

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	80%	44
Somewhat Important	20%	11
Not So Important	0%	0
Not at All Important	0%	0
Totals	100%	55

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Improve Regional Partnerships	25.86%	15
Improve Business Climate	27.59%	16
Improve Workforce	44.83%	26
Improving access to Healthcare	1.72%	1
Totals	100%	58

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Competitive	12.28%	7
Somewhat Competitive	56.14%	32
Not so Competitive	29.82%	17
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	5.36%	3
Lack of Skilled Workforce	39.29%	22
Negative Perception of State’s Image	14.29%	8
Tax Climate	5.36%	3
Transportation Infrastructure	30.36%	17
Lack of Technology	5.36%	3
Totals	100%	56

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Economic Incentives	5.36%	3
Education	30.36%	17
Healthcare	1.79%	1
Targeted Industry Recruitment	25%	14
Transportation	12.50%	7
Workforce Development	25%	14
Totals	100%	56

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Important	94.44%	51
Somewhat Important	5.56%	3
Not so Important	0%	0
Not at all Important	0%	0
Totals	100%	54

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Better Teacher Training	11.11%	6
Enhancing Early Childhood Education	40.74%	22
Improving Dropout Rate	9.26%	5
Increasing Funding	16.67%	9
Strengthening the Curriculum	22.22%	12
Totals	100%	54

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Airports	5.26%	3
Highways and Bridges	87.72%	50
Intermodal Transportation	1.75%	1
Ports and Waterways	0%	0
Railroads	5.26%	3
Totals	100%	57

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	28.57%	16
Maintenance of Existing Roadways	42.86%	24
New Construction of Roadways	12.50%	7
Totals	100%	56

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Advanced Manufacturing	38.78%	19
Healthcare	8.16%	4
Natural Resources (Forestry/Energy/Agri-Biz)	24.49%	12
Retail and Service	6.12%	3
Start-up Companies	6.12%	3
Tourism	16.33%	8
Totals	100%	49