

## ALABAMA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SYSTEM

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### GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTIVE NO. PY2005-01

**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 April 2005 revised) and May 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

MAY 2005 PRELIMINARY UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

Area	Civilian Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	Prel May 2005	Rev Apr 2005	Rev May 2004	Prel May 2005	Rev Apr 2005	Rev May 2004	Prel May 2005	Rev Apr 2005	Rev May 2004	Prel May 2005	Rev Apr 2005	Rev May 2004
Alabama**	2,143,150	2,143,531	2,147,632	2,048,026	2,049,084	2,025,847	95,124	94,447	121,785	4.4%	4.4%	5.7%
Autauga	22,882	22,778	22,743	22,152	22,058	21,821	730	720	922	3.2%	3.2%	4.1%
Baldwin	74,967	74,490	74,702	72,592	72,097	71,820	2,375	2,393	2,882	3.2%	3.2%	3.9%
Barbour	10,412	10,362	10,715	9,890	9,852	9,982	522	510	733	5.0%	4.9%	6.8%
Bibb	8,807	8,786	8,874	8,464	8,452	8,426	343	334	448	3.9%	3.8%	5.0%
Blount	25,968	25,911	25,969	25,132	25,094	25,019	836	817	950	3.2%	3.2%	3.7%
Bullock	3,776	3,719	3,873	3,500	3,460	3,525	276	259	348	7.3%	7.0%	9.0%
Butler	8,941	8,911	9,053	8,431	8,386	8,207	510	525	846	5.7%	5.9%	9.3%
Calhoun	53,883	53,587	53,954	51,757	51,487	51,388	2,126	2,100	2,566	3.9%	3.9%	4.8%
Chambers	16,374	16,358	16,678	15,570	15,545	15,656	804	813	1,022	4.9%	5.0%	6.1%
Cherokee	12,060	12,072	12,221	11,585	11,636	11,729	475	436	492	3.9%	3.6%	4.0%
Chilton	19,430	19,373	19,581	18,785	18,757	18,700	645	616	881	3.3%	3.2%	4.5%
Choctaw	5,356	5,305	5,543	5,044	4,996	5,096	312	309	447	5.8%	5.8%	8.1%
Clarke	10,189	10,143	10,474	9,614	9,591	9,636	575	552	838	5.6%	5.4%	8.0%
Clay	5,881	5,859	5,906	5,653	5,625	5,617	228	234	289	3.9%	4.0%	4.9%
Cleburne	6,573	6,528	6,770	6,349	6,307	6,463	224	221	307	3.4%	3.4%	4.5%
Coffee	19,923	19,832	20,135	19,263	19,188	19,140	660	644	995	3.3%	3.2%	4.9%
Colbert	24,807	24,716	25,072	23,618	23,566	23,223	1,189	1,150	1,849	4.8%	4.7%	7.4%
Conecuh	4,954	4,906	5,125	4,668	4,644	4,709	286	262	416	5.8%	5.3%	8.1%
Coosa	4,988	4,951	4,965	4,768	4,746	4,653	220	205	312	4.4%	4.1%	6.3%
Covington	16,855	16,839	17,264	16,199	16,185	16,220	656	654	1,044	3.9%	3.9%	6.0%
Crenshaw	5,715	5,628	5,868	5,450	5,369	5,525	265	259	343	4.6%	4.6%	5.8%
Cullman	38,188	38,126	38,685	36,872	36,839	36,906	1,316	1,287	1,779	3.4%	3.4%	4.6%
Dale	20,619	20,519	20,731	19,840	19,761	19,712	779	758	1,019	3.8%	3.7%	4.9%
Dallas	15,840	15,789	16,441	14,749	14,702	15,025	1,091	1,087	1,416	6.9%	6.9%	8.6%
DeKalb	31,705	31,689	32,208	30,250	30,237	30,581	1,455	1,452	1,627	4.6%	4.6%	5.1%
Elmore	32,880	32,762	32,785	31,874	31,739	31,398	1,006	1,023	1,387	3.1%	3.1%	4.2%
Escambia	14,176	14,149	14,410	13,491	13,482	13,450	685	667	960	4.8%	4.7%	6.7%
Etowah	46,962	46,340	47,157	45,031	44,441	44,472	1,931	1,899	2,685	4.1%	4.1%	5.7%
Fayette	7,858	7,839	7,876	7,554	7,533	7,381	304	306	495	3.9%	3.9%	6.3%
Franklin	13,559	13,505	13,350	12,920	12,871	12,477	639	634	873	4.7%	4.7%	6.5%
Geneva	11,932	11,845	11,839	11,551	11,466	11,350	381	379	489	3.2%	3.2%	4.1%
Greene	3,595	3,626	3,512	3,418	3,404	3,270	177	222	242	4.9%	6.1%	6.9%
Hale	7,176	7,138	7,021	6,891	6,861	6,591	285	277	430	4.0%	3.9%	6.1%
Henry	7,682	7,601	7,623	7,381	7,326	7,252	301	275	371	3.9%	3.6%	4.9%
Houston	46,410	46,022	46,036	44,876	44,547	44,096	1,534	1,475	1,940	3.3%	3.2%	4.2%
Jackson	26,939	27,091	26,997	25,669	25,867	25,379	1,270	1,224	1,618	4.7%	4.5%	6.0%
Jefferson	320,673	320,114	322,235	308,200	307,734	306,814	12,473	12,380	15,421	3.9%	3.9%	4.8%
Lamar	6,137	6,138	6,467	5,825	5,821	5,974	312	317	493	5.1%	5.2%	7.6%
Lauderdale	41,672	41,528	41,701	39,683	39,595	39,020	1,989	1,933	2,681	4.8%	4.7%	6.4%
Lawrence	16,041	15,954	16,131	15,218	15,204	15,194	823	750	937	5.1%	4.7%	5.8%
Lee	62,685	62,819	62,277	60,777	60,958	59,970	1,908	1,861	2,307	3.0%	3.0%	3.7%
Limestone	34,894	34,781	34,460	33,590	33,561	32,937	1,304	1,220	1,523	3.7%	3.5%	4.4%
Lowndes	5,077	4,999	5,038	4,683	4,663	4,613	394	336	425	7.8%	6.7%	8.4%
Macon	8,486	8,456	8,637	8,065	8,054	8,149	421	402	488	5.0%	4.8%	5.7%
Madison	158,537	158,315	157,175	153,676	153,541	150,686	4,861	4,774	6,489	3.1%	3.0%	4.1%
Marengo	8,866	8,612	8,915	8,431	8,163	8,451	435	449	464	4.9%	5.2%	5.2%
Marion	13,590	13,562	13,282	13,016	13,008	12,513	574	554	769	4.2%	4.1%	5.8%
Marshall	41,244	41,200	41,603	39,796	39,768	39,792	1,448	1,432	1,811	3.5%	3.5%	4.4%
Mobile	180,526	180,283	179,027	172,920	172,755	168,328	7,606	7,528	10,699	4.2%	4.2%	6.0%
Monroe	9,555	9,513	9,823	9,050	8,999	9,152	505	514	671	5.3%	5.4%	6.8%
Montgomery	105,483	104,735	105,129	101,047	100,621	99,538	4,436	4,114	5,591	4.2%	3.9%	5.3%
Morgan	55,320	55,152	55,998	53,132	53,087	53,049	2,188	2,065	2,949	4.0%	3.7%	5.3%
Perry	3,578	3,557	3,716	3,319	3,286	3,421	259	271	295	7.2%	7.6%	7.9%
Pickens	8,039	8,018	8,018	7,661	7,642	7,477	378	376	541	4.7%	4.7%	6.7%
Pike	14,858	14,842	15,210	14,356	14,355	14,502	502	487	708	3.4%	3.3%	4.7%
Randolph	9,976	10,025	10,288	9,541	9,590	9,724	435	435	564	4.4%	4.3%	5.5%
Russell	20,633	20,424	20,918	19,608	19,497	19,717	1,025	927	1,201	5.0%	4.5%	5.7%
Shelby	88,972	88,743	88,861	86,619	86,488	86,229	2,353	2,255	2,632	2.6%	2.5%	3.0%
St. Clair	32,334	32,248	32,474	31,220	31,172	31,079	1,114	1,076	1,395	3.4%	3.3%	4.3%
Sumter	4,859	4,863	4,950	4,546	4,527	4,541	313	336	409	6.4%	6.9%	8.3%
Talladega	39,102	39,063	38,665	37,433	37,408	36,237	1,669	1,655	2,428	4.3%	4.2%	6.3%
Tallapoosa	18,432	18,317	18,314	17,701	17,619	17,276	731	698	1,038	4.0%	3.8%	5.7%
Tuscaloosa	85,948	85,363	83,156	83,195	82,835	79,574	2,753	2,528	3,582	3.2%	3.0%	4.3%
Walker	30,096	30,005	30,453	28,904	28,861	28,774	1,192	1,144	1,679	4.0%	3.8%	5.5%
Washington	6,671	6,612	6,958	6,295	6,256	6,326	376	356	632	5.6%	5.4%	9.1%
Wilcox	3,641	3,625	3,681	3,351	3,337	3,295	290	288	386	8.0%	7.9%	10.5%
Winston	10,120	10,098	10,324	9,660	9,658	9,624	460	440	700	4.5%	4.4%	6.8%
United States**	149,122,000	148,762,000	147,018,000	141,475,000	141,099,000	138,846,000	7,647,000	7,663,000	8,172,000	5.1%	5.2%	5.6%

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  
MAY 2005 PRELIMINARY UNEMPLOYMENT DATA**

Area	Civilian Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	Prel May 2005	Rev Apr 2005	Rev May 2004	Prel May 2005	Rev Apr 2005	Rev May 2004	Prel May 2005	Rev Apr 2005	Rev May 2004	Prel May 2005	Rev Apr 2005	Rev May 2004
Anniston-Oxford	53,883	53,587	53,954	51,757	51,487	51,388	2,126	2,100	2,566	3.9%	3.9%	4.8%
Auburn-Opelika	62,685	62,819	62,277	60,777	60,958	59,970	1,908	1,861	2,307	3.0%	3.0%	3.7%
Birmingham-Hoover	526,280	525,180	528,447	507,324	506,558	505,042	18,956	18,622	23,405	3.6%	3.5%	4.4%
Decatur	71,361	71,106	72,129	68,350	68,291	68,243	3,011	2,815	3,886	4.2%	4.0%	5.4%
Dothan	66,024	65,468	65,498	63,808	63,339	62,698	2,216	2,129	2,800	3.4%	3.3%	4.3%
Florence-Muscle Shoals	66,479	66,244	66,773	63,301	63,161	62,243	3,178	3,083	4,530	4.8%	4.7%	6.8%
Gadsden	46,962	46,340	47,157	45,031	44,441	44,472	1,931	1,899	2,685	4.1%	4.1%	5.7%
Huntsville	193,431	193,096	191,635	187,266	187,102	183,623	6,165	5,994	8,012	3.2%	3.1%	4.2%
Mobile	180,526	180,283	179,027	172,920	172,755	168,328	7,606	7,528	10,699	4.2%	4.2%	6.0%
Montgomery	166,323	165,275	165,695	159,756	159,082	157,370	6,567	6,193	8,325	3.9%	3.7%	5.0%
Tuscaloosa	96,718	96,127	93,688	93,504	93,100	89,435	3,214	3,027	4,253	3.3%	3.1%	4.5%

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**COUNTIES IN METROPOLITAN AREAS**

Anniston-Oxford MA  
Calhoun

Auburn-Opelika MA  
Lee

Birmingham-Hoover MA  
Bibb  
Blount  
Chilton  
Jefferson  
St. Clair  
Shelby  
Walker

Decatur MA  
Lawrence  
Morgan

Dothan MA  
Geneva  
Henry  
Houston

Florence-Muscle Shoals MA  
Colbert  
Lauderdale

Gadsden MA  
Etowah

Huntsville MA  
Limestone  
Madison

Mobile MA  
Mobile

Montgomery MA  
Autauga  
Elmore  
Lowndes  
Montgomery

Tuscaloosa MA  
Greene  
Hale  
Tuscaloosa