

## ALABAMA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SYSTEM


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**SUBJECT:** Alabama County Unemployment Statistics

1. **Purpose.** This transmits civilian labor force unemployment statistics for Alabama counties.
2. **Discussion.** Civilian labor force unemployment data for each Alabama county and the state overall is regularly compiled by the Department of Industrial Relations' Labor Market Information Division. This data is utilized by Workforce Development Division staff in performing WIA fund allocations and in various meetings and presentations.
3. **Action.** The December 2002 (revised) and January 2003 (preliminary) Alabama county unemployment statistics are being furnished for general planning and informational purposes.
4. **Contact.** Any questions should be referred to Charles Terry, State Planning Section at (334) 242-5883.



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Attachment

**JANUARY 2003 PRELIMINARY UNEMPLOYMENT DATA**

Area	Civilian Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate *		
	Prel Jan 2003	Rev Dec 2002	Rev Jan 2002	Prel Jan 2003	Rev Dec 2002	Rev Jan 2002	Prel Jan 2003	Rev Dec 2002	Rev Jan 2002	Prel Jan 2003	Rev Dec 2002	Rev Jan 2002
Alabama**	2,157,400	2,091,000	2,115,300	2,037,300	1,966,700	1,992,300	120,100	124,300	123,000	5.6%	5.9%	5.8%
Autauga	22,490	22,190	22,200	21,520	21,180	21,260	970	1,010	940	4.3%	4.6%	4.3%
Baldwin	74,940	73,540	72,700	71,460	70,380	69,440	3,480	3,160	3,260	4.6%	4.3%	4.5%
Barbour	13,360	13,000	13,390	12,580	12,300	12,410	780	700	980	5.8%	5.4%	7.3%
Bibb	7,310	7,130	7,140	6,770	6,590	6,220	540	540	920	7.4%	7.5%	12.9%
Blount	26,570	26,150	25,780	25,460	25,010	25,040	1,110	1,140	740	4.2%	4.3%	2.9%
Bullock	4,380	4,390	4,270	3,920	3,870	3,770	460	520	500	10.6%	11.8%	11.6%
Butler	9,460	9,260	9,120	8,570	8,350	8,110	890	910	1,010	9.4%	9.8%	11.1%
Calhoun	52,370	51,870	51,620	49,570	49,260	48,470	2,800	2,610	3,150	5.3%	5.0%	6.1%
Chambers	16,030	15,620	15,760	15,030	14,590	14,450	1,000	1,030	1,310	6.2%	6.6%	8.3%
Cherokee	10,780	10,530	10,170	10,290	10,130	9,690	490	400	480	4.5%	3.8%	4.7%
Chilton	18,600	18,210	17,930	17,750	17,410	16,860	850	800	1,070	4.6%	4.4%	6.0%
Choctaw	5,140	5,020	4,970	4,550	4,440	4,490	590	580	480	11.5%	11.6%	9.6%
Clarke	12,490	12,140	12,610	11,440	11,150	11,260	1,050	990	1,350	8.4%	8.2%	10.7%
Clay	6,620	6,500	6,170	6,140	6,000	5,850	480	500	320	7.2%	7.7%	5.1%
Cleburne	6,980	6,890	6,810	6,670	6,680	6,510	310	210	300	4.4%	3.1%	4.4%
Coffee	19,060	18,780	18,540	18,310	18,130	17,570	750	650	970	3.9%	3.5%	5.2%
Colbert	23,630	23,510	24,460	21,600	21,650	22,120	2,030	1,860	2,340	8.6%	7.9%	9.6%
Conecuh	5,570	5,480	5,630	5,160	5,040	5,140	410	440	490	7.4%	8.1%	8.6%
Coosa	5,450	5,390	5,560	4,960	4,850	4,730	490	540	830	9.1%	9.9%	14.9%
Covington	16,330	15,890	15,740	15,300	15,040	14,620	1,030	850	1,120	6.3%	5.3%	7.1%
Crenshaw	5,050	4,920	4,820	4,700	4,620	4,460	350	300	360	7.0%	6.2%	7.4%
Cullman	40,490	39,780	38,690	38,250	37,570	36,730	2,240	2,210	1,960	5.5%	5.5%	5.1%
Dale	20,480	20,380	20,270	19,570	19,490	19,150	910	890	1,120	4.4%	4.4%	5.5%
Dallas	18,550	18,170	18,590	16,220	15,840	16,290	2,330	2,330	2,300	12.6%	12.8%	12.4%
DeKalb	34,440	33,630	32,440	32,730	32,040	30,670	1,710	1,590	1,770	5.0%	4.7%	5.4%
Elmore	31,280	30,930	30,940	30,050	29,570	29,690	1,230	1,360	1,250	3.9%	4.4%	4.0%
Escambia	16,090	15,680	15,780	14,700	14,350	14,510	1,390	1,330	1,270	8.6%	8.5%	8.0%
Etowah	47,780	47,710	46,750	44,970	45,030	43,720	2,810	2,680	3,030	5.9%	5.6%	6.5%
Fayette	7,130	7,150	7,490	6,550	6,480	6,890	580	670	600	8.1%	9.4%	8.1%
Franklin	15,700	15,090	15,370	13,650	13,280	14,180	2,050	1,810	1,190	13.0%	12.0%	7.7%
Geneva	9,280	9,030	9,230	8,810	8,650	8,490	470	380	740	5.1%	4.2%	8.0%
Greene	2,830	2,770	2,890	2,480	2,420	2,580	350	350	310	12.4%	12.5%	10.8%
Hale	7,220	6,960	6,800	6,430	6,280	6,050	790	680	750	10.9%	9.8%	11.0%
Henry	6,210	6,100	6,280	5,850	5,760	5,850	360	340	430	5.7%	5.6%	6.9%
Houston	45,700	45,260	44,810	43,670	43,480	42,730	2,030	1,780	2,080	4.5%	3.9%	4.6%
Jackson	25,480	24,870	24,550	23,630	23,130	21,960	1,850	1,740	2,590	7.2%	7.0%	10.5%
Jefferson	335,160	329,300	328,760	319,590	313,920	314,330	15,570	15,380	14,430	4.6%	4.7%	4.4%
Lamar	6,550	6,710	6,550	5,930	5,870	5,810	620	840	740	9.4%	12.5%	11.3%
Lauderdale	38,480	38,380	40,120	34,920	35,000	35,760	3,560	3,380	4,360	9.3%	8.8%	10.9%
Lawrence	16,330	16,230	16,610	15,320	15,290	15,220	1,010	940	1,390	6.2%	5.8%	8.3%
Lee	52,400	52,000	49,770	50,390	50,100	47,840	2,010	1,900	1,930	3.8%	3.7%	3.9%
Limestone	31,600	31,240	31,220	29,800	29,620	29,340	1,800	1,620	1,880	5.7%	5.2%	6.0%
Lowndes	4,410	4,430	4,680	3,840	3,920	4,120	570	510	560	13.0%	11.5%	12.0%
Macon	7,500	7,330	7,270	7,090	6,920	6,790	410	410	480	5.4%	5.6%	6.5%
Madison	145,530	144,360	143,180	139,590	138,770	137,440	5,940	5,590	5,740	4.1%	3.9%	4.0%
Marengo	11,050	10,860	10,810	10,520	10,360	10,210	530	500	600	4.8%	4.6%	5.5%
Marion	13,080	13,030	12,900	12,070	11,680	11,770	1,010	1,350	1,130	7.7%	10.4%	8.8%
Marshall	39,480	38,530	37,870	37,330	36,270	35,340	2,150	2,260	2,530	5.5%	5.9%	6.7%
Mobile	195,880	192,740	190,930	183,390	180,600	178,200	12,490	12,140	12,730	6.4%	6.3%	6.7%
Monroe	8,990	8,860	9,060	8,190	8,000	8,120	800	860	940	8.9%	9.7%	10.3%
Montgomery	110,030	108,180	107,970	104,560	102,900	103,310	5,470	5,280	4,660	5.0%	4.9%	4.3%
Morgan	56,060	55,830	55,770	52,290	52,190	51,950	3,770	3,640	3,820	6.7%	6.5%	6.9%
Perry	3,900	3,820	3,880	3,460	3,400	3,360	440	420	520	11.2%	11.0%	13.4%
Pickens	7,860	7,890	7,920	7,260	7,200	7,090	600	690	830	7.7%	8.8%	10.4%
Pike	13,330	13,120	12,710	12,500	12,270	11,980	830	850	730	6.2%	6.5%	5.7%
Randolph	8,960	9,050	9,240	8,490	8,220	8,600	470	830	640	5.3%	9.2%	6.9%
Russell	25,420	24,740	24,600	23,200	22,920	23,190	2,220	1,820	1,410	8.7%	7.3%	5.7%
Shelby	84,610	83,080	83,140	82,430	80,970	81,080	2,180	2,110	2,060	2.6%	2.5%	2.5%
St. Clair	32,790	32,180	32,150	31,340	30,780	30,820	1,450	1,400	1,330	4.4%	4.3%	4.1%
Sumter	4,960	4,850	4,780	4,430	4,360	4,320	530	490	460	10.7%	10.0%	9.6%
Talladega	35,620	34,230	33,470	32,160	31,430	30,610	3,460	2,800	2,860	9.7%	8.2%	8.5%
Tallapoosa	19,650	19,380	19,990	18,460	18,040	17,570	1,190	1,340	2,420	6.0%	6.9%	12.1%
Tuscaloosa	85,560	84,570	83,360	82,630	81,880	80,320	2,930	2,690	3,040	3.4%	3.2%	3.6%
Walker	28,040	27,460	27,440	26,280	25,710	25,470	1,760	1,750	1,970	6.3%	6.4%	7.2%
Washington	5,410	5,310	5,460	4,570	4,500	4,570	840	810	890	15.6%	15.2%	16.2%
Wilcox	3,620	3,530	3,730	3,150	3,090	3,150	470	440	580	13.0%	12.5%	15.4%
Winston	10,070	9,750	10,090	8,850	8,800	8,960	1,220	950	1,130	12.1%	9.8%	11.2%
United States**	145,838,000	145,150,000	143,826,000	137,536,000	136,439,000	135,791,000	8,302,000	8,711,000	8,035,000	5.7%	6.0%	5.6%

Estimates prepared by the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations in Cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on 2002 benchmark and the Current Population Survey (CPS).

\* Unemployment rate computed using unrounded data. \*\* State and National data are seasonally adjusted.

**METROPOLITAN AREAS  
JANUARY 2003 PRELIMINARY UNEMPLOYMENT DATA**

Area	Civilian Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate *		
	Prel Jan 2003	Rev Dec 2002	Rev Jan 2002	Prel Jan 2003	Rev Dec 2002	Rev Jan 2002	Prel Jan 2003	Rev Dec 2002	Rev Jan 2002	Prel Jan 2003	Rev Dec 2002	Rev Jan 2002
Anniston MA	52,370	51,870	51,620	49,570	49,260	48,470	2,800	2,610	3,150	5.3%	5.0%	6.1%
Auburn-Opelika MA	52,400	52,000	49,770	50,390	50,100	47,840	2,010	1,900	1,930	3.8%	3.7%	3.9%
Birmingham MA	479,130	470,690	469,830	458,820	450,670	451,270	20,310	20,020	18,560	4.2%	4.3%	3.9%
Decatur MA	72,390	72,060	72,380	67,610	67,480	67,170	4,780	4,580	5,210	6.6%	6.4%	7.2%
Dothan MA	66,180	65,630	65,080	63,240	62,960	61,880	2,940	2,670	3,200	4.4%	4.1%	4.9%
Florence MA	62,110	61,900	64,580	56,520	56,660	57,880	5,590	5,240	6,700	9.0%	8.5%	10.4%
Gadsden MA	47,780	47,710	46,750	44,970	45,030	43,720	2,810	2,680	3,030	5.9%	5.6%	6.5%
Huntsville MA	177,130	175,600	174,390	169,390	168,390	166,770	7,740	7,210	7,620	4.4%	4.1%	4.4%
Mobile MA	270,820	266,280	263,630	254,850	250,980	247,640	15,970	15,300	15,990	5.9%	5.7%	6.1%
Montgomery MA	163,800	161,300	161,110	156,130	153,650	154,260	7,670	7,650	6,850	4.7%	4.7%	4.2%
Tuscaloosa MA	85,560	84,570	83,360	82,630	81,880	80,320	2,930	2,690	3,040	3.4%	3.2%	3.6%

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**COUNTIES IN METROPOLITAN AREAS**

Anniston MA  
Calhoun

Auburn-Opelika MA  
Lee

Birmingham MA  
Blount  
Jefferson  
St. Clair  
Shelby

Decatur MA  
Lawrence  
Morgan

Dothan MA  
Dale  
Houston

Florence MA  
Colbert  
Lauderdale

Gadsden MA  
Etowah

Huntsville MA  
Limestone  
Madison

Mobile MA  
Baldwin  
Mobile

Montgomery MA  
Autauga  
Elmore  
Montgomery

Tuscaloosa MA  
Tuscaloosa