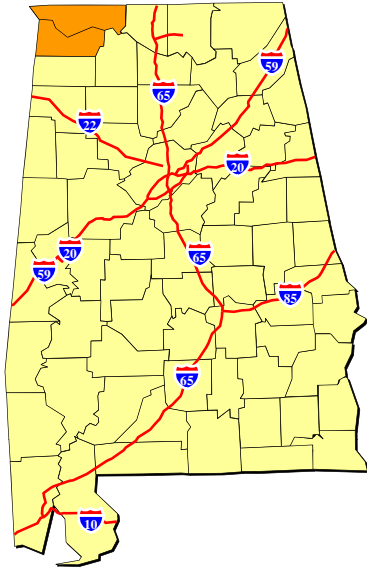


Florence Metropolitan Area



Metro Area Statistics	
Metro Population	143,702
Population by Age Group (%)	
0-17	21.2
18-64	61.8
65+	17.0
Median Household Income	\$38,116
<i>Source: Claritas, 2009 Estimate</i>	
Civilian Labor Force	67,617
<i>Source: Alabama Dept. of Industrial Relations, 2008 Annual Average</i>	
Average Monthly Wage, All Industries	\$2,674
<i>Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2008 Annual Average Wages, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages</i>	
Employment by Industry	
Total Nonfarm	56,400
Total Private	44,500
Goods Producing	11,500
Nat. Resources & Const.	3,900
Manufacturing	7,600
Service-Providing	45,000
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	11,800
Trans, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,100
Information	600
Financial Activities	2,200
Professional and Business Services	4,300
Educational and Health Services	5,200
Leisure and Hospitality	5,600
Other Services	3,500
Government	11,900
<i>Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, Annual 2008 Current Employment Statistics</i>	

Top Five Employers

Coffee Health Group	1,500
Tennessee Valley Authority	1,243
Sara Lee Foods	1,050
Lauderdale County Schools	1,000
Helen Keller Hospital	969

Colleges and Universities

University of North Alabama
Northwest-Shoals Community College
Heritage Christian University

Major Industries

Education
Government-Utilities
Healthcare
Diversified Manufacturing
Distribution/Warehousing

The Tennessee River has long been a center for commerce and industry in the Florence Metropolitan Area and throughout the mid-South. Wilson Dam was the first of the dams that created the "Great Lakes of the South" on the navigable Tennessee River. Completed in 1924, this 4,541 feet long, 137 feet high dam has one of the world's largest single lift navigation locks.