

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	71.70%	114
Somewhat Important	24.53%	39
Not So Important	1.89%	3
Not at All Important	1.89%	3
Totals	100%	159

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Improve Regional Partnerships	12.90%	20
Improve Business Climate	36.13%	56
Improve Workforce	45.16%	70
Improving access to Healthcare	5.81%	9
Totals	100%	155

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Competitive	26.42%	42
Somewhat Competitive	55.35%	88
Not so Competitive	16.98%	27
Not at all Competitive	1.26%	2
Totals	100%	159

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Foreign Competition	1.92%	3
Lack of Skilled Workforce	33.33%	52
Negative Perception of State’s Image	51.28%	80
Tax Climate	5.13%	8
Transportation Infrastructure	7.05%	11
Lack of Technology	1.28%	2
Totals	100%	156

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Economic Incentives	18.29%	30
Education	39.02%	64
Healthcare	1.83%	3
Targeted Industry Recruitment	14.02%	23
Transportation	3.66%	6
Workforce Development	23.17%	38
Totals	100%	164

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Important	84.62%	132
Somewhat Important	11.54%	18
Not so Important	1.92%	3
Not at all Important	1.92%	3
Totals	100%	156

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Better Teacher Training	11.11%	17
Enhancing Early Childhood Education	39.22%	60
Improving Dropout Rate	15.03%	23
Increasing Funding	15.69%	24
Strengthening the Curriculum	18.95%	29
Totals	100%	153

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Airports	4.79%	7
Highways and Bridges	78.77%	115
Intermodal Transportation	7.53%	11
Ports and Waterways	5.48%	8
Railroads	3.42%	5
Totals	100%	146

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Bridge Replacement or Repair	20.92%	32
Expansion/Widening of Existing Roadways	9.80%	15
Maintenance of Existing Roadways	64.05%	98
New Construction of Roadways	5.23%	8
Totals	100%	153

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Advanced Manufacturing	44.22%	65
Healthcare	17.69%	26
Natural Resources (Forestry/Energy/Agri-Biz)	16.33%	24
Retail and Service	7.48%	11
Start-up Companies	11.56%	17
Tourism	2.72%	4
Totals	100%	147