

Turning Results by Question (Regional Round-Up All Cities)

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Improve Regional Partnerships	18.84%	395
Improve Business Climate	28.42%	596
Improve Workforce	47.35%	993
Improving access to Healthcare	5.39%	113
Totals	100%	2097

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Competitive	20.79%	442
Somewhat Competitive	49.58%	1054
Not so Competitive	25.31%	538
Not at all Competitive	4.33%	92
Totals	100%	2126

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Foreign Competition	5.53%	117
Lack of Skilled Workforce	36.99%	783
Negative Perception of State's Image	39.54%	837
Tax Climate	4.91%	104
Transportation Infrastructure	9.45%	200
Lack of Technology	3.59%	76
Totals	100%	2117

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Economic Incentives	15.22%	325
Education	38.86%	830
Healthcare	2.01%	43
Targeted Industry Recruitment	15.82%	338
Transportation	4.63%	99
Workforce Development	23.46%	501
Totals	100%	2136

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Important	88.36%	1807
Somewhat Important	10.12%	207
Not so Important	0.73%	15
Not at all Important	0.78%	16
Totals	100%	2045

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Better Teacher Training	15.86%	327
Enhancing Early Childhood Education	37%	763
Improving Dropout Rate	14.16%	292
Increasing Funding	11.74%	242
Strengthening the Curriculum	21.24%	438
Totals	100%	2062

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Airports	5.47%	112
Highways and Bridges	77.23%	1581
Intermodal Transportation	6.89%	141
Ports and Waterways	6.25%	128
Railroads	4.15%	85
Totals	100%	2047

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Bridge Replacement or Repair	19.54%	366
Expansion/Widening of Existing Roadways	24.93%	467
Maintenance of Existing Roadways	46.98%	880
New Construction of Roadways	8.54%	160
Totals	100%	1873

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Advanced Manufacturing	37.59%	739
Healthcare	12.61%	248
Natural Resources (Forestry/Energy/Agri-Biz)	16.12%	317
Retail and Service	7.68%	151
Start-up Companies	10.83%	213
Tourism	15.16%	298
Totals	100%	1966

10.) Please rank the following Areas of Highway Transportation In Order of Importance (priority ranking)

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Bridge Replacement or Repair	19.96%	558
Expansion/Widening of Existing Roadways	31.12%	870
Maintenance of Existing Roadways	27%	755
New Construction of Roadways	21.92%	613
Totals	100%	2796

**11.) How important is the overall approach of the “Keep Mississippi Working Fund” Workforce legislation?
(multiple choice)**

Very Important
Somewhat Important
Not So Important
Not at All Important

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Important	79.74%	787
Somewhat Important	17.53%	173
Not So Important	1.62%	16
Not at All Important	1.11%	11
Totals	100%	987