

**Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**General Government Revenues by Source**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**  
(In Thousands)

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Taxes</b>	<b>Licenses and Permits</b>	<b>Intergovernmental</b>	<b>Charges For Services</b>	<b>Miscellaneous (1)</b>	<b>Net Bond Proceeds</b>	<b>Total</b>
1991	\$ 84,401	\$ 36,246	\$ 21,839	\$ 11,362	\$ 8,981	\$ 37,909	\$ 200,738
1992	\$ 86,590	\$ 37,509	\$ 22,855	\$ 14,693	\$ 12,843	\$ 9,487	\$ 183,977
1993	\$ 91,975	\$ 40,218	\$ 24,661	\$ 12,251	\$ 9,164	\$	\$ 178,269
1994	\$ 95,679	\$ 42,248	\$ 26,929	\$ 15,384	\$ 10,526	\$ 64,940	\$ 255,706
1995	\$ 109,555	\$ 45,131	\$ 29,492	\$ 15,852	\$ 16,850	\$	\$ 216,880
1996	\$ 108,131	\$ 47,380	\$ 27,590	\$ 16,886	\$ 19,998	\$	\$ 219,985
1997	\$ 113,609	\$ 49,138	\$ 26,692	\$ 16,965	\$ 18,474	\$	\$ 224,878
1998	\$ 121,746	\$ 52,657	\$ 35,933	\$ 19,722	\$ 20,360	\$ 50,000	\$ 300,418
1999	\$ 127,688	\$ 53,683	\$ 30,975	\$ 19,269	\$ 14,480	\$	\$ 246,095
2000	\$ 136,188	\$ 58,606	\$ 37,352	\$ 19,605	\$ 21,664	\$ 107,125	\$ 380,540

Includes revenues of the General, Special Revenue, Debt Service, and Capital Projects Funds.

(1) Composed of indirect cost recovery, investment income, proceeds from sales of fixed assets, and miscellaneous income.

**Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**General Government Expenditures by Function (1)**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**  
(In Thousands)

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>General Government</u>	<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>Highways and Streets</u>	<u>Health and Welfare</u>	<u>Culture and Recreation</u>
1991	\$ 71,490	\$ 28,997	\$ 38,394	\$	\$
1992	\$ 72,949	\$ 31,331	\$ 28,280		\$
1993	\$ 67,844	\$ 34,061	\$ 32,050	\$ 3,388	\$ 11,981
1994	\$ 50,115	\$ 34,988	\$ 29,654	\$ 5,305	\$ 13,970
1995	\$ 53,035	\$ 35,815	\$ 26,856	\$ 9,304	\$ 16,106
1996	\$ 63,897	\$ 39,429	\$ 32,521	\$ 4,880	\$ 13,503
1997	\$ 48,547	\$ 41,101	\$ 37,192	\$ 3,944	\$ 13,144
1998	\$ 53,027	\$ 49,115	\$ 35,516	\$ 6,916	\$ 13,260
1999	\$ 55,136	\$ 46,929	\$ 31,974	\$ 4,283	\$ 12,819
2000	\$ 63,880	\$ 47,976	\$ 36,731	\$ 3,334	\$ 12,677

(1) Includes expenditures of the General, Special Revenue, Debt Service and Capital Projects Funds.

<u>Education</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Indirect Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ 1,967	\$ 6,269	\$ 6,520	\$	\$ 153,637
\$ 2,051	\$ 9,636	\$ 11,133	\$	\$ 155,380
\$ 277	\$ 4,592	\$ 12,546	\$ 137	\$ 166,876
\$ 363	\$ 3,979	\$ 12,438	\$ 128	\$ 150,940
\$ 199	\$ 6,459	\$ 15,277	\$	\$ 163,051
\$ 163	\$ 5,336	\$ 17,560	\$ 351	\$ 177,640
\$ 168	\$ 31,346	\$ 17,506	\$ 12,740	\$ 205,688
\$ 170	\$ 21,919	\$ 21,706	\$ 11,508	\$ 213,137
\$ 185	\$ 22,243	\$ 24,575	\$ 14,812	\$ 212,956
\$ 185	\$ 37,830	\$ 82,230	\$ 18,964	\$ 303,807

**Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**Property Tax Levies and Collections**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

<b>Tax Year Beginning October 1</b>	<b>Total Taxes Levied</b>	<b>Current Tax Collections</b>	<b>Percent of Current Taxes Collected</b>	<b>Delinquent Tax Collections</b>
1991	\$ 194,873,429	\$ 184,307,181	94.58%	\$ 2,606,376
1992	\$ 197,944,712	\$ 187,868,741	94.91%	\$ 4,787,431
1993	\$ 207,371,022	\$ 193,634,807	93.38%	\$ 5,821,681
1994	\$ 213,803,830	\$ 207,038,287	96.84%	\$ 4,447,531
1995	\$ 245,901,867	\$ 235,457,220	95.75%	\$ 4,254,077
1996	\$ 247,358,892	\$ 239,414,593	96.79%	\$ 4,853,300
1997	\$ 254,823,293	\$ 249,806,279	98.03%	\$ 4,130,970
1998	\$ 265,673,868	\$ 262,277,245	98.72%	\$ 4,253,108
1999	\$ 284,182,209	\$ 283,265,317	99.68%	\$ 1,390,376
2000	\$ 333,238,350	\$ 330,192,023	99.09%	\$ 2,280,785

Source: Jefferson County Tax Assessor and Jefferson County Tax Collector

<b>Total Tax Collections</b>	<b>Ratio of Total Tax Collections to Total Taxes Levied</b>	<b>Outstanding Delinquent Taxes</b>	<b>Ratio of Delinquent Taxes to Total Taxes Levied</b>
\$ 186,913,557	95.92%	\$ 2,518,318	1.29%
\$ 192,656,172	97.33%	\$ 2,002,804	1.01%
\$ 199,456,488	96.18%	\$ 2,303,202	1.11%
\$ 211,485,818	98.92%	\$ 1,867,499	0.87%
\$ 239,711,297	97.48%	\$ 1,578,755	0.64%
\$ 244,267,893	98.75%	\$ 1,147,635	0.46%
\$ 253,937,249	99.65%	\$ 761,341	0.30%
\$ 266,530,353	100.32%	\$ 687,408	0.26%
\$ 284,655,693	100.17%	\$ 892,304	0.31%
\$ 332,472,808	99.77%	\$ 633,356	0.19%

**Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**Assessed and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Assessment Date October 1	Real Property*		Personal Property*	
	Assessed Value	Estimated Actual Value	Assessed Value	Estimated Actual Value
1991	\$ 2,924,225,123	\$ 17,542,041,900	\$ 644,467,164	\$ 3,222,335,820
1992	\$ 2,983,719,231	\$ 17,884,113,297	\$ 687,231,176	\$ 3,476,155,880
1993	\$ 3,026,734,531	\$ 18,196,720,821	\$ 608,035,370	\$ 3,040,176,850
1994	\$ 3,496,624,420	\$ 20,553,159,088	\$ 623,080,254	\$ 3,115,401,270
1995	\$ 3,508,608,069	\$ 20,694,608,522	\$ 638,847,151	\$ 3,194,235,755
1996	\$ 3,569,535,589	\$ 21,147,002,093	\$ 690,979,113	\$ 3,454,895,565
1997	\$ 3,646,343,831	\$ 21,718,757,694	\$ 785,184,132	\$ 3,925,920,770
1998	\$ 3,764,036,047	\$ 22,434,017,344	\$ 883,387,978	\$ 4,416,939,890
1999	\$ 4,062,038,925	\$ 23,291,507,597	\$ 1,092,375,051	\$ 5,461,875,255
2000	\$ 4,132,989,142	\$ 23,766,470,052	\$ 859,648,212	\$ 4,298,241,060

\* Source: Jefferson County Tax Assessor

\*\* Source: Jefferson County Revenue Director

Property is assessed on the following basis:

- Class I - Public Utility-----30%
- Class II - Commercial-----20%
- Class III - Residential-----10%
- Class IV - Automobile-----15%

<b>Automobile**</b>		<b>Total Assessed Value</b>	<b>Total Estimated True Value</b>	<b>Ratio of Total Assessed Value to Total Actual Value</b>
<b>Assessed Value</b>	<b>Estimated Actual Value</b>			
\$ 301,035,920	\$ 2,006,906,133	\$ 3,869,728,207	\$ 22,771,283,853	16.99%
\$ 281,342,500	\$ 1,875,616,667	\$ 3,952,292,907	\$ 23,235,885,844	17.01%
\$ 287,135,820	\$ 1,914,238,800	\$ 3,921,905,721	\$ 23,151,136,471	16.94%
\$ 329,556,560	\$ 2,197,043,733	\$ 4,449,261,234	\$ 25,865,604,091	17.20%
\$ 379,586,980	\$ 2,530,579,867	\$ 4,527,042,200	\$ 26,419,424,144	17.14%
\$ 409,392,840	\$ 2,729,285,600	\$ 4,669,907,542	\$ 27,331,183,258	17.09%
\$ 450,545,420	\$ 3,003,636,133	\$ 4,882,073,383	\$ 28,648,314,597	17.04%
\$ 530,077,135	\$ 3,533,847,567	\$ 5,177,501,160	\$ 30,384,804,801	17.04%
\$ 570,975,326	\$ 3,806,502,173	\$ 5,725,389,302	\$ 32,559,885,025	17.58%
\$ 697,002,840	\$ 4,646,685,600	\$ 5,689,640,194	\$ 32,711,396,712	17.39%

**Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**Property Tax Rates-Direct and Overlapping Governments**  
**(Composition of tax rate per hundred dollars of assessed value)**

State of Alabama			
General Fund (no limit as to time)	\$	0.25	
Soldier Fund (no limit as to time)		0.10	
School Fund (no limit as to time)		0.30	
Total State of Alabama			0.65
Jefferson County			
County Tax:			
General Fund (no limit as to time)		0.56	
Road Fund ( no limit as to time)		0.29	
Road Fund (shared with City)		0.21	
Bridge and Public Building Fund (no limit as to time)		0.22	
Sewer Fund (no limit as to time)		0.07	
Total			1.35
County Schools:			
General School Fund		0.54	
General School Fund		0.21	
General School Fund		0.07	
Total (shared with City schools based on average daily attendance)			0.82
Total Jefferson County			2.17
City of Birmingham			
Municipal Tax:			
General Municipal purposes (no limit as to time)		0.90	
Debt Service (no limit as to time)		0.92	
Public School Use (voted to September 30, 2021)		0.42	
Debt Service of School Bonds (voted to September 30, 2021)		0.28	
Public School Operation (voted to September 30, 2021)		0.28	
Library (no limit as to time)		0.05	
Total			2.85
Special School Taxes:			
Public School Uses (School District Levy) (voted to September 30, 2021)		0.57	
Public School Uses (School District Levy) (voted to September 30, 2021)		0.71	
Total			1.28
Total City of Birmingham			4.13
Total Tax			\$ 6.95

Source: Jefferson County Tax Assessor

Tax Due Date: October 1  
 Delinquent Date: January 1  
 Delinquent Penalties: \$5.00 plus interest at 1% per month  
 Discounts Allowed: None  
 Tax Sale Date: Usually May or June



**Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**Property Tax Rates - Direct And Overlapping Governments**  
**(Per \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Year	Jefferson County			City of Birmingham				City Total	State of Alabama	Total Tax
	County Government	County Schools	County Total	General Fund	Debt Service Funds	Board of Education Fund	Library			
1991	\$ 1.35	\$ 0.82	\$ 2.17	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.98	\$ 0.05	\$ 4.13	\$ 0.65	\$ 6.95
1992	\$ 1.35	\$ 0.82	\$ 2.17	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.98	\$ 0.05	\$ 4.13	\$ 0.65	\$ 6.95
1993	\$ 1.35	\$ 0.82	\$ 2.17	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.98	\$ 0.05	\$ 4.13	\$ 0.65	\$ 6.95
1994	\$ 1.35	\$ 0.82	\$ 2.17	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.98	\$ 0.05	\$ 4.13	\$ 0.65	\$ 6.95
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1999	\$ 1.35	\$ 0.82	\$ 2.17	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.98	\$ 0.05	\$ 4.13	\$ 0.65	\$ 6.95
2000	\$ 1.35	\$ 0.82	\$ 2.17	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.98	\$ 0.05	\$ 4.13	\$ 0.65	\$ 6.95

**Jefferson County, Alabama**

**Principal Taxpayers**

**September 30, 2000**

<b>Taxpayer</b>	<b>Type of Business</b>	<b>2000 Assessed Valuation</b>	<b>Percentage Of Total Assessed Valuation</b>
Alabama Power Company	Public Utility	\$ 403,091,460	9.75%
BellSouth Telecommunications	Public Utility	196,731,500	4.76%
USX Corporation	Steel Mfr. And Real Estate	97,414,187	2.36%
Colonial Realty Limited Partnership	Real Estate	43,928,600	1.06%
HealthSouth Corporation	Healthcare	42,287,249	1.02%
Alabama Gas Corporation	Public Utility	28,021,560	0.68%
American Telephone and Telegraph	Public Utility	27,812,794	0.67%
SouthTrust Corporation	Financial Institution	24,356,672	0.59%
Hoover Mall Limited Partnership	Real Estate	24,128,820	0.58%
American Cast Iron Pipe Co.	Foundry	21,961,496	0.53%
		<u>\$ 909,734,338</u>	<u>22.01%</u>

Source: Jefferson County Tax Assessor

**Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**Computation of Legal Debt Margin**  
(In Thousands)

Assessed value of real and personal property	\$	5,689,640
Debt limit, 5% of assessed value (see note below)	\$	284,482
Outstanding general obligation bonds and warrants net of accreted interest		222,728
Less amount available for repayment of general obligation warrants		87,230
		135,498
Legal debt margin	\$	148,984

**Note:** Section 225 of the Constitution of the State of Alabama, as amended, limits debts of counties to 5% of the assessed value of taxable property.

**Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**Ratio of Net General Bonded Debt to Assessed Value**  
**and Net Bonded Debt per Capita**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

<b>Fiscal Year Ended</b>	<b>Population</b>		<b>Assessed Value</b>	<b>Gross Bonded Debt (1)</b>
	<b>Census</b>	<b>Number</b>		
1991	1990	651,520	\$ 3,869,728,207	\$ 145,917,000
1992	1990	651,520	\$ 3,952,292,907	\$ 171,710,000
1993	1990	651,520	\$ 3,921,905,721	\$ 160,595,000
1994	1990	651,520	\$ 4,449,261,234	\$ 156,660,000
1995	1990	651,520	\$ 4,527,042,200	\$ 178,555,000
1996	1990	651,520	\$ 4,669,907,532	\$ 190,195,000
1997	1990	651,520	\$ 4,882,073,383	\$ 177,685,000
1998	1990	651,520	\$ 5,177,501,160	\$ 212,190,000
1999	1990	651,520	\$ 5,725,389,302	\$ 195,370,000
2000	2000	662,047	\$ 5,689,640,194	\$ 228,210,000

Sources: Jefferson County Tax Assessor and Jefferson County Commission Finance Department

(1) All general obligation bonds and warrants

<b>General Debt Service Funds</b>	<b>Net Bonded Debt</b>	<b>Ratio of Net Bonded Debt to Assessed Value</b>	<b>Net Bonded Debt per Capita</b>
\$ 23,873,000	\$ 122,044,000	3.15%	\$ 187
\$ 11,477,000	\$ 160,233,000	4.05%	\$ 246
\$ 12,346,000	\$ 148,249,000	3.78%	\$ 228
\$ 14,840,000	\$ 141,820,000	3.19%	\$ 218
\$ 17,021,000	\$ 161,534,000	3.57%	\$ 248
\$ 19,483,000	\$ 170,712,000	3.14%	\$ 225
\$ 22,317,000	\$ 155,368,000	2.69%	\$ 202
\$ 24,273,000	\$ 187,917,000	3.63%	\$ 288
\$ 27,058,000	\$ 168,312,000	2.94%	\$ 258
\$ 87,230,000	\$ 140,980,000	2.48%	\$ 213

**Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**Ratio of Annual Debt Service Expenditures for General Bonded**  
**Debt to Total General Governmental Expenditures**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**  
(In Thousands)

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Total Debt Service (1)</b>		<b>Total General Expenditures (2)</b>		<b>Debt Service as a Percentage of Expenditures</b>
1991	\$	6,462	\$	153,637	4.21%
1992	\$	11,081	\$	153,637	7.21%
1993	\$	12,537	\$	166,876	7.51%
1994	\$	12,438	\$	150,940	8.24%
1995	\$	15,277	\$	163,051	9.37%
1996	\$	17,560	\$	177,640	9.89%
1997	\$	17,506	\$	205,688	8.51%
1998	\$	21,706	\$	213,137	10.14%
1999	\$	24,575	\$	212,956	11.54%
2000	\$	23,909	\$	245,486	9.74%

Source: Jefferson County Commission, Finance Department

(1) Debt service includes regular principal and interest on general obligation debt made out of the Debt Fund.

(2) Total General expenditures represent total expenditures for all governmental types.

**Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**Computation of Direct and Overlapping Debt**

Direct:		
Gross bonded debt and warrants	* \$	206,210,000
Less debt service funds available		<u>87,230,000</u>
Net direct debt		<u>118,980,000</u>
Overlapping:		
City of Birmingham (as of June 30, 2000)		424,756,000
Jefferson County Board of Education (as of September 30, 2000)		<u>127,397,830</u>
Total overlapping debt		<u>552,153,830</u>
Total direct and overlapping debt	\$	<u><u>671,133,830</u></u>

\* Excluding general obligation warrants of \$22,000,000 reported in the Landfill Operations enterprise fund.

**Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**Schedule of General Obligation Warrants**  
**Debt Service Payments to Maturity**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2000**  
(In Thousands)

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
1990 General Obligation Warrants	2,015				
1992 General Obligation Warrants	4,780	4,950	5,215	5,200	5,180
1993 General Obligation Warrants	5,425	5,685	5,780	6,245	8,960
1999 General Obligation Warrants					100,000
2000 General Obligation Warrants				7,125	
	<u>\$ 12,220</u>	<u>\$ 10,635</u>	<u>\$ 10,995</u>	<u>\$ 18,570</u>	<u>\$ 114,140</u>



<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<b>Outstanding Principal Balance September 30, 2000</b>
					\$ 2,015
1,975	5,625				32,925
6,485	10,185	5,815	6,145	3,420	64,145
					100,000
					7,125
<u>\$ 8,460</u>	<u>\$ 15,810</u>	<u>\$ 5,815</u>	<u>\$ 6,145</u>	<u>\$ 3,420</u>	<u>\$ 206,210</u>

**Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**Revenue Bond Coverage - Sanitary Operations Fund**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**  
(In Thousands)

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Gross Revenues</b>	<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>Net Revenue Available for Debt Service</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Coverage</b>
1991	\$ 33,840	\$ 16,780	\$ 17,060	\$ 1,040	\$ 5,399	\$ 6,439	2.65
1992	\$ 39,107	\$ 25,046	\$ 14,061	\$ 1,095	\$ 1,033	\$ 2,128	6.61
1993	\$ 46,218	\$ 26,745	\$ 19,473	\$ 2,465	\$ 12,062	\$ 14,527	1.34
1994	\$ 47,193	\$ 24,264	\$ 22,929	\$ 3,935	\$ 7,662	\$ 11,597	1.98
1995	\$ 50,554	\$ 22,811	\$ 27,743	\$ 4,000	\$ 9,420	\$ 13,420	2.07
1996	\$ 58,288	\$ 25,495	\$ 32,793	\$ 5,245	\$ 12,703	\$ 17,948	1.83
1997	\$ 70,338	\$ 27,405	\$ 42,933	\$ 4,915	\$ 25,575	\$ 30,490	1.41
1998	\$ 80,120	\$ 31,158	\$ 48,962	\$ 6,235	\$ 33,546	\$ 39,781	1.23
1999	\$ 103,777	\$ 31,482	\$ 72,295	\$ 6,820	\$ 62,504	\$ 69,324	1.04
2000	\$ 126,096	\$ 36,044	\$ 90,052	\$ 11,090	\$ 82,904	\$ 93,994	0.96

**Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**Property Values**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Residential</u>
1991	\$ 11,660,714,220	\$ 9,103,663,500
1992	\$ 12,062,988,751	\$ 9,257,280,426
1993	\$ 11,791,892,023	\$ 9,445,005,648
1994	\$ 13,020,362,414	\$ 10,648,197,944
1995	\$ 13,001,349,826	\$ 10,910,740,801
1996	\$ 13,396,899,124	\$ 11,204,765,174
1997	\$ 14,113,052,231	\$ 11,531,626,123
1998	\$ 15,022,517,075	\$ 11,828,440,159
1999	\$ 15,572,773,324	\$ 13,480,609,528
2000	\$ 15,645,854,740	\$ 12,418,856,372

Source: Jefferson County Tax Assessor

**Jefferson County, Alabama  
Demographic Statistics  
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>Retail Sales Volume (In thousands)</b>	<b>Median Age</b>	<b>Unemployment Rate</b>
1991	651,525	\$ 18,791	\$ 5,834,393	34.4	
1992	651,525	\$ 19,891	\$ 7,000,138	34.4	
1993	651,525	\$ 20,788	\$ 7,489,535	34.4	4.90%
1994	651,525	\$ 21,915	\$ 8,169,958	34.4	3.80%
1995	656,637	\$ 23,625	\$ 8,123,043	34.4	3.98%
1996	657,827	\$ 21,915	\$ 8,382,105	34.4	4.30%
1997	661,927	\$ 23,939	\$ 8,629,972	34.4	3.20%
1998	658,664	\$ 23,939	\$ 8,880,994	34.4	2.20%
1999	660,513	\$ 21,787	\$ 8,917,407	36.9	3.10%
2000	662,047	\$ 22,575	\$ 9,271,464	36.9	3.10%

Source: Alabama State Data Center  
\* Metropolitan Statistical Area

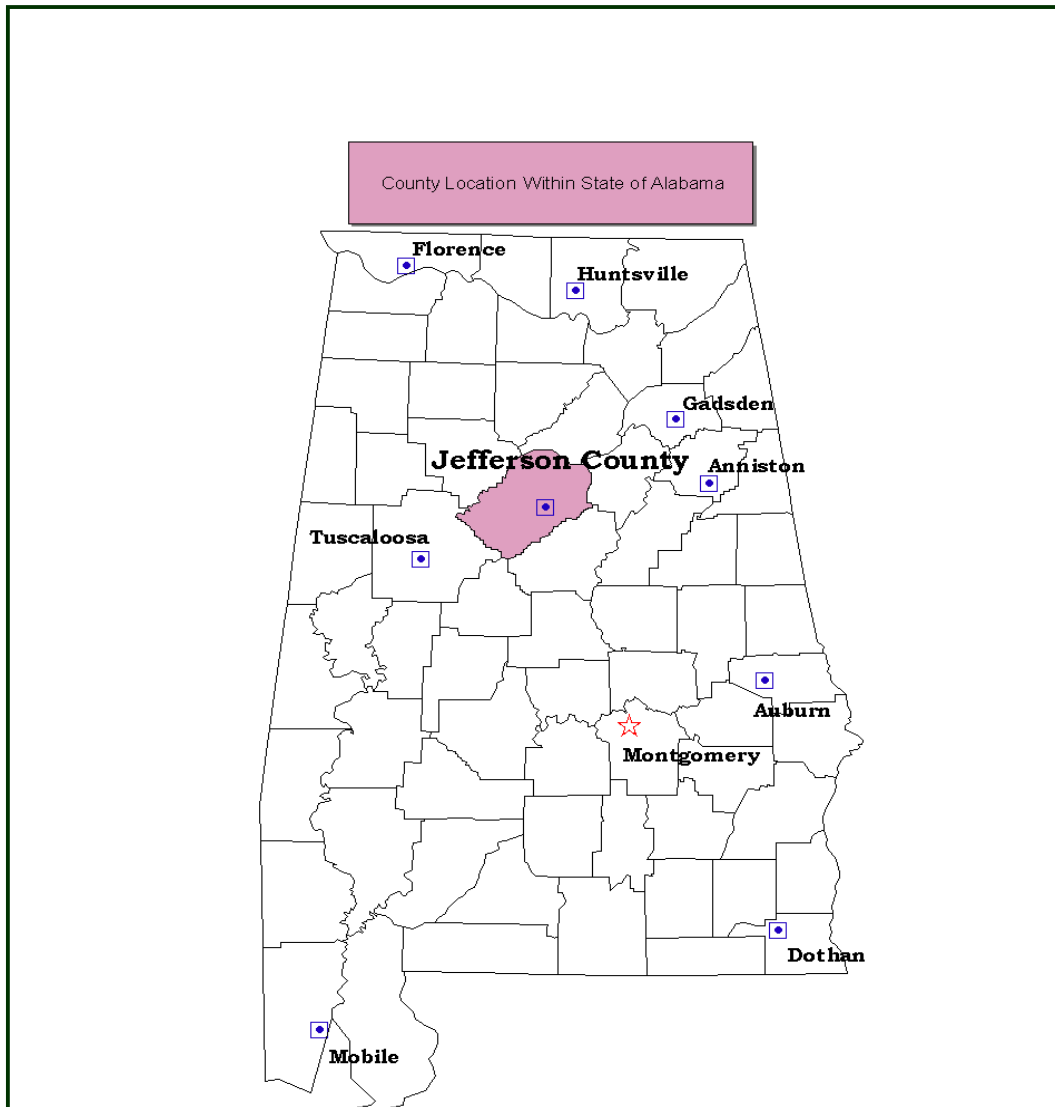
# Jefferson County, Alabama Economic and Demographic Information

## ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

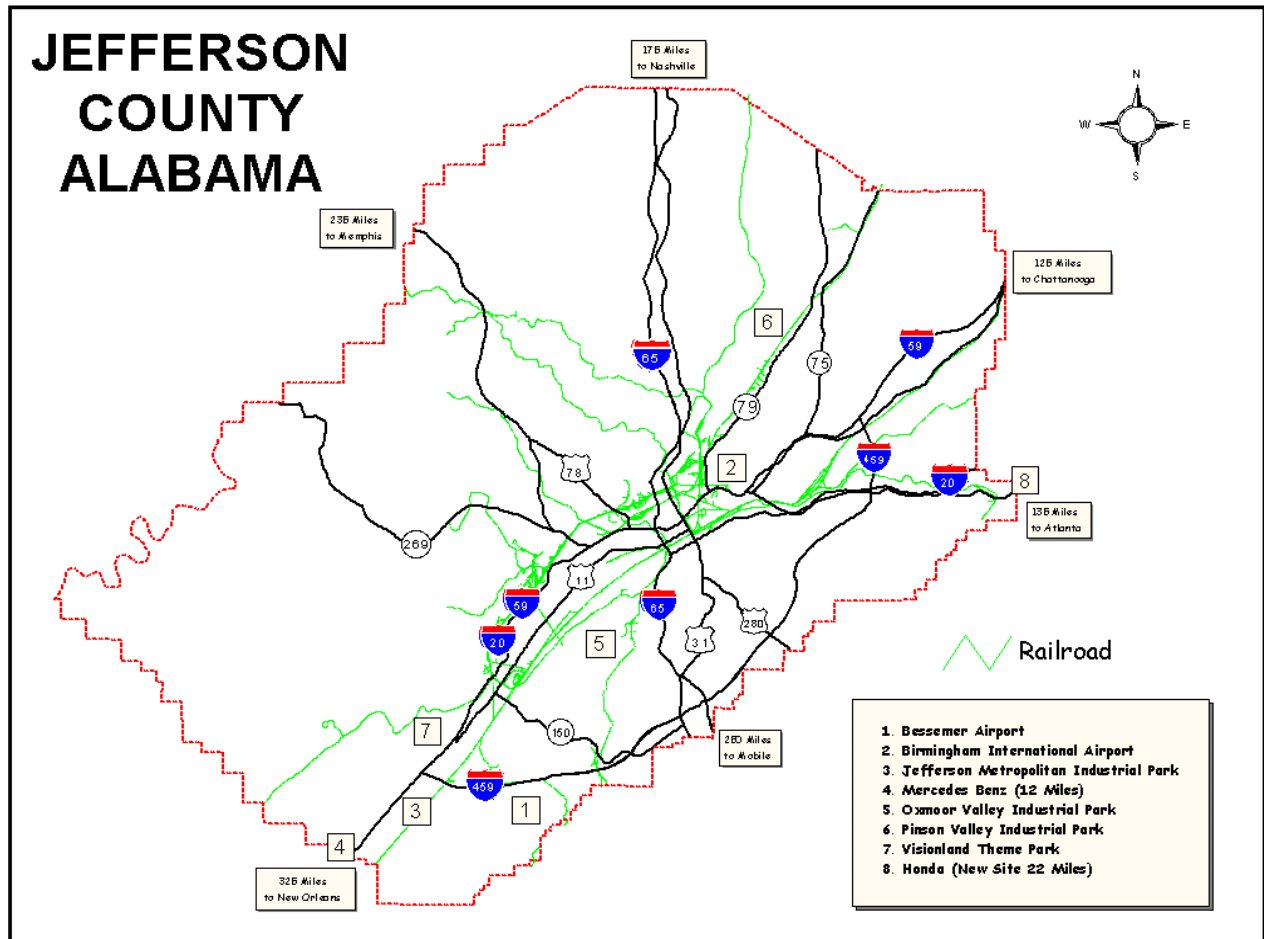
### Origination

Jefferson County was created by the Alabama Territorial Legislature in 1819 and is actually older than the State of Alabama. The land was ceded in 1814 from the Creek Indian Nation in compliance with the Treaty of Fort Jackson. The area was settled by soldiers who had fought in Alabama with Andrew Jackson in the Creek War of 1813-1814.

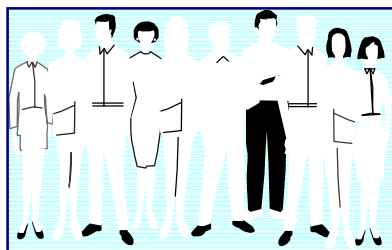
The county was named for Thomas Jefferson in honor of his many accomplishments as the author of the Declaration of Independence, the founder of the University of Virginia, and the third President of the United States.



## Jefferson County, Alabama Economic and Demographic Information



Jefferson County is the principal center of finance, trade, manufacturing, transportation, health care and education in the State. Birmingham, the State's largest city, and 38 other municipalities are located within the County's 1,124 square miles. The County is the center of the four-county Birmingham Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which covers 3,188 square miles and ranks as the 53<sup>rd</sup> most populated area among the 276 MSAs in the United States.



### Population and Income

Jefferson County is Alabama's most populous County, with a population of 662,047, which represents 15% of Alabama's total population. Other pertinent information is included on the next page.

**Jefferson County, Alabama  
Economic and Demographic Information**

<b>Population and Income Statistics, 2000*</b>			
	<b>Jefferson County</b>	<b>Percent of Alabama</b>	<b>Alabama</b>
<b>Population</b>	662,047	15%	4,447,100
<b>Households</b>	257,184	15%	1,689,879
<b>Average Household Income</b>	\$ 57,182	120%	\$ 47,476
<b>Per Capita Personal Income</b>	\$ 22,575	122%	\$ 18,538
<b>Median Age</b>	36.9	103%	35.6

<b>Percent Population Characteristics by Age Group, 2000*</b>						
<b>Birmingham MSA</b>				<b>Jefferson County</b>		
<b>Ages</b>	<b>Percent of Population</b>	<b>Percent Female</b>	<b>Percent Caucasian</b>	<b>Percent of Population</b>	<b>Percent Female</b>	<b>Percent Caucasian</b>
0-4	6.8%	3.3%	4.3%	6.7%	3.2%	3.4%
19-May	20.6%	10.1%	13.5%	20.3%	6.6%	11.1%
20-44	36.2%	18.5%	25.8%	35.9%	18.5%	21.0%
45-64	23.2%	12.3%	17.6%	23.0%	12.4%	15.8%
65+	13.2%	8.0%	9.1%	14.1%	8.7%	9.9%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>52.2%</b>	<b>70.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>49.4%</b>	<b>61.2%</b>

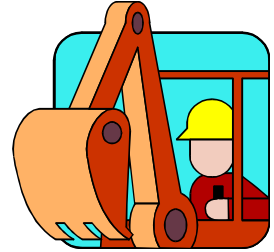
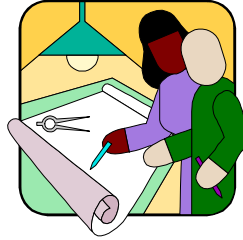
(\* = CLARITAS 2000)



**Employment**

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the County grew by 77,100 jobs, or more than 18.4%, between 1993 and 2000. The gains were uneven; while the number of non-manufacturing jobs increased by 67,000, the number of manufacturing jobs remained constant. The chart illustrates the shift toward service producing employment over a nine-year period.

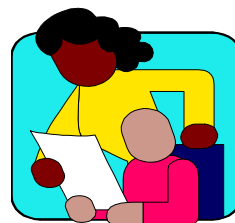
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**Metropolitan Statistical Area  
Wage and Salary Non-Agriculture Employment  
(Jobs in Thousands)\***

	1993	1997	September 2000
<b>Goods Producing</b>	<b>75.2</b>	<b>81.7</b>	<b>85.2</b>
Mining	3.0	3.3	2.1
Construction	20.8	26.7	31.7
Manufacturing	51.4	51.7	51.4
Non-Durable Goods	32.7	33.5	33.1
Durable Goods	18.7	18.2	18.3
<b>Service Producing</b>	<b>343.4</b>	<b>381.8</b>	<b>410.4</b>
Transportation and Public Utilities	29.9	30.3	31.6
Wholesale & Retail Trade	101.7	112.1	122.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	30.2	34.4	39.5
Services	114.7	136.2	146.7
Government	66.9	68.9	70.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>418.6</b>	<b>463.5</b>	<b>495.6</b>

\* = Alabama Department of Industrial Relations



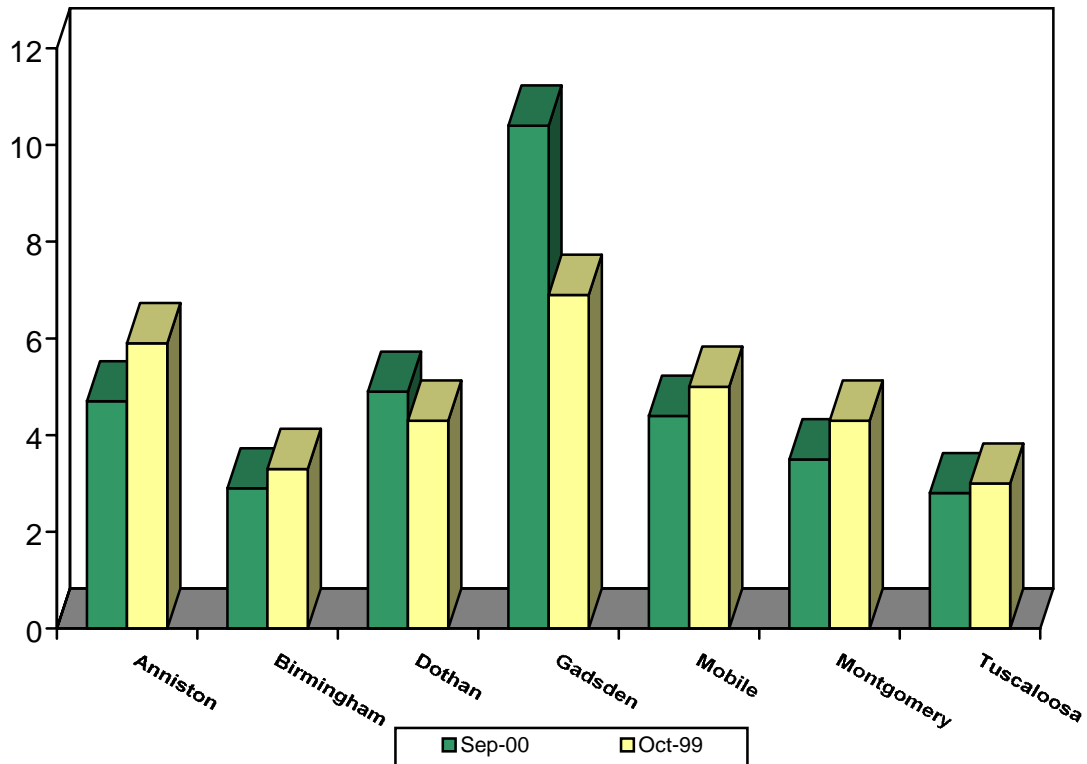


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<b>Jefferson County Top Ten Employers</b>		
	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Employees</b>
1	University of Alabama at Birmingham	15,628
2	United States Government	9,302
3	State of Alabama	6,372
4	BellSouth	6,300
5	Baptist Health System, Inc.	6,000
6	Bruno's Inc. (Retail Grocery Chain)	5,374
7	Jefferson County Board of Education	5,000
8	Birmingham Public Schools	4,555
9	City of Birmingham	4,500
10	Jefferson County Government	4,191

Source = Birmingham Area Chamber of Commerce

**Unemployment Percentages For Alabama Metropolitan Areas  
September 2000 and October 1999**



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The following chart summarizes four key trends of economic vitality over the ten recent years. From 1989 to 1992 the trends were mixed, with annual reversals. Since 1992 the pattern has more consistently supported continued growth.

Year	Airline Passengers		Non-Residential Investment		Retail Sales Volume		Industrial Power Kilowatt Hours	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
1999	3,046,220	7%	\$ 538,829,000	-16%	\$ 8,917,407,000	--	3,995,861,605	-4%
1998	2,853,333	4%	\$ 6,939,879,000	33%	\$ 8,880,994,000	3%	4,158,805,935	3%
1997	2,747,225	--	\$ 481,992,000	-2%	\$ 8,629,927,060	3%	4,029,226,299	1%
1996	2,748,589	10%	\$ 490,977,000	7%	\$ 8,382,105,000	3%	3,979,445,060	2%
1995	2,508,175	12%	\$ 456,498,000	21%	\$ 8,123,043,000	--	3,899,781,413	4%
1994	2,237,620	9%	\$ 378,769,000	14%	\$ 8,169,958,000	9%	3,763,249,041	7%
1993	2,058,018	5%	\$ 333,154,000	54%	\$ 7,489,535,000	7%	3,515,920,335	15%
1992	1,970,201	2%	\$ 216,605,000	-22%	\$ 7,000,138,000	20%	3,058,026,488	-1%
1991	1,936,775	-7%	\$ 278,927,000	-15%	\$ 5,834,393,000	--	3,074,192,517	-3%
1990	2,072,919	5%	\$ 327,791,000	9%	\$ 5,990,708,000	--	3,170,853,280	4%
1989	2,072,920	--	\$ 301,055,000	--	\$ 5,874,565,000	--	3,036,513,072	--

\* Source = W&P Economics

This pattern of economic health is projected to continue into the next century. The Birmingham MSA was projected to increase in total population less than the state and nation for the period 1995 to 2000. But the average effective buying power and retail sales growth exceeds both the state and nation. This healthy economy is also reflected in the unemployment rates, which is 3.1% for Jefferson County, while the State of Alabama and the United States rates are 4.4% and 4.1%, respectively. The negative statistic, which appears in the next chart, projecting a small decline in retail sales per household for Jefferson County, is significant in projects of sales taxes.

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**Projections for Population and Disposable Income**

**Birmingham MSA, 1995-2000**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Population Percent Growth</b>	<b>Household Percent Growth</b>	<b>Average Effective Buying Income Percent Growth</b>	<b>Retail Sales Per Household Percent Growth</b>
Birmingham, MSA	4.6%	6.0%	31.0%	(1.6%)
Alabama	4.8%	6.3%	29.7%	0.7%
U.S.A.	5.0%	6.2%	NA	0.7%

\* Source = W&P Economics

**Education**



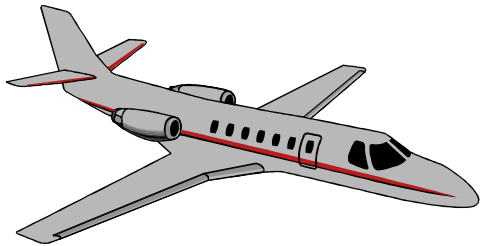
Jefferson County is the home of six colleges and universities, four business schools and five junior colleges and trade schools. These schools have a combined enrollment of over 35,000. The largest institution is the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), which includes University College, the Graduate School and the UAB Medical Center. The UAB complex, featuring a wide range of undergraduate, graduate and professional programs, is the third largest educational institution in Alabama, with a total enrollment of approximately 15,921. The UAB Medical Center consists of the schools of medicine, dentistry, nursing, optometry, public health and the School of Community and Allied Health. UAB is the largest employer in the County.

**Major Universities and Colleges  
Jefferson County**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>Type</b>
University of Alabama at Birmingham	15,921	State Supported
Samford University and Cumberland School of Law	4,379	Private
Birmingham-Southern College	1,540	Private
Miles College	1,453	Private
Birmingham School of Law	450	Private
Southeastern Bible College	180	Private
Jefferson State Community College	5,964	State Supported
Lawson State Community College	1,395	State Supported
Bessemer State Technical College	3,000	State Supported

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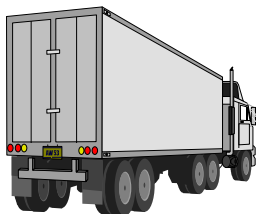
The Jefferson County School system consists of 62 schools, with a total enrollment exceeding 41,000. The City of Birmingham School System has 79 schools within its system and approximately 40,000 students. There are eight other public school systems in the County encompassing 40 schools and more than 30,000 students. In addition, the Birmingham MSA has over 50 private and denominational schools with grades ranging from kindergarten through high school.



### Transportation

Commercial airline service is available through the Birmingham International Airport, which is served by six major carriers (American, Continental, Delta, Northwest, Southwest, United and USAirways) as well as five regional commuter airlines (Comair, Continental Express, United Express and US Airways Express). The 160 daily flights handle over 3,000,000 passengers annually. WEB: [www.bhamintlairport.com](http://www.bhamintlairport.com)

The Birmingham Airport Authority has recently completed the addition of 2,000 parking spaces to the parking deck. Additional airport construction projects that are currently pending, or already begun include (1) a 2,000 foot extension of the airport's main runway; (2) construction of a new cargo apron; (3) a new air freight building and a new air cargo complex; (4) rehabilitation of the air carrier apron around the terminal; (5) completion of the final phase of the infield service road and (6) development of a new parking facility and rental car hub. In addition the Federal Aviation Administration plans to commission the newly construction 211-foot control tower in spring of 2001.



Almost 100 truck lines have terminals in the area. Birmingham is also the nexus for three interstate highways: I-65 between Huntsville-Decatur to the north and Montgomery to the south; and I-59 from Gadsden in the northeast and I-20 from Anniston in the east which merge in Birmingham as I-59/20 serving Tuscaloosa to the southwest.

Additionally, Birmingham is served by four railroads –Norfolk Southern, CSX Corporation, Canadian National Railway Company (through an alliance with Kansas City Southern Railway) and Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company. Amtrak passenger service is also available.



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Seven barge lines provide transportation through private dock facilities at Port Birmingham in western Jefferson County. These facilities are part of the Warrior-Tombigbee waterway system which provides access to the Port of Mobile in south Alabama. The area is linked with the Tennessee-Tombigbee waterway system, which connects the County with 16,000 miles of barge routes stretching from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico.

### Health Care

The County is a major center for health care and biomedical research. Altogether, 21 hospitals with a total of 4,484 beds are located in the County. U.S. News ranked The University of Alabama Hospital at Birmingham among the top 50 hospitals in the country for its specialities in cancer, hormonal disorders, gynecology, kidney disease, orthopedics, ear, nose and throat and rheumatology. Other major medical centers in the County include Baptist Medical Centers, Carray Methodist Medical Centers, Medical Center East, St. Vincent's Hospital, HealthSouth Medical Center.



Southern Research Institute (SRI) is one of the oldest independent not-for-profit organizations in the South. SRI affiliated with the University of Alabama at Birmingham in late 1999. Both institutions are recognized leaders in many fields of scientific inquiry. In addition to its pharmaceutical and biotechnical research, SRI also conducts research in the areas of utilities and manufacturing. Public sector clients include the National Institutes of Health, Department of Energy, Department of Defense, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, United States Army, United States Navy, and United States Air Force.

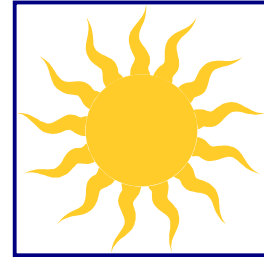
Over nine percent of the area workforce is employed in health care, exceeding other southeast centers like Orlando, Jacksonville, Miami and Atlanta.

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### Climate

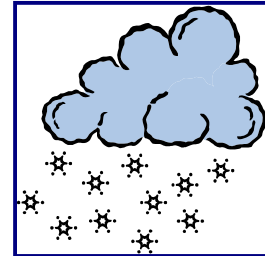
#### Average Temperatures:

53 Days of exceeding 90°F  
47 Days of less than 32° F  
Average of 61.8°F



**Average Rainfall:** 54.8 inches (Average 126 days a year)

**Average Snowfall:** 1.4 inches



### And Future Promise

The 1994 *INC 500* review picked Birmingham as one of the top ten best cities in which to start a business. At MIT, Cognetics, Inc. ranked the Birmingham-Tuscaloosa corridor as the sixth hottest of top 50 *Entrepreneurial Hot Spots: The Best Places in America to Start and Grow a Company*. Mercedes-Benz has a major manufacturing plant completed there, and seven suppliers have located new plants in the area. In 1999, the American Honda Motor Company announced that Lincoln, Alabama (22 miles from the Jefferson County line) would be home for a new \$400 million plant that will produce 12,000 engines and an equal number of minivans or sport utility vehicles. Air quality limitation is a major impediment to continued growth.

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**POINT OF INTEREST**

**Alabama International Motor Speedway**

Located near Jefferson County, the speedway is home to the annual Winston 500 and Talladega stock car races where world speed records and attendance records are set regularly. Nearby is the International Motorsports Hall of Fame with six buildings, 100 vehicles, memorabilia valued at over \$20 million, and a race care simulator.

E-mail address: [www.nascar.com/tracks/talladega/index](http://www.nascar.com/tracks/talladega/index)



**Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame**

Located in the historic Carver Theater for the Performing Arts, the museum honors great jazz artists with ties to the State of Alabama. While furnishing educational information, the museum is also a place for entertainment, recalling “Tuxedo Junction” made famous in Ensley, now a part of Birmingham

E-mail address: [www.digitrends.com/jazz](http://www.digitrends.com/jazz)



**Alabama Sports Hall of Fame**

Located in Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Complex, the Hall annually inducts Alabama natives who have made a major impact in amateur and professional sports. It offers memorabilia and memories from Jesse Owens, Joe Lewis, Bart Starr, Willie Mays, Paul “Bear” Bryant, and other sports heroes.

E-mail address: [www.tech-com.com/ashof](http://www.tech-com.com/ashof)



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**Alabama Theatre**

Big-screen movies, stunning architecture, and a mighty Wurlitzer organ thrill audiences at the beautiful Alabama Theatre, just as they did in the 1920s. Today the theatre, one of the last working movie palaces, features first-run and revival films along with concerts and other special events. The “Showplace of the South” is still among the most elegant and elaborate theatres in the southeast.

E-mail address: [www.alabamatheatre.com](http://www.alabamatheatre.com)



**Arlington Antebellum Home & Gardens**

This circa 1850 home is a preserved antebellum home of the Greek Revival architecture style. The gardens host tour groups, dinners, and weddings at the site where Union troops planned the burning of the University of Alabama and the Brierfield and Tannehill Iron Works.

E-mail address: [www.ci.bham.al.us/arlington/](http://www.ci.bham.al.us/arlington/)



**Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum**

The largest motorcycle museum in North America, the Barber Museum showcases 325 motorcycles from all over the world and every decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Also, vintage race cars are on display throughout the museum. This year the museum is undergoing major capital improvements to the grounds, park, pier, campgrounds, etc.

E-mail Address: [www.onlinecityguide.com/al/birmingham](http://www.onlinecityguide.com/al/birmingham)



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### Bessemer Hall of History

The Bessemer Hall of History is a museum dedicated to preserving the area's past as well as educating the youth and others on what the city was like years ago. Located in the renovated Southern Railway Depot, the Hall of History displays historic photographs and articles, Civil War Memorabilia, Indian artifacts, furnishings from the 1800s and other items from the area. The museum has monthly exhibitions and is listed in the National Registry of Historical Places. E-mail Address: [www.bessemerchamber.com/attractions](http://www.bessemerchamber.com/attractions)



### Birmingham's Botanical Gardens

The Gardens boast the Southeast's largest clearspan conservatory. Its education complex, library, gift shop, gardens and greenhouses are among the best; and the Bonsai, fern, orchid and rose collections are nationally recognized for excellence. The Japanese garden and teahouse, popular for weddings and photography, are key focal points in the 67-acre garden.

E-mail address: [www.bbgardens.org](http://www.bbgardens.org)



### Birmingham Children's Theatre

The Birmingham Children's Theatre is one of the nation's oldest and most respected Children's Theatres. Nearly 200,000 Alabama school children will travel to downtown Birmingham to see the performances at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center. The *Theatre in Motion*, the touring division of Birmingham Children's Theatre, brings the magic of theatre to students across the Southeast—performing to nearly 250,000 students a year.

E-mail address: [www.bct123.org](http://www.bct123.org)

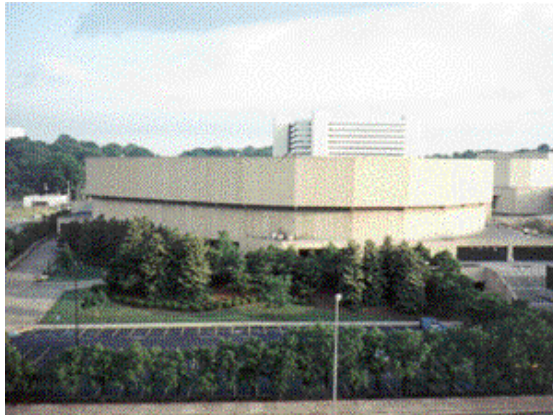


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**Birmingham Civil Rights Institute**

The Institute is a state of the art facility to house exhibits to depict historical events from post World War I racial separation to present day racial progress. More than a museum, the Institute promotes on-going research and discourse on human rights issues through its archival and educational programs and services. The Institute is located in the historical Civil Rights District surrounded by the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church, Kelly Ingram Park, and the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame. E-Mail address: [www.onlinecityguide.com/al/birmingham](http://www.onlinecityguide.com/al/birmingham)



**Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center**

The Concert hall is one of the finest in the nation, and its adjoining coliseum is one of the largest in the region with a capacity of 19,900. A 1,200 seat, fully equipped theater is the setting for many major productions. The 220,000 square feet exhibition halls host hundreds of significant shows and attract 1,500,000 visitors annually. The Civic Center is also home of the Southeastern Conference Headquarters whereby rules and regulations are generated and enforced by this organization in order to maintain the highest levels of academic and athletic achievement. E-mail address: [www.bjcc.org](http://www.bjcc.org)



**The Birmingham Museum of Art**

The Museum is one of the largest museums in the Southeast. Reopened after complete renovation and expansion, its 17,000 works of art are among the finest in the nation. Included are the world's foremost collection of Wedgwood, the largest and most comprehensive collections of western American art, Italian Renaissance art (from the Kress collection), pre-Columbian art and Asian art. The exhibits *The First Emperor: Treasurer from Ancient China* and the *American Smithsonian* were recent blockbuster presentations. E-mail address: [www.artsbma.org](http://www.artsbma.org)

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**Birmingham Race Track**

The track is one of America's most beautiful race tracks. Located on 350 acres in eastern Jefferson County it offers year-round greyhound racing and racing from other tracks via satellite. The facility is very accessible as three nearby interstates serves it. E-mail address: [www.bhamdogs.com](http://www.bhamdogs.com)



**Birmingham Zoo**

The Zoo is one of the world-class zoos in the region, boasting a remarkable display of predatory animals in a duplicate of their natural habitat. It is famous for breeding Siberian tigers, and has the world's only self-sustaining breeding colony of golden spider monkeys anywhere in captivity. E-mail Address: [www.birminghamzoo.com](http://www.birminghamzoo.com)



**Brierfield Ironworks Historical State Park**

Crumbling brick ruins are all that remains of the Brierfield Ironworks, which were destroyed in a raid by Union army calvary in March 1865. This historic park in listed in the National Register of Historical Places. The park hosts may special events which includes a reenactment of the Civil War raid, music festivals, country crafts fairs and holiday events. E-mail Address: [www.brierfieldironworks.com](http://www.brierfieldironworks.com)



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### Five Points South

Located in the heart of Jefferson County, this newly restored area has emerged as the nucleus for dining and entertainment, with shopping in the nearby pedestrian Cobb Lane. People watching, dancing to live music, local mini-breweries, and great food fill the city entertainment district. The United Methodist Church shown in the background of the photo has just completed a \$3,000,000 renovation and runs a ministry for the homeless.



### Galleria

The area enjoys the shopping advantages of major malls, such as the Riverchase Galleria, where 200 specialty shops and six anchor stores (Macy's, Rich's, Parisian, JC Penney, McRae's, and Sears) are surrounded by restaurants, offices and hotels. Covered by acres of glass, the walkways and food court come alive with lights, fountains and a huge carousel. Plans are under way to build an additional interstate exit for this area.

E-mail address: [www.thegalleria.com](http://www.thegalleria.com)



### Golf Opportunities

Some of the finest golf course designers in the world – Fazio, Pate, Nichlaus, and Robert Trent Jones – have worked their magic on area links. The area has twice hosted the PGA Championship, and the Bruno's Memorial Classic is an annual stop on the Senior PGA Tour.

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### Legion Field

With 80,300 seats, Legion Field is one of the largest stadiums in the country, and it hosts many major professional and collegiate football games. Major football games are played here by teams from the University of Alabama and University of Alabama at Birmingham. There's also the annual Magic City Classic between Alabama A & M and Alabama State University. Beginning in 1999, the South West Athletic Conference annual championship game is held at Legion Field.



### McWane Center

The \$36 million science discovery center opened in 1998 to surround visitors with adventures in science and technology, such as the River Journey in the World of Water. The IMAX Dome Theater delights young and old alike. The Center is dedicated to hands-on learning.

E-mail address: [www.mcwane.org](http://www.mcwane.org)



### Meyer Planetarium

The 900-seat planetarium features a simulated look at celestial bodies and aspects of outer space. Located on the campus of Birmingham-Southern College, Meyer Planetarium offers a regular schedule of public showings.

E-mail address: [www.bsc.edu](http://www.bsc.edu)



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**Rickwood Field**

The oldest baseball stadium in America was the former home of the Birmingham Barons, the AA farm club of the Chicago White Sox. Now it is the scene of many area high school games. The stadium was recently selected as the primary backdrop for a nostalgic baseball movie featuring the life of Ty Cobb. A project is underway to build a Museum of Southern Baseball History that will bring Rickwood legends to life and bring visitors face-to-face with the golden days of baseball.

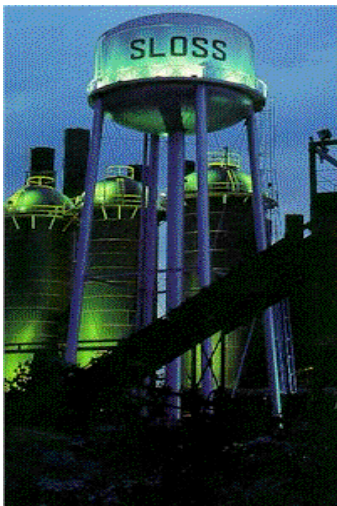
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**Ruffner Mountain Nature Center**

The Center offers wildlife rehabilitation and biological and historical displays of the last undeveloped remnant of the Red Mountain Ridge. Locally known as Ruffner Mountain, 538 acres offer nature trails and special conservation programs in an urban wilderness.

E-mail address: [www.bham.net/ruffner/](http://www.bham.net/ruffner/)



**Sloss Furnace National Historical Landmark**

Located on the eastern edge of Birmingham's downtown business district, the Sloss Furnaces have been a dominant feature of Birmingham's skyline for over a century. It is the only museum of its kind in the world. The museum offers furnace tours led by trained guides, many of whom are retired blast furnace workers. Sloss hosts a wide variety of concerts, festivals, and conferences. An innovative program of metal art fills a two-acre Sculpture Yard.

Sloss even has a ghost, Theophilus Jowers, who swore that as long as there was a furnace in Jefferson County he'd be there.

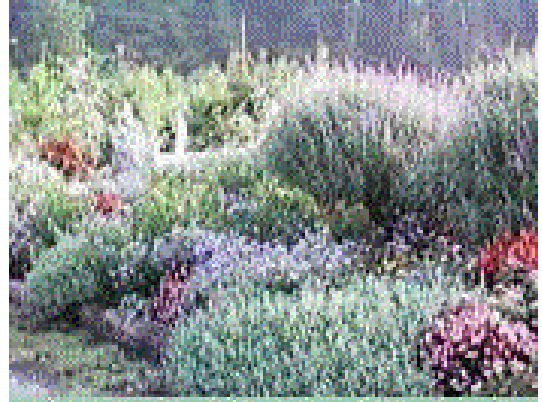
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### Southern Environmental Center

Located on the campus of Birmingham-Southern College, the Center offers an interactive, hands-on museum showing how individual efforts can help safeguard our environmental quality. The Center, which hosts over 20,000 visitors per year, is the only such program in the Nation.

E-mail address: [www.bsc.edu](http://www.bsc.edu)



### Southern Museum of Flight

Located near the Birmingham International Airport, this new facility houses full-scale airplanes, memorabilia from World War II, a library of aviation and Delta Airlines' first plane.

E-mail address: [www.bham.net/flight/museum](http://www.bham.net/flight/museum)



### Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park

The grounds of the Park hold the fully restored furnaces which were destroyed by Union forces. On special occasions iron is extracted by the old processes. Within the park is a large collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century cabins and bridges to give visitors a glimpse into life in early Alabama. Camping, train rides, and fine dining round out one of Alabama's most popular spots to visit.

E-mail address: [www.tannehill.org](http://www.tannehill.org)



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**Veterans' Day Parade**

The nation's oldest and largest celebration of the dedication and contributions of our men and women in the military occurs each November, a program supported by an annual grant from the County Commission. A monument beside the Courthouse remembers Raymond Weeks, the founder of the National Veterans Day.



**Visionland Theme Park**

The Park is nestled on 300 acres of rolling terrain near Bessemer. The Park offers four themed entertainment areas that contain thrill rides, attractions, and a seven-acre waterpark for all ages. This Park opened in 1998, not many miles from the new Mercedes auto assembly plant.

E-mail address: [www.visionlandpark.com](http://www.visionlandpark.com)



**Vulcan Park**

A popular tourist attraction located atop Red Mountain where it commands a panoramic view of the metro area, it is the largest cast iron statue in the world and, in the U.S. is second only to the Statue of Liberty in height. It is one of only a few monuments ever erected to commemorate not a person or an event, but an industry. Vulcan, the Roman mythical god of the forge, has stood on the mountain since 1939 holding a torch which has color changes to indicate traffic fatalities, making Vulcan the world's largest traffic safety reminder. During 1999 Vulcan was removed for a \$7,000,000 renovation.

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