

**City of Meridian
Department of Community Development
Employment Status***

Information compiled 11/06/08

Civilian Labor Force

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008**
January	16,030	15,850	15,970	15,770	15,730	15,980
February	15,860	15,620	15,840	15,640	15,690	15,830
March	15,880	15,680	15,740	15,560	15,700	16,000
April	15,710	15,640	15,810	15,580	15,620	16,150
May	15,900	15,860	15,920	15,780	15,700	16,340
June	16,230	16,120	15,960	15,960	16,010	16,590
July	16,260	16,080	16,050	15,860	16,080	16,710
August	16,040	15,940	15,970	15,560	15,500	16,270
September	15,970	15,890	15,500	15,590	15,700	16,310
October	16,200	15,970	15,770	15,770	15,740	
November	16,000	15,990	15,910	15,910	15,740	
December	16,130	16,180	16,040	16,010	15,960	
Annual Average	16,010	15,910	15,870	15,750	15,760	16,240

Unemployed

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008**
January	1,460	1,230	1,480	1,410	1,420	1,200
February	1,260	1,030	1,350	1,200	1,330	1,120
March	1,320	1,120	1,410	1,070	1,350	1,170
April	1,320	1,100	1,350	1,080	1,250	1,200
May	1,520	1,300	1,530	1,250	1,330	1,440
June	1,680	1,430	1,570	1,360	1,480	1,690
July	1,480	1,360	1,440	1,350	1,500	1,860
August	1,300	1,380	1,360	1,230	1,260	1,660
September	1,250	1,360	1,090	1,150	1,370	1,720
October	1,320	1,440	1,180	1,180	1,350	
November	1,140	1,370	1,350	1,240	1,270	
December	1,080	1,310	1,200	1,200	1,310	
Annual Average	1,340	1,290	1,360	1,230	1,350	1,450

Employment

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008**
January	14,570	14,620	14,490	14,360	14,310	14,780
February	14,600	14,590	14,490	14,440	14,360	14,710
March	14,560	14,560	14,330	14,490	14,350	14,830
April	14,390	14,540	14,460	14,500	14,370	14,950
May	14,380	14,560	14,390	14,530	14,370	14,900
June	14,550	14,690	14,390	14,600	14,530	14,900
July	14,780	14,720	14,610	14,510	14,580	14,850
August	14,740	14,560	14,610	14,330	14,240	14,610
September	14,720	14,530	14,410	14,440	14,330	14,590
October	14,880	14,530	14,590	14,590	14,390	
November	14,860	14,620	14,560	14,670	14,470	
December	15,050	14,870	14,840	14,810	14,650	
Annual Average	14,670	14,620	14,510	14,520	14,410	14,790

Unemployment Rate

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008**
January	9.1	7.8	9.2	9.0	9.0	7.5
February	7.9	6.6	8.5	7.7	8.5	7.1
March	8.3	7.1	8.9	6.8	8.6	7.3
April	8.4	7.0	8.5	6.9	8.0	7.4
May	9.6	8.2	9.6	7.9	8.4	8.8
June	10.4	8.9	9.9	8.5	9.2	10.2
July	9.1	8.5	9.0	8.5	9.3	11.1
August	8.1	8.7	8.5	7.9	8.1	10.2
September	7.8	8.6	7.0	7.3	8.7	10.5
October	8.1	9.0	7.5	7.5	8.6	
November	7.1	8.6	8.5	7.8	8.1	
December	6.7	8.1	7.5	7.5	8.2	
Annual Average	8.4	8.1	8.6	7.8	8.6	8.9

**current amounts are subject to end of year revisions

Major Employers in Meridian and Lauderdale County***

Information compiled 9/11/07

Employer	Employee Count
Meridian Naval Air Station	3400
Rush Health Systems	2500
Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center	1475
Meridian Public Schools	1350
Mississippi National Guard	1180
East Mississippi State Hospital	1100
Peavey Electronics Corp.	1000
Lauderdale County Public Schools	910
Wal-Mart	745
City of Meridian	540
Meridian Community College	515
Riley Hospital	460
Lauderdale County	400
Avery Dennison	340
Structural Steel Services	310
CEFCO	250
Roadway Express	250

*Source: Mississippi Dept of Employment Security, Labor Market Data; Annual Labor Force Report-MESC website @ www.mesc.state.ms.us, 11/06/08

***Source: East Mississippi Business Development Corporation & City of Meridian, 09/11/07

