

Turning Results by Question

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Improve Regional Partnerships	12.68%	9
Improve Business Climate	22.54%	16
Improve Workforce	57.75%	41
Improving access to Healthcare	7.04%	5
Totals	100%	71

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Competitive	0%	0
Somewhat Competitive	39.73%	29
Not so Competitive	46.58%	34
Not at all Competitive	13.70%	10
Totals	100%	73

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Foreign Competition	4.17%	3
Lack of Skilled Workforce	54.17%	39
Negative Perception of State's Image	25%	18
Tax Climate	4.17%	3
Transportation Infrastructure	8.33%	6
Lack of Technology	4.17%	3
Totals	100%	72

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Economic Incentives	8.33%	6
Education	41.67%	30
Healthcare	2.78%	2
Targeted Industry Recruitment	16.67%	12
Transportation	2.78%	2
Workforce Development	27.78%	20
Totals	100%	72

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Important	81.94%	59
Somewhat Important	13.89%	10
Not so Important	2.78%	2
Not at all Important	1.39%	1
Totals	100%	72

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Better Teacher Training	18.92%	14
Enhancing Early Childhood Education	51.35%	38
Improving Dropout Rate	10.81%	8
Increasing Funding	5.41%	4
Strengthening the Curriculum	13.51%	10
Totals	100%	74

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Airports	1.35%	1
Highways and Bridges	89.19%	66
Intermodal Transportation	2.70%	2
Ports and Waterways	2.70%	2
Railroads	4.05%	3
Totals	100%	74

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Bridge Replacement or Repair	28.12%	18
Expansion/Widening of Existing Roadways	12.50%	8
Maintenance of Existing Roadways	45.31%	29
New Construction of Roadways	14.06%	9
Totals	100%	64

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

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Advanced Manufacturing	23.19%	16
Healthcare	10.14%	7
Natural Resources (Forestry/Energy/Agri-Biz)	28.99%	20
Retail and Service	7.25%	5
Start-up Companies	8.70%	6
Tourism	21.74%	15
Totals	100%	69