

**Turning Results by Question**

**1.) How important is the overall approach of the “Keep Mississippi Working Fund” Workforce legislation? (multiple choice)**

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Important	77.14%	27
Somewhat Important	20%	7
Not So Important	2.86%	1
Not at All Important	0%	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>35</b>

**2.) What do you see as the best way to strengthen Economic Competitiveness in your Region? (multiple choice)**

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Improve Regional Partnerships	7.89%	3
Improve Business Climate	26.32%	10
Improve Workforce	42.11%	16
Improving access to Healthcare	23.68%	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>38</b>

**3.) As a region, how do you view your economic competitiveness? (multiple choice)**

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Competitive	7.89%	3
Somewhat Competitive	68.42%	26
Not so Competitive	21.05%	8
Not at all Competitive	2.63%	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>38</b>

**4.) What do you consider the biggest roadblock for economic competitiveness? (multiple choice)**

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Foreign Competition	8.82%	3
Lack of Skilled Workforce	47.06%	16
Negative Perception of State’s Image	14.71%	5
Tax Climate	2.94%	1
Transportation Infrastructure	20.59%	7
Lack of Technology	5.88%	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>34</b>

**5.) What is the single most important thing for putting Mississippi in the Place of Greatest Opportunity? (multiple choice)**

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Economic Incentives	5.26%	2
Education	42.11%	16
Healthcare	5.26%	2
Targeted Industry Recruitment	10.53%	4
Transportation	13.16%	5
Workforce Development	23.68%	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>38</b>

**6.) How important is the career & technical curriculum for high school students? (multiple choice)**

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Important	89.74%	35
Somewhat Important	7.69%	3
Not so Important	0%	0
Not at all Important	2.56%	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>39</b>

**7.) What is the single most important factor for improving education in Mississippi? (multiple choice)**

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Better Teacher Training	29.27%	12
Enhancing Early Childhood Education	17.07%	7
Improving Dropout Rate	17.07%	7
Increasing Funding	19.51%	8
Strengthening the Curriculum	17.07%	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>41</b>

**8.) Which area should be the top infrastructure priority? (multiple choice)**

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Airports	0%	0
Highways and Bridges	95%	38
Intermodal Transportation	5%	2
Ports and Waterways	0%	0
Railroads	0%	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>40</b>

**9.) Which Area of Highway Transportation Do You Believe is Most Important? (multiple choice)**

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Bridge Replacement or Repair	24.32%	9
Expansion/Widening of Existing Roadways	29.73%	11
Maintenance of Existing Roadways	40.54%	15
New Construction of Roadways	5.41%	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>37</b>

**10.) Where do you see the greatest opportunity for economic growth in your REGION? (multiple choice)**

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Advanced Manufacturing	35.90%	14
Healthcare	20.51%	8
Natural Resources (Forestry/Energy/Agri-Biz)	28.21%	11
Retail and Service	5.13%	2
Start-up Companies	7.69%	3
Tourism	2.56%	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>39</b>