

Regional Round-Up Results Hancock County

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Improve Regional Partnerships	19.83%	24
Improve Business Climate	45.45%	55
Improve Workforce	23.97%	29
Improving access to Healthcare	10.74%	13
Totals	100%	121

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Competitive	10.57%	13
Somewhat Competitive	52.03%	64
Not so Competitive	32.52%	40
Not at all Competitive	4.88%	6
Totals	100%	123

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Foreign Competition	5.13%	6
Lack of Skilled Workforce	23.93%	28
Negative Perception of State's Image	56.41%	66
Tax Climate	5.13%	6
Transportation Infrastructure	4.27%	5
Lack of Technology	5.13%	6
Totals	100%	117

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Economic Incentives	28.81%	34
Education	33.90%	40
Healthcare	1.69%	2
Targeted Industry Recruitment	20.34%	24
Transportation	3.39%	4
Workforce Development	11.86%	14
Totals	100%	118

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Important	83.87%	104
Somewhat Important	13.71%	17
Not so Important	1.61%	2
Not at all Important	0.81%	1
Totals	100%	124

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Better Teacher Training	13.11%	16
Enhancing Early Childhood Education	35.25%	43
Improving Dropout Rate	10.66%	13
Increasing Funding	11.48%	14
Strengthening the Curriculum	29.51%	36
Totals	100%	122

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Airports	7.50%	9
Highways and Bridges	54.17%	65
Intermodal		
Transportation	10.83%	13
Ports and Waterways	18.33%	22
Railroads	9.17%	11
Totals	100%	120

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Bridge Replacement or Repair	27.12%	32
Expansion/Widening of Existing Roadways	30.51%	36
Maintenance of Existing Roadways	33.90%	40
New Construction of Roadways	8.47%	10
Totals	100%	118

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Advanced Manufacturing	15%	18
Healthcare	8.33%	10
Natural Resources (Forestry/Energy/Agri-Biz)	11.67%	14
Retail and Service	6.67%	8
Start-up Companies	10%	12
Tourism	48.33%	58
Totals	100%	120