

Regional Round-Up Results Harrison 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	40%	34
Improve Business Climate	20%	17
Improve Workforce	36.47%	31
Improving access to Healthcare	3.53%	3
Totals	100%	85

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Competitive	9.41%	8
Somewhat Competitive	60%	51
Not so Competitive	27.06%	23
Not at all Competitive	3.53%	3
Totals	100%	85

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Foreign Competition	3.57%	3
Lack of Skilled Workforce	23.81%	20
Negative Perception of State's Image	54.76%	46
Tax Climate	4.76%	4
Transportation Infrastructure	9.52%	8
Lack of Technology	3.57%	3
Totals	100%	84

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Economic Incentives	20.24%	17
Education	47.62%	40
Healthcare	0%	0
Targeted Industry Recruitment	10.71%	9
Transportation	5.95%	5
Workforce Development	15.48%	13
Totals	100%	84

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Important	95.06%	77
Somewhat Important	2.47%	2
Not so Important	1.23%	1
Not at all Important	1.23%	1
Totals	100%	81

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Better Teacher Training	18.92%	14
Enhancing Early Childhood Education	41.89%	31
Improving Dropout Rate	8.11%	6
Increasing Funding	17.57%	13
Strengthening the Curriculum	13.51%	10
Totals	100%	74

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Airports	8.54%	7
Highways and Bridges	47.56%	39
Intermodal		
Transportation	9.76%	8
Ports and Waterways	29.27%	24
Railroads	4.88%	4
Totals	100%	82

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Bridge Replacement or Repair	22.22%	18
Expansion/Widening of Existing Roadways	32.10%	26
Maintenance of Existing Roadways	38.27%	31
New Construction of Roadways	7.41%	6
Totals	100%	81

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Advanced Manufacturing	29.63%	24
Healthcare	2.47%	2
Natural Resources (Forestry/Energy/Agri-Biz)	8.64%	7
Retail and Service	4.94%	4
Start-up Companies	6.17%	5
Tourism	48.15%	39
Totals	100%	81