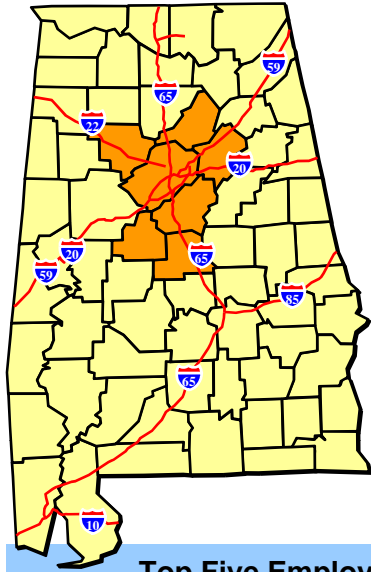


Birmingham-Hoover Metropolitan Area



Top Five Employers

University of Alabama at Birmingham	18,750
U.S. Government	9,828
State of Alabama	6,600
Baptist Health System	6,000
AT&T Telecommunications	5,485

Colleges and Universities

University of Alabama at Birmingham
 Samford University
 Birmingham-Southern College
 University of Montevallo
 Southeastern Bible College
 Jefferson State Community College
 Miles College
 T.A. Lawson State Community College
 Bevill State Community College

Major Industries

Medicine & Research
 Construction
 Electronics &
 Telecommunications
 Manufacturing
 Financial Services

The Birmingham Area offers a quality of life that rivals larger metropolitan areas and is one of the South's hottest locations for business growth. Birmingham has a strong reputation in the area of medical research and its proximity to both Mercedes and Honda make it a popular location for automotive suppliers.

Metro Area Statistics

Metro Population	1,113,610
Population by Age Group (%)	
0-17	24.2
18-64	62.9
65+	12.9
Median Household Income	\$46,679
<i>Source: Claritas, 2008 Estimate</i>	
Civilian Labor Force	537,386
<i>Source: Alabama Dept. of Industrial Relations, 2007 Annual Average</i>	
Average Monthly Wage, All Industries	\$3,548
<i>Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2007 Annual Average Wages, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages</i>	
Employment by Industry	
Total Nonfarm	532,500
Total Private	449,700
Goods Producing	82,300
Nat. Resources & Const.	3,000
Manufacturing	44,100
Service-Providing	450,200
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	116,000
Trans, Warehousing, and Utilities	21,000
Information	11,500
Financial Activities	40,000
Professional and Business Services	68,300
Educational and Health Services	63,700
Leisure and Hospitality	44,200
Other Services	23,600
Government	82,800

Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, Annual 2007 Current Employment Statistics