
ALABAMA AMONG LEADERS IN LOWERING UNEMPLOYMENT



Analysis by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that Alabama cities are among 372 metro areas that have most dramatically dropped in unemployment over the past year. "Alabama right now is leading the nation when it comes to reducing unemployment," said Governor Bob Riley. "No other state has seen a bigger drop in its jobless rate over the past year, and of the 10 American cities that have seen the largest declines in unemployment, five of the top 10 are in our state. It's certainly a positive sign that Alabama is headed in the right direction." Overall, Alabama's unemployment rate has declined by 1.4 percent over the last 12-month period.

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