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Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data Estimates

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

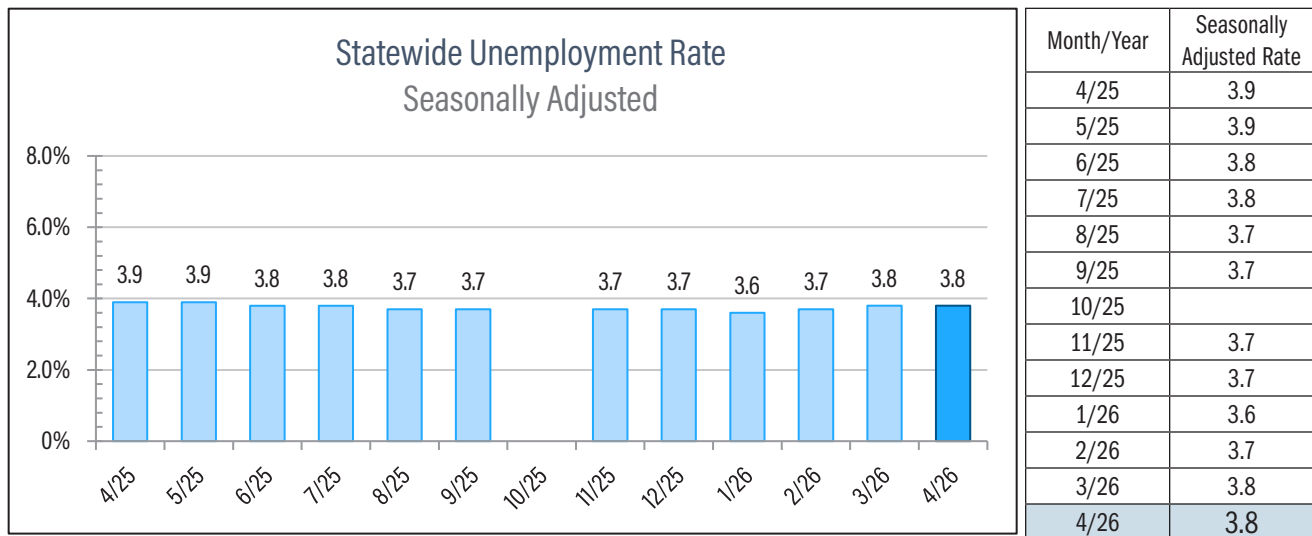
	April 2026 (P)	March 2026 (R)	April 2025 (R)
Mississippi	1,193,400	1,190,300	1,191,800
United States	158,736,000	158,621,000	158,485,000

Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data Estimates

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

Mississippi	April 2026 (P)	March 2026 (R)	April 2025 (R)
Civilian Labor Force	1,288,869	1,291,493	1,295,155
Unemployed	49,479	48,937	50,677
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.8	3.9
Employed	1,239,390	1,242,556	1,244,478

United States	April 2026 (P)	March 2026 (R)	April 2025 (R)
Civilian Labor Force	169,995,000	170,087,000	171,054,000
Unemployed	7,373,000	7,239,000	7,155,000
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.3	4.2
Employed	162,622,000	162,848,000	163,898,000



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

Labor Force Highlights for April 2026

Labor force data presented are rounded estimates.

Seasonally Adjusted

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2026 at 3.8 percent was unchanged over the month. When compared to one year ago, the rate was one-tenth of a percentage point lower than the 3.9 percent reported for April 2025. The Nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 4.3 percent was unchanged over the month and increased one-tenth of a percentage point over the year.

The number of jobs in Mississippi increased to 1,193,400. In April 2026, there were 3,100 more nonfarm jobs in Mississippi than in March 2026, according to the seasonally adjusted results from a survey of Mississippi employers. Since April 2025, the number of nonfarm jobs in Mississippi has increased 1,600. The Professional & Business Services sector registered the largest monthly employment gain followed by the Trade, Transportation & Utilities sector.

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

Unadjusted

Mississippi's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2026 was 3.2 percent, decreasing six-tenths of a percentage point from the previous month's rate of 3.8 percent. When compared to the April 2025 rate of 3.3 percent, the rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point. The Nation's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2026 at 4.0 percent was down three-tenths of a percentage point from 4.3 percent in March 2026 but was up one-tenth of a percentage point from 3.9 percent in April 2025.

Mississippi's not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased 8,800 over the month and 1,200 over the year. Industry sectors with the largest monthly employment increases were Leisure & Hospitality; Professional & Business Services; and Trade, Transportation & Utilities.

For the month of April 2026, thirty-eight counties in Mississippi posted unemployment rates less than or equal to the state's rate of 3.2 percent. Rankin County posted the lowest unemployment rate for the month of April at 2.2 percent followed by Jones County at 2.3 percent. Issaquena County had the highest unemployment rate for April at 11.1 percent followed by Jefferson County at 8.5 percent.

Unemployment Rates

April, 2026

County Rankings

Mississippi - 3.2

1	Rankin	2.2	39	Tate	3.3
2	Jones	2.3	39	Walthall	3.3
3	Lafayette	2.4	39	Wayne	3.3
3	Union	2.4	39	Winston	3.3
3	Webster	2.4	46	Choctaw	3.4
6	Alcorn	2.5	46	Hinds	3.4
6	Hancock	2.5	46	Jasper	3.4
6	Leake	2.5	46	Lauderdale	3.4
6	Madison	2.5	50	Benton	3.6
10	Calhoun	2.6	50	Grenada	3.6
10	Lamar	2.6	50	Lowndes	3.6
10	Scott	2.6	53	Amite	3.7
10	Tippah	2.6	53	Chickasaw	3.7
14	Lee	2.7	53	Franklin	3.7
14	Tallahatchie	2.7	53	George	3.7
16	Itawamba	2.8	57	Panola	3.8
16	Neshoba	2.8	57	Pike	3.8
16	Pearl River	2.8	59	Marshall	3.9
16	Prentiss	2.8	59	Monroe	3.9
16	Tishomingo	2.8	59	Perry	3.9
16	Yalobusha	2.8	62	Kemper	4.0
22	Harrison	2.9	62	Warren	4.0
22	Pontotoc	2.9	64	Clay	4.2
22	Simpson	2.9	64	Quitman	4.2
25	Copiah	3.0	64	Yazoo	4.2
25	Forrest	3.0	67	Bolivar	4.3
25	Lawrence	3.0	68	Adams	4.4
25	Smith	3.0	69	Noxubee	4.5
29	Covington	3.1	69	Sunflower	4.5
29	DeSoto	3.1	71	Sharkey	4.8
29	Jackson	3.1	71	Washington	4.8
29	Lincoln	3.1	73	Wilkinson	4.9
29	Montgomery	3.1	74	Tunica	5.0
29	Newton	3.1	75	Greene	5.3
35	Clarke	3.2	76	Leflore	5.7
35	Jefferson Davis	3.2	77	Humphreys	6.1
35	Marion	3.2	78	Holmes	6.2
35	Stone	3.2	79	Coahoma	6.6
39	Attala	3.3	80	Claiborne	7.2
39	Carroll	3.3	81	Jefferson	8.5
39	Oktibbeha	3.3	82	Issaquena	11.1

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

Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data Estimates

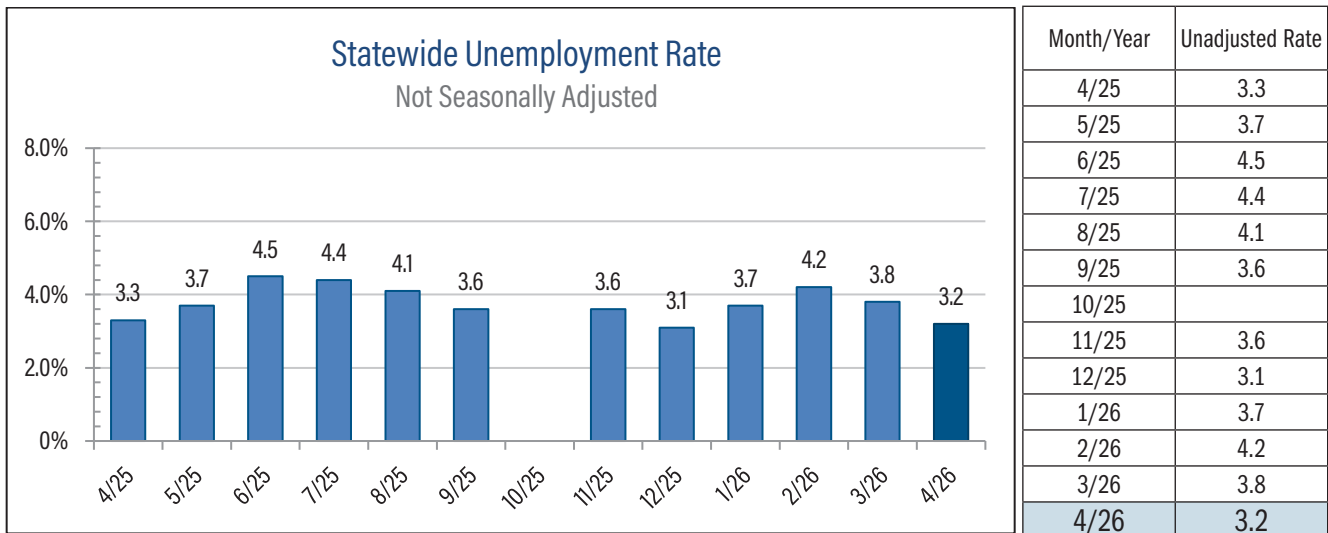
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Mississippi	April 2026 (P)	March 2026 (R)	April 2025 (R)	2025 Annual Average*
Civilian Labor Force	1,279,842	1,289,585	1,298,033	1,295,610
Unemployed	40,460	48,957	43,059	49,530
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.8	3.3	3.8
Employed	1,239,382	1,240,628	1,254,974	1,246,080

United States	April 2026 (P)	March 2026 (R)	April 2025 (R)	2025 Annual Average*
Civilian Labor Force	169,548,000	170,102,000	170,650,000	170,807,000
Unemployed	6,768,000	7,337,000	6,582,000	7,315,000
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.3	3.9	4.3
Employed	162,781,000	162,764,000	164,069,000	163,493,000

*Excluding October 2025.

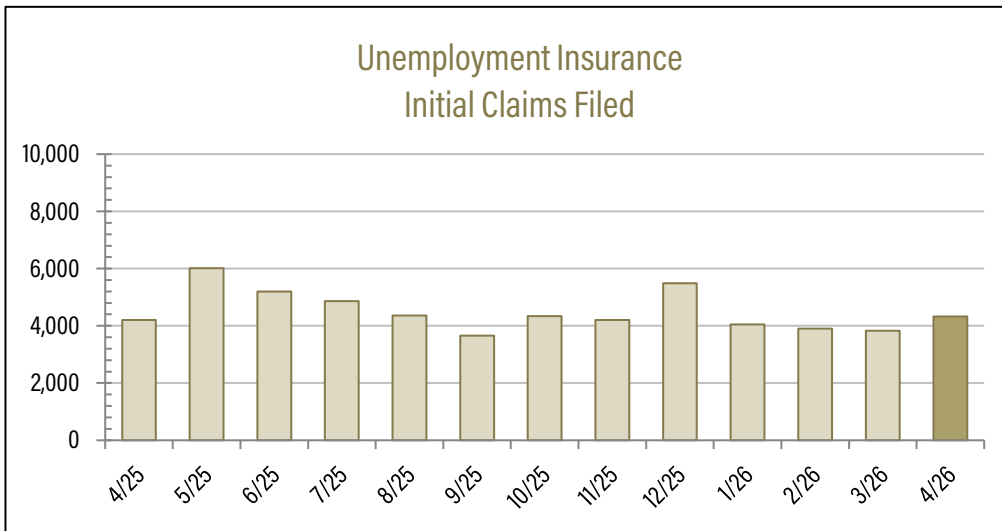
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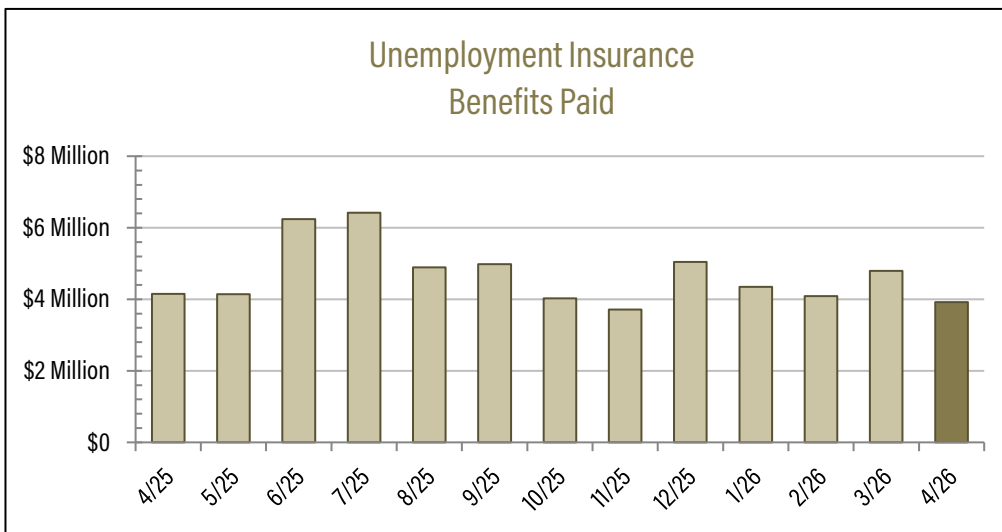
Unemployment Insurance Data

(Regular UI benefits; federal program amounts not included)

Mississippi	April 2026 (P)	March 2026 (R)	April 2025 (R)
Initial UI Claims	4,326	3,828	4,207
Continued Claims	25,130	29,130	25,856
Benefits Paid	\$3,920,139	\$4,792,358	\$4,149,385
Weeks Paid	17,592	21,534	18,949
First Payments	1,322	1,419	1,235
Final Payments	418	482	444
Average Weekly Benefit	\$222.84	\$222.55	\$218.98



Month/Year	Initial Claims Filed
4/25	4,207
5/25	6,013
6/25	5,201
7/25	4,862
8/25	4,359
9/25	3,663
10/25	4,333
11/25	4,210
12/25	5,488
1/26	4,043
2/26	3,903
3/26	3,828
4/26	4,326



Month/Year	Benefits Paid
4/25	4,149,385
5/25	4,145,045
6/25	6,241,864
7/25	6,418,578
8/25	4,895,779
9/25	4,977,700
10/25	4,030,321
11/25	3,713,130
12/25	5,044,594
1/26	4,346,238
2/26	4,091,691
3/26	4,792,358
4/26	3,920,139

Labor Force Estimates

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

Area	Preliminary April 2026			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Mississippi	1,279,842	1,239,382	40,460	3.2
United States	169,548,000	162,781,000	6,768,000	4.0
Workforce Development Areas (WDA)				
Delta WDA	86,516	82,396	4,120	4.8
Mississippi Partnership WDA	399,177	386,831	12,346	3.1
South Central Mississippi Works WDA	347,030	336,243	10,787	3.1
Twin Districts WDA	447,124	433,914	13,210	3.0
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)				
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	189,859	184,295	5,564	2.9
Hattiesburg MSA	70,489	68,464	2,025	2.9
Jackson MSA	282,507	274,343	8,164	2.9
Planning and Development Districts (PDD)				
Central Mississippi PDD	283,802	275,555	8,247	2.9
East Central PDD	90,184	87,400	2,784	3.1
Golden Triangle PDD	76,620	73,929	2,691	3.5
North Central PDD	41,657	39,933	1,724	4.1
North Delta PDD	140,907	136,081	4,826	3.4
Northeast PDD	59,307	57,531	1,776	3.0
South Delta PDD	39,488	37,615	1,873	4.7
Southern PDD	356,940	346,514	10,426	2.9
Southwest PDD	63,228	60,688	2,540	4.0
Three Rivers PDD	127,714	124,138	3,576	2.8
Community College Districts (CCD)				
Coahoma CCD	6,739	6,296	443	6.6
Copiah-Lincoln CCD	55,695	53,722	1,973	3.5
East Central CCD	48,135	46,769	1,366	2.8
East Mississippi CC	64,495	62,141	2,354	3.6
Gulf Coast CCD	176,694	171,351	5,343	3.0
Hinds CCD	199,042	193,029	6,013	3.0
Holmes CCD	101,507	98,399	3,108	3.1
Itawamba CCD	78,929	76,536	2,393	3.0
Jones CCD	70,551	68,464	2,087	3.0
Meridian CCD	28,349	27,396	953	3.4
Mississippi Delta CCD	48,119	45,758	2,361	4.9
Northeast CCD	54,837	53,419	1,418	2.6
Northwest CCD	192,752	186,681	6,071	3.1
Pearl River CCD	127,819	124,236	3,583	2.8
Southwest CCD	26,184	25,187	997	3.8
Counties				
Adams County	9,857	9,425	432	4.4
Alcorn County	14,278	13,922	356	2.5
Amite County	4,512	4,346	166	3.7
Attala County	7,165	6,929	236	3.3
Benton County	3,257	3,141	116	3.6
Bolivar County	10,667	10,212	455	4.3
Calhoun County	5,369	5,228	141	2.6
Carroll County	3,226	3,118	108	3.3

Labor Force Estimates

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

Area	Revised March 2026				Revised April 2025			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Mississippi	1,289,585	1,240,628	48,957	3.8	1,298,033	1,254,974	43,059	3.3
United States	170,102,000	162,764,000	7,337,000	4.3	170,650,000	164,069,000	6,582,000	3.9
Workforce Development Areas (WDA)								
Delta WDA	87,400	82,957	4,443	5.1	87,174	82,919	4,255	4.9
MS Partnership WDA	402,383	387,368	15,015	3.7	403,217	390,161	13,056	3.2
SCMW WDA	349,099	336,159	12,940	3.7	354,469	342,895	11,574	3.3
Twin Districts WDA	450,704	434,144	16,560	3.7	453,157	438,994	14,163	3.1
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)								
Gulport-Biloxi MSA	190,519	183,635	6,884	3.6	192,127	186,175	5,952	3.1
Hattiesburg MSA	70,983	68,471	2,512	3.5	72,015	69,867	2,148	3.0
Jackson MSA	284,372	274,409	9,963	3.5	289,055	280,434	8,621	3.0
Planning and Development Districts (PDD)								
Central Mississippi PDD	285,580	275,605	9,975	3.5	290,424	281,718	8,706	3.0
East Central PDD	91,226	87,732	3,494	3.8	91,829	88,942	2,887	3.1
Golden Triangle PDD	77,054	73,904	3,150	4.1	77,184	74,528	2,656	3.4
North Central PDD	42,056	40,090	1,966	4.7	42,373	40,565	1,808	4.3
North Delta PDD	142,168	136,641	5,527	3.9	142,070	137,038	5,032	3.5
Northeast PDD	59,595	57,368	2,227	3.7	60,325	58,339	1,986	3.3
South Delta PDD	39,895	37,892	2,003	5.0	39,928	38,037	1,891	4.7
Southern PDD	359,478	346,412	13,066	3.6	361,328	350,052	11,276	3.1
Southwest PDD	63,519	60,554	2,965	4.7	64,045	61,177	2,868	4.5
Three Rivers PDD	129,015	124,430	4,585	3.6	128,511	124,573	3,938	3.1
Community College Districts (CCD)								
Coahoma CCD	6,762	6,305	457	6.8	6,910	6,474	436	6.3
Copiah-Lincoln CCD	55,864	53,507	2,357	6.8	56,678	54,466	2,212	3.9
East Central CCD	48,732	46,962	1,770	3.6	48,315	46,899	1,416	2.9
East Mississippi CCD	64,735	62,000	2,735	4.2	65,233	62,947	2,286	3.5
Gulf Coast CCD	177,426	170,830	6,596	3.7	178,688	172,956	5,732	3.2
Hinds CCD	200,242	193,109	7,133	3.6	203,594	197,301	6,293	3.1
Holmes CCD	102,205	98,437	3,768	3.7	103,551	100,228	3,323	3.2
Itawamba CCD	79,715	76,747	2,968	3.7	80,353	77,666	2,687	3.3
Jones CCD	71,568	68,878	2,690	3.8	71,335	69,098	2,237	3.1
Meridian CCD	28,701	27,572	1,129	3.9	29,256	28,283	973	3.3
Mississippi Delta CCD	48,651	46,154	2,497	5.1	48,821	46,398	2,423	5.0
Northeast CCD	55,136	53,238	1,898	3.4	55,908	54,206	1,702	3.0
Northwest CCD	194,483	187,270	7,213	3.7	193,038	186,739	6,299	3.3
Pearl River CCD	128,851	124,331	4,520	3.5	129,771	125,860	3,911	3.0
Southwest CCD	26,515	25,288	1,227	4.6	26,566	25,448	1,118	4.2
Counties								
Adams County	9,653	9,149	504	5.2	10,188	9,684	504	4.9
Alcorn County	14,242	13,755	487	3.4	14,444	14,006	438	3.0
Amite County	4,569	4,365	204	4.5	4,504	4,336	168	3.7
Attala County	7,184	6,898	286	4.0	7,113	6,861	252	3.5
Benton County	3,318	3,188	130	3.9	3,305	3,191	114	3.4
Bolivar County	10,788	10,279	509	4.7	10,688	10,270	418	3.9
Calhoun County	5,465	5,277	188	3.4	5,398	5,242	156	2.9
Carroll County	3,277	3,136	141	4.3	3,343	3,225	118	3.5

Labor Force Estimates

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

Area	Preliminary April 2026			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Chickasaw County	5,838	5,621	217	3.7
Choctaw County	3,057	2,954	103	3.4
Claiborne County	2,924	2,713	211	7.2
Clarke County	6,052	5,856	196	3.2
Clay County	8,468	8,116	352	4.2
Coahoma County	6,739	6,296	443	6.6
Copiah County	10,907	10,578	329	3.0
Covington County	7,260	7,033	227	3.1
DeSoto County	98,732	95,629	3,103	3.1
Forrest County	36,065	34,991	1,074	3.0
Franklin County	2,710	2,611	99	3.7
George County	8,892	8,565	327	3.7
Greene County	2,933	2,778	155	5.3
Grenada County	8,076	7,786	290	3.6
Hancock County	22,057	21,509	548	2.5
Harrison County	93,033	90,309	2,724	2.9
Hinds County	97,180	93,871	3,309	3.4
Holmes County	5,333	5,000	333	6.2
Humphreys County	2,542	2,387	155	6.1
Issaquena County	315	280	35	11.1
Itawamba County	10,493	10,199	294	2.8
Jackson County	66,925	64,883	2,042	3.1
Jasper County	6,559	6,336	223	3.4
Jefferson County	2,417	2,212	205	8.5
Jefferson Davis County	5,274	5,104	170	3.2
Jones County	30,621	29,912	709	2.3
Kemper County	3,338	3,204	134	4.0
Lafayette County	30,448	29,716	732	2.4
Lamar County	30,359	29,565	794	2.6
Lauderdale County	28,349	27,396	953	3.4
Lawrence County	4,876	4,729	147	3.0
Leake County	8,739	8,522	217	2.5
Lee County	37,775	36,739	1,036	2.7
Leflore County	8,631	8,143	488	5.7
Lincoln County	14,260	13,811	449	3.1
Lowndes County	25,661	24,738	923	3.6
Madison County	58,250	56,777	1,473	2.5
Marion County	8,941	8,658	283	3.2
Marshall County	14,181	13,629	552	3.9
Monroe County	12,642	12,144	498	3.9
Montgomery County	3,897	3,775	122	3.1
Neshoba County	12,067	11,724	343	2.8
Newton County	8,031	7,783	248	3.1
Noxubee County	4,125	3,939	186	4.5
Oktibbeha County	22,903	22,144	759	3.3
Panola County	12,057	11,596	461	3.8
Pearl River County	25,123	24,409	714	2.8

Labor Force Estimates

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

Area	Revised March 2026				Revised April 2025			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Chickasaw County	5,887	5,625	262	4.5	5,985	5,705	280	4.7
Choctaw County	3,099	2,973	126	4.1	3,103	2,985	118	3.8
Claiborne County	2,957	2,747	210	7.1	2,920	2,670	250	8.6
Clarke County	6,123	5,869	254	4.1	6,233	6,013	220	3.5
Clay County	8,479	8,095	384	4.5	8,430	8,088	342	4.1
Coahoma County	6,762	6,305	457	6.8	6,910	6,474	436	6.3
Copiah County	11,039	10,608	431	3.9	11,196	10,824	372	3.3
Covington County	7,381	7,090	291	3.9	7,372	7,146	226	3.1
DeSoto County	99,573	95,978	3,595	3.6	100,009	96,773	3,236	3.2
Forrest County	36,339	35,015	1,324	3.6	36,880	35,729	1,151	3.1
Franklin County	2,727	2,607	120	4.4	2,790	2,670	120	4.3
George County	9,047	8,631	416	4.6	8,900	8,512	388	4.4
Greene County	3,004	2,813	191	6.4	2,993	2,835	158	5.3
Grenada County	8,218	7,881	337	4.1	8,301	8,013	288	3.5
Hancock County	22,140	21,436	704	3.2	22,339	21,731	608	2.7
Harrison County	93,330	89,938	3,392	3.6	94,145	91,201	2,944	3.1
Hinds County	97,707	93,866	3,841	3.9	99,341	95,962	3,379	3.4
Holmes County	5,370	5,015	355	6.6	5,439	5,119	320	5.9
Humphreys County	2,526	2,376	150	5.9	2,555	2,405	150	5.9
Issaquena County	300	274	26	8.7	307	275	32	10.4
Itawamba County	10,581	10,200	381	3.6	10,713	10,419	294	2.7
Jackson County	67,174	64,698	2,476	3.7	67,710	65,580	2,130	3.1
Jasper County	6,636	6,360	276	4.2	6,641	6,427	214	3.2
Jefferson County	2,392	2,213	179	7.5	2,525	2,273	252	10.0
Jefferson Davis County	5,423	5,228	195	3.6	5,561	5,363	198	3.6
Jones County	31,037	30,073	964	3.1	30,829	30,006	823	2.7
Kemper County	3,320	3,163	157	4.7	3,376	3,234	142	4.2
Lafayette County	30,659	29,652	1,007	3.3	29,521	28,806	715	2.4
Lamar County	30,528	29,528	1,000	3.3	30,996	30,147	849	2.7
Lauderdale County	28,701	27,572	1,129	3.9	29,256	28,283	973	3.3
Lawrence County	4,908	4,724	184	3.7	4,823	4,679	144	3.0
Leake County	8,824	8,523	301	3.4	8,957	8,707	250	2.8
Lee County	38,075	36,777	1,298	3.4	38,343	37,156	1,187	3.1
Leflore County	8,756	8,262	494	5.6	8,893	8,361	532	6.0
Lincoln County	14,367	13,826	541	3.8	14,233	13,753	480	3.4
Lowndes County	25,802	24,780	1,022	4.0	26,310	25,449	861	3.3
Madison County	58,585	56,735	1,850	3.2	59,631	58,016	1,615	2.7
Marion County	9,070	8,697	373	4.1	9,008	8,698	310	3.4
Marshall County	14,317	13,696	621	4.3	14,351	13,801	550	3.8
Monroe County	12,728	12,173	555	4.4	12,943	12,411	532	4.1
Montgomery County	3,933	3,777	156	4.0	3,981	3,851	130	3.3
Neshoba County	12,241	11,795	446	3.6	11,732	11,380	352	3.0
Newton County	8,144	7,818	326	4.0	8,248	8,008	240	2.9
Noxubee County	4,189	3,989	200	4.8	4,162	3,994	168	4.0
Oktibbeha County	22,945	21,973	972	4.2	22,955	22,182	773	3.4
Panola County	12,085	11,548	537	4.4	12,105	11,621	484	4.0
Pearl River County	25,351	24,427	924	3.6	24,987	24,192	795	3.2

Labor Force Estimates

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

Area	Preliminary April 2026			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Perry County	4,065	3,908	157	3.9
Pike County	14,157	13,613	544	3.8
Pontotoc County	12,181	11,833	348	2.9
Prentiss County	10,103	9,816	287	2.8
Quitman County	2,076	1,989	87	4.2
Rankin County	80,774	78,999	1,775	2.2
Scott County	11,536	11,234	302	2.6
Sharkey County	1,334	1,270	64	4.8
Simpson County	10,668	10,356	312	2.9
Smith County	5,513	5,345	168	3.0
Stone County	7,844	7,594	250	3.2
Sunflower County	8,827	8,426	401	4.5
Tallahatchie County	5,249	5,106	143	2.7
Tate County	12,337	11,932	405	3.3
Tippah County	9,863	9,611	252	2.6
Tishomingo County	7,625	7,412	213	2.8
Tunica County	3,717	3,533	184	5.0
Union County	12,968	12,658	310	2.4
Walthall County	5,016	4,851	165	3.3
Warren County	18,164	17,446	718	4.0
Washington County	15,803	15,040	763	4.8
Wayne County	7,548	7,296	252	3.3
Webster County	4,644	4,532	112	2.4
Wilkinson County	2,499	2,377	122	4.9
Winston County	7,762	7,506	256	3.3
Yalobusha County	5,329	5,182	147	2.8
Yazoo County	7,859	7,528	331	4.2
Cities				
City of Biloxi	20,991	20,400	591	2.8
City of Brandon	12,291	12,036	255	2.1
City of Clinton	12,795	12,463	332	2.6
City of Columbus	9,834	9,431	403	4.1
City of Greenville	9,850	9,339	511	5.2
City of Gulfport	31,515	30,550	965	3.1
City of Hattiesburg	23,058	22,416	642	2.8
City of Horn Lake	12,965	12,435	530	4.1
City of Jackson	63,849	61,536	2,313	3.6
City of Madison	14,061	13,766	295	2.1
City of Meridian	13,227	12,728	499	3.8
City of Moss Point	4,552	4,355	197	4.3
City of Olive Branch	25,033	24,386	647	2.6
City of Oxford	14,666	14,369	297	2.0
City of Pascagoula	8,590	8,245	345	4.0
City of Pearl	15,675	15,338	337	2.1
City of Southaven	28,804	27,849	955	3.3
City of Starkville	12,571	12,227	344	2.7
City of Tupelo	17,502	17,019	483	2.8
City of Vicksburg	8,049	7,666	383	4.8

Labor Force Estimates

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

Area	Revised March 2026				Revised April 2025			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Perry County	4,116	3,928	188	4.6	4,139	3,991	148	3.6
Pike County	14,283	13,620	663	4.6	14,413	13,805	608	4.2
Pontotoc County	12,444	11,972	472	3.8	12,369	11,975	394	3.2
Prentiss County	10,081	9,693	388	3.8	10,589	10,293	296	2.8
Quitman County	2,083	1,990	93	4.5	2,115	2,013	102	4.8
Rankin County	81,371	79,051	2,320	2.9	82,731	80,798	1,933	2.3
Scott County	11,629	11,234	395	3.4	11,794	11,468	326	2.8
Sharkey County	1,356	1,284	72	5.3	1,389	1,303	86	6.2
Simpson County	10,778	10,380	398	3.7	10,923	10,583	340	3.1
Smith County	5,608	5,398	210	3.7	5,592	5,422	170	3.0
Stone County	7,875	7,563	312	4.0	7,933	7,663	270	3.4
Sunflower County	8,946	8,508	438	4.9	8,907	8,509	398	4.5
Tallahatchie County	5,401	5,235	166	3.1	4,657	4,487	170	3.7
Tate County	12,493	12,011	482	3.9	12,490	12,088	402	3.2
Tippah County	9,961	9,639	322	3.2	9,944	9,604	340	3.4
Tishomingo County	7,676	7,397	279	3.6	7,692	7,444	248	3.2
Tunica County	3,771	3,574	197	5.2	3,784	3,582	202	5.3
Union County	13,176	12,754	422	3.2	13,239	12,859	380	2.9
Walthall County	5,124	4,899	225	4.4	5,080	4,880	200	3.9
Warren County	18,207	17,445	762	4.2	18,602	17,871	731	3.9
Washington County	15,979	15,171	808	5.1	16,082	15,275	807	5.0
Wayne County	7,663	7,347	316	4.1	7,536	7,258	278	3.7
Webster County	4,646	4,502	144	3.1	4,640	4,494	146	3.1
Wilkinson County	2,539	2,404	135	5.3	2,569	2,427	142	5.5
Winston County	7,894	7,592	302	3.8	7,584	7,336	248	3.3
Yalobusha County	5,318	5,121	197	3.7	5,303	5,135	168	3.2
Yazoo County	7,893	7,520	373	4.7	8,000	7,664	336	4.2
Cities								
City of Biloxi	21,090	20,316	774	3.7	21,258	20,602	656	3.1
City of Brandon	12,406	12,044	362	2.9	12,622	12,310	312	2.5
City of Clinton	12,892	12,462	430	3.3	13,082	12,741	341	2.6
City of Columbus	9,890	9,447	443	4.5	10,081	9,702	379	3.8
City of Greenville	9,951	9,420	531	5.3	9,999	9,485	514	5.1
City of Gulfport	31,614	30,425	1,189	3.8	31,893	30,852	1,041	3.3
City of Hattiesburg	23,233	22,425	808	3.5	23,633	22,884	749	3.2
City of Horn Lake	13,021	12,480	541	4.2	13,122	12,583	539	4.1
City of Jackson	64,134	61,533	2,601	4.1	65,247	62,907	2,340	3.6
City of Madison	14,156	13,756	400	2.8	14,388	14,067	321	2.2
City of Meridian	13,375	12,809	566	4.2	13,587	13,140	447	3.3
City of Moss Point	4,570	4,343	227	5.0	4,608	4,402	206	4.5
City of Olive Branch	25,326	24,475	851	3.4	25,395	24,678	717	2.8
City of Oxford	14,739	14,338	401	2.7	14,251	13,929	322	2.3
City of Pascagoula	8,602	8,221	381	4.4	8,631	8,333	298	3.5
City of Pearl	15,770	15,348	422	2.7	16,054	15,687	367	2.3
City of Southaven	28,983	27,950	1,033	3.6	29,106	28,182	924	3.2
City of Starkville	12,556	12,132	424	3.4	12,625	12,248	377	3.0
City of Tupelo	17,634	17,037	597	3.4	17,781	17,212	569	3.2
City of Vicksburg	8,049	7,665	384	4.8	8,226	7,853	373	4.5

Five Year Unemployment Rate Comparison

As of April 2026

Area	Apr-2026	Apr-2025	Apr-2024	Apr-2023	Apr-2022	Apr-2021
Mississippi	3.2	3.3	2.0	2.6	3.3	5.6
United States	4.0	3.9	3.5	3.1	3.3	5.7
Workforce Development Areas (WDA)						
Delta WDA	4.8	4.9	2.9	3.6	4.3	8.0
Mississippi Partnership WDA	3.1	3.2	1.9	2.5	3.1	5.1
South Central Mississippi Works WDA	3.1	3.3	2.0	2.5	3.3	5.7
Twin Districts WDA	3.0	3.1	1.9	2.5	3.4	5.5
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)						
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA	2.9	3.1	1.9	2.4	3.2	5.4
Hattiesburg MSA	2.9	3.0	1.9	2.3	3.1	5.2
Jackson MSA	2.9	3.0	1.8	2.3	3.1	5.2
Planning and Development Districts (PDD)						
Central Mississippi PDD	2.9	3.0	1.8	2.3	3.1	5.2
East Central PDD	3.1	3.1	2.1	2.5	3.5	5.5
Golden Triangle PDD	3.5	3.4	2.2	2.7	3.6	6.1
North Central PDD	4.1	4.3	2.6	3.1	3.9	6.8
North Delta PDD	3.4	3.5	2.0	2.5	3.1	5.4
Northeast PDD	3.0	3.3	2.0	2.6	3.2	5.1
South Delta PDD	4.7	4.7	2.8	3.6	4.3	7.8
Southern PDD	2.9	3.1	1.9	2.5	3.3	5.5
Southwest PDD	4.0	4.5	2.8	3.5	4.3	7.5
Three Rivers PDD	2.8	3.1	1.8	2.6	3.0	4.9
Community College Districts (CCD)						
Coahoma CCD	6.6	6.3	3.8	4.1	4.7	9.0
Copiah-Lincoln CCD	3.5	3.9	2.4	3.1	3.9	6.7
East Central CCD	2.8	2.9	2.0	2.5	3.4	5.4
East Mississippi CCD	3.6	3.5	2.3	2.7	3.6	6.3
Gulf Coast CCD	3.0	3.2	1.9	2.4	3.3	5.5
Hinds CCD	3.0	3.1	1.8	2.4	3.2	5.4
Holmes CCD	3.1	3.2	1.9	2.4	3.2	5.3
Itawamba CCD	3.0	3.3	1.9	2.8	3.0	5.1
Jones CCD	3.0	3.1	2.0	2.6	3.6	5.7
Meridian CCD	3.4	3.3	2.0	2.6	3.4	5.5
Mississippi CCD	4.9	5.0	2.9	3.6	4.3	7.8
Northeast CCD	2.6	3.0	1.8	2.4	3.0	4.7
Northwest CCD	3.1	3.3	1.9	2.5	3.1	5.2
Pearl River CCD	2.8	3.0	1.9	2.4	3.2	5.4
Southwest CCD	3.8	4.2	2.8	3.3	4.3	7.5
Counties						
Adams County	4.4	4.9	3.0	3.9	4.8	8.8
Alcorn County	2.5	3.0	1.8	2.4	3.1	4.8
Amite County	3.7	3.7	2.7	3.2	4.5	7.6
Attala County	3.3	3.5	2.1	2.7	3.6	6.0
Benton County	3.6	3.4	1.8	2.7	3.3	5.9
Bolivar County	4.3	3.9	2.3	3.0	4.0	7.6
Calhoun County	2.6	2.9	1.6	2.6	2.9	4.9
Carroll County	3.3	3.5	2.1	2.7	3.6	5.3

Five Year Unemployment Rate Comparison

As of April 2026

Area	Apr-2026	Apr-2025	Apr-2024	Apr-2023	Apr-2022	Apr-2021
Chickasaw County	3.7	4.7	2.5	3.7	3.4	6.1
Choctaw County	3.4	3.8	2.2	2.6	3.9	5.6
Claiborne County	7.2	8.6	4.8	5.4	6.6	12.6
Clarke County	3.2	3.5	2.2	2.6	3.9	5.8
Clay County	4.2	4.1	3.1	2.7	3.7	7.6
Coahoma County	6.6	6.3	3.8	4.1	4.7	9.0
Copiah County	3.0	3.3	2.1	2.9	3.7	6.5
Covington County	3.1	3.1	1.9	2.5	3.5	5.9
DeSoto County	3.1	3.2	1.8	2.2	2.7	4.5
Forrest County	3.0	3.1	1.9	2.4	3.2	5.7
Franklin County	3.7	4.3	2.4	3.6	4.4	6.7
George County	3.7	4.4	2.5	3.5	4.6	7.1
Greene County	5.3	5.3	3.4	4.8	7.2	10.0
Grenada County	3.6	3.5	2.3	2.9	3.5	5.6
Hancock County	2.5	2.7	1.7	2.3	3.0	5.2
Harrison County	2.9	3.1	1.9	2.4	3.2	5.5
Hinds County	3.4	3.4	2.0	2.6	3.5	6.4
Holmes County	6.2	5.9	3.5	4.1	5.1	10.1
Humphreys County	6.1	5.9	3.8	3.9	4.9	10.2
Issaquena County	11.1	10.4	3.5	9.4	7.3	9.7
Itawamba County	2.8	2.7	1.6	2.5	2.8	4.3
Jackson County	3.1	3.1	1.9	2.4	3.3	5.4
Jasper County	3.4	3.2	2.6	2.8	3.9	6.7
Jefferson County	8.5	10.0	6.0	7.4	8.0	12.9
Jefferson Davis County	3.2	3.6	2.4	2.7	3.8	6.6
Jones County	2.3	2.7	1.6	2.2	3.0	4.9
Kemper County	4.0	4.2	3.0	3.2	4.5	7.2
Lafayette County	2.4	2.4	1.6	2.3	3.1	4.6
Lamar County	2.6	2.7	1.8	2.2	2.9	4.4
Lauderdale County	3.4	3.3	2.0	2.6	3.4	5.5
Lawrence County	3.0	3.0	2.3	3.0	4.0	6.9
Leake County	2.5	2.8	1.9	2.4	3.5	5.3
Lee County	2.7	3.1	1.8	2.3	2.9	4.8
Leflore County	5.7	6.0	3.1	3.7	4.3	7.9
Lincoln County	3.1	3.4	2.0	2.5	3.3	5.3
Lowndes County	3.6	3.3	2.1	2.6	3.6	6.2
Madison County	2.5	2.7	1.5	2.0	2.7	4.3
Marion County	3.2	3.4	2.3	2.9	3.8	6.5
Marshall County	3.9	3.8	2.3	2.8	3.4	6.0
Monroe County	3.9	4.1	2.5	4.0	3.5	6.0
Montgomery County	3.1	3.3	2.1	2.7	3.8	6.2
Neshoba County	2.8	3.0	2.1	2.5	3.4	5.2
Newton County	3.1	2.9	2.1	2.7	3.5	5.2
Noxubee County	4.5	4.0	2.5	3.1	4.1	7.3
Oktibbeha County	3.3	3.4	2.0	2.7	3.5	5.7
Panola County	3.8	4.0	2.8	3.3	4.2	7.6
Pearl River County	2.8	3.2	1.9	2.5	3.4	5.7
Perry County	3.9	3.6	2.6	2.9	4.0	6.3

Five Year Unemployment Rate Comparison

As of April 2026

Area	Apr-2026	Apr-2025	Apr-2024	Apr-2023	Apr-2022	Apr-2021
Pike County	3.8	4.2	2.7	3.2	4.1	7.0
Pontotoc County	2.9	3.2	1.9	2.6	3.1	5.0
Prentiss County	2.8	2.8	1.9	2.5	3.0	4.7
Quitman County	4.2	4.8	2.9	3.7	4.3	9.4
Rankin County	2.2	2.3	1.4	1.9	2.5	3.6
Scott County	2.6	2.8	1.8	2.2	3.1	5.4
Sharkey County	4.8	6.2	3.0	8.2	4.3	8.0
Simpson County	2.9	3.1	1.9	2.4	3.2	5.3
Smith County	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.4	3.4	4.8
Stone County	3.2	3.4	1.9	2.7	3.5	5.2
Sunflower County	4.5	4.5	2.8	3.1	4.2	7.9
Tallahatchie County	2.7	3.7	2.1	3.0	3.9	6.8
Tate County	3.3	3.2	2.0	2.6	3.3	5.7
Tippah County	2.6	3.4	1.7	2.3	3.0	4.9
Tishomingo County	2.8	3.2	2.2	3.1	3.1	4.6
Tunica County	5.0	5.3	2.4	3.5	4.1	9.5
Union County	2.4	2.9	1.4	2.1	2.6	4.4
Walthall County	3.3	3.9	2.7	3.2	3.7	6.3
Warren County	4.0	3.9	2.1	2.8	3.6	6.4
Washington County	4.8	5.0	3.0	3.7	4.5	7.4
Wayne County	3.3	3.7	2.1	2.8	4.3	6.5
Webster County	2.4	3.1	1.6	2.2	2.9	4.7
Wilkinson County	4.9	5.5	4.0	4.3	6.0	11.9
Winston County	3.3	3.3	2.1	2.6	3.8	6.0
Yalobusha County	2.8	3.2	2.2	2.8	3.2	5.2
Yazoo County	4.2	4.2	2.6	2.8	4.1	7.5
Cities						
City of Biloxi	2.8	3.1	1.8	2.4	3.0	5.0
City of Brandon	2.1	2.5	1.3	1.9	2.5	3.8
City of Clinton	2.6	2.6	1.6	2.1	2.9	4.2
City of Columbus	4.1	3.8	2.5	3.0	3.8	7.1
City of Greenville	5.2	5.1	3.1	3.8	4.4	7.9
City of Gulfport	3.1	3.3	1.9	2.4	3.4	6.1
City of Hattiesburg	2.8	3.2	1.9	2.4	3.0	5.6
City of Horn Lake	4.1	4.1	2.0	2.4	3.2	4.9
City of Jackson	3.6	3.6	2.2	2.7	3.6	6.9
City of Madison	2.1	2.2	1.3	1.8	2.4	3.3
City of Meridian	3.8	3.3	2.1	2.7	3.4	6.0
City of Moss Point	4.3	4.5	2.5	3.2	4.2	8.1
City of Olive Branch	2.6	2.8	1.6	2.0	2.4	3.3
City of Oxford	2.0	2.3	1.5	2.0	2.7	4.2
City of Pascagoula	4.0	3.5	2.2	2.8	3.6	6.5
City of Pearl	2.1	2.3	1.3	1.7	2.3	3.5
City of Southaven	3.3	3.2	1.7	2.2	2.6	3.8
City of Starkville	2.7	3.0	1.7	2.2	2.9	5.1
City of Tupelo	2.8	3.2	1.7	2.3	2.8	4.8
City of Vicksburg	4.8	4.5	2.4	3.0	3.7	8.0

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

For Metropolitan Statistical Areas and Workforce Development Areas

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

March 2026	Regular Unemployment Insurance			Benefits Paid All Programs
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Benefits Paid	
Gulfport-Biloxi Metropolitan Statistical Area	454	3,341	\$600,323	\$614,423
Hattiesburg Metropolitan Statistical Area	171	999	\$173,706	\$174,881
Jackson Metropolitan Statistical Area	807	5,644	\$1,000,018	\$1,015,713
Delta Workforce Development Area	432	4,067	\$724,176	\$731,931
Mississippi Partnership Workforce Development Area	1,000	6,863	\$1,231,364	\$1,233,714
South Central MS Works Workforce Development Area	982	6,710	\$1,181,211	\$1,207,246
Twin Districts Workforce Development Area	1,052	7,204	\$1,277,928	\$1,299,845

April 2025	Regular Unemployment Insurance			Benefits Paid All Programs
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Benefits Paid	
Gulfport-Biloxi Metropolitan Statistical Area	448	2,643	\$460,426	\$469,826
Hattiesburg Metropolitan Statistical Area	166	1,040	\$187,676	\$189,086
Jackson Metropolitan Statistical Area	872	5,011	\$890,118	\$894,773
Delta Workforce Development Area	437	3,221	\$599,397	\$609,502
Mississippi Partnership Workforce Development Area	1,074	5,993	\$1,052,979	\$1,059,416
South Central MS Works Workforce Development Area	1,137	6,332	\$1,121,065	\$1,137,696
Twin Districts Workforce Development Area	1,063	6,062	\$1,068,736	\$1,089,957

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Unemployment Insurance Statistics

County Data - Claims

	April 2026		March 2026		April 2025	
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims
Adams County	34	161	33	199	80	234
Alcorn County	31	117	19	171	30	167
Amite County	8	52	7	61	12	48
Attala County	22	125	20	159	20	114
Benton County	10	61	10	65	7	33
Bolivar County	55	344	40	446	40	280
Calhoun County	10	72	20	65	13	59
Carroll County	18	37	5	37	8	39
Chickasaw County	41	129	16	146	41	183
Choctaw County	6	40	6	48	4	46
Claiborne County	17	109	17	128	21	146
Clarke County	13	95	23	133	15	89
Clay County	47	274	33	367	38	262
Coahoma County	62	438	55	544	40	395
Copiah County	27	146	32	167	28	182
Covington County	10	97	17	149	15	121
DeSoto County	208	1,211	171	1,397	176	1,067
Forrest County	87	551	102	595	96	633
Franklin County	5	42	5	56	5	59
George County	12	102	61	118	16	87
Greene County	5	29	9	34	6	46
Grenada County	23	176	27	201	30	133
Hancock County	31	190	40	220	35	179
Harrison County	262	1,443	231	1,722	237	1,511
Hinds County	374	2,179	413	2,709	411	2,327
Holmes County	51	305	26	404	28	259
Humphreys County	35	154	12	154	16	123
Issaquena County	1	16	3	15	0	30
Itawamba County	32	115	22	134	17	69
Jackson County	157	1,057	168	1,312	159	865
Jasper County	26	87	15	115	15	59
Jefferson County	18	63	16	61	10	117
Jefferson Davis County	14	74	14	98	9	102
Jones County	50	235	50	269	63	292
Kemper County	18	68	9	96	21	86
Lafayette County	40	216	34	190	29	177
Lamar County	56	299	55	317	61	371
Lauderdale County	104	536	76	671	109	516
Lawrence County	9	52	7	61	15	49
Leake County	16	77	14	110	29	108
Lee County	152	587	129	691	141	771

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

County Data - Claims

	April 2026		March 2026		April 2025	
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims
Leflore County	99	468	57	453	63	481
Lincoln County	29	168	20	189	25	191
Lowndes County	97	597	75	730	106	498
Madison County	107	807	137	1,047	156	993
Marion County	22	104	24	128	20	129
Marshall County	56	265	36	315	33	274
Monroe County	89	321	55	360	64	398
Montgomery County	15	77	17	75	21	68
Neshoba County	18	117	19	186	29	148
Newton County	18	87	13	116	19	92
Noxubee County	24	127	27	173	29	111
Oktibbeha County	57	369	73	431	68	310
Panola County	98	290	64	263	61	247
Pearl River County	32	217	31	277	33	253
Perry County	9	76	14	87	9	36
Pike County	47	235	40	261	63	279
Pontotoc County	25	124	30	161	37	202
Prentiss County	23	129	41	150	35	144
Quitman County	19	76	13	79	9	73
Rankin County	142	726	112	866	133	768
Scott County	26	114	24	108	20	99
Sharkey County	13	55	7	79	4	72
Simpson County	18	132	25	147	22	135
Smith County	6	68	8	85	7	29
Stone County	16	62	15	87	17	88
Sunflower County	68	387	39	474	33	254
Tallahatchie County	21	103	10	121	11	156
Tate County	33	183	25	222	32	165
Tippah County	33	106	16	96	21	198
Tishomingo County	10	45	12	58	15	112
Tunica County	24	173	16	261	13	172
Union County	31	116	46	141	23	218
Walthall County	11	44	12	68	13	72
Warren County	68	459	65	458	63	460
Washington County	119	610	85	737	111	640
Wayne County	16	138	20	171	23	123
Webster County	6	36	8	37	9	53
Wilkinson County	2	33	3	36	6	24
Winston County	19	128	22	177	24	107
Yalobusha County	20	71	10	103	11	54
Yazoo County	47	225	38	196	74	248

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

County Data - Benefits Paid

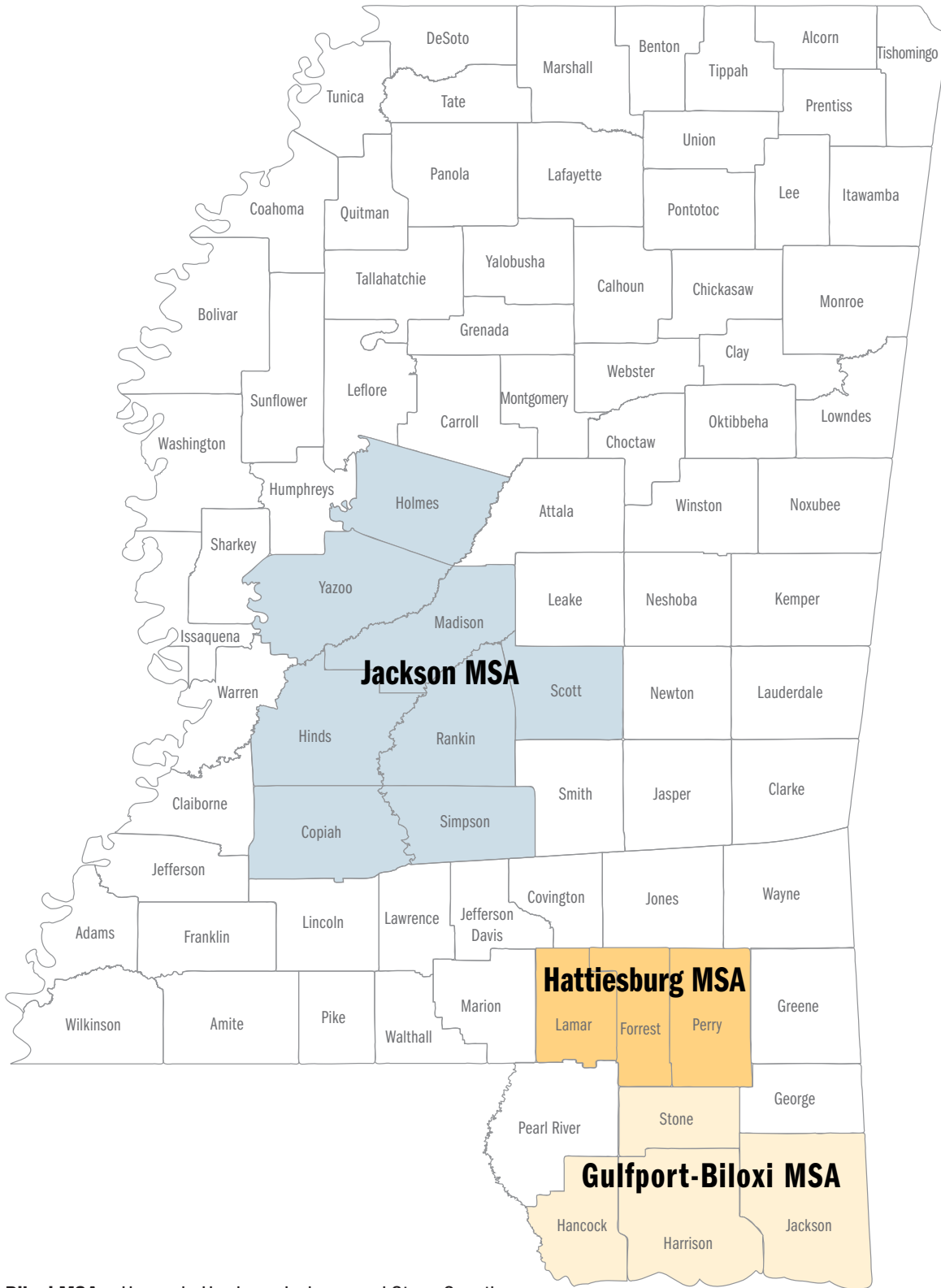
	April 2026		March 2026		April 2025	
	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs
Adams County	\$24,212	\$25,152	\$29,706	\$30,411	\$41,084	\$42,964
Alcorn County	\$19,550	\$19,550	\$27,252	\$27,252	\$28,931	\$28,931
Amite County	\$10,433	\$10,433	\$12,690	\$12,690	\$7,604	\$7,604
Attala County	\$22,792	\$22,792	\$27,158	\$27,158	\$18,636	\$18,636
Benton County	\$9,593	\$9,593	\$10,715	\$10,715	\$6,110	\$6,110
Bolivar County	\$56,375	\$57,550	\$77,835	\$79,010	\$49,760	\$50,700
Calhoun County	\$12,137	\$12,137	\$10,204	\$10,204	\$6,843	\$6,843
Carroll County	\$4,660	\$4,660	\$7,680	\$7,680	\$7,774	\$7,774
Chickasaw County	\$22,501	\$22,501	\$26,364	\$26,364	\$26,961	\$26,961
Choctaw County	\$7,022	\$7,022	\$6,178	\$6,178	\$8,999	\$8,999
Claiborne County	\$21,074	\$23,659	\$22,274	\$25,564	\$28,751	\$31,571
Clarke County	\$17,667	\$17,667	\$22,951	\$22,951	\$17,920	\$25,945
Clay County	\$48,746	\$48,746	\$70,145	\$70,145	\$45,066	\$45,536
Coahoma County	\$82,147	\$82,147	\$98,266	\$98,266	\$70,960	\$70,960
Copiah County	\$22,426	\$24,071	\$28,993	\$28,993	\$33,395	\$33,395
Covington County	\$18,736	\$18,736	\$23,423	\$23,423	\$25,341	\$25,341
DeSoto County	\$219,832	\$219,832	\$255,824	\$256,059	\$201,788	\$204,138
Forrest County	\$88,246	\$88,246	\$103,822	\$104,762	\$119,942	\$121,352
Franklin County	\$9,092	\$9,092	\$10,538	\$10,538	\$10,945	\$10,945
George County	\$17,682	\$17,682	\$23,032	\$23,032	\$17,205	\$17,205
Greene County	\$4,643	\$4,643	\$8,243	\$8,243	\$8,371	\$8,371
Grenada County	\$28,724	\$28,724	\$36,191	\$36,191	\$20,161	\$20,161
Hancock County	\$33,083	\$33,083	\$39,313	\$39,313	\$37,079	\$37,079
Harrison County	\$253,535	\$257,260	\$313,231	\$319,576	\$255,946	\$262,761
Hinds County	\$378,055	\$385,575	\$475,920	\$487,385	\$407,188	\$410,903
Holmes County	\$53,759	\$53,759	\$73,945	\$73,945	\$48,835	\$48,835
Humphreys County	\$25,714	\$25,714	\$24,824	\$24,824	\$28,379	\$29,319
Issaquena County	\$3,673	\$8,373	\$2,820	\$3,995	\$7,277	\$9,392
Itawamba County	\$22,527	\$22,527	\$22,951	\$22,951	\$12,616	\$12,616
Jackson County	\$195,312	\$200,735	\$231,505	\$239,260	\$150,525	\$153,110
Jasper County	\$14,666	\$14,666	\$23,220	\$23,220	\$9,365	\$9,365
Jefferson County	\$11,703	\$18,753	\$9,674	\$12,259	\$22,384	\$24,499
Jefferson Davis County	\$13,304	\$13,304	\$15,176	\$15,176	\$22,198	\$22,198
Jones County	\$37,126	\$37,126	\$45,153	\$46,188	\$52,313	\$52,313
Kemper County	\$10,679	\$10,679	\$17,235	\$17,235	\$12,084	\$13,024
Lafayette County	\$37,673	\$37,673	\$33,370	\$33,370	\$33,107	\$34,282
Lamar County	\$50,510	\$50,980	\$54,057	\$54,292	\$63,161	\$63,161
Lauderdale County	\$90,930	\$92,822	\$115,411	\$117,728	\$83,990	\$83,990
Lawrence County	\$6,699	\$6,699	\$8,718	\$8,718	\$5,956	\$5,956
Leake County	\$14,911	\$14,911	\$19,663	\$19,663	\$16,394	\$16,394
Lee County	\$93,198	\$93,668	\$124,874	\$124,874	\$135,670	\$136,702

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

County Data - Benefits Paid

	April 2026		March 2026		April 2025	
	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs	Benefits Paid Regular UI	Benefits Paid All Programs
Leflore County	\$72,918	\$72,918	\$79,132	\$79,132	\$82,956	\$82,956
Lincoln County	\$26,720	\$27,660	\$33,980	\$35,155	\$33,907	\$33,907
Lowndes County	\$95,730	\$96,200	\$130,487	\$131,427	\$85,240	\$86,180
Madison County	\$143,658	\$145,068	\$180,999	\$184,289	\$182,193	\$182,193
Marion County	\$15,828	\$16,768	\$22,750	\$23,925	\$24,044	\$24,044
Marshall County	\$46,109	\$46,109	\$57,051	\$57,051	\$49,358	\$49,358
Monroe County	\$54,885	\$54,885	\$63,265	\$63,265	\$63,065	\$63,065
Montgomery County	\$10,390	\$10,390	\$11,225	\$11,225	\$11,991	\$11,991
Neshoba County	\$20,072	\$20,072	\$31,701	\$31,701	\$23,121	\$23,286
Newton County	\$13,339	\$13,339	\$18,283	\$19,458	\$16,320	\$16,320
Noxubee County	\$22,715	\$22,715	\$33,882	\$33,882	\$21,421	\$21,421
Oktibbeha County	\$64,416	\$64,416	\$79,696	\$79,696	\$55,334	\$55,334
Panola County	\$45,389	\$45,389	\$39,348	\$39,348	\$44,719	\$44,719
Pearl River County	\$42,203	\$42,279	\$52,717	\$53,657	\$46,892	\$47,597
Perry County	\$14,194	\$14,194	\$15,827	\$15,827	\$4,573	\$4,573
Pike County	\$38,857	\$38,857	\$43,236	\$43,236	\$48,393	\$48,393
Pontotoc County	\$22,639	\$22,639	\$31,562	\$31,562	\$32,755	\$33,225
Prentiss County	\$22,747	\$22,747	\$25,058	\$25,058	\$20,037	\$20,037
Quitman County	\$11,482	\$11,482	\$17,398	\$17,398	\$14,343	\$14,343
Rankin County	\$135,567	\$136,507	\$161,781	\$162,721	\$134,772	\$135,712
Scott County	\$15,745	\$15,745	\$17,897	\$17,897	\$17,121	\$17,121
Sharkey County	\$8,839	\$11,424	\$13,927	\$14,867	\$14,711	\$18,706
Simpson County	\$25,159	\$25,159	\$27,682	\$27,682	\$21,896	\$21,896
Smith County	\$12,777	\$12,777	\$16,037	\$16,037	\$6,184	\$6,184
Stone County	\$10,214	\$10,214	\$16,274	\$16,274	\$16,876	\$16,876
Sunflower County	\$62,052	\$62,052	\$88,302	\$88,537	\$46,087	\$46,087
Tallahatchie County	\$16,954	\$16,954	\$22,472	\$22,472	\$35,406	\$35,406
Tate County	\$32,608	\$32,608	\$38,223	\$38,223	\$26,932	\$26,932
Tippah County	\$13,638	\$13,638	\$16,727	\$16,727	\$42,094	\$42,094
Tishomingo County	\$7,956	\$7,956	\$10,631	\$10,631	\$23,242	\$23,242
Tunica County	\$32,585	\$32,585	\$52,451	\$52,451	\$35,927	\$35,927
Union County	\$23,716	\$23,716	\$21,726	\$21,726	\$41,979	\$41,979
Walthall County	\$9,427	\$9,427	\$11,013	\$11,013	\$10,513	\$10,513
Warren County	\$82,040	\$85,330	\$85,090	\$87,675	\$81,886	\$86,107
Washington County	\$97,022	\$100,547	\$125,776	\$130,006	\$112,263	\$114,378
Wayne County	\$25,048	\$25,048	\$31,007	\$31,007	\$21,771	\$22,347
Webster County	\$6,681	\$6,681	\$6,631	\$6,631	\$9,635	\$9,635
Wilkinson County	\$10,155	\$10,155	\$6,116	\$6,116	\$5,480	\$6,420
Winston County	\$23,378	\$23,378	\$34,045	\$34,045	\$15,350	\$15,350
Yalobusha County	\$14,139	\$15,079	\$19,929	\$21,104	\$9,658	\$9,658
Yazoo County	\$37,100	\$37,100	\$32,801	\$32,801	\$44,718	\$44,718

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)

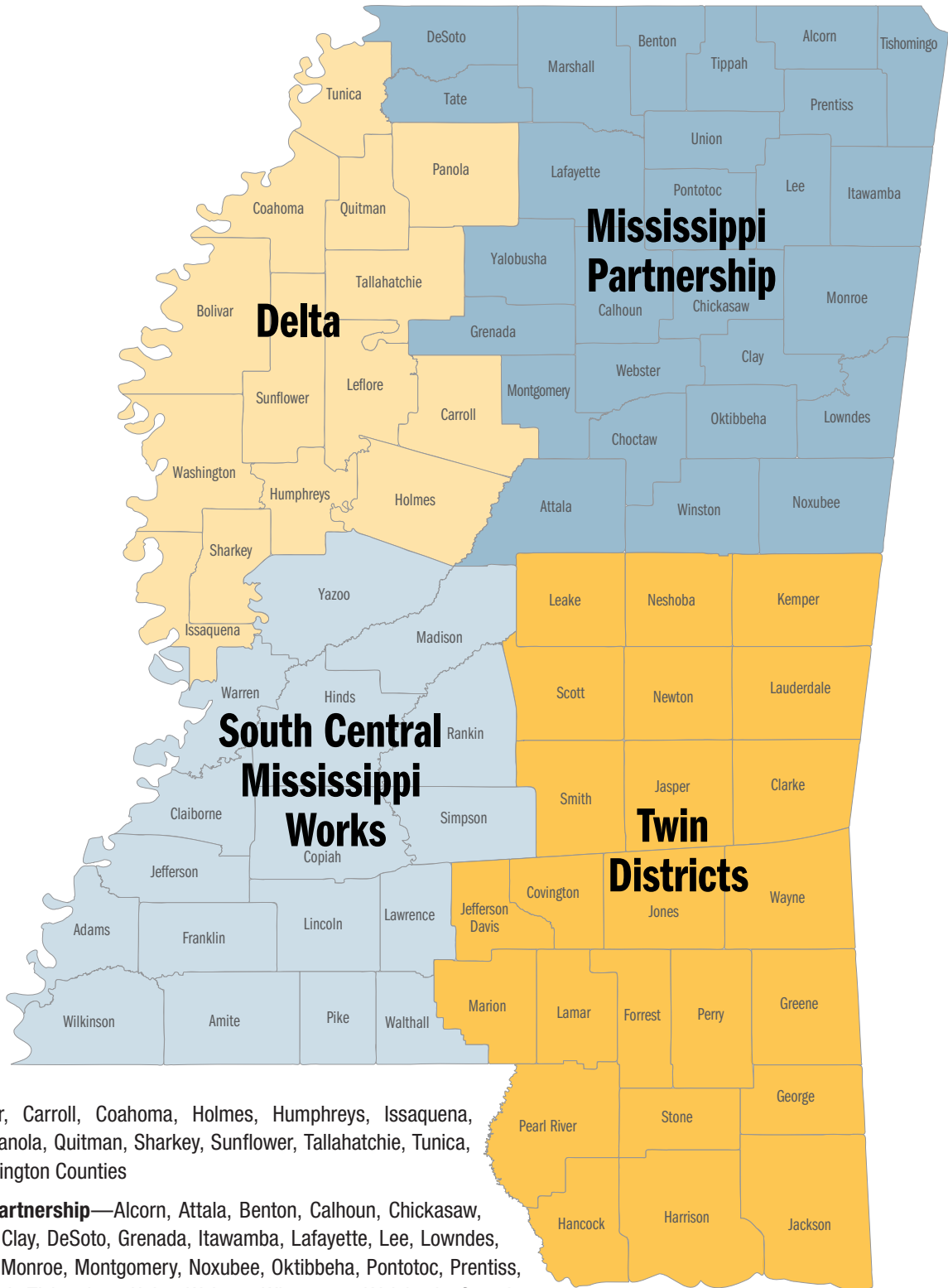


Gulfport-Biloxi MSA—Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, and Stone Counties

Hattiesburg MSA—Forrest, Lamar, and Perry Counties

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Workforce Development Areas (WDAs)



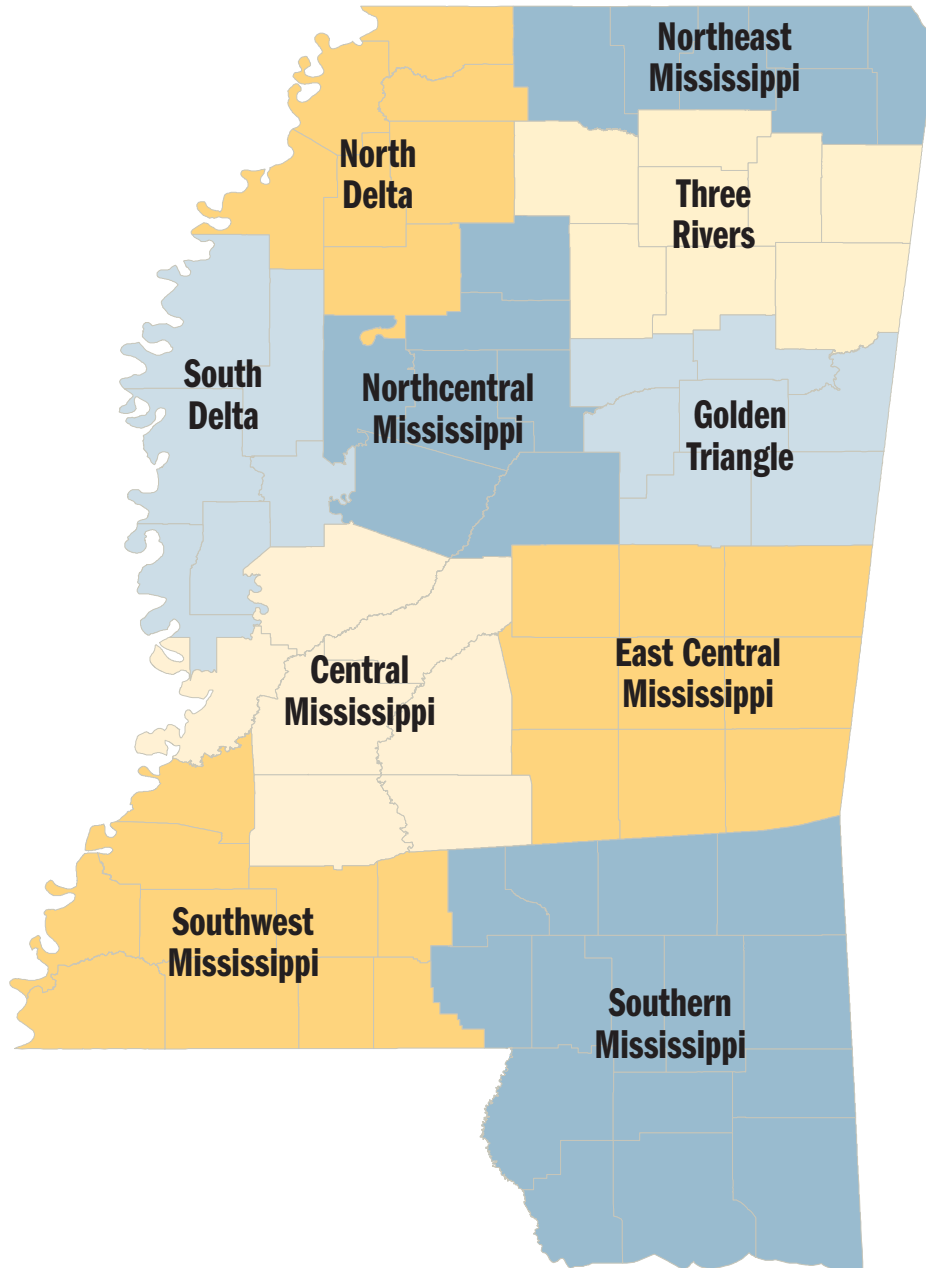
Delta—Bolivar, Carroll, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tunica, and Washington Counties

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

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

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

Planning & Development Districts (PDDs)



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

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

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

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

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

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

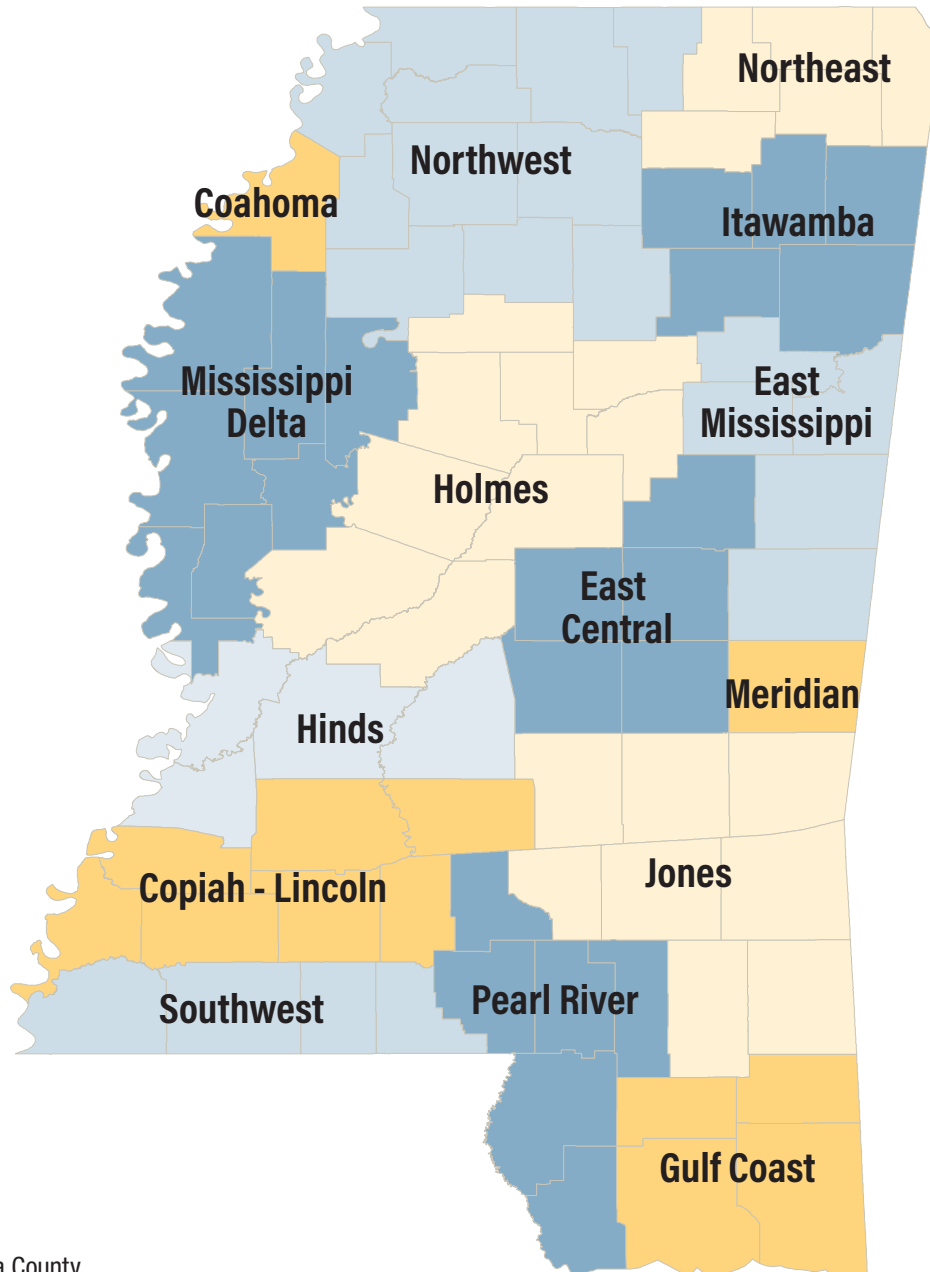
South Delta—Bolivar, Humphreys, Issaquena, Sharkey, Sunflower, and Washington Counties

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

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

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

Community College Districts (CCDs)



Coahoma—Coahoma County

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

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

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

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

Hinds—Claiborne, Hinds, Rankin, and Warren Counties

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

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

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

Meridian—Lauderdale County

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

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

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

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

Southwest—Amite, Pike, Walthall, and Wilkinson Counties

Description of the Unemployment Rate Calculation

General summary of how the unemployment rate is calculated

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

Glossary of Terms

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

Civilian Labor Force – that proportion of the civilian noninstitutionalized population that is employed or actively seeking employment. The labor force is the sum of the number of employed and unemployed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reference Week – the calendar week, Sunday through Saturday, this includes the 12th day of the month, with occasional exceptions, ex. November and December.

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

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

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

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

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



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