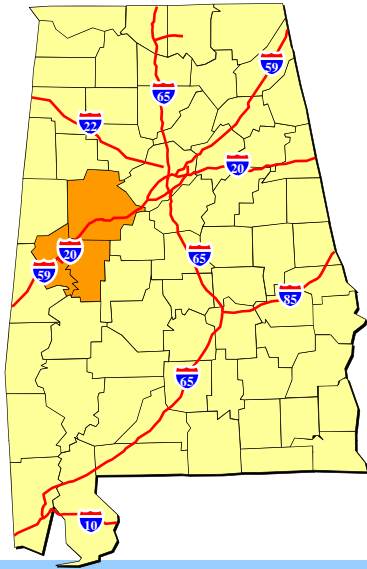


Tuscaloosa Metropolitan Area



Top Five Employers

The University of Alabama	4,130
Mercedes-Benz U.S. International	3,860
DCH Regional Medical Center	3,560
Tuscaloosa County Board of Education	2,100
Jim Walter Resources	1,325

Colleges and Universities

The University of Alabama
 Stillman College
 Shelton State Community College

Major Industries

Medicine & Research
 Education
 Medical Services
 Automotive
 Electronics
 Steel

Listed for the last six years in U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges" as one of the top 50 public universities in the country, The University of Alabama offers 275 degrees in more than 200 fields of study for its more than 20,000 students and is Tuscaloosa's largest employer.

Other major employers, including Mercedes-Benz, make Tuscaloosa one of Alabama's most diverse cities.

Metro Area Statistics

Metro Population	201,110
Population by Age Group (%)	
0-17	23.1
18-64	65.0
65+	11.9
Median Household Income	\$38,329

Source: Claritas, 2008 Estimate

Civilian Labor Force	99,404
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Source: Alabama Dept. of Industrial Relations, 2007 Annual Average

Average Monthly Wage, All Industries	\$3,061
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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2007 Annual Average Wages, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Employment by Industry

Total Nonfarm	98,300
Total Private	73,000
Goods Producing	24,800
Nat. Resources & Const.	9,500
Manufacturing	15,300
Service-Providing	73,500
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	15,400
Trans, Warehousing, and Utilities	2,500
Information	1,000
Financial Activities	3,800
Professional and Business Services	7,800
Educational and Health Services	7,500
Leisure and Hospitality	9,300
Other Services	3,500
Government	23,800

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