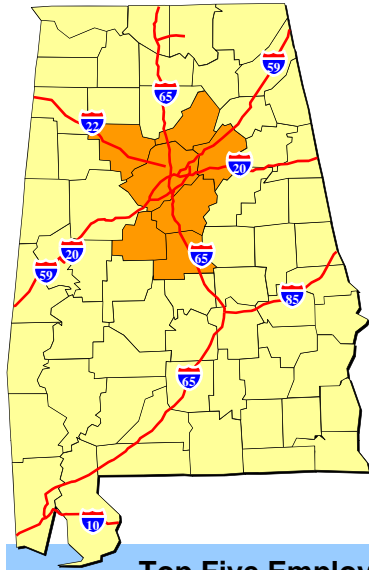


Birmingham-Hoover Metropolitan Area



Top Five Employers

University of Alabama at Birmingham	18,750
Regions Bank	6,000
AT&T Telecommunications	5,750
Birmingham Board of Edu.	5,000
City of Birmingham	4,989

Colleges and Universities

University of Alabama at Birmingham
 Samford University
 Birmingham-Southern College
 University of Montevallo
 Southeastern Bible College
 Jefferson State Community College
 Miles College
 T.A. Lawson State Community College
 Bevill State Community College

Major Industries

Medicine & Research
 Construction
 Electronics &
 Telecommunications
 Manufacturing
 Financial Services

The Birmingham Area offers a quality of life that rivals larger metropolitan areas and is one of the South's hottest locations for business growth. Birmingham has a strong reputation in the area of medical research and its proximity to both Mercedes and Honda make it a popular location for automotive suppliers.

Metro Area Statistics

Metro Population	1,120,688
Population by Age Group (%)	
0-17	24.4
18-64	62.5
65+	13.1
Median Household Income	\$47,569
<i>Source: Claritas, 2009 Estimate</i>	
Civilian Labor Force	529,089
<i>Source: Alabama Dept. of Industrial Relations, 2008 Annual Average</i>	
Average Monthly Wage, All Industries	\$3,638
<i>Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2008 Annual Average Wages, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages</i>	
Employment by Industry	
Total Nonfarm	527,100
Total Private	443,400
Goods Producing	78,300
Nat. Resources & Const.	35,900
Manufacturing	42,300
Service-Providing	448,800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	115,300
Trans, Warehousing, and Utilities	21,300
Information	11,100
Financial Activities	39,800
Professional and Business Services	65,900
Educational and Health Services	64,900
Leisure and Hospitality	44,000
Other Services	24,200
Government	83,700

Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, Annual 2008 Current Employment Statistics