

Turning Results by Question

Session Name: Tupelo 12-5-14

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Improve Regional Partnerships	21.98%	20
Improve Business Climate	31.87%	29
Improve Workforce	39.56%	36
Improving access to Healthcare	6.59%	6
Totals	100%	91

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Competitive	35.16%	32
Somewhat Competitive	54.95%	50
Not so Competitive	8.79%	8
Not at all Competitive	1.10%	1
Totals	100%	91

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Foreign Competition	9.89%	9
Lack of Skilled Workforce	24.18%	22
Negative Perception of State's Image	50.55%	46
Tax Climate	5.49%	5
Transportation Infrastructure	5.49%	5
Lack of Technology	4.40%	4
Totals	100%	91

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Economic Incentives	21.51%	20
Education	37.63%	35
Healthcare	1.08%	1
Targeted Industry Recruitment	15.05%	14
Transportation	6.45%	6
Workforce Development	18.28%	17
Totals	100%	93

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Important	90.24%	74
Somewhat Important	8.54%	7
Not so Important	1.22%	1
Not at all Important	0%	0
Totals	100%	82

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Better Teacher Training	13.79%	12
Enhancing Early Childhood Education	45.98%	40
Improving Dropout Rate	17.24%	15
Increasing Funding	8.05%	7
Strengthening the Curriculum	14.94%	13
Totals	100%	87

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Airports	6.67%	6
Highways and Bridges	68.89%	62
Intermodal Transportation	21.11%	19
Ports and Waterways	1.11%	1
Railroads	2.22%	2
Totals	100%	90

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Bridge Replacement or Repair	28.89%	26
Expansion/Widening of Existing Roadways	28.89%	26
Maintenance of Existing Roadways	37.78%	34
New Construction of Roadways	4.44%	4
Totals	100%	90

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Advanced Manufacturing	60.87%	56
Healthcare	4.35%	4
Natural Resources (Forestry/Energy/Agri-Biz)	11.96%	11
Retail and Service	7.61%	7
Start-up Companies	10.87%	10
Tourism	4.35%	4
Totals	100%	92