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Alabama

By The Numbers

Per Capita Personal Income 2004

Alabama: \$27,630

US: \$33,041

Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis

Average Annual Pay

Alabama – All Industries (Total covered)

2001: \$30,102

2002: \$31,163

2003: \$32,236

2004: \$33,414

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor – Bureau of Labor Statistics

Here are some quick facts that offer a snapshot of Alabama and its economy. For more detailed information on doing business in the state, contact EDPA at info@edpa.org or 800-252-5453 or visit www.advantagealabama.com.

2004 Annual Quarterly Census of Employment And Wages

Super Sector data for Alabama (Aggregate of all types)

NAICS Code	Industry	Average Establishments	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wage
10	Total, all industries	116,240	1,851,781	\$643
101	Goods-Producing Domain	19,575	415,781	\$727
1011	Natural Resources and Mining	1,948	21,440	\$702
1012	Construction	11,814	102,504	\$635
1013	Manufacturing	5,813	291,837	\$761
102	Service-Providing Domain	96,665	1,436,001	\$618
1021	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	32,904	397,984	\$596
1022	Information	1,939	32,257	\$851
1023	Financial Activities	11,265	98,295	\$835
1024	Professional and Business Services	16,900	199,885	\$724
1025	Education and Health Services	12,409	374,030	\$653
1026	Leisure and Hospitality	8,956	164,500	\$229
1027	Other Services	10,224	49,556	\$467
1028	Public Administration	2,068	119,495	\$764

ACCRA Cost of Living Index 4th Quarter 2005

100% Composite Index	
Anniston-Oxford AL Metro	91.7
Birmingham-Hoover AL Metro	95.4
Decatur AL Metro	88.8
Dothan AL Metro	87.1
Florence-Muscle Shoals AL Metro	87.1
Huntsville AL Metro	89.9
Mobile AL Metro	88.8
Montgomery AL Metro	97.3
Tuscaloosa AL Metro	89.7
Jacksonville FL Metro	95.5
Orlando-Kissimmee FL Metro	107.3
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater FL Metro	99.9
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta GA Metro	97.4
Jackson MS Metro	91.6
Charlotte NC Metro	92.4
Charleston-North Charleston SC Metro	97.9

Annual Population Estimate:

July 1, 2005

Alabama: 4,557,808

July 1, 2004

Alabama: 4,525,375

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

% of Total Population - July 1, 2004 Alabama

18 years to 44 years: 37.7%

18 years and over: 75.8%

65 years and over: 13.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Employment By Sector

Service-Providing Domain	77.5%
Goods-Producing Domain	22.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	21.5%
Education and Health Services	20.2%
Business Services	10.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	8.9%
Public Administration	6.5%
Construction	5.5%
Financial Activities	5.3%
Other Services	2.7%
Information	1.7%
Natural Resources and Mining	1.2%



Education Facts

In 2005, Alabama's college bound students outscored their counterparts in neighboring states on the ACT test for the ninth consecutive year. Students in Alabama averaged a score of 20.2, compared to the Southeast regional average of 20.1 **Source: ACT data**

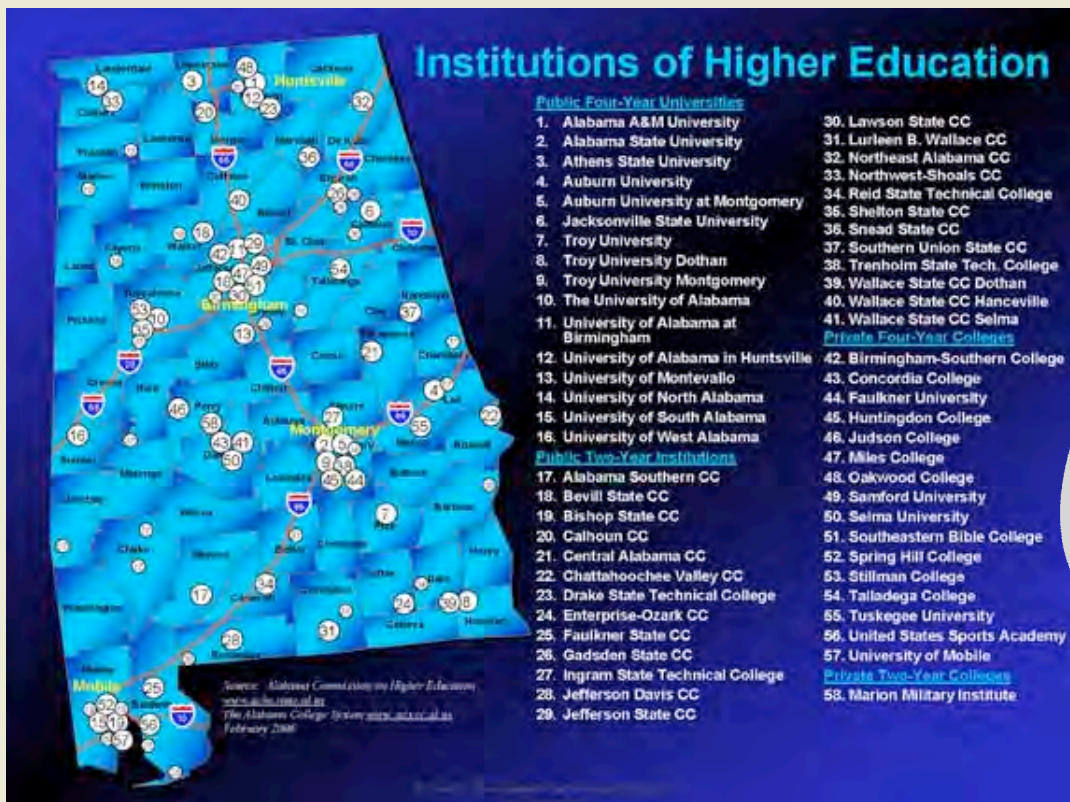
2005 ACT Scores

Alabama	20.2
Georgia	20.0
Florida	20.4
Tennessee	20.5
Mississippi	18.7
Louisiana	19.8
South Carolina	19.4
North Carolina	20.2



In 2004, Alabama Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) test takers continue to beat the national averages in verbal and math scores for the 14th consecutive year. Alabama's average verbal score is 567 and 559 in math. National averages are 508 in verbal and 520 in math. **Source: The College Board**

Alabama's high school graduation requirement is one of the most stringent in the nation, requiring four years of English, mathematics (including algebra and geometry), science (including biology and physical science) and social studies.



Alabama Rankings

- ❑ Top state in the 3rd Annual Competitiveness Award — *Site Selection Magazine*. (May 2005)
- ❑ 8th in the Small Business Survival Index compiled by the Small Business Survival Committee. (October 2005).
- ❑ 4th on *Site Selection Magazine's* Top States for its number of Micropolitan areas with new industry or expansion projects in 2004. (March 2005)
- ❑ 7th in *Site Selection Magazine's* Top 25 State Business Climate survey; 4th among corporate real estate executives who completed an identical survey (2005)
- ❑ Among the lowest electricity costs for industrial users nationally — Morgan Quitno's State Rankings 2005
- ❑ "Most Cost Effective" state - Foreign Direct Investment (2005)
- ❑ "State of the Year" in each of the last three years — Southern Business and Development (2003, 2004, 2005)
- ❑ AIDT, the state's work force training program, was ranked second in the U.S. in a 2005 *Expansion Management* site consultant survey.

Business

- ❑ Six Alabama-based corporations are on the 2005 *Fortune* 1000 list.



Saks, Inc., Regions Financial, AmSouth Bank, Vulcan Materials, Torchmark, Protective Life and Compass Bancshares. (2005)

- ❑ Alabama is home to seven *Inc.* magazine Top 500 companies. (2005)
- ❑ Five Alabama businesses were ranked on the *Forbes* Largest Private Companies list for 2005-EBSCO Industries, McWane, Brasfield & Gorrie, O'Neal Steel, and Progress Rail Services. (2005)
- ❑ The "Forbes 2000" list of the nation's top-performing public companies for 2005 recognizes eight Alabama businesses: Regions Financial Corp., AmSouth Bank, Torchmark, Compass Bancshares, Protective Life Insurance, Vulcan Materials, Colonial Bancgroup, and Saks Inc. (2005)

Community

- ❑ Three Alabama cities (Birmingham, Huntsville and Montgomery) were listed among *Expansion Management's* 2006 list

of "America's 50 Hottest Cities for Manufacturing Expansions and Relocations."

- ❑ Two Alabama metro area were ranked among the top 15 of *Expansion Management's* 2005 Logistics Quotient ranking the most logistics friendly metros in the United States: Birmingham (2) and Mobile (11). (June 2005)
- ❑ Huntsville is No. 6 on the *Forbes* 2005 Best Places for Business and Careers. Birmingham and Mobile were also included. Anniston, Auburn, Decatur, Dothan, Gadsden, Florence, Montgomery and Tuscaloosa were ranked on 2005 *Forbes* Best Small Places for Business and Careers. (May 2005)
- ❑ Cullman, Alabama was ranked as No. 3 in *Site Selection's* Top 100 Micropolitan Areas for new projects. (March 2005)
- ❑ Huntsville, according to *Inc.* magazine has the most high-growth businesses per capita in the U.S. (November 2005)■