

with income of \$100,000 or more: 8.3% (88 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 12.8% (3 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 68.4% (77 of 133); Median home value: \$93,830 (80 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 341.5 (69 of 90); Violent crime rate: 53.6 (37 of 90); Property crime rate: 287.9 (72 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 65.1% (117 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 15.7% (66 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 7.7% (36 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates. Citywide student/teacher ratio: 16.8 to 1 (20 of 119). Figures cover 2007-2008.*

## Coffee County

★★★ **ELBA** (city). Located in Coffee County. Part of the Enterprise-Ozark, AL Micropolitan Area. Covers a land area of 15.371 square miles (47 of 133) and a water area of 0.084 square miles (46 of 133). Located at 31.41° north latitude; 86.07° west longitude. Elevation is 194 feet (112 of 131).

**History:** Elba was established on the banks of Pea River at the site of a ferry that began operation about 1840. In 1852 the town became the seat of Coffee County. A flood in 1929 led to a levee being built along the river, making Elba one of the first levee-protected towns in Alabama.

**Population:** 4,062 (109 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): -2.9% (88 of 133); Race: 61.2% White (101 of 133), 36.7% Black (31 of 133), 0.0% Asian (129 of 133), 1.3% Hispanic of any race (80 of 133); Density: 264.3 persons per square mile (122 of 133); Average household size: 2.32 (85 of 133); Median age: 38.5 (74 of 133); Males per 100 females: 99.9 (10 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 1 (96 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 10 (17 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$18,723 (95 of 133); Median household income: \$29,504 (110 of 133); Average household income: \$46,071 (89 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 9.7% (71 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 8.6% (14 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 64.6% (99 of 133); Median home value: \$72,881 (122 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 485.0 (51 of 90); Violent crime rate: 36.4 (53 of 90); Property crime rate: 448.6 (50 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 58.4% (129 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 16.1% (62 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 7.4% (41 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates. Citywide student/teacher ratio: 13.0 to 1 (115 of 119). Figures cover 2007-2008.*

★★★★ **ENTERPRISE** (city). Located in Coffee County. Part of the Enterprise-Ozark, AL Micropolitan Area. Covers a land area of 30.954 square miles (12 of 133) and a water area of 0.067 square miles (55 of 133). Located at 31.32° north latitude; 85.84° west longitude. Elevation is 358 feet (98 of 131).

**History:** Enterprise was founded in 1884 near an old settlement called Drake Eye. The early industry of Enterprise was cotton, but in 1910, when the boll weevil was destroying cotton crops, the planters turned to peanuts, and peanut processing plants were founded.

**Population:** 23,955 (2 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): 13.1% (25 of 133); Race: 70.4% White (85 of 133), 23.4% Black (52 of 133), 1.8% Asian (13 of 133), 4.7% Hispanic of any race (17 of 133); Density: 773.9 persons per square mile (45 of 133); Average household size: 2.37 (68 of 133); Median age: 38.4 (78 of 133); Males per 100 females: 92.4 (48 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 248 (1 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (30 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$25,698 (26 of 133); Median household income: \$45,887 (41 of 133); Average household income: \$61,551 (29 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 16.9% (24 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 5.4% (38 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 64.7% (97 of 133); Median home value: \$100,985 (70 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 176.5 (85 of 90); Violent crime rate: 43.4 (48 of 90); Property crime rate: 133.1 (85 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 81.1% (39 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 27.5% (23 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 9.9% (19 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates. Citywide student/teacher ratio: 15.7 to 1 (61 of 119). Figures cover 2007-2008.*

## Colbert County

★★★★ **MUSCLE SHOALS** (city). Located in Colbert County. Part of the Florence-Muscle Shoals, AL Metropolitan Area. Covers a land area of 12.171 square miles (70 of 133) and a water area of 0.002 square miles (101 of 133). Located at 34.74° north latitude; 87.64° west longitude. Elevation is 499 feet (81 of 131).

**History:** Incorporated 1923.

**Population:** 12,423 (35 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): 4.2% (57 of 133); Race: 82.9% White (51 of 133), 14.5% Black (76 of 133), 0.9% Asian (23 of 133), 1.4% Hispanic of any race (71 of 133); Density: 1,020.7 persons per square mile (28 of 133); Average household size: 2.41 (58 of 133); Median age: 39.7 (57 of 133); Males per 100 females: 89.1 (78 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 89 (14 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (30 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$22,832 (45 of 133); Median household income: \$45,955 (39 of 133); Average household income: \$55,747 (47 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 12.1% (49 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 4.6% (49 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 73.6% (56 of 133); Median home value: \$116,096 (46 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 551.6 (41 of 90); Violent crime rate: 60.3 (34 of 90); Property crime rate: 491.3 (45 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 84.8% (26 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 20.9% (37 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 7.7% (36 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates. Citywide student/teacher ratio: 15.8 to 1 (60 of 119). Figures cover 2007-2008.*

★★★ **SHEFFIELD** (city). Located in Colbert County. Part of the Florence-Muscle Shoals, AL Metropolitan Area. Covers a land area of 6.560 square miles (114 of 133) and a water area of 0.026 square miles (75 of 133). Located at 34.75° north latitude; 87.69° west longitude. Elevation is 515 feet (74 of 131).

**History:** Sheffield began as a trading post in 1815. Andrew Jackson and John Coffee bought much of the land here in 1816. In 1820 Coffee surveyed and promoted a town called York Bluff, which soon faded. In 1884 the Sheffield Land Development Company started a new town, but it was several more years before settlement took hold. With the building of Wilson Dam and two nitrate fixation plants in the early 1900's, the town had a period of growth.

**Population:** 9,182 (46 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): -4.9% (99 of 133); Race: 68.2% White (89 of 133), 28.5% Black (45 of 133), 0.4% Asian (76 of 133), 2.1% Hispanic of any race (50 of 133); Density: 1,399.7 persons per square mile (17 of 133); Average household size: 2.20 (118 of 133); Median age: 40.7 (39 of 133); Males per 100 females: 86.7 (101 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 7 (74 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (30 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$18,208 (101 of 133); Median household income: \$30,314 (107 of 133); Average household income: \$39,987 (117 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 6.5% (110 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 1.7% (86 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 63.4% (109 of 133); Median home value: \$79,673 (106 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 811.6 (13 of 90); Violent crime rate: 75.7 (21 of 90); Property crime rate: 735.9 (12 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 73.6% (79 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 17.3% (55 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 6.4% (53 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates. Citywide student/teacher ratio: 13.4 to 1 (112 of 119). Figures cover 2007-2008.*

★★★ **TUSCUMBIA** (city). Located in Colbert County. Part of the Florence-Muscle Shoals, AL Metropolitan Area. Covers a land area of 7.299 square miles (108 of 133) and a water area of 0.007 square miles (92 of 133). Located at 34.72° north latitude; 87.70° west longitude. Elevation is 466 feet (84 of 131).

**History:** Tusculumbia (meaning "warrior who kills") was platted by General John Coffee and founded in 1817 on the site of an early settlement known as Big Springs. Tusculumbia was the birthplace and home of Helen Keller.

**Population:** 8,072 (54 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): 2.7% (62 of 133); Race: 75.4% White (72 of 133), 22.7% Black (54 of 133), 0.2% Asian (105 of 133), 1.3% Hispanic of any race (80 of 133); Density: 1,105.9 persons per square mile (25 of 133); Average household size: 2.13 (126 of 133); Median age: 43.4 (8 of 133); Males per 100 females: 85.0 (117 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 29 (37 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 64 (5 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$21,294 (65 of 133); Median household income: \$32,542 (91 of 133); Average household income: \$46,245 (86 of 133); Percent of households

with income of \$100,000 or more: 10.1% (66 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 2.2% (77 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 66.5% (88 of 133); Median home value: \$95,000 (78 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 308.2 (72 of 90); Violent crime rate: 18.1 (76 of 90); Property crime rate: 290.0 (71 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 71.2% (89 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 14.7% (76 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 5.7% (64 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates. Citywide student/teacher ratio: 16.5 to 1 (32 of 119). Figures cover 2007–2008.*

## Conecuh County

★★ **EVERGREEN** (city). Located in Conecuh County. Covers a land area of 15.194 square miles (49 of 133) and a water area of 0.061 square miles (56 of 133). Located at 31.43° north latitude; 86.95° west longitude. Elevation is 272 feet (105 of 131).

**History:** Evergreen was first called Cosey's Old Field because it had been part of the farm of John Cosey who settled here about 1820. The settlement was given the name of Evergreen because of the surrounding greenery. An early industry was the export of smilax, holly, and mistletoe for decoration.

**Population:** 3,341 (122 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): -8.0% (126 of 133); Race: 44.1% White (120 of 133), 54.8% Black (13 of 133), 0.3% Asian (94 of 133), 1.0% Hispanic of any race (100 of 133); Density: 219.9 persons per square mile (128 of 133); Average household size: 2.19 (119 of 133); Median age: 38.1 (83 of 133); Males per 100 females: 79.0 (132 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 0 (99 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 48 (6 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$17,470 (109 of 133); Median household income: \$23,821 (130 of 133); Average household income: \$38,896 (120 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 7.9% (93 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 3.1% (64 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 61.5% (115 of 133); Median home value: \$71,286 (124 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 451.3 (53 of 90); Violent crime rate: 59.0 (35 of 90); Property crime rate: 392.3 (57 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 73.1% (81 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 14.9% (71 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 4.1% (103 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates. Citywide student/teacher ratio: 14.6 to 1 (100 of 119). Figures cover 2007–2008.*

## Covington County

★★★ **ANDALUSIA** (city). Located in Covington County. Covers a land area of 18.874 square miles (31 of 133) and a water area of 0.094 square miles (44 of 133). Located at 31.30° north latitude; 86.48° west longitude. Elevation is 348 feet (99 of 131).

**History:** Andalusia was settled in the 1830's, when it was called New Site. The town developed as the seat of Covington County.

**Population:** 8,810 (49 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): 0.2% (73 of 133); Race: 71.6% White (82 of 133), 26.2% Black (49 of 133), 0.5% Asian (65 of 133), 0.9% Hispanic of any race (108 of 133); Density: 466.8 persons per square mile (85 of 133); Average household size: 2.22 (112 of 133); Median age: 40.5 (43 of 133); Males per 100 females: 85.4 (114 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 8 (72 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (30 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$21,724 (62 of 133); Median household income: \$32,602 (90 of 133); Average household income: \$49,331 (70 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 9.5% (77 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 1.4% (88 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 68.3% (78 of 133); Median home value: \$77,000 (112 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 613.4 (33 of 90); Violent crime rate: 64.4 (30 of 90); Property crime rate: 549.0 (34 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 70.1% (95 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 19.0% (46 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 7.2% (42 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates. Citywide student/teacher ratio: 15.6 to 1 (64 of 119). Figures cover 2007–2008.*

★★★ **OPP** (city). Located in Covington County. Covers a land area of 17.150 square miles (39 of 133) and a water area of 0.865 square miles (8 of 133). Located at 31.28° north latitude; 86.25° west longitude. Elevation is 338 feet (100 of 131).

**History:** Opp developed as a trading and shipping point for an agricultural area producing corn and cotton. Pine lumbering was an early industry.

**Population:** 6,591 (68 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): -0.2% (74 of 133); Race: 81.2% White (59 of 133), 17.2% Black (70 of 133), 0.4% Asian (76 of 133), 0.9% Hispanic of any race (108 of 133); Density: 384.3 persons per square mile (100 of 133); Average household size: 2.26 (104 of 133); Median age: 41.7 (24 of 133); Males per 100 females: 81.1 (127 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$19,644 (83 of 133); Median household income: \$33,714 (84 of 133); Average household income: \$45,157 (95 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 8.1% (91 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 6.6% (33 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 71.9% (60 of 133); Median home value: \$71,842 (123 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 300.2 (74 of 90); Violent crime rate: 27.0 (63 of 90); Property crime rate: 273.2 (74 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 67.2% (107 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 14.5% (78 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 6.3% (55 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates. Citywide student/teacher ratio: 15.0 to 1 (90 of 119). Figures cover 2007–2008.*

## Cullman County

★★★★ **CULLMAN** (city). Located in Cullman County. Part of the Cullman, AL Micropolitan Area. Covers a land area of 18.295 square miles (35 of 133) and a water area of 0.855 square miles (9 of 133). Located at 34.17° north latitude; 86.84° west longitude. Elevation is 823 feet (17 of 131).

**History:** Cullman was settled in 1872 by German immigrants from the Rhine Valley led by John Cullman. When Cullman County was created in 1878, the town of Cullman became the county seat. The development of timber and coal resources provided early prosperity for Cullman. Later it became the center of a strawberry growing region.

**Population:** 14,513 (22 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): 3.7% (59 of 133); Race: 94.7% White (15 of 133), 0.6% Black (125 of 133), 0.8% Asian (33 of 133), 8.5% Hispanic of any race (8 of 133); Density: 793.3 persons per square mile (44 of 133); Average household size: 2.21 (116 of 133); Median age: 41.6 (29 of 133); Males per 100 females: 90.0 (68 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 25 (43 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (30 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$21,194 (67 of 133); Median household income: \$33,303 (87 of 133); Average household income: \$47,028 (83 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 9.1% (80 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 2.3% (76 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 59.0% (121 of 133); Median home value: \$130,894 (28 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 75.5% (69 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 21.8% (33 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 8.4% (25 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates. Citywide student/teacher ratio: 16.7 to 1 (25 of 119). Figures cover 2007–2008.*

## Dale County

★★ **DALEVILLE** (city). Located in Dale County. Part of the Enterprise-Ozark, AL Micropolitan Area. Covers a land area of 13.507 square miles (59 of 133) and a water area of 0 square miles (106 of 133). Located at 31.30° north latitude; 85.71° west longitude. Elevation is 331 feet (101 of 131).

**Population:** 4,341 (106 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): -6.7% (116 of 133); Race: 59.7% White (104 of 133), 28.7% Black (43 of 133), 3.8% Asian (2 of 133), 3.6% Hispanic of any race (24 of 133); Density: 321.4 persons per square mile (112 of 133); Average household size: 2.28 (101 of 133); Median age: 36.8 (99 of 133); Males per 100 females: 97.0 (20 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 8 (72 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (30 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$20,115 (76 of 133); Median household income: \$40,525 (64 of 133); Average household income: \$45,554 (91 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 5.8% (121 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 7.3% (30 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 54.1% (125 of 133); Median home value: \$77,132 (111 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 421.1 (58 of 90); Violent crime rate: 24.4 (67 of 90); Property crime rate: 396.7 (54 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 84.4% (30 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 13.3% (92 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 2.9% (121 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates. Citywide student/teacher ratio: 14.9 to 1 (92 of 119). Figures cover 2007–2008.*



★★★ **FORT RUCKER** (CDP). Located in Dale County. Part of the Enterprise-Ozark, AL Micropolitan Area. Covers a land area of 10.870 square miles (80 of 133) and a water area of 0.018 square miles (79 of 133). Located at 31.34° north latitude; 85.71° west longitude.

**Population:** 4,906 (94 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): -18.9% (133 of 133); Race: 67.8% White (92 of 133), 17.4% Black (69 of 133), 2.5% Asian (6 of 133), 12.2% Hispanic of any race (6 of 133); Density: 451.3 persons per square mile (90 of 133); Average household size: 3.34 (1 of 133); Median age: 24.3 (133 of 133); Males per 100 females: 136.9 (2 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$17,394 (110 of 133); Median household income: \$41,005 (61 of 133); Average household income: \$47,955 (81 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 4.5% (126 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): -0.2% (105 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 0.8% (133 of 133); Median home value: \$112,500 (51 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 97.5% (2 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 28.4% (21 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 6.5% (51 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

★★★ **OZARK** (city). Located in Dale County. Part of the Enterprise-Ozark, AL Micropolitan Area. Covers a land area of 34.244 square miles (11 of 133) and a water area of 0.244 square miles (20 of 133). Located at 31.43° north latitude; 85.64° west longitude. Elevation is 417 feet (88 of 131).

**History:** Ozark was first known as Woodshop. The name of Ozark was chosen in 1855 by the postmaster, who was reading a history of the Ozark Indians at the time. Cotton was the first crop here, but when the boll weevil swept through, the farmers turned to hog raising.

**Population:** 14,376 (24 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): -4.9% (99 of 133); Race: 65.1% White (99 of 133), 31.1% Black (36 of 133), 0.8% Asian (33 of 133), 2.1% Hispanic of any race (50 of 133); Density: 419.8 persons per square mile (94 of 133); Average household size: 2.32 (85 of 133); Median age: 40.7 (39 of 133); Males per 100 females: 87.6 (90 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 30 (36 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 8 (18 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$19,615 (84 of 133); Median household income: \$35,920 (78 of 133); Average household income: \$46,237 (87 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 7.4% (100 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 8.6% (14 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 65.5% (92 of 133); Median home value: \$85,056 (100 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 549.9 (42 of 90); Violent crime rate: 61.0 (32 of 90); Property crime rate: 488.9 (46 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 76.8% (61 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 14.3% (81 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 5.0% (80 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.* Citywide student/teacher ratio: 15.3 to 1 (78 of 119). *Figures cover 2007–2008.*

## Dallas County

★★★ **SELMA** (city). Located in Dallas County. Part of the Selma, AL Micropolitan Area. Covers a land area of 13.863 square miles (57 of 133) and a water area of 0.580 square miles (13 of 133). Located at 32.41° north latitude; 87.03° west longitude. Elevation is 125 feet (117 of 131).

**History:** The first permanent settler in Selma was Thomas Moore from Tennessee who came down the Alabama River in 1815. In 1817, a land company was organized and the town was named Selma, from Ossian's "The Song of Selma." Selma was incorporated in 1820, and many large cotton plantations were established. The wealthy owners enjoyed horse racing, cock fighting, and thoroughbred raising. In 1848, a group of German artisans and ironworkers settled in Selma, and added iron casting, gunmaking, and other manufacturing plants. Steamboat transportation on the Alabama River reached its peak in the 1850's, and when the Civil War began, Selma was made a supply depot of the Confederate States. Iron ore was shipped to Selma to be molded into weapons. The destruction of the city by Federal troops in 1865 was followed by looting and butchering. After the war, Selma turned to dairy products, in addition to cotton, for its economic base.

**Population:** 18,990 (13 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): -7.4% (120 of 133); Race: 22.4% White (130 of 133), 75.9% Black (4 of 133), 0.6% Asian (53 of 133), 0.7% Hispanic of any race (123 of 133); Density: 1,369.9 persons per square mile (19 of 133); Average household size: 2.33 (83 of 133); Median age: 36.9 (96 of 133); Males per 100 females: 80.0 (131 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 2 (94 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (30 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$15,964 (123 of 133); Median household income: \$24,159 (128 of 133); Average household income: \$37,963 (124 of 133); Percent of households

with income of \$100,000 or more: 6.9% (103 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 2.8% (68 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 53.1% (127 of 133); Median home value: \$77,658 (109 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 1,287.6 (2 of 90); Violent crime rate: 152.4 (3 of 90); Property crime rate: 1,135.2 (2 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 72.8% (83 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 18.7% (47 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 7.7% (36 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.* Citywide student/teacher ratio: 16.3 to 1 (38 of 119). *Figures cover 2007–2008.*

## DeKalb County

★★★ **FORT PAYNE** (city). Located in DeKalb County. Part of the Fort Payne, AL Micropolitan Area. Covers a land area of 55.876 square miles (3 of 133) and a water area of 0.082 square miles (48 of 133). Located at 34.45° north latitude; 85.70° west longitude. Elevation is 906 feet (10 of 131).

**History:** Fort Payne developed as a trading center for the mountain communities, and as the seat of DeKalb County. In the early 1880's, when iron was discovered, a land boom struck the town, but the vein was not as promising as had been expected. Near Fort Payne was the home of Sequoyah, the inventor of the Cherokee alphabet, who moved here from Tennessee about 1800.

**Population:** 13,519 (29 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): 4.5% (54 of 133); Race: 74.5% White (77 of 133), 5.1% Black (100 of 133), 0.7% Asian (43 of 133), 22.7% Hispanic of any race (2 of 133); Density: 241.9 persons per square mile (125 of 133); Average household size: 2.55 (25 of 133); Median age: 37.8 (88 of 133); Males per 100 females: 94.8 (33 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 27 (42 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (30 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$20,649 (72 of 133); Median household income: \$37,420 (74 of 133); Average household income: \$54,180 (55 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 9.7% (71 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): -3.4% (123 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 69.3% (71 of 133); Median home value: \$92,670 (85 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 352.5 (67 of 90); Violent crime rate: 24.9 (66 of 90); Property crime rate: 327.6 (67 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 66.8% (110 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 13.5% (89 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 4.8% (84 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.* Citywide student/teacher ratio: 16.7 to 1 (25 of 119). *Figures cover 2007–2008.*

★★ **RAINSVILLE** (city). Located in DeKalb County. Part of the Fort Payne, AL Micropolitan Area. Covers a land area of 19.864 square miles (28 of 133) and a water area of 0.016 square miles (82 of 133). Located at 34.49° north latitude; 85.84° west longitude. Elevation is 1,296 feet (1 of 131).

**Population:** 5,136 (91 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): 14.2% (24 of 133); Race: 95.6% White (13 of 133), 0.2% Black (131 of 133), 0.0% Asian (129 of 133), 4.4% Hispanic of any race (19 of 133); Density: 258.6 persons per square mile (123 of 133); Average household size: 2.40 (63 of 133); Median age: 38.7 (71 of 133); Males per 100 females: 91.8 (52 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 11 (64 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (30 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$16,633 (120 of 133); Median household income: \$32,382 (93 of 133); Average household income: \$40,277 (116 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 5.6% (123 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): -4.1% (126 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 77.6% (35 of 133); Median home value: \$91,098 (89 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 290.9 (75 of 90); Violent crime rate: 26.3 (64 of 90); Property crime rate: 264.6 (75 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 66.8% (110 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 8.4% (126 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 4.5% (96 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.* Citywide student/teacher ratio: 17.1 to 1 (17 of 119). *Figures cover 2007–2008.*

## Elmore County

★★★★ **MILLBROOK** (city). Located in Elmore County. Part of the Montgomery, AL Metropolitan Area. Covers a land area of 9.517 square miles (90 of 133) and a water area of 0.174 square miles (30 of 133). Located at 32.51° north latitude; 86.37° west longitude. Elevation is 190 feet (113 of 131).

**Population:** 14,740 (19 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): 41.9% (6 of 133); Race: 76.6% White (69 of 133), 19.5% Black (63 of 133), 0.8% Asian (33 of 133), 1.8% Hispanic of any race (54 of 133); Density: 1,548.7 persons per square mile (13 of 133); Average household size: 2.84 (4 of 133); Median age: 32.5 (124 of 133); Males per 100 females: 94.4 (37 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 44 (29 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (30 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$21,923 (60 of 133); Median household income: \$53,529 (25 of 133); Average household income: \$61,086 (31 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 12.4% (44 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 8.6% (14 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 77.0% (39 of 133); Median home value: \$118,201 (43 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 317.7 (71 of 90); Violent crime rate: 11.0 (81 of 90); Property crime rate: 306.7 (70 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 85.6% (23 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 21.8% (33 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 7.2% (42 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates. Citywide student/teacher ratio: 17.3 to 1 (13 of 119). Figures cover 2007-2008.*

★★ **TALLASSEE** (city). Located in Elmore County. Part of the Montgomery, AL Metropolitan Area. Covers a land area of 9.634 square miles (89 of 133) and a water area of 0.534 square miles (14 of 133). Located at 32.54° north latitude; 85.89° west longitude. Elevation is 390 feet (93 of 131).

**History:** The first settler here was Barent DuBois, a French-Canadian trader. Tallassee began developing rapidly in the 1820's when settlers came from the eastern states. Thomas Barnett built a small textile factory near the falls of the river and named the place after the Indian village, Tallassee. In 1870 the Tallassee Falls Manufacturing Company built what was then the largest cotton mill in the state on the site of Barnett's mill.

**Population:** 4,624 (100 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): -6.3% (113 of 133); Race: 77.1% White (66 of 133), 20.2% Black (61 of 133), 0.5% Asian (65 of 133), 1.7% Hispanic of any race (58 of 133); Density: 480.0 persons per square mile (83 of 133); Average household size: 2.30 (94 of 133); Median age: 39.8 (53 of 133); Males per 100 females: 85.9 (111 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 17 (55 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (30 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$19,996 (79 of 133); Median household income: \$28,889 (114 of 133); Average household income: \$46,172 (88 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 8.1% (91 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 6.0% (37 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 62.2% (112 of 133); Median home value: \$78,170 (108 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 729.0 (19 of 90); Violent crime rate: 85.5 (18 of 90); Property crime rate: 643.5 (20 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 65.7% (114 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 11.1% (109 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 3.9% (106 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates. Citywide student/teacher ratio: 16.1 to 1 (46 of 119). Figures cover 2007-2008.*

★★★ **WETUMPKA** (city). Located in Elmore County. Part of the Montgomery, AL Metropolitan Area. Covers a land area of 8.510 square miles (99 of 133) and a water area of 0.397 square miles (15 of 133). Located at 32.54° north latitude; 86.20° west longitude. Elevation is 200 feet (111 of 131).

**History:** Wetumpka developed as a trading point for the agricultural district of Elmore and bordering counties, especially for the shipping of cotton, and as the seat of Elmore County.

**Population:** 6,031 (77 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): 5.3% (47 of 133); Race: 66.1% White (97 of 133), 29.3% Black (40 of 133), 0.7% Asian (43 of 133), 4.0% Hispanic of any race (23 of 133); Density: 708.7 persons per square mile (51 of 133); Average household size: 2.28 (101 of 133); Median age: 38.1 (83 of 133); Males per 100 females: 62.8 (133 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 45 (27 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (30 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$17,820 (104 of 133); Median household income: \$40,839 (63 of 133); Average household income: \$49,112 (73 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 9.6% (76 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 8.4% (17 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 61.9% (114 of 133); Median home value: \$107,088 (61 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 574.0 (40 of 90); Violent crime rate: 29.3 (57 of 90); Property crime rate: 544.6 (35 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 71.4% (88 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 14.7% (76 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 4.5% (96 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates. Citywide student/teacher ratio: 17.4 to 1 (9 of 119). Figures cover 2007-2008.*

## Escambia County

★ ★ **ATMORE** (city). Located in Escambia County. Covers a land area of 8.321 square miles (100 of 133) and a water area of 0.030 square miles (70 of 133). Located at 31.02° north latitude; 87.48° west longitude. Elevation is 282 feet (104 of 131).

**History:** Atmore developed as a shipping center for a truck farming area, with principal crops of potatoes, cabbage, and green beans.

**Population:** 7,082 (64 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): -7.7% (123 of 133); Race: 46.5% White (117 of 133), 49.1% Black (19 of 133), 0.7% Asian (43 of 133), 1.0% Hispanic of any race (100 of 133); Density: 851.1 persons per square mile (39 of 133); Average household size: 2.30 (94 of 133); Median age: 37.7 (90 of 133); Males per 100 females: 80.8 (128 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 4 (83 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (30 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$16,696 (119 of 133); Median household income: \$26,774 (122 of 133); Average household income: \$38,830 (122 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 6.0% (119 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 8.9% (12 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 66.2% (90 of 133); Median home value: \$77,569 (110 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Safety:** Total crime rate: 837.5 (11 of 90); Violent crime rate: 104.2 (11 of 90); Property crime rate: 733.3 (13 of 90). *Figures cover 2008. Crime rate is the number of crimes per 10,000 population.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 68.0% (103 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 12.2% (102 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 4.6% (89 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates. Citywide student/teacher ratio: 14.4 to 1 (104 of 119). Figures cover 2007-2008.*

★ ★ ★ **BREWTON** (city). Located in Escambia County. Covers a land area of 11.331 square miles (76 of 133) and a water area of 0.139 square miles (35 of 133). Located at 31.12° north latitude; 87.07° west longitude. Elevation is 82 feet (121 of 131).

**History:** The first settlement of Brewton was on the site of Fort Crawford, established by the U.S. government in 1818. Brewton developed as a lumbering center, and later as the seat of Escambia County, an honor which the Brewton residents wrested from nearby Pollard.

**Population:** 5,173 (88 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): -5.9% (108 of 133); Race: 56.3% White (106 of 133), 40.9% Black (27 of 133), 0.6% Asian (53 of 133), 1.4% Hispanic of any race (71 of 133); Density: 456.5 persons per square mile (86 of 133); Average household size: 2.26 (104 of 133); Median age: 43.8 (7 of 133); Males per 100 females: 86.3 (105 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 7 (74 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (30 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*

**Income:** Per capita income: \$23,506 (35 of 133); Median household income: \$41,000 (62 of 133); Average household income: \$54,841 (50 of 133); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 15.1% (29 of 133); Median household income growth (2005–2008): 7.8% (24 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Housing:** Home ownership rate: 73.3% (57 of 133); Median home value: \$94,855 (79 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Education:** Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 77.5% (56 of 133); Bachelor's degree or higher: 22.1% (31 of 133); Master's degree or higher: 8.3% (26 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates. Citywide student/teacher ratio: 15.1 to 1 (85 of 119). Figures cover 2007-2008.*

## Etowah County

★ **ATTALLA** (city). Located in Etowah County. Part of the Gadsden, AL Metropolitan Area. Covers a land area of 6.672 square miles (113 of 133) and a water area of 0 square miles (106 of 133). Located at 33.99° north latitude; 86.10° west longitude. Elevation is 545 feet (68 of 131).

**History:** Attalla was established near the Jackson Trace, cut by Andrew Jackson's Tennessee militia in 1812. The town developed as a shipping center and a junction for four railroads.

**Population:** 6,195 (74 of 133); Growth (2000–2008): -6.0% (109 of 133); Race: 85.2% White (46 of 133), 10.6% Black (87 of 133), 0.3% Asian (94 of 133), 4.2% Hispanic of any race (21 of 133); Density: 928.5 persons per square mile (31 of 133); Average household size: 2.36 (73 of 133); Median age: 38.8 (67 of 133); Males per 100 females: 91.7 (55 of 133). *Figures are 2008 estimates.*

**Economy:** Single-family building permits issued: 5 (80 of 105); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (30 of 105). *Figures cover 2008.*