

Mississippi Labor Market Data for August 2023

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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 non-institutional 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.

Seasonally Adjusted Estimates

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. Estimates for the current month are preliminary; amounts from prior month are revised.

Seasonally Adjusted Non-Farm Employment Estimates - Establishment Based

	August 2023 Preliminary	July 2023 Revised	August 2022 Revised
Mississippi	1,166,300	1,172,700	1,167,000
United States	156,419,000	156,232,000	153,332,000

Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data Estimates - Residence Based

Mississippi	August 2023 Preliminary	July 2023 Revised	August 2022 Revised
Civilian Labor Force	1,240,200	1,243,200	1,247,000
Unemployed	39,200	37,700	48,800
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.0	3.9
Employed	1,201,000	1,205,500	1,198,200

United States	August 2023 Preliminary	July 2023 Revised	August 2022 Revised
Civilian Labor Force	167,839,000	167,103,000	164,714,000
Unemployed	6,355,000	5,841,000	6,021,000
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.5	3.7
Employed	161,484,000	161,262,000	158,694,000

Mississippi Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates by month over the previous year

Month/Year	Seasonally Adjusted Rate
8/22	3.9
9/22	4.0
10/22	4.1
11/22	4.1
12/22	4.0
1/23	3.9
2/23	3.7
3/23	3.5
4/23	3.4
5/23	3.2
6/23	3.1
7/23	3.0
8/23	3.2

Labor Force Highlights

Labor force data presented are rounded estimates.

Seasonally Adjusted

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2023 was 3.2 percent, increasing two-tenths of a percentage point over the month. The rate decreased seven-tenths of a percentage point when compared to the August 2022 rate of 3.9 percent. The Nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 3.8 percent increased three-tenths of a percentage point over the month and one-tenth of a percentage point from the year ago rate of 3.7 percent.

In August 2023, the number of jobs in Mississippi at 1,166,300 decreased 6,400 from July, according to the seasonally adjusted results from a survey of Mississippi employers. Since August 2022, the number of jobs has decreased 700. Industry sectors registering the largest monthly employment losses were Government; Trade, Transportation & Utilities; and Manufacturing.

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

Unadjusted

Mississippi's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2023 was 3.9 percent, decreasing one-tenth of a percentage point from the previous month's rate of 4.0 percent. When compared to the August 2022 rate of 4.1 percent, the rate decreased two-tenths of a percentage point. The number of unemployed decreased 700 over the month, while the employed total decreased 11,900 from the prior month. The Nation's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2023 at 3.9 percent increased one-tenth of a percentage point over the month and over the year.

Mississippi's not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment decreased 1,800 over the month and 200 over the year. Industry sectors registering the largest monthly employment losses were Leisure & Hospitality and Trade, Transportation & Utilities.

For the month of August 2023, thirty-four counties in Mississippi posted unemployment rates less than or equal to the state's rate of 3.9 percent. Rankin and Union Counties posted the lowest unemployment rate for the month of August at 2.7 percent followed by Lamar County at 2.8 percent. Jefferson County had the highest unemployment rate for August at 14.3 percent followed by Claiborne County at 9.0 percent.

Unemployment Rates

Mississippi - 3.9

1	Union	2.9
2	Lafayette	3.0
2	Rankin	3.0
4	Lamar	3.1
5	Madison	3.2
6	Pontotoc	3.3
7	Covington	3.4
7	DeSoto	3.4
7	Lee	3.4
7	Prentiss	3.4
7	Scott	3.4
12	Itawamba	3.5
13	Choctaw	3.6
13	Smith	3.6
13	Tippah	3.6
16	Forrest	3.7
16	Harrison	3.7
16	Webster	3.7
19	Alcorn	3.8
19	Hinds	3.8
19	Leake	3.8
19	Tishomingo	3.8
23	Pearl River	3.9
23	Simpson	3.9
25	Clay	4.0
25	Jackson	4.0
25	Lauderdale	4.0
25	Oktibbeha	4.0
29	Grenada	4.1
29	Hancock	4.1
29	Jones	4.1
29	Lowndes	4.1
29	Marion	4.1
29	Montgomery	4.1
29	Stone	4.1
29	Tate	4.1
29	Tunica	4.1
38	Calhoun	4.2
38	Lincoln	4.2
38	Tallahatchie	4.2
38	Winston	4.2

42	Marshall	4.3
42	Monroe	4.3
42	Warren	4.3
45	Benton	4.4
45	Copiah	4.4
45	Newton	4.4
45	Yalobusha	4.4
45	Yazoo	4.4
50	Neshoba	4.5
51	Attala	4.6
51	Clarke	4.6
51	Lawrence	4.6
54	Bolivar	4.7
54	Jasper	4.7
54	Panola	4.7
54	Wayne	4.7
58	Carroll	4.8
58	Chickasaw	4.8
60	Perry	4.9
61	Greene	5.0
61	Pike	5.0
63	Adams	5.2
63	George	5.2
63	Walthall	5.2
66	Jefferson Davis	5.4
66	Kemper	5.4
68	Amite	5.5
69	Franklin	5.6
69	Leflore	5.6
69	Quitman	5.6
72	Sunflower	5.7
73	Coahoma	5.8
74	Washington	6.1
75	Noxubee	6.3
76	Sharkey	6.5
77	Wilkinson	6.6
78	Holmes	7.0
79	Issaquena	7.5
80	Humphreys	8.1
81	Claiborne	9.6
82	Jefferson	14.8

Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data Estimates - Residence Based

Mississippi	August 2023 Preliminary	July 2023 Revised	August 2022 Revised	2022 Annual Average	Moving* Average
Civilian Labor Force	1,232,200	1,244,900	1,248,400	1,251,000	1,241,400
Unemployed	48,600	49,300	50,700	49,100	43,100
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.5
Employed	1,183,600	1,195,500	1,197,700	1,201,900	1,198,300

United States	August 2023 Preliminary	July 2023 Revised	August 2022 Revised	2022 Annual Average	Moving* Average
Civilian Labor Force	168,049,000	168,354,000	164,971,000	164,287,000	166,082,000
Unemployed	6,623,000	6,372,000	6,256,000	5,996,000	5,919,000
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.6
Employed	161,427,000	161,982,000	158,714,000	158,291,000	160,163,000

* Average is for the most recent twelve months, including current month

**Mississippi Unadjusted Unemployment Rates
by month over the previous year**

Month/Year	Unadjusted Rate
8/22	4.1
9/22	3.8
10/22	3.5
11/22	3.5
12/22	3.3
1/23	3.5
2/23	3.2
3/23	3.1
4/23	2.7
5/23	3.0
6/23	4.0
7/23	4.0
8/23	3.9

Unemployment Insurance Data

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

Mississippi Unemployment Insurance Data

Mississippi	August 2023	July 2023	August 2022
Initial UI Claims	4,718	5,459	4,966
Continued Claims	32,250	41,094	27,417
Benefits Paid	\$4,728,355	\$5,848,288	\$3,995,362
Weeks Paid	21,676	27,073	18,731
First Payments	1,620	2,293	1,556
Final Payments	319	307	229
Average Weekly Benefit	\$218.14	\$216.02	\$213.30

Mississippi Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims and Benefits Paid each month for the past year

Month/Year	Initial Claims Filed	Benefits Paid
8/22	4,966	3,995,362
9/22	3,451	2,775,531
10/22	4,080	2,924,526
11/22	5,445	2,831,200
12/22	5,215	3,527,758
1/23	4,614	4,343,399
2/23	3,236	3,406,612
3/23	5,004	3,409,915
4/23	4,522	2,951,142
5/23	6,042	3,920,408
6/23	5,787	4,543,119
7/23	5,459	5,848,288
8/23	4,718	4,728,355

Labor Force Estimates

The following data is by place of residence – persons 16 years of age and older.

Preliminary August 2023

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Mississippi	1,232,200	1,183,600	48,600	3.9
United States	168,049,000	161,427,000	6,623,000	3.9
Metropolitan Statistical Area				
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA	164,220	157,890	6,330	3.9
Hattiesburg MSA	68,170	65,790	2,380	3.5
Jackson MSA	261,790	252,650	9,140	3.5
Workforce Development Area				
Delta WDA	81,070	76,650	4,420	5.4
Mississippi Partnership WDA	395,160	380,530	14,620	3.7
Southcentral Mississippi Works WDA	342,180	328,860	13,320	3.9
Twin Districts WDA	413,840	397,580	16,260	3.9
County				
Adams	10,560	10,000	550	5.2
Alcorn	14,690	14,130	560	3.8
Amite	4,100	3,870	230	5.5
Attala	6,610	6,310	300	4.6
Benton	2,990	2,860	130	4.4
Bolivar	10,490	9,990	500	4.7
Calhoun	5,040	4,820	210	4.2
Carroll	3,100	2,960	150	4.8
Chickasaw	6,180	5,880	300	4.8
Choctaw	3,470	3,350	120	3.6
Claiborne	2,840	2,560	270	9.6
Clarke	5,390	5,150	250	4.6
Clay	9,140	8,780	360	4.0
Coahoma	7,180	6,760	420	5.8
Copiah	10,700	10,230	480	4.4
Covington	8,000	7,730	270	3.4
DeSoto	92,300	89,140	3,160	3.4
Forrest	32,750	31,540	1,200	3.7
Franklin	2,480	2,350	140	5.6
George	8,470	8,030	440	5.2
Greene	4,040	3,840	200	5.0
Grenada	8,280	7,930	340	4.1

Hancock	18,700	17,940	760	4.1
Harrison	87,000	83,800	3,200	3.7
Hinds	101,820	97,930	3,890	3.8
Holmes	4,930	4,590	350	7.0
Humphreys	1,830	1,680	150	8.1
Issaquena	280	260	20	7.5
Itawamba	10,000	9,660	350	3.5
Jackson	58,520	56,150	2,370	4.0
Jasper	5,750	5,480	270	4.7
Jefferson	1,840	1,570	270	14.8
Jefferson Davis	3,890	3,690	210	5.4
Jones	24,670	23,660	1,000	4.1
Kemper	3,100	2,930	170	5.4
Lafayette	28,580	27,720	860	3.0
Lamar	31,270	30,290	980	3.1
Lauderdale	28,190	27,060	1,140	4.0
Lawrence	4,850	4,630	220	4.6
Leake	7,780	7,490	300	3.8
Lee	40,030	38,660	1,370	3.4
Leflore	8,830	8,330	490	5.6
Lincoln	14,220	13,610	600	4.2
Lowndes	24,270	23,280	990	4.1
Madison	53,340	51,630	1,710	3.2
Marion	9,720	9,320	400	4.1
Marshall	13,950	13,340	600	4.3
Monroe	15,290	14,630	660	4.3
Montgomery	3,810	3,650	160	4.1
Neshoba	9,550	9,120	430	4.5
Newton	7,760	7,410	340	4.4
Noxubee	3,150	2,950	200	6.3
Oktibbeha	22,090	21,210	880	4.0
Panola	11,960	11,400	560	4.7
Pearl River	23,090	22,200	900	3.9
Perry	4,160	3,960	200	4.9
Pike	13,520	12,840	680	5.0
Pontotoc	14,440	13,960	480	3.3
Prentiss	11,070	10,700	380	3.4
Quitman	2,160	2,040	120	5.6
Rankin	76,750	74,470	2,280	3.0
Scott	12,020	11,620	410	3.4

Sharkey	1,170	1,100	80	6.5
Simpson	10,530	10,120	410	3.9
Smith	6,340	6,120	230	3.6
Stone	6,940	6,660	290	4.1
Sunflower	6,870	6,470	390	5.7
Tallahatchie	4,300	4,120	180	4.2
Tate	11,840	11,360	480	4.1
Tippah	9,450	9,110	340	3.6
Tishomingo	8,620	8,290	330	3.8
Tunica	4,030	3,870	160	4.1
Union	14,390	13,970	420	2.9
Walthall	4,720	4,480	250	5.2
Warren	18,700	17,910	800	4.3
Washington	13,940	13,090	850	6.1
Wayne	6,730	6,410	320	4.7
Webster	3,780	3,630	140	3.7
Wilkinson	2,560	2,390	170	6.6
Winston	7,060	6,770	300	4.2
Yalobusha	4,650	4,450	210	4.4
Yazoo	8,660	8,280	380	4.4
Planning and Development District				
Central Mississippi	280,500	270,560	9,940	3.5
East Central	85,890	82,370	3,520	4.1
Golden Triangle	72,960	69,970	2,990	4.1
North Central	40,210	38,220	1,990	5.0
North Delta	133,770	128,680	5,090	3.8
Northeast	60,770	58,420	2,340	3.9
South Delta	34,580	32,590	1,990	5.8
Southern	327,950	315,210	12,740	3.9
Southwest	61,680	58,300	3,380	5.5
Three Rivers	133,940	129,300	4,640	3.5
Community College District - For Coahoma & Meridian Community College Districts, refer to county data.				
Copiah-Lincoln	55,180	52,500	2,680	4.8
East Central	44,180	42,410	1,770	4.0
East Mississippi	61,750	59,150	2,600	4.2
Gulf Coast	160,930	154,650	6,290	3.9
Hinds	200,110	192,870	7,240	3.6
Holmes	95,980	92,330	3,650	3.8
Itawamba	85,940	82,790	3,150	3.7

Jones	65,080	62,340	2,740	4.2
Mississippi Delta	43,410	40,920	2,480	5.7
Northeast	58,220	56,190	2,020	3.5
Northwest	181,790	175,110	6,680	3.7
Pearl River	119,420	114,970	4,450	3.7
Southwest	24,900	23,580	1,320	5.3
City				
Biloxi	19,430	18,730	710	3.6
Brandon	12,480	12,130	350	2.8
Clinton	12,290	11,910	380	3.1
Columbus	9,330	8,910	420	4.5
Greenville	9,310	8,760	550	6.0
Gulfport	28,400	27,310	1,090	3.9
Hattiesburg	21,210	20,420	780	3.7
Hattiesburg - Forest County	18,240	17,560	680	3.7
Hattiesburg - Lamar County	2,960	2,860	100	3.4
Horn Lake	12,730	12,240	500	3.9
Jackson	68,310	65,590	2,730	4.0
Madison	13,090	12,730	370	2.8
Meridian	13,270	12,720	550	4.2
Moss Point	5,000	4,760	240	4.8
Olive Branch	20,610	19,990	620	3.0
Oxford	15,600	15,160	440	2.8
Pascagoula	8,590	8,230	360	4.2
Pearl	12,690	12,300	390	3.1
Southaven	28,450	27,520	920	3.2
Starkville	12,040	11,620	420	3.4
Tupelo	17,230	16,610	630	3.6
Vicksburg	8,270	7,880	390	4.7

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Mississippi	1,244,900	1,195,500	49,300	4.0
United States	168,354,000	161,982,000	6,372,000	3.8
Metropolitan Statistical Area				
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA	165,370	159,090	6,280	3.8
Hattiesburg MSA	68,240	65,850	2,390	3.5
Jackson MSA	264,240	255,130	9,110	3.4
Workforce Development Area				
Delta WDA	83,900	79,260	4,640	5.5
Mississippi Partnership WDA	396,650	381,690	14,960	3.8
Southcentral Mississippi Works WDA	345,430	332,010	13,420	3.9
Twin Districts WDA	418,890	402,560	16,330	3.9
County				
Adams	10,610	10,040	570	5.3
Alcorn	14,680	14,130	540	3.7
Amite	4,170	3,970	210	5.0
Attala	6,670	6,360	310	4.6
Benton	3,030	2,890	140	4.5
Bolivar	10,920	10,360	560	5.1
Calhoun	5,230	5,010	210	4.1
Carroll	3,200	3,060	140	4.3
Chickasaw	6,310	5,970	340	5.3
Choctaw	3,500	3,380	120	3.4
Claiborne	2,890	2,590	300	10.4
Clarke	5,480	5,240	240	4.5
Clay	9,280	8,870	400	4.3
Coahoma	7,480	7,040	440	5.9
Copiah	10,890	10,420	470	4.3
Covington	8,160	7,880	280	3.4
DeSoto	93,090	89,950	3,140	3.4
Forrest	32,820	31,590	1,230	3.7
Franklin	2,520	2,380	140	5.5
George	8,770	8,320	450	5.1
Greene	4,190	3,960	230	5.5
Grenada	8,300	7,960	350	4.2
Hancock	18,850	18,100	750	4.0
Harrison	87,620	84,440	3,180	3.6
Hinds	102,640	98,720	3,920	3.8

Holmes	5,060	4,700	360	7.1
Humphreys	1,980	1,820	160	8.0
Issaquena	310	280	30	8.7
Itawamba	10,160	9,780	380	3.7
Jackson	58,900	56,550	2,350	4.0
Jasper	5,910	5,640	270	4.5
Jefferson	1,880	1,590	290	15.2
Jefferson Davis	3,950	3,760	200	4.9
Jones	25,180	24,180	1,010	4.0
Kemper	3,210	3,030	180	5.5
Lafayette	27,350	26,420	920	3.4
Lamar	31,230	30,270	960	3.1
Lauderdale	28,420	27,280	1,140	4.0
Lawrence	4,970	4,730	240	4.8
Leake	8,060	7,760	300	3.7
Lee	40,250	38,830	1,430	3.5
Leflore	9,080	8,560	520	5.7
Lincoln	14,450	13,860	580	4.0
Lowndes	24,210	23,220	990	4.1
Madison	53,800	52,070	1,730	3.2
Marion	9,770	9,370	400	4.1
Marshall	14,110	13,510	600	4.3
Monroe	15,320	14,610	710	4.6
Montgomery	3,840	3,690	150	4.0
Neshoba	9,960	9,520	440	4.4
Newton	7,870	7,510	360	4.6
Noxubee	3,320	3,120	200	6.0
Oktibbeha	22,070	21,130	940	4.3
Panola	12,130	11,550	580	4.8
Pearl River	23,410	22,510	900	3.8
Perry	4,200	3,990	210	4.9
Pike	13,650	12,920	720	5.3
Pontotoc	14,560	14,080	480	3.3
Prentiss	11,160	10,770	390	3.5
Quitman	2,280	2,160	130	5.6
Rankin	77,270	75,080	2,190	2.8
Scott	12,360	11,940	420	3.4
Sharkey	1,270	1,180	90	6.8
Simpson	10,700	10,300	400	3.7
Smith	6,570	6,340	230	3.5

Stone	7,030	6,730	310	4.3
Sunflower	7,240	6,830	410	5.7
Tallahatchie	4,500	4,300	200	4.3
Tate	12,060	11,580	480	4.0
Tippah	9,500	9,160	340	3.6
Tishomingo	8,630	8,310	320	3.7
Tunica	4,150	3,990	160	3.9
Union	14,560	14,140	420	2.9
Walthall	4,710	4,450	260	5.5
Warren	18,820	18,000	830	4.4
Washington	14,290	13,420	870	6.1
Wayne	6,970	6,650	320	4.6
Webster	3,760	3,620	140	3.8
Wilkinson	2,520	2,340	180	7.2
Winston	7,180	6,860	330	4.5
Yalobusha	4,540	4,340	210	4.5
Yazoo	8,940	8,530	400	4.5
Planning and Development District				
Central Mississippi	283,060	273,120	9,940	3.5
East Central	87,840	84,260	3,580	4.1
Golden Triangle	73,310	70,200	3,120	4.3
North Central	40,690	38,660	2,030	5.0
North Delta	135,700	130,570	5,130	3.8
Northeast	61,110	58,780	2,330	3.8
South Delta	36,010	33,890	2,110	5.9
Southern	331,050	318,290	12,760	3.9
Southwest	62,370	58,890	3,480	5.6
Three Rivers	133,730	128,850	4,880	3.7
Community College District - For Coahoma & Meridian Community College Districts, refer to county data.				
Copiah-Lincoln	56,020	53,330	2,680	4.8
East Central	45,430	43,590	1,840	4.1
East Mississippi	62,080	59,380	2,710	4.4
Gulf Coast	162,320	156,040	6,280	3.9
Hinds	201,630	194,390	7,240	3.6
Holmes	97,060	93,360	3,690	3.8
Itawamba	86,600	83,270	3,330	3.8
Jones	66,660	63,880	2,780	4.2
Mississippi Delta	45,090	42,460	2,630	5.8
Northeast	58,530	56,520	2,010	3.4

Northwest	182,470	175,700	6,770	3.7
Pearl River	120,030	115,600	4,430	3.7
Southwest	25,050	23,680	1,370	5.5
City				
Biloxi	19,580	18,870	710	3.6
Brandon	12,560	12,230	320	2.6
Clinton	12,380	12,010	370	3.0
Columbus	9,310	8,890	420	4.5
Greenville	9,550	8,980	570	6.0
Gulfport	28,600	27,520	1,080	3.8
Hattiesburg	21,250	20,450	800	3.8
Hattiesburg - Forest County	18,290	17,590	700	3.8
Hattiesburg - Lamar County	2,960	2,860	100	3.5
Horn Lake	12,830	12,350	490	3.8
Jackson	68,900	66,110	2,790	4.0
Madison	13,190	12,840	360	2.7
Meridian	13,370	12,830	550	4.1
Moss Point	5,030	4,790	230	4.7
Olive Branch	20,800	20,170	630	3.0
Oxford	14,910	14,450	460	3.1
Pascagoula	8,650	8,290	350	4.1
Pearl	12,780	12,400	380	3.0
Southaven	28,670	27,770	890	3.1
Starkville	12,000	11,580	420	3.5
Tupelo	17,320	16,680	650	3.7
Vicksburg	8,330	7,920	410	4.9

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Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Mississippi	1,248,400	1,197,700	50,700	4.1
United States	164,971,000	158,714,000	6,256,000	3.8
Metropolitan Statistical Area				
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA	165,200	158,450	6,750	4.1
Hattiesburg MSA	69,230	66,770	2,460	3.6
Jackson MSA	262,400	252,910	9,490	3.6
Workforce Development Area				
Delta WDA	84,130	79,480	4,650	5.5
Mississippi Partnership WDA	400,530	385,350	15,180	3.8
Southcentral Mississippi Works WDA	344,910	331,160	13,750	4.0
Twin Districts WDA	418,880	401,710	17,170	4.1
County				
Adams	10,670	10,110	560	5.2
Alcorn	14,890	14,330	570	3.8
Amite	4,240	4,000	240	5.5
Attala	6,850	6,560	300	4.3
Benton	3,070	2,920	150	4.9
Bolivar	10,880	10,330	550	5.1
Calhoun	5,220	4,980	240	4.6
Carroll	3,280	3,130	150	4.6
Chickasaw	6,450	6,120	330	5.2
Choctaw	3,530	3,410	120	3.5
Claiborne	2,920	2,650	270	9.3
Clarke	5,510	5,250	270	4.8
Clay	8,800	8,420	370	4.3
Coahoma	7,400	6,970	430	5.9
Copiah	10,750	10,260	490	4.5
Covington	8,240	7,940	300	3.6
DeSoto	94,280	91,130	3,150	3.3
Forrest	33,290	32,020	1,270	3.8
Franklin	2,590	2,450	140	5.4
George	8,640	8,180	460	5.3
Greene	4,160	3,900	270	6.4
Grenada	8,870	8,520	340	3.9
Hancock	18,860	18,070	790	4.2
Harrison	87,480	84,110	3,370	3.9

Hinds	102,100	97,970	4,130	4.0
Holmes	4,960	4,620	340	6.8
Humphreys	1,890	1,730	160	8.4
Issaquena	300	280	20	7.0
Itawamba	10,190	9,840	360	3.5
Jackson	58,860	56,280	2,580	4.4
Jasper	5,840	5,550	300	5.0
Jefferson	1,900	1,610	290	15.3
Jefferson Davis	3,880	3,690	190	4.9
Jones	25,000	23,920	1,080	4.3
Kemper	3,180	2,990	190	5.9
Lafayette	27,740	26,800	940	3.4
Lamar	31,700	30,730	980	3.1
Lauderdale	28,630	27,450	1,180	4.1
Lawrence	4,780	4,550	230	4.9
Leake	7,880	7,550	330	4.2
Lee	40,750	39,310	1,450	3.5
Leflore	9,320	8,800	520	5.6
Lincoln	14,740	14,160	580	3.9
Lowndes	24,520	23,470	1,050	4.3
Madison	53,420	51,690	1,720	3.2
Marion	9,900	9,520	390	3.9
Marshall	14,250	13,670	580	4.1
Monroe	15,390	14,720	670	4.3
Montgomery	3,940	3,770	170	4.4
Neshoba	9,750	9,310	440	4.5
Newton	7,810	7,480	340	4.3
Noxubee	3,290	3,090	210	6.3
Oktibbeha	21,720	20,780	950	4.4
Panola	12,340	11,760	580	4.7
Pearl River	23,420	22,500	920	3.9
Perry	4,240	4,020	210	5.0
Pike	13,940	13,230	710	5.1
Pontotoc	14,790	14,230	560	3.8
Prentiss	11,200	10,800	400	3.6
Quitman	2,230	2,090	130	6.0
Rankin	76,810	74,490	2,330	3.0
Scott	12,180	11,760	420	3.4
Sharkey	1,250	1,170	80	6.3
Simpson	10,560	10,150	410	3.9

Smith	6,560	6,310	250	3.8
Stone	6,930	6,640	290	4.2
Sunflower	7,040	6,610	430	6.2
Tallahatchie	4,500	4,310	190	4.3
Tate	12,120	11,640	480	4.0
Tippah	9,740	9,400	340	3.5
Tishomingo	8,470	8,160	310	3.7
Tunica	4,150	3,970	180	4.4
Union	14,740	14,300	440	3.0
Walthall	4,890	4,650	240	5.0
Warren	19,260	18,430	830	4.3
Washington	14,600	13,730	880	6.0
Wayne	6,920	6,560	360	5.1
Webster	3,820	3,670	150	4.0
Wilkinson	2,590	2,420	170	6.5
Winston	7,130	6,800	330	4.6
Yalobusha	4,740	4,530	210	4.3
Yazoo	8,760	8,350	410	4.7
Planning and Development District				
Central Mississippi	281,660	271,350	10,320	3.7
East Central	87,350	83,640	3,710	4.2
Golden Triangle	72,810	69,630	3,180	4.4
North Central	41,960	39,920	2,030	4.8
North Delta	137,010	131,860	5,150	3.8
Northeast	61,630	59,270	2,360	3.8
South Delta	35,960	33,840	2,120	5.9
Southern	331,530	318,070	13,460	4.1
Southwest	63,250	59,810	3,440	5.4
Three Rivers	135,290	130,300	4,990	3.7
Community College District - For Coahoma & Meridian Community College Districts, refer to county data.				
Copiah-Lincoln	55,990	53,290	2,710	4.8
East Central	44,750	42,900	1,860	4.1
East Mississippi	61,510	58,740	2,770	4.5
Gulf Coast	161,910	155,200	6,710	4.1
Hinds	201,090	193,540	7,550	3.8
Holmes	97,430	93,710	3,720	3.8
Itawamba	87,580	84,220	3,360	3.8
Jones	66,470	63,450	3,020	4.5
Mississippi Delta	45,280	42,640	2,640	5.8

Northeast	59,050	56,990	2,070	3.5
Northwest	184,630	177,800	6,840	3.7
Pearl River	121,060	116,530	4,540	3.7
Southwest	25,650	24,290	1,360	5.3
City				
Biloxi	19,530	18,790	740	3.8
Brandon	12,480	12,140	350	2.8
Clinton	12,280	11,920	370	3.0
Columbus	9,430	8,980	450	4.8
Greenville	9,750	9,180	570	5.8
Gulfport	28,580	27,410	1,170	4.1
Hattiesburg	21,540	20,730	810	3.8
Hattiesburg - Forest County	18,550	17,830	720	3.9
Hattiesburg - Lamar County	2,990	2,900	90	2.9
Horn Lake	13,000	12,510	490	3.8
Jackson	68,450	65,610	2,840	4.1
Madison	13,110	12,740	360	2.8
Meridian	13,500	12,910	590	4.4
Moss Point	5,030	4,770	260	5.1
Olive Branch	21,060	20,430	630	3.0
Oxford	15,110	14,660	460	3.0
Pascagoula	8,650	8,250	400	4.6
Pearl	12,700	12,300	400	3.1
Southaven	29,020	28,140	880	3.0
Starkville	11,810	11,380	430	3.7
Tupelo	17,530	16,880	640	3.7
Vicksburg	8,530	8,110	420	4.9

Twelve Month Moving Averages
August, 2023

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Mississippi	1,241,400	1,198,300	43,100	3.5
United States	166,082,000	160,163,000	5,919,000	3.6
Metropolitan Statistical Area				
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA	163,660	158,030	5,630	3.4
Hattiesburg MSA	68,890	66,780	2,110	3.1
Jackson MSA	262,390	254,410	7,980	3.0
Workforce Development Area				
Delta WDA	17,260	16,720	540	3.1
Mississippi Partnership WDA	8,370	8,020	350	4.2
Southcentral Mississippi Works WDA	83,420	79,370	4,050	4.9
Twin Districts WDA	398,010	385,000	13,010	3.3
County				
Adams	10,510	10,020	490	4.7
Alcorn	14,960	14,470	490	3.3
Amite	4,200	4,010	190	4.5
Attala	6,800	6,540	260	3.8
Benton	3,020	2,890	130	4.3
Bolivar	10,910	10,450	460	4.2
Calhoun	5,270	5,070	200	3.8
Carroll	3,200	3,070	130	4.1
Chickasaw	6,360	6,070	290	4.6
Choctaw	3,510	3,400	110	3.1
Claiborne	2,850	2,630	220	7.7
Clarke	5,510	5,290	220	4.0
Clay	8,980	8,660	320	3.6
Coahoma	7,400	7,010	390	5.3
Copiah	10,770	10,350	420	3.9
Covington	8,090	7,850	240	3.0
DeSoto	93,040	90,300	2,740	2.9
Forrest	33,120	32,030	1,090	3.3
Franklin	2,580	2,450	130	5.0
George	8,650	8,270	380	4.4
Greene	4,140	3,940	200	4.8
Grenada	8,430	8,120	310	3.7
Hancock	18,780	18,100	680	3.6
Harrison	86,740	83,890	2,850	3.3
Hinds	101,890	98,460	3,430	3.4

Holmes	5,020	4,720	300	6.0
Humphreys	1,920	1,790	130	6.8
Issaquena	300	280	20	6.7
Itawamba	10,090	9,770	320	3.2
Jackson	58,150	56,040	2,110	3.6
Jasper	5,830	5,580	250	4.3
Jefferson	1,810	1,600	210	11.6
Jefferson Davis	3,880	3,710	170	4.4
Jones	24,880	24,000	880	3.5
Kemper	3,190	3,020	170	5.3
Lafayette	28,040	27,270	770	2.7
Lamar	31,540	30,700	840	2.7
Lauderdale	28,480	27,470	1,010	3.5
Lawrence	4,810	4,610	200	4.2
Leake	7,910	7,640	270	3.4
Lee	40,130	38,920	1,210	3.0
Leflore	9,040	8,580	460	5.1
Lincoln	14,410	13,920	490	3.4
Lowndes	24,440	23,560	880	3.6
Madison	53,480	52,000	1,480	2.8
Marion	9,830	9,480	350	3.6
Marshall	14,100	13,580	520	3.7
Monroe	15,210	14,600	610	4.0
Montgomery	3,860	3,710	150	3.9
Neshoba	9,690	9,320	370	3.8
Newton	7,840	7,540	300	3.8
Noxubee	3,290	3,120	170	5.2
Oktibbeha	22,220	21,430	790	3.6
Panola	12,100	11,600	500	4.1
Pearl River	23,300	22,510	790	3.4
Perry	4,220	4,040	180	4.3
Pike	13,760	13,170	590	4.3
Pontotoc	14,610	14,160	450	3.1
Prentiss	11,190	10,860	330	2.9
Quitman	2,250	2,130	120	5.3
Rankin	76,830	74,860	1,970	2.6
Scott	12,170	11,820	350	2.9
Sharkey	1,290	1,210	80	6.2
Simpson	10,590	10,240	350	3.3
Smith	6,540	6,340	200	3.1
Stone	7,000	6,740	260	3.7

Sunflower	7,090	6,720	370	5.2
Tallahatchie	4,490	4,320	170	3.8
Tate	12,010	11,590	420	3.5
Tippah	9,720	9,420	300	3.1
Tishomingo	8,600	8,310	290	3.4
Tunica	4,120	3,960	160	3.9
Union	14,590	14,220	370	2.5
Walthall	4,820	4,600	220	4.6
Warren	18,910	18,210	700	3.7
Washington	14,290	13,530	760	5.3
Wayne	6,890	6,610	280	4.1
Webster	3,810	3,680	130	3.4
Wilkinson	2,550	2,410	140	5.5
Winston	7,100	6,830	270	3.8
Yalobusha	4,630	4,450	180	3.9
Yazoo	8,810	8,480	330	3.7
Planning and Development District				
Central Mississippi	343,580	332,020	11,560	3.4
East Central	416,370	401,930	14,440	3.5
Golden Triangle	281,280	272,600	8,680	3.1
North Central	87,160	84,020	3,140	3.6
North Delta	73,350	70,680	2,670	3.6
Northeast	40,980	39,190	1,790	4.4
South Delta	135,410	130,910	4,500	3.3
Southern	61,590	59,530	2,060	3.3
Southwest	35,800	33,980	1,820	5.1
Three Rivers	329,210	317,910	11,300	3.4
Community College District - For Coahoma & Meridian Community College Districts refer to county data.				
Copiah-Lincoln	62,300	59,420	2,880	4.6
East Central	134,300	130,080	4,220	3.1
East Mississippi	55,480	53,190	2,290	4.1
Gulf Coast	44,710	43,150	1,560	3.5
Hinds	62,120	59,790	2,330	3.8
Holmes	160,540	154,940	5,600	3.5
Itawamba	200,480	194,160	6,320	3.2
Jones	96,920	93,720	3,200	3.3
Mississippi Delta	86,400	83,520	2,880	3.3
Northeast	66,100	63,650	2,450	3.7
Northwest	44,840	42,560	2,280	5.1
Pearl River	59,060	57,280	1,780	3.0
Southwest	183,070	177,160	5,910	3.2

City				
Biloxi	19,390	18,750	640	3.3
Brandon	12,500	12,200	300	2.4
Clinton	12,310	11,980	330	2.7
Columbus	9,400	9,020	380	4.0
Greenville	9,540	9,050	490	5.1
Gulfport	28,300	27,340	960	3.4
Hattiesburg	21,420	20,730	690	3.2
Hattiesburg - Forest County	18,450	17,840	610	3.3
Hattiesburg - Lamar County	2,980	2,900	80	2.7
Horn Lake	12,810	12,400	410	3.2
Jackson	68,330	65,940	2,390	3.5
Madison	13,130	12,820	310	2.4
Meridian	13,410	12,920	490	3.7
Moss Point	4,960	4,750	210	4.2
Olive Branch	20,800	20,250	550	2.6
Oxford	15,300	14,910	390	2.5
Pascagoula	8,540	8,220	320	3.7
Pearl	12,710	12,370	340	2.7
Southaven	28,660	27,880	780	2.7
Starkville	12,110	11,740	370	3.1
Tupelo	17,260	16,720	540	3.1
Vicksburg	8,370	8,020	350	4.2

Five Year Comparison of Unemployment Rates

Area	Aug-2023	Aug-2022	Aug-2021	Aug-2020	Aug-2019	Aug-2018
Mississippi	3.9	4.1	5.5	7.2	5.9	5.1
United States	3.9	3.8	5.3	8.5	3.8	3.9
Metropolitan Statistical Area						
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA	3.9	4.1	5.6	7.6	6.0	5.4
Hattiesburg MSA	3.5	3.6	5.0	6.7	5.4	4.5
Jackson MSA	3.5	3.6	5.1	6.5	5.2	4.5
Workforce Development Area						
Delta WDA	5.4	5.5	7.6	10.4	8.0	6.9
Mississippi Partnership WDA	3.7	3.8	5.0	6.6	5.4	4.6
Southcentral MS Works WDA	3.9	4.0	5.6	7.1	5.9	5.0
Twin Districts WDA	3.9	4.1	5.6	7.3	6.0	5.2
County						
Adams	5.2	5.2	7.8	10.6	8.0	6.9
Alcorn	3.8	3.8	5.0	5.4	5.4	4.5
Amite	5.5	5.5	7.5	8.5	7.9	7.4
Attala	4.6	4.3	5.9	8.1	6.3	5.4
Benton	4.4	4.9	6.2	8.1	6.1	5.5
Bolivar	4.7	5.1	6.7	8.2	7.5	6.2
Calhoun	4.2	4.6	5.2	6.7	5.9	4.9
Carroll	4.8	4.6	5.9	7.1	6.7	5.7
Chickasaw	4.8	5.2	6.2	8.6	6.2	5.3
Choctaw	3.6	3.5	4.8	5.7	5.6	4.9
Claiborne	9.6	9.3	11.3	14.3	12.6	10.7
Clarke	4.6	4.8	6.4	8.1	6.6	5.4
Clay	4.0	4.3	6.6	10.3	7.6	6.4
Coahoma	5.8	5.9	8.1	11.8	8.5	7.7
Copiah	4.4	4.5	6.6	7.7	6.9	5.9
Covington	3.4	3.6	5.0	6.8	5.4	4.7
DeSoto	3.4	3.3	4.5	5.9	4.8	4.1
Forrest	3.7	3.8	5.5	7.7	5.8	4.8
Franklin	5.6	5.4	6.9	8.2	7.7	6.7
George	5.2	5.3	7.2	9.2	8.5	7.9
Greene	5.0	6.4	7.9	10.0	9.4	6.9
Grenada	4.1	3.9	4.9	6.7	5.4	4.5
Hancock	4.1	4.2	5.9	7.2	6.0	5.4
Harrison	3.7	3.9	5.3	7.5	5.5	4.8
Hinds	3.8	4.0	6.0	8.5	5.7	5.0
Holmes	7.0	6.8	10.6	15.0	10.7	9.1

Humphreys	8.1	8.4	11.6	14.7	9.8	8.7
Issaquena	7.5	7.0	7.9	7.9	12.9	7.3
Itawamba	3.5	3.5	4.5	5.3	5.2	4.2
Jackson	4.0	4.4	5.9	8.0	6.6	6.1
Jasper	4.7	5.0	7.1	8.5	6.8	5.9
Jefferson	14.8	15.3	16.6	18.6	19.0	16.9
Jefferson Davis	5.4	4.9	7.5	9.4	8.0	8.2
Jones	4.1	4.3	5.9	6.9	5.8	5.0
Kemper	5.4	5.9	7.7	8.7	8.0	7.2
Lafayette	3.0	3.4	4.4	5.4	5.0	4.1
Lamar	3.1	3.1	4.2	5.4	4.6	4.0
Lauderdale	4.0	4.1	5.4	6.5	6.0	5.2
Lawrence	4.6	4.9	7.0	8.8	8.1	6.9
Leake	3.8	4.2	5.7	6.9	6.1	5.3
Lee	3.4	3.5	4.6	6.4	4.9	4.2
Leflore	5.6	5.6	7.3	10.2	8.1	7.1
Lincoln	4.2	3.9	5.2	6.9	6.3	5.3
Lowndes	4.1	4.3	5.9	7.7	5.7	5.2
Madison	3.2	3.2	4.3	5.2	4.7	3.9
Marion	4.1	3.9	5.2	7.0	5.7	5.3
Marshall	4.3	4.1	5.8	7.8	5.9	5.0
Monroe	4.3	4.3	5.1	7.5	6.0	5.3
Montgomery	4.1	4.4	5.9	7.5	6.3	5.4
Neshoba	4.5	4.5	5.9	7.5	6.4	5.3
Newton	4.4	4.3	5.7	7.3	6.1	4.9
Noxubee	6.3	6.3	8.6	11.2	7.6	6.8
Oktibbeha	4.0	4.4	5.8	6.9	6.2	5.0
Panola	4.7	4.7	6.7	9.4	7.0	6.3
Pearl River	3.9	3.9	5.8	7.1	5.7	5.0
Perry	4.9	5.0	6.9	8.6	7.9	6.9
Pike	5.0	5.1	7.2	8.8	7.2	6.3
Pontotoc	3.3	3.8	4.3	5.9	4.9	4.0
Prentiss	3.4	3.6	4.5	5.7	5.2	4.5
Quitman	5.6	6.0	7.7	10.9	8.5	7.2
Rankin	3.0	3.0	3.8	4.3	4.4	3.7
Scott	3.4	3.4	4.7	5.1	4.9	4.2
Sharkey	6.5	6.3	8.6	9.3	9.1	7.1
Simpson	3.9	3.9	5.4	6.4	5.9	5.0
Smith	3.6	3.8	4.9	5.4	5.4	4.6
Stone	4.1	4.2	5.8	6.8	6.5	6.3
Sunflower	5.7	6.2	8.4	11.0	9.8	7.8

Tallahatchie	4.2	4.3	5.9	7.1	5.5	5.0
Tate	4.1	4.0	5.5	7.7	6.1	5.3
Tippah	3.6	3.5	4.5	5.9	5.4	4.5
Tishomingo	3.8	3.7	5.0	5.9	5.8	4.8
Tunica	4.1	4.4	7.9	14.1	6.7	5.1
Union	2.9	3.0	4.0	5.6	4.5	3.8
Walthall	5.2	5.0	6.9	8.4	8.0	6.9
Warren	4.3	4.3	5.9	8.1	6.5	5.9
Washington	6.1	6.0	7.8	10.5	8.2	7.4
Wayne	4.7	5.1	6.5	9.4	6.8	5.6
Webster	3.7	4.0	5.6	6.2	6.0	5.1
Wilkinson	6.6	6.5	11.0	14.1	11.7	10.3
Winston	4.2	4.6	6.1	8.0	6.6	6.2
Yalobusha	4.4	4.3	5.2	6.6	6.7	5.5
Yazoo	4.4	4.7	7.3	9.1	7.0	5.8
Planning and Development District						
Central Miss.	3.5	3.7	5.1	6.6	5.3	4.6
East Central	4.1	4.2	5.6	6.8	6.1	5.2
Golden Triangle	4.1	4.4	6.1	7.8	6.2	5.4
North Central	5.0	4.8	6.5	8.8	7.1	6.1
North Delta	3.8	3.8	5.2	7.1	5.5	4.7
Northeast	3.9	3.8	5.1	6.3	5.6	4.7
South Delta	5.8	5.9	7.8	10.1	8.4	7.2
Southern	3.9	4.1	5.6	7.4	6.0	5.3
Southwest	5.5	5.4	7.4	9.4	8.2	7.1
Three Rivers	3.5	3.7	4.6	6.2	5.1	4.3
Community College District - For Coahoma & Meridian Community College Districts, refer to county data.						
Copiah-Lincoln	4.8	4.8	6.6	8.3	7.3	6.3
East Central	4.0	4.1	5.6	6.8	5.9	5.1
East Mississippi	4.2	4.5	6.2	8.0	6.4	5.5
Gulf Coast	3.9	4.1	5.6	7.7	6.1	5.5
Hinds	3.6	3.8	5.2	7.0	5.4	4.7
Holmes	3.8	3.8	5.3	6.6	5.7	4.7
Itawamba	3.7	3.8	4.7	6.6	5.2	4.5
Jones	4.2	4.5	6.1	7.5	6.3	5.4
Mississippi Delta	5.7	5.8	7.7	10.1	8.4	7.2
Northeast	3.5	3.5	4.6	5.7	5.2	4.4
Northwest	3.7	3.7	5.0	6.7	5.4	4.6
Pearl River	3.7	3.7	5.3	6.9	5.6	4.9
Southwest	5.3	5.3	7.6	9.2	8.0	7.0

City						
Biloxi	3.6	3.8	5.0	7.5	5.6	4.8
Brandon	2.8	2.8	3.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Clinton	3.1	3.0	4.4	4.3	4.5	3.9
Columbus	4.5	4.8	5.8	9.2	6.2	5.6
Greenville	6.0	5.8	7.3	10.7	8.2	7.2
Gulfport	3.9	4.1	5.3	9.0	5.7	4.8
Hattiesburg	3.7	3.8	5.1	7.7	5.6	4.6
Hattiesburg - Forest County	3.7	3.9	5.3	8.1	5.8	4.9
Hattiesburg - Lamar County	3.4	2.9	3.6	4.7	4.2	3.3
Horn Lake	3.9	3.8	4.4	8.1	5.2	4.0
Jackson	4.0	4.1	6.0	9.6	6.0	5.2
Madison	2.8	2.8	3.6	3.4	4.0	3.5
Meridian	4.2	4.4	5.7	7.4	6.4	5.5
Moss Point	4.8	5.1	6.5	10.0	8.5	7.7
Olive Branch	3.0	3.0	3.5	4.4	4.2	3.5
Oxford	2.8	3.0	3.9	5.1	N/A	N/A
Pascagoula	4.2	4.6	6.4	8.9	6.8	6.6
Pearl	3.1	3.1	4.1	4.9	4.6	4.0
Southaven	3.2	3.0	3.8	5.2	4.4	3.7
Starkville	3.4	3.7	4.8	6.4	5.2	4.2
Tupelo	3.6	3.7	4.7	7.6	5.1	4.4
Vicksburg	4.7	4.9	6.4	9.6	7.2	6.6

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

For Metropolitan Statistical Areas and Workforce Development Areas

August 2023

	Regular Unemployment Insurance			All Programs
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Benefits Paid	Benefits Paid
Metropolitan Statistical Area				
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA	470	2,736	\$477,576	\$488,761
Hattiesburg MSA	180	1,022	\$164,136	\$167,426
Jackson MSA	901	4,996	\$830,277	\$843,030
Workforce Development Area				
Delta WDA	545	3,969	\$694,552	\$703,681
Mississippi Partnership WDA	1,088	7,431	\$1,309,048	\$1,323,557
Southcentral Mississippi Works WDA	1,206	7,299	\$1,259,456	\$1,291,544
Twin Districts WDA	1,173	6,668	\$1,132,260	\$1,150,645

July 2023

	Regular Unemployment Insurance			All Programs
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Benefits Paid	Benefits Paid
Metropolitan Statistical Area				
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA	513	3,495	\$534,298	\$668,763
Hattiesburg MSA	187	1,275	\$183,956	\$224,613
Jackson MSA	908	6,429	\$976,169	\$1,161,598
Workforce Development Area				
Delta WDA	636	5,966	\$892,271	\$1,004,018
Mississippi Partnership WDA	1,526	11,018	\$1,743,530	\$1,925,743
Southcentral Mississippi Works WDA	1,310	9,609	\$1,478,599	\$1,748,821
Twin Districts WDA	1,252	8,938	\$1,361,465	\$1,663,710

August 2022

	Regular Unemployment Insurance			All Programs
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Benefits Paid	Benefits Paid
Metropolitan Statistical Area				
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula MSA	441	2,216	\$360,724	\$376,444
Hattiesburg MSA	180	813	\$128,463	\$131,788
Jackson MSA	756	3,985	\$653,552	\$665,886
Workforce Development Area				
Delta WDA	537	3,118	\$539,097	\$545,281
Mississippi Partnership WDA	1,526	6,964	\$1,223,611	\$1,252,322
Southcentral Mississippi Works WDA	1,091	5,779	\$966,418	\$986,272
Twin Districts WDA	1,136	5,761	\$948,409	\$976,453

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

County Data – Claims Made

County	August 2023		July 2023		August 2022	
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims
Adams	53	308	57	447	49	220
Alcorn	34	209	51	294	50	190
Amite	11	65	18	71	14	52
Attala	33	184	37	229	30	123
Benton	7	55	11	106	7	57
Bolivar	50	378	101	892	40	367
Calhoun	12	82	35	134	49	153
Carroll	9	64	13	102	7	48
Chickasaw	33	253	80	420	86	317
Choctaw	11	57	11	96	6	37
Claiborne	16	270	32	378	26	186
Clarke	18	64	18	98	14	96
Clay	66	346	102	548	107	336
Coahoma	80	369	52	547	55	389
Copiah	43	227	50	249	46	212
Covington	19	120	20	143	26	130
DeSoto	186	1,058	129	1,286	147	783
Forrest	117	607	109	787	101	509
Franklin	3	43	12	56	6	55
George	13	87	24	146	15	128
Greene	7	41	8	91	13	104
Grenada	43	226	48	360	37	162
Hancock	33	174	43	288	35	159
Harrison	218	1,386	241	1,839	238	1,129
Hinds	495	2,620	471	3,361	396	2,252
Holmes	48	380	67	612	29	259
Humphreys	25	149	31	188	26	111
Issaquena	0	10	4	9	0	0
Itawamba	21	130	41	280	21	118
Jackson	219	1,176	229	1,368	168	928
Jasper	25	112	27	171	23	159
Jefferson	26	190	23	259	29	159
Jefferson Davis	21	150	12	200	19	122
Jones	63	338	67	442	66	276
Kemper	22	99	15	152	39	144
Lafayette	36	312	63	519	51	292

Lamar	54	360	61	399	66	238
Lauderdale	107	583	120	771	96	506
Lawrence	18	126	24	194	12	112
Leake	27	72	13	130	20	125
Lee	145	871	239	1,211	224	881
Leflore	62	481	70	616	84	364
Lincoln	46	258	48	275	37	188
Lowndes	89	655	114	931	115	602
Madison	131	892	153	1,331	103	610
Marion	32	225	35	324	38	133
Marshall	33	302	40	492	37	238
Monroe	62	593	126	950	169	575
Montgomery	20	104	19	117	26	134
Neshoba	25	210	31	271	26	146
Newton	20	137	25	191	23	67
Noxubee	21	164	41	242	32	208
Oktibbeha	50	425	79	614	57	347
Panola	61	373	54	604	67	282
Pearl River	35	230	41	301	29	154
Perry	9	55	17	89	13	66
Pike	45	395	81	534	70	293
Pontotoc	34	190	38	274	65	349
Prentiss	32	203	44	337	44	180
Quitman	19	103	12	179	16	107
Rankin	160	824	152	887	154	576
Scott	39	161	31	275	23	140
Sharkey	7	65	10	121	8	34
Simpson	28	162	26	178	22	136
Smith	12	85	12	127	10	63
Stone	10	94	22	192	8	76
Sunflower	44	320	49	444	64	270
Tallahatchie	17	125	25	234	18	95
Tate	24	233	35	326	45	187
Tippah	28	140	30	226	22	118
Tishomingo	9	124	26	212	18	80
Tunica	13	105	22	154	17	106
Union	29	159	24	195	26	173
Walthall	13	121	30	221	19	96
Warren	68	473	63	658	67	399
Washington	110	1,047	126	1,264	106	686
Wayne	28	102	31	143	27	163

Webster	4	53	9	93	10	62
Wilkinson	6	54	14	87	6	34
Winston	18	175	29	315	28	154
Yalobusha	8	128	25	211	17	108
Yazoo	44	271	56	423	35	199

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

County Data - Benefits Paid

County	August 2023		July 2023		August 2022	
	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	\$54,739	\$55,274	\$66,017	\$74,899	\$36,483	\$36,483
Alcorn	\$40,059	\$40,059	\$47,832	\$51,340	\$28,521	\$28,521
Amite	\$10,757	\$10,757	\$9,075	\$11,784	\$8,382	\$8,382
Attala	\$26,793	\$26,793	\$29,601	\$40,325	\$22,615	\$22,615
Benton	\$10,257	\$10,257	\$18,738	\$18,958	\$16,474	\$16,474
Bolivar	\$60,017	\$60,017	\$135,892	\$159,637	\$77,168	\$78,503
Calhoun	\$13,470	\$13,470	\$20,623	\$22,978	\$28,674	\$28,830
Carroll	\$13,480	\$13,480	\$15,971	\$16,412	\$7,244	\$7,244
Chickasaw	\$44,282	\$45,457	\$65,408	\$73,476	\$55,104	\$55,104
Choctaw	\$11,104	\$11,104	\$14,815	\$15,123	\$6,284	\$6,284
Claiborne	\$58,734	\$64,374	\$63,337	\$71,345	\$36,672	\$38,317
Clarke	\$10,420	\$10,420	\$15,305	\$15,321	\$17,524	\$17,524
Clay	\$56,629	\$56,629	\$83,335	\$87,899	\$49,465	\$49,465
Coahoma	\$59,873	\$59,873	\$91,489	\$97,675	\$58,892	\$58,892
Copiah	\$34,574	\$34,574	\$35,518	\$39,187	\$29,318	\$29,318
Covington	\$22,887	\$22,887	\$25,516	\$29,936	\$23,476	\$23,476
DeSoto	\$191,191	\$194,246	\$216,170	\$262,784	\$137,761	\$139,171
Forrest	\$92,393	\$94,273	\$116,430	\$140,011	\$86,639	\$88,789
Franklin	\$7,017	\$7,017	\$7,111	\$7,354	\$9,895	\$9,895
George	\$15,175	\$15,175	\$24,715	\$27,483	\$29,109	\$33,645
Greene	\$9,389	\$9,389	\$12,665	\$12,665	\$19,383	\$19,383
Grenada	\$37,770	\$37,770	\$56,460	\$61,131	\$27,972	\$27,972
Hancock	\$38,135	\$38,840	\$48,616	\$54,143	\$26,547	\$28,097
Harrison	\$238,001	\$243,089	\$286,686	\$351,516	\$184,774	\$196,124
Hinds	\$423,588	\$434,689	\$494,197	\$592,568	\$343,556	\$351,000
Holmes	\$70,311	\$70,311	\$89,677	\$105,918	\$49,183	\$49,783
Humphreys	\$20,844	\$22,352	\$19,667	\$21,524	\$17,900	\$18,098
Issaquena	\$940	\$2,115	\$470	\$4,700	\$235	\$2,585
Itawamba	\$23,113	\$23,113	\$46,956	\$46,957	\$24,521	\$24,521
Jackson	\$201,440	\$206,832	\$198,996	\$263,104	\$149,403	\$152,223
Jasper	\$16,617	\$18,210	\$28,147	\$37,010	\$17,212	\$18,387
Jefferson	\$38,035	\$40,855	\$47,841	\$52,799	\$29,709	\$31,119
Jefferson Davis	\$29,887	\$29,887	\$35,588	\$38,692	\$22,320	\$22,320
Jones	\$55,057	\$55,057	\$62,756	\$84,999	\$45,615	\$45,615
Kemper	\$16,891	\$17,361	\$24,903	\$26,137	\$24,999	\$24,999

Lafayette	\$56,068	\$56,648	\$81,072	\$89,796	\$58,563	\$68,763
Lamar	\$60,883	\$62,293	\$54,476	\$68,352	\$32,981	\$33,921
Lauderdale	\$95,388	\$96,328	\$113,660	\$132,476	\$71,866	\$71,866
Lawrence	\$23,494	\$23,494	\$29,835	\$35,510	\$23,944	\$23,944
Leake	\$10,981	\$10,981	\$23,002	\$27,302	\$21,442	\$21,604
Lee	\$148,314	\$149,489	\$181,305	\$197,016	\$131,597	\$136,628
Leflore	\$91,996	\$91,996	\$85,693	\$92,034	\$58,468	\$58,468
Lincoln	\$46,142	\$47,082	\$45,878	\$47,460	\$27,722	\$27,722
Lowndes	\$112,395	\$113,934	\$142,633	\$164,794	\$104,933	\$108,095
Madison	\$175,860	\$175,860	\$214,073	\$267,816	\$116,326	\$118,676
Marion	\$40,777	\$40,777	\$50,614	\$72,154	\$23,376	\$23,376
Marshall	\$54,902	\$54,902	\$80,198	\$89,978	\$50,315	\$52,665
Monroe	\$103,433	\$108,754	\$164,136	\$171,012	\$93,611	\$93,611
Montgomery	\$14,486	\$14,486	\$15,299	\$15,299	\$18,040	\$18,040
Neshoba	\$34,126	\$34,126	\$41,391	\$46,148	\$25,793	\$27,203
Newton	\$24,816	\$24,816	\$26,746	\$28,384	\$12,458	\$12,458
Noxubee	\$25,667	\$25,667	\$38,234	\$38,234	\$38,841	\$38,841
Oktibbeha	\$75,323	\$75,323	\$93,614	\$100,333	\$55,975	\$55,975
Panola	\$69,705	\$69,705	\$95,186	\$108,101	\$47,726	\$47,726
Pearl River	\$41,208	\$41,208	\$46,667	\$62,637	\$29,374	\$30,784
Perry	\$10,860	\$10,860	\$13,050	\$16,250	\$8,843	\$9,078
Pike	\$71,943	\$71,943	\$73,879	\$88,721	\$43,730	\$43,730
Pontotoc	\$33,911	\$33,911	\$44,088	\$49,866	\$70,711	\$70,711
Prentiss	\$40,076	\$40,076	\$56,235	\$60,964	\$28,917	\$28,917
Quitman	\$19,385	\$19,385	\$32,217	\$34,535	\$21,353	\$21,353
Rankin	\$131,734	\$131,734	\$138,957	\$155,239	\$98,927	\$100,292
Scott	\$23,714	\$23,714	\$39,033	\$45,220	\$17,258	\$17,264
Sharkey	\$10,743	\$14,089	\$17,487	\$20,478	\$3,931	\$3,931
Simpson	\$23,203	\$23,252	\$30,409	\$33,426	\$25,517	\$25,517
Smith	\$12,949	\$13,856	\$18,958	\$19,025	\$11,924	\$11,924
Stone	\$18,079	\$18,079	\$31,861	\$34,403	\$13,854	\$13,854
Sunflower	\$55,003	\$55,003	\$62,125	\$66,162	\$42,314	\$43,254
Tallahatchie	\$22,462	\$22,462	\$38,667	\$38,667	\$16,011	\$16,011
Tate	\$35,612	\$36,541	\$49,966	\$59,261	\$37,038	\$41,578
Tippah	\$30,245	\$30,925	\$35,001	\$38,191	\$25,585	\$25,585
Tishomingo	\$25,894	\$25,894	\$33,272	\$36,878	\$15,050	\$15,520
Tunica	\$20,217	\$20,217	\$23,842	\$24,189	\$18,912	\$19,299
Union	\$30,587	\$30,642	\$34,235	\$35,257	\$35,913	\$35,913
Walthall	\$25,744	\$25,744	\$39,730	\$45,914	\$18,017	\$18,017
Warren	\$82,246	\$91,646	\$106,750	\$137,285	\$73,656	\$78,121
Washington	\$179,576	\$182,676	\$183,888	\$213,986	\$119,760	\$120,134

Wayne	\$12,187	\$12,187	\$21,684	\$30,342	\$32,239	\$32,539
Webster	\$12,141	\$12,141	\$15,436	\$16,025	\$13,043	\$13,278
Wilkinson	\$10,328	\$10,328	\$12,977	\$14,152	\$4,656	\$4,656
Winston	\$29,733	\$29,733	\$44,330	\$44,369	\$27,383	\$27,835
Yalobusha	\$25,593	\$25,593	\$34,538	\$37,499	\$20,705	\$21,410
Yazoo	\$41,318	\$42,921	\$63,015	\$73,362	\$39,908	\$41,083

References

List of Counties in each Metropolitan Statistical Area

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

Hattiesburg MSA — Forrest, Lamar, and Perry

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

List of Counties in each Workforce Development Area

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

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

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

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

List of Counties in each Planning and Development District

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

List of Counties in each Community College District

Coahoma — Coahoma County

Copiah-Lincoln — Adams, Copiah, 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

Glossary of Terms

All Programs — includes regular UI program benefits and federal benefit 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 — includes 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 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 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.