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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

September 2009

(County Rankings)

1	Rankin	5.6	42	Clarke	10.0
2	Scott	5.9	43	George	10.0
3	Madison	6.3	44	Marion	10.1
4	Lamar	6.6	45	Tishomingo	10.1
5	Lafayette	6.9	46	Wilkinson	10.1
6	Jones	7.1	47	Humphreys	10.2
7	DeSoto	7.2	48	Jasper	10.2
8	Harrison	7.2	49	Lawrence	10.2
9	Stone	7.2	50	Lowndes	10.2
10	Hancock	7.5	51	Kemper	10.3
11	Covington	7.7	52	Tate	10.3
12	Forrest	7.7	53	Walthall	10.3
13	Hinds	7.9	54	Perry	10.4
14	Newton	7.9	55	Yazoo	10.5
15	Adams	8.0	56	Jeff Davis	10.6
16	Jackson	8.0	57	Grenada	11.0
17	Oktibbeha	8.0	58	Coahoma	11.1
18	Simpson	8.2	59	Quitman	11.1
19	Smith	8.2	60	Marshall	11.2
20	Pearl River	8.3	61	Alcorn	11.3
21	Neshoba	8.4	62	Choctaw	11.3
22	Amite	8.6	63	Washington	11.3
23	Lauderdale	8.7	64	Prentiss	11.5
24	Leake	8.7	65	Leflore	11.6
25	Pontotoc	8.7	66	Attala	11.8
26	Lincoln	8.8	67	Sunflower	11.8
27	Union	8.8	68	Panola	11.9
28	Bolivar	9.0	69	Tippah	12.5
29	Franklin	9.0	70	Benton	12.6
30	Sharkey	9.0	71	Montgomery	12.7
31	Warren	9.1	72	Yalobusha	12.9
32	Issaquena	9.2	73	Tunica	13.0
33	Wayne	9.4	74	Chickasaw	13.2
34	Itawamba	9.6	75	Webster	13.5
35	Calhoun	9.7	76	Monroe	13.7
36	Carroll	9.8	77	Claiborne	15.0
37	Lee	9.8	78	Winston	15.1
38	Pike	9.8	79	Jefferson	15.5
39	Copiah	9.9	80	Holmes	16.6
40	Greene	9.9	81	Noxubee	17.6
41	Tallahatchie	9.9	82	Clay	17.8

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Labor Force Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted

Mississippi's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2009 was 9.2 percent. The state's seasonally adjusted series reported an over the month decrease of five-tenths of a percentage point from 9.7 in August. When compared to one year ago, the rate was significantly higher than the 7.4 percent reported for September 2008. The Nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point over the month from 9.7 to 9.8 percent and was 3.6 percentage points higher than the year ago rate of 6.2 percent.

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 September 2009 was 8.8 percent, decreasing from the previous month's rate of 9.7 percent. When compared to the September 2008 rate of 7.1 percent, the rate increased nearly two percentage points. The number of unemployed decreased 11,200 over the month while the employed total increased 2,100 from the prior month. The Nation's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2009 was down slightly over the month at 9.5 percent but was 3.5 percentage points higher than the year ago rate of 6.0 percent.

Results from Mississippi's nonfarm employment survey, which is counted by the location of establishments, reported a not seasonally adjusted decrease of 1,600 in employment over the month and a decrease of 40,000 from one year ago. Industry sectors registering the largest monthly employment losses were Trade, Transportation & Utilities; and Leisure & Hospitality.

For the month of September 2009, only twenty-seven counties in Mississippi posted unemployment rates less than or equal to the state's rate of 8.8 percent. Unemployment rates decreased over the month in all eighty-two counties. Rankin County posted the lowest unemployment rate for the month of September at 5.6 percent followed by Scott County at 5.9 percent. Forty-one counties reported double-digit rates for the month with six counties reporting rates greater than or equal to 15.0 percent.

LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DATA
State of Mississippi

Labor Force Data	September 2009	August 2009	September 2008	2008 Annual Average	Moving** Average
Civilian Labor Force	1,272,000	1,281,100	1,311,200	1,314,500	1,306,600
Unemployed	112,500	123,700	92,900	90,600	116,000
Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)	8.8	9.7	7.1	6.9	8.9
Unemployment Rate (Adjusted)	9.2	9.7	7.4	xxx	xxx
Employed	1,159,500	1,157,400	1,218,300	1,223,900	1,190,600

United States

Labor Force Data	September 2009	August 2009	September 2008	2008 Annual Average	Moving** Average
Civilian Labor Force	153,617,000	154,897,000	154,509,000	154,287,000	154,486,000
Unemployed	14,538,000	14,823,000	9,199,000	8,924,000	13,164,000
Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)	9.5	9.6	6.0	5.8	8.5
Unemployment Rate (Adjusted)	9.8	9.7	6.2	xxx	xxx
Employed	139,079,000	140,074,000	145,310,000	145,362,000	141,322,000

State of Mississippi

Unemployment Insurance Data @	September 2009	August 2009	September 2008
Initial UI Claims	12,943	13,474	14,313
Continued Claims	166,070	219,187	120,136
Benefits Paid	\$24,385,405	\$29,935,610	\$15,582,380
Weeks Paid	130,445	161,061	87,783
First Payments	6,211	7,910	5,298
Final Payments	4,481	5,114	1,866
Average Weekly Benefit	\$186.94	\$185.87	\$177.51

Estimates for the current month are preliminary and the prior month amounts have been revised

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

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

Definitions are provided on page 17

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

Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence - Persons 16 years of age and older

Area	Preliminary September 2009				Revised August 2009				Revised September 2008			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate
Mississippi (not seasonally adjusted)	1,272,000	1,159,500	112,500	8.8	1,281,100	1,157,400	123,700	9.7	1,311,200	1,218,300	92,900	7.1
Biloxi Gulfport MSA	107,360	99,560	7,800	7.3	107,950	99,480	8,470	7.8	113,420	106,750	6,670	5.9
Hattiesburg MSA	61,920	57,260	4,660	7.5	62,910	57,630	5,280	8.4	66,110	62,120	3,990	6.0
Jackson MSA	250,030	232,340	17,690	7.1	252,490	233,350	19,140	7.6	260,250	245,050	15,200	5.8
Pascagoula MSA	67,460	61,870	5,590	8.3	67,470	61,520	5,950	8.8	70,780	65,990	4,790	6.8
United States (not seasonally adjusted)	153,617,000	139,079,000	14,538,000	9.5	154,897,000	140,074,000	14,823,000	9.6	154,509,000	145,310,000	9,199,000	6.0
United States (seasonally adjusted)	154,006,000	138,864,000	15,142,000	9.8	154,577,000	139,649,000	14,928,000	9.7	154,621,000	145,029,000	9,592,000	6.2
Counties												
Adams	13,600	12,520	1,080	8.0	13,680	12,410	1,270	9.3	13,660	12,730	930	6.8
Alcorn	15,190	13,480	1,710	11.3	15,120	13,340	1,780	11.8	15,190	14,010	1,180	7.8
Amite	5,220	4,770	450	8.6	5,240	4,750	490	9.3	5,240	4,880	360	6.8
Attala	7,270	6,410	860	11.8	7,320	6,360	960	13.1	7,320	6,600	720	9.8
Benton	2,870	2,510	360	12.6	2,930	2,520	410	14.0	2,940	2,600	340	11.5
Bolivar	14,720	13,400	1,320	9.0	14,820	13,270	1,550	10.5	15,520	14,210	1,310	8.4
Calhoun	5,700	5,150	550	9.7	5,720	5,080	640	11.2	6,040	5,450	590	9.8
Carroll	4,870	4,390	480	9.8	4,890	4,370	520	10.7	4,890	4,550	340	7.0
Chickasaw	6,970	6,050	920	13.2	7,030	6,030	1,000	14.3	7,340	6,420	920	12.5
Choctaw	3,350	2,970	380	11.3	3,340	2,900	440	13.2	3,410	3,150	260	7.6
Claiborne	3,530	3,000	530	15.0	3,540	2,920	620	17.5	3,540	3,140	400	11.3
Clarke	7,190	6,470	720	10.0	7,240	6,510	730	10.1	7,150	6,640	510	7.1
Clay	7,560	6,220	1,340	17.8	7,660	6,230	1,430	18.6	7,380	6,420	960	13.0
Coahoma	9,760	8,670	1,090	11.1	9,820	8,550	1,270	12.9	10,050	9,160	890	8.9
Copiah	11,770	10,610	1,160	9.9	11,960	10,660	1,300	10.9	12,100	11,190	910	7.5
Covington	8,660	7,990	670	7.7	8,810	8,080	730	8.3	8,800	8,230	570	6.4
DeSoto	73,510	68,230	5,280	7.2	73,800	68,180	5,620	7.6	77,020	73,090	3,930	5.1
Forrest	34,750	32,080	2,670	7.7	35,340	32,290	3,050	8.6	37,110	34,800	2,310	6.2
Franklin	3,140	2,860	280	9.0	3,230	2,890	340	10.4	3,110	2,870	240	7.8
George	8,980	8,080	900	10.0	9,040	8,030	1,010	11.1	9,560	8,610	950	10.0
Greene	4,810	4,330	480	9.9	4,940	4,390	550	11.2	5,120	4,520	600	11.7
Grenada	8,940	7,950	990	11.0	9,060	7,990	1,070	11.8	9,230	8,470	760	8.2
Hancock	17,540	16,230	1,310	7.5	17,640	16,220	1,420	8.0	18,550	17,400	1,150	6.2
Harrison	82,480	76,530	5,950	7.2	82,900	76,470	6,430	7.8	87,040	82,060	4,980	5.7
Hinds	113,730	104,790	8,940	7.9	114,820	105,250	9,570	8.3	118,170	110,520	7,650	6.5
Holmes	7,440	6,210	1,230	16.6	7,450	6,060	1,390	18.6	7,350	6,340	1,010	13.8
Humphreys	4,360	3,910	450	10.2	4,430	3,940	490	11.1	4,390	3,980	410	9.3
Issaquena	670	610	60	9.2	700	630	70	10.0	650	610	40	6.6
Itawamba	10,110	9,140	970	9.6	10,150	9,090	1,060	10.5	10,430	9,420	1,010	9.7
Jackson	58,500	53,800	4,700	8.0	58,430	53,490	4,940	8.5	61,220	57,380	3,840	6.3
Jasper	7,180	6,450	730	10.2	7,250	6,470	780	10.8	7,380	6,850	530	7.2
Jefferson	2,620	2,210	410	15.5	2,690	2,180	510	19.0	2,710	2,340	370	13.7
Jeff Davis	5,070	4,530	540	10.6	5,160	4,520	640	12.3	5,640	5,210	430	7.7
Jones	29,200	27,140	2,060	7.1	29,400	27,220	2,180	7.4	30,580	28,810	1,770	5.8
Kemper	4,170	3,740	430	10.3	4,210	3,760	450	10.7	4,210	3,830	380	9.0
Lafayette	22,480	20,940	1,540	6.9	22,000	20,180	1,820	8.3	22,930	21,790	1,140	5.0
Lamar	22,300	20,820	1,480	6.6	22,600	20,960	1,640	7.3	23,770	22,590	1,180	5.0
Lauderdale	33,650	30,720	2,930	8.7	33,970	30,890	3,080	9.1	34,040	31,500	2,540	7.5
Lawrence	5,330	4,790	540	10.2	5,430	4,820	610	11.3	5,370	4,880	490	9.1

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Place of residence - Persons 16 years of age and older

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	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Leake	8,020	7,320	700	8.7	8,230	7,430	800	9.7	8,250	7,640	610	7.4
Lee	38,410	34,640	3,770	9.8	38,450	34,460	3,990	10.4	38,620	35,720	2,900	7.5
Leflore	13,530	11,950	1,580	11.6	13,560	11,880	1,680	12.4	13,620	12,380	1,240	9.1
Lincoln	13,910	12,690	1,220	8.8	14,240	12,830	1,410	9.9	14,220	13,050	1,170	8.2
Lowndes	25,360	22,770	2,590	10.2	25,620	22,800	2,820	11.0	25,600	23,500	2,100	8.2
Madison	43,440	40,700	2,740	6.3	43,840	40,870	2,970	6.8	45,590	42,920	2,670	5.8
Marion	10,580	9,510	1,070	10.1	10,760	9,590	1,170	10.9	10,500	9,690	810	7.7
Marshall	14,850	13,190	1,660	11.2	15,090	13,180	1,910	12.6	15,450	14,130	1,320	8.5
Monroe	15,760	13,610	2,150	13.7	15,860	13,590	2,270	14.3	15,990	14,310	1,680	10.5
Montgomery	4,630	4,040	590	12.7	4,680	3,990	690	14.7	4,560	4,140	420	9.2
Neshoba	12,620	11,560	1,060	8.4	13,150	11,780	1,370	10.4	13,560	12,740	820	6.0
Newton	9,190	8,460	730	7.9	9,350	8,540	810	8.7	9,520	8,850	670	7.1
Noxubee	3,840	3,160	680	17.6	3,910	3,200	710	18.2	3,890	3,300	590	15.1
Oktibbeha	20,660	19,010	1,650	8.0	19,120	17,290	1,830	9.6	21,030	19,730	1,300	6.2
Panola	14,840	13,070	1,770	11.9	14,880	13,030	1,850	12.4	14,720	13,460	1,260	8.5
Pearl River	20,990	19,250	1,740	8.3	21,120	19,170	1,950	9.2	21,650	20,130	1,520	7.0
Perry	4,870	4,360	510	10.4	4,980	4,390	590	11.8	5,230	4,730	500	9.6
Pike	15,750	14,210	1,540	9.8	15,840	14,170	1,670	10.5	15,710	14,540	1,170	7.4
Pontotoc	13,260	12,100	1,160	8.7	13,330	12,030	1,300	9.8	13,580	12,470	1,110	8.2
Prentiss	11,290	9,990	1,300	11.5	11,370	9,940	1,430	12.5	11,170	10,270	900	8.1
Quitman	3,600	3,200	400	11.1	3,680	3,230	450	12.1	3,620	3,310	310	8.6
Rankin	69,890	65,960	3,930	5.6	70,480	66,250	4,230	6.0	72,820	69,570	3,250	4.5
Scott	13,740	12,920	820	5.9	13,900	12,940	960	6.9	13,720	13,000	720	5.2
Sharkey	2,410	2,190	220	9.0	2,510	2,270	240	9.5	2,370	2,200	170	7.3
Simpson	11,200	10,280	920	8.2	11,400	10,330	1,070	9.4	11,570	10,850	720	6.2
Smith	6,320	5,800	520	8.2	6,420	5,860	560	8.7	6,510	6,090	420	6.4
Stone	7,330	6,800	530	7.2	7,420	6,790	630	8.5	7,830	7,290	540	6.9
Sunflower	9,950	8,780	1,170	11.8	10,100	8,760	1,340	13.3	10,440	9,350	1,090	10.5
Tallahatchie	5,950	5,360	590	9.9	6,060	5,390	670	11.0	5,930	5,440	490	8.2
Tate	11,470	10,290	1,180	10.3	11,580	10,280	1,300	11.2	11,890	11,020	870	7.3
Tippah	9,010	7,880	1,130	12.5	9,000	7,780	1,220	13.5	9,320	8,330	990	10.6
Tishomingo	8,090	7,270	820	10.1	8,150	7,230	920	11.3	8,110	7,390	720	8.9
Tunica	4,300	3,740	560	13.0	4,350	3,740	610	14.1	4,470	4,010	460	10.3
Union	12,450	11,350	1,100	8.8	12,470	11,280	1,190	9.5	12,370	11,500	870	7.1
Walthall	6,210	5,570	640	10.3	6,350	5,620	730	11.5	6,060	5,590	470	7.7
Warren	22,430	20,400	2,030	9.1	22,650	20,480	2,170	9.6	22,970	21,440	1,530	6.7
Washington	23,230	20,610	2,620	11.3	23,570	20,490	3,080	13.1	22,930	20,700	2,230	9.7
Wayne	8,360	7,580	780	9.4	8,370	7,530	840	10.1	8,580	7,940	640	7.5
Webster	3,670	3,170	500	13.5	3,620	3,110	510	14.0	3,580	3,220	360	10.1
Wilkinson	3,780	3,400	380	10.1	3,800	3,350	450	11.8	3,730	3,400	330	8.9
Winston	8,500	7,220	1,280	15.1	8,630	7,210	1,420	16.5	8,280	7,650	630	7.6
Yalobusha	5,510	4,800	710	12.9	5,540	4,710	830	14.9	5,470	4,990	480	8.8
Yazoo	9,710	8,690	1,020	10.5	9,970	8,780	1,190	11.9	10,060	9,130	930	9.3

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Area	Preliminary September 2009				Revised August 2009				Revised September 2008			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Workforce Investment Areas												
Delta	119,630	106,090	13,540	11.3	120,820	105,610	15,210	12.6	120,950	109,700	11,250	9.3
Miss Partnership	370,710	333,540	37,170	10.0	370,550	329,980	40,570	10.9	378,140	349,090	29,050	7.7
Southcentral MS	355,260	327,450	27,810	7.8	359,160	328,560	30,600	8.5	366,630	343,040	23,590	6.4
Twin Districts	426,500	392,470	34,030	8.0	430,630	393,320	37,310	8.7	445,520	416,530	28,990	6.5
Planning and Development Districts												
Central Miss.	282,170	261,430	20,740	7.4	285,120	262,620	22,500	7.9	293,280	275,620	17,660	6.0
East Central	102,080	93,440	8,640	8.5	103,720	94,180	9,540	9.2	104,340	97,140	7,200	6.9
Golden Triangle	72,940	64,520	8,420	11.5	71,900	62,740	9,160	12.7	73,170	66,970	6,200	8.5
North Central	52,190	45,750	6,440	12.3	52,500	45,360	7,140	13.6	52,440	47,470	4,970	9.5
North Delta	123,430	112,560	10,870	8.8	124,170	112,400	11,770	9.5	127,700	119,490	8,210	6.4
Northeast	61,300	54,320	6,980	11.4	61,660	53,990	7,670	12.4	62,180	56,730	5,450	8.8
South Delta	55,340	49,500	5,840	10.6	56,130	49,360	6,770	12.1	56,300	51,050	5,250	9.3
Southern	324,420	299,030	25,390	7.8	326,910	299,140	27,770	8.5	341,180	319,390	21,790	6.4
Southwest	73,090	66,020	7,070	9.7	74,040	65,940	8,100	10.9	73,350	67,420	5,930	8.1
Three Rivers	125,140	112,980	12,160	9.7	125,010	111,740	13,270	10.6	127,300	117,080	10,220	8.0
Community College Districts												
Copiah-Lincoln	61,570	55,960	5,610	9.1	62,630	56,120	6,510	10.4	62,740	57,910	4,830	7.7
East Central	52,070	47,480	4,590	8.8	53,260	47,900	5,360	10.1	53,330	49,880	3,450	6.5
East Miss.	95,240	85,620	9,620	10.1	94,490	84,170	10,320	10.9	96,150	88,280	7,870	8.2
Gulf Coast	157,290	145,210	12,080	7.7	157,790	144,780	13,010	8.2	165,650	155,340	10,310	6.2
Hinds-Utica	209,580	194,150	15,430	7.4	211,490	194,900	16,590	7.8	217,500	204,670	12,830	5.9
Holmes	93,320	84,530	8,790	9.4	94,170	84,430	9,740	10.3	95,990	88,520	7,470	7.8
Itawamba	84,510	75,540	8,970	10.6	84,820	75,200	9,620	11.3	85,960	78,340	7,620	8.9
Jones	76,590	70,120	6,470	8.4	77,410	70,450	6,960	9.0	79,350	73,810	5,540	7.0
Miss. Delta	78,630	70,120	8,510	10.8	79,510	69,790	9,720	12.2	79,970	72,590	7,380	9.2
Northeast	56,030	49,970	6,060	10.8	56,110	49,570	6,540	11.7	56,160	51,500	4,660	8.3
Northwest	165,080	150,480	14,600	8.8	165,630	149,520	16,110	9.7	170,480	159,290	11,190	6.6
Pearl River	111,230	102,420	8,810	7.9	112,620	102,750	9,870	8.8	117,220	109,820	7,400	6.3
Southwest	30,960	27,950	3,010	9.7	31,230	27,890	3,340	10.7	30,740	28,410	2,330	7.6
Cities												
Biloxi	19,410	17,870	1,540	7.9	19,530	17,860	1,670	8.5	20,480	19,160	1,320	6.4
Clinton	13,690	12,960	730	5.3	13,800	13,020	780	5.7	14,350	13,670	680	4.7
Columbus	10,610	8,870	1,740	16.4	10,770	8,880	1,890	17.5	10,460	9,160	1,300	12.4
Greenville	15,080	13,260	1,820	12.1	15,280	13,180	2,100	13.7	14,920	13,320	1,600	10.7
Gulfport	30,760	28,170	2,590	8.4	30,920	28,150	2,770	8.9	32,270	30,210	2,060	6.4
Hattiesburg	22,970	20,780	2,190	9.5	23,420	20,910	2,510	10.7	24,310	22,540	1,770	7.3
Hattiesburg 1/	20,730	18,820	1,910	9.2	21,150	18,940	2,210	10.4	21,960	20,410	1,550	7.1
Hattiesburg 2/	2,230	1,960	270	12.3	2,270	1,970	300	13.2	2,340	2,120	220	9.2
Jackson	77,590	70,950	6,640	8.6	78,300	71,260	7,040	9.0	80,420	74,830	5,590	6.9
Meridian	16,050	14,090	1,960	12.2	16,220	14,170	2,050	12.6	16,070	14,450	1,620	10.1
Moss Point	6,620	6,140	480	7.2	6,630	6,110	520	7.8	6,960	6,550	410	5.8
Olive Branch	15,330	14,260	1,070	7.0	15,410	14,250	1,160	7.5	16,050	15,270	780	4.9
Pascagoula	9,720	8,740	980	10.1	9,710	8,690	1,020	10.5	10,110	9,320	790	7.8
Pearl	17,030	16,280	750	4.4	17,170	16,350	820	4.8	17,780	17,170	610	3.4
Southaven	21,450	20,140	1,310	6.1	21,530	20,130	1,400	6.5	22,560	21,580	980	4.4
Tupelo	17,420	15,590	1,830	10.5	17,430	15,510	1,920	11.0	17,430	16,080	1,350	7.7
Vicksburg	11,490	9,820	1,670	14.5	11,610	9,860	1,750	15.1	11,450	10,320	1,130	9.9

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Twelve Month Moving Averages
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Area					Area				
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate		Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate
Mississippi	1,306,600	1,190,600	116,000	8.9	Kemper	4,330	3,830	500	11.5
Biloxi Gulfport MSA	110,720	102,630	8,090	7.3	Lafayette	22,340	20,800	1,540	6.9
Hattiesburg MSA	64,780	60,270	4,510	7.0	Lamar	23,330	21,920	1,410	6.0
Jackson MSA	257,230	239,150	18,080	7.0	Lauderdale	34,430	31,520	2,910	8.5
Pascagoula MSA	69,390	63,730	5,660	8.2	Lawrence	5,490	4,950	540	9.8
United States (not seasonally adjusted)	154,486,000	141,322,000	13,164,000	8.5	Leake	8,370	7,630	740	8.8
Counties					Lee	39,130	35,330	3,800	9.7
Adams	13,840	12,680	1,160	8.4	Leflore	13,760	12,160	1,600	11.6
Alcorn	15,610	13,880	1,730	11.1	Lincoln	14,390	13,050	1,340	9.3
Amite	5,390	4,870	520	9.6	Lowndes	25,870	23,300	2,570	9.9
Attala	7,440	6,510	930	12.5	Madison	44,850	41,890	2,960	6.6
Benton	2,960	2,550	410	13.9	Marion	10,750	9,770	980	9.1
Bolivar	15,330	13,730	1,600	10.4	Marshall	15,270	13,530	1,740	11.4
Calhoun	5,900	5,230	670	11.4	Monroe	16,080	13,930	2,150	13.4
Carroll	4,970	4,470	500	10.1	Montgomery	4,730	4,120	610	12.9
Chickasaw	7,250	6,270	980	13.5	Neshoba	13,510	12,330	1,180	8.7
Choctaw	3,420	3,030	390	11.4	Newton	9,590	8,780	810	8.4
Claiborne	3,590	3,030	560	15.6	Noxubee	3,990	3,270	720	18.0
Clarke	7,340	6,640	700	9.5	Oktibbeha	20,450	18,860	1,590	7.8
Clay	7,660	6,410	1,250	16.3	Panola	15,070	13,350	1,720	11.4
Coahoma	10,040	8,850	1,190	11.9	Pearl River	21,450	19,690	1,760	8.2
Copiah	12,090	10,920	1,170	9.7	Perry	5,100	4,590	510	10.0
Covington	8,870	8,210	660	7.4	Pike	15,950	14,530	1,420	8.9
DeSoto	75,130	69,970	5,160	6.9	Pontotoc	13,630	12,340	1,290	9.5
Forrest	36,370	33,770	2,600	7.1	Prentiss	11,540	10,170	1,370	11.9
Franklin	3,210	2,890	320	10.0	Quitman	3,720	3,290	430	11.6
George	9,240	8,320	920	10.0	Rankin	71,910	67,900	4,010	5.6
Greene	5,030	4,500	530	10.5	Scott	13,960	13,070	890	6.4
Grenada	9,440	8,370	1,070	11.3	Sharkey	2,520	2,260	260	10.3
Hancock	18,100	16,730	1,370	7.6	Simpson	11,510	10,590	920	8.0
Harrison	85,030	78,890	6,140	7.2	Smith	6,540	6,010	530	8.1
Hinds	116,890	107,860	9,030	7.7	Stone	7,590	7,010	580	7.6
Holmes	7,660	6,290	1,370	17.9	Sunflower	10,450	9,120	1,330	12.7
Humphreys	4,570	4,030	540	11.8	Tallahatchie	6,180	5,520	660	10.7
Issaquena	700	630	70	10.0	Tate	11,740	10,550	1,190	10.1
Itawamba	10,440	9,320	1,120	10.7	Tippah	9,270	8,020	1,250	13.5
Jackson	60,170	55,420	4,750	7.9	Tishomingo	8,290	7,320	970	11.7
Jasper	7,410	6,690	720	9.7	Tunica	4,500	3,840	660	14.7
Jefferson	2,760	2,280	480	17.4	Union	12,570	11,380	1,190	9.5
Jeff Davis	5,350	4,840	510	9.5	Walthall	6,240	5,650	590	9.5
Jones	30,220	28,160	2,060	6.8	Warren	22,880	20,880	2,000	8.7
					Washington	23,760	20,880	2,880	12.1
					Wayne	8,600	7,780	820	9.5
					Webster	3,660	3,210	450	12.3
					Wilkinson	3,800	3,400	400	10.5
					Winston	8,560	7,340	1,220	14.3
					Yalobusha	5,620	4,850	770	13.7
					Yazoo	10,130	9,000	1,130	11.2

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Area	Labor Force			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Workforce Investment Areas				
Delta	123,230	108,420	14,810	12.0
Miss Partnership	377,990	339,860	38,130	10.1
Southcentral MS	364,920	336,370	28,550	7.8
Twin Districts	440,680	406,100	34,580	7.8
Planning and Development Districts				
Central Miss.	290,260	269,040	21,220	7.3
East Central	105,480	96,500	8,980	8.5
Golden Triangle	73,610	65,420	8,190	11.1
North Central	53,620	46,770	6,850	12.8
North Delta	126,380	115,370	11,010	8.7
Northeast	62,940	55,470	7,470	11.9
South Delta	57,330	50,650	6,680	11.7
Southern	335,200	309,600	25,600	7.6
Southwest	74,660	67,330	7,330	9.8
Three Rivers	127,340	114,600	12,740	10.0
Community College Districts				
Copiah-Lincoln	63,290	57,360	5,930	9.4
East Central	53,990	49,150	4,840	9.0
East Miss.	96,730	87,190	9,540	9.9
Gulf Coast	162,030	149,640	12,390	7.6
Hinds-Utica	215,270	199,670	15,600	7.2
Holmes	96,300	86,890	9,410	9.8
Itawamba	86,530	77,190	9,340	10.8
Jones	79,110	72,580	6,530	8.3
Miss. Delta	81,130	71,660	9,470	11.7
Northeast	57,280	50,770	6,510	11.4
Northwest	168,430	153,480	14,950	8.9
Pearl River	115,350	106,720	8,630	7.5
Southwest	31,380	28,450	2,930	9.3
Cities				
Biloxi	20,010	18,420	1,590	7.9
Clinton	14,080	13,340	740	5.3
Columbus	10,760	9,080	1,680	15.6
Greenville	15,390	13,430	1,960	12.7
Gulfport	31,670	29,040	2,630	8.3
Hattiesburg	23,930	21,870	2,060	8.6
Hattiesburg 1/	21,610	19,810	1,800	8.3
Hattiesburg 2/	2,320	2,060	260	11.2
Jackson	79,610	73,030	6,580	8.3
Meridian	16,380	14,460	1,920	11.7
Moss Point	6,830	6,330	500	7.3
Olive Branch	15,680	14,620	1,060	6.8
Pascagoula	9,960	9,000	960	9.6
Pearl	17,530	16,760	770	4.4
Southaven	21,900	20,650	1,250	5.7
Tupelo	17,690	15,900	1,790	10.1
Vicksburg	11,640	10,050	1,590	13.7

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*Five Year Comparison of Unemployment Rates
As of September 2009*

Area	Current month Sep 2009	ONE Year Ago Sep 2008	TWO Years Ago Sep 2007	THREE Years Ago Sep 2006	FOUR Years Ago Sep 2005	FIVE Years Ago Sep 2004
Mississippi	8.8	7.1	6.0	6.2	9.6	6.5
Biloxi Gulfport MSA	7.3	5.9	5.0	7.4	23.2	5.4
Hattiesburg MSA	7.5	6.0	4.8	4.7	8.6	5.4
Jackson MSA	7.1	5.8	5.0	5.0	5.9	5.5
Pascagoula MSA	8.3	6.8	5.4	7.3	23.0	6.7
United States (not seasonally adjusted)	9.5	6.0	4.5	4.4	4.8	5.1
United States (seasonally adjusted)	9.8	6.2	4.7	4.5	5.0	5.4
Counties						
Adams	8.0	6.8	6.0	6.9	12.1	7.3
Alcorn	11.3	7.8	6.6	7.7	5.8	7.0
Amite	8.6	6.8	6.4	6.1	12.4	6.3
Attala	11.8	9.8	7.7	7.6	6.8	8.1
Benton	12.6	11.5	9.7	10.3	8.0	9.6
Bolivar	9.0	8.4	6.8	6.8	7.6	7.5
Calhoun	9.7	9.8	7.7	7.5	5.6	7.0
Carroll	9.8	7.0	5.7	5.7	5.6	6.2
Chickasaw	13.2	12.5	10.9	9.6	9.1	9.4
Choctaw	11.3	7.6	6.6	7.3	6.4	7.7
Claiborne	15.0	11.3	9.5	10.6	11.1	10.8
Clarke	10.0	7.1	7.1	5.7	8.1	8.0
Clay	17.8	13.0	16.7	12.0	11.5	10.5
Coahoma	11.1	8.9	7.9	7.8	8.1	8.3
Copiah	9.9	7.5	7.1	6.6	9.1	7.4
Covington	7.7	6.4	5.4	5.3	8.7	5.6
DeSoto	7.2	5.1	4.0	3.9	3.6	4.1
Forrest	7.7	6.2	4.9	4.9	9.0	5.6
Franklin	9.0	7.8	6.9	6.3	10.1	8.1
George	10.0	10.0	6.9	9.9	12.6	10.5
Greene	9.9	11.7	7.5	7.6	11.6	10.0
Grenada	11.0	8.2	7.3	6.2	6.5	6.9
Hancock	7.5	6.2	5.3	6.8	23.3	5.4
Harrison	7.2	5.7	5.0	7.7	23.9	5.4
Hinds	7.9	6.5	5.5	5.6	6.9	6.2
Holmes	16.6	13.8	9.7	9.1	9.6	10.0
Humphreys	10.2	9.3	6.5	6.5	6.5	7.1
Issaquena	9.2	6.6	5.2	5.8	6.8	9.5
Itawamba	9.6	9.7	7.1	6.4	5.8	6.4
Jackson	8.0	6.3	5.2	6.8	24.2	6.2
Jasper	10.2	7.2	6.0	5.5	8.0	7.8
Jefferson	15.5	13.7	11.7	11.8	17.1	12.9
Jeff Davis	10.6	7.7	7.1	6.7	11.9	7.9
Jones	7.1	5.8	4.6	4.6	6.9	5.5

*Five Year Comparison of Unemployment Rates
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Area	Current month Sep 2009	ONE Year Ago Sep 2008	TWO Years Ago Sep 2007	THREE Years Ago Sep 2006	FOUR Years Ago Sep 2005	FIVE Years Ago Sep 2004
Kemper	10.3	9.0	7.6	8.2	7.7	8.9
Lafayette	6.9	5.0	4.5	4.2	4.2	5.1
Lamar	6.6	5.0	4.3	4.0	7.7	4.5
Lauderdale	8.7	7.5	6.5	6.2	6.0	7.1
Lawrence	10.2	9.1	7.0	7.4	10.3	7.4
Leake	8.7	7.4	6.0	6.5	6.2	7.0
Lee	9.8	7.5	6.8	6.7	5.9	6.6
Leflore	11.6	9.1	7.0	7.3	7.5	8.6
Lincoln	8.8	8.2	6.2	5.8	8.2	6.4
Lowndes	10.2	8.2	7.8	7.0	6.8	7.2
Madison	6.3	5.8	4.7	4.5	5.1	4.9
Marion	10.1	7.7	6.3	5.9	12.3	7.2
Marshall	11.2	8.5	7.5	9.8	6.5	8.4
Monroe	13.7	10.5	10.4	9.6	8.3	8.5
Montgomery	12.7	9.2	8.4	9.2	6.8	8.0
Neshoba	8.4	6.0	5.3	4.7	5.2	6.2
Newton	7.9	7.1	5.6	5.3	5.7	5.9
Noxubee	17.6	15.1	12.0	12.2	11.0	12.5
Oktibbeha	8.0	6.2	6.2	5.3	5.0	5.4
Panola	11.9	8.5	7.8	7.2	7.3	9.4
Pearl River	8.3	7.0	5.9	6.1	19.5	5.7
Perry	10.4	9.6	6.8	6.4	10.1	7.9
Pike	9.8	7.4	6.5	6.2	12.4	7.3
Pontotoc	8.7	8.2	6.7	5.9	5.8	5.4
Prentiss	11.5	8.1	6.9	7.9	6.7	7.8
Quitman	11.1	8.6	7.5	6.9	7.3	9.2
Rankin	5.6	4.5	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.4
Scott	5.9	5.2	4.6	5.2	5.0	5.4
Sharkey	9.0	7.3	5.8	6.5	7.3	8.4
Simpson	8.2	6.2	5.2	5.2	6.4	5.3
Smith	8.2	6.4	5.1	5.2	6.3	5.8
Stone	7.2	6.9	4.8	6.4	14.2	5.6
Sunflower	11.8	10.5	8.1	7.6	7.5	8.2
Tallahatchie	9.9	8.2	6.6	5.8	6.1	8.4
Tate	10.3	7.3	6.3	6.1	5.3	6.8
Tippah	12.5	10.6	6.7	7.2	5.5	7.2
Tishomingo	10.1	8.9	7.9	6.7	7.1	8.4
Tunica	13.0	10.3	5.8	5.6	9.7	7.2
Union	8.8	7.1	6.1	6.2	5.5	6.9
Walthall	10.3	7.7	6.4	5.8	16.2	7.9
Warren	9.1	6.7	5.8	5.7	6.8	6.2
Washington	11.3	9.7	7.6	8.5	9.1	9.7
Wayne	9.4	7.5	5.7	5.7	7.0	7.0
Webster	13.5	10.1	7.5	7.6	6.8	8.2
Wilkinson	10.1	8.9	7.7	7.7	19.4	8.5
Winston	15.1	7.6	6.3	6.7	6.5	7.5
Yalobusha	12.9	8.8	7.1	7.6	7.0	8.8
Yazoo	10.5	9.3	7.2	7.5	8.0	9.5

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Area	Current month Sep 2009	ONE Year Ago Sep 2008	TWO Years Ago Sep 2007	THREE Years Ago Sep 2006	FOUR Years Ago Sep 2005	FIVE Years Ago Sep 2004
Workforce Investment Areas						
Delta	11.3	9.3	7.4	7.3	7.8	8.6
Miss Partnership	10.0	7.7	6.7	6.6	5.8	6.7
Southcentral MS	7.8	6.4	5.5	5.5	7.3	6.1
Twin Districts	8.0	6.5	5.4	6.2	15.0	6.1
Planning and Development Districts						
Central Miss.	7.4	6.0	5.1	5.2	6.0	5.7
East Central	8.5	6.9	5.9	5.7	6.1	6.7
Golden Triangle	11.5	8.5	8.3	7.4	7.0	7.5
North Central	12.3	9.5	7.5	7.5	7.2	8.1
North Delta	8.8	6.4	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.9
Northeast	11.4	8.8	7.2	8.2	6.4	7.8
South Delta	10.6	9.3	7.3	7.6	8.0	8.6
Southern	7.8	6.4	5.2	6.4	17.6	5.9
Southwest	9.7	8.1	6.8	6.8	12.1	7.6
Three Rivers	9.7	8.0	7.1	6.7	6.0	6.7
Community College Districts						
Copiah-Lincoln	9.1	7.7	6.5	6.5	9.6	7.1
East Central	8.8	6.5	5.4	5.5	5.6	6.3
East Miss.	10.1	8.2	7.9	7.0	6.7	7.4
Gulf Coast	7.7	6.2	5.2	7.4	23.1	5.9
Hinds-Utica	7.4	5.9	5.1	5.2	6.0	5.7
Holmes	9.4	7.8	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.7
Itawamba	10.6	8.9	7.9	7.4	6.6	7.0
Jones	8.4	7.0	5.5	5.3	7.8	6.6
Miss. Delta	10.8	9.2	7.3	7.6	8.0	8.5
Northeast	10.8	8.3	6.8	7.2	6.0	7.4
Northwest	8.8	6.6	5.4	5.5	5.0	6.1
Pearl River	7.9	6.3	5.2	5.4	13.8	5.6
Southwest	9.7	7.6	6.6	6.3	14.1	7.4
Cities						
Biloxi	7.9	6.4	5.6	8.6	26.1	5.9
Clinton	5.3	4.7	4.1	4.3	5.6	2.9
Columbus	16.4	12.4	12.0	10.0	9.9	10.3
Greenville	12.1	10.7	8.1	8.9	10.0	10.4
Gulfport	8.4	6.4	5.5	7.9	23.2	5.7
Hattiesburg	9.5	7.3	5.8	5.6	11.7	6.2
Hattiesburg 1/ Hattiesburg 2/	9.2	7.1	5.7	5.6	10.0	6.1
Hattiesburg 2/	12.3	9.2	7.0	6.3	30.0	7.9
Jackson	8.6	6.9	5.9	5.9	7.6	7.2
Meridian	12.2	10.1	8.6	7.5	7.2	8.6
Moss Point	7.2	5.8	5.2	6.9	50.5	91.7
Olive Branch	7.0	4.9	3.8	3.7	3.3	3.8
Pascagoula	10.1	7.8	5.8	7.7	25.0	6.8
Pearl	4.4	3.4	3.1	3.7	5.1	94.0
Southaven	6.1	4.4	3.7	3.6	3.5	4.1
Tupelo	10.5	7.7	7.2	6.2	5.4	6.4
Vicksburg	14.5	9.9	8.4	6.9	9.0	7.2

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

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, Jeff 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

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS

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

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

East Mississippi and Meridian – Clay, Kemper, Lauderdale, Lowndes, Noxubee, and Oktibbeha Counties

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

Hinds-Utica – 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

Mississippi Delta-Coahoma – Bolivar, Coahoma, 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, Jeff Davis, Lamar, Marion, and Pearl River Counties

Southwest – Amite, Pike, Walthall, and Wilkinson Counties

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS – (revised 1/05)

Gulfport Biloxi MSA – Hancock, Harrison and Stone Counties

Hattiesburg MSA – Forrest, Lamar, and Perry Counties

Jackson MSA – Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, and Simpson Counties

Pascagoula MSA – George and Jackson 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, that 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
- Labor force statistics have been historically presented as preliminary for the current month and revised for prior time periods, however beginning January 2006 the Bureau of Labor Statistics has altered this methodology and revisions will only be introduced after the end of the calendar year is complete

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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

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

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

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

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

Final Payment – The last benefit payment a claimant receives in a benefit year because no further benefits are available until the beginning of a new benefit year

Initial Claim – A request for determination of insured status or a notice filed 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, which includes the 12th day of the month.

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.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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

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