

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	82.05%	64
Somewhat Important	17.95%	14
Not So Important	0%	0
Not at All Important	0%	0
Totals	100%	78

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Improve Regional Partnerships	27.16%	22
Improve Business Climate	43.21%	35
Improve Workforce	28.40%	23
Improving access to Healthcare	1.23%	1
Totals	100%	81

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Competitive	6.17%	5
Somewhat Competitive	38.27%	31
Not so Competitive	49.38%	40
Not at all Competitive	6.17%	5
Totals	100%	81

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Foreign Competition	8.43%	7
Lack of Skilled Workforce	18.07%	15
Negative Perception of State’s Image	55.42%	46
Tax Climate	12.05%	10
Transportation Infrastructure	4.82%	4
Lack of Technology	1.20%	1
Totals	100%	83

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Economic Incentives	14.63%	12
Education	29.27%	24
Healthcare	0%	0
Targeted Industry Recruitment	28.05%	23
Transportation	7.32%	6
Workforce Development	20.73%	17
Totals	100%	82

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Important	85.92%	61
Somewhat Important	12.68%	9
Not so Important	0%	0
Not at all Important	1.41%	1
Totals	100%	71

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Better Teacher Training	8.22%	6
Enhancing Early Childhood Education	43.84%	32
Improving Dropout Rate	12.33%	9
Increasing Funding	16.44%	12
Strengthening the Curriculum	19.18%	14
Totals	100%	73

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Airports	1.33%	1
Highways and Bridges	80%	60
Intermodal Transportation	9.33%	7
Ports and Waterways	1.33%	1
Railroads	8%	6
Totals	100%	75

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Bridge Replacement or Repair	21.92%	16
Expansion/Widening of Existing Roadways	24.66%	18
Maintenance of Existing Roadways	50.68%	37
New Construction of Roadways	2.74%	2
Totals	100%	73

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Advanced Manufacturing	41.10%	30
Healthcare	9.59%	7
Natural Resources (Forestry/Energy/Agri-Biz)	21.92%	16
Retail and Service	4.11%	3
Start-up Companies	6.85%	5
Tourism	16.44%	12
Totals	100%	73