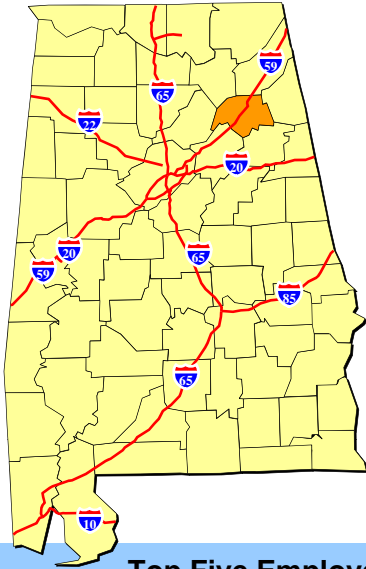


Gadsden Metropolitan Area



Metro Area Statistics	
Metro Population	103,446
Population by Age Group (%)	
0-17	23.0
18-64	60.7
65+	16.3
Median Household Income	\$35,583
<i>Source: Claritas, 2009 Estimate</i>	
Civilian Labor Force	45,487
<i>Source: Alabama Dept. of Industrial Relations, 2008 Annual Average</i>	
Average Monthly Wage, All Industries	\$2,643
<i>Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2008 Annual Average Wages, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages</i>	
Employment by Industry	
Total Nonfarm	38,000
Total Private	32,500
Goods Producing	7,300
Nat. Resources & Const.	1,700
Manufacturing	5,600
Service-Providing	30,700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	7,300
Trans, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,300
Information	500
Financial Activities	1,500
Professional and Business Services	3,200
Educational and Health Services	6,900
Leisure and Hospitality	4,000
Other Services	1,700
Government	5,500
<i>Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, Annual 2008 Current Employment Statistics</i>	

Top Five Employers

Goodyear	1,430
Gadsden Regional Medical Center	1,200
Etowah County Board of Education	1,000
Riverview Regional Medical Center	800
Gadsden City Board of Education	650

Colleges and Universities

Gadsden State Community College
 Jacksonville State University in Gadsden
 The University of Alabama, Gadsden Center
 Bevill Center for Advanced Technology

Gadsden, a Keep America Beautiful national award-winner, offers an array of outdoor sporting, recreation, and cultural opportunities. Noccalula Falls Park features a 90-foot waterfall.

Gadsden's diverse industrial base has a concentration of metalworking companies and support services, augmented by cutting-edge technology training facilities. The area is also a center for transportation services, health care, retail and wholesale trade, financial and legal services, and communications.

Major Industries

Tires
 Fabricated Metals
 Food Products
 Wood Products