

Alabama

Transportation

Alabama's comprehensive multimodal transportation network allows for easy interfacing of all means of travel and shipping through five interstate highways, seven commercial airports, five Class I railroads, a deepwater port, one of the largest inland waterway systems in the nation, and numerous inland dock facilities.

Highway System

Five interstate highways converge in Alabama. A sixth interstate highway connecting Birmingham with Memphis is scheduled for completion in 2012. The interstates are part of a network of over 74,000 miles (119,091 km) of paved public roads in Alabama.



Interstates include:

- I-10 (FL to CA)
- I-20 (SC to TX)
- I-59 (TN to LA)
- I-65 (AL to IL)
- I-85 (AL to VA)
- Future I-22 (AL-TN)

The state is served by many interstate and intrastate commercial motor carriers and more than 2,300 truck and warehousing firms, providing competitive and cost-effective logistics alternatives. Birmingham serves as a hub for one-day shipping to most of the Deep South. An 11-hour drive time from the center of Alabama reaches west to Dallas/Fort Worth, north to Chicago, east to Charleston, and south to Fort Lauderdale.

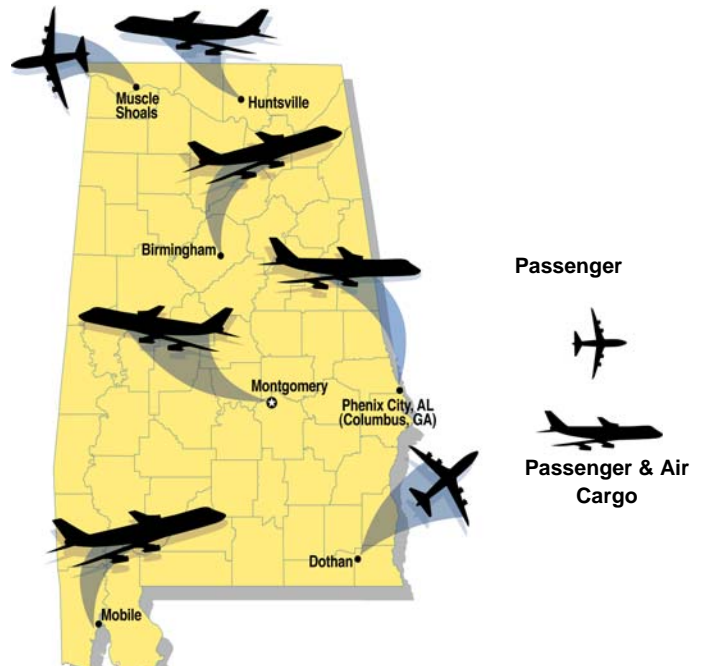
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Air Transportation System

Alabama is served by six major commercial airlines and seven commuter airlines operating through seven airports. International flights are easily accessible via direct flights from major connecting cities. In addition, Alabama is located between two of the country's largest air freight centers - Memphis and Atlanta. Five Alabama cities – Birmingham, Dothan, Huntsville, Mobile, and Montgomery - have foreign trade zones with direct access to their air transportation system. Each foreign trade zone has been designated for the promotion of international commerce through the duty-free, quota-free entry of foreign goods under U.S. Customs supervision.

Nearly 90 airports in Alabama are available for public use. Most are lighted and can accommodate corporate aircraft. Through the Alabama Airport Improvement Program and the Federal Aviation Authority Airport Improvement Program, cities can develop airports for industrial and other civil use.

Alabama Commercial Airports



Rail System

In Alabama, 25 freight railroad companies serve the state with over 3,700 miles (5,954 km) of track. Excellent main line connections give shippers good access to all major market centers.

Five Class I railway companies providing service to the state include:

- BNSF Railway Company
- Canadian National Railway Company
- CSX Transportation, Incorporated
- Kansas City Southern Railway Company
- Norfolk Southern Corporation

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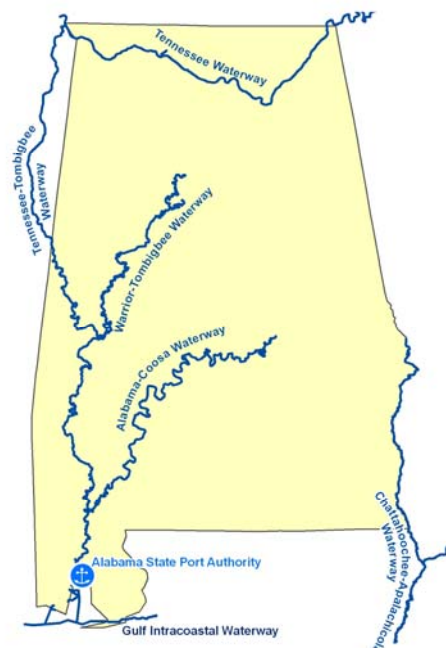
International Intermodal Center

Huntsville's International Intermodal Center is a U.S. Customs Port of Entry that provides a single hub location for receiving, transferring, storing, and distributing international and domestic cargo via air, rail, and highway.

International air cargo services include 200,000 - square feet for receiving, storing, transferring and distributing as well as nationwide pick-up and delivery service and ground support equipment. Rail cargo service includes a direct spur from Norfolk Southern main line, stacking capability for over 800 loads, two 45-ton overhead gantry cranes, a container yard, and parking for 1,700 wheeled units. The center provides 24-hour U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Customs brokers and freight forwarders are also on site.

Waterway System

Alabama has one of the longest inland waterway systems in the nation, with nearly 1,300 miles (2,092 km) of commercially navigable inland waterways along six corridors. Alabama's water corridors connect to over 15,000 miles (24,140 km) of inland waterways and ports in 23 states via the Tennessee-Tombigbee and the Gulf Intracoastal water systems. Located along the corridors are a number of state-managed dock facilities. The waterways and the associated locks and dams, which are operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, provide cost-effective and energy efficient transportation for shippers. The Port of Mobile is a point of international shipping.



The Port Of Mobile

At Mobile, the Alabama State Port Authority operates Alabama's full-service, deepwater port on the Gulf of Mexico. The Port of Mobile offers terminal services from 100 overseas shipping lines and a dozen towing companies. The Port's container, general cargo and bulk facilities have immediate access to two interstate systems, five Class 1 railroads, and nearly 15,000 miles of inland and intracoastal waterway connections. Brookley Airport Complex, located adjacent to the port, offers immediate access to freight forwarding transportation services. The Port of Mobile provides complete service for shippers, including intermodal transfer and handling, warehousing, and security.

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At 45 feet (13.7 meters), the port's main channel is one of the deepest permanently navigable channels in the South.

With a long history as a bulk handling port, the **Port of Mobile** has transitioned to a distribution center for numerous general cargos including forest products, iron and steel, aluminum, copper, frozen poultry, soybeans, and chemicals. In 2008, its public facilities handled 28 million tons of cargo.

Since 2001, The Alabama State Port Authority has invested more than \$500 million in port infrastructure. In October 2008, **Mobile Container Terminal**, a \$300 million container/intermodal/distribution terminal project opened for business, offering an improved option in the US Gulf for reaching Midwest markets as well as Alabama and neighboring states. Construction of an intermodal container transfer facility will soon be underway.