

## 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. Workforce Development Division staff use this information when calculating WIA fund allocations and in various meetings and presentations.
3. **Action.** The September 2004 (revised) and October 2004 (preliminary) Alabama county unemployment statistics are being furnished for general planning and informational purposes.

Interested persons may access past years' monthly unemployment data through [www.dir.state.al.us](http://www.dir.state.al.us).

4. **Contact.** Any questions should be referred to Charles Terry, State Planning Section, at (334) 242-5883.



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Attachment

## OCTOBER 2004 PRELIMINARY UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

Area	Civilian Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate *		
	Prel	Rev	Rev	Prel	Rev	Rev	Prel	Rev	Rev	Prel	Rev	Rev
	Oct	Sep	Oct	Oct	Sep	Oct	Oct	Sep	Oct	Oct	Sep	Oct
	2004	2004	2003	2004	2004	2003	2004	2004	2003	2004	2004	2003
Alabama**	2,162,100	2,163,100	2,165,500	2,043,500	2,039,700	2,039,000	118,600	123,400	126,500	5.5%	5.7%	5.8%
Autauga	23,410	23,180	23,260	22,300	22,120	22,090	1,110	1,060	1,170	4.7%	4.6%	5.0%
Baldwin	81,200	78,380	76,350	74,420	73,500	73,020	6,780	4,880	3,330	8.3%	6.2%	4.4%
Barbour	13,370	13,230	13,630	12,410	12,510	12,660	960	720	970	7.2%	5.5%	7.1%
Bibb	7,270	7,270	7,410	6,850	6,820	6,900	420	450	510	5.8%	6.2%	6.8%
Blount	26,580	26,330	26,650	25,710	25,560	25,740	870	770	910	3.3%	2.9%	3.4%
Bullock	4,860	4,820	4,910	4,080	4,100	4,190	780	720	720	16.0%	14.9%	14.6%
Butler	10,270	10,190	9,720	9,030	9,060	8,690	1,240	1,130	1,030	12.1%	11.1%	10.6%
Calhoun	54,430	54,030	54,110	51,460	51,210	50,930	2,970	2,820	3,180	5.5%	5.2%	5.9%
Chambers	15,550	15,630	15,340	14,110	14,130	14,120	1,440	1,500	1,220	9.2%	9.6%	8.0%
Cherokee	11,500	11,470	11,710	11,020	10,970	11,160	480	500	550	4.2%	4.4%	4.7%
Chilton	18,710	18,510	18,730	17,890	17,720	17,870	820	790	860	4.4%	4.3%	4.6%
Choctaw	4,780	4,740	5,010	4,310	4,240	4,380	470	500	630	9.9%	10.5%	12.5%
Clarke	12,620	12,590	12,760	11,570	11,510	11,680	1,050	1,080	1,080	8.3%	8.6%	8.5%
Clay	6,620	6,600	6,670	6,210	6,150	6,140	410	450	530	6.2%	6.8%	7.9%
Cleburne	6,970	6,930	6,910	6,690	6,630	6,360	280	300	550	4.0%	4.3%	8.0%
Coffee	20,460	20,430	20,890	19,600	19,480	19,600	860	950	1,290	4.2%	4.7%	6.2%
Colbert	23,770	23,960	24,220	22,060	22,010	22,380	1,710	1,950	1,840	7.2%	8.1%	7.6%
Conecuh	5,670	5,790	5,720	5,240	5,180	5,210	430	610	510	7.5%	10.5%	8.9%
Coosa	5,310	5,260	5,340	4,950	4,900	4,900	360	360	440	6.8%	6.8%	8.3%
Covington	16,350	16,560	17,190	15,340	15,260	15,560	1,010	1,300	1,630	6.2%	7.8%	9.5%
Crenshaw	5,050	5,110	5,280	4,630	4,650	4,770	420	460	510	8.3%	9.0%	9.6%
Cullman	40,130	40,020	41,030	38,360	38,280	38,860	1,770	1,740	2,170	4.4%	4.3%	5.3%
Dale	21,230	20,920	21,360	20,150	19,920	20,200	1,080	1,000	1,160	5.1%	4.8%	5.4%
Dallas	18,240	18,220	18,560	16,070	15,850	16,130	2,170	2,370	2,430	11.9%	13.0%	13.1%
DeKalb	33,490	33,700	34,260	31,760	32,020	32,100	1,730	1,680	2,160	5.2%	5.0%	6.3%
Elmore	32,640	32,380	32,500	31,240	30,980	30,930	1,400	1,400	1,570	4.3%	4.3%	4.8%
Escambia	15,260	15,320	15,660	14,120	14,000	14,330	1,140	1,320	1,330	7.4%	8.6%	8.5%
Etowah	47,810	47,670	47,890	44,650	44,540	44,690	3,160	3,130	3,200	6.6%	6.6%	6.7%
Fayette	7,240	7,260	7,630	6,750	6,750	7,060	490	510	570	6.7%	7.0%	7.4%
Franklin	15,420	15,290	15,220	14,520	14,270	14,000	900	1,020	1,220	5.9%	6.7%	8.0%
Geneva	9,620	9,630	10,110	9,180	9,170	9,440	440	460	670	4.6%	4.7%	6.6%
Greene	3,340	3,360	2,910	2,960	2,970	2,580	380	390	330	11.4%	11.5%	11.3%
Hale	6,890	6,900	6,920	6,210	6,240	6,250	680	660	670	9.8%	9.5%	9.7%
Henry	6,320	6,340	6,610	5,910	5,900	6,170	410	440	440	6.4%	7.0%	6.6%
Houston	47,230	46,750	47,370	45,140	44,620	45,250	2,090	2,130	2,120	4.4%	4.6%	4.5%
Jackson	25,600	25,700	25,960	23,540	23,590	23,590	2,060	2,110	2,370	8.0%	8.2%	9.1%
Jefferson	336,850	334,690	337,840	318,960	317,100	319,400	17,890	17,590	18,440	5.3%	5.3%	5.5%
Lamar	5,880	5,890	6,260	5,340	5,360	5,520	540	530	740	9.1%	9.0%	11.9%
Lauderdale	38,310	38,380	39,400	35,710	35,620	36,230	2,600	2,760	3,170	6.8%	7.2%	8.1%
Lawrence	16,110	15,820	16,080	14,850	14,810	14,880	1,260	1,010	1,200	7.8%	6.4%	7.5%
Lee	55,130	55,070	55,250	53,000	53,000	52,850	2,130	2,070	2,400	3.9%	3.8%	4.3%
Limestone	33,450	33,140	32,960	31,520	31,460	31,250	1,930	1,680	1,710	5.8%	5.1%	5.2%
Lowndes	4,490	4,400	4,490	3,810	3,750	3,880	680	650	610	15.1%	14.9%	13.7%
Macon	6,880	6,850	6,910	6,330	6,310	6,360	550	540	550	8.0%	7.9%	7.9%
Madison	154,130	153,830	153,840	147,850	147,540	146,570	6,280	6,290	7,270	4.1%	4.1%	4.7%
Marengo	11,380	11,320	11,520	10,760	10,700	10,870	620	620	650	5.4%	5.5%	5.7%
Marion	13,710	13,510	13,890	12,960	12,820	12,820	750	690	1,070	5.5%	5.1%	7.7%
Marshall	38,430	38,170	39,580	36,490	36,550	37,280	1,940	1,620	2,300	5.0%	4.2%	5.8%
Mobile	200,830	199,380	199,620	188,410	186,080	184,860	12,420	13,300	14,760	6.2%	6.7%	7.4%
Monroe	8,710	8,760	8,880	7,880	7,900	7,990	830	860	890	9.5%	9.8%	10.0%
Montgomery	114,130	112,880	112,890	107,290	106,400	106,250	6,840	6,480	6,640	6.0%	5.7%	5.9%
Morgan	55,410	54,940	55,130	51,240	51,100	51,340	4,170	3,840	3,790	7.5%	7.0%	6.9%
Perry	3,990	4,050	4,220	3,510	3,530	3,730	480	520	490	12.1%	12.9%	11.6%
Pickens	7,780	7,810	8,070	7,110	7,140	7,320	670	670	750	8.6%	8.5%	9.3%
Pike	15,230	15,150	14,610	14,330	14,270	13,680	900	880	930	5.9%	5.8%	6.4%
Randolph	9,380	9,420	9,500	8,710	8,620	8,500	670	800	1,000	7.1%	8.5%	10.5%
Russell	25,180	25,120	25,650	23,460	23,420	23,560	1,720	1,700	2,090	6.8%	6.8%	8.2%
Shelby	86,390	85,970	86,800	84,340	83,850	84,460	2,050	2,120	2,340	2.4%	2.5%	2.7%
St. Clair	32,990	32,870	33,110	31,590	31,410	31,640	1,400	1,460	1,470	4.2%	4.4%	4.4%
Sumter	5,050	5,020	5,140	4,480	4,440	4,530	570	580	610	11.3%	11.5%	11.8%
Talladega	35,530	35,410	36,200	32,850	32,560	32,520	2,680	2,850	3,680	7.5%	8.1%	10.2%
Tallapoosa	19,820	19,560	20,020	18,750	18,580	18,560	1,070	980	1,460	5.4%	5.0%	7.3%
Tuscaloosa	87,030	86,540	86,180	83,790	83,200	83,040	3,240	3,340	3,140	3.7%	3.9%	3.6%
Walker	28,230	28,140	28,580	26,420	26,380	26,600	1,810	1,760	1,980	6.4%	6.2%	6.9%
Washington	5,030	5,080	5,360	4,290	4,300	4,470	740	780	890	14.7%	15.3%	16.6%
Wilcox	3,640	3,650	3,690	3,040	3,060	3,100	600	590	590	16.4%	16.1%	16.0%
Winston	10,110	9,980	10,290	9,310	9,170	9,270	800	810	1,020	8.0%	8.1%	9.9%
United States**	147,850,000	147,483,000	146,892,000	139,778,000	139,480,000	138,095,000	8,072,000	8,003,000	8,797,000	5.5%	5.4%	6.0%

Estimates prepared by the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations in Cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on 2003 benchmark and the Current Population Survey (CPS). \* Unemployment rate computed using unrounded data. \*\* State and National data are seasonally adjusted.

**METROPOLITAN AREAS**  
**OCTOBER 2004 PRELIMINARY UNEMPLOYMENT DATA**

Area	Civilian Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate *		
	Prel Oct 2004	Rev Sep 2004	Rev Oct 2003	Prel Oct 2004	Rev Sep 2004	Rev Oct 2003	Prel Oct 2004	Rev Sep 2004	Rev Oct 2003	Prel Oct 2004	Rev Sep 2004	Rev Oct 2003
	Anniston MA	54,430	54,030	54,110	51,460	51,210	50,930	2,970	2,820	3,180	5.5%	5.2%
Auburn-Opelika MA	55,130	55,070	55,250	53,000	53,000	52,850	2,130	2,070	2,400	3.9%	3.8%	4.3%
Birmingham MA	482,820	479,850	484,400	460,600	457,920	461,240	22,220	21,930	23,160	4.6%	4.6%	4.8%
Decatur MA	71,530	70,760	71,210	66,090	65,920	66,220	5,440	4,840	4,990	7.6%	6.8%	7.0%
Dothan MA	68,450	67,660	68,730	65,280	64,530	65,450	3,170	3,130	3,280	4.6%	4.6%	4.8%
Florence MA	62,090	62,340	63,620	57,780	57,630	58,610	4,310	4,710	5,010	6.9%	7.6%	7.9%
Gadsden MA	47,810	47,670	47,890	44,650	44,540	44,690	3,160	3,130	3,200	6.6%	6.6%	6.7%
Huntsville MA	187,590	186,960	186,800	179,380	178,990	177,820	8,210	7,970	8,980	4.4%	4.3%	4.8%
Mobile MA	282,030	277,760	275,980	262,830	259,580	257,890	19,200	18,180	18,090	6.8%	6.5%	6.6%
Montgomery MA	170,170	168,430	168,660	160,830	159,490	159,270	9,340	8,940	9,390	5.5%	5.3%	5.6%
Tuscaloosa MA	87,030	86,540	86,180	83,790	83,200	83,040	3,240	3,340	3,140	3.7%	3.9%	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