

Alabama

Labor Market News

April 2012
(March Data)

Economy In Brief

The State's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 7.3 percent in March, was down from February's rate of 7.5 percent and was below the year-ago rate of 9.3 percent.

National Rate – 8.2 percent.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment saw an increase of 12,200 in March. The gains occurred primarily in Leisure and Hospitality; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; Government; Construction; and Other Services. Over the year, there was an increase of 2,600 jobs. The increases occurred mainly in Leisure and Hospitality; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; Manufacturing; Professional and Business Services; and Educational and Health Services.

The average manufacturing workweek increased twelve minutes since February and increased two hours from the year-ago average.

Goods-Producing Employment

The Goods-Producing sector gained 1,000 jobs over last month with increases concentrated mainly in Construction and Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing. There was a decrease of 4,800 jobs over the year. Annual losses occurred in Construction and Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing.

The Durable Goods Manufacturing sector lost 400 jobs from last month due mainly to losses in Transportation Equipment Manufacturing and Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing.

There was a gain of 4,800 jobs over the year with the majority of the increase occurring in Transportation Equipment Manufacturing and Primary and Fabricated Metal Manufacturing.

Non-Durable Goods employment gained 300 jobs in March. Most published industries experienced only slight changes. Over the year, the sector lost 1,600 jobs with declines occurring primarily in Apparel Manufacturing, Textile Mills, Food Manufacturing, and Textile Product Mills.

Service-Providing Employment

The Service-Providing sector gained 11,200 jobs in March due mainly to increases in Leisure and Hospitality; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; Government; Professional and Business Services; and Financial Activities. Annually, the gain of 7,400 jobs was centered in Leisure and Hospitality; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; Educational and Health Services; Professional and Business Services; and Other Services.

Hours and Earnings

Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing, at \$18.32, were down eight cents from last month and up \$2.54 over the year.

Average Weekly Earnings of \$778.60 were up by twenty-eight cents from February and up \$139.51 over the year.

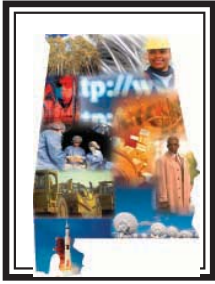
Average Weekly Hours were 42.5.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	Mar p 2012	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011	Mar p 2012	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011
Civilian Labor Force ¹	2,130,075	2,127,844	2,188,471	2,141,923	2,149,848	2,202,606
Employment	1,974,170	1,960,713	1,990,358	1,984,545	1,988,053	1,998,807
Unemployment	155,905	167,131	198,113	157,378	161,795	203,799
AL Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.9	9.1	7.3	7.5	9.3
U.S. Unemployment Rates	8.4	8.7	9.2	8.2	8.3	8.9

¹ Place of residence basis. ^p Preliminary. ^r Revised.

Estimates prepared by the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on 2011 benchmark.



Resources for LMI

American Community Survey (ACS): The ACS is an on-going survey that the Census Bureau plans to use to replace the long form census survey done every ten years, starting with the 2010 Census. It is a way to provide the data that communities need every year instead of once every ten years.

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS): The Bureau is a division of the U.S. Department of Labor and functions as the principal data gathering agency of the federal government in the field of labor economics. The BLS collects, processes, analyzes and disseminates data relating to employment, unemployment, the labor force, productivity, prices, family expenditures, wages, industrial relations, and occupational safety and health.

Census Tract - A small relatively permanent statistical subdivision of a county delineated by local committees of census data users for the purpose of collecting and presenting census data. It is worth noting that census tracts conform to county lines (that is they are always sub-sets of a county), but may not follow zip code lines.

Civilian Labor Force: The civilian labor force comprises the total of all civilians age 16 and older classified as employed or unemployed, or seeking employment. This gives employers a measure of the labor pool.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) - A measure of the average change in prices over time for a set group of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) for all urban consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total population and (2) for all urban wage earners and clerical workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. Among the CPI components are the costs of housing, food, transportation, and energy. While the CPI is not technically a cost of living index, it is often used to indicate changes in the cost-of-living.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) Survey: A monthly survey of nonfarm business establishments used to collect nonfarm payroll employment, worker hours and earnings, by industry and area. Through the Federal/State cooperative effort, these data are used to compute current monthly employment, hours and earnings estimates, by industry, for the nation, the 50 states and the District of Columbia, and over 250 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA's).

Current Population Survey (CPS): A monthly household survey of the civilian non-institutional population of the United States. This BLS survey provides labor market statistics (e.g., employment, unemployment and wages) by industry, occupation, and demographic characteristics. The Bureau of the Census collects data for this survey in cooperation with BLS.

CES Employment: A count of all persons who worked full or part time or received pay from a nonagricultural employer for any part of the pay period that included the 12th day of the month. Because this count comes from a survey of employers, persons who work for two different companies could be counted twice. Therefore, non-farm payroll employment is really a count of the number of

jobs rather than the number of persons employed. This count is also based on where the jobs are located, regardless of where the workers reside. Non-farm payroll employment data are collected and compiled by Current Employment Statistics (CES) Survey.

Labor Market Information (LMI): A body of knowledge that includes a variety of economic, social, and demographic information. This information describes current conditions and forecasts employment conditions at a future date. LMI is comprised of population data, labor force data, industry data, occupational data, general economic trends, and career data.

North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS): A system of identifying industry activity, NAICS is replacing the U.S. Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. NAICS will reshape the way we track our industries. NAICS was developed jointly by the U.S., Canada, and Mexico to provide new comparability in statistics about business activity across North America.

Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) - A federal state cooperative program, which collects detailed occupational data by industry in a three-year cycle. The Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey is an annual mail survey measuring occupational employment and occupational wage rates for wage and salary workers in nonfarm establishments, by industry. On a national level, the survey samples approximately 400,000 establishments per year, taking 3 years to fully collect the sample of 1.2 million establishments.

Seasonal Adjustment: A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally occur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, shifts in production schedules, harvest times, and the opening and closing of schools.

Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) - An industry classification system underlying all establishment-based Federal economic statistics classified by industry. The SIC defines industries in accordance with the composition and structure of the economy. It was developed for use in the classification of establishments by type of activity in which they are engaged.

Note - This is being replaced by the **North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)**.

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) - This is an occupational coding system that was presented by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to replace and consolidate several previous coding systems used to classify occupations. The coding systems being consolidated include the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES), the Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT), and the grouping of occupational titles used by the Census based on survey responses.

Unemployment: An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seeking work during the calendar week that includes the 12th day of the month.

EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES IN ALABAMA 1/ (in thousands)

INDUSTRY				NET CHANGE FROM:		PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Mar p 2012	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011
Total Nonfarm	1868.2	1856.0	1865.6	12.2	2.6	0.66	0.14
Total Private	1491.0	1480.9	1477.8	10.1	13.2	0.68	0.89
Goods Producing	324.2	323.2	329.0	1.0	-4.8	0.31	-1.46
Natural Resources and Mining ^{2/}	12.3	12.5	12.1	-0.2	0.2	-1.60	1.65
Mining (except Oil and Gas)	6.4	6.7	6.3	-0.3	0.1	-4.48	1.59
Construction	72.9	71.6	81.1	1.3	-8.2	1.82	-10.11
Construction of Buildings	16.2	16.2	17.9	0.0	-1.7	0.00	-9.50
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	12.9	12.5	15.6	0.4	-2.7	3.20	-17.31
Specialty Trade Contractors	43.8	42.9	47.6	0.9	-3.8	2.10	-7.98
Manufacturing	239.0	239.1	235.8	-0.1	3.2	-0.04	1.36
Durable Goods Manufacturing	151.0	151.4	146.2	-0.4	4.8	-0.26	3.28
Wood Product Manufacturing	12.5	12.3	12.7	0.2	-0.2	1.63	-1.57
Primary and Fabricated Metal Manufacturing	41.2	41.1	39.8	0.1	1.4	0.24	3.52
Machinery Manufacturing	10.4	10.4	10.4	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	10.0	10.1	10.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.99	-2.91
Elect. Equipment, Appliance & Component Manfng	4.9	4.8	4.8	0.1	0.1	2.08	2.08
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	49.4	49.7	47.0	-0.3	2.4	-0.60	5.11
Motor Vehicle Manufacturing	10.5	10.5	10.1	0.0	0.4	0.00	3.96
Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	16.4	16.2	14.3	0.2	2.1	1.23	14.69
Aerospace Products & Parts Manufacturing	13.1	13.1	13.5	0.0	-0.4	0.00	-2.96
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing	8.1	8.1	8.6	0.0	-0.5	0.00	-5.81
Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing	88.0	87.7	89.6	0.3	-1.6	0.34	-1.79
Food Manufacturing	31.1	31.1	31.3	0.0	-0.2	0.00	-0.64
Animal Slaughtering and Processing	23.4	23.2	23.7	0.2	-0.3	0.86	-1.27
Textile Mills	5.9	5.9	6.5	0.0	-0.6	0.00	-9.23
Fiber, Yarn, and Thread Mills	3.1	3.1	3.4	0.0	-0.3	0.00	-8.82
Textile Product Mills	4.6	4.6	4.8	0.0	-0.2	0.00	-4.17
Textile Furnishings Mills	3.0	3.0	3.5	0.0	-0.5	0.00	-14.29
Apparel Manufacturing	3.6	3.6	4.4	0.0	-0.8	0.00	-18.18
Paper Manufacturing	12.3	12.4	12.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.81	-0.81
Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills	8.6	8.6	8.7	0.0	-0.1	0.00	-1.15
Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	13.5	13.4	13.5	0.1	0.0	0.75	0.00
Service Providing	1544.0	1532.8	1536.6	11.2	7.4	0.73	0.48
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	364.2	361.6	360.7	2.6	3.5	0.72	0.97
Wholesale Trade	72.1	70.9	71.5	1.2	0.6	1.69	0.84
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	35.9	35.1	34.9	0.8	1.0	2.28	2.87
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	22.5	22.3	23.1	0.2	-0.6	0.90	-2.60
Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers	13.7	13.5	13.5	0.2	0.2	1.48	1.48

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1/ Data include, on a place of work basis, all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during or received pay for, any part of the pay period which included the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households and unpaid family workers are excluded. Estimates adjusted to a March 2011 benchmark, based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) Manual, 2007. Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Includes logging (NAICS 1133)

ESTIMATES PREPARED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES IN ALABAMA ^{1/}

(in thousands)

INDUSTRY				NET CHANGE FROM:		PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Mar p 2012	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011
Retail Trade	225.5	224.6	222.1	0.9	3.4	0.40	1.53
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	29.2	28.8	27.9	0.4	1.3	1.39	4.66
Building Mat. & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	19.4	19.0	19.2	0.4	0.2	2.11	1.04
Food and Beverage Stores	30.7	30.6	30.6	0.1	0.1	0.33	0.33
Health and Personal Care Stores	16.0	16.1	15.9	-0.1	0.1	-0.62	0.63
General Merchandise Stores	56.7	56.9	58.6	-0.2	-1.9	-0.35	-3.24
Department Stores	17.0	17.4	18.3	-0.4	-1.3	-2.30	-7.10
Other General Merchandise Stores	39.7	39.5	40.3	0.2	-0.6	0.51	-1.49
Trans, Warehousing, and Utilities	66.6	66.1	67.1	0.5	-0.5	0.76	-0.75
Utilities	14.1	14.2	14.8	-0.1	-0.7	-0.70	-4.73
Elect. Power Gen., Transmission & Distribution	12.1	12.1	12.5	0.0	-0.4	0.00	-3.20
Transportation and Warehousing	52.5	51.9	52.3	0.6	0.2	1.16	0.38
Truck Transportation	23.9	23.7	23.9	0.2	0.0	0.84	0.00
General Freight Trucking	16.4	16.5	16.9	-0.1	-0.5	-0.61	-2.96
Information	22.5	22.6	23.2	-0.1	-0.7	-0.44	-3.02
Telecommunications	10.3	10.4	10.7	-0.1	-0.4	-0.96	-3.74
Financial Activities	92.8	92.2	91.6	0.6	1.2	0.65	1.31
Finance and Insurance	70.9	70.3	70.4	0.6	0.5	0.85	0.71
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	39.0	39.0	40.1	0.0	-1.1	0.00	-2.74
Depository Credit Intermediation	31.3	31.2	31.7	0.1	-0.4	0.32	-1.26
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	26.5	26.2	26.2	0.3	0.3	1.15	1.15
Insurance Carriers	15.2	15.0	15.8	0.2	-0.6	1.33	-3.80
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	21.9	21.9	21.2	0.0	0.7	0.00	3.30
Professional and Business Services	215.1	214.2	211.9	0.9	3.2	0.42	1.51
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	92.0	93.2	94.6	-1.2	-2.6	-1.29	-2.75
Architectural and Engineering Services	22.6	23.3	24.2	-0.7	-1.6	-3.00	-6.61
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	20.4	20.7	21.0	-0.3	-0.6	-1.45	-2.86
Management of Companies and Enterprises	16.0	16.1	15.8	-0.1	0.2	-0.62	1.27
Admin, Support & Waste Mngmt & Remediation Svcs.	107.1	104.9	101.5	2.2	5.6	2.10	5.52
Educational and Health Services	218.9	219.5	215.7	-0.6	3.2	-0.27	1.48
Educational Services	20.8	20.7	20.3	0.1	0.5	0.48	2.46
Health Care and Social Assistance	198.1	198.8	195.4	-0.7	2.7	-0.35	1.38
Ambulatory Health Care Services	83.4	84.3	82.7	-0.9	0.7	-1.07	0.85
Offices of Physicians	36.5	37.1	36.6	-0.6	-0.1	-1.62	-0.27
Hospitals	43.9	44.0	43.9	-0.1	0.0	-0.23	0.00
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	43.1	43.0	42.4	0.1	0.7	0.23	1.65
Social Assistance	27.7	27.5	26.4	0.2	1.3	0.73	4.92
Leisure and Hospitality	171.8	167.1	166.5	4.7	5.3	2.81	3.18
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	15.2	14.7	14.3	0.5	0.9	3.40	6.29
Accommodation and Food Services	156.6	152.4	152.2	4.2	4.4	2.76	2.89
Food Services and Drinking Places	140.9	136.9	137.0	4.0	3.9	2.92	2.85
Full-Service Restaurants	61.1	60.0	59.3	1.1	1.8	1.83	3.04
Limited-Service Eating Places	73.3	71.9	70.8	1.4	2.5	1.95	3.53
Other Services	81.5	80.5	79.2	1.0	2.3	1.24	2.90
Government	377.2	375.1	387.8	2.1	-10.6	0.56	-2.73
Federal Government	56.5	56.3	57.4	0.2	-0.9	0.36	-1.57
State Government	105.6	105.1	112.5	0.5	-6.9	0.48	-6.13
State Government Education	59.2	58.8	61.1	0.4	-1.9	0.68	-3.11
Local Government	215.1	213.7	217.9	1.4	-2.8	0.66	-1.28
Local Government Education	102.4	101.3	104.7	1.1	-2.3	1.09	-2.20

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ESTIMATES PREPARED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN ALABAMA 1/

(in thousands)

INDUSTRY	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	Mar p 2012	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011	Mar p 2012	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011
Total Nonfarm 3/	1868.2	1856.0	1865.6	1869.7	1869.7	1869.7
Natural Resources and Mining	12.3	12.5	12.1	12.3	12.6	12.2
Construction	72.9	71.6	81.1	73.3	74.8	81.8
Manufacturing	239.0	239.1	235.8	^{2/} 239.0	^{2/} 239.1	^{2/} 235.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	364.2	361.6	360.7	365.0	365.3	363.1
Wholesale Trade	72.1	70.9	71.5	72.2	71.3	71.9
Retail Trade	225.5	224.6	222.1	226.1	227.4	223.5
Trans,Warehousing, and Utilities	66.6	66.1	67.1	66.7	66.6	67.7
Information	22.5	22.6	23.2	22.5	22.6	23.2
Financial Activities	92.8	92.2	91.6	93.0	92.7	92.0
Finance and Insurance	70.9	70.3	70.4	71.0	70.4	70.5
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	21.9	21.9	21.2	22.0	22.3	21.5
Professional and Business Services	215.1	214.2	211.9	216.6	216.5	213.4
Professional, Scientific, and Tech Services	92.0	93.2	94.6	91.3	92.4	93.6
Admin,Supp & Waste Manage & Remed Serv	107.1	104.9	101.5	109.3	108.1	103.7
Educational and Health Services	218.9	219.5	215.7	218.2	218.7	215.8
Educational Services	20.8	20.7	20.3	20.4	20.3	19.9
Health Care and Socia Assistance	198.1	198.8	195.4	197.8	198.4	195.9
Leisure and Hospitality	171.8	167.1	166.5	173.9	173.1	168.2
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	15.2	14.7	14.3	16.3	16.5	15.8
Accommodation and Food Services	156.6	152.4	152.2	157.6	156.6	152.4
Other Services	81.5	80.5	79.2	82.0	81.1	79.3
Government	377.2	375.1	387.8	373.9	373.2	384.9
Federal Government	56.5	56.3	57.4	56.8	56.7	57.5
State Government	105.6	105.1	112.5	104.0	103.8	111.6
Local Government	215.1	213.7	217.9	213.1	212.7	215.8

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Total Nonfarm Employment	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	Mar p 2012	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011	Mar p 2012	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011
Anniston-Oxford	47.9	47.5	48.9	47.9	47.8	49.0
Auburn-Opelika	53.0	52.8	53.2	52.9	52.9	53.3
Birmingham-Hoover	486.5	485.3	487.7	488.8	489.8	490.0
Decatur	54.3	54.0	54.0	54.3	54.7	54.2
Dothan	57.0	57.1	57.3	57.1	57.6	57.4
Florence-Muscle Shoals	55.4	54.8	55.0	55.4	55.2	55.0
Gadsden	36.4	36.2	35.6	36.5	36.4	35.8
Huntsville	204.7	203.5	208.3	205.5	205.2	208.9
Mobile	175.3	174.1	174.4	175.6	175.7	175.0
Montgomery	164.0	163.7	166.6	164.5	165.4	167.1
Tuscaloosa	93.3	93.0	94.2	92.7	93.3	93.8

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1/ Nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates prepared by the Alabama Department of Industrial relations in cooperation with the United States Department of Labor. Data estimated on place of work basis and seasonally adjusted by use of the Bureau of Labor Statistics X-12 Seasonal Adjustment method.

2/ These series failed seasonality quality tests and were not seasonally adjusted.

3/ Total Nonfarm employment may not equal sum of data in seasonally adjusted columns due to some series not being seasonally adjusted.

**HOURS AND EARNINGS DATA FOR SELECTED
NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES IN ALABAMA**

INDUSTRY	Production Workers (in thousands)			Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar p	Feb r	Mar r	Mar p	Feb r	Mar r	Mar p	Feb r	Mar r	Mar p	Feb r	Mar r
	2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011
Manufacturing	182.0	181.0	178.8	\$778.60	\$778.32	\$639.09	42.5	42.3	40.5	\$18.32	\$18.40	\$15.78
Durable Goods	110.8	110.4	105.7	\$793.69	\$809.41	\$685.93	43.3	43.4	41.0	\$18.33	\$18.65	\$16.73
Pri/Fab Metal Prod Manfng	31.1	30.9	30.6	\$722.40	\$788.14	\$705.92	40.0	41.9	41.5	\$18.06	\$18.81	\$17.01
Non-Durable Goods	71.2	70.6	73.1	\$754.37	\$728.19	\$572.96	41.2	40.5	39.9	\$18.31	\$17.98	\$14.36
STATEWIDE INDUSTRY	All Employees (in thousands)			Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar p	Feb r	Mar r	Mar p	Feb r	Mar r	Mar p	Feb r	Mar r	Mar p	Feb r	Mar r
	2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011
Goods Producing	324.2	323.2	329.0	\$909.15	\$904.55	\$865.51	41.8	41.8	40.2	\$21.75	\$21.64	\$21.53
Construction	72.9	71.6	81.1	\$818.15	\$793.24	\$788.72	41.3	40.7	42.2	\$19.81	\$19.49	\$18.69
Manufacturing	239.0	239.1	235.8	\$884.94	\$887.46	\$845.42	42.1	42.0	41.2	\$21.02	\$21.13	\$20.52
Private Service Producing	1166.8	1157.7	1148.8	\$669.19	\$678.19	\$645.55	33.9	34.2	33.5	\$19.74	\$19.83	\$19.27
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	364.2	361.6	360.7	\$648.81	\$671.46	\$632.91	35.3	36.1	36.5	\$18.38	\$18.60	\$17.34
Financial Activities	92.8	92.2	91.6	\$777.22	\$778.11	\$745.28	36.8	37.0	35.9	\$21.12	\$21.03	\$20.76
Professional and Business Services	215.1	214.2	211.9	\$841.85	\$850.22	\$899.62	36.1	36.6	36.9	\$23.32	\$23.23	\$24.38
Educational and Health Services	218.9	219.5	215.7	\$712.07	\$711.74	\$681.25	34.6	34.4	34.9	\$20.58	\$20.69	\$19.52
Leisure and Hospitality	171.8	167.1	166.5	\$298.65	\$298.39	\$281.43	27.5	27.3	26.5	\$10.86	\$10.93	\$10.62
Other Services	81.5	80.5	79.2	\$597.49	\$580.81	\$497.76	31.9	31.6	30.5	\$18.73	\$18.38	\$16.32
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS TOTAL PRIVATE INDUSTRY	All Employees (in thousands)			Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar p	Feb r	Mar r	Mar p	Feb r	Mar r	Mar p	Feb r	Mar r	Mar p	Feb r	Mar r
	2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011
Anniston-Oxford	34.3	33.9	35.3	\$548.56	\$561.61	\$610.45	35.3	35.5	36.1	\$15.54	\$15.82	\$16.91
Auburn-Opelika	35.7	35.6	35.5	\$554.16	\$578.16	\$576.45	34.7	36.5	35.3	\$15.97	\$15.84	\$16.33
Birmingham-Hoover	405.6	404.7	403.8	\$767.54	\$776.51	\$716.55	35.9	36.1	34.4	\$21.38	\$21.51	\$20.83
Decatur	46.0	45.9	45.2	\$669.36	\$662.24	\$584.41	35.1	34.6	35.7	\$19.07	\$19.14	\$16.37
Dothan	46.6	46.7	46.8	\$601.15	\$599.47	\$561.20	36.7	36.8	36.8	\$16.38	\$16.29	\$15.25
Florence-Muscle Shoals	45.3	44.8	44.6	\$502.84	\$505.68	\$511.02	33.5	33.4	34.0	\$15.01	\$15.14	\$15.03
Gadsden	31.0	30.8	30.1	\$498.37	\$493.05	\$447.56	34.9	34.6	33.4	\$14.28	\$14.25	\$13.40
Huntsville	154.4	153.5	158.6	\$914.56	\$917.41	\$890.97	35.6	35.6	36.5	\$25.69	\$25.77	\$24.41
Mobile	148.9	147.8	147.3	\$767.47	\$773.62	\$725.41	35.4	35.7	36.6	\$21.68	\$21.67	\$19.82
Montgomery	119.8	119.5	122.3	\$774.88	\$772.19	\$757.62	37.2	37.0	36.6	\$20.83	\$20.87	\$20.70
Tuscaloosa	68.8	68.5	67.4	\$799.61	\$806.96	\$771.10	34.6	34.5	36.1	\$23.11	\$23.39	\$21.36

p = Preliminary r = Revised

¹ Estimates, computed on a gross basis, do not represent straight time earnings or standard workweek.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time of goods and services purchased by households. The CPIs are based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living.

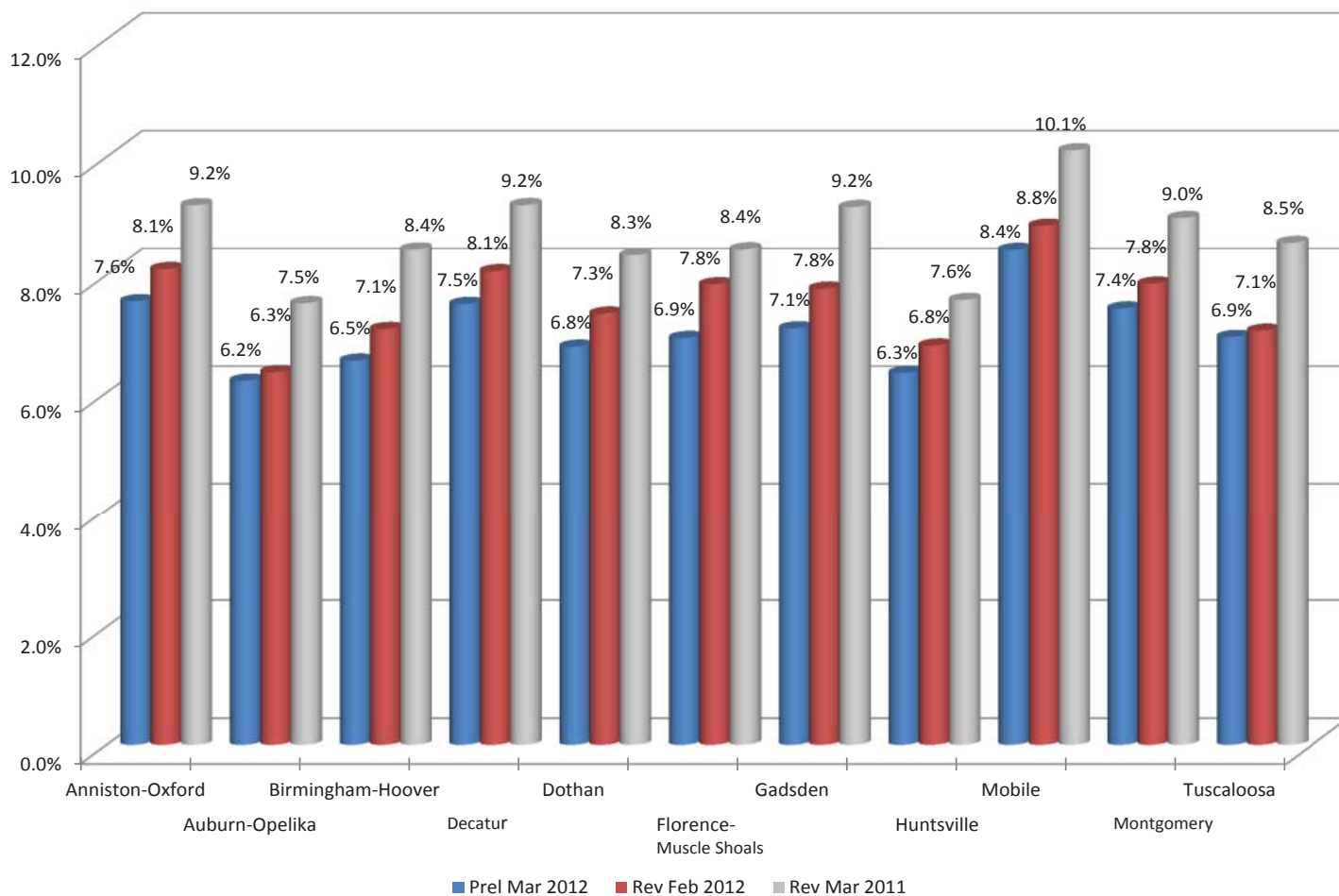


The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 2.7 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 229.392 (1982-84=100). For March, the index increased 0.8 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 2.9 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 226.304 (1982-84=100). For March, the index increased 0.9 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

For further details visit the CPI home page on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/> or contact the CPI Information and Analysis Section at (202) 691-7000.

ALABAMA METROPOLITAN AREA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



METROPOLITAN AREAS MARCH 2012 UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

Area	Civilian Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	Prel Mar 2012	Rev Feb 2012	Rev Mar 2011	Prel Mar 2012	Rev Feb 2012	Rev Mar 2011	Prel Mar 2012	Rev Feb 2012	Rev Mar 2011	Prel Mar 2012	Rev Feb 2012	Rev Mar 2011
Anniston-Oxford MA	52,218	52,116	54,243	48,275	47,896	49,263	3,943	4,220	4,980	7.6%	8.1%	9.2%
Auburn-Opelika MA	66,162	65,978	67,463	62,058	61,789	62,390	4,104	4,189	5,073	6.2%	6.3%	7.5%
Birmingham-Hoover MA	514,675	516,354	530,088	481,001	479,791	485,410	33,674	36,563	44,678	6.5%	7.1%	8.4%
Decatur MA	71,949	72,011	73,589	66,549	66,206	66,831	5,400	5,805	6,758	7.5%	8.1%	9.2%
Dothan MA	63,439	63,531	64,743	59,138	58,867	59,347	4,301	4,664	5,396	6.8%	7.3%	8.3%
Florence-Muscle Shoals MA	69,247	69,227	70,347	64,450	63,800	64,416	4,797	5,427	5,931	6.9%	7.8%	8.4%
Gadsden MA	45,101	45,184	45,745	41,903	41,675	41,559	3,198	3,509	4,186	7.1%	7.8%	9.2%
Huntsville MA	206,747	206,645	214,584	193,651	192,592	198,333	13,096	14,053	16,251	6.3%	6.8%	7.6%
Mobile MA	188,369	187,935	192,335	172,504	171,336	172,885	15,865	16,599	19,450	8.4%	8.8%	10.1%
Montgomery MA	165,334	165,595	171,851	153,051	152,596	156,447	12,283	12,999	15,404	7.4%	7.8%	9.0%
Tuscaloosa MA	98,794	98,641	101,977	91,933	91,686	93,266	6,861	6,955	8,711	6.9%	7.1%	8.5%

Counties and Metropolitan Areas are comparable to the not seasonally adjusted labor force data.

Estimates prepared by the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations in Cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on 2011 benchmark.

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<u>ANNISTON - OXFORD MA</u>	Mar p	Feb r	Mar r	Net Change From :	
				Feb r	Mar r
	2012	2012	2011	2012	2011
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	47,900	47,500	48,900	400	-1,000
GOODS PRODUCING	6,400	6,400	6,700	0	-300
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	800	800	1,000	0	-200
Manufacturing	5,600	5,600	5,700	0	-100
SERVICE PROVIDING	41,500	41,100	42,200	400	-700
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	9,000	8,900	9,300	100	-300
Wholesale Trade	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0
Retail Trade	5,700	5,600	5,900	100	-200
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	-100
Information	700	700	700	0	0
Financial Activity	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0
Professional and Business Services	5,500	5,400	5,600	100	-100
Education and Health Services	5,000	5,000	5,100	0	-100
Leisure and Hospitality	4,500	4,400	4,700	100	-200
Other Services	1,900	1,800	1,900	100	0
Government	13,600	13,600	13,600	0	0
Federal	5,200	5,200	5,300	0	-100
State & Local	8,400	8,400	8,300	0	100

<u>AUBURN-OPELIKA MA</u>	Mar p	Feb r	Mar r	Net Change From :	
				Feb r	Mar r
	2012	2012	2011	2012	2011
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53,000	52,800	53,200	200	-200
GOODS PRODUCING	7,600	7,600	7,600	0	0
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	1,800	1,800	1,900	0	-100
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	100
SERVICE PROVIDING	45,400	45,200	45,600	200	-200
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	9,200	9,200	8,900	0	300
Wholesale Trade	1,000	1,000	900	0	100
Retail Trade	6,200	6,200	6,100	0	100
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	100
Information	500	500	500	0	0
Financial Activity	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
Professional and Business Services	5,200	5,200	5,400	0	-200
Education and Health Services	3,600	3,600	3,400	0	200
Leisure and Hospitality	6,200	6,100	6,300	100	-100
Other Services	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
Government	17,300	17,200	17,700	100	-400
Federal	300	300	300	0	0
State & Local	17,000	16,900	17,400	100	-400

1 Place of work basis. p Preliminary. r Revised.

NOTE: Estimates prepared by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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BIRMINGHAM - HOOVER MA	Mar p 2012	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011	Net Change From :	
				Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	486,500	485,300	487,700	1,200	-1,200
GOODS PRODUCING	59,600	60,200	61,800	-600	-2,200
Natural Resources, & Mining	3,200	3,400	3,200	-200	0
Construction	21,000	21,400	23,900	-400	-2,900
Specialty Trade Contractors	13,500	13,900	14,700	-400	-1,200
Manufacturing	35,400	35,400	34,700	0	700
Durable Goods	25,300	25,300	24,500	0	800
Primary Metal Manufacturing	6,800	6,800	6,500	0	300
Nondurable Goods	10,100	10,100	10,200	0	-100
Food Manufacturing	3,400	3,400	3,500	0	-100
SERVICE PROVIDING	426,900	425,100	425,900	1,800	1,000
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	107,800	108,200	105,100	-400	2,700
Wholesale Trade	28,500	28,600	28,000	-100	500
Merchant Wholesalers	14,200	14,100	14,000	100	200
Retail Trade	58,600	59,000	55,900	-400	2,700
General Merchandise Stores	14,600	14,600	14,700	0	-100
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	20,700	20,600	21,200	100	-500
Utilities	7,400	7,400	8,000	0	-600
Transportation and Warehousing	13,300	13,200	13,200	100	100
Information	8,600	8,600	9,100	0	-500
Telecommunication	4,700	4,700	5,000	0	-300
Financial Activity	38,100	37,600	37,600	500	500
Finance & Insurance	30,900	30,800	31,600	100	-700
Credit Intermediation & Related	14,400	14,400	14,800	0	-400
Insurance Carriers & Related	14,700	14,700	14,800	0	-100
Professional and Business Services	61,400	61,200	59,400	200	2,000
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	25,000	25,100	25,300	-100	-300
Management of Companies & Enterprises	9,500	9,600	9,200	-100	300
Admin., Support & Waste Management	26,900	26,500	24,900	400	2,000
Education and Health Services	64,900	65,400	65,500	-500	-600
Health Care & Social Assistance	59,000	59,300	58,900	-300	100
Ambulatory Healthcare	25,100	25,100	24,700	0	400
Hospitals	16,800	16,800	16,900	0	-100
Leisure & Hospitality	42,000	40,400	42,100	1,600	-100
Food Service & Drinking Places	34,800	33,500	33,600	1,300	1,200
Other Services	23,200	23,100	23,200	100	0
Government	80,900	80,600	83,900	300	-3,000
Federal	8,800	8,800	9,100	0	-300
State	26,100	26,000	28,200	100	-2,100
Local	46,000	45,800	46,600	200	-600

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FOR ALABAMA METRO AREAS (MA'S)^{1/}**

DECATUR MA	Mar p 2012	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011	Net Change From :	
				Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54,300	54,000	54,000	300	300
GOODS PRODUCING	15,500	15,500	15,600	0	-100
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	3,200	3,200	3,400	0	-200
Manufacturing	12,300	12,300	12,200	0	100
Durable Goods	6,400	6,400	6,200	0	200
Nondurable Goods	5,900	5,900	6,000	0	-100
SERVICE PROVIDING	38,800	38,500	38,400	300	400
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	9,900	9,800	9,700	100	200
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,800	1,800	100	100
Retail Trade	6,500	6,500	6,400	0	100
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Information	300	300	300	0	0
Financial Activity	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
Professional and Business Services	5,600	5,600	5,300	0	300
Education and Health Services	5,400	5,500	5,300	-100	100
Leisure & Hospitality	4,700	4,600	4,600	100	100
Other Services	2,600	2,600	2,400	0	200
Government	8,300	8,100	8,800	200	-500
Federal	400	400	400	0	0
State & Local	7,900	7,700	8,400	200	-500

DOTHAN MA	Mar p 2012	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011	Net Change From :	
				Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	57,000	57,100	57,300	-100	-300
GOODS PRODUCING	7,900	7,900	8,100	0	-200
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Manufacturing	4,900	4,900	5,000	0	-100
SERVICE PROVIDING	49,100	49,200	49,200	-100	-100
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	15,000	15,200	14,900	-200	100
Wholesale Trade	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Retail Trade	8,900	9,000	8,800	-100	100
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	3,300	3,400	3,300	-100	0
Information	700	700	700	0	0
Financial Activity	2,000	2,000	2,100	0	-100
Professional and Business Services	4,700	4,700	4,900	0	-200
Education and Health Services	7,900	7,900	7,800	0	100
Leisure & Hospitality	5,600	5,500	5,500	100	100
Other Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Government	10,400	10,400	10,500	0	-100
Federal	400	400	400	0	0
State & Local	10,000	10,000	10,100	0	-100

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<u>FLORENCE - MUSCLE SHOALS MA</u>	Mar p 2012	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011	Net Change From :	
				Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55,400	54,800	55,000	600	400
GOODS PRODUCING	10,800	10,800	10,600	0	200
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Manufacturing	7,700	7,700	7,500	0	200
SERVICE PROVIDING	44,600	44,000	44,400	600	200
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	11,500	11,300	11,500	200	0
Wholesale Trade	2,400	2,300	2,600	100	-200
Retail Trade	8,100	8,000	7,900	100	200
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Information	500	500	500	0	0
Financial Activity	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0
Professional and Business Services	4,200	4,200	4,400	0	-200
Education and Health Services	7,100	7,000	6,900	100	200
Leisure & Hospitality	5,600	5,400	5,300	200	300
Other Services	3,500	3,500	3,300	0	200
Government	10,100	10,000	10,400	100	-300
Federal	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	-100
State & Local	8,800	8,700	9,000	100	-200

<u>GADSDEN MA</u>	Mar p 2012	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011	Net Change From :	
				Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	36,400	36,200	35,600	200	800
GOODS PRODUCING	6,300	6,300	6,200	0	100
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0
Manufacturing	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	100
SERVICE PROVIDING	30,100	29,900	29,400	200	700
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	6,600	6,600	6,300	0	300
Wholesale Trade	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Retail Trade	4,500	4,500	4,200	0	300
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0
Information	400	400	400	0	0
Financial Activity	1,400	1,300	1,400	100	0
Professional and Business Services	3,600	3,600	3,500	0	100
Education and Health Services	7,400	7,400	7,100	0	300
Leisure & Hospitality	3,600	3,500	3,500	100	100
Other Services	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
Government	5,400	5,400	5,500	0	-100
Federal	300	300	400	0	-100
State & Local	5,100	5,100	5,100	0	0

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HUNTSVILLE MA	Mar p 2012	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011	Net Change From :	
				Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	204,700	203,500	208,300	1,200	-3,600
GOODS PRODUCING	27,700	28,000	30,300	-300	-2,600
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	6,500	6,400	7,900	100	-1,400
Manufacturing	21,200	21,600	22,400	-400	-1,200
Durable Goods	18,200	18,600	19,300	-400	-1,100
Computer & Electronic Prod. Manufacturing	6,000	6,100	6,700	-100	-700
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	6,500	6,600	6,600	-100	-100
Nondurable Goods	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
SERVICE PROVIDING	177,000	175,500	178,000	1,500	-1,000
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	29,500	29,300	30,100	200	-600
Wholesale Trade	5,600	5,600	5,500	0	100
Retail Trade	21,400	21,200	22,100	200	-700
General Merchandise Stores Retail	5,800	5,800	6,000	0	-200
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
Information	2,500	2,500	2,600	0	-100
Financial Activity	6,100	6,100	6,100	0	0
Professional and Business Services	45,700	45,200	47,600	500	-1,900
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	31,100	31,300	32,900	-200	-1,800
Education and Health Services	17,400	17,400	17,200	0	200
Leisure & Hospitality	17,800	17,300	17,300	500	500
Food Services and Drinking Places	14,700	14,400	14,400	300	300
Other Services	7,700	7,700	7,400	0	300
Government	50,300	50,000	49,700	300	600
Federal	20,800	20,600	20,500	200	300
State	6,000	6,000	5,900	0	100
Local	23,500	23,400	23,300	100	200

MOBILE MA	Mar p 2012	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011	Net Change From :	
				Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	175,300	174,100	174,400	1,200	900
GOODS PRODUCING	26,800	26,400	27,800	400	-1,000
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	10,600	10,400	12,100	200	-1,500
Manufacturing	16,200	16,000	15,700	200	500
SERVICE PROVIDING	148,500	147,700	146,600	800	1,900
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	38,300	38,200	37,100	100	1,200
Wholesale Trade	7,800	7,800	7,600	0	200
Retail Trade	21,300	21,300	20,600	0	700
General Merchandise Stores Retail	5,000	5,000	5,200	0	-200
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	9,200	9,100	8,900	100	300
Information	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0
Financial Activity	10,600	10,600	9,300	0	1,300
Professional and Business Services	22,400	22,400	22,400	0	0
Education and Health Services	24,000	23,900	23,700	100	300
Health Care & Social Assistance	21,200	21,100	20,900	100	300
Leisure & Hospitality	15,300	14,900	15,500	400	-200
Food Services and Drinking Places	12,500	12,300	12,800	200	-300
Other Services	9,400	9,300	9,400	100	0
Government	26,400	26,300	27,100	100	-700
Federal	2,600	2,600	2,700	0	-100
State	8,400	8,400	8,500	0	-100
Local	15,400	15,300	15,900	100	-500

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MONTGOMERY MA	Mar p 2012	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011	Net Change From :	
				Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	164,000	163,700	166,600	300	-2,600
GOODS PRODUCING	20,800	21,000	23,200	-200	-2,400
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	5,000	5,000	6,200	0	-1,200
Manufacturing	15,800	16,000	17,000	-200	-1,200
SERVICE PROVIDING	143,200	142,700	143,400	500	-200
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	28,300	28,200	28,200	100	100
Wholesale Trade	5,300	5,300	5,200	0	100
Retail Trade	17,900	17,800	17,900	100	0
General Merchandise Stores Retail	4,500	4,500	4,700	0	-200
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	5,100	5,100	5,100	0	0
Information	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0
Financial Activity	8,200	8,300	8,600	-100	-400
Finance and Insurance	6,600	6,600	6,900	0	-300
Professional and Business Services	20,000	20,000	20,100	0	-100
Education and Health Services	18,200	18,200	18,300	0	-100
Health Care & Social Assistance	15,300	15,300	15,400	0	-100
Leisure & Hospitality	14,600	14,200	14,800	400	-200
Food Services and Drinking Places	11,100	10,800	11,400	300	-300
Other Services	7,600	7,500	7,000	100	600
Government	44,200	44,200	44,300	0	-100
Federal	6,900	6,900	7,100	0	-200
State	22,600	22,600	22,500	0	100
Local	14,700	14,700	14,700	0	0

TUSCALOOSA MA	Mar p 2012	Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011	Net Change From :	
				Feb r 2012	Mar r 2011
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	93,300	93,000	94,200	300	-900
GOODS PRODUCING	20,100	20,000	19,800	100	300
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	7,200	7,100	7,200	100	0
Manufacturing	12,900	12,900	12,600	0	300
SERVICE PROVIDING	73,200	73,000	74,400	200	-1,200
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	15,100	15,000	14,500	100	600
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0
Retail Trade	10,700	10,700	10,300	0	400
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,500	2,400	2,300	100	200
Information	900	900	800	0	100
Financial Activity	3,700	3,700	3,600	0	100
Professional and Business Services	8,400	8,400	8,300	0	100
Education and Health Services	8,000	8,000	7,800	0	200
Leisure & Hospitality	9,100	9,000	9,200	100	-100
Other Services	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	100
Government	24,500	24,500	26,800	0	-2,300
Federal	1,600	1,600	1,800	0	-200
State & Local	22,900	22,900	25,000	0	-2,100

¹ Place of work basis. p Preliminary. r Revised.

NOTE: Estimates prepared by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Estimates adjusted to a March 2011 benchmark. Based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), 2007.

MARCH 2012 UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

Area	Civilian Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	Prel Mar 2012	Rev Feb 2012	Rev Mar 2011	Prel Mar 2012	Rev Feb 2012	Rev Mar 2011	Prel Mar 2012	Rev Feb 2012	Rev Mar 2011	Prel Mar 2012	Rev Feb 2012	Rev Mar 2011
Alabama (Seasonally Adjusted)	2,141,923	2,149,848	2,202,606	1,984,545	1,988,053	1,998,807	157,378	161,795	203,799	7.3%	7.5%	9.3%
Alabama (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	2,130,075	2,127,844	2,188,471	1,974,170	1,960,713	1,990,358	155,905	167,131	198,113	7.3%	7.9%	9.1%
Autauga	24,981	25,062	26,048	23,393	23,323	23,912	1,588	1,739	2,136	6.4%	6.9%	8.2%
Baldwin	83,840	82,950	83,755	78,284	76,692	76,724	5,556	6,258	7,031	6.6%	7.5%	8.4%
Barbour	9,495	9,427	9,832	8,501	8,341	8,775	994	1,086	1,057	10.5%	11.5%	10.8%
Bibb	8,872	8,911	9,239	8,212	8,191	8,287	660	720	952	7.4%	8.1%	10.3%
Blount	25,560	25,672	26,433	23,891	23,831	24,110	1,669	1,841	2,323	6.5%	7.2%	8.8%
Bullock	3,596	3,602	3,669	3,166	3,129	3,143	430	473	526	12.0%	13.1%	14.3%
Butler	9,181	9,060	9,245	8,190	8,063	8,215	991	997	1,030	10.8%	11.0%	11.1%
Calhoun	52,218	52,116	54,243	48,275	47,896	49,263	3,943	4,220	4,980	7.6%	8.1%	9.2%
Chambers	14,493	14,412	14,519	13,133	12,963	12,833	1,360	1,449	1,686	9.4%	10.1%	11.6%
Cherokee	11,362	11,370	11,602	10,540	10,446	10,601	822	924	1,001	7.2%	8.1%	8.6%
Chilton	19,284	19,367	19,951	18,006	17,961	18,171	1,278	1,406	1,780	6.6%	7.3%	8.9%
Choctaw	4,929	4,930	5,213	4,494	4,422	4,624	435	508	589	8.8%	10.3%	11.3%
Clarke	9,831	9,748	10,091	8,673	8,489	8,530	1,158	1,259	1,561	11.8%	12.9%	15.5%
Clay	5,039	4,979	5,249	4,581	4,483	4,614	458	496	635	9.1%	10.0%	12.1%
Cleburne	6,323	6,266	6,433	5,907	5,818	5,892	416	448	541	6.6%	7.1%	8.4%
Coffee	21,402	21,364	21,917	20,109	19,972	20,392	1,293	1,392	1,525	6.0%	6.5%	7.0%
Colbert	24,964	24,923	25,268	23,063	22,830	23,050	1,901	2,093	2,218	7.6%	8.4%	8.8%
Conecuh	4,364	4,349	4,621	3,859	3,803	3,924	505	546	697	11.6%	12.6%	15.1%
Coosa	4,379	4,370	4,565	3,982	3,971	4,072	397	399	493	9.1%	9.1%	10.8%
Covington	15,478	16,362	16,357	14,282	15,026	14,915	1,196	1,336	1,442	7.7%	8.2%	8.8%
Crenshaw	6,685	6,649	6,793	6,231	6,139	6,178	454	510	615	6.8%	7.7%	9.1%
Cullman	37,840	37,304	38,686	35,427	34,617	35,499	2,413	2,687	3,187	6.4%	7.2%	8.2%
Dale	20,242	20,299	20,846	18,860	18,732	19,126	1,382	1,567	1,720	6.8%	7.7%	8.3%
Dallas	14,861	14,781	15,073	12,871	12,734	12,702	1,990	2,047	2,371	13.4%	13.8%	15.7%
DeKalb	28,232	27,671	29,009	25,721	24,997	25,768	2,511	2,674	3,241	8.9%	9.7%	11.2%
Elmore	34,573	34,640	35,916	32,169	32,073	32,882	2,404	2,567	3,034	7.0%	7.4%	8.4%
Escambia	14,660	14,467	14,842	13,426	13,111	13,327	1,234	1,356	1,515	8.4%	9.4%	10.2%
Etowah	45,101	45,184	45,745	41,903	41,675	41,559	3,198	3,509	4,186	7.1%	7.8%	9.2%
Fayette	6,478	6,408	6,613	5,957	5,836	5,884	521	572	729	8.0%	8.9%	11.0%
Franklin	13,280	13,320	13,426	12,261	12,137	12,193	1,019	1,183	1,233	7.7%	8.9%	9.2%
Geneva	11,033	11,078	11,264	10,291	10,244	10,327	742	834	937	6.7%	7.5%	8.3%
Greene	3,019	3,078	3,193	2,699	2,692	2,738	320	386	455	10.6%	12.5%	14.2%
Hale	5,674	5,683	5,935	5,130	5,117	5,205	544	566	730	9.6%	10.0%	12.3%
Henry	7,077	7,077	7,249	6,585	6,555	6,609	492	522	640	7.0%	7.4%	8.8%
Houston	45,329	45,376	46,230	42,262	42,068	42,411	3,067	3,308	3,819	6.8%	7.3%	8.3%
Jackson	25,959	25,930	26,846	24,109	23,951	24,533	1,850	1,979	2,313	7.1%	7.6%	8.6%
Jefferson	297,364	298,115	306,291	276,836	276,139	279,373	20,528	21,976	26,918	6.9%	7.4%	8.8%
Lamar	5,317	5,271	5,313	4,928	4,832	4,746	389	439	567	7.3%	8.3%	10.7%
Lauderdale	44,283	44,304	45,079	41,387	40,970	41,366	2,896	3,334	3,713	6.5%	7.5%	8.2%
Lawrence	15,330	15,417	14,063	14,063	13,990	14,122	1,267	1,427	1,640	8.3%	9.3%	10.4%
Lee	66,162	65,978	67,463	62,058	61,789	62,390	4,104	4,189	5,073	6.2%	6.3%	7.5%
Limestone	38,557	38,676	40,098	36,132	35,935	37,006	2,425	2,741	3,092	6.3%	7.1%	7.7%
Lowndes	4,204	4,216	4,358	3,560	3,549	3,639	644	667	719	15.3%	15.8%	16.5%
Macon	8,389	8,278	8,872	7,544	7,442	7,712	845	836	1,160	10.1%	10.1%	13.1%
Madison	168,190	167,969	174,486	157,519	156,657	161,327	10,671	11,312	13,159	6.3%	6.7%	7.5%
Marengo	7,653	7,557	7,850	6,946	6,810	6,901	707	747	949	9.2%	9.9%	12.1%
Marion	11,577	11,306	11,705	10,563	10,129	10,366	1,014	1,177	1,339	8.8%	10.4%	11.4%
Marshall	40,271	40,132	41,957	37,427	37,080	38,354	2,844	3,052	3,603	7.1%	7.6%	8.6%
Mobile	188,369	187,935	192,335	172,504	171,336	172,885	15,865	16,599	19,450	8.4%	8.8%	10.1%
Monroe	7,677	7,587	7,981	6,723	6,599	6,688	954	988	1,293	12.4%	13.0%	16.2%
Montgomery	101,576	101,677	105,530	93,930	93,651	96,014	7,646	8,026	9,516	7.5%	7.9%	9.0%
Morgan	56,619	56,594	57,827	52,486	52,216	52,709	4,133	4,378	5,118	7.3%	7.7%	8.9%
Perry	3,521	3,448	3,580	3,069	2,998	3,014	452	450	566	12.8%	13.1%	15.8%
Pickens	7,776	7,686	7,977	7,104	6,977	7,133	672	709	844	8.6%	9.2%	10.6%
Pike	15,744	16,086	16,073	14,656	15,029	14,773	1,088	1,057	1,300	6.9%	6.6%	8.1%
Randolph	8,805	8,638	9,183	8,041	7,844	8,205	764	794	978	8.7%	9.2%	10.7%
Russell	22,766	22,841	22,791	20,653	20,728	20,472	2,113	2,113	2,319	9.3%	9.3%	10.2%
St. Clair	36,533	36,804	37,675	34,125	34,039	34,438	2,408	2,765	3,237	6.6%	7.5%	8.6%
Shelby	100,216	100,566	102,788	95,149	94,909	96,021	5,067	5,657	6,767	5.1%	5.6%	6.6%
Sumter	4,404	4,476	4,686	3,902	3,950	3,987	502	526	699	11.4%	11.8%	14.9%
Talladega	36,687	36,113	37,402	33,680	32,912	33,541	3,007	3,201	3,861	8.2%	8.9%	10.3%
Tallapoosa	16,527	16,615	17,519	15,038	15,000	15,382	1,489	1,615	2,137	9.0%	9.7%	12.2%
Tuscaloosa	90,100	89,880	92,849	84,103	83,877	85,323	5,997	6,003	7,526	6.7%	6.7%	8.1%
Walker	26,846	26,916	27,711	24,783	24,720	25,010	2,063	2,196	2,701	7.7%	8.2%	9.7%
Washington	6,660	6,573	6,987	5,921	5,768	6,009	739	805	978	11.1%	12.2%	14.0%
Wilcox	3,257	3,213	3,276	2,734	2,665	2,636	523	548	640	16.1%	17.1%	19.5%
Winston	9,058	8,790	9,153	8,160	7,841	7,827	898	949	1,326	9.9%	10.8%	14.5%
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)	154,707,000	154,871,000	153,392,000	142,034,000	142,065,000	139,764,000	12,673,000	12,806,000	13,628,000	8.2%	8.3%	8.9%
United States (Not Seasonally Adj.)	154,316,000	154,114,000	153,022,000	141,412,000	140,684,000	138,962,000	12,904,000	13,430,000	14,060,000	8.4%	8.7%	9.2%

Counties and Metropolitan Areas are comparable to the not seasonally adjusted labor force data.

Estimates prepared by the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations in Cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on 2011 benchmark.

ALABAMA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

**Ranked Highest to Lowest
March 2012**

**Ranked Highest to Lowest
2011 Annual Average**

Rank	Area	Rate	Rank	Area	Rate
1	Wilcox	16.1%	1	Wilcox	19.3%
2	Lowndes	15.3%	2	Lowndes	16.6%
3	Dallas	13.4%	3	Perry	16.4%
4	Perry	12.8%	4	Dallas	16.2%
5	Monroe	12.4%	5	Monroe	15.3%
6	Bullock	12.0%	6	Bullock	15.3%
7	Clarke	11.8%	7	Clarke	15.2%
8	Conecuh	11.6%	8	Conecuh	14.8%
9	Sumter	11.4%	9	Sumter	14.5%
10	Washington	11.1%	10	Greene	14.2%
11	Butler	10.8%	11	Washington	14.0%
12	Greene	10.6%	12	Winston	13.4%
13	Barbour	10.5%	13	Macon	12.5%
14	Macon	10.1%	14	Hale	12.0%
15	Winston	9.9%	15	Clay	11.8%
16	Hale	9.6%	16	Marengo	11.8%
17	Chambers	9.4%	17	Butler	11.6%
18	Russell	9.3%	18	Tallapoosa	11.5%
19	Marengo	9.2%	19	Choctaw	11.4%
20	Clay	9.1%	20	Chambers	11.4%
21	Coosa	9.1%	21	Barbour	11.4%
22	Tallapoosa	9.0%	22	Marion	11.3%
23	DeKalb	8.9%	23	DeKalb	11.2%
24	Choctaw	8.8%	24	Randolph	11.0%
25	Marion	8.8%	25	Pickens	10.7%
26	Randolph	8.7%	26	Coosa	10.6%
27	Pickens	8.6%	27	Escambia	10.5%
28	Mobile	8.4%	28	Fayette	10.4%
29	Escambia	8.4%	29	Talladega	10.3%
30	Lawrence	8.3%	30	Russell	10.1%
31	Talladega	8.2%	31	Lawrence	10.1%
32	Fayette	8.0%	32	Mobile	10.1%
33	Covington	7.7%	33	Bibb	9.9%
34	Walker	7.7%	34	Lamar	9.9%
35	Franklin	7.7%	35	Walker	9.5%
36	Colbert	7.6%	36	Franklin	9.4%
37	Calhoun	7.6%	37	Calhoun	9.2%
38	Montgomery	7.5%	38	Montgomery	9.1%
39	Bibb	7.4%	39	Etowah	9.1%
40	Lamar	7.3%	40	Colbert	9.0%
41	Morgan	7.3%	41	Covington	8.9%
42	Cherokee	7.2%	42	Jefferson	8.7%
43	Jackson	7.1%	43	Cherokee	8.7%
44	Etowah	7.1%	44	Morgan	8.7%
45	Marshall	7.1%	45	Crenshaw	8.7%
46	Elmore	7.0%	46	Jackson	8.7%
47	Henry	7.0%	47	Chilton	8.6%
48	Pike	6.9%	48	Marshall	8.6%
49	Jefferson	6.9%	49	Henry	8.4%
50	Dale	6.8%	50	St. Clair	8.3%
51	Crenshaw	6.8%	51	Blount	8.3%
52	Houston	6.8%	52	Elmore	8.3%
53	Geneva	6.7%	53	Lauderdale	8.3%
54	Tuscaloosa	6.7%	54	Dale	8.3%
55	Chilton	6.6%	55	Geneva	8.3%
56	Baldwin	6.6%	56	Cleburne	8.3%
57	St. Clair	6.6%	57	Tuscaloosa	8.2%
58	Cleburne	6.6%	58	Houston	8.1%
59	Lauderdale	6.5%	59	Baldwin	8.1%
60	Blount	6.5%	60	Cullman	8.1%
61	Cullman	6.4%	61	Autauga	8.0%
62	Autauga	6.4%	62	Pike	7.8%
63	Madison	6.3%	63	Limestone	7.6%
64	Limestone	6.3%	64	Madison	7.6%
65	Lee	6.2%	65	Lee	7.4%
66	Coffee	6.0%	66	Coffee	7.1%
67	Shelby	5.1%	67	Shelby	6.3%

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Metropolitan Statistical Areas



Decatur MA
Lawrence County
Morgan County

Huntsville MA
Limestone County
Madison County

Anniston - Oxford MA
Calhoun County

Dothan MA
Geneva County
Henry County
Houston County

Mobile MA
Mobile County

Auburn - Opelika MA
Lee County

Florence - Muscle Shoals MA
Colbert County
Lauderdale County

Montgomery MA
Autauga County
Elmore County
Lowndes County
Montgomery County

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

Gadsden MA
Etowah County

Tuscaloosa MA
Greene County
Hale County
Tuscaloosa County