

Alabama Achievements

Statewide

- Alabama received the "Silver Shovel" award from Area Development magazine for its success in job creation in 2008. (June 2009)
- Site Selection magazine's Top 25 State Business Climate survey ranked Alabama as having the 7th best overall business climate in the nation, also corporate real estate executives completing an identical survey ranked Alabama's business climate as the 7th best in the nation. (November 2009)
- Alabama was ranked #7 on the Annual Competitiveness Award – Site Selection Magazine. (May 2009)
- The 2009 State Business Climate Index by the Tax Foundation ranked Alabama 21st. (October 2008)

Business

- Alabama-Based Vulcan Materials was ranked on the elite 2009 Fortune Most-Admired Companies list. (March 2009)
- Four Alabama-based corporations were on the 2009 Fortune 1000 list. Regions Financial (280) was ranked on the Fortune 500 list. The Fortune 1000 list includes Vulcan Materials (592); Protective Life (776); HealthSouth (940). (May 2009)
- Alabama is home to 53 companies on Inc. magazine's Top 5000 companies. (Sept. 2009)
- Four Alabama businesses were ranked on the Forbes Largest Private Companies list for 2009 – O'Neal Steel (150); Drummond (157); EBSCO Industries (196); Brasfield & Gorrie (228). (November 2009)
- The "Forbes 2000" list of the nation's top-performing public companies for 2009 recognizes five Alabama businesses: Regions Financial Corp. (922); Torchmark (1448); Vulcan Materials (1513); Protective Life Insurance (1623); Colonial Bancgroup (1792). (April 2009)
- The 2009 Forbes 200 Best Small Companies ranked Alabama-based Books-A-Million (167). (October 2009)

Community

- Huntsville, Alabama has the third highest concentration of private-sector technology industry workers nationally, according to a new Cybercities survey based on 2006 data. (June 2008)
- Forbes 2009 Best Places for Business and Careers ranked was Huntsville (15), Montgomery (49), Birmingham (66) and Mobile (60) among large metro. In the Best Small Places category Auburn-Opelika ranked 10th. Other metros ranked include Anniston, Decatur, Dothan, Gadsden, Florence, and Tuscaloosa. (March 2009)
- Birmingham (14), Montgomery (75), Huntsville (87) were ranked on the 2009 Policom Economic Strength report ranking the nation's metro areas. (June 2009)
- Auburn-Opelika ranked 5th on Inc. magazine's list of Best Cities for Doing Business. Eight other Alabama cities were also ranked (July 2008)
- Huntsville was ranked 8th on the 2009 Best Performing Cities report released by the Milken Institute. (November 2009)
- Site Selection Magazine ranked Decatur (3rd) and Tuscaloosa (8th) in its 2009 Top Metro (population less than 200,000) ranking. (March 2009)
- Site Selections Top Micropolitans by Number of Projects ranked Daphne-Fairhope, Cullman, Valley and Fort Payne on the 2008 listing. (March 2009)
- City of Madison was named by U.S. News & World Report as the 2nd Best Place in the Country to Grow Up. (August 2009)
- Five Alabama metro areas ranked near the top nationally according to a report from Moody's Economy on metro area current and expected economic conditions - Huntsville (2), Mobile (4), Auburn-Opelika (29), Birmingham-Hoover (53), Tuscaloosa (61). (November 2009)