

ALABAMA

Labor Market News

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(October 2017 Data)

Economy In Brief

Alabama's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, at 3.6 percent in October, was down from September's revised rate of 3.8 percent and below the year-ago rate of 6.1 percent.

The national rate at 4.1 percent in October, was down from September's rate of 4.2 percent and below the year-ago rate of 4.8 percent.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary employment totaled 2,021,200 in October, which represented an over the month increase of 6,500 jobs. This growth was observed in trade, transportation, and utilities; education and health services; government; professional and business services; construction; manufacturing; and information. Over the year, there was a gain of 29,400 jobs. The increases occurred in leisure and hospitality, professional and business services, manufacturing, education and health services, construction, other services, financial activities, and government sectors.

The average manufacturing workweek hours rose by 42 minutes over the month and year.

Goods-Producing Employment

The Goods-Producing sectors grew by 400 jobs this month. The employment level improved due to construction and manufacturing. Employment increased by 10,600 over the year, because growth in the same industries.

Durable Goods increased by 500 jobs from September. Gains occurred fabricated metal product and primary metal manufacturing sectors. Over the year, employment grew by

3,600 jobs due to the fabricated metal product; wood product; furniture and related product; and elect. equipment, appliance and component manufacturing areas.

In Non-Durable Goods, employment reduced by 300 jobs from September. Over the year, industries gained 2,500 jobs. Some increases occurred in food manufacturing as well as plastics and rubber products manufacturing.

Service-Providing Employment

The Service-Providing sectors increased by 6,100 jobs over the month and this growth was due to trade, transportation, and utilities; education and health services; government; professional and business services; and information. Annually, Service-Providing sectors added 18,800 jobs. The gains occurred in leisure and hospitality, professional and business services, education and health services, other services, financial activities, and government.

Total Private

Total private employment increased by 4,300 over the month to total 1,636,300 in October. Over the year, employment gained 28,200 jobs.

Average weekly hours rose by 36 minutes over the month and declined by 24 minutes over the year.

Average weekly earnings, at \$818.44 in October, increased by \$17.64 from September and by \$17.08 over the year.

Average hourly earnings, at \$22.99 in October, rose by 11 cents over the month and 73 cents over the year.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016
Civilian Labor Force ¹	2,178,323	2,171,138	2,193,487	2,156,934	2,151,656	2,180,736
Employment	2,102,222	2,098,811	2,057,151	2,079,576	2,069,094	2,046,861
Unemployment	76,101	72,327	136,336	77,358	82,562	133,875
AL Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.3	6.2	3.6	3.8	6.1
U.S. Unemployment Rates	3.9	4.1	4.7	4.1	4.2	4.8

¹ Place of residence basis. ^P Preliminary. ^R Revised.

Estimates prepared by the Alabama Department of Labor in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on a 2016 benchmark.

Resources for LMI



American Community Survey (ACS): The ACS is an ongoing survey that provides data every year by giving communities the current information they need to plan investments and services. Information from the survey generates data that help determine

how more than \$400 billion in federal and state funds are distributed each year.

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS): The Bureau is a division of the U.S. Department of Labor and functions as the principal data gathering agency of the federal government in the field of labor economics. The BLS collects, processes, analyzes and disseminates data relating to employment, unemployment, the labor force, productivity, prices, family expenditures, wages, industrial relations, and occupational safety and health.

Census Tract: A small relatively permanent statistical subdivision of a county delineated by local committees of census data users for the purpose of collecting and presenting census data. It is worth noting that census tracts conform to county lines (that is they are always sub-sets of a county), but may not follow zip code lines.

Civilian Labor Force: The civilian labor force comprises the total of all civilians age 16 and older classified as employed or unemployed, or seeking employment. This gives employers a measure of the labor pool.

Consumer Price Index (CPI): A measure of the average change in prices over time for a set group of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) for all urban consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total population and (2) for all urban wage earners and clerical workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. Among the CPI components are the costs of housing, food, transportation, and energy. While the CPI is not technically a cost of living index, it is often used to indicate changes in the cost-of-living.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) Survey: A monthly survey of nonfarm business establishments used to collect nonfarm payroll employment, and worker hours and earnings by industry and area. Through the Federal/State cooperative effort, these data are used to compute current monthly employment, and hours and earnings estimates, by industry, for the nation, the 50 states and the District of Columbia, and over 250 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA's).

Current Population Survey (CPS): A monthly household survey of the civilian non-institutional population of the United States. This BLS survey provides labor market statistics (e.g., employment, unemployment and wages) by industry, occupation, and demographic characteristics. The Bureau of the Census collects data for this survey in cooperation with BLS.

CES Employment: A count of all persons who worked full or part time or received pay from a nonagricultural employer for any part of the pay period that included the 12th day of the month. Because this count comes from a survey of employers, persons who work for two

different companies could be counted twice. Therefore, non-farm payroll employment is really a count of the number of jobs rather than the number of persons employed. This count is also based on where the jobs are located, regardless of where the workers reside. Non-farm payroll employment data are collected and compiled by Current Employment Statistics (CES) Survey.

Labor Market Information (LMI): A body of knowledge that includes a variety of economic, social, and demographic information. This information describes current conditions and forecasts employment conditions at a future date. LMI is comprised of population data, labor force data, industry data, occupational data, general economic trends, and career data.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS): A federal-state cooperative program, which produces monthly estimates of total employment and unemployment for approximately 7,500 areas.

North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS):

A system of identifying industry activity, NAICS is replacing the U.S. Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. NAICS will reshape the way we track our industries. NAICS was developed jointly by the U.S., Canada, and Mexico to provide new comparability in statistics about business activity across North America.

Occupational Employment Statistics (OES): A federal state cooperative program, which collects detailed occupational data by industry in a three-year cycle. The OES survey is an annual mail survey measuring occupational employment and occupational wage rates for wage and salary workers in nonfarm establishments, by industry. On a national level, the survey samples approximately 400,000 establishments per year, taking 3 years to fully collect the sample of 1.2 million establishments.

Seasonal Adjustment: A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally occur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, shifts in production schedules, harvest times, and the opening and closing of schools.

Standard Industrial Classification (SIC): An industry classification system underlying all establishment-based Federal economic statistics classified by industry. The SIC defines industries in accordance with the composition and structure of the economy. It was developed for use in the classification of establishments by type of activity in which they are engaged.

Note: This was replaced by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC): This is an occupational coding system that was presented by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to replace and consolidate several previous coding systems used to classify occupations. The consolidated coding systems include the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES), the Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT), and the grouping of occupational titles used by the Census based on survey responses.

EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES IN ALABAMA 1/
(in thousands)

INDUSTRY				NET CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016
Total Nonfarm	2021.2	2014.7	1991.8	6.5	29.4	0.32	1.48
Total Private	1636.3	1632.0	1608.1	4.3	28.2	0.26	1.75
Goods Producing	368.4	368.0	357.8	0.4	10.6	0.11	2.96
Mining and Logging	9.6	9.7	9.7	-0.1	-0.1	-1.03	-1.03
Mining (except Oil and Gas)	4.4	4.3	4.3	0.1	0.1	2.33	2.33
Construction	91.1	90.8	86.5	0.3	4.6	0.33	5.32
Construction of Buildings	19.6	20.3	18.4	-0.7	1.2	-3.45	6.52
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	18.3	18.0	16.5	0.3	1.8	1.67	10.91
Specialty Trade Contractors	53.2	52.5	51.6	0.7	1.6	1.33	3.10
Manufacturing	267.7	267.5	261.6	0.2	6.1	0.07	2.33
Durable Goods Manufacturing	173.9	173.4	170.3	0.5	3.6	0.29	2.11
Wood Product Manufacturing	17.3	17.4	16.1	-0.1	1.2	-0.57	7.45
Primary Metal Manufacturing	16.6	16.4	16.7	0.2	-0.1	1.22	-0.60
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	27.3	26.7	26.0	0.6	1.3	2.25	5.00
Machinery Manufacturing	10.2	10.2	10.3	0.0	-0.1	0.00	-0.97
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	9.1	9.1	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
Elect.Equipment, Appliance & Component Manfng	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	0.1	0.00	2.08
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	63.9	64.6	64.1	-0.7	-0.2	-1.08	-0.31
Motor Vehicle Manufacturing	13.2	13.3	12.9	-0.1	0.3	-0.75	2.33
Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	27.1	27.2	26.4	-0.1	0.7	-0.37	2.65
Aerospace Products & Parts Manufacturing	12.6	12.7	12.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.79	-0.79
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing	9.6	9.7	9.4	-0.1	0.2	-1.03	2.13
Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing	93.8	94.1	91.3	-0.3	2.5	-0.32	2.74
Food Manufacturing	33.2	33.2	32.4	0.0	0.8	0.00	2.47
Animal Slaughtering and Processing	23.5	23.5	23.1	0.0	0.4	0.00	1.73
Textile Mills	5.0	4.9	5.2	0.1	-0.2	2.04	-3.85
Fiber, Yarn, and Thread Mills	2.6	2.6	2.8	0.0	-0.2	0.00	-7.14
Textile Product Mills	3.7	3.6	3.9	0.1	-0.2	2.78	-5.13
Textile Furnishings Mills	2.5	2.5	2.8	0.0	-0.3	0.00	-10.71
Apparel Manufacturing	2.7	2.7	3.0	0.0	-0.3	0.00	-10.00
Paper Manufacturing	11.2	11.3	11.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.88	0.00
Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills	7.2	7.2	7.3	0.0	-0.1	0.00	-1.37
Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	17.7	17.5	16.9	0.2	0.8	1.14	4.73
Service Providing	1652.8	1646.7	1634.0	6.1	18.8	0.37	1.15
Private Service Providing	1267.9	1264.0	1250.3	3.9	17.6	0.31	1.41
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	377.0	373.7	382.2	3.3	-5.2	0.88	-1.36
Wholesale Trade	74.9	73.9	74.3	1.0	0.6	1.35	0.81
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	34.8	34.3	34.7	0.5	0.1	1.46	0.29
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	22.9	22.6	22.5	0.3	0.4	1.33	1.78
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers	17.2	17.0	17.1	0.2	0.1	1.18	0.58

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1/ Data include, on a place of work basis, all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during or received pay for, any part of the pay period which included the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households and unpaid family workers are excluded. Estimates adjusted to a 2016 benchmark, based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) Manual, 2017. Totals may not add due to rounding.

ESTIMATES PREPARED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES IN ALABAMA ^{1/}

(in thousands)

INDUSTRY				NET CHANGE FROM:		PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016
Retail Trade	230.0	228.3	234.3	1.7	-4.3	0.74	-1.84
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	31.2	31.0	31.9	0.2	-0.7	0.65	1.75
Building Mat. & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	19.5	19.7	19.3	-0.2	0.2	-1.02	2.96
Food and Beverage Stores	32.3	32.3	32.4	0.0	-0.1	0.00	1.15
Health and Personal Care Stores	17.2	17.1	16.9	0.1	0.3	0.58	1.41
General Merchandise Stores	61.1	61.5	61.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.65	-1.03
Department Stores	16.4	16.6	17.0	-0.2	-0.6	-1.20	2.33
Other General Merchandise Stores	44.7	44.9	44.4	-0.2	0.3	-0.45	5.32
Trans, Warehousing, and Utilities	72.1	71.5	73.6	0.6	-1.5	0.84	6.52
Utilities	13.9	13.9	14.0	0.0	-0.1	0.00	10.91
Elect. Power Gen., Transmission & Distribution	12.3	12.3	12.0	0.0	0.3	0.00	3.10
Transportation and Warehousing	58.2	57.6	59.6	0.6	-1.4	1.04	2.33
Truck Transportation	26.6	26.4	26.2	0.2	0.4	0.76	2.11
General Freight Trucking	17.6	17.7	17.5	-0.1	0.1	-0.56	7.45
Information	19.8	19.6	20.3	0.2	-0.5	1.02	-2.46
Telecommunications	8.9	8.9	9.4	0.0	-0.5	0.00	-5.32
Financial Activities	99.2	99.3	97.8	-0.1	1.4	-0.10	1.43
Finance and Insurance	76.8	76.6	74.2	0.2	2.6	0.26	3.50
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	41.4	41.5	40.7	-0.1	0.7	-0.24	1.72
Depository Credit Intermediation	31.9	31.9	31.6	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.95
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	30.2	30.2	29.1	0.0	1.1	0.00	3.78
Insurance Carriers	14.5	14.5	14.4	0.0	0.1	0.00	0.69
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	22.4	22.7	23.6	-0.3	-1.2	-1.32	-5.08
Professional and Business Services	242.5	241.3	236.1	1.2	6.4	0.50	2.71
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	104.5	103.4	99.3	1.1	5.2	1.06	5.24
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services	26.7	26.6	24.6	0.1	2.1	0.38	8.54
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	25.2	24.7	24.1	0.5	1.1	2.02	4.56
Management of Companies and Enterprises	17.1	17.0	16.6	0.1	0.5	0.59	3.01
Admin, Support & Waste Mngmt & Remediation Svcs.	120.9	120.9	120.2	0.0	0.7	0.00	0.58
Education and Health Services	242.4	239.7	236.5	2.7	5.9	1.13	2.49
Educational Services	21.4	21.1	22.2	0.3	-0.8	1.42	-3.60
Health Care and Social Assistance	221.0	218.6	214.3	2.4	6.7	1.10	3.13
Ambulatory Health Care Services	97.3	96.3	94.0	1.0	3.3	1.04	3.51
Offices of Physicians	39.5	39.0	39.6	0.5	-0.1	1.28	-0.25
Hospitals	45.8	45.2	44.8	0.6	1.0	1.33	2.23
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	46.2	45.4	45.1	0.8	1.1	1.76	2.44
Social Assistance	31.7	31.7	30.4	0.0	1.3	0.00	4.28
Leisure and Hospitality	204.5	207.6	197.4	-3.1	7.1	-1.49	3.60
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	18.4	20.2	17.9	-1.8	0.5	-8.91	2.79
Amusements, Gambling, and Recreation	14.5	15.8	13.6	-1.3	0.9	-8.23	6.62
Accommodation and Food Services	186.1	187.4	179.5	-1.3	6.6	-0.69	3.68
Food Services and Drinking Places	169.4	169.5	162.8	-0.1	6.6	-0.06	4.05
Restaurants and Other Eating Places	158.6	158.7	153.7	-0.1	4.9	-0.06	3.19
Full-Service Restaurants	67.5	68.9	65.5	-1.4	2.0	-2.03	3.05
Limited-Services Eating Places	91.1	89.8	88.2	1.3	2.9	1.45	3.29
Other Services	82.5	82.8	80.0	-0.3	2.5	-0.36	3.13
Government	384.9	382.7	383.7	2.2	1.2	0.57	0.31
Federal Government	53.3	52.8	53.5	0.5	-0.2	0.95	-0.37
State Government	115.3	114.6	113.9	0.7	1.4	0.61	1.23
State Government Education	65.6	64.7	65.5	0.9	0.1	1.39	0.15
Local Government	216.3	215.3	216.3	1.0	0.0	0.46	0.00
Local Government Educational Services	97.8	95.9	97.4	1.9	0.4	1.98	0.41

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN ALABAMA 1/

(in thousands)

INDUSTRY	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted ^{4/}		
	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016
Total Nonfarm^{2/}	2021.2	2014.7	1991.8	2012.2	2012.2	1983.0
Total Private	1636.3	1632.0	1608.1	1630.5	1630.4	1602.5
Goods Producing	368.4	368.0	357.8	366.2	366.5	355.7
Mining and Logging	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.7
Construction	91.1	90.8	86.5	89.2	90.1	84.7
Manufacturing	267.7	267.5	261.6	267.4	266.7	261.3
Service Providing	1652.8	1646.7	1634.0	1646.0	1645.7	1627.3
Private Service Providing	1267.9	1264.0	1250.3	1264.3	1263.9	1246.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	377.0	373.7	382.2	375.8	375.2	381.0
Wholesale Trade	74.9	73.9	382.2	74.4	73.7	73.8
Retail Trade	230.0	228.3	234.3	229.3	230.2	233.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	72.1	71.5	73.6	72.1	71.3	73.6
Information	19.8	19.6	20.3	19.9	19.7	233.6
Financial Activities	99.2	99.3	97.8	99.4	99.8	97.9
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	22.4	22.7	23.6	22.5	23.0	23.7
Professional and Business Services	242.5	241.3	236.1	240.1	241.4	233.8
Professional, Scientific, and Tech Services	104.5	103.4	99.3	104.8	104.7	99.6
Admin, Supp & Waste Manage & Remed Services	120.9	120.9	120.2	118.3	119.6	117.6
Education and Health Services	242.4	239.7	236.5	241.2	238.9	235.3
Educational Services	21.4	21.1	22.2	20.9	20.8	21.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	221.0	218.6	214.3	220.3	218.1	213.6
Leisure and Hospitality	204.5	207.6	197.4	205.7	205.9	198.7
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	18.4	20.2	17.9	19.4	19.6	18.9
Accommodation and Food Services	186.1	187.4	179.5	186.3	186.3	179.8
Other Services	82.5	82.8	80.0	82.2	83.0	79.7
Government	384.9	382.7	383.7	381.7	381.8	380.5
Federal Government	53.3	52.8	53.5	53.3	52.7	53.5
State Government	115.3	114.6	113.9	112.9	112.9	111.5
Local Government	216.3	215.3	216.3	215.5	216.2	215.5

METROPOLITAN AREAS Total Nonfarm Employment	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted ^{4/}		
	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016
Anniston-Oxford-Jackson	46.9	46.2	46.0	46.8	46.3	45.9
Auburn-Opelika	67.0	66.8	63.7	66.5	66.3	63.2
Birmingham-Hoover	525.6	525.1	522.5	525.2	525.7	522.0
Daphne-Fairhope-Foley	76.4	76.6	72.4	76.4	76.6	72.4
Decatur	54.1	54.0	53.5	54.0	54.1	53.5
Dothan	58.3	58.0	57.8	58.2	58.2	57.7
Florence-Muscle Shoals	57.7	57.4	57.5	57.4	57.5	57.2
Gadsden	39.2	38.9	38.3	39.2	39.1	38.3
Huntsville	234.4	232.8	228.8	233.2	232.6	227.7
Mobile	179.1	179.0	180.4	178.7	179.3	179.9
Montgomery	175.0	173.7	174.0	175.0	174.2	174.0
Tuscaloosa	108.9	109.1	106.5	107.9	108.2	105.5

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1/ Nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates prepared by the United States Department of Labor. Data estimated on place of work basis and seasonally adjusted by use of the Bureau of Labor Statistics X-12 Seasonal Adjustment method.

2/ Total Nonfarm employment may not equal sum of data in seasonally adjusted columns due to some series not being seasonally adjusted.

3/ New MSAs will not be seasonally published until a history has been developed.

4/ A 3-month average of seasonally adjusted over-the-month change is available at www.bls.gov/sae/tables.htm.

**HOURS AND EARNINGS DATA FOR SELECTED
NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES IN ALABAMA¹**

STATEWIDE INDUSTRY	All Employees (in thousands)			Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016
Total Private	1,636.3	1,632.0	1,608.1	\$818.44	\$800.80	\$801.36	35.6	35.0	36.0	\$22.99	\$22.88	\$22.26
Goods Producing	368.4	368.0	357.8	\$1,024.38	\$1,001.47	\$985.17	42.0	41.4	42.3	\$24.39	\$24.19	\$23.29
Construction	91.1	90.8	86.5	\$948.06	\$919.70	\$917.15	40.9	39.9	41.5	\$23.18	\$23.05	\$22.10
Manufacturing	267.7	267.5	261.6	\$1,052.98	\$1,031.37	\$1,012.35	42.7	42.2	42.5	\$24.66	\$24.44	\$23.82
Private Service Providing	1,267.9	1,264.0	1,250.3	\$760.16	\$741.44	\$748.64	33.8	33.1	34.2	\$22.49	\$22.40	\$21.89
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	377.0	373.7	382.2	\$675.70	\$667.65	\$672.28	33.5	33.2	33.8	\$20.17	\$20.11	\$19.89
Financial Activities	99.2	99.3	97.8	\$999.08	\$969.00	\$1,001.68	38.5	37.5	38.0	\$25.95	\$25.84	\$26.36
Professional and Business Services	242.5	241.3	236.1	\$1,005.08	\$980.88	\$976.05	37.7	36.6	37.7	\$26.66	\$26.80	\$25.89
Education and Health Services	242.4	239.7	236.5	\$826.24	\$803.00	\$806.66	34.1	33.5	34.8	\$24.23	\$23.97	\$23.18
Leisure and Hospitality	204.5	207.6	197.4	\$313.82	\$306.83	\$305.89	26.0	25.4	26.1	\$12.07	\$12.08	\$11.72
Other Services	82.5	82.8	80.0	\$690.89	\$674.37	\$693.35	33.2	32.8	35.0	\$20.81	\$20.56	\$19.81
INDUSTRY	Production Workers (in thousands)			Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016
Manufacturing	197.7	196.4	189.6	\$880.88	\$861.67	\$838.72	44.0	43.3	43.3	\$20.02	\$19.90	\$19.37
Durable Goods	122.2	120.9	117.2	\$907.85	\$901.07	\$875.31	43.5	43.3	43.7	\$20.87	\$20.81	\$20.03
Non-Durable Goods	75.5	75.5	72.4	\$835.44	\$798.02	\$780.56	44.7	43.3	42.7	\$18.69	\$18.43	\$18.28
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS TOTAL PRIVATE INDUSTRY	All Employees (in thousands)			Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016
Anniston-Oxford-Jackson	46.9	46.2	46.0	\$587.55	\$570.21	\$601.31	34.4	33.8	34.4	\$17.08	\$16.87	\$17.48
Auburn-Opelika	67.0	66.8	63.7	\$663.39	\$626.82	\$667.22	35.1	33.7	36.6	\$18.90	\$18.60	\$18.23
Birmingham-Hoover	525.6	525.1	522.5	\$902.83	\$874.38	\$884.88	36.2	35.4	36.0	\$24.94	\$24.70	\$24.58
Daphne-Fairhope-Foley	76.4	76.6	72.4	\$603.64	\$602.12	\$623.95	32.7	32.6	33.8	\$18.46	\$18.47	\$18.46
Decatur	54.1	54.0	53.5	\$708.24	\$709.44	\$733.10	37.1	36.4	37.1	\$19.09	\$19.49	\$19.76
Dothan	58.3	58.0	57.8	\$703.86	\$693.58	\$726.48	36.3	35.1	36.0	\$19.39	\$19.76	\$20.18
Florence-Muscle Shoals	57.7	57.4	57.5	\$637.49	\$625.60	\$624.45	34.2	34.0	34.5	\$18.64	\$18.40	\$18.10
Gadsden	39.2	38.9	38.3	\$657.72	\$636.40	\$600.99	34.8	34.7	34.5	\$18.90	\$18.34	\$17.42
Huntsville	234.4	232.8	228.8	\$1,051.56	\$1,033.27	\$1,032.47	34.5	33.9	35.8	\$30.48	\$30.48	\$28.84
Mobile	179.1	179.0	180.4	\$928.13	\$907.14	\$850.34	37.5	37.3	36.2	\$24.75	\$24.32	\$23.49
Montgomery	175.0	173.7	174.0	\$803.97	\$803.25	\$756.05	35.2	35.0	35.1	\$22.84	\$22.95	\$21.54
Tuscaloosa	108.9	109.1	106.5	\$775.95	\$770.12	\$715.86	35.0	34.8	34.7	\$22.17	\$22.13	\$20.63

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¹ Estimates, computed on a gross basis, do not represent straight time earnings or standard workweek.

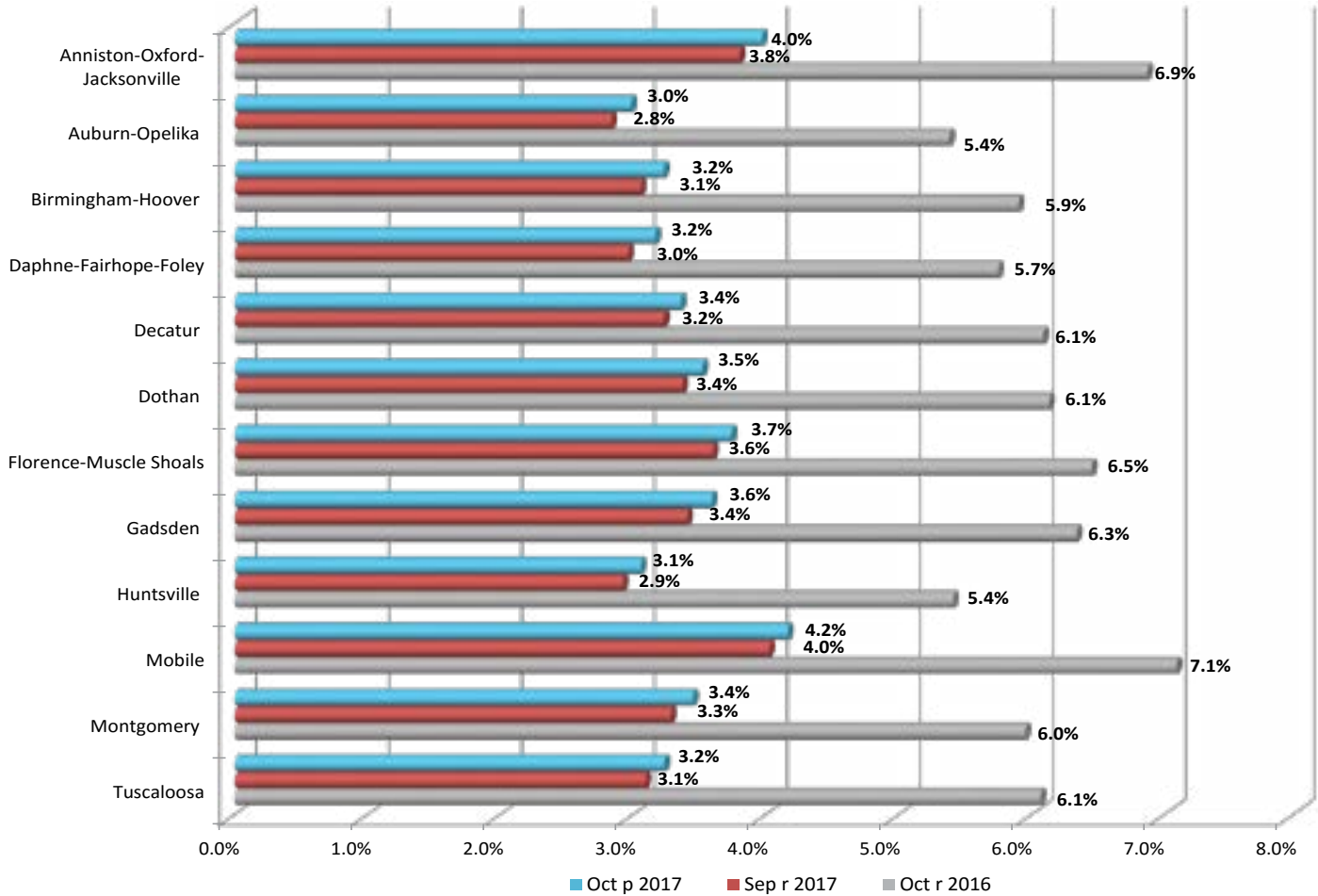
The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time of goods and services purchased by households. The CPIs are based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living.

For further details visit the CPI home page on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/> or contact the CPI Information and Analysis Section at (202) 691-7000.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers increased 2.0 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 246.663 (1982-84=100). For October, the index decreased 0.1 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers increased 2.1 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 240.573 (1982-84=100). For October, the index decreased 0.2 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

ALABAMA METROPOLITAN AREA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

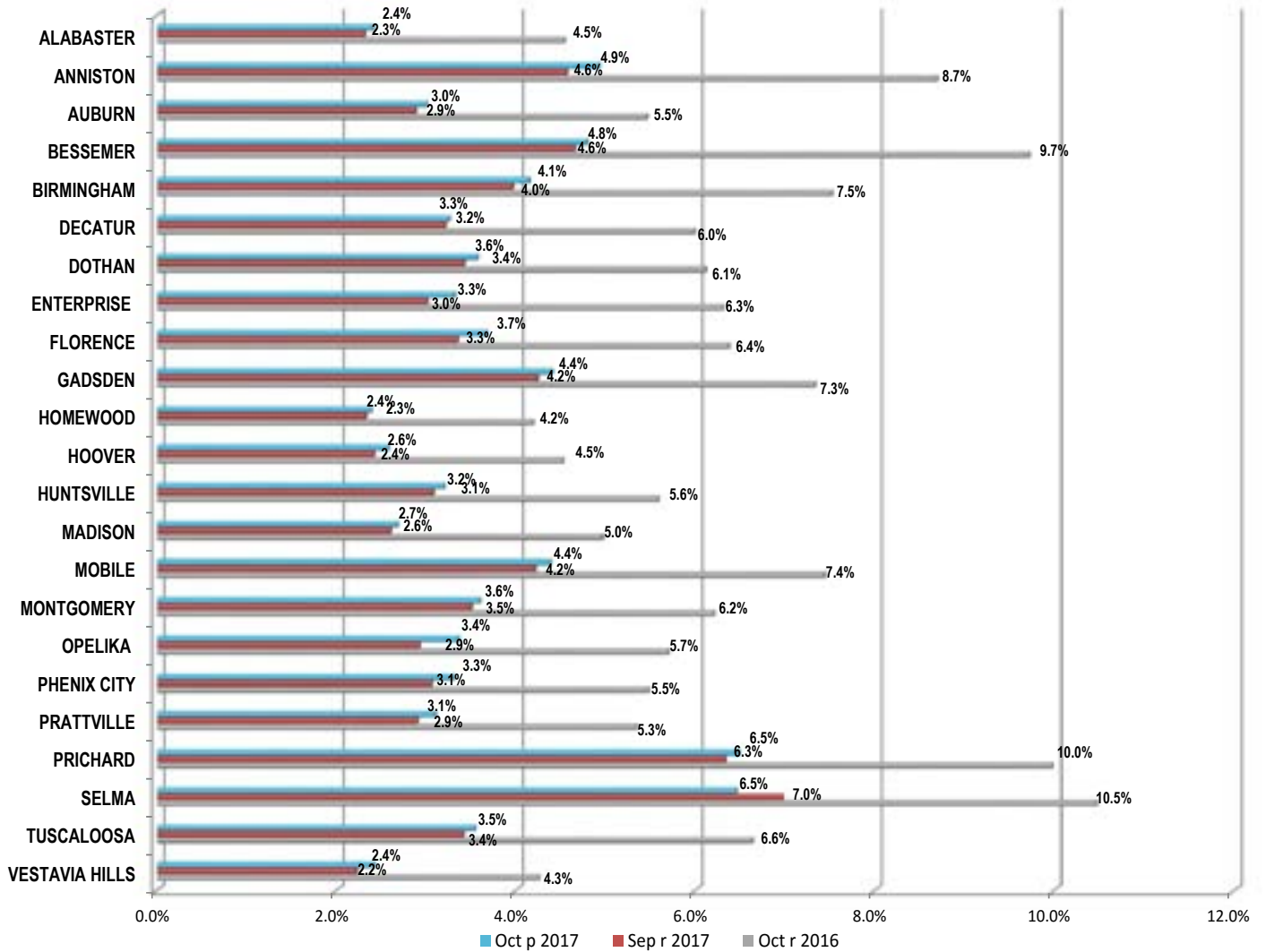


METROPOLITAN AREAS OCTOBER 2017 UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

Area	Civilian Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016
Anniston-Oxford-Jacksonville MA	45,763	45,123	45,884	43,947	43,408	42,731	1,816	1,715	3,153	4.0%	3.8%	6.9%
Auburn-Opelika MA	75,738	75,333	74,033	73,477	73,198	70,050	2,261	2,135	3,983	3.0%	2.8%	5.4%
Birmingham-Hoover MA	533,103	531,442	539,618	515,882	515,190	507,775	17,221	16,252	31,843	3.2%	3.1%	5.9%
Daphne-Fairhope-Foley MA	92,617	92,653	90,625	89,684	89,907	85,416	2,933	2,746	5,209	3.2%	3.0%	5.7%
Decatur MA	69,197	68,880	69,409	66,873	66,654	65,184	2,324	2,226	4,225	3.4%	3.2%	6.1%
Dothan MA	62,781	62,604	63,473	60,570	60,494	59,581	2,211	2,110	3,892	3.5%	3.4%	6.1%
Florence-Muscle Shoals MA	66,496	66,174	67,419	64,009	63,791	63,069	2,487	2,383	4,350	3.7%	3.6%	6.5%
Gadsden MA	44,115	43,825	44,135	42,531	42,332	41,338	1,584	1,493	2,797	3.6%	3.4%	6.3%
Huntsville MA	219,122	217,075	217,158	212,424	210,735	205,411	6,698	6,340	11,747	3.1%	2.9%	5.4%
Mobile MA	181,999	181,389	187,042	174,421	174,089	173,780	7,578	7,300	13,262	4.2%	4.0%	7.1%
Montgomery MA	170,562	169,157	172,570	164,680	163,601	162,296	5,882	5,556	10,274	3.4%	3.3%	6.0%
Tuscaloosa MA	114,882	114,781	114,414	111,166	111,231	107,471	3,716	3,550	6,943	3.2%	3.1%	6.1%

Counties and Metropolitan Areas are comparable to the not seasonally adjusted labor force data. Estimates prepared by the Alabama Department of Labor in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on a 2016 benchmark.

SELECTED CITY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



CITY AREAS OCTOBER 2017 UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

Area	Civilian Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016
ALABASTER CITY	17,402	17,355	17,511	16,983	16,954	16,717	419	401	794	2.4%	2.3%	4.5%
ANNISTON CITY	8,283	8,151	8,386	7,875	7,779	7,657	408	372	729	4.9%	4.6%	8.7%
AUBURN CITY	30,079	29,928	29,422	29,178	29,067	27,817	901	861	1,605	3.0%	2.9%	5.5%
BESSEMER CITY	9,674	9,642	10,042	9,211	9,194	9,066	463	448	976	4.8%	4.6%	9.7%
BIRMINGHAM CITY	91,284	90,937	93,124	87,503	87,338	86,122	3,781	3,599	7,002	4.1%	4.0%	7.5%
DECATUR CITY	26,371	26,256	26,447	25,513	25,414	24,864	858	842	1,583	3.3%	3.2%	6.0%
DOTHAN CITY	29,417	29,275	29,716	28,367	28,274	27,901	1,050	1,001	1,815	3.6%	3.4%	6.1%
ENTERPRISE CITY	10,842	10,887	10,878	10,483	10,560	10,193	359	327	685	3.3%	3.0%	6.3%
FLORENCE CITY	18,525	18,404	18,786	17,846	17,789	17,589	679	615	1,197	3.7%	3.3%	6.4%
GADSDEN CITY	14,002	13,913	14,039	13,386	13,323	13,010	616	590	1,029	4.4%	4.2%	7.3%
HOMEWOOD CITY	13,984	13,950	14,023	13,651	13,626	13,436	333	324	587	2.4%	2.3%	4.2%
HOOVER CITY	44,187	44,032	44,376	43,050	42,970	42,371	1,137	1,062	2,005	2.6%	2.4%	4.5%
HUNTSVILLE CITY	95,119	94,222	94,307	92,082	91,325	89,041	3,037	2,897	5,266	3.2%	3.1%	5.6%
MADISON CITY	24,573	24,355	24,334	23,916	23,722	23,126	657	633	1,208	2.7%	2.6%	5.0%
MOBILE CITY	84,718	84,407	87,192	81,007	80,853	80,709	3,711	3,554	6,483	4.4%	4.2%	7.4%
MONTGOMERY CITY	91,631	90,888	92,797	88,338	87,709	87,042	3,293	3,179	5,755	3.6%	3.5%	6.2%
OPELIKA CITY	14,397	14,278	14,066	13,914	13,861	13,265	483	417	801	3.4%	2.9%	5.7%
PHENIX CITY	15,404	15,286	15,451	14,895	14,819	14,606	509	467	845	3.3%	3.1%	5.5%
PRATTVILLE CITY	16,866	16,740	17,018	16,343	16,255	16,110	523	485	908	3.1%	2.9%	5.3%
PRICHARD CITY	7,946	7,918	8,224	7,431	7,417	7,404	515	501	820	6.5%	6.3%	10.0%
SELMA CITY	6,309	6,391	6,648	5,902	5,946	5,952	407	445	696	6.5%	7.0%	10.5%
TUSCALOOSA CITY	45,889	45,810	45,831	44,266	44,248	42,793	1,623	1,562	3,038	3.5%	3.4%	6.6%
VESTAVIA HILLS CITY	17,428	17,360	17,481	17,007	16,975	16,738	421	385	743	2.4%	2.2%	4.3%

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**NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
FOR ALABAMA METRO AREAS (MA'S)^{1/}**

ANNISTON-OXFORD-JACKSONVILLE MA	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Net Change From :	
				Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46,900	46,200	46,000	700	900
GOODS PRODUCING	7,200	7,100	7,000	100	200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	900	900	900	0	0
Manufacturing	6,300	6,200	6,100	100	200
SERVICE PROVIDING	39,700	39,100	39,000	600	700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	8,700	8,600	8,800	100	-100
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Retail Trade	5,900	5,800	6,000	100	-100
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0
Information	500	500	500	0	0
Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0
Professional and Business Services	4,600	4,500	4,700	100	-100
Education and Health Services	5,200	5,000	4,900	200	300
Leisure and Hospitality	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	200
Other Services	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0
Government	12,400	12,200	12,000	200	400
Federal	3,700	3,700	3,600	0	100
State and Local	8,700	8,500	8,400	200	300

AUBURN-OPELIKA MA	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Net Change From :	
				Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	67,000	66,800	63,700	200	3,300
GOODS PRODUCING	9,400	9,300	9,100	100	300
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	100
Manufacturing	7,200	7,100	7,000	100	200
SERVICE PROVIDING	57,600	57,500	54,600	100	3,000
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	11,800	11,700	11,200	100	600
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,800	1,600	0	200
Retail Trade	7,400	7,300	7,200	100	200
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	2,600	2,600	2,400	0	200
Information	400	500	500	-100	-100
Financial Activities	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	100
Professional and Business Services	7,300	7,300	7,500	0	-200
Education and Health Services	4,600	4,600	4,300	0	300
Leisure and Hospitality	8,200	8,300	7,800	-100	400
Other Services	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
Government	21,400	21,200	19,500	200	1,900
Federal	300	300	300	0	0
State and Local	21,100	20,900	19,200	200	1,900

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**NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
FOR ALABAMA METRO AREAS (MA'S)^{1/}**

<u>BIRMINGHAM - HOOVER MA</u>	Oct p	Sep r	Oct r	Net Change From :	
				Sep r	Oct r
	2017	2017	2016	2017	2016
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	525,600	525,100	522,500	500	3,100
GOODS PRODUCING	66,900	66,800	66,200	100	700
Mining and Logging	2,200	2,200	2,400	0	-200
Construction	27,300	26,700	26,000	600	1,300
Specialty Trade Contractors	16,600	15,800	15,500	800	1,100
Manufacturing	37,400	37,900	37,800	-500	-400
Durable Goods	26,200	26,700	26,600	-500	-400
Primary Metal Manufacturing	5,400	5,400	5,300	0	100
Nondurable Goods	11,200	11,200	11,200	0	0
Food Manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	100
SERVICE PROVIDING	458,700	458,300	456,300	400	2,400
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	110,400	109,100	110,900	1,300	-500
Wholesale Trade	28,700	28,400	28,900	300	-200
Merchant Wholesalers	13,300	13,300	13,900	0	-600
Retail Trade	58,800	57,800	59,100	1,000	-300
General Merchandise Stores	14,900	14,900	14,900	0	0
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	22,900	22,900	22,900	0	0
Utilities	7,200	7,200	7,400	0	-200
Transportation and Warehousing	15,700	15,700	15,500	0	200
Information	7,400	7,400	7,900	0	-500
Telecommunication	3,700	3,700	4,200	0	-500
Financial Activities	41,600	42,000	42,000	-400	-400
Finance and Insurance	35,500	35,400	35,300	100	200
Credit Intermediation and Related	17,200	17,200	17,100	0	100
Insurance Carriers and Related	16,200	16,200	16,100	0	100
Professional and Business Services	66,300	66,700	66,000	-400	300
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	28,200	27,900	26,800	300	1,400
Management of Companies and Enterprises	9,500	9,500	9,300	0	200
Admin., Support and Waste Management	28,600	29,300	29,900	-700	-1,300
Education and Health Services	74,300	73,300	72,800	1,000	1,500
Health Care and Social Assistance	68,800	67,900	66,000	900	2,800
Ambulatory Healthcare	30,000	29,600	29,200	400	800
Hospitals	18,600	18,400	18,000	200	600
Leisure and Hospitality	50,500	52,100	49,500	-1,600	1,000
Food Service and Drinking Places	41,000	41,500	40,700	-500	300
Other Services	23,900	24,000	23,800	-100	100
Government	84,300	83,700	83,400	600	900
Federal	9,200	9,100	9,200	100	0
State	31,700	31,500	30,700	200	1,000
Local	43,400	43,100	43,500	300	-100

<u>DAPHNE-FAIRHOPE-FOLEY MA</u>	Oct p	Sep r	Oct r	Net Change From :	
				Sep r	Oct r
	2017	2017	2016	2017	2016
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	76,400	76,600	72,400	-200	4,000
GOODS PRODUCING	8,500	8,500	8,100	0	400
SERVICE PROVIDING	67,900	68,100	64,300	-200	3,600
Government	9,600	9,300	9,500	300	100

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**NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
FOR ALABAMA METRO AREAS (MA'S)^{1/}**

DECATUR MA	Oct p	Sep r	Oct r	Net Change From :	
				Sep r	Oct r
	2017	2017	2016	2017	2016
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54,100	54,000	53,500	100	600
GOODS PRODUCING	15,100	15,100	15,000	0	100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,600	3,700	3,500	-100	100
Manufacturing	11,500	11,400	11,500	100	0
Durable Goods	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,700	5,700	100	100
SERVICE PROVIDING	39,000	38,900	38,500	100	500
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	10,200	10,200	9,900	0	300
Wholesale Trade	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	100
Retail Trade	6,500	6,500	6,300	0	200
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
Information	300	300	300	0	0
Financial Activities	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0
Professional and Business Services	5,400	5,500	5,300	-100	100
Education and Health Services	5,600	5,300	5,400	300	200
Leisure and Hospitality	5,300	5,400	5,200	-100	100
Other Services	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Government	7,900	7,900	8,100	0	-200
Federal	400	400	400	0	0
State and Local	7,500	7,500	7,700	0	-200

DOTHAN MA	Oct p	Sep r	Oct r	Net Change From :	
				Sep r	Oct r
	2017	2017	2016	2017	2016
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58,300	58,000	57,800	300	500
GOODS PRODUCING	8,100	8,000	7,700	100	400
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,900	2,900	2,600	0	300
Manufacturing	5,200	5,100	5,100	100	100
SERVICE PROVIDING	50,200	50,000	50,100	200	100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	15,400	15,200	15,500	200	-100
Wholesale Trade	3,000	2,900	3,000	100	0
Retail Trade	9,200	9,100	9,100	100	100
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	3,200	3,200	3,400	0	-200
Information	600	600	600	0	0
Financial Activities	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
Professional and Business Services	4,600	4,500	4,400	100	200
Education and Health Services	8,600	8,600	8,300	0	300
Leisure and Hospitality	5,600	5,700	5,800	-100	-200
Other Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Government	10,600	10,600	10,700	0	-100
Federal	400	400	400	0	0
State and Local	10,200	10,200	10,300	0	-100

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**NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
FOR ALABAMA METRO AREAS (MA'S)^{1/}**

FLORENCE - MUSCLE SHOALS MA	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Net Change From :	
				Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	57,700	57,400	57,500	300	200
GOODS PRODUCING	13,000	13,000	12,800	0	200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0
Manufacturing	9,700	9,700	9,500	0	200
SERVICE PROVIDING	44,700	44,400	44,700	300	0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	11,800	11,600	11,900	200	-100
Wholesale Trade	2,300	2,200	2,300	100	0
Retail Trade	8,200	8,100	8,300	100	-100
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0
Information	400	400	400	0	0
Financial Activities	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
Professional and Business Services	3,800	3,900	4,100	-100	-300
Education and Health Services	6,800	6,800	6,700	0	100
Leisure and Hospitality	7,000	7,000	6,500	0	500
Other Services	3,100	3,200	3,200	-100	-100
Government	9,500	9,200	9,600	300	-100
Federal	900	900	900	0	0
State and Local	8,600	8,300	8,700	300	-100

GADSDEN MA	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Net Change From :	
				Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	39,200	38,900	38,300	300	900
GOODS PRODUCING	7,000	7,000	6,800	0	200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,600	0	200
SERVICE PROVIDING	32,200	31,900	31,500	300	700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	7,000	7,000	6,900	0	100
Wholesale Trade	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Retail Trade	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	100
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0
Information	300	300	300	0	0
Financial Activities	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Professional and Business Services	4,000	3,900	3,800	100	200
Education and Health Services	8,100	8,000	7,900	100	200
Leisure and Hospitality	4,100	4,100	4,100	0	0
Other Services	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Government	5,700	5,600	5,500	100	200
Federal	300	300	300	0	0
State and Local	5,400	5,300	5,200	100	200

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT FOR ALABAMA METRO AREAS (MA'S)^{1/}

HUNTSVILLE MA	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Net Change From :	
				Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	234,400	232,800	228,800	1,600	5,600
GOODS PRODUCING	33,400	33,400	32,900	0	500
Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,900	8,700	8,500	200	400
Manufacturing	24,500	24,700	24,400	-200	100
Durable Goods	20,900	21,000	20,800	-100	100
Computer and Electronic Prod. Manufacturing	5,600	5,600	5,600	0	0
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	8,100	8,200	8,300	-100	-200
Nondurable Goods	3,600	3,700	3,600	-100	0
SERVICE PROVIDING	201,000	199,400	195,900	1,600	5,100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	33,400	33,000	33,500	400	-100
Wholesale Trade	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0
Retail Trade	24,600	24,200	24,700	400	-100
General Merchandise Stores	7,300	7,300	7,100	0	200
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Information	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
Financial Activities	6,700	6,700	6,700	0	0
Professional and Business Services	58,900	58,400	54,700	500	4,200
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	37,700	37,000	34,500	700	3,200
Education and Health Services	22,100	21,300	21,300	800	800
Leisure and Hospitality	20,900	21,300	20,900	-400	0
Food Services and Drinking Places	17,200	17,400	16,800	-200	400
Other Services	6,800	6,800	6,700	0	100
Government	49,700	49,400	49,600	300	100
Federal	19,500	19,400	19,400	100	100
State	5,900	5,900	6,000	0	-100
Local	24,300	24,100	24,200	200	100

MOBILE MA	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Net Change From :	
				Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	179,100	179,000	180,400	100	-1,300
GOODS PRODUCING	31,900	32,100	31,100	-200	800
Mining, Logging, and Construction	11,700	11,800	11,700	-100	0
Manufacturing	20,200	20,300	19,400	-100	800
SERVICE PROVIDING	147,200	146,900	149,300	300	-2,100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	35,500	35,000	36,900	500	-1,400
Wholesale Trade	8,300	8,300	8,300	0	0
Retail Trade	19,500	19,100	20,600	400	-1,100
General Merchandise Stores Retail	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	7,700	7,600	8,000	100	-300
Information	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
Financial Activities	9,200	9,200	9,000	0	200
Professional and Business Services	21,600	21,600	23,100	0	-1,500
Education and Health Services	27,200	27,100	26,700	100	500
Health Care and Social Assistance	24,600	24,400	24,000	200	600
Leisure and Hospitality	18,000	18,400	17,400	-400	600
Food Services and Drinking Places	14,500	14,700	14,100	-200	400
Other Services	9,500	9,500	9,500	0	0
Government	24,500	24,400	25,000	100	-500
Federal	2,600	2,500	2,600	100	0
State	6,700	6,800	6,800	-100	-100
Local	15,200	15,100	15,600	100	-400

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**NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
FOR ALABAMA METRO AREAS (MA'S)^{1/}**

<u>MONTGOMERY MA</u>	Oct p	Sep r	Oct r	Net Change From :	
				Sep r	Oct r
	2017	2017	2016	2017	2016
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	175,000	173,700	174,000	1,300	1,000
GOODS PRODUCING	24,900	25,000	24,700	-100	200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,100	6,100	6,100	0	0
Manufacturing	18,800	18,900	18,600	-100	200
SERVICE PROVIDING	150,100	148,700	149,300	1,400	800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	29,200	29,100	29,400	100	-200
Wholesale Trade	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0
Retail Trade	18,100	18,100	18,300	0	-200
General Merchandise Stores Retail	4,700	4,800	4,700	-100	0
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	5,600	5,500	5,600	100	0
Information	2,000	2,000	2,100	0	-100
Financial Activities	7,900	7,800	7,800	100	100
Finance and Insurance	6,000	6,000	5,900	0	100
Professional and Business Services	23,300	22,800	22,700	500	600
Education and Health Services	18,800	18,800	19,300	0	-500
Health Care and Social Assistance	16,500	16,600	16,400	-100	100
Leisure and Hospitality	17,200	16,600	16,400	600	800
Food Services and Drinking Places	13,600	13,500	13,100	100	500
Other Services	7,600	7,600	7,500	0	100
Government	44,100	44,000	44,100	100	0
Federal	6,600	6,500	6,700	100	-100
State	22,800	22,800	22,800	0	0
Local	14,700	14,700	14,600	0	100

<u>TUSCALOOSA MA</u>	Oct p	Sep r	Oct r	Net Change From :	
				Sep r	Oct r
	2017	2017	2016	2017	2016
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	108,900	109,100	106,500	-200	2,400
GOODS PRODUCING	22,900	22,900	22,200	0	700
Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,900	6,100	6,100	-200	-200
Manufacturing	17,000	16,800	16,100	200	900
SERVICE PROVIDING	86,000	86,200	84,300	-200	1,700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	16,200	16,400	16,700	-200	-500
Wholesale Trade	2,100	2,200	2,100	-100	0
Retail Trade	11,100	11,200	11,300	-100	-200
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	3,000	3,000	3,300	0	-300
Information	700	700	800	0	-100
Financial Activities	4,000	4,000	4,100	0	-100
Professional and Business Services	10,900	11,300	10,700	-400	200
Education and Health Services	9,300	9,100	8,900	200	400
Leisure and Hospitality	12,200	12,200	11,700	0	500
Other Services	3,400	3,400	3,500	0	-100
Government	29,300	29,100	27,900	200	1,400
Federal	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	100
State and Local	27,300	27,100	26,000	200	1,300

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ALABAMA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

OCTOBER 2017 UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

Area	Civilian Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016	Oct p 2017	Sep r 2017	Oct r 2016
Alabama (Seasonally Adjusted)	2,156,934	2,151,656	2,180,736	2,079,576	2,069,094	2,046,861	77,358	82,562	133,875	3.6%	3.8%	6.1%
Alabama (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	2,178,323	2,171,138	2,193,487	2,102,222	2,098,811	2,057,151	76,101	72,327	136,336	3.5%	3.3%	6.2%
Autauga	25,689	25,500	25,981	24,873	24,741	24,519	816	759	1,462	3.2%	3.0%	5.6%
Baldwin	92,617	92,653	90,625	89,684	89,907	85,416	2,933	2,746	5,209	3.2%	3.0%	5.7%
Barbour	8,196	8,255	8,353	7,798	7,872	7,612	398	383	741	4.9%	4.6%	8.9%
Bibb	8,482	8,470	8,672	8,193	8,189	8,060	289	281	612	3.4%	3.3%	7.1%
Blount	24,641	24,640	24,915	23,848	23,896	23,480	793	744	1,435	3.2%	3.0%	5.8%
Bullock	4,990	5,061	5,112	4,786	4,863	4,700	204	198	412	4.1%	3.9%	8.1%
Butler	8,987	9,031	9,150	8,589	8,644	8,488	398	387	662	4.4%	4.3%	7.2%
Calhoun	45,763	45,123	45,884	43,947	43,408	42,731	1,816	1,715	3,153	4.0%	3.8%	6.9%
Chambers	15,478	15,459	15,298	14,950	14,954	14,404	528	505	894	3.4%	3.3%	5.8%
Cherokee	11,236	11,199	11,370	10,870	10,857	10,742	366	342	628	3.3%	3.1%	5.5%
Chilton	19,254	19,264	19,464	18,646	18,683	18,338	608	581	1,126	3.2%	3.0%	5.8%
Choctaw	4,331	4,335	4,392	4,096	4,120	3,992	235	215	400	5.4%	5.0%	9.1%
Clarke	7,611	7,627	8,082	7,110	7,119	7,191	501	508	891	6.6%	6.7%	11.0%
Clay	5,823	5,847	5,676	5,609	5,650	5,319	214	197	357	3.7%	3.4%	6.3%
Cleburne	5,863	5,913	6,031	5,660	5,720	5,639	203	193	392	3.5%	3.3%	6.5%
Coffee	20,726	20,825	20,738	20,000	20,148	19,444	726	677	1,294	3.5%	3.3%	6.2%
Colbert	23,613	23,507	23,956	22,656	22,570	22,311	957	937	1,645	4.1%	4.0%	6.9%
Conecuh	4,466	4,490	4,674	4,259	4,282	4,257	207	208	417	4.6%	4.6%	8.9%
Coosa	4,441	4,453	4,502	4,279	4,308	4,207	162	145	295	3.6%	3.3%	6.6%
Covington	15,699	15,873	15,723	15,050	15,227	14,610	649	646	1,113	4.1%	4.1%	7.1%
Crenshaw	6,649	6,717	6,705	6,420	6,493	6,304	229	224	401	3.4%	3.3%	6.0%
Cullman	38,103	38,061	38,390	36,971	37,003	36,322	1,132	1,058	2,068	3.0%	2.8%	5.4%
Dale	20,221	20,180	20,386	19,487	19,492	19,124	734	688	1,262	3.6%	3.4%	6.2%
Dallas	14,978	15,165	15,719	14,114	14,219	14,235	864	946	1,484	5.8%	6.2%	9.4%
DeKalb	29,058	29,311	29,553	28,054	28,362	27,661	1,004	949	1,892	3.5%	3.2%	6.4%
Elmore	36,783	36,469	37,103	35,642	35,420	35,143	1,141	1,049	1,960	3.1%	2.9%	5.3%
Escambia	14,472	14,463	14,845	13,912	13,918	13,821	560	545	1,024	3.9%	3.8%	6.9%
Etowah	44,115	43,825	44,135	42,531	42,332	41,338	1,584	1,493	2,797	3.6%	3.4%	6.3%
Fayette	6,473	6,513	6,634	6,228	6,281	6,165	245	232	469	3.8%	3.6%	7.1%
Franklin	13,936	13,931	13,914	13,478	13,490	13,035	458	441	879	3.3%	3.2%	6.3%
Geneva	11,184	11,222	11,312	10,802	10,862	10,622	382	360	690	3.4%	3.2%	6.1%
Greene	2,824	2,850	2,944	2,661	2,687	2,638	163	163	306	5.8%	5.7%	10.4%
Hale	6,318	6,376	6,347	6,045	6,110	5,844	273	266	503	4.3%	4.2%	7.9%
Henry	6,808	6,811	6,919	6,551	6,560	6,450	257	251	469	3.8%	3.7%	6.8%
Houston	44,789	44,571	45,242	43,217	43,072	42,509	1,572	1,499	2,733	3.5%	3.4%	6.0%
Jackson	23,429	23,417	23,987	22,531	22,604	22,421	898	813	1,566	3.8%	3.5%	6.5%
Jefferson	308,634	307,519	312,817	298,149	297,584	293,440	10,485	9,935	19,377	3.4%	3.2%	6.2%
Lamar	5,741	5,759	5,792	5,547	5,580	5,457	194	179	335	3.4%	3.1%	5.8%
Lauderdale	42,883	42,667	43,463	41,353	41,221	40,758	1,530	1,446	2,705	3.6%	3.4%	6.2%
Lawrence	13,729	13,695	13,854	13,207	13,195	12,881	522	500	973	3.8%	3.7%	7.0%
Lee	75,738	75,333	74,033	73,477	73,198	70,050	2,261	2,135	3,983	3.0%	2.8%	5.4%
Limestone	41,720	41,345	41,352	40,396	40,123	39,065	1,324	1,222	2,287	3.2%	3.0%	5.5%
Lowndes	3,747	3,729	3,868	3,509	3,500	3,454	238	229	414	6.4%	6.1%	10.7%
Macon	8,091	8,061	8,098	7,747	7,715	7,448	344	346	650	4.3%	4.3%	8.0%
Madison	177,402	175,730	175,806	172,028	170,612	166,346	5,374	5,118	9,460	3.0%	2.9%	5.4%
Marengo	7,612	7,624	7,761	7,241	7,274	7,160	371	350	601	4.9%	4.6%	7.7%
Marion	12,696	12,754	12,781	12,212	12,292	11,890	484	462	891	3.8%	3.6%	7.0%
Marshall	42,272	42,316	42,105	41,004	41,129	39,707	1,268	1,187	2,398	3.0%	2.8%	5.7%
Mobile	181,999	181,389	187,042	174,421	174,089	173,780	7,578	7,300	13,262	4.2%	4.0%	7.1%
Monroe	7,173	7,214	7,311	6,795	6,853	6,624	378	361	687	5.3%	5.0%	9.4%
Montgomery	104,343	103,459	105,618	100,656	99,940	99,180	3,687	3,519	6,438	3.5%	3.4%	6.1%
Morgan	55,468	55,185	55,555	53,666	53,459	52,303	1,802	1,726	3,252	3.2%	3.1%	5.9%
Perry	3,481	3,532	3,567	3,284	3,328	3,190	197	204	377	5.7%	5.8%	10.6%
Pickens	8,236	8,264	8,250	7,912	7,952	7,652	324	312	598	3.9%	3.8%	7.2%
Pike	15,747	15,568	15,554	15,150	15,002	14,516	597	566	1,038	3.8%	3.6%	6.7%
Randolph	9,757	9,724	9,786	9,408	9,389	9,202	349	335	584	3.6%	3.4%	6.0%
Russell	23,956	23,754	24,173	23,083	22,960	22,748	873	794	1,425	3.6%	3.3%	5.9%
Shelby	108,309	107,943	108,973	105,515	105,337	103,865	2,794	2,606	5,108	2.6%	2.4%	4.7%
St. Clair	38,552	38,439	38,945	37,302	37,272	36,724	1,250	1,167	2,221	3.2%	3.0%	5.7%
Sumter	5,019	5,029	5,240	4,767	4,795	4,835	252	234	405	5.0%	4.7%	7.7%
Talladega	34,723	34,560	34,920	33,341	33,280	32,406	1,382	1,280	2,514	4.0%	3.7%	7.2%
Tallapoosa	18,436	18,576	19,049	17,800	17,983	17,909	636	593	1,140	3.4%	3.2%	6.0%
Tuscaloosa	100,328	100,141	99,817	97,209	97,169	93,975	3,119	2,972	5,842	3.1%	3.0%	5.9%
Walker	25,231	25,167	25,832	24,229	24,229	23,868	1,002	938	1,964	4.0%	3.7%	7.6%
Washington	6,749	6,744	6,924	6,416	6,404	6,311	333	340	613	4.9%	5.0%	8.9%
Wilcox	2,795	2,798	2,836	2,546	2,550	2,424	249	248	412	8.9%	8.9%	14.5%
Winston	9,707	9,711	9,633	9,301	9,334	8,890	406	377	743	4.2%	3.9%	7.7%
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)	160,381,000	161,146,000	159,643,000	153,861,000	154,345,000	151,902,000	6,520,000	6,801,000	7,740,000	4.1%	4.2%	4.8%
United States (Not Seasonally Adj.)	160,465,000	161,049,000	159,783,000	154,223,000	154,494,000	152,335,000	6,242,000	6,556,000	7,447,000	3.9%	4.1%	4.7%

Counties and Metropolitan Areas are comparable to the not seasonally adjusted labor force data.

Estimates prepared by the Alabama Department of Labor in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on a 2016 benchmark.

**Ranked Highest to Lowest
October 2017**

**Ranked Highest to Lowest
2016 Annual Average**

Rank	Area	Rate
1	Wilcox County, AL	8.9%
2	Clarke County, AL	6.6%
3	Lowndes County, AL	6.4%
4	Dallas County, AL	5.8%
5	Greene County, AL	5.8%
6	Perry County, AL	5.7%
7	Choctaw County, AL	5.4%
8	Monroe County, AL	5.3%
9	Sumter County, AL	5.0%
10	Barbour County, AL	4.9%
11	Marengo County, AL	4.9%
12	Washington County, AL	4.9%
13	Conecuh County, AL	4.6%
14	Butler County, AL	4.4%
15	Hale County, AL	4.3%
16	Macon County, AL	4.3%
17	Mobile County, AL	4.2%
18	Winston County, AL	4.2%
19	Bullock County, AL	4.1%
20	Colbert County, AL	4.1%
21	Covington County, AL	4.1%
22	Calhoun County, AL	4.0%
23	Talladega County, AL	4.0%
24	Walker County, AL	4.0%
25	Escambia County, AL	3.9%
26	Pickens County, AL	3.9%
27	Fayette County, AL	3.8%
28	Henry County, AL	3.8%
29	Jackson County, AL	3.8%
30	Lawrence County, AL	3.8%
31	Marion County, AL	3.8%
32	Pike County, AL	3.8%
33	Clay County, AL	3.7%
34	Coosa County, AL	3.6%
35	Dale County, AL	3.6%
36	Etowah County, AL	3.6%
37	Lauderdale County, AL	3.6%
38	Randolph County, AL	3.6%
39	Russell County, AL	3.6%
40	Cleburne County, AL	3.5%
41	Coffee County, AL	3.5%
42	DeKalb County, AL	3.5%
43	Houston County, AL	3.5%
44	Montgomery County, AL	3.5%
45	Bibb County, AL	3.4%
46	Chambers County, AL	3.4%
47	Crenshaw County, AL	3.4%
48	Geneva County, AL	3.4%
49	Jefferson County, AL	3.4%
50	Lamar County, AL	3.4%
51	Tallapoosa County, AL	3.4%
52	Cherokee County, AL	3.3%
53	Franklin County, AL	3.3%
54	Autauga County, AL	3.2%
55	Baldwin County, AL	3.2%
56	Blount County, AL	3.2%
57	Chilton County, AL	3.2%
58	Limestone County, AL	3.2%
59	Morgan County, AL	3.2%
60	St. Clair County, AL	3.2%
61	Elmore County, AL	3.1%
62	Tuscaloosa County, AL	3.1%
63	Cullman County, AL	3.0%
64	Lee County, AL	3.0%
65	Madison County, AL	3.0%
66	Marshall County, AL	3.0%
67	Shelby County, AL	2.6%

Rank	Area	Rate
1	Wilcox County, AL	14.7%
2	Clarke County, AL	11.1%
3	Lowndes County, AL	10.8%
4	Perry County, AL	10.6%
5	Greene County, AL	10.1%
6	Dallas County, AL	9.4%
7	Monroe County, AL	9.4%
8	Choctaw County, AL	8.9%
9	Washington County, AL	8.7%
10	Barbour County, AL	8.6%
11	Conecuh County, AL	8.6%
12	Hale County, AL	7.8%
13	Sumter County, AL	7.8%
14	Macon County, AL	7.7%
15	Walker County, AL	7.6%
16	Marengo County, AL	7.4%
17	Winston County, AL	7.3%
18	Bullock County, AL	7.2%
19	Butler County, AL	7.1%
20	Colbert County, AL	7.0%
21	Covington County, AL	7.0%
22	Fayette County, AL	7.0%
23	Lawrence County, AL	7.0%
24	Mobile County, AL	6.9%
25	Pickens County, AL	6.9%
26	Talladega County, AL	6.8%
27	Calhoun County, AL	6.7%
28	Escambia County, AL	6.7%
29	Marion County, AL	6.7%
30	Bibb County, AL	6.6%
31	Henry County, AL	6.6%
32	Jackson County, AL	6.4%
33	Lauderdale County, AL	6.4%
34	Pike County, AL	6.4%
35	Clay County, AL	6.2%
36	DeKalb County, AL	6.2%
37	Cleburne County, AL	6.1%
38	Coffee County, AL	6.1%
39	Coosa County, AL	6.1%
40	Franklin County, AL	6.1%
41	Crenshaw County, AL	6.0%
42	Etowah County, AL	6.0%
43	Dale County, AL	5.9%
44	Geneva County, AL	5.9%
45	Houston County, AL	5.9%
46	Jefferson County, AL	5.9%
47	Montgomery County, AL	5.9%
48	Tuscaloosa County, AL	5.8%
49	Lamar County, AL	5.7%
50	Randolph County, AL	5.7%
51	Chilton County, AL	5.6%
52	Morgan County, AL	5.6%
53	Russell County, AL	5.6%
54	Tallapoosa County, AL	5.6%
55	Blount County, AL	5.5%
56	Chambers County, AL	5.5%
57	Marshall County, AL	5.5%
58	Baldwin County, AL	5.4%
59	Autauga County, AL	5.3%
60	Lee County, AL	5.3%
61	Limestone County, AL	5.3%
62	St. Clair County, AL	5.3%
63	Cherokee County, AL	5.2%
64	Madison County, AL	5.2%
65	Cullman County, AL	5.1%
66	Elmore County, AL	4.9%
67	Shelby County, AL	4.4%

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