

Alabama Achievements

Statewide

- Alabama received the “Silver Shovel” award from Area Development magazine for its success in job creation in 2010. (April 2011)
- Site Selection magazine’s Top 25 State Business Climate survey ranked Alabama as having the 10th best overall business climate in the nation, also corporate real estate executives completing an identical survey ranked Alabama’s business climate as the 9th best in the nation. (November 2010)
- The FY2011 State Business Climate Index by the Tax Foundation ranked Alabama 28th. (October 2010)
- Business Facilities magazine ranked Alabama 8th in Automotive Manufacturing Strength for 2010. (July 2010)
- Area Development’s survey of site consultants listed Alabama 4th as a Top State for Business: Cost, Business Friendliness, and Taxes. (August/Sept 2010)
- The 2011 U.S. News & World Report College Rankings report included five Alabama universities classified as national doctoral research universities: University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa (tied for 79th); Auburn University (85th); University of Alabama-Birmingham (151st); University of Alabama-Huntsville (179th). August 2010)

Community

Business

- Regions Financial (293) was ranked on the Fortune 500 list. (May 2011)
- Alabama is home to 54 companies on Inc. magazine’s Top 5000 companies for growth. (September 2011)
- Four Alabama businesses were ranked on the Forbes Largest Private Companies list for 2010 – Drummond (145); EBSCO Industries (190); Brasfield & Gorrie (215). (November 2010)
- Forbes World’s Biggest Public Companies list boasted three state based companies. Regions Financial (806), Protective Life (1483), and HealthSouth (1760). (April 2011)
- The 2010 Forbes 100 Best Small Companies ranked Alabama-based Hibbett Sports (65). (October 2010)
- Forbes 2010 Best Places for Business and Careers ranked was Huntsville (17), Montgomery (138), Birmingham (173) and Mobile (130) among large metro. In the Best Small Places category Auburn-Opelika ranked 6th. Other metros ranked include Anniston, Decatur, Dothan, Gadsden, Florence, and Tuscaloosa . (June 2011)
- Birmingham (28), Montgomery (84), Huntsville (52) , and Mobile (205) were ranked on the 2009 Policom Economic Strength report ranking the nation’s metro areas. (May 2011)
- Huntsville was ranked 8th on the 2011 Best Performing Cities report released by the Milken Institute. (December 2011)
- Huntsville MSA was ranked 9th on the 2011/2012 FDI Magazine Top Cities of the Future (April 2011)
- Site Selections Top Micropolitans by Number of Projects ranked Daphne/Fairhope, Cullman, Talladega/Sylacauga, Scottsboro, Fort Payne, and Valley on the 2010 listing. (March 2011)
- The United States Conference of Mayors named Tuscaloosa “Most Livable” Cities in America (June 2011)
- Cullman named “Best Place to Raise Your Kids in Alabama” in the 2012 Best Places to Raise Your Kids report by Bloomberg Businessweek. (November 2011)

Education

- The 2011 Forbes list of America’s Best Colleges named ten Alabama colleges including: University of Alabama, University of Alabama Birmingham, University of Alabama at Huntsville, Auburn University, Birmingham-Southern College, Samford University, Spring Hill College, Troy University, Tuskegee University, and the University of South Alabama. (August 2011)

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