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ALABAMA (AL)

Population: 4,887,871 (USA Rank: 24)

Per Capita Income: \$27,525 (USA Rank: 46)

U.S.Governments: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials> (Federal, State & local - most recent elected officials) **Alabama:** <https://www.alabama.gov>

Governor's office: <https://governor.alabama.gov> **Secretary of State:** <https://www.sos.alabama.gov>
Office of Minority Affairs: <https://www.goma.alabama.gov> **Tourism:** <https://tourism.alabama.gov>

Major Cities: Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, Tuscaloosa

Multicultural Council of America

non-profit umbrella organization, promoting world cultures, education & healthcare

<https://www.multiculturalcouncil.org>

Email: info@multiculturalcouncil.org

WE are a non-profit membership organization, helping you connect with people and organizations within **Alabama** and beyond, for better communication, exchanging ideas, learning & helping communities locally, nationally and globally thru Multicultural Council Chapters.

We encourage you to please become a *member*, join one of our committees, **be a *volunteer or mentor*, *donate your time & money* and share your ideas to help the communities.** [Membership](#) is open to individuals, organizations, corporations & governments.

Please advertise your organization, services or products in this website to reach out to local, regional and global multicultural communities.

Tourism Promotion has become our special project during these uncertain times. Tourism is the world's largest industry. Prior to the pandemic, according to the National Travel and Tourism Week (NTTW) the travel industry was a powerful economic engine, supporting jobs and driving local economies in every pocket of America. The industry had experienced 107 straight months of growth, generated \$2.6 trillion in economic output, supported 17 million American jobs and delivered a \$51 billion trade surplus to the U.S.

It is estimated that more than 22.5 million people visited the State of Alabama during 2020, spending \$13.3 billion, creating 165,230 jobs (direct & indirect), and generating more than \$890 million in state and local tax revenues. While Tourism bounced back strongly in 2022, driven by pent-up demand and the lifting of travel restrictions, the international travel remains 54.6% below pre-pandemic. The recovery is fragile with new uncertainties from the economic slowdown & geopolitical instability.

The Multicultural Communities within Alabama and throughout the world have always been instrumental in increasing Tourism Revenues for Alabama, for employment and our economic growth. Let's work together to help each other.

Population by Race: Source: Census Bureau – American Community Survey (<https://census.gov/acs>) & Pew Research

	Alabama					U. S.A.	Change 2010-21	% increase
1	White	67.7%				192,750,000	-4,060,000	(<0%)
2	Black or African American	26.7%				39,270,000	1,580,000	7%
3	Hispanic or Latino	4.3%				62,530,000	12,050,000	52%
4	Asian	1.3%				18,890,000	4,420,000	19%
5	American Indian and Alaska Native	0.5%				-	-	-
6	Two or more Races	2.1%				14,300,000	8,330,000	36%
7	Pacific Islanders	0.05%				-	-	-
8	Alabamans Speaking A Foreign Language at Home	5.3%				-	-	-

How Much Do You Need To Earn, to Live Well in Alabama?

Family Budget Calculator, developed by the Economic Policy Institute (www.epi.org/resources/budget) allows you to calculate the average amount of money you need for Housing, Food, Childcare, Transportation, Healthcare, Taxes, etc. in the area where you live or wish to live.

Alabama Information, Contacts & Resources

- **History & Culture:** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Alabama
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- **Demographics:** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Alabama
- **Discrimination** (*Violation of Your Civil Rights based on race, color, national origin, disability, sex, religion, familial status, etc.*): 833-591-0291 or Toll-Free:1-855-856-1247
<https://civilrights.justice.gov>
- **Health:** <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov>
- **Health: National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics:** 703-647-7427 - <https://nafcclinics.org>
info@nafcclinics.org
- **Drug Information** (*Interactions, side-effects, etc.*): Call your local pharmacist or FDA at 1-855-5433784 and 1-301-796-3400 or write to druginfo@fda.hhs.gov
- **Immigration & Citizenship:** www.uscis.gov/citizenship Email: Office.of.Citizenship@uscis.dhs.gov
- **IRS-Taxpayer Advocate Service:** 877-777-4778 www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov
- **Fraud, Scams & Bad Business Practices:** 1-877-382-4357 <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>
- **Need Urgent Legal Help?** Legal Services Corporation: 202-295-1500 (www.lsc.gov – info@lsc.gov) or American Bar Association: Toll Free: 800-285-2221 www.americanbar.org
- **The Innocence Project helping wrongfully convicted Americans:**
<http://www.innocenceproject.org> Email: info@innocenceproject.org

All information contained in this website, including contacts, tel #s or emails, etc. are up-to-date to the best of our knowledge. The Multicultural Council, its officials, staff or volunteers cannot be held responsible for any errors, wrong info or for any liability of any type whatsoever arising thereof. It is strictly your responsibility to check the correct info

Alabama Crisis Hotlines: 911 (9-1-1 is a confidential and multilingual **EMERGENCY #**)

The Crisis Center (Central Alabama)- Main Line: (205) 323-7777

Teen Line: (205) 328-LINK (205-328-5465)

Kids' Help Line: (205) 328-KIDS (205-328-5437)

Senior Talk Line: (205) 328-TALK (205-328-8255)

Crisis Services of North Alabama: (256) 716-1000 or 1-800-691-8426

Family Counseling Center of Mobile, Inc. (251) 431-5111 or 1-800-239-1117

National Crisis Resources: 24-hour nationwide – Services may be available in many languages

Addiction Hotline: 800-784-2433

Child Abuse: 1-800-4-A-Child or 1-800-422-4453 (National Child Abuse Hotline) www.childhelp.org

Domestic Violence: 1-800-799-7233 (National Domestic Violence Hotline)

StrongHearts Native Helpline: Call/Chat: 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) www.strongheartshelpline.org

Shelters: <https://www.domesticshelters.org>

Online Chat (7am-2am CST) <https://www.thehotline.org> - All calls are toll-free & confidential

Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888 (Text # 233733)

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children: 1-800-THE-LOST or 1-800-843-5678

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center – 855-649-7299 – www.niwrc.org - info@niwrc.org

National Problem Gambling Helpline: 1-800-522-4700-**Text:** 1-800-522-4700-**Chat:** www.ncpgambling.org/chat

Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255) ... **Soon to be 9-8-8**

Poison Control Center For Emergencies: 1-800-222-1222

Covenant House Nineline: 1-800-RUNAWAY (1-800-786-2929) <https://teenlineonline.org>

Girls & Boys Town National Hotline: Phone, Chat, Text, and Email - 1-800-448-3000

National Youth Crisis Hotline: 1-800-442-HOPE (1-800-442-4673)

Samariteens: 1-800-252-TEENS (1-800-252-8336) - 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Youth Crisis Hotline: 1-800-HIT-HOME (1-800-448-4663)

Youth America Hotline (YAH!): 1-877-YOUTHLINE (1-877-968-8454)

The Trevor Lifeline: 1-866-488-7386 - *a non-profit devoted to promoting tolerance and understanding for LGBTQ youth.*

Alabama History & General Information

Alabama has a lot of history, starting as home to indigenous population for thousands of years, including Cherokees, the Alabama, Chickasaw, and several other tribes. The French arrived in 1702, but Alabama was controlled by many European powerhouses before becoming a US state in 1819.

The state has always been at the center of American social issues, from its role as the capital of the Confederacy (1861) during the Civil War to its status as the birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's, with leaders like Rosa Parks, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and many more, who became the flashpoint for the Civil Rights Movement, making Alabama a leader in pursuing equality & freedom, changing America and the world.

Alabama's booming economy of the 1820s and 30s was heavily reliant on the vital cotton industry; with perfect land for the crops, this state was the center for cotton growth, with large plantations across the state relying almost exclusively on slave labor.

With industrialization, good government, hard-working & disciplined citizens and significant foreign investment (\$4.2 billion in 2019), Alabama has become the fifth largest automobile manufacturing state in the nation, as

well as an important center for higher education & bio-technological research, including Air University at the Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, located on the site of the Wright Brothers' first civilian flying school.

More than 30 of the biggest international manufacturers are now based in Alabama, producing goods from Passenger jets to minivans and exporting to roughly 200 countries every year.

The culture of Alabama is intricately tied to African-American heritage and an incredibly rich tradition of music and literature that spans from the country bluegrass of Hank Williams to the iconic American novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

The twin establishment of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice (*informally known as the National Lynching Memorial*), perched on a hill overlooking downtown Montgomery, were founded by Bryan Stevenson, whose book "Just Mercy" (made into a feature film) depicts his work on behalf of the unjustly imprisoned and other victims of institutional racism. The memorial stuns most visitors, as it features hundreds of steel monolithic monuments to lynching victims across the nation, and calls communities to confront ugly truths rather than sweep them under the rug.

Alabama is increasingly becoming a multicultural state, attracting thousands of highly skilled professionals from around the world, bringing foreign cultures from Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. There is also a significant migration of African Americans back to Alabama in recent years, mainly because of its culture, hospitality, friendliness and family oriented atmosphere.