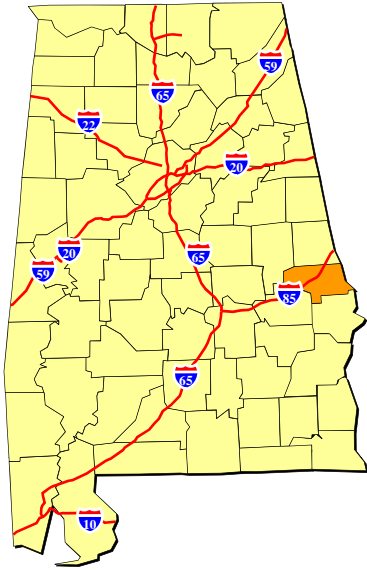


Auburn-Opelika Metropolitan Area



Metro Area Statistics	
Metro Population	134,118
Population by Age Group (%)	
0-17	22.6
18-64	68.4
65+	9.0
Median Household Income	\$39,145
<i>Source: Claritas, 2009 Estimate</i>	
Civilian Labor Force	64,833
<i>Source: Alabama Dept. of Industrial Relations, 2008 Annual Average</i>	
Average Monthly Wage, All Industries	\$2,721
<i>Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2008 Annual Average Wages, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages</i>	
Employment by Industry	
Total Nonfarm	54,700
Total Private	37,500
Goods Producing	9,400
Nat. Resources & Const.	2,700
Manufacturing	6,700
Service-Providing	45,300
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	9,800
Trans, Warehousing, and Utilities	2,000
Information	600
Financial Activities	1,900
Professional and Business Services	4,500
Educational and Health Services	3,500
Leisure and Hospitality	6,300
Other Services	1,600
Government	17,200
<i>Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, Annual 2008 Current Employment Statistics</i>	

Top Five Employers

Auburn University	5,500
East Alabama Medical Center	2,700
Lee County Schools	1,300
Wal-Mart Super Centers	1,200
Auburn City Schools	800

Colleges and Universities

Auburn University
Southern Union State Community College

Major Industries

Manufacturing
 Research and
 Education
 Wholesale & Retail
 Trade
 Medical Services

The Auburn-Opelika Metro Area is the hub of East Alabama due to its proximity to Atlanta, Montgomery and Birmingham. Auburn University (pictured above), East Alabama Medical Center, and a growing manufacturing and distribution base have helped to position the area as a major competitor in Alabama's growth.

The metro area is also home to the Grand National Golf Course, part of Alabama's heralded Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.