

**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 July 2003 (revised) and August 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

**AUGUST 2003 PRELIMINARY UNEMPLOYMENT DATA**

Area	Civilian Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate *		
	Prel Aug 2003	Rev Jul 2003	Rev Aug 2002	Prel Aug 2003	Rev Jul 2003	Rev Aug 2002	Prel Aug 2003	Rev Jul 2003	Rev Aug 2002	Prel Aug 2003	Rev Jul 2003	Rev Aug 2002
Alabama**	2,141,500	2,155,200	2,099,300	2,019,300	2,033,400	1,975,700	122,200	121,800	123,600	5.7%	5.7%	5.9%
Autauga	22,890	23,040	22,210	21,770	22,030	21,180	1,120	1,010	1,030	4.9%	4.4%	4.6%
Baldwin	75,020	76,060	73,240	72,010	72,610	69,960	3,010	3,450	3,280	4.0%	4.5%	4.5%
Barbour	13,440	13,520	13,230	12,670	12,750	12,220	770	770	1,010	5.7%	5.7%	7.6%
Bibb	7,380	7,350	7,240	6,840	6,810	6,470	540	540	770	7.3%	7.4%	10.6%
Blount	26,490	26,670	26,110	25,580	25,830	24,880	910	840	1,230	3.4%	3.2%	4.7%
Bullock	4,780	4,720	4,500	4,100	4,130	3,900	680	590	600	14.2%	12.6%	13.2%
Butler	9,670	9,760	9,410	8,740	8,770	8,510	930	990	900	9.6%	10.1%	9.6%
Calhoun	52,060	52,470	51,740	49,240	49,540	48,820	2,820	2,930	2,920	5.4%	5.6%	5.6%
Chambers	15,810	15,840	15,870	14,640	14,710	14,520	1,170	1,130	1,350	7.4%	7.2%	8.5%
Cherokee	10,770	10,840	10,660	10,320	10,320	10,220	450	520	440	4.1%	4.8%	4.2%
Chilton	18,600	18,800	18,370	17,670	17,840	17,360	930	960	1,010	5.0%	5.1%	5.5%
Choctaw	5,160	5,230	4,920	4,550	4,600	4,390	610	630	530	11.8%	12.1%	10.8%
Clarke	12,500	12,500	12,240	11,440	11,390	11,050	1,060	1,110	1,190	8.5%	8.9%	9.7%
Clay	6,440	6,840	6,640	6,030	6,170	6,050	410	670	590	6.4%	9.8%	8.9%
Cleburne	7,070	7,060	6,940	6,740	6,740	6,660	330	320	280	4.6%	4.5%	4.1%
Coffee	19,620	19,660	18,750	18,800	18,790	18,000	820	870	750	4.2%	4.4%	4.0%
Colbert	23,210	23,650	24,300	21,460	21,780	21,980	1,750	1,870	2,320	7.5%	7.9%	9.6%
Conecuh	5,820	5,780	5,500	5,300	5,310	5,030	520	470	470	8.9%	8.2%	8.6%
Coosa	5,270	5,420	5,330	4,880	4,980	4,890	390	440	440	7.5%	8.1%	8.3%
Covington	16,540	16,700	15,930	15,450	15,660	15,100	1,090	1,040	830	6.6%	6.2%	5.2%
Crenshaw	5,290	5,260	4,960	4,890	4,900	4,650	400	360	310	7.6%	6.9%	6.3%
Cullman	40,640	40,990	39,180	38,690	39,000	36,720	1,950	1,990	2,460	4.8%	4.8%	6.3%
Dale	20,650	20,860	20,520	19,640	19,880	19,420	1,010	980	1,100	4.9%	4.7%	5.4%
Dallas	18,700	18,880	18,540	16,230	16,280	15,570	2,470	2,600	2,970	13.2%	13.8%	16.0%
DeKalb	34,900	35,270	33,690	33,350	33,800	32,340	1,550	1,470	1,350	4.4%	4.2%	4.0%
Elmore	32,420	32,170	30,960	30,390	30,750	29,580	2,030	1,420	1,380	6.3%	4.4%	4.5%
Escambia	16,070	16,250	15,680	14,770	14,890	14,120	1,300	1,360	1,560	8.1%	8.4%	9.9%
Etowah	47,920	48,440	47,270	45,110	45,550	44,400	2,810	2,890	2,870	5.9%	6.0%	6.1%
Fayette	7,060	7,120	7,120	6,610	6,620	6,220	450	500	900	6.4%	7.0%	12.6%
Franklin	14,770	15,060	14,990	13,510	13,660	13,150	1,260	1,400	1,840	8.5%	9.3%	12.3%
Geneva	9,850	9,940	9,160	9,230	9,360	8,680	620	580	480	6.3%	5.8%	5.3%
Greene	2,880	2,880	2,910	2,530	2,520	2,560	350	360	350	12.1%	12.6%	12.2%
Hale	7,250	7,260	6,890	6,550	6,500	6,180	700	760	710	9.6%	10.4%	10.2%
Henry	6,450	6,440	6,410	6,020	6,020	5,950	430	420	460	6.6%	6.6%	7.2%
Houston	45,900	46,390	45,290	43,810	44,360	43,330	2,090	2,030	1,960	4.5%	4.4%	4.3%
Jackson	25,590	25,740	24,680	23,420	23,500	22,750	2,170	2,240	1,930	8.5%	8.7%	7.8%
Jefferson	338,580	340,980	329,600	321,080	324,240	312,400	17,500	16,740	17,200	5.2%	4.9%	5.2%
Lamar	6,090	6,120	6,400	5,390	5,450	5,860	700	670	540	11.5%	11.0%	8.5%
Lauderdale	37,780	38,290	39,690	34,700	35,200	35,530	3,080	3,090	4,160	8.2%	8.1%	10.5%
Lawrence	16,580	16,760	15,980	15,470	15,600	14,860	1,110	1,160	1,120	6.7%	6.9%	7.0%
Lee	51,050	51,500	51,670	48,830	49,230	49,500	2,220	2,270	2,170	4.3%	4.4%	4.2%
Limestone	30,880	31,670	31,190	29,390	29,640	29,740	1,490	2,030	1,450	4.8%	6.4%	4.6%
Lowndes	4,480	4,480	4,380	3,900	3,860	3,810	580	620	570	12.9%	13.9%	12.9%
Macon	7,870	7,740	7,020	7,160	7,210	6,520	710	530	500	9.0%	6.8%	7.1%
Madison	144,280	145,580	145,500	137,680	138,840	139,320	6,600	6,740	6,180	4.6%	4.6%	4.2%
Marengo	11,250	11,270	11,010	10,710	10,880	10,460	540	590	550	4.8%	5.3%	5.0%
Marion	12,740	12,910	12,680	11,900	12,140	11,710	840	770	970	6.6%	6.0%	7.7%
Marshall	40,030	40,170	38,430	37,970	38,120	36,110	2,060	2,050	2,320	5.1%	5.1%	6.0%
Mobile	199,130	200,650	193,630	184,790	186,340	179,520	14,340	14,310	14,110	7.2%	7.1%	7.3%
Monroe	9,300	9,300	9,230	8,300	8,390	8,060	1,000	910	1,170	10.8%	9.8%	12.7%
Montgomery	111,780	113,020	108,530	105,760	107,020	102,930	6,020	6,000	5,600	5.4%	5.3%	5.2%
Morgan	56,690	57,160	54,460	52,810	53,250	50,720	3,880	3,910	3,740	6.8%	6.8%	6.9%
Perry	4,170	4,180	4,020	3,670	3,690	3,410	500	490	610	11.9%	11.8%	15.2%
Pickens	8,360	8,300	7,990	7,470	7,470	7,170	890	830	820	10.6%	10.0%	10.2%
Pike	13,880	13,710	13,220	13,000	12,840	12,290	880	870	930	6.3%	6.3%	7.0%
Randolph	9,100	9,010	8,550	7,760	8,110	7,680	1,340	900	870	14.7%	10.0%	10.2%
Russell	25,010	25,030	24,870	23,100	23,200	22,660	1,910	1,830	2,210	7.6%	7.3%	8.9%
Shelby	84,960	85,780	82,820	82,820	83,630	80,580	2,140	2,150	2,240	2.5%	2.5%	2.7%
St. Clair	32,860	33,260	32,170	31,490	31,800	30,630	1,370	1,460	1,540	4.2%	4.4%	4.8%
Sumter	5,070	5,130	4,910	4,500	4,470	4,340	570	660	570	11.3%	12.9%	11.7%
Talladega	35,980	35,610	34,900	31,580	32,290	31,650	4,400	3,320	3,250	12.2%	9.3%	9.3%
Tallapoosa	19,320	19,620	19,450	18,130	18,540	18,170	1,190	1,080	1,280	6.2%	5.5%	6.6%
Tuscaloosa	84,370	84,380	83,090	81,200	81,300	79,840	3,170	3,080	3,250	3.8%	3.6%	3.9%
Walker	28,060	28,100	27,230	26,040	26,230	25,150	2,020	1,870	2,080	7.2%	6.7%	7.6%
Washington	5,520	5,630	5,310	4,630	4,650	4,360	890	980	950	16.1%	17.3%	17.9%
Wilcox	3,740	3,790	3,670	3,140	3,200	3,160	600	590	510	16.1%	15.6%	13.8%
Winston	10,040	10,150	10,100	9,050	9,140	9,170	990	1,010	930	9.9%	10.0%	9.2%
United States**	146,530,000	146,540,000	145,123,000	137,625,000	137,478,000	136,757,000	8,905,000	9,062,000	8,366,000	6.1%	6.2%	5.8%

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  
AUGUST 2003 PRELIMINARY UNEMPLOYMENT DATA**

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	Prel Aug 2003	Rev Jul 2003	Rev Aug 2002	Prel Aug 2003	Rev Jul 2003	Rev Aug 2002	Prel Aug 2003	Rev Jul 2003	Rev Aug 2002	Prel Aug 2003	Rev Jul 2003	Rev Aug 2002
Anniston MA	52,060	52,470	51,740	49,240	49,540	48,820	2,820	2,930	2,920	5.4%	5.6%	5.6%
Auburn-Opelika MA	51,050	51,500	51,670	48,830	49,230	49,500	2,220	2,270	2,170	4.3%	4.4%	4.2%
Birmingham MA	482,880	486,690	470,700	460,960	465,490	448,490	21,920	21,200	22,210	4.5%	4.4%	4.7%
Decatur MA	73,280	73,910	70,450	68,280	68,850	65,580	5,000	5,060	4,870	6.8%	6.9%	6.9%
Dothan MA	66,550	67,250	65,820	63,450	64,240	62,750	3,100	3,010	3,070	4.7%	4.5%	4.7%
Florence MA	60,990	61,950	63,990	56,160	56,980	57,510	4,830	4,970	6,480	7.9%	8.0%	10.1%
Gadsden MA	47,920	48,440	47,270	45,110	45,550	44,400	2,810	2,890	2,870	5.9%	6.0%	6.1%
Huntsville MA	175,170	177,240	176,690	167,070	168,470	169,060	8,100	8,770	7,630	4.6%	4.9%	4.3%
Mobile MA	274,130	276,710	266,870	256,790	258,950	249,480	17,340	17,760	17,390	6.3%	6.4%	6.5%
Montgomery MA	167,090	168,230	161,690	157,920	159,800	153,680	9,170	8,430	8,010	5.5%	5.0%	5.0%
Tuscaloosa MA	84,370	84,380	83,090	81,200	81,300	79,840	3,170	3,080	3,250	3.8%	3.6%	3.9%

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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