

Table 2
Washington County, Mississippi
LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Civilian Labor Force ⁽¹⁾	2002	2003	2004	2005	Sept., 2006			
Unemployment Rate	10.7	9.3	9.7	12.3	10.1			
Civilian Labor Force	25,330	25,260	24,960	23,740	22,570			
Unemployed	2,710	2,340	2,420	2,910	2,280			
Employed	22,620	22,920	22,540	20,830	20,290			
Employment Reported by Place of Work ⁽¹⁾	Total Number Employed				% of Total Employed Persons			
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2002	2003	2004	2005
Ag, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	690	740	780	660	3.09%	3.33%	3.54%	3.19%
Mining	40	40	40	30	0.18%	0.18%	0.18%	0.14%
Construction	480	450	500	440	2.15%	2.03%	2.27%	2.12%
Manufacturing	2,940	2,830	2,290	2,220	13.16%	12.74%	10.39%	10.71%
Transportation & Public Utilities	1,000	1,100	1,250	900	4.48%	4.95%	5.67%	4.34%
Wholesale Trade	980	920	910	880	4.39%	4.14%	4.13%	4.25%
Retail Trade	3,310	3,290	3,380	3,090	14.82%	14.81%	15.34%	14.91%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	730	700	660	690	3.27%	3.15%	2.99%	3.33%
Services	7,470	7,310	7,410	7,080	33.44%	32.91%	33.62%	34.17%
Government	4,700	4,830	4,820	4,730	21.04%	21.75%	21.87%	22.83%
Total	22,340	22,210	22,040	20,720	100%	100%	100%	100%
Employment Reported by Group Occupation ⁽²⁾	2000	1990						
Management, Professional, and related	6,161	5,870						
Service	3,371	6,573						
Sales and Office	5,711	3,124						
Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	506	1,235						
Construction, Extraction, & Maintenance	2,126	3,497						
Production, Transportation, & Material Moving	4,816	3,832						
Employed Residents Working (2000) ⁽²⁾	Number (#)	Percent (%)						
Outside the County of Residence	1,648	6.40%						
Commute Times (2000) ⁽²⁾	Number (#)	Percent (%)						
Less than 15 Minutes	10,922	49.47%						
15 - 29 Minutes	7,999	36.23%						
Over 30 Minutes	3,158	14.30%						
Median	17.2							
Labor Participation Rate (2000) ⁽²⁾	Percentage (%)							
Male	62							
Female	52							
Total	57							
Education & Labor Force	Enrollment	Graduates						
High School (Public/Private)	N/A							
High School Students Enrolling in College								
Community College (Full-Time)								
4 Year University (Full-Time)								



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(1) MS Department of Employment Security - Labor Market Information

(2) US Census Bureau