

City of Meridian

Department of Community Development

Employment Status*

Civilian Labor Force

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
January	17,840	17,960	18,320	16,830	17,180	16,660
February	17,960	17,900	18,320	16,800	17,180	16,540
March	18,040	17,910	18,290	16,920	17,160	16,600
April	18,020	17,730	18,270	16,970	17,090	16,460
May	18,220	17,810	18,410	17,270	17,310	16,760
June	18,470	17,820	18,400	17,320	17,400	16,800
July	18,210	17,890	18,520	17,280	17,440	16,630
August	17,890	17,680	18,260	16,820	17,180	16,460
September	17,760	17,680	18,890	16,920	17,180	15,960
October	18,100	18,020	18,510	17,270	16,720	16,010
November	18,050	17,850	18,770	17,120	16,660	
December	17,960	17,910	18,740	17,340	16,500	

Employment

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
January	16,740	17,020	17,150	15,350	15,930	15,150
February	16,960	17,040	17,240	15,480	16,070	15,220
March	16,920	16,940	17,110	15,430	16,100	15,150
April	16,840	17,100	16,990	15,470	16,000	15,130
May	16,950	16,790	17,090	15,530	15,970	15,210
June	16,960	16,730	17,030	15,570	16,050	15,190
July	16,990	16,860	17,360	15,760	16,200	15,270
August	16,750	16,630	17,130	15,470	15,890	15,080
September	16,690	16,610	17,660	15,510	15,880	14,828
October	16,850	16,760	17,000	15,710	15,240	
November	16,990	16,740	17,260	15,890	15,330	
December	17,100	16,930	17,200	16,190	15,440	

Unemployed

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
January	1,100	940	1,170	1,480	1,250	1,510
February	1,000	860	1,080	1,320	1,110	1,320
March	1,120	970	1,180	1,490	1,060	1,450
April	1,080	890	1,170	1,500	1,090	1,330
May	1,270	1,020	1,320	1,740	1,340	1,550
June	1,510	1,090	1,370	1,750	1,350	1,610
July	1,220	1,030	1,160	1,520	1,240	1,360
August	1,140	1,040	1,130	1,350	1,290	1,380
September	1,070	1,070	1,230	1,410	1,300	1,170
October	1,250	1,260	1,510	1,560	1,480	1,190
November	1,060	1,110	1,510	1,230	1,330	
December	860	990	1,480	1,150	1,240	

Unemployment Rate

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
January	6.2	5.2	6.4	8.8	7.3	9.1
February	5.6	4.8	5.9	7.9	6.5	8.0
March	6.2	5.4	6.5	8.8	6.2	8.7
April	6.0	5.0	6.4	8.8	6.4	8.1
May	7.0	5.7	7.2	8.9	7.7	9.2
June	8.2	6.1	7.4	9.7	7.8	9.6
July	6.7	5.8	6.3	8.8	7.1	8.2
August	6.4	5.9	6.2	8.0	7.5	8.3
September	6.0	6.1	6.5	8.3	7.6	7.3
October	6.9	7.0	8.2	9.0	8.8	7.4
November	5.9	6.2	8.0	7.2	8.0	
December	4.8	5.5	7.9	6.6	7.4	

Largest Employers in Meridian and Lauderdale County**

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Naval Air Station Meridian	3,358
Peavey Electronics Corporation	1,500
East Mississippi Hospital	1,150
Rush Foundation Hospital	1,123
Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center	1,065
Meridian Public Schools	987
Lauderdale County Public Schools	900
Avery Dennison	800
City of Meridian	510
Meridian Community College	471
Mississippi Air National Guard	389
Wal-Mart Stores	370
Lauderdale County	343
Riley's Memorial Hospital	328
Sack & Save Food Stores	317
Structural Steel	300
Mississippi Army National Guard	291
Super Stop Stores	250
Atlas Roofing	225
Sara Lee	175
Coca-Cola	150

*Source: Mississippi Employment Security Commission, Labor Market Data; Annual Labor Force Report - MESC website @ www.mesc.state.ms.us, 11/05

**Source: East Mississippi Business Development Corporation, 11/05