Hinds                                     | 210,460     | 199,220  | 11,240       | 5.3  |
| Holmes                                    | 99,830      | 93,930   | 5,900        | 5.9  |
| Itawamba                                  | 89,040      | 84,120   | 4,920        | 5.5  |
| Jones                                     | 71,150      | 66,430   | 4,720        | 6.6  |
| Mississippi Delta                         | 55,060      | 49,900   | 5,160        | 9.4  |
| Northeast                                 | 58,870      | 55,680   | 3,190        | 5.4  |
| Northwest                                 | 178,900     | 169,010  | 9,890        | 5.5  |
| Pearl River                               | 119,780     | 112,600  | 7,180        | 6.0  |
| Southwest                                 | 27,660      | 25,510   | 2,150        | 7.8  |
| <b>Cities</b>                             |             |          |              |      |
| Biloxi                                    | 19,700      | 18,510   | 1,190        | 6.0  |
| Clinton                                   | 13,360      | 12,800   | 560          | 4.2  |
| Columbus                                  | 9,840       | 8,880    | 960          | 9.8  |
| Greenville                                | 12,140      | 10,980   | 1,160        | 9.6  |
| Gulfport                                  | 29,850      | 27,810   | 2,040        | 6.8  |
| Hattiesburg                               | 22,380      | 20,830   | 1,550        | 6.9  |
| Hattiesburg <sup>1</sup>                  | 19,510      | 18,190   | 1,320        | 6.8  |
| Hattiesburg <sup>2</sup>                  | 2,870       | 2,640    | 230          | 8.0  |
| Horn Lake                                 | 12,630      | 12,050   | 580          | 4.6  |
| Jackson                                   | 76,430      | 71,810   | 4,620        | 6.0  |
| Madison                                   | 13,220      | 12,750   | 470          | 3.6  |
| Meridian                                  | 15,840      | 14,650   | 1,190        | 7.5  |
| Moss Point                                | 5,360       | 4,970    | 390          | 7.3  |
| Olive Branch                              | 18,760      | 17,950   | 810          | 4.3  |
| Pascagoula                                | 9,360       | 8,580    | 780          | 8.3  |
| Pearl                                     | 12,880      | 12,330   | 550          | 4.3  |
| Southaven                                 | 26,400      | 25,290   | 1,110        | 4.2  |
| Tupelo                                    | 16,630      | 15,690   | 940          | 5.7  |
| Vicksburg                                 | 9,760       | 8,780    | 980          | 10.0 |

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

# Five Year Comparison of Unemployment Rates

As of October 2016

| Area                               | Current Month<br>Oct-16 | ONE Year Ago<br>Oct-15 | TWO Years Ago<br>Oct-14 | THREE Years Ago<br>Oct-13 | FOUR Years Ago<br>Oct-12 | FIVE Years Ago<br>Oct-11 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mississippi                        | 5.7                     | 6.2                    | 6.9                     | 8.4                       | 8.8                      | 9.8                      |
| United States                      | 4.7                     | 4.8                    | 5.5                     | 7.0                       | 7.5                      | 8.5                      |
| United States <sup>-adjusted</sup> | 4.9                     | 5.0                    | 5.7                     | 7.2                       | 7.8                      | 8.8                      |
| <b>MSAs</b>                        |                         |                        |                         |                           |                          |                          |
| Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula         | 6.0                     | 6.4                    | 6.9                     | 8.0                       | 8.6                      | 9.7                      |
| Hattiesburg                        | 5.2                     | 5.7                    | 6.2                     | 7.2                       | 8.0                      | 9.0                      |
| Jackson                            | 4.9                     | 5.3                    | 5.8                     | 7.1                       | 7.5                      | 8.3                      |
| <b>Counties</b>                    |                         |                        |                         |                           |                          |                          |
| Adams                              | 7.9                     | 7.6                    | 7.6                     | 8.9                       | 9.8                      | 10.5                     |
| Alcorn                             | 5.4                     | 5.8                    | 6.2                     | 7.6                       | 8.6                      | 10.8                     |
| Amite                              | 7.2                     | 7.4                    | 7.7                     | 8.9                       | 9.8                      | 11.3                     |
| Attala                             | 6.8                     | 7.4                    | 8.1                     | 9.0                       | 9.5                      | 10.8                     |
| Benton                             | 6.1                     | 7.4                    | 8.7                     | 10.6                      | 10.6                     | 12.6                     |
| Bolivar                            | 6.4                     | 6.8                    | 8.0                     | 10.3                      | 9.9                      | 10.6                     |
| Calhoun                            | 5.1                     | 6.0                    | 6.5                     | 8.2                       | 8.0                      | 8.1                      |
| Carroll                            | 7.4                     | 8.2                    | 8.4                     | 10.4                      | 10.8                     | 11.4                     |
| Chickasaw                          | 6.3                     | 7.5                    | 9.4                     | 11.1                      | 11.0                     | 11.7                     |
| Choctaw                            | 4.9                     | 5.8                    | 6.5                     | 8.0                       | 8.4                      | 9.8                      |
| Claiborne                          | 9.9                     | 11.5                   | 12.8                    | 16.5                      | 16.8                     | 15.5                     |
| Clarke                             | 6.6                     | 7.9                    | 8.2                     | 10.1                      | 10.5                     | 11.8                     |
| Clay                               | 7.6                     | 8.8                    | 11.5                    | 15.8                      | 14.4                     | 15.0                     |
| Coahoma                            | 7.5                     | 8.7                    | 10.1                    | 12.1                      | 11.7                     | 12.8                     |
| Copiah                             | 6.4                     | 6.9                    | 7.8                     | 10.4                      | 11.0                     | 11.8                     |
| Covington                          | 5.4                     | 5.7                    | 6.2                     | 7.4                       | 8.4                      | 9.3                      |
| DeSoto                             | 4.2                     | 4.8                    | 5.1                     | 5.7                       | 6.2                      | 7.3                      |
| Forrest                            | 5.7                     | 6.2                    | 6.9                     | 8.1                       | 9.0                      | 10.0                     |
| Franklin                           | 6.4                     | 7.4                    | 7.3                     | 9.2                       | 9.6                      | 10.5                     |
| George                             | 6.5                     | 6.9                    | 7.6                     | 8.7                       | 9.9                      | 11.6                     |
| Greene                             | 6.8                     | 7.2                    | 7.6                     | 9.8                       | 10.5                     | 10.7                     |
| Grenada                            | 5.3                     | 6.0                    | 6.7                     | 8.5                       | 9.4                      | 9.8                      |
| Hancock                            | 5.9                     | 6.4                    | 6.9                     | 8.1                       | 8.3                      | 9.8                      |
| Harrison                           | 5.6                     | 6.1                    | 6.5                     | 7.4                       | 8.1                      | 9.2                      |
| Hinds                              | 5.4                     | 5.9                    | 6.5                     | 8.4                       | 8.7                      | 9.4                      |
| Holmes                             | 9.6                     | 10.5                   | 12.1                    | 16.3                      | 15.6                     | 16.5                     |
| Humphreys                          | 9.8                     | 10.7                   | 12.6                    | 16.0                      | 17.8                     | 17.2                     |
| Issaquena                          | 9.4                     | 12.0                   | 12.4                    | 16.9                      | 16.3                     | 17.0                     |
| Itawamba                           | 5.0                     | 5.5                    | 6.5                     | 7.9                       | 8.2                      | 9.8                      |
| Jackson                            | 6.5                     | 6.9                    | 7.5                     | 8.7                       | 9.3                      | 10.5                     |
| Jasper                             | 6.9                     | 7.7                    | 7.6                     | 9.5                       | 9.7                      | 11.3                     |
| Jefferson                          | 11.4                    | 12.8                   | 13.3                    | 18.0                      | 17.0                     | 18.0                     |
| Jefferson Davis                    | 7.9                     | 8.5                    | 8.7                     | 11.7                      | 12.6                     | 13.4                     |
| Jones                              | 6.1                     | 6.2                    | 5.9                     | 6.8                       | 7.4                      | 8.5                      |
| Kemper                             | 8.7                     | 9.4                    | 11.4                    | 13.2                      | 13.4                     | 14.2                     |
| Lafayette                          | 4.6                     | 4.9                    | 5.6                     | 6.4                       | 6.7                      | 7.8                      |
| Lamar                              | 4.5                     | 4.9                    | 4.9                     | 5.6                       | 6.3                      | 7.1                      |
| Lauderdale                         | 6.2                     | 6.5                    | 7.2                     | 8.4                       | 9.0                      | 10.5                     |

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|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Counties</b> |                         |                        |                         |                           |                          |                          |
| Lawrence        | 6.7                     | 7.2                    | 7.6                     | 8.7                       | 9.9                      | 11.6                     |
| Leake           | 6.9                     | 6.3                    | 6.3                     | 8.3                       | 9.1                      | 10.1                     |
| Lee             | 4.9                     | 5.3                    | 6.9                     | 8.2                       | 8.5                      | 9.9                      |
| Leflore         | 8.8                     | 10.6                   | 10.8                    | 13.8                      | 13.9                     | 13.6                     |
| Lincoln         | 5.6                     | 6.0                    | 6.1                     | 7.3                       | 8.4                      | 9.5                      |
| Lowndes         | 6.0                     | 6.7                    | 7.9                     | 9.5                       | 9.1                      | 10.2                     |
| Madison         | 4.4                     | 4.6                    | 4.9                     | 5.6                       | 6.0                      | 6.8                      |
| Marion          | 6.6                     | 7.1                    | 7.3                     | 9.4                       | 10.4                     | 10.7                     |
| Marshall        | 5.6                     | 6.9                    | 7.8                     | 10.0                      | 11.4                     | 12.7                     |
| Monroe          | 6.2                     | 6.9                    | 9.4                     | 12.1                      | 12.1                     | 12.3                     |
| Montgomery      | 6.0                     | 8.0                    | 7.9                     | 11.0                      | 11.6                     | 11.8                     |
| Neshoba         | 5.8                     | 6.1                    | 6.5                     | 7.7                       | 8.3                      | 9.5                      |
| Newton          | 5.8                     | 5.9                    | 6.3                     | 7.3                       | 7.8                      | 9.1                      |
| Noxubee         | 7.9                     | 8.7                    | 10.6                    | 13.4                      | 12.5                     | 13.9                     |
| Oktibbeha       | 5.1                     | 5.6                    | 6.2                     | 7.4                       | 7.5                      | 8.6                      |
| Panola          | 7.0                     | 8.2                    | 9.7                     | 11.9                      | 12.3                     | 13.2                     |
| Pearl River     | 6.0                     | 6.2                    | 6.3                     | 7.7                       | 8.1                      | 9.4                      |
| Perry           | 6.6                     | 7.6                    | 8.6                     | 9.9                       | 11.3                     | 13.1                     |
| Pike            | 7.0                     | 7.1                    | 7.5                     | 9.9                       | 10.5                     | 11.8                     |
| Pontotoc        | 4.7                     | 5.3                    | 6.6                     | 7.1                       | 7.7                      | 9.3                      |
| Prentiss        | 5.4                     | 5.7                    | 6.7                     | 8.1                       | 8.5                      | 10.0                     |
| Quitman         | 8.9                     | 9.4                    | 10.7                    | 14.1                      | 13.3                     | 13.5                     |
| Rankin          | 4.1                     | 4.2                    | 4.5                     | 5.0                       | 5.6                      | 6.5                      |
| Scott           | 4.9                     | 4.7                    | 5.0                     | 6.2                       | 7.4                      | 8.6                      |
| Sharkey         | 7.2                     | 8.4                    | 8.2                     | 11.9                      | 12.5                     | 13.0                     |
| Simpson         | 5.5                     | 5.8                    | 6.0                     | 7.1                       | 7.8                      | 9.4                      |
| Smith           | 5.1                     | 5.4                    | 5.5                     | 6.5                       | 7.1                      | 8.1                      |
| Stone           | 6.7                     | 6.9                    | 7.8                     | 9.1                       | 9.8                      | 10.7                     |
| Sunflower       | 8.4                     | 9.3                    | 10.4                    | 13.1                      | 13.9                     | 14.3                     |
| Tallahatchie    | 5.4                     | 6.8                    | 7.1                     | 10.4                      | 10.7                     | 11.0                     |
| Tate            | 5.6                     | 6.7                    | 7.7                     | 8.6                       | 8.9                      | 10.0                     |
| Tippah          | 5.2                     | 6.0                    | 7.8                     | 9.6                       | 10.0                     | 11.5                     |
| Tishomingo      | 5.5                     | 5.9                    | 6.9                     | 8.9                       | 9.7                      | 12.0                     |
| Tunica          | 6.1                     | 7.7                    | 10.2                    | 11.7                      | 11.6                     | 13.1                     |
| Union           | 4.5                     | 5.0                    | 5.9                     | 6.9                       | 7.7                      | 9.4                      |
| Walthall        | 7.3                     | 7.8                    | 8.5                     | 10.1                      | 11.4                     | 11.7                     |
| Warren          | 6.3                     | 6.7                    | 7.0                     | 8.9                       | 9.3                      | 9.7                      |
| Washington      | 8.1                     | 9.4                    | 10.6                    | 14.5                      | 14.0                     | 14.4                     |
| Wayne           | 7.2                     | 7.6                    | 7.9                     | 10.4                      | 11.1                     | 10.5                     |
| Webster         | 6.0                     | 7.1                    | 7.5                     | 9.4                       | 8.6                      | 10.2                     |
| Wilkinson       | 8.3                     | 9.5                    | 9.4                     | 12.3                      | 12.2                     | 12.6                     |
| Winston         | 7.0                     | 7.7                    | 8.9                     | 11.3                      | 11.8                     | 12.7                     |
| Yalobusha       | 5.5                     | 6.7                    | 7.7                     | 9.9                       | 10.2                     | 10.9                     |
| Yazoo           | 6.7                     | 7.6                    | 8.4                     | 10.6                      | 11.1                     | 11.3                     |

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|---|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Workforce Investment Areas</b>         |                         |                        |                         |                           |                          |                          |
| Delta                                     | 7.6                     | 8.7                    | 9.9                     | 12.8                      | 12.8                     | 13.3                     |
| Miss Partnership                          | 5.2                     | 5.9                    | 6.8                     | 8.2                       | 8.6                      | 9.8                      |
| Southcentral MS                           | 5.4                     | 5.8                    | 6.2                     | 7.7                       | 8.2                      | 9.0                      |
| Twin Districts                            | 6.0                     | 6.3                    | 6.7                     | 8.0                       | 8.6                      | 9.7                      |
| <b>Planning and Development Districts</b> |                         |                        |                         |                           |                          |                          |
| Central Miss.                             | 5.0                     | 5.4                    | 5.9                     | 7.2                       | 7.7                      | 8.4                      |
| East Central                              | 6.1                     | 6.4                    | 6.8                     | 8.2                       | 8.8                      | 10.1                     |
| Golden Triangle                           | 6.0                     | 6.8                    | 7.9                     | 9.8                       | 9.6                      | 10.7                     |
| North Central                             | 7.1                     | 8.3                    | 8.9                     | 11.4                      | 11.7                     | 12.2                     |
| North Delta                               | 5.1                     | 5.9                    | 6.6                     | 7.7                       | 8.1                      | 9.2                      |
| Northeast                                 | 5.5                     | 6.2                    | 7.1                     | 8.9                       | 9.7                      | 11.5                     |
| South Delta                               | 7.7                     | 8.6                    | 9.8                     | 13.0                      | 13.0                     | 13.4                     |
| Southern                                  | 5.9                     | 6.3                    | 6.7                     | 7.9                       | 8.6                      | 9.6                      |
| Southwest                                 | 7.2                     | 7.5                    | 7.9                     | 9.8                       | 10.5                     | 11.4                     |
| Three Rivers                              | 5.0                     | 5.6                    | 6.9                     | 8.2                       | 8.5                      | 9.7                      |
| <b>Community College Districts*</b>       |                         |                        |                         |                           |                          |                          |
| Copiah-Lincoln                            | 6.5                     | 6.9                    | 7.2                     | 8.9                       | 9.6                      | 10.7                     |
| East Central                              | 5.9                     | 6.0                    | 6.4                     | 7.9                       | 8.6                      | 9.8                      |
| East Mississippi                          | 6.1                     | 6.8                    | 8.1                     | 10.0                      | 9.7                      | 10.7                     |
| Gulf Coast                                | 6.0                     | 6.5                    | 7.0                     | 8.1                       | 8.7                      | 9.9                      |
| Hinds                                     | 5.1                     | 5.5                    | 6.0                     | 7.4                       | 7.9                      | 8.6                      |
| Holmes                                    | 5.4                     | 6.0                    | 6.5                     | 8.0                       | 8.4                      | 9.2                      |
| Itawamba                                  | 5.2                     | 5.8                    | 7.5                     | 9.0                       | 9.2                      | 10.4                     |
| Jones                                     | 6.2                     | 6.7                    | 6.7                     | 8.2                       | 8.8                      | 9.8                      |
| Mississippi Delta                         | 7.9                     | 9.0                    | 10.0                    | 13.1                      | 13.2                     | 13.5                     |
| Northeast                                 | 5.1                     | 5.7                    | 6.6                     | 8.0                       | 8.8                      | 10.6                     |
| Northwest                                 | 4.9                     | 5.8                    | 6.4                     | 7.6                       | 8.1                      | 9.2                      |
| Pearl River                               | 5.6                     | 6.1                    | 6.4                     | 7.7                       | 8.3                      | 9.4                      |
| Southwest                                 | 7.2                     | 7.6                    | 7.9                     | 10.1                      | 10.8                     | 11.8                     |
| <b>Cities</b>                             |                         |                        |                         |                           |                          |                          |
| Biloxi                                    | 5.9                     | 6.2                    | 7.0                     | 7.7                       | 8.9                      | 9.8                      |
| Clinton                                   | 4.1                     | 4.5                    | 4.4                     | 5.5                       | 5.4                      | 6.4                      |
| Columbus                                  | 8.4                     | 9.8                    | 12.5                    | 15.8                      | 14.9                     | 15.6                     |
| Greenville                                | 8.4                     | 9.8                    | 10.6                    | 15.1                      | 14.5                     | 15.2                     |
| Gulfport                                  | 6.5                     | 7.3                    | 7.6                     | 9.2                       | 9.8                      | 10.9                     |
| Hattiesburg                               | 6.5                     | 7.2                    | 8.0                     | 10.0                      | 10.9                     | 12.0                     |
| Hattiesburg -Forest County part           | 6.3                     | 7.0                    | 7.8                     | 9.7                       | 10.7                     | 11.8                     |
| Hattiesburg -Lamar County part            | 7.8                     | 8.4                    | 9.3                     | 11.7                      | 12.3                     | 13.3                     |
| Horn Lake                                 | 4.5                     | 4.6                    | 5.4                     | 6.0                       | 6.3                      | 7.3                      |
| Jackson                                   | 5.7                     | 6.2                    | 7.0                     | 9.2                       | 9.5                      | 10.1                     |
| Madison                                   | 3.6                     | 3.7                    | 3.8                     | 4.1                       | 4.4                      | 4.9                      |
| Meridian                                  | 7.2                     | 7.8                    | 8.9                     | 11.1                      | 11.7                     | 13.3                     |
| Moss Point                                | 7.0                     | 7.0                    | 8.1                     | 9.7                       | 9.8                      | 11.3                     |
| Olive Branch                              | 4.0                     | 4.7                    | 4.6                     | 5.2                       | 5.9                      | 7.0                      |
| Pascagoula                                | 7.5                     | 7.8                    | 8.6                     | 10.2                      | 10.4                     | 11.8                     |
| Pearl                                     | 4.1                     | 4.4                    | 4.3                     | 5.6                       | 6.1                      | 7.1                      |
| Southaven                                 | 4.0                     | 4.3                    | 4.7                     | 5.5                       | 5.9                      | 6.9                      |
| Tupelo                                    | 5.4                     | 6.1                    | 7.6                     | 9.9                       | 10.0                     | 11.7                     |
| Vicksburg                                 | 9.0                     | 9.8                    | 10.7                    | 14.8                      | 14.9                     | 15.1                     |

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

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

# Unemployment Insurance Statistics

## MSAs & WIAs

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

|                                       | September 2016 |               |               |                            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|
|                                       | Regular UI     |               |               | Benefits Paid All Programs |
|                                       | Initial Claims | Cont'd Claims | Benefits Paid |                            |
| <b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas</b> |                |               |               |                            |
| <b>Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA</b> | 616            | 5,076         | \$841,033     | \$856,032                  |
| <b>Hattiesburg MSA</b>                | 269            | 1,783         | \$299,440     | \$301,620                  |
| <b>Jackson MSA</b>                    | 844            | 6,491         | \$1,062,660   | \$1,072,624                |
| <b>Workforce Investment Act Areas</b> |                |               |               |                            |
| <b>Delta</b>                          | 642            | 5,110         | \$731,787     | \$735,589                  |
| <b>Mississippi Partnership</b>        | 1,178          | 9,062         | \$1,410,493   | \$1,417,918                |
| <b>Southcentral Mississippi</b>       | 1,162          | 9,595         | \$1,543,486   | \$1,557,518                |
| <b>Twin Districts</b>                 | 1,709          | 13,147        | \$2,163,667   | \$2,188,973                |

|                                       | October 2015   |               |               |                            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|
|                                       | Regular UI     |               |               | Benefits Paid All Programs |
|                                       | Initial Claims | Cont'd Claims | Benefits Paid |                            |
| <b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas</b> |                |               |               |                            |
| <b>Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA</b> | 856            | 5,489         | \$899,154     | \$918,511                  |
| <b>Hattiesburg MSA</b>                | 272            | 1,877         | \$306,382     | \$310,612                  |
| <b>Jackson MSA</b>                    | 1,046          | 6,904         | \$1,084,534   | \$1,088,909                |
| <b>Workforce Investment Act Areas</b> |                |               |               |                            |
| <b>Delta</b>                          | 948            | 5,656         | \$817,004     | \$822,475                  |
| <b>Mississippi Partnership</b>        | 1,962          | 9,515         | \$1,430,398   | \$1,445,969                |
| <b>Southcentral Mississippi</b>       | 1,521          | 9,993         | \$1,537,543   | \$1,548,453                |
| <b>Twin Districts</b>                 | 2,131          | 12,977        | \$2,095,661   | \$2,135,797                |

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# Unemployment Insurance Statistics

## County Data - Claims

|                        | October 2016   |               | September 2016 |               | October 2015   |               |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
|                        | Initial Claims | Cont'd Claims | Initial Claims | Cont'd Claims | Initial Claims | Cont'd Claims |
| <b>Counties</b>        |                |               |                |               |                |               |
| <b>Adams</b>           | 50             | 559           | 56             | 558           | 134            | 454           |
| <b>Alcorn</b>          | 48             | 399           | 49             | 315           | 64             | 386           |
| <b>Amite</b>           | 15             | 137           | 12             | 119           | 13             | 128           |
| <b>Attala</b>          | 47             | 291           | 33             | 190           | 42             | 233           |
| <b>Benton</b>          | 5              | 33            | 5              | 59            | 6              | 58            |
| <b>Bolivar</b>         | 76             | 522           | 53             | 541           | 98             | 427           |
| <b>Calhoun</b>         | 19             | 108           | 16             | 103           | 31             | 187           |
| <b>Carroll</b>         | 10             | 102           | 12             | 98            | 19             | 104           |
| <b>Chickasaw</b>       | 81             | 364           | 46             | 315           | 102            | 324           |
| <b>Choctaw</b>         | 14             | 49            | 16             | 66            | 39             | 116           |
| <b>Claiborne</b>       | 24             | 188           | 19             | 208           | 18             | 211           |
| <b>Clarke</b>          | 33             | 213           | 30             | 188           | 66             | 252           |
| <b>Clay</b>            | 92             | 558           | 62             | 566           | 155            | 573           |
| <b>Coahoma</b>         | 78             | 535           | 60             | 543           | 79             | 552           |
| <b>Copiah</b>          | 41             | 433           | 38             | 440           | 76             | 376           |
| <b>Covington</b>       | 24             | 190           | 23             | 225           | 39             | 187           |
| <b>DeSoto</b>          | 105            | 924           | 120            | 889           | 113            | 846           |
| <b>Forrest</b>         | 127            | 1,187         | 182            | 1,183         | 155            | 1,089         |
| <b>Franklin</b>        | 13             | 64            | 9              | 68            | 6              | 81            |
| <b>George</b>          | 24             | 275           | 30             | 319           | 44             | 264           |
| <b>Greene</b>          | 25             | 166           | 21             | 150           | 13             | 130           |
| <b>Grenada</b>         | 50             | 246           | 42             | 213           | 53             | 304           |
| <b>Hancock</b>         | 43             | 420           | 41             | 401           | 69             | 410           |
| <b>Harrison</b>        | 333            | 2,675         | 345            | 2,348         | 433            | 2,878         |
| <b>Hinds</b>           | 407            | 3,512         | 446            | 3,208         | 544            | 3,557         |
| <b>Holmes</b>          | 76             | 505           | 57             | 406           | 59             | 462           |
| <b>Humphreys</b>       | 21             | 163           | 20             | 143           | 36             | 173           |
| <b>Issaquena</b>       | 5              | 23            | 4              | 15            | 10             | 27            |
| <b>Itawamba</b>        | 41             | 198           | 35             | 174           | 27             | 192           |
| <b>Jackson</b>         | 295            | 2,582         | 230            | 2,327         | 354            | 2,201         |
| <b>Jasper</b>          | 30             | 281           | 32             | 305           | 55             | 302           |
| <b>Jefferson</b>       | 15             | 130           | 9              | 148           | 27             | 141           |
| <b>Jefferson Davis</b> | 25             | 256           | 29             | 301           | 24             | 203           |
| <b>Jones</b>           | 81             | 1,079         | 96             | 1,023         | 161            | 836           |
| <b>Kemper</b>          | 37             | 245           | 24             | 185           | 32             | 152           |
| <b>Lafayette</b>       | 32             | 316           | 24             | 274           | 39             | 301           |
| <b>Lamar</b>           | 59             | 547           | 71             | 480           | 93             | 654           |
| <b>Lauderdale</b>      | 190            | 1,396         | 166            | 1,186         | 187            | 1,085         |
| <b>Lawrence</b>        | 19             | 162           | 13             | 176           | 13             | 134           |
| <b>Leake</b>           | 41             | 522           | 93             | 280           | 35             | 189           |
| <b>Lee</b>             | 213            | 1,469         | 141            | 1,388         | 270            | 917           |

# Unemployment Insurance Statistics

## County Data - Claims

|                     | October 2016   |               | September 2016 |               | October 2015   |               |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
|                     | Initial Claims | Cont'd Claims | Initial Claims | Cont'd Claims | Initial Claims | Cont'd Claims |
| <b>Counties</b>     |                |               |                |               |                |               |
| <b>Leflore</b>      | 85             | 811           | 98             | 688           | 103            | 1,022         |
| <b>Lincoln</b>      | 48             | 311           | 31             | 280           | 46             | 372           |
| <b>Lowndes</b>      | 141            | 1,033         | 124            | 890           | 171            | 940           |
| <b>Madison</b>      | 121            | 1,201         | 135            | 1,078         | 154            | 1,035         |
| <b>Marion</b>       | 40             | 358           | 34             | 314           | 49             | 308           |
| <b>Marshall</b>     | 41             | 300           | 48             | 269           | 53             | 315           |
| <b>Monroe</b>       | 133            | 795           | 102            | 755           | 195            | 617           |
| <b>Montgomery</b>   | 17             | 126           | 10             | 112           | 36             | 286           |
| <b>Neshoba</b>      | 37             | 295           | 45             | 260           | 45             | 253           |
| <b>Newton</b>       | 22             | 187           | 30             | 155           | 34             | 192           |
| <b>Noxubee</b>      | 31             | 241           | 25             | 194           | 35             | 188           |
| <b>Oktibbeha</b>    | 65             | 441           | 44             | 405           | 92             | 543           |
| <b>Panola</b>       | 86             | 684           | 95             | 554           | 100            | 638           |
| <b>Pearl River</b>  | 48             | 445           | 55             | 413           | 56             | 360           |
| <b>Perry</b>        | 16             | 112           | 16             | 120           | 24             | 134           |
| <b>Pike</b>         | 104            | 570           | 51             | 441           | 74             | 438           |
| <b>Pontotoc</b>     | 31             | 263           | 33             | 287           | 51             | 266           |
| <b>Prentiss</b>     | 39             | 303           | 25             | 268           | 51             | 275           |
| <b>Quitman</b>      | 41             | 232           | 16             | 139           | 24             | 230           |
| <b>Rankin</b>       | 164            | 1,330         | 138            | 1,134         | 183            | 1,148         |
| <b>Scott</b>        | 35             | 382           | 46             | 292           | 45             | 263           |
| <b>Sharkey</b>      | 12             | 83            | 6              | 68            | 9              | 55            |
| <b>Simpson</b>      | 23             | 270           | 31             | 290           | 26             | 281           |
| <b>Smith</b>        | 18             | 117           | 10             | 120           | 30             | 151           |
| <b>Stone</b>        | 15             | 195           | 18             | 212           | 24             | 163           |
| <b>Sunflower</b>    | 85             | 637           | 61             | 519           | 119            | 540           |
| <b>Tallahatchie</b> | 30             | 152           | 18             | 127           | 54             | 266           |
| <b>Tate</b>         | 40             | 263           | 29             | 250           | 57             | 366           |
| <b>Tippah</b>       | 25             | 215           | 15             | 201           | 37             | 242           |
| <b>Tishomingo</b>   | 38             | 199           | 34             | 140           | 30             | 142           |
| <b>Tunica</b>       | 33             | 186           | 20             | 174           | 35             | 173           |
| <b>Union</b>        | 33             | 274           | 36             | 243           | 42             | 215           |
| <b>Walthall</b>     | 20             | 156           | 27             | 180           | 27             | 144           |
| <b>Warren</b>       | 102            | 899           | 87             | 814           | 99             | 919           |
| <b>Washington</b>   | 120            | 1,096         | 122            | 1,095         | 203            | 987           |
| <b>Wayne</b>        | 28             | 397           | 42             | 360           | 64             | 321           |
| <b>Webster</b>      | 10             | 123           | 15             | 103           | 57             | 172           |
| <b>Wilkinson</b>    | 9              | 92            | 4              | 112           | 18             | 67            |
| <b>Winston</b>      | 57             | 352           | 28             | 307           | 78             | 350           |
| <b>Yalobusha</b>    | 27             | 135           | 21             | 86            | 36             | 161           |
| <b>Yazoo</b>        | 57             | 367           | 56             | 341           | 63             | 507           |

# Unemployment Insurance Statistics

## County Data - Benefits Paid

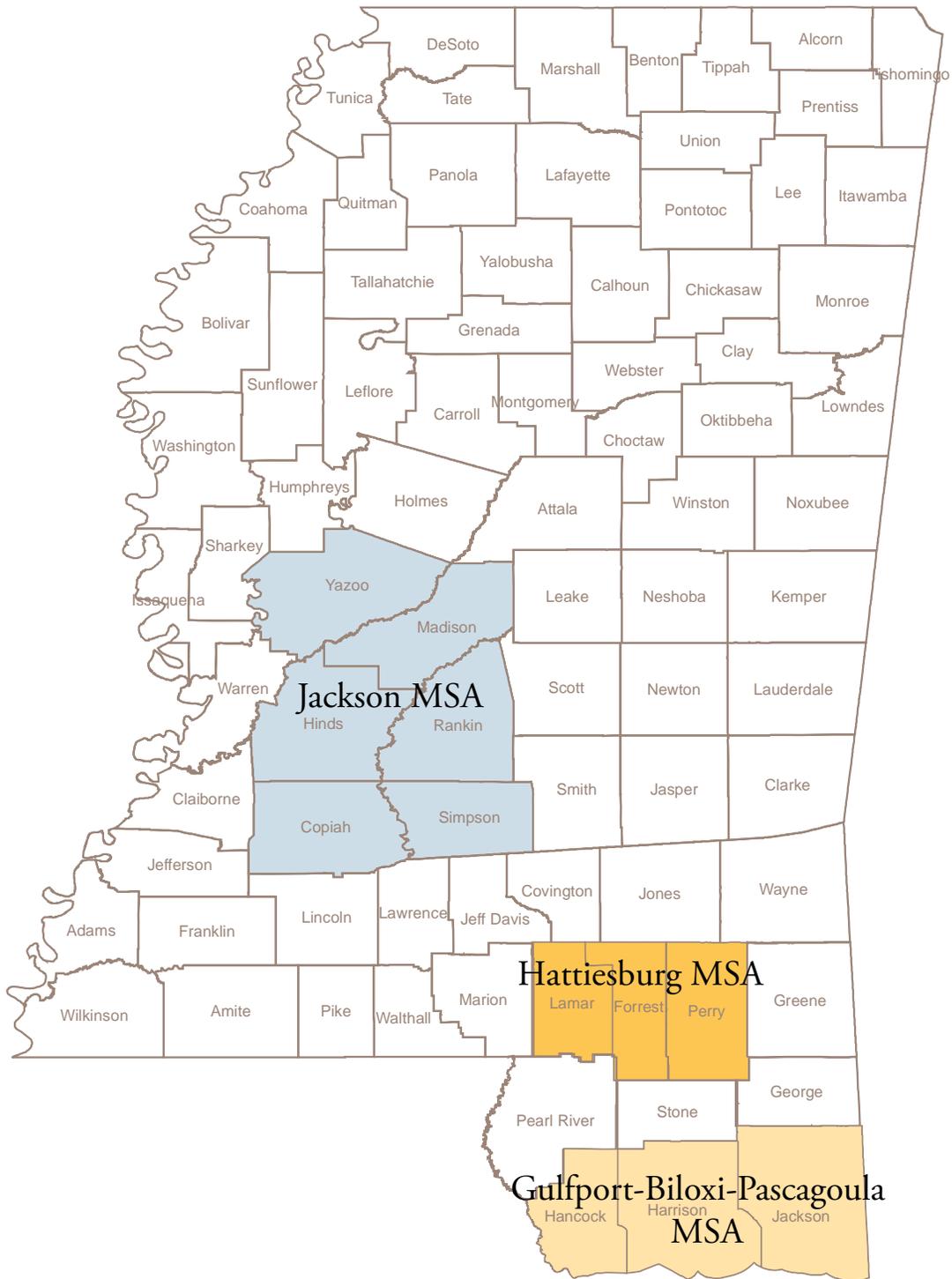
| Counties               | October 2016                |                               | September 2016              |                               | October 2015                |                               |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                        | Benefits Paid<br>Regular UI | Benefits Paid<br>All Programs | Benefits Paid<br>Regular UI | Benefits Paid<br>All Programs | Benefits Paid<br>Regular UI | Benefits Paid<br>All Programs |
| <b>Adams</b>           | \$71,841                    | \$71,841                      | \$80,395                    | \$80,395                      | \$57,351                    | \$57,481                      |
| <b>Alcorn</b>          | \$53,328                    | \$53,328                      | \$47,272                    | \$47,272                      | \$58,053                    | \$58,053                      |
| <b>Amite</b>           | \$22,082                    | \$22,082                      | \$21,681                    | \$21,681                      | \$21,125                    | \$21,125                      |
| <b>Attala</b>          | \$45,299                    | \$45,534                      | \$30,092                    | \$30,327                      | \$33,644                    | \$34,336                      |
| <b>Benton</b>          | \$4,309                     | \$4,309                       | \$7,098                     | \$7,098                       | \$8,044                     | \$8,044                       |
| <b>Bolivar</b>         | \$76,178                    | \$77,574                      | \$80,533                    | \$81,473                      | \$53,159                    | \$53,159                      |
| <b>Calhoun</b>         | \$16,025                    | \$16,025                      | \$16,078                    | \$16,078                      | \$29,026                    | \$29,026                      |
| <b>Carroll</b>         | \$16,957                    | \$16,957                      | \$16,481                    | \$16,481                      | \$14,512                    | \$14,512                      |
| <b>Chickasaw</b>       | \$47,288                    | \$47,288                      | \$49,122                    | \$49,122                      | \$51,654                    | \$51,654                      |
| <b>Choctaw</b>         | \$5,383                     | \$5,618                       | \$8,469                     | \$8,939                       | \$17,007                    | \$18,417                      |
| <b>Claiborne</b>       | \$28,254                    | \$28,254                      | \$35,184                    | \$35,184                      | \$27,931                    | \$28,636                      |
| <b>Clarke</b>          | \$33,775                    | \$33,775                      | \$31,882                    | \$31,882                      | \$40,768                    | \$40,768                      |
| <b>Clay</b>            | \$85,517                    | \$85,517                      | \$88,619                    | \$88,619                      | \$84,070                    | \$84,070                      |
| <b>Coahoma</b>         | \$70,208                    | \$71,728                      | \$82,117                    | \$83,762                      | \$79,389                    | \$80,501                      |
| <b>Copiah</b>          | \$60,322                    | \$60,322                      | \$62,790                    | \$62,790                      | \$52,590                    | \$52,590                      |
| <b>Covington</b>       | \$31,698                    | \$33,950                      | \$34,902                    | \$37,898                      | \$26,608                    | \$28,482                      |
| <b>DeSoto</b>          | \$142,245                   | \$145,300                     | \$137,725                   | \$139,605                     | \$140,398                   | \$141,808                     |
| <b>Forrest</b>         | \$192,215                   | \$192,450                     | \$192,572                   | \$192,572                     | \$177,114                   | \$180,404                     |
| <b>Franklin</b>        | \$9,048                     | \$9,048                       | \$10,203                    | \$10,203                      | \$13,801                    | \$14,497                      |
| <b>George</b>          | \$48,098                    | \$48,098                      | \$56,982                    | \$56,982                      | \$49,158                    | \$50,333                      |
| <b>Greene</b>          | \$25,085                    | \$25,085                      | \$28,175                    | \$28,175                      | \$24,554                    | \$26,199                      |
| <b>Grenada</b>         | \$32,054                    | \$32,054                      | \$28,590                    | \$28,590                      | \$36,647                    | \$37,770                      |
| <b>Hancock</b>         | \$65,886                    | \$66,826                      | \$68,909                    | \$69,849                      | \$66,300                    | \$68,180                      |
| <b>Harrison</b>        | \$390,807                   | \$403,967                     | \$368,913                   | \$378,639                     | \$472,771                   | \$485,188                     |
| <b>Hinds</b>           | \$533,172                   | \$537,342                     | \$496,258                   | \$500,817                     | \$548,005                   | \$549,180                     |
| <b>Holmes</b>          | \$77,447                    | \$77,447                      | \$67,909                    | \$67,909                      | \$67,080                    | \$67,080                      |
| <b>Humphreys</b>       | \$23,266                    | \$23,314                      | \$20,996                    | \$20,996                      | \$23,649                    | \$23,649                      |
| <b>Issaquena</b>       | \$2,379                     | \$2,379                       | \$2,245                     | \$2,715                       | \$3,045                     | \$3,045                       |
| <b>Itawamba</b>        | \$33,631                    | \$33,631                      | \$29,813                    | \$29,813                      | \$33,664                    | \$33,664                      |
| <b>Jackson</b>         | \$414,617                   | \$418,917                     | \$403,211                   | \$407,544                     | \$360,083                   | \$365,143                     |
| <b>Jasper</b>          | \$49,911                    | \$49,911                      | \$50,596                    | \$50,596                      | \$56,979                    | \$56,979                      |
| <b>Jefferson</b>       | \$21,820                    | \$21,820                      | \$22,850                    | \$22,850                      | \$21,654                    | \$22,829                      |
| <b>Jefferson Davis</b> | \$37,023                    | \$37,023                      | \$48,328                    | \$48,328                      | \$29,938                    | \$29,938                      |
| <b>Jones</b>           | \$193,279                   | \$193,279                     | \$176,799                   | \$176,799                     | \$134,723                   | \$135,281                     |
| <b>Kemper</b>          | \$37,237                    | \$37,666                      | \$26,360                    | \$26,360                      | \$19,190                    | \$20,130                      |
| <b>Lafayette</b>       | \$53,114                    | \$53,114                      | \$53,491                    | \$53,491                      | \$43,343                    | \$43,343                      |
| <b>Lamar</b>           | \$88,631                    | \$91,216                      | \$86,137                    | \$88,317                      | \$108,184                   | \$109,124                     |
| <b>Lauderdale</b>      | \$197,995                   | \$200,328                     | \$174,618                   | \$176,498                     | \$153,811                   | \$154,516                     |
| <b>Lawrence</b>        | \$22,465                    | \$25,050                      | \$27,214                    | \$27,214                      | \$25,265                    | \$25,265                      |
| <b>Leake</b>           | \$82,334                    | \$83,274                      | \$35,149                    | \$36,089                      | \$25,688                    | \$26,628                      |
| <b>Lee</b>             | \$228,891                   | \$228,891                     | \$237,145                   | \$237,145                     | \$142,167                   | \$143,812                     |

# Unemployment Insurance Statistics

## County Data - Benefits Paid

| Counties            | October 2016                |                               | September 2016              |                               | October 2015                |                               |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                     | Benefits Paid<br>Regular UI | Benefits Paid<br>All Programs | Benefits Paid<br>Regular UI | Benefits Paid<br>All Programs | Benefits Paid<br>Regular UI | Benefits Paid<br>All Programs |
| <b>Leflore</b>      | \$113,782                   | \$113,878                     | \$93,079                    | \$93,079                      | \$173,832                   | \$173,832                     |
| <b>Lincoln</b>      | \$43,683                    | \$43,683                      | \$43,736                    | \$43,736                      | \$54,999                    | \$54,999                      |
| <b>Lowndes</b>      | \$138,634                   | \$139,574                     | \$124,793                   | \$124,793                     | \$127,499                   | \$131,313                     |
| <b>Madison</b>      | \$189,352                   | \$191,467                     | \$181,139                   | \$183,724                     | \$165,541                   | \$166,481                     |
| <b>Marion</b>       | \$61,434                    | \$62,100                      | \$57,449                    | \$58,115                      | \$51,512                    | \$51,512                      |
| <b>Marshall</b>     | \$37,378                    | \$37,378                      | \$32,905                    | \$32,905                      | \$50,744                    | \$50,744                      |
| <b>Monroe</b>       | \$113,346                   | \$114,286                     | \$120,151                   | \$121,091                     | \$90,684                    | \$93,269                      |
| <b>Montgomery</b>   | \$18,532                    | \$18,532                      | \$16,837                    | \$16,837                      | \$43,391                    | \$43,391                      |
| <b>Neshoba</b>      | \$43,847                    | \$44,317                      | \$38,184                    | \$38,419                      | \$41,170                    | \$41,170                      |
| <b>Newton</b>       | \$28,375                    | \$29,315                      | \$25,248                    | \$26,188                      | \$27,436                    | \$28,551                      |
| <b>Noxubee</b>      | \$28,443                    | \$28,443                      | \$27,883                    | \$27,883                      | \$25,938                    | \$25,938                      |
| <b>Oktibbeha</b>    | \$62,092                    | \$63,267                      | \$59,031                    | \$60,632                      | \$77,881                    | \$77,881                      |
| <b>Panola</b>       | \$100,866                   | \$100,866                     | \$80,160                    | \$80,160                      | \$91,202                    | \$91,437                      |
| <b>Pearl River</b>  | \$67,746                    | \$67,746                      | \$64,765                    | \$64,765                      | \$65,063                    | \$67,500                      |
| <b>Perry</b>        | \$16,792                    | \$16,792                      | \$20,731                    | \$20,731                      | \$21,084                    | \$21,084                      |
| <b>Pike</b>         | \$79,262                    | \$81,377                      | \$60,777                    | \$62,657                      | \$62,735                    | \$62,735                      |
| <b>Pontotoc</b>     | \$46,225                    | \$46,700                      | \$42,218                    | \$42,598                      | \$47,229                    | \$47,229                      |
| <b>Prentiss</b>     | \$47,719                    | \$47,719                      | \$46,564                    | \$46,564                      | \$42,278                    | \$42,278                      |
| <b>Quitman</b>      | \$29,935                    | \$30,170                      | \$21,835                    | \$21,835                      | \$34,071                    | \$34,071                      |
| <b>Rankin</b>       | \$218,226                   | \$221,516                     | \$212,010                   | \$214,830                     | \$190,232                   | \$192,492                     |
| <b>Scott</b>        | \$60,505                    | \$60,505                      | \$49,213                    | \$49,213                      | \$46,696                    | \$49,036                      |
| <b>Sharkey</b>      | \$12,594                    | \$12,594                      | \$10,491                    | \$10,491                      | \$6,672                     | \$6,672                       |
| <b>Simpson</b>      | \$47,563                    | \$48,503                      | \$54,517                    | \$54,517                      | \$47,314                    | \$47,314                      |
| <b>Smith</b>        | \$24,024                    | \$24,024                      | \$21,041                    | \$21,041                      | \$22,615                    | \$22,615                      |
| <b>Stone</b>        | \$35,441                    | \$35,911                      | \$37,358                    | \$37,828                      | \$25,811                    | \$28,631                      |
| <b>Sunflower</b>    | \$79,617                    | \$79,617                      | \$69,190                    | \$69,190                      | \$70,563                    | \$71,503                      |
| <b>Tallahatchie</b> | \$24,359                    | \$24,386                      | \$22,536                    | \$23,048                      | \$39,612                    | \$40,552                      |
| <b>Tate</b>         | \$29,906                    | \$30,683                      | \$36,306                    | \$37,050                      | \$55,826                    | \$56,476                      |
| <b>Tippah</b>       | \$34,701                    | \$34,701                      | \$33,891                    | \$33,891                      | \$36,816                    | \$37,756                      |
| <b>Tishomingo</b>   | \$25,931                    | \$25,931                      | \$24,393                    | \$24,393                      | \$20,281                    | \$20,281                      |
| <b>Tunica</b>       | \$26,502                    | \$26,502                      | \$24,112                    | \$24,347                      | \$24,201                    | \$24,201                      |
| <b>Union</b>        | \$39,564                    | \$39,564                      | \$39,088                    | \$39,088                      | \$32,782                    | \$32,782                      |
| <b>Walthall</b>     | \$24,990                    | \$24,990                      | \$26,985                    | \$26,985                      | \$19,984                    | \$19,984                      |
| <b>Warren</b>       | \$132,685                   | \$134,565                     | \$132,086                   | \$134,274                     | \$137,922                   | \$141,751                     |
| <b>Washington</b>   | \$148,939                   | \$149,245                     | \$140,103                   | \$140,103                     | \$136,017                   | \$138,261                     |
| <b>Wayne</b>        | \$62,966                    | \$62,966                      | \$66,145                    | \$66,145                      | \$48,405                    | \$48,405                      |
| <b>Webster</b>      | \$20,811                    | \$21,242                      | \$18,886                    | \$18,886                      | \$29,755                    | \$31,057                      |
| <b>Wilkinson</b>    | \$13,861                    | \$13,861                      | \$19,715                    | \$19,715                      | \$10,242                    | \$10,242                      |
| <b>Winston</b>      | \$53,427                    | \$54,602                      | \$42,726                    | \$43,901                      | \$51,085                    | \$51,085                      |
| <b>Yalobusha</b>    | \$12,868                    | \$12,868                      | \$11,307                    | \$11,307                      | \$20,492                    | \$20,492                      |
| <b>Yazoo</b>        | \$55,540                    | \$55,540                      | \$55,946                    | \$55,946                      | \$80,852                    | \$80,852                      |

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)



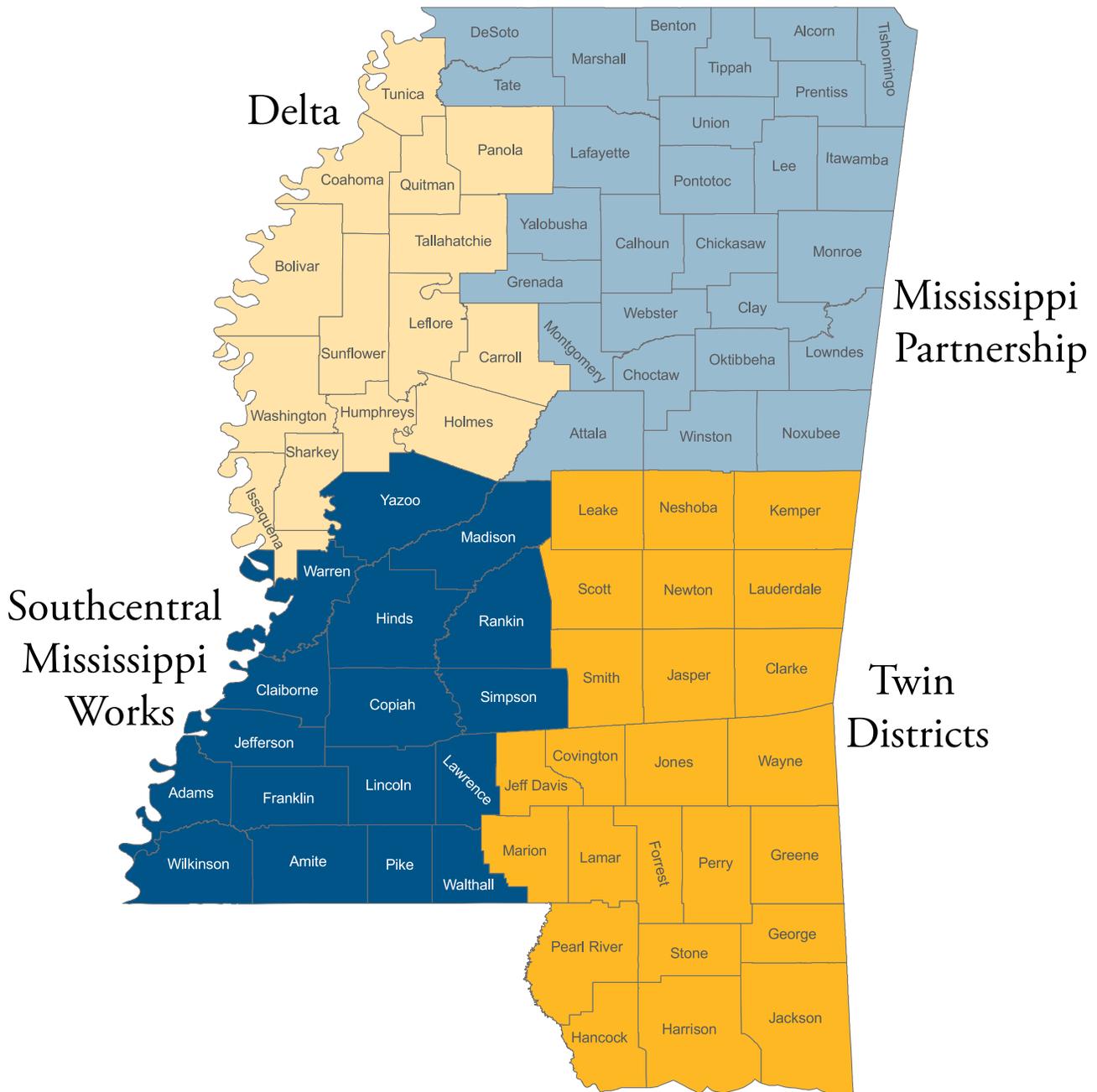
**Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA**—Hancock, Harrison and Jackson Counties

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

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

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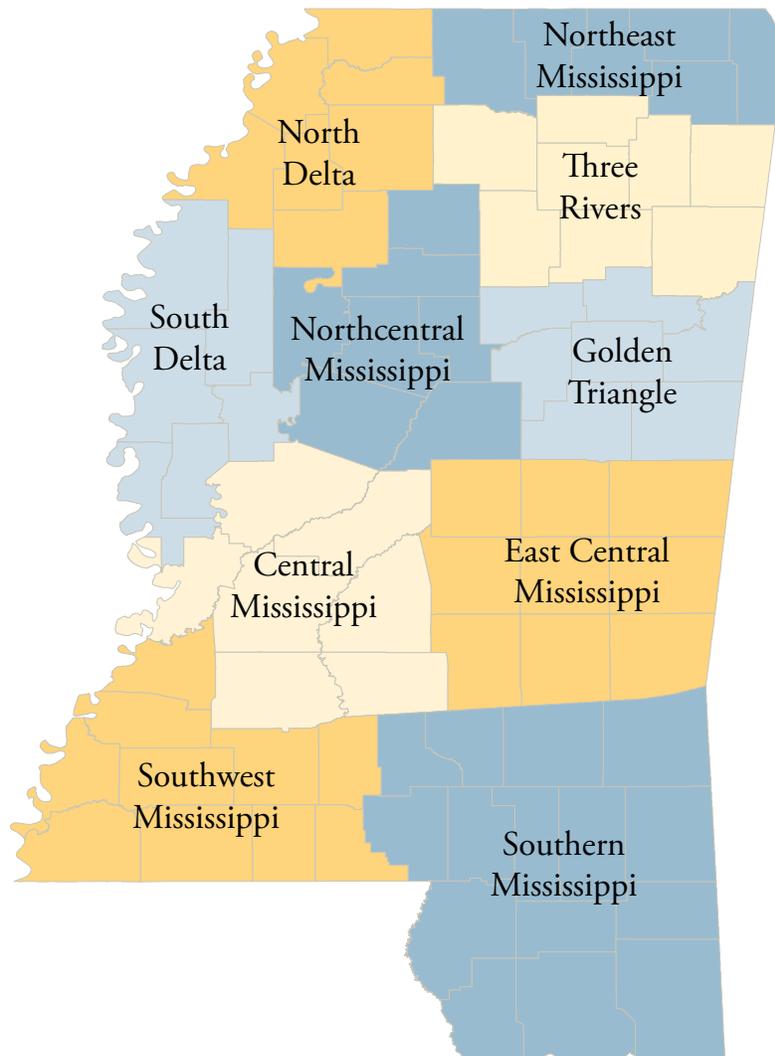
**Delta**—Bolivar, Carroll, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tunica, and Washington Counties

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

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

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

## Planning & Development Districts



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

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

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

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

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

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

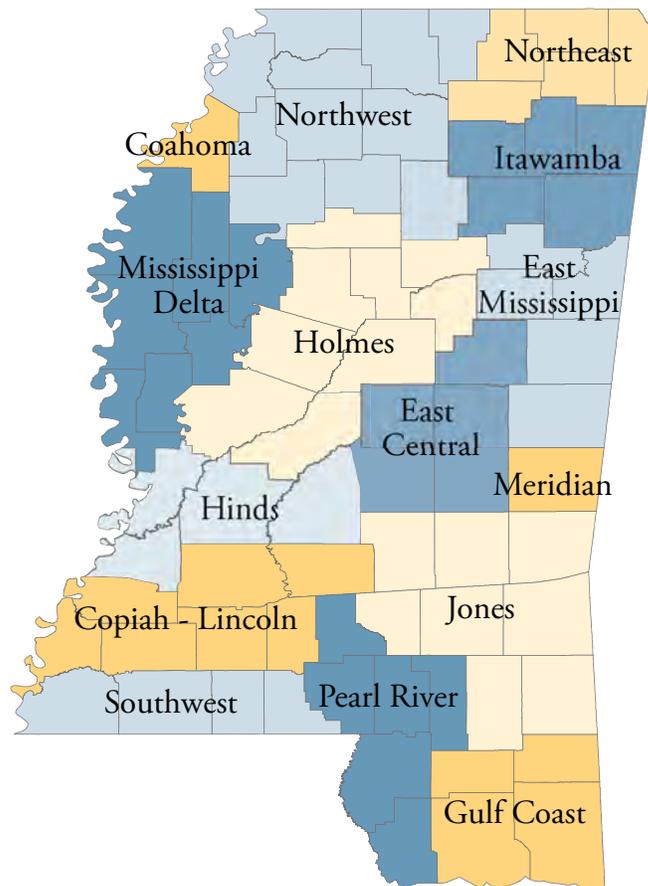
South Delta—Bolivar, Humphreys, Issaquena, Sharkey, Sunflower, & Washington Counties

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

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

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

## Community College Districts



**Coahoma**—Coahoma County (*See County Data*)

**Copeiah-Lincoln**—Adams, Copeiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, & Simpson Counties

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Meridian**—Lauderdale County (*See County Data*)

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

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

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

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

**Southwest**—Amite, Pike, Walthall, & Wilkinson Counties

# Description of the Unemployment Rate Calculation

General summary of how the unemployment rate is calculated

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

## Glossary of Terms

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

**Civilian Labor Force** — that proportion of the civilian non-institutional population that is employed or actively seeking employment. The labor force is the sum of the number of employed and unemployed.

**Civilian Noninstitutional Population** — included are persons 16 years of age and older residing in the 50 states and the District of Columbia who are not inmates of institutions (for example, penal and mental facilities, homes for the aged), and who are not on active duty in the Armed Forces.

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

**Employed** — all persons who during the reference week, (a) did any work at all as paid employees, worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family, and (b) all those who were not working but who had jobs or businesses from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, bad weather, childcare problems, maternity or paternity leave, labor management dispute, job training or other family or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off or were seeking other jobs. Persons are counted only once even if they hold multiple jobs.

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

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

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

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)** — the general concept of an MSA is one of a large population nucleus, together with adjacent communities that have a high degree of economic and social integration with that nucleus. These are defined by the Office of Management and Budget as a standard for Federal agencies in the preparation and publication of statistics relating to metropolitan areas.

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

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

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

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

**Unemployed** — all persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed. Persons that are classified as unemployed have not necessarily filed or would be eligible for unemployment benefits.

**Unemployment Rate** — the unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

**Workforce Investment Act Areas (WIAs)** - these are state designated areas in which an appointed Work Force Investment Board is charged with designing and managing a system that provides convenient access to services and program information for employers, jobseekers, and others in need of assistance. Multiple agencies and groups partner together to provide the services. Each board is employer led and demand driven. The state is divided into four such areas.



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