

## ALABAMA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SYSTEM

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**SUBJECT:** Alabama County Unemployment Statistics

- Purpose.** This transmits civilian labor force unemployment statistics for Alabama counties.
- 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.
- Action.** The January 2006 and February 2006 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).
- Contact.** Any questions should be referred to Charles Terry, State Planning Section, at (334) 242-5883.



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## FEBRUARY 2006 UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

Area	Civilian Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	Feb 2006	Jan 2006	Feb 2005	Feb 2006	Jan 2006	Feb 2005	Feb 2006	Jan 2006	Feb 2005	Feb 2006	Jan 2006	Feb 2005
Alabama**	2,175,672	2,173,486	2,145,357	2,097,199	2,091,910	2,053,947	78,473	81,576	91,410	3.6%	3.8%	4.3%
Autauga	23,431	23,455	23,145	22,651	22,638	22,171	780	817	974	3.3%	3.5%	4.2%
Baldwin	76,664	76,357	74,694	74,219	73,829	71,369	2,445	2,528	3,325	3.2%	3.3%	4.5%
Barbour	10,925	10,910	10,807	10,374	10,338	10,121	551	572	686	5.0%	5.2%	6.3%
Bibb	8,869	8,863	8,810	8,522	8,503	8,402	347	360	408	3.9%	4.1%	4.6%
Blount	26,402	26,312	26,229	25,567	25,508	25,206	835	804	1,023	3.2%	3.1%	3.9%
Bullock	3,752	3,770	3,815	3,457	3,450	3,446	295	320	369	7.9%	8.5%	9.7%
Butler	9,201	9,198	9,044	8,696	8,661	8,381	505	537	663	5.5%	5.8%	7.3%
Calhoun	53,838	53,830	53,879	51,684	51,628	51,181	2,154	2,202	2,698	4.0%	4.1%	5.0%
Chambers	16,257	16,253	16,546	15,380	15,402	15,595	877	851	951	5.4%	5.2%	5.7%
Cherokee	12,058	12,146	12,010	11,576	11,651	11,421	482	495	589	4.0%	4.1%	4.9%
Chilton	19,780	19,750	19,728	19,085	19,040	18,815	695	710	913	3.5%	3.6%	4.6%
Choctaw	5,356	5,333	5,359	5,035	5,006	4,948	321	327	411	6.0%	6.1%	7.7%
Clarke	10,096	10,129	10,194	9,470	9,506	9,479	626	623	715	6.2%	6.2%	7.0%
Clay	6,093	6,109	5,838	5,828	5,836	5,527	265	273	311	4.3%	4.5%	5.3%
Cleburne	6,745	6,716	6,622	6,463	6,495	6,298	282	221	324	4.2%	3.3%	4.9%
Coffee	20,251	20,125	19,857	19,518	19,370	18,996	733	755	861	3.6%	3.8%	4.3%
Colbert	25,507	25,314	24,759	24,243	24,070	23,196	1,264	1,244	1,563	5.0%	4.9%	6.3%
Conecuh	5,226	5,233	5,162	4,920	4,927	4,806	306	306	356	5.9%	5.8%	6.9%
Coosa	4,950	4,959	5,012	4,718	4,727	4,668	232	232	344	4.7%	4.7%	6.9%
Covington	17,051	17,031	16,906	16,371	16,327	15,998	680	704	908	4.0%	4.1%	5.4%
Crenshaw	6,570	6,581	6,539	6,337	6,336	6,336	233	245	361	3.5%	3.7%	6.3%
Cullman	38,925	38,810	38,112	37,531	37,420	36,412	1,394	1,390	1,700	3.6%	3.6%	4.5%
Dale	20,674	20,543	20,336	19,845	19,694	19,314	829	849	1,022	4.0%	4.1%	5.0%
Dallas	15,829	15,928	16,171	14,654	14,687	14,810	1,175	1,241	1,361	7.4%	7.8%	8.4%
DeKalb	31,326	31,367	31,232	29,889	29,935	29,336	1,437	1,432	1,896	4.6%	4.6%	6.1%
Elmore	33,653	33,655	33,193	32,486	32,468	31,798	1,167	1,187	1,395	3.5%	3.5%	4.2%
Escambia	14,645	14,503	14,452	13,919	13,749	13,571	726	754	881	5.0%	5.2%	6.1%
Etowah	47,525	47,344	46,539	45,514	45,341	44,023	2,011	2,003	2,516	4.2%	4.2%	5.4%
Fayette	8,004	8,018	7,954	7,712	7,704	7,548	292	314	406	3.6%	3.9%	5.1%
Franklin	14,047	13,935	13,723	13,387	13,271	12,794	660	664	929	4.7%	4.8%	6.8%
Geneva	11,800	11,740	11,648	11,375	11,321	11,147	425	419	501	3.6%	3.6%	4.3%
Greene	3,494	3,504	3,516	3,296	3,295	3,227	198	209	289	5.7%	6.0%	8.2%
Hale	7,091	7,047	7,037	6,740	6,738	6,599	351	309	438	4.9%	4.4%	6.2%
Henry	7,646	7,625	7,568	7,353	7,317	7,205	293	308	363	3.8%	4.0%	4.8%
Houston	46,291	46,130	45,752	44,745	44,530	43,846	1,546	1,600	1,906	3.3%	3.5%	4.2%
Jackson	26,799	26,764	26,905	25,589	25,553	25,334	1,210	1,211	1,571	4.5%	4.5%	5.8%
Jefferson	322,347	321,776	319,644	308,843	308,125	304,477	13,504	13,651	15,167	4.2%	4.2%	4.7%
Lamar	6,285	6,265	6,219	5,984	5,970	5,820	301	295	399	4.8%	4.7%	6.4%
Lauderdale	42,675	42,405	41,380	40,770	40,479	39,008	1,905	1,926	2,372	4.5%	4.5%	5.7%
Lawrence	16,098	15,968	15,989	15,273	15,185	15,000	825	783	989	5.1%	4.9%	6.2%
Lee	65,121	64,240	63,025	63,141	62,207	60,537	1,980	2,033	2,488	3.0%	3.2%	3.9%
Limestone	35,671	35,320	34,955	34,240	33,986	33,312	1,431	1,334	1,643	4.0%	3.8%	4.7%
Lowndes	4,978	4,992	4,971	4,633	4,630	4,534	345	362	437	6.9%	7.3%	8.8%
Macon	8,845	8,819	8,561	8,395	8,316	8,022	450	503	539	5.1%	5.7%	6.3%
Madison	161,122	160,054	157,641	155,883	154,727	151,657	5,239	5,327	5,984	3.3%	3.3%	3.8%
Marengo	8,677	8,771	8,579	8,249	8,334	8,000	428	437	579	4.9%	5.0%	6.7%
Marion	13,577	13,616	13,575	13,055	13,072	12,904	522	544	671	3.8%	4.0%	4.9%
Marshall	42,884	42,760	41,707	41,375	41,246	39,912	1,509	1,514	1,795	3.5%	3.5%	4.3%
Mobile	181,829	181,625	178,948	174,168	173,719	169,347	7,661	7,906	9,601	4.2%	4.4%	5.4%
Monroe	9,442	9,415	9,740	8,914	8,836	9,087	528	579	653	5.6%	6.1%	6.7%
Montgomery	105,913	106,008	104,504	101,460	101,401	99,310	4,453	4,607	5,194	4.2%	4.3%	5.0%
Morgan	56,250	55,855	55,650	53,888	53,574	52,925	2,362	2,281	2,725	4.2%	4.1%	4.9%
Perry	3,464	3,464	3,607	3,204	3,200	3,256	260	264	351	7.5%	7.6%	9.7%
Pickens	8,047	7,991	7,939	7,667	7,603	7,451	380	388	488	4.7%	4.9%	6.1%
Pike	15,349	15,195	14,741	14,797	14,631	14,083	552	564	658	3.6%	3.7%	4.5%
Randolph	9,543	9,487	10,150	9,042	9,009	9,510	501	478	640	5.2%	5.0%	6.3%
Russell	21,912	21,797	21,495	20,756	20,651	20,449	1,156	1,146	1,046	5.3%	5.3%	4.9%
Shelby	92,566	92,411	91,760	90,144	89,935	88,870	2,422	2,476	2,890	2.6%	2.7%	3.1%
St. Clair	33,093	33,066	32,991	31,990	31,916	31,538	1,103	1,150	1,453	3.3%	3.5%	4.4%
Sumter	4,934	4,932	4,836	4,620	4,609	4,473	314	323	363	6.4%	6.5%	7.5%
Talladega	39,246	39,341	39,672	37,522	37,633	37,439	1,724	1,708	2,233	4.4%	4.3%	5.6%
Tallapoosa	18,663	18,639	18,463	17,760	17,794	17,570	903	845	893	4.8%	4.5%	4.8%
Tuscaloosa	84,650	84,711	83,446	81,804	81,775	80,087	2,846	2,936	3,359	3.4%	3.5%	4.0%
Walker	30,071	30,076	29,960	28,877	28,810	28,469	1,194	1,266	1,491	4.0%	4.2%	5.0%
Washington	6,867	6,887	6,917	6,488	6,491	6,441	379	396	476	5.5%	5.7%	6.9%
Wilcox	3,568	3,580	3,706	3,277	3,276	3,340	291	304	366	8.2%	8.5%	9.9%
Winston	10,602	10,479	10,349	10,123	10,006	9,748	479	473	601	4.5%	4.5%	5.8%
United States**	150,449,000	150,114,000	148,271,000	143,257,000	143,074,000	140,285,000	7,193,000	7,040,000	7,986,000	4.8%	4.7%	5.4%

Estimates prepared by the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations in Cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on 2005 benchmark.

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

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## METROPOLITAN AREAS FEBRUARY 2006 UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

Area	Civilian Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
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Anniston-Oxford MA	53,838	53,830	53,879	51,684	51,628	51,181	2,154	2,202	2,698	4.0%	4.1%	5.0%
Auburn-Opelika MA	65,121	64,240	63,025	63,141	62,207	60,537	1,980	2,033	2,488	3.0%	3.2%	3.9%
Birmingham-Hoover MA	533,128	532,253	529,120	513,028	511,836	505,776	20,100	20,417	23,344	3.8%	3.8%	4.4%
Decatur MA	72,348	71,823	71,639	69,161	68,759	67,925	3,187	3,064	3,714	4.4%	4.3%	5.2%
Dothan MA	65,736	65,495	64,968	63,473	63,168	62,198	2,263	2,327	2,770	3.4%	3.6%	4.3%
Florence-Muscle Shoals MA	68,182	67,719	66,139	65,013	64,549	62,204	3,169	3,170	3,935	4.6%	4.7%	5.9%
Gadsden MA	47,525	47,344	46,539	45,514	45,341	44,023	2,011	2,003	2,516	4.2%	4.2%	5.4%
Huntsville MA	196,793	195,374	192,596	190,123	188,713	184,969	6,670	6,661	7,627	3.4%	3.4%	4.0%
Mobile MA	181,829	181,625	178,948	174,168	173,719	169,347	7,661	7,906	9,601	4.2%	4.4%	5.4%
Montgomery MA	167,975	168,109	165,813	161,230	161,137	157,813	6,745	6,972	8,000	4.0%	4.1%	4.8%
Tuscaloosa MA	95,236	95,262	94,000	91,840	91,808	89,913	3,396	3,454	4,087	3.6%	3.6%	4.3%

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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