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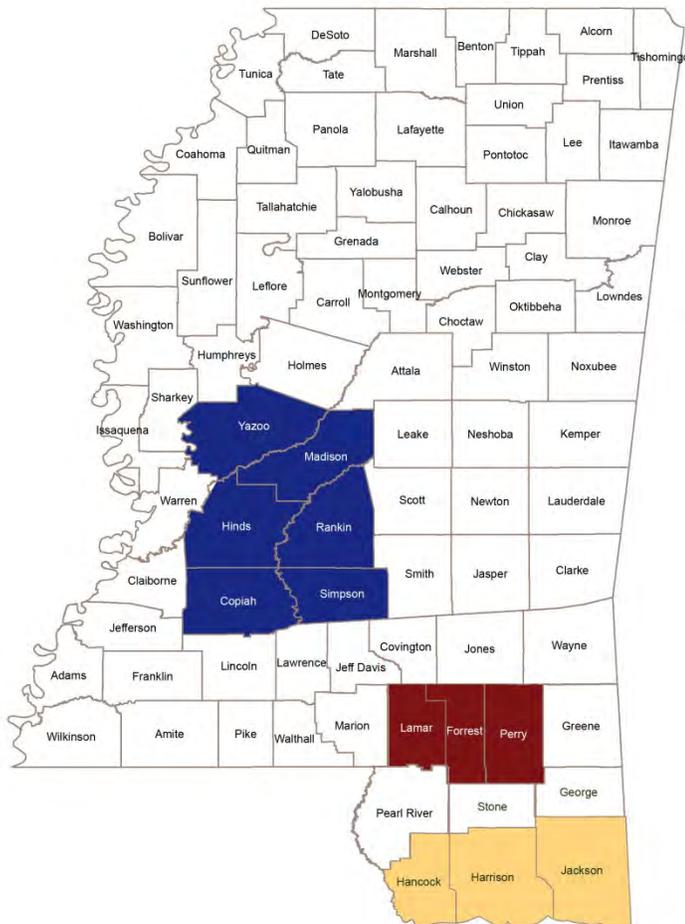
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Related Websites:

Bureau of Labor Statistics bls.gov

Job Central jobcentral.org/ms/

US Census Bureau census.gov

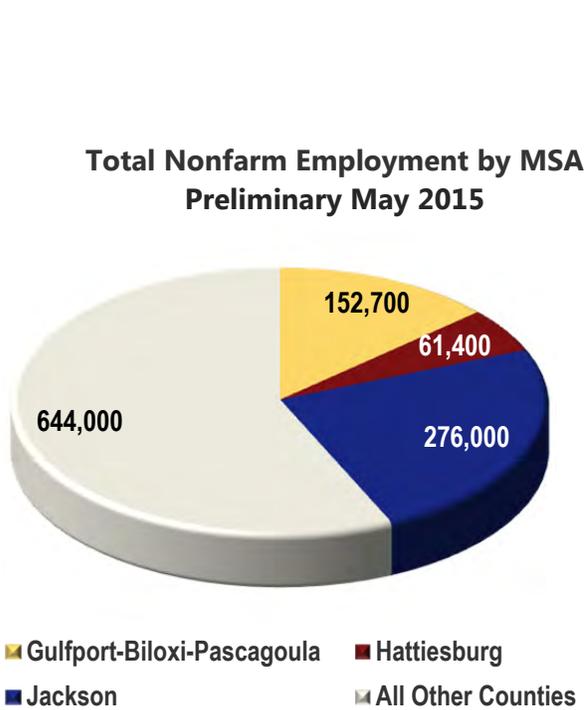
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Redefined Metropolitan Statistical Areas

With the release of the January 2015 estimates the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) definitions have changed. The MSAs are now based on the 2013 statistical area definitions from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The following changes have been made to Mississippi MSAs:

- The Jackson MSA now includes Yazoo County.
- The Gulfport-Biloxi and Pascagoula MSAs have been combined to form Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA which now includes only Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties.

We will be updating our website with data for the revised MSAs back through 2010.

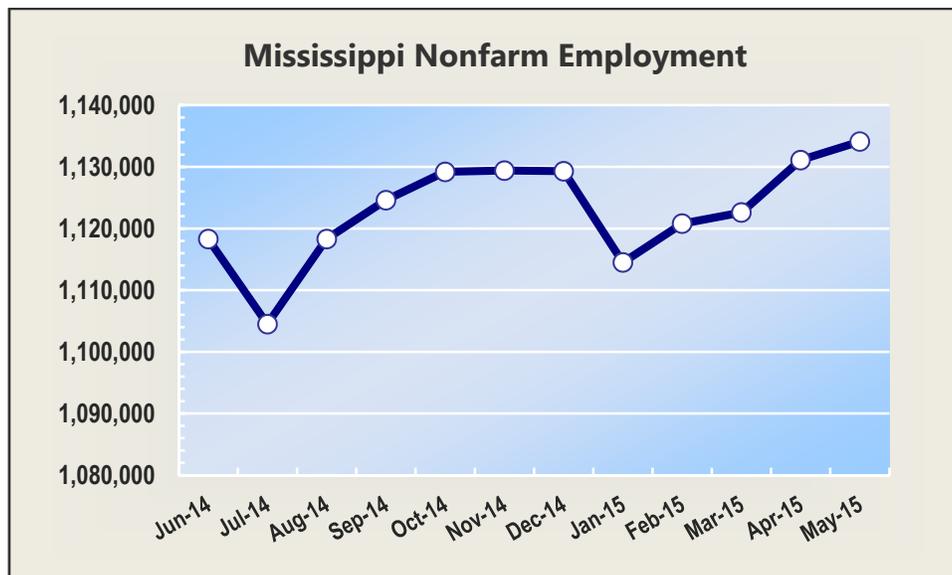


Mississippi Nonfarm Employment

	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,134,100	1,131,100	1,123,100	3,000	0.3	11,000	1.0
Total Private	885,200	882,500	876,400	2,700	0.3	8,800	1.0
Goods Producing	196,000	195,500	200,000	500	0.3	(4,000)	(2.0)
Service Providing	938,100	935,600	923,100	2,500	0.3	15,000	1.6
Private Service Providing	689,200	687,000	676,400	2,200	0.3	12,800	1.9
Mining & Logging	8,800	8,700	9,100	100	1.1	(300)	(3.3)
Construction	46,300	47,000	51,400	(700)	(1.5)	(5,100)	(9.9)
Manufacturing	140,900	139,800	139,500	1,100	0.8	1,400	1.0
Durable Goods	93,800	93,400	93,300	400	0.4	500	0.5
Wood Product Manufacturing	8,400	8,400	8,700	0	0.0	(300)	(3.4)
Sawmill-Wood Preservation	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	0.0	(100)	(2.6)
Fabricated Metals	9,800	9,800	9,900	0	0.0	(100)	(1.0)
Machinery Manufacturing	12,600	12,500	12,300	100	0.8	300	2.4
Electrical Equipment & Appliances	6,300	6,000	6,300	300	5.0	0	0.0
Electrical Equipment	4,700	4,400	4,600	300	6.8	100	2.2
Transportation Equipment	27,300	27,300	26,400	0	0.0	900	3.4
Motor Vehicle Parts	6,000	5,900	5,400	100	1.7	600	11.1
Ship & Boat Building	13,000	13,100	13,500	(100)	(0.8)	(500)	(3.7)
Furniture & Related	18,700	18,600	18,300	100	0.5	400	2.2
Nondurable Goods	47,100	46,400	46,200	700	1.5	900	1.9
Food Manufacturing	22,000	21,900	22,400	100	0.5	(400)	(1.8)
Animal Slaughtering	16,500	16,400	16,800	100	0.6	(300)	(1.8)
Paper Manufacturing	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0.0	0	0.0
Plastics & Rubber	6,100	6,100	6,100	0	0.0	0	0.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	221,900	221,000	218,600	900	0.4	3,300	1.5
Wholesale Trade	34,100	34,100	33,900	0	0.0	200	0.6
Retail Trade	135,500	135,600	134,900	(100)	(0.1)	600	0.4
Food & Beverage Stores	18,600	18,600	18,600	0	0.0	0	0.0
Grocery Stores	16,900	16,900	16,900	0	0.0	0	0.0
General Merchandise	35,100	35,200	35,200	(100)	(0.3)	(100)	(0.3)
Department Stores	6,900	7,000	7,200	(100)	(1.4)	(300)	(4.2)
Other General Merchandise	28,200	28,200	28,000	0	0.0	200	0.7
Transportation, Warehouse, Utilities	52,300	51,300	49,800	1,000	1.9	2,500	5.0
Utilities	7,900	7,800	7,800	100	1.3	100	1.3
Transportation & Warehousing	44,400	43,500	42,000	900	2.1	2,400	5.7
Warehousing & Storage	10,500	10,400	10,000	100	1.0	500	5.0
Information	13,400	13,300	12,800	100	0.8	600	4.7
Telecommunications	7,000	7,000	6,700	0	0.0	300	4.5
Financial Activities	44,700	44,200	43,500	500	1.1	1,200	2.8
Finance & Insurance	32,800	32,500	31,900	300	0.9	900	2.8
Credit Intermediation	20,400	20,200	20,300	200	1.0	100	0.5
Depository Credit Intermediation	14,700	14,600	14,600	100	0.7	100	0.7
Insurance Carriers	10,500	10,400	10,300	100	1.0	200	1.9
Real Estate & Rental	11,900	11,700	11,600	200	1.7	300	2.6

Mississippi Nonfarm Employment – continued

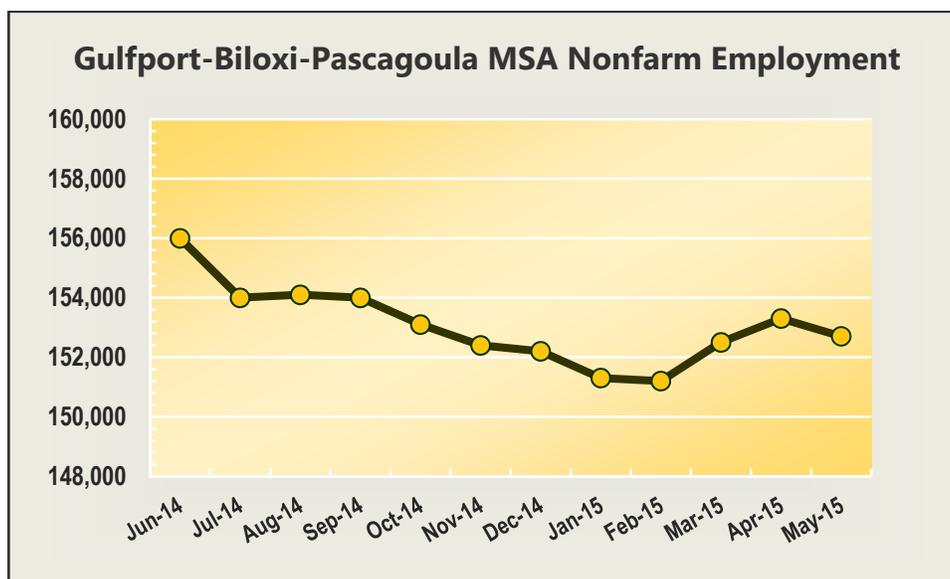
	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Professional & Business Services	101,100	101,900	99,600	(800)	(0.8)	1,500	1.5
Prof., Scientific, Technical Services	29,700	31,000	30,700	(1,300)	(4.2)	(1,000)	(3.3)
Management of Companies	10,700	10,700	10,600	0	0.0	100	0.9
Admin. Support & Waste Management	60,700	60,200	58,300	500	0.8	2,400	4.1
Educational & Health Services	136,700	137,300	134,100	(600)	(0.4)	2,600	1.9
Education Services	12,200	12,500	11,600	(300)	(2.4)	600	5.2
Health Care & Social Assistance	124,500	124,800	122,500	(300)	(0.2)	2,000	1.6
Hospitals	29,700	29,500	29,700	200	0.7	0	0.0
Nursing & Resident Care	24,700	24,400	23,800	300	1.2	900	3.8
Leisure & Hospitality	132,600	130,300	128,900	2,300	1.8	3,700	2.9
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	11,700	11,500	11,700	200	1.7	0	0.0
Amusements, Gambling, Recreation	10,200	9,900	10,400	300	3.0	(200)	(1.9)
Accommodation & Food Services	120,900	118,800	117,200	2,100	1.8	3,700	3.2
Accommodation	26,800	26,800	28,600	0	0.0	(1,800)	(6.3)
Food Services & Drinking	94,100	92,000	88,600	2,100	2.3	5,500	6.2
Other Services (Private)	38,800	39,000	38,900	(200)	(0.5)	(100)	(0.3)
Repair & Maintenance	9,600	9,600	9,500	0	0.0	100	1.1
Government	248,900	248,600	246,700	300	0.1	2,200	0.9
Federal	25,500	25,600	25,200	(100)	(0.4)	300	1.2
State	63,000	63,600	62,300	(600)	(0.9)	700	1.1
State Education	23,100	23,700	22,900	(600)	(2.5)	200	0.9
Local	160,400	159,400	159,200	1,000	0.6	1,200	0.8
Local Education	86,400	86,000	85,700	400	0.5	700	0.8



Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA Nonfarm Employment

Includes Hancock, Harrison & Jackson Counties

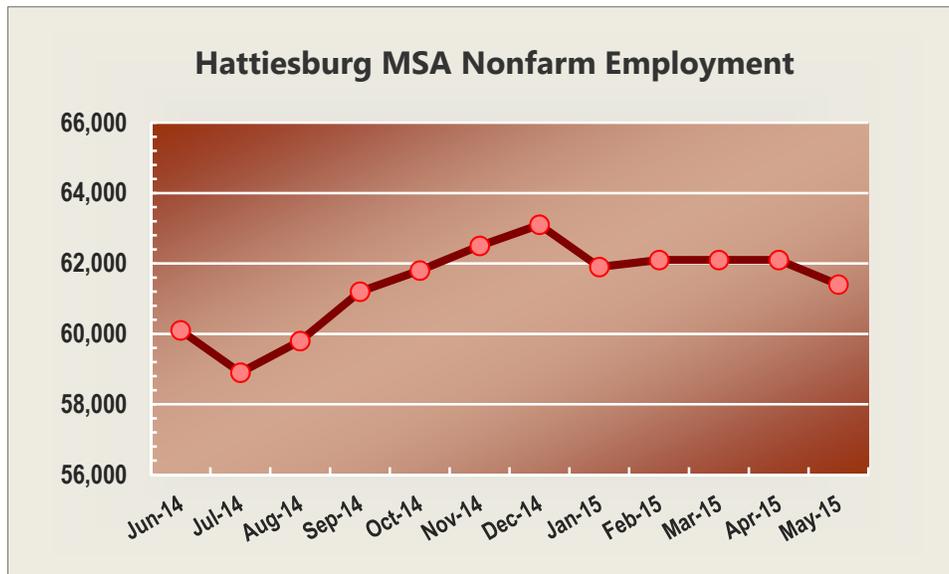
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				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm Employment	152,700	153,300	155,900	(600)	(0.4)	(3,200)	(2.1)
Total Private	119,800	120,400	122,800	(600)	(0.5)	(3,000)	(2.4)
Goods Producing	26,400	27,200	29,500	(800)	(2.9)	(3,100)	(10.5)
Service Providing	126,300	126,100	126,400	200	0.2	(100)	(0.1)
Private Service Providing	93,400	93,200	93,300	200	0.2	100	0.1
Mining, Logging, & Construction	7,600	8,400	10,200	(800)	(9.5)	(2,600)	(25.5)
Manufacturing	18,800	18,800	19,300	0	0.0	(500)	(2.6)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24,200	24,300	24,100	(100)	(0.4)	100	0.4
Wholesale Trade	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0.0	0	0.0
Retail Trade	17,300	17,500	17,300	(200)	(1.1)	0	0.0
Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	4,700	4,600	4,600	100	2.2	100	2.2
Information	1,500	1,500	1,600	0	0.0	(100)	(6.3)
Financial Activities	5,200	5,200	5,300	0	0.0	(100)	(1.9)
Professional and Business Services	15,500	15,800	16,400	(300)	(1.9)	(900)	(5.5)
Education and Health Services	12,400	12,400	12,100	0	0.0	300	2.5
Leisure and Hospitality	29,300	28,700	28,500	600	2.1	800	2.8
Other Services	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0.0	0	0.0
Government	32,900	32,900	33,100	0	0.0	(200)	(0.6)
Federal	8,800	8,700	8,800	100	1.1	0	0.0
State	2,800	2,900	2,800	(100)	(3.4)	0	0.0
Local	21,300	21,300	21,500	0	0.0	(200)	(0.9)
Local Education	9,500	9,600	9,400	(100)	(1.0)	100	1.1



Hattiesburg MSA Nonfarm Employment

Includes Forrest, Lamar & Perry Counties

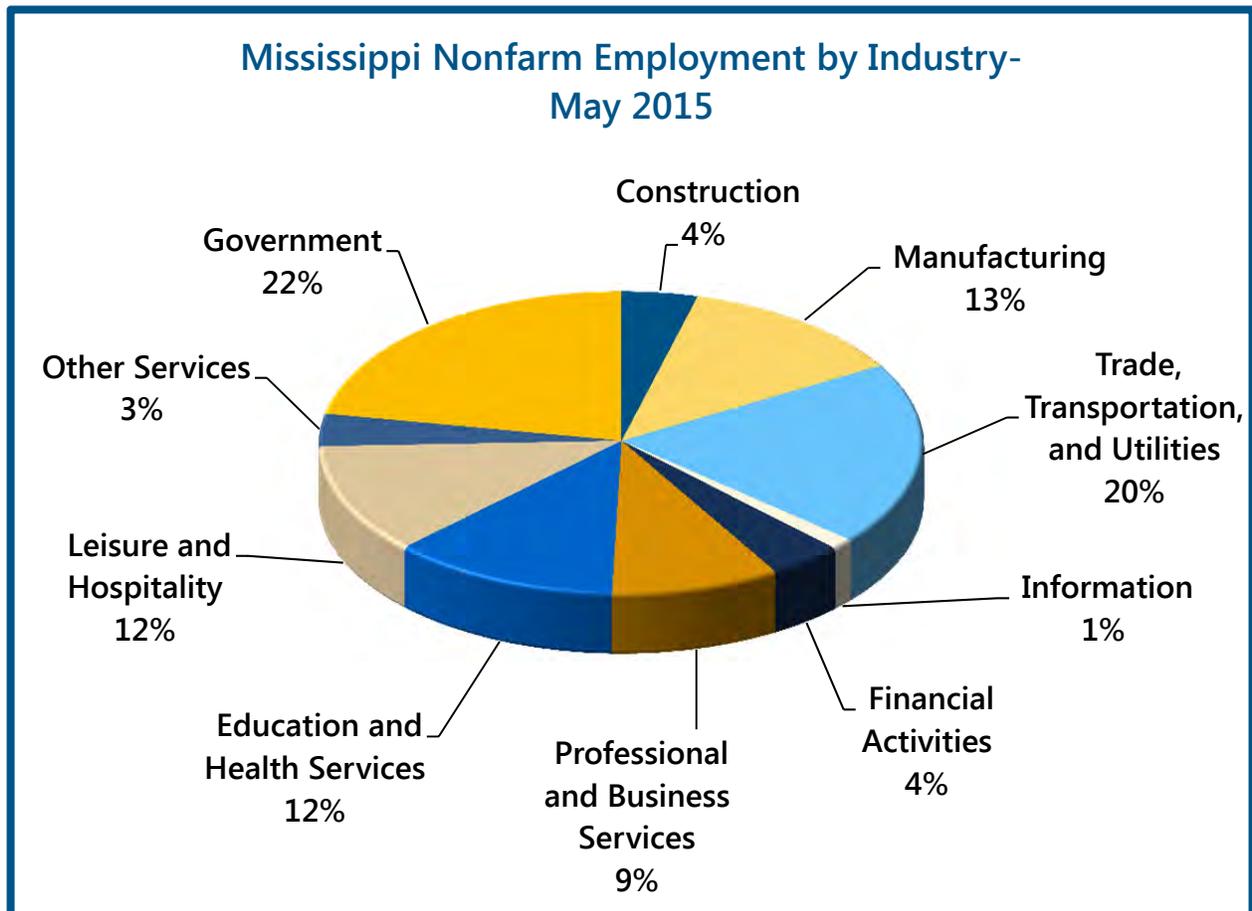
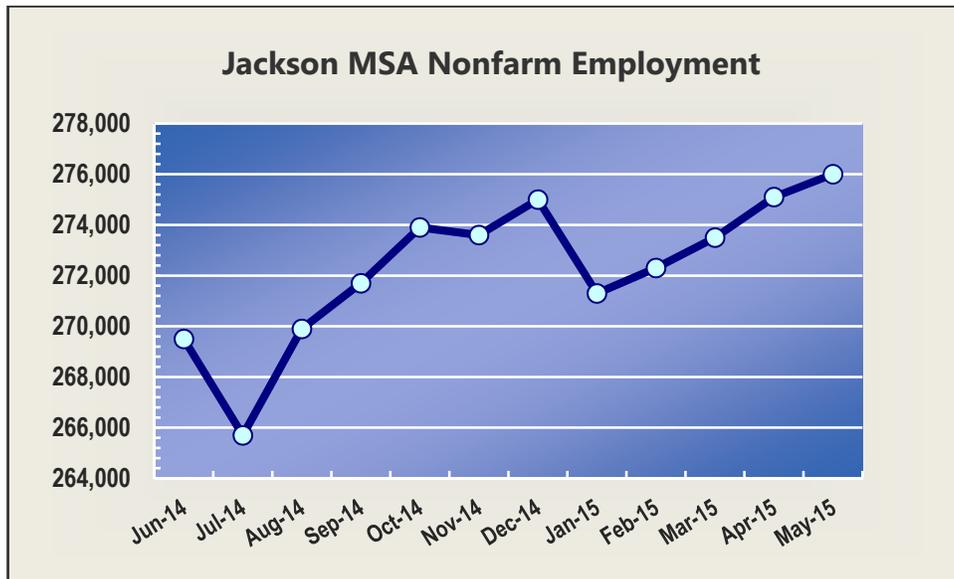
	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm Employment	61,400	62,100	60,700	(700)	(1.1)	700	1.2
Total Private	46,800	47,100	46,300	(300)	(0.6)	500	1.1
Goods Producing	6,400	6,700	6,600	(300)	(4.5)	(200)	(3.0)
Service Providing	55,000	55,400	54,100	(400)	(0.7)	900	1.7
Private Service Providing	40,400	40,400	39,700	0	0.0	700	1.8
Manufacturing	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	0.0	100	2.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,100	13,200	13,200	(100)	(0.8)	(100)	(0.8)
Retail Trade	8,700	8,800	8,900	(100)	(1.1)	(200)	(2.2)
Leisure & Hospitality	7,600	7,600	7,600	0	0.0	0	0.0
Government	14,600	15,000	14,400	(400)	(2.7)	200	1.4
Federal	800	800	800	0	0.0	0	0.0
State	4,100	4,500	3,900	(400)	(8.9)	200	5.1
Local	9,700	9,700	9,700	0	0.0	0	0.0
Local Education	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0.0	0	0.0



Jackson MSA Nonfarm Employment

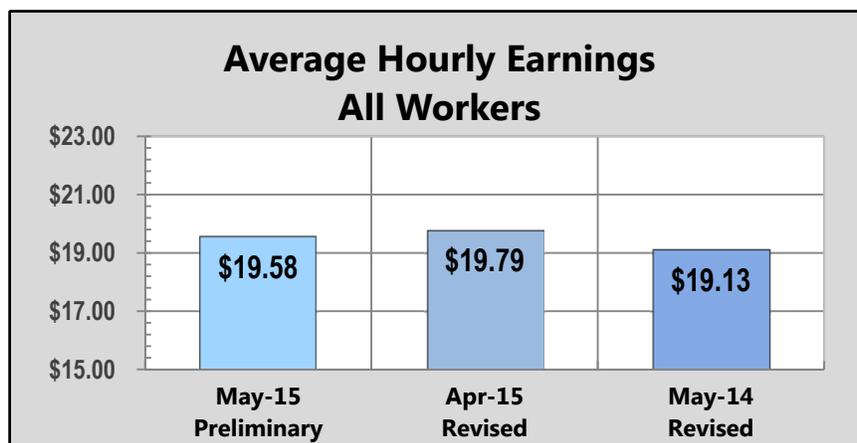
Includes Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson & Yazoo Counties

	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm Employment	276,000	275,100	270,000	900	0.3	6,000	2.2
Total Private	216,600	216,200	211,600	400	0.2	5,000	2.4
Goods Producing	30,500	30,600	30,000	(100)	(0.3)	500	1.7
Service Providing	245,500	244,500	240,000	1,000	0.4	5,500	2.3
Private Service Providing	186,100	185,600	181,600	500	0.3	4,500	2.5
Mining & Logging	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0.0	0	0.0
Construction	11,000	11,200	11,200	(200)	(1.8)	(200)	(1.8)
Manufacturing	18,400	18,300	17,700	100	0.5	700	4.0
Durable Goods	12,200	12,200	11,700	0	0.0	500	4.3
Transportation Equipment	5,900	5,900	5,500	0	0.0	400	7.3
Nondurable Goods	6,200	6,100	6,000	100	1.6	200	3.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	51,800	51,700	50,900	100	0.2	900	1.8
Wholesale Trade	10,600	10,600	10,600	0	0.0	0	0.0
Retail Trade	29,800	29,700	29,300	100	0.3	500	1.7
General Merchandise	6,100	6,200	6,200	(100)	(1.6)	(100)	(1.6)
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	11,400	11,400	11,000	0	0.0	400	3.6
Information	5,400	5,400	4,800	0	0.0	600	12.5
Financial Activities	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0.0	0	0.0
Finance & Insurance	11,400	11,400	11,500	0	0.0	(100)	(0.9)
Professional & Business Services	32,300	33,000	32,400	(700)	(2.1)	(100)	(0.3)
Prof., Scientific, Technical Services	10,800	11,400	11,300	(600)	(5.3)	(500)	(4.4)
Management of Companies	4,900	4,900	4,800	0	0.0	100	2.1
Admin. Support & Waste Management	16,600	16,700	16,300	(100)	(0.6)	300	1.8
Educational & Health Services	42,800	42,500	40,500	300	0.7	2,300	5.7
Health Care & Social Assistance	37,400	37,100	35,500	300	0.8	1,900	5.4
Hospitals	9,600	9,600	9,600	0	0.0	0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	25,300	24,600	24,600	700	2.8	700	2.8
Accommodation & Food Services	23,200	22,500	22,100	700	3.1	1,100	5.0
Other Services (Private)	13,500	13,400	13,400	100	0.7	100	0.7
Government	59,400	58,900	58,400	500	0.8	1,000	1.7
Federal	6,700	6,700	6,600	0	0.0	100	1.5
State	27,100	27,500	27,200	(400)	(1.5)	(100)	(0.4)
State Education	6,900	7,200	6,900	(300)	(4.2)	0	0.0
Local	25,600	24,700	24,600	900	3.6	1,000	4.1
Local Education	15,600	14,900	15,800	700	4.7	(200)	(1.3)



Average Hours & Earnings

All Workers									
MISSISSIPPI	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14
Total Private Nonfarm	\$677.47	\$680.78	\$679.12	34.6	34.4	35.5	\$19.58	\$19.79	\$19.13
Private Goods Producing	\$831.79	\$826.45	\$823.94	40.3	39.6	41.3	\$20.64	\$20.87	\$19.95
Private Service Providing	\$633.93	\$638.92	\$636.79	33.0	32.9	33.8	\$19.21	\$19.42	\$18.84
Construction	\$828.18	\$801.06	\$875.65	38.2	36.1	42.2	\$21.68	\$22.19	\$20.75
Manufacturing	\$841.09	\$843.59	\$814.82	41.7	41.7	41.7	\$20.17	\$20.23	\$19.54
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	\$621.88	\$634.11	\$656.93	34.8	34.5	35.8	\$17.87	\$18.38	\$18.35
Financial Activities	\$883.43	\$890.80	\$913.26	36.4	36.3	38.1	\$24.27	\$24.54	\$23.97
Professional & Business Services	\$782.69	\$787.19	\$762.65	35.4	35.3	35.0	\$22.11	\$22.30	\$21.79
Education and Health Services	\$681.36	\$685.78	\$645.41	33.4	33.6	33.2	\$20.40	\$20.41	\$19.44
Leisure and Hospitality	\$311.49	\$313.99	\$324.58	26.6	26.7	27.6	\$11.71	\$11.76	\$11.76
GULFPORT-BILOXI-PASCAGOULA MSA	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14
Total Private	\$787.63	\$786.24	\$783.91	36.6	36.4	36.7	\$21.52	\$21.60	\$21.36
HATTIESBURG MSA	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14
Total Private	\$691.68	\$688.53	\$615.52	36.1	35.4	35.6	\$19.16	\$19.45	\$17.29
JACKSON MSA	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14
Total Private	\$712.42	\$709.53	\$747.63	33.7	33.5	35.5	\$21.14	\$21.18	\$21.06



Average Hours & Earnings

Production Workers									
MISSISSIPPI	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14
Manufacturing	\$752.65	\$746.44	\$723.36	41.4	41.4	41.1	\$18.18	\$18.03	\$17.60
Durable Goods	\$752.96	\$744.10	\$756.55	41.6	41.5	41.5	\$18.10	\$17.93	\$18.23
Nondurable Goods	\$752.76	\$753.73	\$654.46	41.0	41.3	40.2	\$18.36	\$18.25	\$16.28

Consumer Price Index

New Estimation System

Effective with the release of the January 2015 CPI on February 26, 2015, the Bureau of Labor Statistics utilized a new estimation system for the Consumer Price Index. The new estimation system, the first major improvement to the existing system in over 25 years, is a redesigned, state-of-the-art system with improved flexibility and review capabilities. For more information on this new system, please see <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpinewest.htm>.

CPI - All Urban Consumers (U)							
Expenditure Category	May-15	Apr-15	May-14	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
All Items (1982-84=100)	237.8	236.6	237.9	1.2	0.5	(0.1)	(0.0)
Food & Beverages	245.8	245.7	242.1	0.1	0.0	3.7	1.5
Housing	237.2	236.8	232.7	0.4	0.2	4.5	1.9
Shelter	277.6	277.0	269.8	0.6	0.2	7.8	2.9
Rent of primary residence	284.2	283.6	274.7	0.6	0.2	9.5	3.5
Apparel	127.1	128.6	129.0	(1.5)	(1.2)	(1.9)	(1.5)
Transportation	206.4	200.2	223.4	6.2	3.1	(17.0)	(7.6)
Medical Care	447.2	446.7	434.9	0.5	0.1	12.3	2.8
Recreation *	116.2	116.0	116.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Education & Communications *	137.4	137.7	137.2	(0.3)	(0.2)	0.2	0.1
Other Goods & Services	412.8	412.2	407.2	0.6	0.1	5.6	1.4

* Indexes on a December 1997 = 100 base

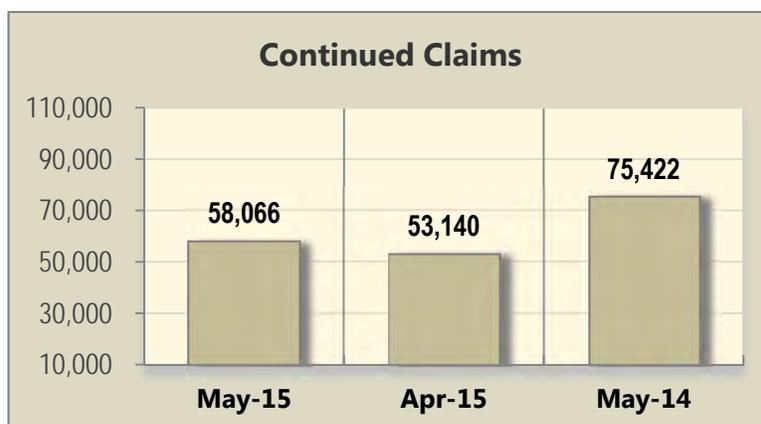
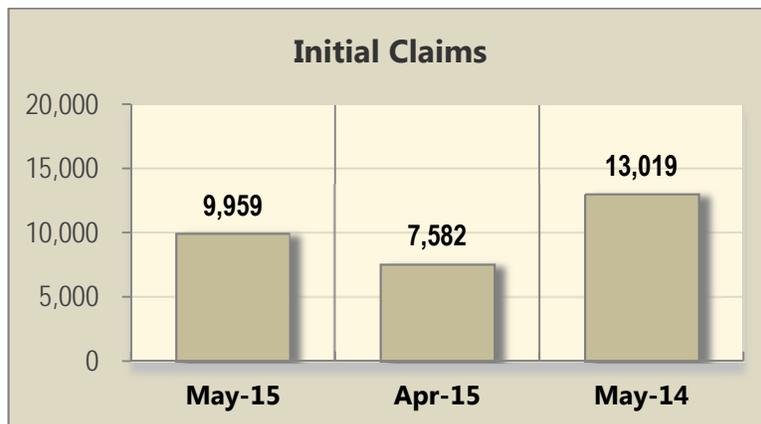
For further information on the differences between the two CPI series visit the BLS website: bls.gov

Comparative Labor Force Data

	Preliminary May-15	Revised Apr-15	Revised May-14	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
MISSISSIPPI							
Civilian Labor Force	1,265,300	1,241,700	1,241,900	23,600	1.9	23,400	1.9
Unemployed	88,400	70,600	98,400	17,800	25.2	(10,000)	(10.2)
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	5.7%	7.9%	1.3	XXX	(0.9)	XXX
Employed	1,176,900	1,171,100	1,143,500	5,800	0.5	33,400	2.9
GULFPORT-BILOXI-PASCAGOULA MSA							
Civilian Labor Force	162,400	160,020	162,640	2,380	1.5	(240)	(0.1)
Unemployed	11,380	9,210	12,230	2,170	23.6	(850)	(7.0)
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	5.8%	7.5%	1.2	XXX	(0.5)	XXX
Employed	151,020	150,810	150,410	210	0.1	610	0.4
HATTIESBURG MSA							
Civilian Labor Force	65,210	64,760	63,540	450	0.7	1,670	2.6
Unemployed	4,040	3,230	4,400	810	25.1	(360)	(8.2)
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	5.0%	6.9%	1.2	XXX	(0.7)	XXX
Employed	61,170	61,530	59,140	(360)	(0.6)	2,030	3.4
JACKSON MSA							
Civilian Labor Force	266,570	261,430	257,730	5,140	2.0	8,840	3.4
Unemployed	15,050	11,870	16,960	3,180	26.8	(1,910)	(11.3)
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	4.5%	6.6%	1.1	XXX	(1.0)	XXX
Employed	251,520	249,560	240,770	1,960	0.8	10,750	4.5

Mississippi Unemployment Claims Data

Regular UI	May-15	Apr-15	May-14	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Initial Claims	9,959	7,582	13,019	2,377	31.4	(3,060)	(23.5)
Continued Claims	58,066	53,140	75,422	4,926	9.3	(17,356)	(23.0)
Benefits Paid	\$6,642,816	\$6,830,697	\$11,102,431	(\$187,881)	(2.8)	(\$4,459,615)	(40.2)
Weeks Paid	33,591	33,968	58,879	(377)	(1.1)	(25,288)	(42.9)
First Payments	2,205	2,238	3,967	(33)	(1.5)	(1,762)	(44.4)
Final Payments	913	958	1,628	(45)	(4.7)	(715)	(43.9)
Avg. Weekly Benefit	\$197.76	\$201.09	\$188.56	(\$3.33)	(1.7)	\$9.20	4.9





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