



Economic Overview

I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level)



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Demographic Profile

The population in the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) was 436,838 per American Community Survey data for 2018-2022.

The region has a civilian labor force of 193,160 with a participation rate of 55.9%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level), 21.1% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 36.5% in the nation.

The median household income in the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) is \$53,110 and the median house value is \$141,968.

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level)	Mississippi	USA	I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level)	Mississippi	USA
Demographics						
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	436,838	2,951,438	332,387,540
Male	48.6%	48.5%	49.5%	212,293	1,431,521	164,545,087
Female	51.4%	51.5%	50.5%	224,545	1,519,917	167,842,453
Median Age ²	—	—	—	38.4	38.4	38.7
Under 18 Years	23.4%	23.5%	22.2%	102,255	692,335	73,645,238
18 to 24 Years	10.0%	9.8%	9.1%	43,667	288,805	30,307,641
25 to 34 Years	12.3%	12.6%	13.7%	53,594	371,030	45,497,632
35 to 44 Years	12.6%	12.6%	13.1%	54,839	371,160	43,492,887
45 to 54 Years	11.9%	12.1%	12.3%	51,923	356,035	40,847,713
55 to 64 Years	12.6%	12.8%	12.8%	55,159	376,958	42,626,382
65 to 74 Years	10.3%	10.2%	10.0%	44,855	300,288	33,293,127
75 Years and Over	7.0%	6.6%	6.8%	30,546	194,827	22,676,920
Race: White	65.3%	56.3%	63.4%	285,339	1,661,873	210,875,446
Race: Black or African American	29.3%	37.0%	12.4%	128,006	1,090,777	41,070,890
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.4%	0.9%	1,367	13,181	2,924,996
Race: Asian	0.5%	1.0%	5.8%	2,312	28,918	19,352,659
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	318	1,411	629,292
Race: Some Other Race	1.1%	1.7%	6.6%	4,661	49,104	21,940,536
Race: Two or More Races	3.4%	3.6%	10.7%	14,835	106,174	35,593,721
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3.4%	3.6%	19.0%	14,859	106,126	63,131,589
Population Growth						
Population (Pop Estimates) ⁴	—	—	—	437,579	2,939,690	334,914,895
Population Annual Average Growth ⁴	-0.1%	-0.2%	0.6%	-274	-5,015	1,885,495
People per Square Mile ⁴	—	—	—	50.9	62.6	94.8
Economic						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	55.9%	57.0%	63.3%	193,160	1,326,878	168,567,852
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	76.0%	77.6%	83.0%	120,829	844,419	107,055,165
Work from Home	4.2%	5.3%	13.5%	7,607	65,344	21,267,373
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.4%	0.6%	0.5%	1,472	13,452	1,287,774
Veterans, Age 18-64	4.1%	4.7%	4.2%	10,678	82,972	8,410,268
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	73.0%	72.7%	77.0%	7,793	60,306	6,478,181
Median Household Income ²	—	—	—	\$53,110	\$54,915	\$78,538
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$29,087	\$30,529	\$43,289

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Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	28.2	25.6	26.6
Commute via Public Transportation	0.4%	0.3%	3.5%	656	3,137	5,528,841
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64						
No High School Diploma	11.4%	12.0%	10.0%	24,599	177,432	17,176,172
High School Graduate	32.0%	29.1%	25.0%	69,071	429,221	43,057,491
Some College, No Degree	22.9%	22.1%	19.3%	49,395	325,610	33,315,654
Associate's Degree	12.5%	12.1%	9.2%	27,019	177,946	15,894,085
Bachelor's Degree	13.1%	15.3%	22.8%	28,295	226,017	39,256,774
Postgraduate Degree	8.0%	9.4%	13.8%	17,136	138,957	23,764,438
Housing						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	194,010	1,332,811	142,332,876
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) ^{2,5}	—	—	—	\$141,968	\$161,400	\$303,400
Homeowner Vacancy	1.2%	1.0%	1.0%	1,534	8,067	850,724
Rental Vacancy	6.4%	8.6%	5.5%	2,934	32,951	2,605,688
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	25.9%	30.5%	35.0%	42,679	345,471	44,590,828
Owner-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	74.1%	69.5%	65.0%	122,268	786,289	82,892,037
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	5.5%	6.2%	8.3%	9,017	69,820	10,602,826
Social						
Poverty Level (of all people)	19.3%	19.1%	12.4%	81,732	543,697	40,390,045
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	14.5%	13.6%	11.8%	23,987	154,243	15,004,950
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.6%	1.3%	1.3%	6,941	38,915	4,405,676
Disconnected Youth ³	4.5%	3.6%	2.4%	1,121	6,138	420,352
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	41.3%	45.3%	34.0%	39,119	289,806	23,701,745
Uninsured	12.6%	11.6%	8.6%	53,823	334,916	28,000,876
With a Disability, Age 18-64	17.5%	15.4%	10.7%	44,119	263,182	21,269,700
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	40.1%	38.7%	47.0%	17,699	101,982	10,001,264
Foreign Born	2.0%	2.4%	13.9%	8,758	70,565	46,108,901
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	1.3%	1.7%	8.4%	5,535	46,356	26,299,012

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

1. American Community Survey 2019-2023, unless noted otherwise

2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

3. Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.

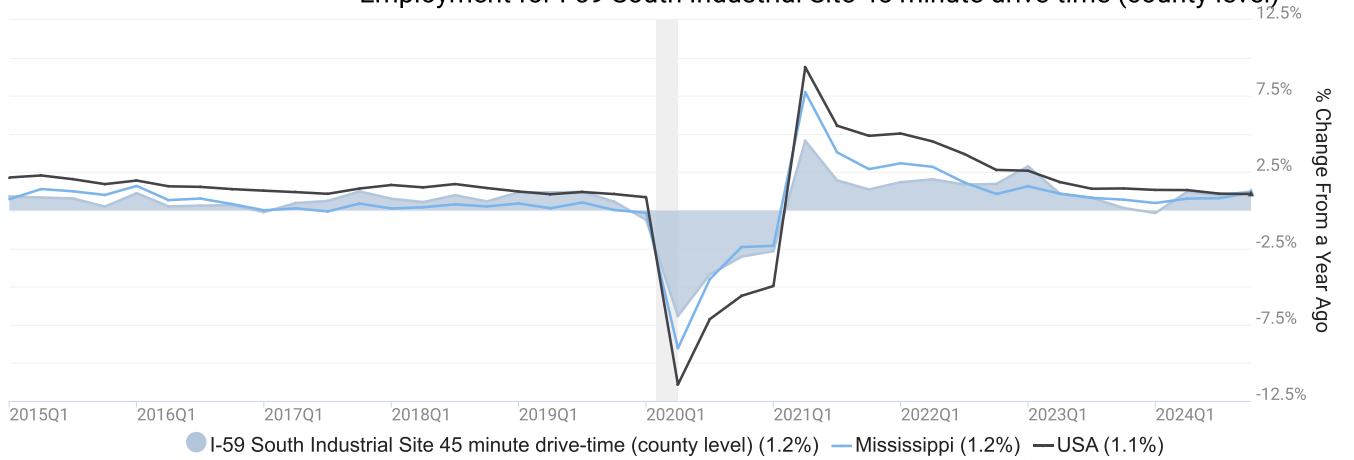
4. Census Population Estimate for 2023, annual average growth rate since 2013.

5. The Census's method for calculating median house values changed with the 2022 data set, so pre-2022 values are not directly comparable with later data.

Employment Trends

As of 2024Q4, total employment for the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) was 158,640 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2024Q4, employment increased 1.2% in the region.

Employment for I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level)

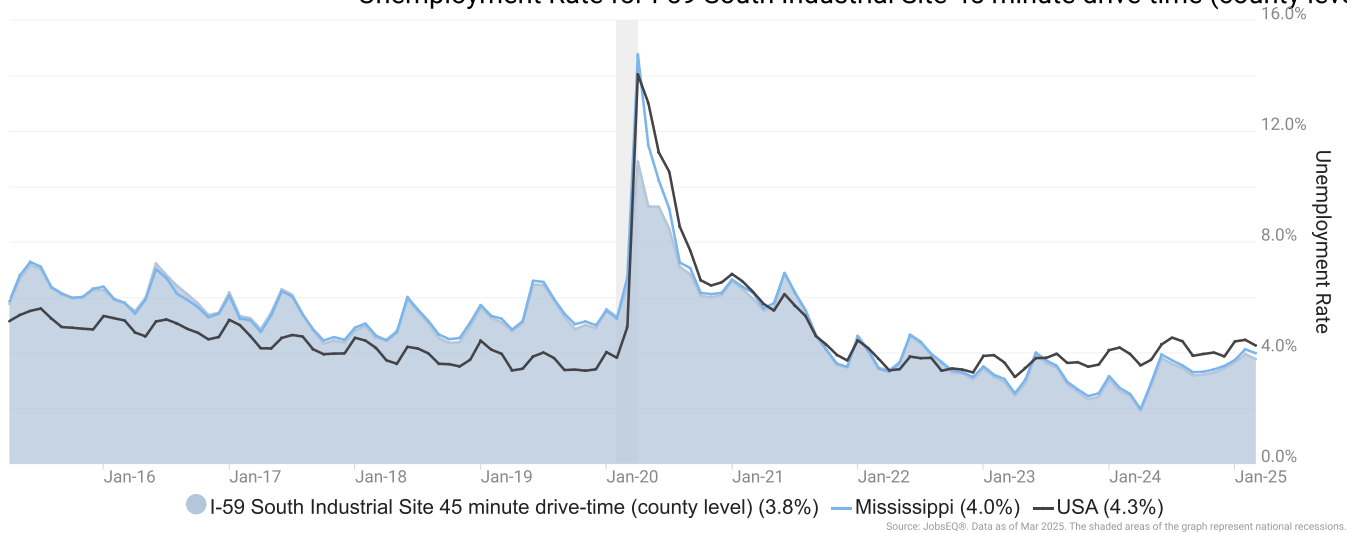


Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2024Q3 with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q4.

Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate for the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) was 3.8% as of March 2025. The regional unemployment rate was lower than the national rate of 4.3%. One year earlier, in March 2024, the unemployment rate in the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) was 2.4%.

Unemployment Rate for I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level)

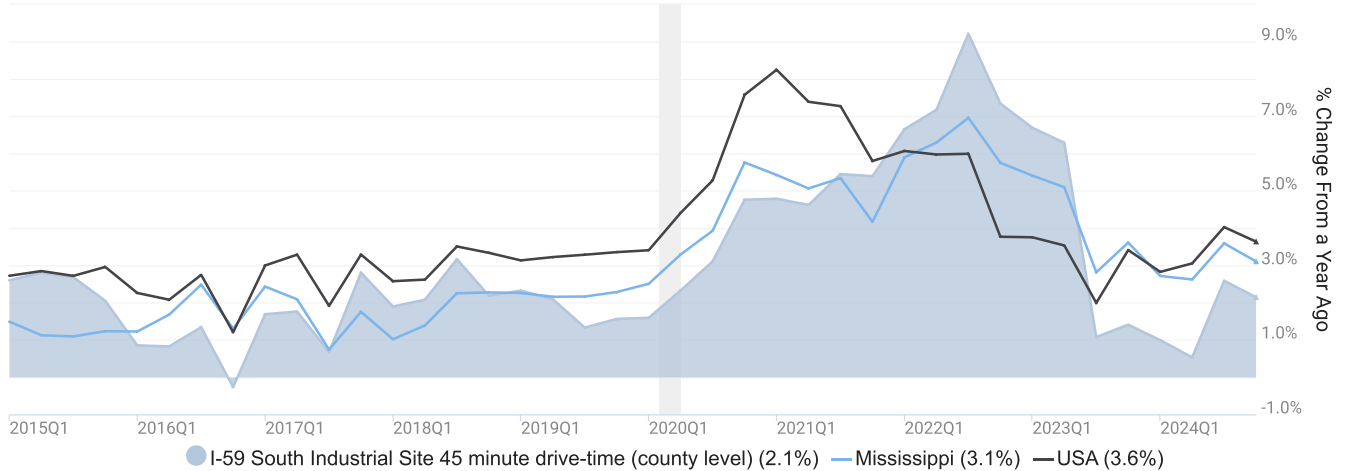


Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through March 2025.

Wage Trends

The average worker in the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) earned annual wages of \$45,486 as of 2024Q4. Average annual wages per worker increased 2.1% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$73,145 in the nation as of 2024Q4.

Average Annual Wages for I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level)



Annual average wages per worker data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2024Q3 with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q4.

Cost of Living Index

The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 13.5% lower in I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) than the U.S. average.

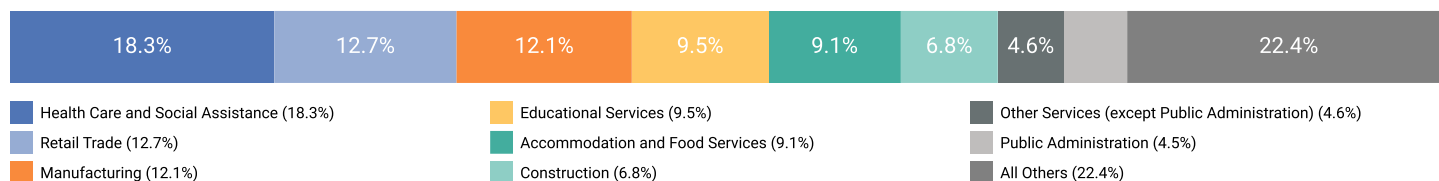
Cost of Living Information			
	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level)	\$45,486	86.5	\$52,588
Mississippi	\$49,518	87.3	\$56,728
USA	\$73,145	100.0	\$73,145

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)
Data as of 2024Q4
Cost of Living per [COLI](#), data as of 2024Q3, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) is Health Care and Social Assistance, employing 29,047 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Retail Trade (20,186 workers) and Manufacturing (19,225). High location quotients (LQs) indicate sectors in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The sectors with the largest LQs in the region are Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (LQ = 2.08), Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (2.06), and Utilities (1.85).

Total Workers for I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) by Industry



Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2024Q4

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Sectors in the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) with the highest average wages per worker are Management of Companies and Enterprises (\$86,215), Utilities (\$82,939), and Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (\$77,809). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Construction (+1,037 jobs), Retail Trade (+685), and Health Care and Social Assistance (+660).

Over the next 1 year, employment in the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) is projected to contract by 70 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation with a +0.5% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Health Care and Social Assistance (+108 jobs), Construction (+24), and Accommodation and Food Services (+23).

I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level), 2024Q4¹

NAICS	Industry	Current			5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	29,047	\$50,530	1.21	660	0.5%	2,938	1,290	1,540	108	0.4%
44	Retail Trade	20,186	\$32,421	1.31	685	0.7%	2,644	1,156	1,597	-109	-0.5%
31	Manufacturing	19,225	\$55,957	1.54	452	0.5%	1,866	713	1,222	-70	-0.4%
61	Educational Services	15,078	\$44,920	1.18	-276	-0.4%	1,391	638	772	-19	-0.1%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	14,498	\$19,377	1.05	429	0.6%	2,595	1,095	1,476	23	0.2%
23	Construction	10,743	\$57,223	1.13	1,037	2.1%	941	338	579	24	0.2%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	7,281	\$26,419	1.08	247	0.7%	835	338	489	9	0.1%
92	Public Administration	7,063	\$41,310	0.94	-97	-0.3%	635	259	387	-11	-0.2%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	6,162	\$32,946	0.64	-154	-0.5%	694	279	420	-5	-0.1%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	5,416	\$56,889	0.68	-633	-2.2%	584	238	349	-3	0.0%
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	3,943	\$61,287	2.06	-304	-1.5%	450	228	254	-32	-0.8%
52	Finance and Insurance	3,823	\$61,794	0.61	-134	-0.7%	309	121	194	-6	-0.2%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	3,573	\$57,368	0.31	95	0.5%	303	107	181	15	0.4%
42	Wholesale Trade	3,545	\$63,057	0.60	181	1.1%	346	132	221	-7	-0.2%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	2,050	\$86,215	0.83	252	2.7%	179	64	108	7	0.3%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,684	\$48,698	0.60	2	0.0%	162	71	90	1	0.0%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,660	\$20,686	0.50	199	2.6%	253	97	147	9	0.5%
22	Utilities	1,523	\$82,939	1.85	169	2.4%	126	49	84	-7	-0.5%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1,200	\$77,809	2.08	-518	-6.9%	108	38	73	-3	-0.2%
51	Information	939	\$49,618	0.31	-173	-3.3%	77	30	51	-4	-0.4%
Total - All Industries		158,640	\$45,486	1.00	2,120	0.3%	17,120	7,078	10,113	-70	0.0%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2024Q4

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1. All data based upon a four-quarter moving average

Exits and transfers are approximate estimates based upon occupation separation rates.

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Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) is Office and Administrative Support Occupations, employing 16,986 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Sales and Related Occupations (14,705 workers) and Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (13,985). High location quotients (LQs) indicate occupation groups in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The major groups with the largest LQs in the region are Production Occupations (LQ = 1.61), Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations (1.48), and Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (1.27).

Occupation groups in the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) with the highest average wages per worker are Management Occupations (\$92,200), Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (\$86,000), and Architecture and Engineering Occupations (\$83,400). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 0.9% among Legal Occupations to 6.1% among Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) is expected to be Healthcare Support Occupations with a +0.7% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Healthcare Support Occupations (+56 jobs) and Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (+46). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (2,682 jobs) and Sales and Related Occupations (2,007).

I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level), 2024Q4¹

SOC	Occupation	Current						5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	16,986	\$39,400	0.92	548	2.5%	537	-793	-0.9%	1,701	799	1,029	-127	-0.7%
41-0000	Sales and Related	14,705	\$38,500	1.07	708	4.0%	1,182	-147	-0.2%	1,908	880	1,127	-98	-0.7%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	13,985	\$25,600	1.08	805	4.7%	877	296	0.4%	2,699	1,164	1,518	17	0.1%
51-0000	Production	13,785	\$42,500	1.61	585	3.6%	164	-113	-0.2%	1,441	561	943	-64	-0.5%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	13,578	\$40,500	0.99	807	4.4%	604	122	0.2%	1,700	664	1,033	4	0.0%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	12,051	\$86,000	1.27	140	1.0%	1,419	549	0.9%	728	349	333	46	0.4%
11-0000	Management	10,696	\$92,200	0.87	159	1.3%	523	719	1.4%	887	350	523	14	0.1%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	9,830	\$47,600	1.14	202	1.9%	226	-194	-0.4%	824	383	445	-4	0.0%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	8,553	\$29,200	1.15	265	2.6%	478	269	0.6%	1,224	537	631	56	0.7%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	8,355	\$47,300	1.18	446	4.1%	99	163	0.4%	721	257	444	20	0.2%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	7,304	\$52,800	1.18	218	2.2%	320	597	1.7%	640	256	372	12	0.2%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	5,443	\$70,900	0.53	149	2.2%	262	396	1.5%	446	153	284	10	0.2%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	5,015	\$30,800	0.96	252	3.8%	313	24	0.1%	665	287	378	-1	0.0%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	4,024	\$30,400	0.98	172	3.6%	81	38	0.2%	669	252	408	10	0.2%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	3,474	\$46,600	1.18	65	1.8%	258	7	0.0%	333	139	178	16	0.5%
33-0000	Protective Service	3,021	\$40,300	0.88	95	2.4%	93	56	0.4%	283	114	176	-7	-0.2%

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27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	1,806	\$52,200	0.62	55	2.9%	129	40	0.5%	177	74	102	1	0.1%
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	1,590	\$73,400	0.32	54	2.2%	93	37	0.5%	95	35	57	4	0.2%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	1,558	\$83,400	0.62	33	1.7%	90	88	1.2%	110	40	66	4	0.2%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	1,351	\$42,500	1.48	92	6.1%	37	24	0.4%	182	78	115	-12	-0.9%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	871	\$81,000	0.60	22	2.3%	53	22	0.5%	78	14	62	2	0.2%
23-0000	Legal	659	\$83,300	0.50	7	0.9%	9	-82	-2.3%	37	15	21	0	0.1%
Total - All Occupations		158,640	\$48,700	1.00	5,877	3.0%	7,848	2,120	0.3%	17,562	7,402	10,244	-83	-0.1%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

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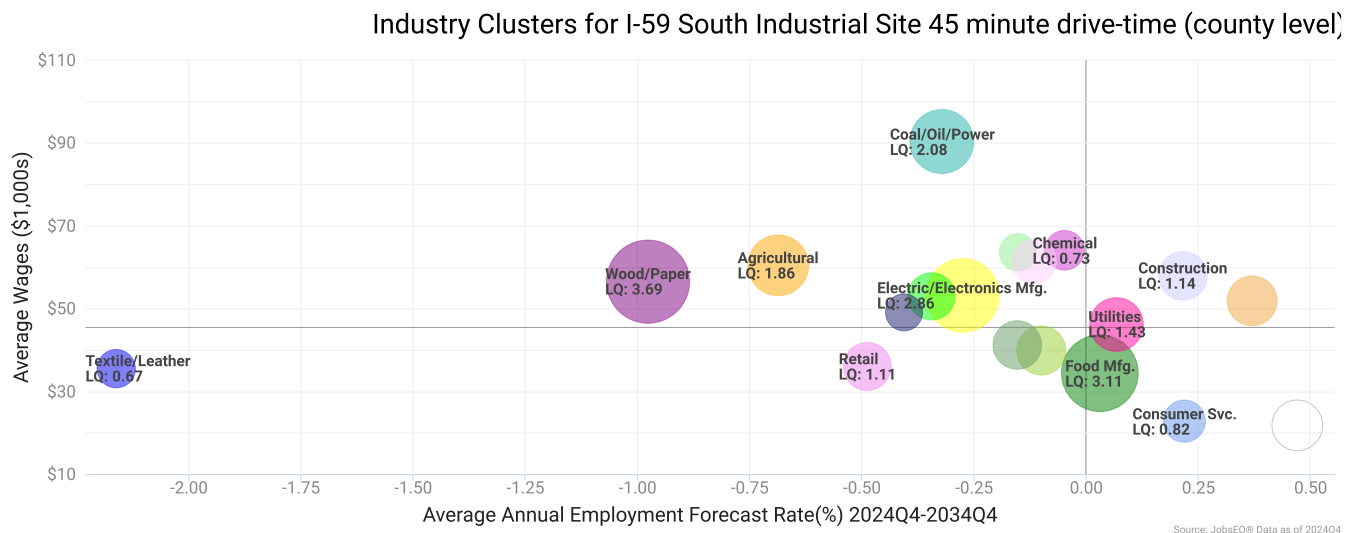
2. Wage data represent the average for all Covered Employment

3. Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region. Due to alternative county-assignment algorithms, ad counts in this analytic may not match that shown in RTI (nor in the popup window ad list). Ad counts for ZCTA-based regions are estimates.

Occupation employment data are estimated via industry employment data and the estimated industry/occupation mix. Industry employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and currently updated through 2024Q3, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q4. Wages by occupation are as of 2024 provided by the BLS and imputed where necessary. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Industry Clusters

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. The industry cluster in the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) with the highest relative concentration is Wood/Paper with a location quotient of 3.69. This cluster employs 4,277 workers in the region with an average wage of \$56,554. Employment in the Wood/Paper cluster is projected to contract in the region about 1.0% per year over the next ten years.

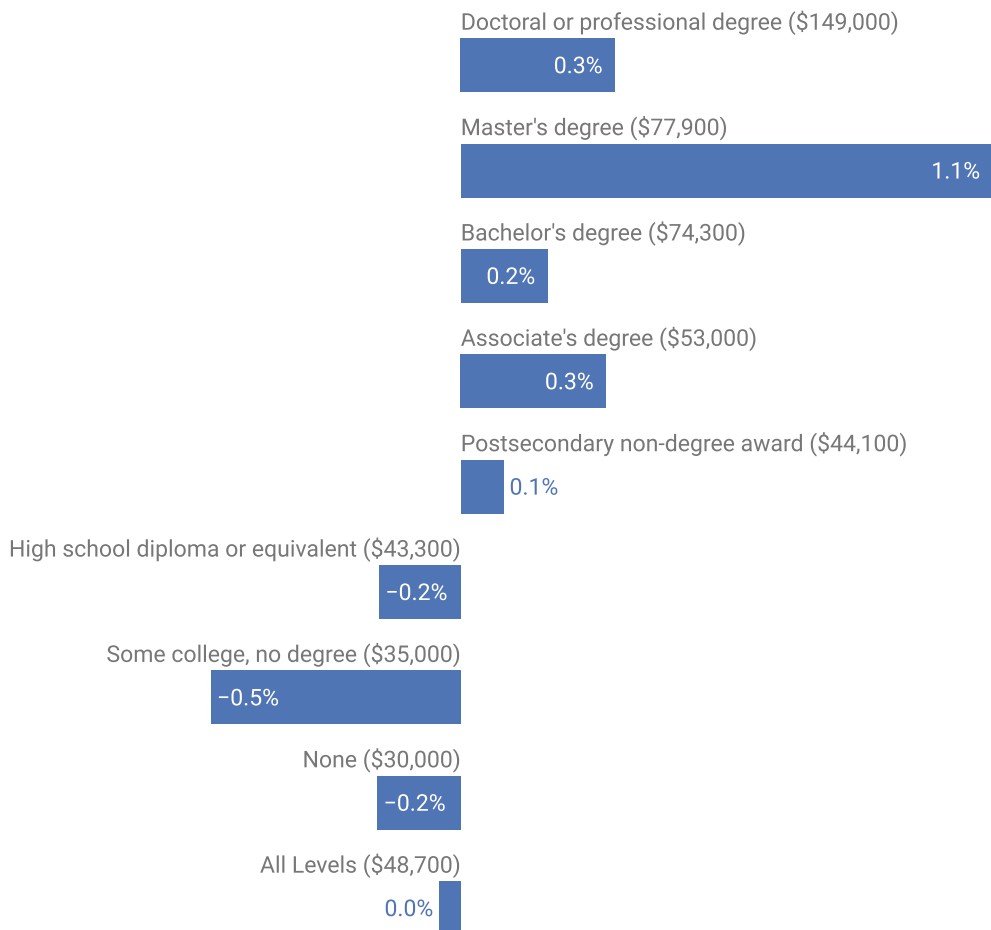


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Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) is projected to contract 0.0% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 0.3% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to grow 0.2% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 0.3% per year.

Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Education Levels

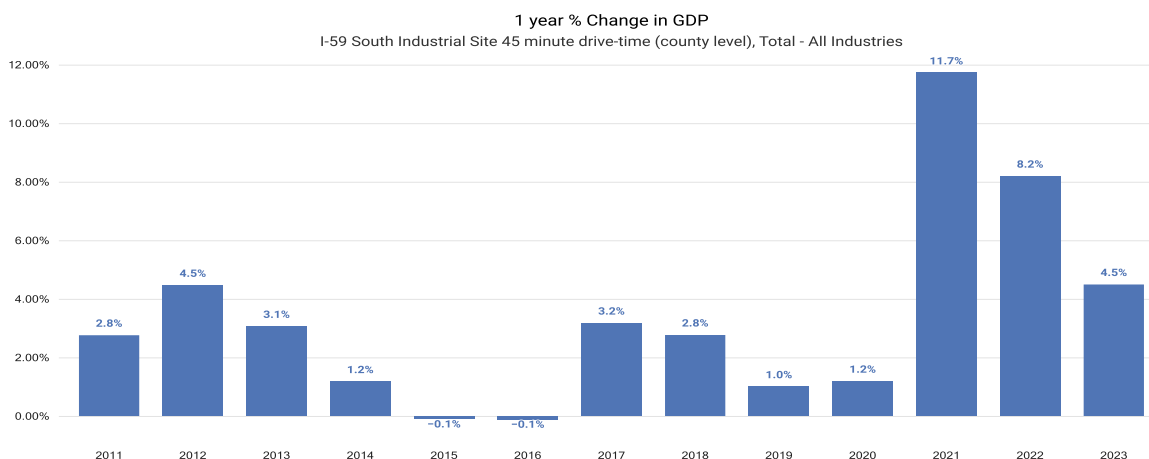


Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2024Q4

Employment by occupation data are estimates as of 2024Q4. Education levels of occupations are based on BLS assignments. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Gross Domestic Product

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the total value of goods and services produced by a region. In 2023, nominal GDP in the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) expanded 4.5%. This follows growth of 8.2% in 2022. As of 2023, total GDP in the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) was \$16,455,843,000.



Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2023.

Of the sectors in the I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level), Manufacturing contributed the largest portion of GDP in 2023, \$2,325,273,000. The next-largest contributions came from Health Care and Social Assistance (\$2,244,300,000); Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (\$1,783,029,000); and Retail Trade (\$1,724,612,000).

GDP (in \$ millions)

I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level), 2023

Manufacturing (31)

\$2,325

Health Care and Social Assistance (62)

\$2,244

Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (53)

\$1,783

Retail Trade (44)

\$1,725

Educational Services (61)

\$1,196

Construction (23)

\$745

Utilities (22)

\$680

Wholesale Trade (42)

\$657

Transportation and Warehousing (48)

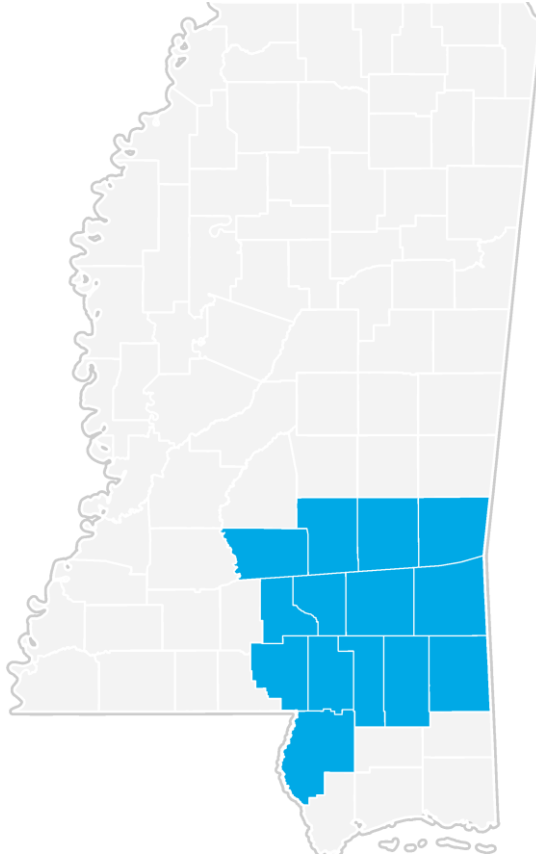
\$651

Finance and Insurance (52)

\$617

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I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) Regional Map



Region Definition

I-59 South Industrial Site 45 minute drive-time (county level) is defined as the following counties:

Clarke County, Mississippi

Covington County, Mississippi

Forrest County, Mississippi

Greene County, Mississippi

Jasper County, Mississippi

Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi

Jones County, Mississippi

Lamar County, Mississippi

Marion County, Mississippi

Pearl River County, Mississippi

Perry County, Mississippi

Simpson County, Mississippi

Smith County, Mississippi

Wayne County, Mississippi

FAQ

What is a location quotient?

A location quotient (LQ) is a measurement of concentration in comparison to the nation. An LQ of 1.00 indicates a region has the same concentration of an industry (or occupation) as the nation. An LQ of 2.00 would mean the region has twice the expected employment compared to the nation and an LQ of 0.50 would mean the region has half the expected employment in comparison to the nation.

What is separation demand?

Separation demand is the number of jobs required due to separations—labor force exits (including retirements) and turnover resulting from workers moving from one occupation into another. Note that separation demand does not include all turnover—it does not include when workers stay in the same occupation but switch employers. The total projected demand for an occupation is the sum of the separation demand and the growth demand (which is the increase or decrease of jobs in an occupation expected due to expansion or contraction of the overall number of jobs in that occupation).

What is a cluster?

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. If a regional cluster has a location quotient of 1.25 or greater, the region is considered to possess a competitive advantage in that cluster.

What is the difference between industry wages and occupation wages?

Industry wages and occupation wages are estimated via separate data sets, often the time periods being reported do not align, and wages are defined slightly differently in the two systems (for example, certain bonuses are included in the industry wages but not the occupation wages). It is therefore common that estimates of the average industry wages and average occupation wages in a region do not match exactly.

What is NAICS?

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is used to classify business establishments according to the type of economic activity. The NAICS Code comprises six levels, from the “all industry” level to the 6-digit level. The first two digits define the top level category, known as the “sector,” which is the level examined in this report.

What is SOC?

The Standard Occupational Classification system (SOC) is used to classify workers into occupational categories. All workers are classified into one of over 804 occupations according to their occupational definition. To facilitate classification, occupations are combined to form 22 major groups, 95 minor groups, and 452 occupation groups. Each occupation group includes detailed occupations requiring similar job duties, skills, education, or experience.

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