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Mississippi Nonfarm Employment

	Preliminary Oct-2024	Revised Sep-2024	Revised Oct-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm	1,205,200	1,193,700	1,192,000	11,500	1.0	13,200	1.1
Total Private	961,700	951,400	950,700	10,300	1.1	11,000	1.2
Goods Producing	198,800	196,200	201,000	2,600	1.3	(2,200)	(1.1)
Service-Providing	1,006,400	997,500	991,000	8,900	0.9	15,400	1.6
Private Service Providing	762,900	755,200	749,700	7,700	1.0	13,200	1.8
Mining and Logging	6,500	6,400	6,200	100	1.6	300	4.8
Construction	51,200	50,200	48,600	1,000	2.0	2,600	5.3
Manufacturing	141,100	139,600	146,200	1,500	1.1	(5,100)	(3.5)
Durable Goods	92,800	91,400	94,700	1,400	1.5	(1,900)	(2.0)
Wood Product Manufacturing	9,100	9,000	9,100	100	1.1	0	0.0
Sawmills and Wood Preservation	4,700	4,600	4,700	100	2.2	0	0.0
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	9,600	9,500	9,600	100	1.1	0	0.0
Machinery Manufacturing	12,600	12,500	12,700	100	0.8	(100)	(0.8)
Electrical Equipment, Appliance & Component Manuf.	6,500	6,400	6,500	100	1.6	0	0.0
Electrical Equipment Manufacturing	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0.0	0	0.0
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	28,600	28,300	28,300	300	1.1	300	1.1
Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	6,100	6,000	6,000	100	1.7	100	1.7
Ship and Boat Building	12,300	12,200	12,400	100	0.8	(100)	(0.8)
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing	14,300	14,200	14,800	100	0.7	(500)	(3.4)
Non-Durable Goods	48,300	48,200	51,500	100	0.2	(3,200)	(6.2)
Food Manufacturing	23,200	23,100	24,600	100	0.4	(1,400)	(5.7)
Animal Slaughtering & Processing	17,300	17,300	18,300	0	0.0	(1,000)	(5.5)
Paper Manufacturing	4,100	4,000	4,300	100	2.5	(200)	(4.7)
Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	8,100	8,100	8,600	0	0.0	(500)	(5.8)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	249,200	247,700	248,400	1,500	0.6	800	0.3
Wholesale Trade	36,300	35,200	36,300	1,100	3.1	0	0.0
Retail Trade	140,600	141,000	139,000	(400)	(0.3)	1,600	1.2
Food and Beverage Retailers	18,000	18,100	18,000	(100)	(0.6)	0	0.0
Grocery and Convenience Retailers	15,300	15,400	15,500	(100)	(0.6)	(200)	(1.3)

General Merchandise Retailers	39,100	39,100	38,200	0	0.0	900	2.4
Department Stores	4,700	4,600	4,800	100	2.2	(100)	(2.1)
Warehouse Clubs, Supercenters, Other Gen Merch Retailers	34,400	34,500	33,400	(100)	(0.3)	1,000	3.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	72,300	71,500	73,100	800	1.1	(800)	(1.1)
Utilities	8,100	8,100	8,100	0	0.0	0	0.0
Transportation and Warehousing	64,200	63,400	65,000	800	1.3	(800)	(1.2)
Warehousing and Storage	25,000	24,800	25,300	200	0.8	(300)	(1.2)
Information	9,000	9,000	9,700	0	0.0	(700)	(7.2)
Telecommunications	4,500	4,500	4,700	0	0.0	(200)	(4.3)
Financial Activities	45,800	45,300	45,800	500	1.1	0	0.0
Finance and Insurance	34,400	34,000	34,300	400	1.2	100	0.3
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities incl. Monetary	19,000	19,000	19,200	0	0.0	(200)	(1.0)
Depository Credit Intermediation incl. Monetary Auth.	14,400	14,400	14,600	0	0.0	(200)	(1.4)
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	13,200	13,200	13,100	0	0.0	100	0.8
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	11,400	11,300	11,500	100	0.9	(100)	(0.9)
Professional and Business Services	123,100	118,900	117,400	4,200	3.5	5,700	4.9
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	40,300	38,800	37,800	1,500	3.9	2,500	6.6
Management of Companies & Enterprises	11,200	11,300	11,000	(100)	(0.9)	200	1.8
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgt., & Remediation Services	71,600	68,800	68,600	2,800	4.1	3,000	4.4
Education and Health Services	161,100	159,200	154,500	1,900	1.2	6,600	4.3
Private Educational Services	13,100	12,800	14,800	300	2.3	(1,700)	(11.5)
Health Care and Social Assistance	148,000	146,400	139,700	1,600	1.1	8,300	5.9
Hospitals	29,100	28,900	28,100	200	0.7	1,000	3.6
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	24,700	24,400	23,200	300	1.2	1,500	6.5
Leisure and Hospitality	135,300	135,400	134,100	(100)	(0.1)	1,200	0.9
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10,300	10,400	9,600	(100)	(1.0)	700	7.3
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Indus.	8,700	8,700	8,300	0	0.0	400	4.8
Accommodation and Food Services	125,000	125,000	124,500	0	0.0	500	0.4
Accommodation	24,500	24,600	24,900	(100)	(0.4)	(400)	(1.6)
Food Services and Drinking Places	100,500	100,400	99,600	100	0.1	900	0.9
Other Services	39,400	39,700	39,800	(300)	(0.8)	(400)	(1.0)
Repair and Maintenance	10,500	10,600	11,000	(100)	(0.9)	(500)	(4.5)
Government	243,500	242,300	241,300	1,200	0.5	2,200	0.9

Federal Government	27,300	27,300	26,800	0	0.0	500	1.9
State Government	60,500	60,500	59,300	0	0.0	1,200	2.0
State Government Educational Services	25,700	25,700	25,100	0	0.0	600	2.4
Local Government	155,700	154,500	155,200	1,200	0.8	500	0.3
Local Government Educational Services	80,000	79,600	80,400	400	0.5	(400)	(0.5)

Chart of Total Nonfarm Employment in Mississippi and Metropolitan Statistical Areas				
Month/Year	Mississippi	G-B-P MSA	Hattiesburg MSA	Jackson MSA
Nov-2023	1,192,600	165,300	70,200	285,000
Dec-2023	1,188,100	164,400	70,100	285,200
Jan-2024	1,171,700	163,100	68,300	282,100
Feb-2024	1,181,100	163,900	68,900	284,400
Mar-2024	1,186,500	166,000	69,000	284,800
Apr-2024	1,192,700	166,600	69,200	285,500
May-2024	1,194,700	167,400	69,200	285,500
Jun-2024	1,189,500	168,100	69,300	284,400
Jul-2024	1,185,600	168,500	68,400	284,500
Aug-2024	1,186,700	167,700	68,600	284,800
Sep-2024	1,193,700	167,100	69,900	285,700
Oct-2024	1,205,200	167,300	70,400	287,500

Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA Nonfarm Employment

Includes Hancock, Harrison & Jackson Counties

	Preliminary Oct-2024	Revised Sep-2024	Revised Oct-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm	167,300	167,100	164,600	200	0.1	2,700	1.6
Total Private	131,700	131,500	129,200	200	0.2	2,500	1.9
Goods Producing	26,600	26,400	26,500	200	0.8	100	0.4
Service-Providing	140,700	140,700	138,100	0	0.0	2,600	1.9
Private Service Providing	105,100	105,100	102,700	0	0.0	2,400	2.3
Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,200	8,000	7,900	200	2.5	300	3.8
Manufacturing	18,400	18,400	18,600	0	0.0	(200)	(1.1)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	25,800	25,900	25,600	(100)	(0.4)	200	0.8
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0.0	0	0.0
Retail Trade	18,900	19,000	18,600	(100)	(0.5)	300	1.6
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	4,400	4,400	4,500	0	0.0	(100)	(2.2)
Information	1,600	1,600	1,700	0	0.0	(100)	(5.9)
Financial Activities	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0.0	0	0.0
Professional and Business Services	19,400	19,400	19,200	0	0.0	200	1.0
Education and Health Services	14,200	14,000	13,700	200	1.4	500	3.6
Leisure and Hospitality	33,200	33,200	31,400	0	0.0	1,800	5.7
Other Services	5,100	5,200	5,300	(100)	(1.9)	(200)	(3.8)
Government	35,600	35,600	35,400	0	0.0	200	0.6
Federal	10,000	10,000	9,800	0	0.0	200	2.0
State	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0.0	0	0.0
Local	23,400	23,400	23,400	0	0.0	0	0.0
Local Educational Services	9,500	9,400	9,600	100	1.1	(100)	(1.0)

Hattiesburg MSA Nonfarm Employment

Includes Forrest, Lamar & Perry Counties

	Preliminary Oct-2024	Revised Sep-2024	Revised Oct-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm	70,400	69,900	69,700	500	0.7	700	1.0
Total Private	55,500	55,100	54,900	400	0.7	600	1.1
Goods Producing	7,400	7,300	7,300	100	1.4	100	1.4
Service-Providing	63,000	62,600	62,400	400	0.6	600	1.0
Private Service Providing	48,100	47,800	47,600	300	0.6	500	1.1
Manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	0.0	(100)	(2.1)
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	14,200	14,200	14,400	0	0.0	(200)	(1.4)
Retail Trade	9,400	9,500	9,500	(100)	(1.1)	(100)	(1.1)
Leisure and Hospitality	8,500	8,500	8,300	0	0.0	200	2.4
Government	14,900	14,800	14,800	100	0.7	100	0.7
Federal	800	800	800	0	0.0	0	0.0
State	4,100	4,100	4,100	0	0.0	0	0.0
Local	10,000	9,900	9,900	100	1.0	100	1.0
Local Educational Services	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	0.0	(100)	(2.6)

Jackson MSA Nonfarm Employment

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

	Preliminary Oct-2024	Revised Sep-2024	Revised Oct-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm	287,500	285,700	284,600	1,800	0.6	2,900	1.0
Total Private	232,800	231,000	229,800	1,800	0.8	3,000	1.3
Goods Producing	32,800	32,500	32,600	300	0.9	200	0.6
Service-Providing	254,700	253,200	252,000	1,500	0.6	2,700	1.1
Private Service Providing	200,000	198,500	197,200	1,500	0.8	2,800	1.4
Mining and Logging	800	800	800	0	0.0	0	0.0
Construction	13,100	13,000	12,500	100	0.8	600	4.8
Manufacturing	18,900	18,700	19,300	200	1.1	(400)	(2.1)
Durable Goods	11,600	11,400	11,500	200	1.8	100	0.9
Transportation Equipment	6,000	5,900	5,900	100	1.7	100	1.7
Non-Durable Goods	7,300	7,300	7,800	0	0.0	(500)	(6.4)
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	56,200	56,000	55,800	200	0.4	400	0.7
Wholesale Trade	11,200	11,000	10,900	200	1.8	300	2.8
Retail Trade	28,200	28,300	27,900	(100)	(0.4)	300	1.1
General Merchandise Stores	6,700	6,700	6,600	0	0.0	100	1.5
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	16,800	16,700	17,000	100	0.6	(200)	(1.2)
Information	2,700	2,700	2,800	0	0.0	(100)	(3.6)
Financial Activities	16,100	16,000	16,000	100	0.6	100	0.6
Finance & Insurance	12,700	12,600	12,600	100	0.8	100	0.8
Professional and Business Services	37,900	37,200	37,000	700	1.9	900	2.4
Prof., Scientific, and Technical Services	14,300	14,000	14,000	300	2.1	300	2.1
Management of Companies	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0.0	0	0.0
Admin. & Support & Waste Management	19,800	19,400	19,200	400	2.1	600	3.1
Education and Health Services	48,800	48,100	46,500	700	1.5	2,300	4.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	42,700	42,000	39,900	700	1.7	2,800	7.0
Hospitals	8,500	8,400	8,300	100	1.2	200	2.4
Leisure and Hospitality	25,700	25,800	26,500	(100)	(0.4)	(800)	(3.0)
Accommodation and Food Services	23,300	23,300	24,000	0	0.0	(700)	(2.9)

Other Services (Private)	12,600	12,700	12,600	(100)	(0.8)	0	0.0
Government	54,700	54,700	54,800	0	0.0	(100)	(0.2)
Federal	6,400	6,400	6,400	0	0.0	0	0.0
State	26,700	26,700	26,500	0	0.0	200	0.8
State Educational Services	6,900	6,900	6,800	0	0.0	100	1.5
Local	21,600	21,600	21,900	0	0.0	(300)	(1.4)
Local Educational Services	13,900	13,900	14,000	0	0.0	(100)	(0.7)

Preliminary Nonfarm Employment

Oct-2024	
Area	Nonfarm Employment
Mississippi	1,205,200
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA	167,300
Hattiesburg MSA	70,400
Jackson MSA	287,500
All Other Counties	680,000

Mississippi Nonfarm Employment

Seasonally Adjusted

Mississippi Seasonally Adjusted	Preliminary Oct-2024	Revised Sep-2024	Revised Oct-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Total Nonfarm	1,198,500	1,193,800	1,185,500	4,700	0.4	13,000	1.1
Total Private	958,000	953,500	947,000	4,500	0.5	11,000	1.2
Goods Producing	199,200	198,000	201,300	1,200	0.6	(2,100)	-1.0
Service-Providing	999,300	995,800	984,200	3,500	0.4	15,100	1.5
Private Service Providing	758,800	755,500	745,700	3,300	0.4	13,100	1.8
Mining and Logging	6,500	6,400	6,200	100	1.6	300	4.8
Construction	50,900	50,300	48,400	600	1.2	2,500	5.2
Manufacturing	141,800	141,300	146,700	500	0.4	(4,900)	-3.3
Durable Goods	93,300	92,700	94,900	600	0.6	(1,600)	-1.7
Non-Durable Goods	48,500	48,600	51,800	(100)	-0.2	(3,300)	-6.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	249,000	248,700	248,100	300	0.1	900	0.4
Wholesale Trade	36,100	35,500	36,100	600	1.7	0	0.0
Retail Trade	141,100	141,700	139,400	(600)	-0.4	1,700	1.2
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	71,800	71,500	72,600	300	0.4	(800)	-1.1
Information	9,000	9,000	9,700	0	0.0	(700)	-7.2
Financial Activities	45,500	45,300	45,600	200	0.4	(100)	-0.2
Finance and Insurance	34,200	34,000	34,200	200	0.6	0	0.0
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	11,300	11,300	11,400	0	0.0	(100)	-0.9
Professional and Business Services	121,100	118,700	115,700	2,400	2.0	5,400	4.7
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	39,900	39,500	37,700	400	1.0	2,200	5.8
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,200	11,300	10,900	(100)	-0.9	300	2.8
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgt., & Remediation Serv.	70,000	67,900	67,100	2,100	3.1	2,900	4.3
Education and Health Services	158,800	158,500	152,400	300	0.2	6,400	4.2
Private Educational Services	12,600	12,700	14,300	(100)	-0.8	(1,700)	-11.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	146,200	145,800	138,100	400	0.3	8,100	5.9
Leisure and Hospitality	135,900	135,300	134,400	600	0.4	1,500	1.1
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10,700	10,600	9,900	100	0.9	800	8.1

Accommodation and Food Services	125,200	124,700	124,500	500	0.4	700	0.6
Other Services	39,500	40,000	39,800	(500)	-1.3	(300)	-0.8
Government	240,500	240,300	238,500	200	0.1	2,000	0.8
Federal Government	27,300	27,400	26,800	(100)	-0.4	500	1.9
State Government	58,900	58,800	57,900	100	0.2	1,000	1.7
Local Government	154,300	154,100	153,800	200	0.1	500	0.3
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA Total Nonfarm	167,500	167,500	164,600	0	0.0	2,900	1.8
Hattiesburg MSA Total Nonfarm	69,600	69,700	69,000	(100)	-0.1	600	0.9
Jackson MSA Total Nonfarm	285,500	285,500	282,500	0	0.0	3,000	1.1

Hours & Earnings

All Workers Earnings	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Preliminary Oct-2024	Revised Sep-2024	Revised Oct-2023	Preliminary Oct-2024	Revised Sep-2024	Revised Oct-2023	Preliminary Oct-2024	Revised Sep-2024	Revised Oct-2023
MISSISSIPPI									
Total Private Nonfarm	\$946.05	\$943.49	\$889.95	35.0	34.7	34.9	\$27.03	\$27.19	\$25.50
Private Goods Producing	\$1,166.69	\$1,145.24	\$1,066.82	40.3	39.1	39.6	\$28.95	\$29.29	\$26.94
Private Service Providing	\$888.05	\$889.43	\$841.34	33.6	33.5	33.6	\$26.43	\$26.55	\$25.04
Construction	\$1,237.45	\$1,184.99	\$1,136.05	40.4	38.7	40.4	\$30.63	\$30.62	\$28.12
Manufacturing	\$1,014.90	\$1,007.75	\$933.39	39.8	38.7	39.4	\$25.50	\$26.04	\$23.69
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	\$945.38	\$919.70	\$832.11	36.6	35.8	34.7	\$25.83	\$25.69	\$23.98
Financial Activities	\$1,150.85	\$1,163.76	\$993.72	36.5	36.7	36.4	\$31.53	\$31.71	\$27.30
Prof. & Business Services	\$976.96	\$987.14	\$980.48	34.4	34.6	36.1	\$28.40	\$28.53	\$27.16
Education & Health Svcs.	\$1,001.75	\$1,016.29	\$969.05	35.1	35.3	34.4	\$28.54	\$28.79	\$28.17
Leisure and Hospitality	\$447.68	\$435.61	\$451.48	26.6	26.1	28.2	\$16.83	\$16.69	\$16.01
GULFPORT-BILOXI-PASCAGOULA MSA									
Total Private	\$938.79	\$910.22	\$905.69	35.9	34.4	36.3	\$26.15	\$26.46	\$24.95
HATTIESBURG MSA									
Total Private	\$996.36	\$1,016.72	\$954.91	36.1	35.8	33.6	\$27.60	\$28.40	\$28.42
JACKSON MSA									
Total Private	\$1,013.85	\$1,000.76	\$958.70	34.9	35.3	34.9	\$29.05	\$28.35	\$27.47

Production Workers Earnings	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Preliminary Oct-2024	Revised Sep-2024	Revised Oct-2023	Preliminary Oct-2024	Revised Sep-2024	Revised Oct-2023	Preliminary Oct-2024	Revised Sep-2024	Revised Oct-2023
MISSISSIPPI									
Manufacturing	\$919.01	\$884.64	\$859.81	40.7	39.3	41.1	\$22.58	\$22.51	\$20.92
Durable Goods	\$942.80	\$929.77	\$890.40	40.0	39.7	40.0	\$23.57	\$23.42	\$22.26
Nondurable Goods	\$883.67	\$814.64	\$811.49	41.9	38.7	42.8	\$21.09	\$21.05	\$18.96

Consumer Price Index, South Region

The South region is comprised of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia

Area prices rose 0.3 percent in October; up 2.5 percent over the past year

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the South rose 0.3 percent in October, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The monthly increase in the all items index was attributed to an increase in the shelter index. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes reflect the impact of seasonal influences.)

The all items CPI-U for the South increased 2.5 percent for the 12 months ending in October, after increasing 2.1 percent for the 12-month period ending in September. The index for all items less food and energy advanced 3.1 percent over the past 12 months. The food index continued to increase, up 2.2 percent over the past year. In contrast, the energy index declined 3.5 percent over the same period.

**Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) in the South Census Region, not seasonally adjusted
(1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)**

Expenditure Category	Oct-2024	Sep-2024	Oct-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
All Items	306.9	306.1	299.4	0.8	0.3	7.5	2.5
Food & Beverages	325.5	324.2	318.3	1.3	0.4	7.2	2.2
Housing	316.2	315.4	304.2	0.8	0.3	11.9	3.9
Rent of primary residence	396.0	394.8	379.5	1.2	0.3	16.5	4.3
Household Energy	246.2	247.1	240.1	(0.9)	(0.4)	6.1	2.5
Energy Services	246.4	247.2	239.9	(0.9)	(0.4)	6.5	2.7
Apparel	142.8	145.1	143.5	(2.3)	(1.6)	(0.7)	(0.5)
Transportation	270.0	268.6	269.9	1.4	0.5	0.1	0.0
New & Used Motor Vehicles*	125.1	125.0	128.5	0.0	0.0	(3.5)	(2.7)
New Vehicles	184.2	184.4	187.4	(0.2)	(0.1)	(3.2)	(1.7)
Used Cars & Trucks	178.1	177.4	184.9	0.6	0.4	(6.8)	(3.7)
Motor fuel	259.4	262.5	286.7	(3.1)	(1.2)	(27.3)	(9.5)
Gasoline (all types)	258.4	261.5	284.4	(3.1)	(1.2)	(26.0)	(9.1)
Medical Care	537.0	535.4	520.0	1.6	0.3	17.0	3.3
Professional Services	409.4	407.7	392.1	1.7	0.4	17.3	4.4
Recreation*	137.8	137.9	136.5	(0.1)	(0.0)	1.3	1.0
Education & Communication*	141.4	141.1	140.5	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.6
Other Goods & Services	538.6	535.6	518.6	3.1	0.6	20.1	3.9
All items less food and energy	312.5	311.5	303.2	1.1	0.3	9.4	3.1
Energy	247.3	249.3	256.2	(1.9)	(0.8)	(8.9)	(3.5)
Services	394.5	392.6	377.3	1.9	0.5	17.1	4.5

*Indexes on a December 1997=100 base. NOTE: Data is rounded. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices between cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period. For further information on the CPI series visit the BLS website, [bls.gov/cpi](https://www.bls.gov/cpi).

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) South Census Region

CPI-U Comparison 10 years ago - 5 years ago and current

	Oct-2019	Oct-2023	Oct-2024
All Items	247.4	299.4	306.9
All items less food and energy	253.7	303.2	312.5
Energy	197.1	256.2	247.3
Apparel	133.0	143.5	142.8
Food & Beverages	256.2	318.3	325.5
Other Goods & Services	434.4	518.6	538.6
Housing	246.0	304.2	316.2
Rent of primary residence	298.1	379.5	396.0
Household Energy	191.9	240.1	246.2
Energy Services	192.1	239.9	246.4
Gasoline (all types)	211.1	284.4	258.4

*Indexes on a December 1997=100 base. April 2022 Household Energy and Energy Services are revised.

Mississippi Unemployment Claims Data

Mississippi Regular UI claims

	Oct-2024	Sep-2024	Oct-2023	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Initial Claims	4,383	3,751	4,246	632.0	16.8	137	3.2
Continued Claims	25,954	30,785	29,087	(4,831)	(15.7)	(3,133)	(10.8)
First Payments	\$1,314	\$1,263	\$1,237	\$51	4.0	\$77	6.2
Final Payments	453	414	408	39	9.4	45	11.0
Weeks Paid	19,624	20,830	19,529	(1,206)	(5.8)	95	0.5
Benefits Paid	4,286,541	4,557,422	4,275,049	(270,881)	(5.9)	11,492	0.3
Average Weekly Benefit	\$218.43	\$218.79	\$218.91	(\$0.36)	(0.2)	(\$0.48)	(0.2)

Comparative Labor Force Estimates

	Preliminary Oct-2024	Revised Sep-2024	Revised Oct-2023	Monthly Net Change	Monthly Percent Change	Annual Net Change	Annual Percent Change
MISSISSIPPI							
Civilian Labor Force	1,263,400	1,255,700	1,226,700	7,700	0.6	36,700	3.0
Unemployed	38,600	37,800	33,600	800	2.1	5,000	14.9
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	3.0%	2.7%	0.1	--	0.4	--
Employed	1,224,800	1,217,900	1,193,100	6,900	0.6	31,700	2.7
GULFPORT-BILOXI-PASCAGOULA MSA							
Civilian Labor Force	169,220	168,690	163,570	530	0.3	5,650	3.5
Unemployed	4,900	4,810	4,350	90	1.9	550	12.6
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	2.9%	2.7%	0.0	--	0.2	--
Employed	164,320	163,880	159,220	440	0.3	5,100	3.2
HATTIESBURG MSA							
Civilian Labor Force	71,360	70,680	69,240	680	1.0	2,120	3.1
Unemployed	1,930	1,880	1,670	50	2.7	260	15.6
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	2.7%	2.4%	0.0	--	0.3	--
Employed	69,430	68,800	67,570	630	0.9	1,860	2.8
JACKSON MSA							
Civilian Labor Force	267,860	265,380	259,730	2,480	0.9	8,130	3.1
Unemployed	7,200	6,990	6,310	210	3.0	890	14.1
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	2.6%	2.4%	0.1	--	0.3	--
Employed	260,660	258,390	253,420	2,270	0.9	7,240	2.9

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