

## 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. Office of Workforce Development staff use this information when calculating WIA fund allocations and in various meetings and presentations.
- 3. Action.** The August 2005 (revised) and September 2005 (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

## SEPTEMBER 2005 PRELIMINARY UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

Area	Civilian Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	Prel Sep 2005	Rev Aug 2005	Rev Sep 2004	Prel Sep 2005	Rev Aug 2005	Rev Sep 2004	Prel Sep 2005	Rev Aug 2005	Rev Sep 2004	Prel Sep 2005	Rev Aug 2005	Rev Sep 2004
Alabama**	2,172,759	2,145,115	2,153,960	2,086,527	2,063,467	2,034,333	86,232	81,648	119,627	4.0%	3.8%	5.6%
Autauga	23,588	23,361	22,931	22,847	22,518	21,874	741	843	1,057	3.1%	3.6%	4.6%
Baldwin	77,139	76,907	75,542	74,500	74,448	71,730	2,639	2,459	3,812	3.4%	3.2%	5.0%
Barbour	10,616	10,499	10,524	10,029	9,909	9,839	587	590	685	5.5%	5.6%	6.5%
Bibb	8,960	8,948	8,937	8,630	8,542	8,440	330	406	497	3.7%	4.5%	5.6%
Blount	26,375	26,205	26,067	25,624	25,362	25,059	751	843	1,008	2.8%	3.2%	3.9%
Bullock	3,836	3,841	3,961	3,497	3,462	3,479	339	379	482	8.8%	9.9%	12.2%
Butler	9,227	9,200	9,159	8,711	8,644	8,360	516	556	799	5.6%	6.0%	8.7%
Calhoun	54,258	53,780	54,599	52,184	51,564	51,704	2,074	2,216	2,895	3.8%	4.1%	5.3%
Chambers	16,515	16,486	16,992	15,655	15,534	15,788	860	952	1,204	5.2%	5.8%	7.1%
Cherokee	12,128	12,179	12,159	11,705	11,697	11,597	423	482	562	3.5%	4.0%	4.6%
Chilton	19,767	19,656	19,638	19,153	18,957	18,730	614	699	908	3.1%	3.6%	4.6%
Choctaw	5,353	5,296	5,456	5,018	4,976	5,005	335	320	451	6.3%	6.0%	8.3%
Clarke	10,220	10,160	10,414	9,630	9,489	9,530	590	671	884	5.8%	6.6%	8.5%
Clay	5,971	5,912	5,967	5,711	5,619	5,594	260	293	373	4.4%	5.0%	6.3%
Cleburne	6,698	6,637	6,673	6,472	6,391	6,345	226	246	328	3.4%	3.7%	4.9%
Coffee	19,944	19,952	20,199	19,242	19,217	19,158	702	735	1,041	3.5%	3.7%	5.2%
Colbert	25,141	25,097	25,109	24,022	23,898	23,410	1,119	1,199	1,699	4.5%	4.8%	6.8%
Conecuh	4,985	5,007	5,076	4,686	4,683	4,602	299	324	474	6.0%	6.5%	9.3%
Coosa	5,015	5,022	5,052	4,815	4,808	4,713	200	214	339	4.0%	4.3%	6.7%
Covington	17,048	16,823	17,372	16,395	16,123	16,241	653	700	1,131	3.8%	4.2%	6.5%
Crenshaw	5,783	5,766	5,855	5,536	5,475	5,455	247	291	400	4.3%	5.0%	6.8%
Cullman	38,714	38,143	38,902	37,372	36,740	37,056	1,342	1,403	1,846	3.5%	3.7%	4.7%
Dale	20,668	20,672	20,833	19,818	19,791	19,732	850	881	1,101	4.1%	4.3%	5.3%
Dallas	15,910	15,956	16,200	14,546	14,427	14,473	1,364	1,529	1,727	8.6%	9.6%	10.7%
DeKalb	31,991	31,880	32,551	30,716	30,465	30,868	1,275	1,415	1,683	4.0%	4.4%	5.2%
Elmore	33,915	33,469	32,981	32,874	32,401	31,474	1,041	1,068	1,507	3.1%	3.2%	4.6%
Escambia	14,324	14,240	14,404	13,602	13,440	13,246	722	800	1,158	5.0%	5.6%	8.0%
Etowah	47,067	46,764	47,356	45,189	44,752	44,422	1,878	2,012	2,934	4.0%	4.3%	6.2%
Fayette	7,942	7,869	7,972	7,654	7,536	7,472	288	333	500	3.6%	4.2%	6.3%
Franklin	13,932	13,664	13,733	13,341	12,996	12,824	591	668	909	4.2%	4.9%	6.6%
Geneva	12,085	12,114	11,804	11,665	11,690	11,261	420	424	543	3.5%	3.5%	4.6%
Greene	3,653	3,657	3,618	3,463	3,434	3,306	190	223	312	5.2%	6.1%	8.6%
Hale	7,279	7,270	7,143	6,982	6,922	6,666	297	348	477	4.1%	4.8%	6.7%
Henry	7,737	7,786	7,635	7,453	7,469	7,195	284	317	440	3.7%	4.1%	5.8%
Houston	46,866	47,010	45,862	45,318	45,417	43,749	1,548	1,593	2,113	3.3%	3.4%	4.6%
Jackson	27,207	27,048	27,263	26,096	25,793	25,479	1,111	1,255	1,784	4.1%	4.6%	6.5%
Jefferson	327,030	324,901	324,385	314,235	311,018	307,301	12,795	13,883	17,084	3.9%	4.3%	5.3%
Lamar	6,163	6,088	6,347	5,880	5,782	5,872	283	306	475	4.6%	5.0%	7.5%
Lauderdale	42,156	42,101	41,887	40,360	40,153	39,332	1,796	1,948	2,555	4.3%	4.6%	6.1%
Lawrence	16,280	16,203	15,970	15,572	15,357	15,024	708	846	946	4.3%	5.2%	5.9%
Lee	63,196	62,768	62,987	61,321	60,705	60,434	1,875	2,063	2,553	3.0%	3.3%	4.1%
Limestone	35,592	35,471	34,774	34,329	33,940	33,095	1,263	1,531	1,679	3.5%	4.3%	4.8%
Lowndes	5,162	5,176	5,081	4,830	4,761	4,624	332	415	457	6.4%	8.0%	9.0%
Macon	8,628	8,602	8,657	8,188	8,115	8,092	440	487	565	5.1%	5.7%	6.5%
Madison	161,915	160,371	158,112	157,055	155,279	151,413	4,860	5,092	6,699	3.0%	3.2%	4.2%
Marengo	8,876	8,875	8,801	8,405	8,390	8,235	471	485	566	5.3%	5.5%	6.4%
Marion	13,748	13,617	13,744	13,220	13,014	12,991	528	603	753	3.8%	4.4%	5.5%
Marshall	42,442	41,905	41,944	41,015	40,387	40,077	1,427	1,518	1,867	3.4%	3.6%	4.5%
Mobile	183,960	182,636	179,480	174,394	174,094	167,754	9,566	8,542	11,726	5.2%	4.7%	6.5%
Monroe	9,621	9,620	9,743	9,076	9,057	9,030	545	563	713	5.7%	5.9%	7.3%
Montgomery	108,574	107,406	105,760	104,220	102,718	99,779	4,354	4,688	5,981	4.0%	4.4%	5.7%
Morgan	56,542	55,976	55,796	54,370	53,618	52,456	2,172	2,358	3,340	3.8%	4.2%	6.0%
Perry	3,591	3,625	3,702	3,312	3,296	3,301	279	329	401	7.8%	9.1%	10.8%
Pickens	8,038	7,938	8,150	7,666	7,511	7,563	372	427	587	4.6%	5.4%	7.2%
Pike	14,558	14,513	15,233	14,026	13,914	14,427	532	599	806	3.7%	4.1%	5.3%
Randolph	9,622	9,532	10,039	8,971	8,830	9,350	651	702	689	6.8%	7.4%	6.9%
Russell	21,201	21,199	21,021	20,144	20,020	19,835	1,057	1,179	1,186	5.0%	5.6%	5.6%
Shelby	90,680	89,829	89,194	88,315	87,411	86,366	2,365	2,418	2,828	2.6%	2.7%	3.2%
St. Clair	32,914	32,618	32,664	31,831	31,505	31,129	1,083	1,113	1,535	3.3%	3.4%	4.7%
Sumter	4,978	4,949	5,042	4,656	4,611	4,572	322	338	470	6.5%	6.8%	9.3%
Talladega	39,746	39,579	39,417	38,117	37,818	36,904	1,629	1,761	2,513	4.1%	4.4%	6.4%
Tallapoosa	18,582	18,593	18,514	17,878	17,848	17,499	704	745	1,015	3.8%	4.0%	5.5%
Tuscaloosa	86,982	86,587	84,300	84,290	83,567	80,473	2,692	3,020	3,827	3.1%	3.5%	4.5%
Walker	30,656	30,455	30,641	29,470	29,169	28,820	1,186	1,286	1,821	3.9%	4.2%	5.9%
Washington	6,717	6,642	6,876	6,323	6,199	6,257	394	443	619	5.9%	6.7%	9.0%
Wilcox	3,677	3,660	3,808	3,371	3,305	3,353	306	355	455	8.3%	9.7%	11.9%
Winston	10,202	10,036	10,420	9,747	9,550	9,684	455	486	736	4.5%	4.8%	7.1%
United States**	150,093,000	149,841,000	147,531,000	142,432,000	142,449,000	139,527,000	7,661,000	7,391,000	8,005,000	5.1%	4.9%	5.4%

Estimates prepared by the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations in Cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on 2004 benchmark.

\*\*State and National data are seasonally adjusted.

## METROPOLITAN AREAS SEPTEMBER 2005 PRELIMINARY UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

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Anniston-Oxford MA	54,258	53,780	54,599	52,184	51,564	51,704	2,074	2,216	2,895	3.8%	4.1%	5.3%
Auburn-Opelika MA	63,196	62,768	62,987	61,321	60,705	60,434	1,875	2,063	2,553	3.0%	3.3%	4.1%
Birmingham-Hoover MA	536,381	532,609	531,525	517,258	511,963	505,844	19,123	20,646	25,681	3.6%	3.9%	4.8%
Decatur MA	72,822	72,179	71,766	69,942	68,975	67,480	2,880	3,204	4,286	4.0%	4.4%	6.0%
Dothan MA	66,688	66,911	65,301	64,436	64,577	62,205	2,252	2,334	3,096	3.4%	3.5%	4.7%
Florence-Muscle Shoals MA	67,297	67,198	66,996	64,382	64,051	62,742	2,915	3,147	4,254	4.3%	4.7%	6.3%
Gadsden MA	47,067	46,764	47,356	45,189	44,752	44,422	1,878	2,012	2,934	4.0%	4.3%	6.2%
Huntsville MA	197,507	195,842	192,886	191,384	189,219	184,508	6,123	6,623	8,378	3.1%	3.4%	4.3%
Mobile MA	183,960	182,636	179,480	174,394	174,094	167,754	9,566	8,542	11,726	5.2%	4.7%	6.5%
Montgomery MA	171,240	169,411	166,754	164,772	162,397	157,751	6,468	7,014	9,003	3.8%	4.1%	5.4%
Tuscaloosa MA	97,914	97,513	95,061	94,735	93,922	90,445	3,179	3,591	4,616	3.2%	3.7%	4.9%

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### COUNTIES IN METROPOLITAN AREAS

Anniston MA  
Calhoun

Auburn-Opelika MA  
Lee

Birmingham MA  
Bibb  
Blount  
Chilton  
Jefferson  
St. Clair  
Shelby  
Walker

Decatur MA  
Lawrence  
Morgan

Dothan MA  
Geneva  
Henry  
Houston

Florence MA  
Colbert  
Lauderdale

Gadsden MA  
Etowah

Huntsville MA  
Limestone  
Madison

Mobile MA  
Mobile

Montgomery MA  
Autauga  
Elmore  
Lowndes  
Montgomery

Tuscaloosa MA  
Greene  
Hale  
Tuscaloosa