

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	82.69%	43
Somewhat Important	17.31%	9
Not So Important	0%	0
Not at All Important	0%	0
Totals	100%	52

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

	Responses (percent) (count)	
Improve Regional Partnerships	21.15%	11
Improve Business Climate	40.38%	21
Improve Workforce	36.54%	19
Improving access to Healthcare	1.92%	1
Totals	100%	52

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

	Responses (percent) (count)	
Very Competitive	10.53%	6
Somewhat Competitive	61.40%	35
Not so Competitive	26.32%	15
Not at all Competitive	1.75%	1
Totals	100%	57

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

	Responses (percent) (count)	
Foreign Competition	5.45%	3
Lack of Skilled Workforce	30.91%	17
Negative Perception of State’s Image	41.82%	23
Tax Climate	7.27%	4
Transportation Infrastructure	12.73%	7
Lack of Technology	1.82%	1
Totals	100%	55

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

	Responses (percent) (count)	
Economic Incentives	16.36%	9
Education	36.36%	20
Healthcare	1.82%	1
Targeted Industry Recruitment	12.73%	7
Transportation	10.91%	6
Workforce Development	21.82%	12
Totals	100%	55

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Important	91.07%	51
Somewhat Important	8.93%	5
Not so Important	0%	0
Not at all Important	0%	0
Totals	100%	56

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Better Teacher Training	21.43%	12
Enhancing Early Childhood Education	33.93%	19
Improving Dropout Rate	10.71%	6
Increasing Funding	7.14%	4
Strengthening the Curriculum	26.79%	15
Totals	100%	56

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Airports	5.36%	3
Highways and Bridges	85.71%	48
Intermodal Transportation	3.57%	2
Ports and Waterways	1.79%	1
Railroads	3.57%	2
Totals	100%	56

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Bridge Replacement or Repair	16.07%	9
Expansion/Widening of Existing Roadways	14.29%	8
Maintenance of Existing Roadways	66.07%	37
New Construction of Roadways	3.57%	2
Totals	100%	56

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Advanced Manufacturing	46.30%	25
Healthcare	11.11%	6
Natural Resources (Forestry/Energy/Agri-Biz)	24.07%	13
Retail and Service	11.11%	6
Start-up Companies	5.56%	3
Tourism	1.85%	1
Totals	100%	54