

A close relationship exists between and among the counties of Southeast Alabama, Southwest Georgia, and several counties in Northwest Florida. As the Dothan MSA is the only Metro area within the region, interstate workforce issues are of concern to the local workforce council and its career awareness efforts extend beyond the state boundaries. "Wiregrass Works" is an annual event for regional eighth graders in which they experience hands-on programs to increase career awareness for regional employment. Each of the counties listed will have participation of their eighth graders during the February 2017 Wiregrass Works program.

Regional Labor Force and Employment for April 2016

<b>Alabama</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Labor Force</b>	<b>Employed</b>
	Barbour	8,472	7,790
	Butler	9,098	8,488
	Coffee	20,463	19,316
	Covington	15,238	14,292
	Crenshaw	6,275	5,910
	Dale	19,784	18,688
	Geneva	10,799	10,199
	Henry	6,739	6,337
	Houston	44,906	42,522
	Pike	15,074	14,222
<b>Georgia</b>	Miller	2,701	2,549
	Early	4,401	4,097
	Seminole	3,118	2,898
<b>Florida</b>	Holmes	6,595	6,259
	Jackson	16,929	16,075
	Washington	9,649	9,180
	Summation	200,241	188,822