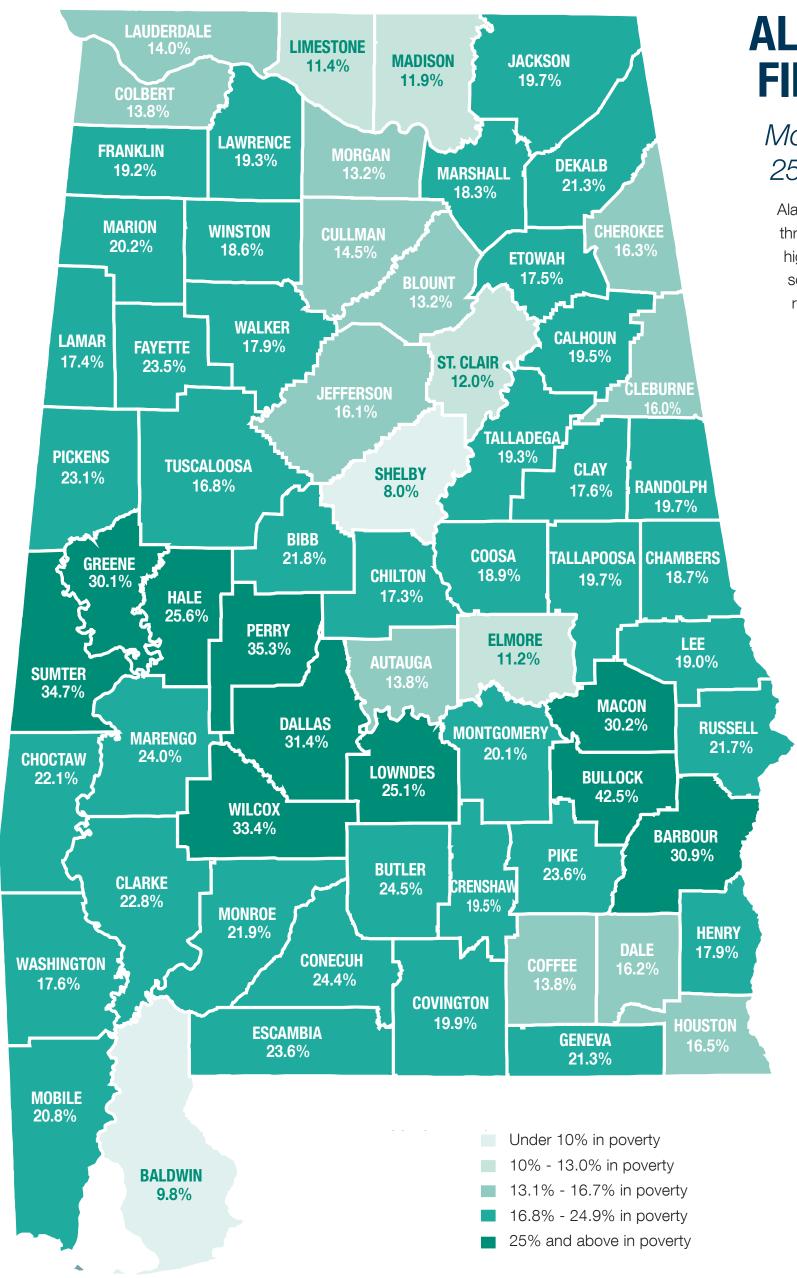
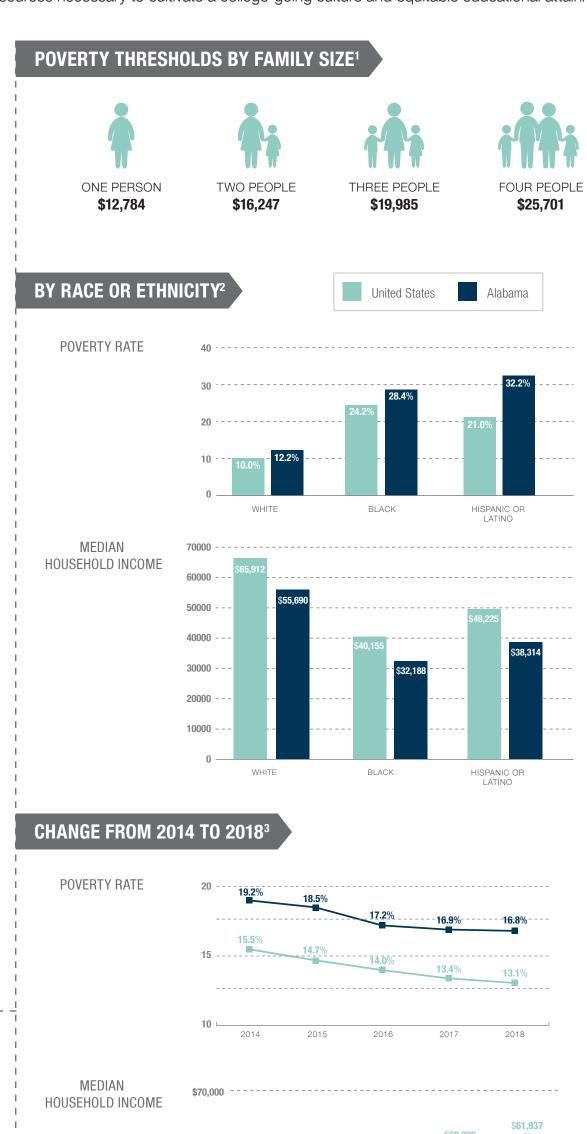
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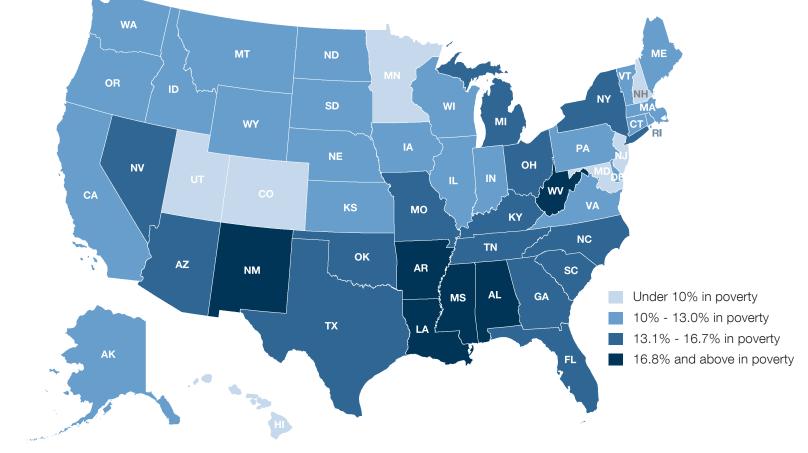


ALABAMA IS THE NATION'S FIFTH POOREST STATE.

More than 800,000 of our neighbors – including 256,000 children – live below the poverty line.

Alabama Possible is a statewide nonprofit organization that breaks down barriers to prosperity through advocacy, education, and collaboration. We influence public policy to ensure every high school graduate in our state can pursue a technical or academic credential after high school. Our programs connect Alabama's educational leaders, students, and families with the resources necessary to cultivate a college-going culture and equitable educational attainment.







2015



\$60,000

\$50,000

\$40,000

2014

2017

\$49,881

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United States Alabama	Total population ⁴ 328,239,523 4,903,185	POVERTY RATE											FOOD SECURITY			EDUCATION —					- EMPLO	EMPLOYMENT-	
		All Persons ³ 13.1% 16.8%	White ² 10.0% 12.2%	Black or African American ² 24.2% 28.4%	Hispanic or Latino ² 21.0% 32.2%	Children ³ 18.0% 23.9%	Adults Older Than 65 ² 9.3% 10.3%	Female-Headed Households With Related Children ² 37.5% 46.9%	Individuals 25 & Older Who Are Less Than High School Graduates ² 25.8% 30.1%	Individuals 25 & Older Who Graduated From High School or Have A GED ² 13.9% 16.4%	Individuals 25 & Older Who Have Some College Or An Associate's Degree ² 9.9% 11.5%	Individuals 25 & Older Who Have A Bachelor's Degree Or Higher ² 4.4% 4.4%	Overall Food Insecurity ⁵ 12.5% 16.3%	Child Food Insecurity ⁵ 17.0% 22.3%	SNAP Recipients ⁶ 11.5% 14.8%	Population 25 & Older Who Is A High School Graduate or Higher ² 87.7%	Population 25 & Older Who Has A Bachelor's Degree or Higher ² 31.5% 24.9%	2-year College Enrollment Rate ⁷ 25.5% 31.8%	4-year College Enrollment Rate ⁷ 43.6% 30.2%	Total College Enrollment Rate ⁷ 69.1% 62.0%	Workforce Participation Rate of the Population 16 & Older ² 63.3% 57.4%	Median	
Autauga	55,869	13.8%	11.0%	33.5%	2.7%	19.3%	8.7%	52.3%	35.3%	16.0%	6.6%	3.7%	13.2%	19.8%	12.3%	88.7%	27.7%	17.4%	43.4%	60.8%	59.3%	\$59,338	
Baldwin	223,234	9.8%	8.9%	22.0%	18.6%	13.9%	8.0%	35.0%	23.3%	12.4%	7.8%	3.7%	11.6%	18.9%	8.2%	90.3%	31.3%	31.7%	30.9%	62.6%	58.5%	\$57,588	
Barbour	24,686	30.9%	13.8%	42.6%	48.3%	43.9%	16.2%	60.6%	37.0%	24.1%	11.5%	3.7%	22.0%	27.6%	21.5%	73.0%	12.2%	36.9%	19.7%	56.7%	46.0%	\$34,38	
Bibb	22,394	21.8%	14.5%	12.9%	4.3%	27.8%	8.1%	50.6%	25.2%	15.1%	2.8%	6.9%	14.3%	22.1%	12.5%	83.2%	11.5%	23.5%	24.0%	47.5%	47.4%	\$46,06	
Blount Bullock	57,826 10,101	13.2% 42.5%	12.1% 4.4%	8.1% 39.0%	36.3% 68.6%	18.0% 68.3%	10.1%	46.1% 66.5%	24.1% 32.4%	11.8% 26.9%	8.6% 19.6%	3.2% 0.2%	10.7% 24.8%	21.2% 27.9%	8.7% 23.7%	80.2% 75.2%	12.6% 13.3%	40.4% 13.0%	17.6% 30.0%	58.0% 43.0%	48.6% 52.7%	\$50,41 \$29,26	
Butler	19,448	24.5%	13.2%	34.3%	77.6%	36.3%	13.1%	49.5%	32.4%	21.5%	14.5%	6.8%	20.6%	24.7%	21.8%	84.6%	16.1%	52.2%	18.1%	70.2%	53.0%	\$37,36	
Calhoun	113,605	19.5%	13.6%	35.1%	19.5%	26.5%	10.5%	52.3%	29.2%	16.4%	12.2%	4.6%	15.7%	22.6%	15.3%	84.1%	18.0%	25.2%	30.3%	55.5%	57.1%	\$45,40	
Chambers	33,254	18.7%	12.6%	20.9%	34.0%	30.7%	10.9%	32.8%	30.3%	14.4%	10.0%	3.6%	17.9%	22.1%	16.6%	81.4%	13.2%	39.5%	17.8%	57.3%	56.3%	\$39,91	
Cherokee Chilton	26,196 44,428	16.3% 17.3%	14.8% 17.0%	14.3% 27.2%	26.2% 28.3%	24.7% 23.3%	11.8% 12.5%	60.6% 45.2%	32.2% 31.6%	11.3% 16.4%	9.1% 12.5%	5.3% 6.1%	12.5% 13.1%	20.6% 22.1%	11.7% 15.0%	80.2% 82.2%	12.9% 14.2%	35.4% 28.0%	20.3% 19.6%	55.7% 47.6%	48.6% 54.6%	\$42,13 \$47,54	
Choctaw	12,589	22.1%	12.4%	34.6%	73.8%	32.1%	10.7%	59.8%	37.1%	16.1%	13.9%	6.6%	19.5%	24.6%	20.0%	81.4%	13.0%	53.9%	12.5%	66.4%	44.1%	\$39,90	
Clarke	23,622	22.8%	13.8%	39.0%	24.2%	31.7%	15.9%	66.2%	36.5%	25.0%	14.4%	8.1%	22.9%	25.7%	19.9%	81.2%	12.6%	37.9%	24.8%	62.7%	45.2%	\$40,74	
Clay	13,235	17.6%	15.0%	27.1%	50.9%	25.8%	15.2%	58.7%	35.5%	13.4%	8.3%	2.2%	14.5%	21.5%	10.0%	75.5%	10.2%	48.2%	18.5%	66.7%	54.6%	\$39,20	
Cleburne Coffee	14,910 52,342	16.0% 13.8%	15.9% 10.6%	39.4% 29.1%	74.5% 21.4%	22.9% 21.9%	12.5% 8.9%	73.5%	19.6% 25.4%	14.3% 13.1%	13.1% 9.9%	9.1% 3.2%	13.5% 14.2%	24.0% 21.9%	14.2% 12.6%	77.4% 86.2%	13.7% 23.4%	30.0% 45.8%	16.3% 24.6%	46.3% 70.4%	51.6% 59.8%	\$46,49	
Colbert	55,241	13.8%	13.4%	26.1%	23.6%	21.0%	10.9%	44.4%	23.5%	15.1%	13.0%	4.1%	14.2%	22.2%	12.0%	84.4%	18.7%	45.5%	24.0%	69.6%	53.9%	\$49,05	
Conecuh	12,067	24.4%	14.6%	30.3%	25.7%	40.1%	16.0%	38.4%	30.6%	17.5%	11.5%	10.5%	20.9%	26.3%	20.1%	80.8%	10.7%	43.1%	23.9%	66.9%	43.3%	\$32,61	
Coosa	10,663	18.9%	9.4%	23.1%	0.0%	30.1%	11.6%	33.3%	22.0%	11.9%	8.6%	3.0%	15.7%	19.7%	14.5%	79.6%	11.6%	29.3%	20.7%	50.0%	47.3%	\$42,42	
Covington	37,049	19.9%	15.4%	36.0%	37.3%	29.5%	11.4%	53.5%	28.7%	15.2%	13.9%	4.9%	14.6%	22.6%	16.4%	82.9%	14.9%	51.2%	20.8%	72.0%	54.3% 54.1%	\$40,20	
Crenshaw Cullman	13,772 83,768	19.5% 14.5%	13.0% 14.9%	23.2% 26.8%	8.7% 26.3%	30.8%	11.7%	36.0% 41.5%	25.4% 24.6%	14.5% 14.1%	10.2% 10.8%	3.1% 7.9%	15.8% 11.8%	21.3% 20.1%	17.7% 9.0%	78.4% 81.8%	15.6% 13.7%	35.2% 46.2%	30.3%	65.5% 61.1%	54.1% 53.1%	\$39,05 \$45,79	
Dale	49,172	16.2%	16.0%	28.8%	13.7%	24.4%	10.1%	52.7%	30.7%	17.3%	11.4%	5.7%	16.1%	22.5%	17.4%	85.8%	17.0%	40.9%	17.9%	58.9%	56.7%	\$45,30	
Dallas	37,196	31.4%	13.2%	38.1%	23.8%	48.0%	17.3%	57.0%	37.8%	28.0%	20.8%	4.6%	27.2%	29.8%	32.3%	80.7%	15.1%	51.5%	14.4%	65.9%	51.6%	\$34,03	
DeKalb	71,513	21.3%	17.4%	11.3%	47.6%	29.6%	12.0%	52.6%	34.1%	16.2%	12.1%	6.7%	12.4%	22.8%	16.0%	74.1%	12.7%	46.2%	11.7%	58.0%	53.6%	\$39,49	
Elmore Escambia	81,209 36,633	11.2% 23.6%	8.6% 16.7%	24.3% 39.9%	30.8% 25.8%	16.3% 32.8%	6.7% 12.9%	40.1% 58.2%	25.8% 34.7%	13.4% 21.4%	5.6% 18.0%	3.8% 5.2%	13.3% 18.4%	19.5% 24.1%	10.3% 19.1%	86.4% 81.5%	24.5% 12.7%	19.8% 40.3%	35.8% 18.9%	55.6% 59.2%	56.0% 47.0%	\$60,36 \$38,41	
Etowah	102,268	17.5%	13.3%	30.9%	38.6%	28.8%	8.2%	53.5%	29.3%	12.6%	10.4%	3.8%	14.6%	22.8%	11.8%	84.5%	17.7%	37.1%	20.1%	57.2%	54.4%	\$44,90	
Fayette	16,302	23.5%	17.8%	33.4%	14.0%	37.4%	11.4%	60.8%	30.5%	14.8%	16.9%	1.9%	14.4%	22.2%	18.8%	82.4%	12.9%	52.3%	12.5%	64.8%	51.0%	\$39,25	
Franklin	31,362	19.2%	14.9%	18.3%	40.7%	30.1%	13.5%	50.6%	25.2%	14.4%	9.4%	8.3%	12.9%	25.6%	14.4%	76.8%	12.9%	50.5%	10.0%	60.5%	55.7%	\$39,38	
Geneva	26,271	21.3%	21.4% 17.2%	42.4%	35.5% 97.9%	29.5%	10.2% 27.1%	75.5%	34.6%	19.5%	11.9%	5.7%	14.8%	25.2%	16.4%	79.1%	11.1%	47.9%	12.4%	60.3% 47.7%	51.8%	\$37,820	
Greene Hale	8,111 14,651	30.1% 25.6%	14.9%	42.5% 34.1%	0.0%	44.0% 35.6%	19.9%	61.8% 46.0%	38.9% 46.2%	42.8% 27.1%	17.0% 10.4%	4.8% 1.2%	29.7% 22.2%	34.4% 25.2%	27.1% 22.5%	75.9% 83.6%	10.1% 14.1%	16.3% 36.1%	31.4% 22.4%	58.5%	39.3% 49.0%	\$28,524	
Henry	17,205	17.9%	10.4%	21.9%	6.4%	27.2%	12.6%	47.9%	21.6%	13.5%	10.4%	2.5%	14.2%	19.6%	14.7%	80.2%	18.0%	45.0%	20.5%	65.5%	52.7%	\$46,02	
Houston	105,882	16.5%	11.4%	33.7%	27.8%	21.9%	9.9%	51.2%	28.3%	17.2%	11.5%	4.6%	16.5%	22.7%	16.2%	85.7%	21.0%	35.7%	21.3%	57.0%	57.7%	\$47,990	
Jackson	51,626	19.7%	18.8%	22.3%	48.8%	26.8%	12.3%	49.7%	31.7%	18.2%	14.4%	5.5%	13.6%	23.3%	11.8%	82.5%	14.2%	47.4%	12.6%	60.0%	50.7%	\$41,929	
Jefferson Lamar	658,573 13,805	16.1% 17.4%	9.1% 18.4%	25.2% 40.6%	30.4%	22.6% 25.3%	10.2% 10.6%	44.2% 62.7%	30.3% 31.5%	18.4% 16.5%	13.5% 14.1%	4.7% 2.3%	17.8% 15.2%	20.8% 25.4%	14.0% 16.2%	89.7% 82.4%	32.4% 12.5%	22.7% 66.7%	43.8% 5.6%	66.5% 72.2%	62.2% 52.0%	\$55,013 \$40,93	
Lauderdale	92,729	14.0%	13.3%	27.4%	25.5%	17.9%	8.7%	43.3%	32.5%	11.0%	10.9%	4.0%	14.0%	21.4%	9.9%	87.4%	23.9%	40.9%	27.6%	68.5%	55.8%	\$48,70	
Lawrence	32,924	19.3%	16.2%	20.8%	40.0%	31.4%	10.1%	51.3%	25.4%	14.8%	8.4%	3.2%	13.4%	20.6%	15.6%	79.0%	11.7%	46.3%	14.1%	60.4%	49.9%	\$43,90	
Lee	164,542	19.0%	18.8%	29.4%	19.5%	19.3%	9.7%	47.7%	29.0%	16.9%	12.2%	6.3%	17.0%	20.7%	8.9%	90.5%	34.1%	33.3%	31.3%	64.6%	60.6%	\$48,93	
Limestone Lowndes	98,915 9,726	11.4% 25.1%	11.5% 5.8%	18.2% 35.1%	31.7% 23.8%	15.8% 39.6%	10.1% 18.0%	41.8% 61.0%	28.3% 38.5%	12.8% 29.0%	7.6% 10.4%	4.0% 4.8%	12.2% 26.4%	19.6% 29.4%	7.2% 30.6%	84.3% 77.5%	25.5% 14.1%	34.4% 24.6%	24.6% 15.5%	59.0% 40.0%	57.4% 48.3%	\$64,86	
Macon	18,068	30.2%	15.1%	27.7%	32.3%	39.7%	13.7%	48.4%	33.9%	19.5%	20.7%	11.2%	25.6%	25.4%	23.5%	81.7%	20.7%	17.3%	30.7%	48.0%	51.7%	\$32,49	
Madison	372,909	11.9%	7.9%	24.8%	33.4%	16.9%	8.1%	39.7%	31.7%	15.0%	10.1%	3.1%	13.8%	19.1%	9.0%	91.1%	41.7%	27.2%	44.0%	71.2%	64.0%	\$63,75	
Marengo	18,863	24.0%	12.8%	29.0%	44.8%	34.5%	18.8%	39.1%	30.1%	27.4%	13.3%	2.7%	22.0%	24.8%	21.4%	83.8%	15.4%	23.1%	42.3%	65.4%	46.3%	\$37,733	
Marion	29,709	20.2%	15.9%	45.7%	22.8%	27.4%	11.9%	43.5%	25.9%	14.9%	9.7%	8.1%	13.3%	22.3%	14.6%	79.7%	13.1%	56.6%	12.1%	68.6%	52.2%	\$37,887	
Marshall Mobile	96,774 413,210	18.3% 20.8%	16.7% 12.5%	36.8% 29.9%	50.3% 22.7%	27.9% 31.4%	9.5%	55.3% 49.4%	32.6% 29.6%	16.6% 17.1%	12.8% 13.8%	5.3% 4.7%	12.2% 17.9%	23.1%	12.7% 17.7%	80.9% 86.2%	19.2% 22.9%	44.8% 25.3%	17.6% 29.8%	62.4% 55.1%	55.5% 56.9%	\$46,23 \$43,59	
Monroe	20,733	21.9%	18.5%	46.8%	80.8%	31.6%	14.6%	58.4%	36.0%	35.7%	20.1%	6.1%	24.1%	27.9%	16.6%	83.7%	14.1%	47.8%	17.2%	65.0%	45.4%	\$39,55	
Nontgomery	226,486	20.1%	8.2%	27.6%	42.9%	31.3%	11.0%	50.8%	35.2%	20.8%	13.2%	4.4%	20.7%	22.4%	20.6%	85.6%	32.1%	9.0%	42.8%	51.8%	61.6%	\$49,64	
Morgan	119,679	13.2%	10.1%	30.0%	38.3%	20.1%	10.2%	46.0%	31.0%	13.1%	9.3%	2.9%	12.9%	21.1%	11.5%	83.3%	21.7%	35.4%	23.2%	58.6%	57.2%	\$52,79	
Perry Pickens	8,923 19,930	35.3% 23.1%	23.2% 10.7%	48.5% 39.4%	40.4% 23.8%	52.8% 30.8%	20.4% 17.1%	69.8% 71.3%	46.2% 37.2%	40.2% 16.5%	26.0% 14.0%	7.9% 6.9%	28.6% 18.9%	32.9% 24.2%	32.0% 15.2%	78.1% 80.6%	15.7% 13.5%	34.6% 45.9%	19.1% 13.5%	53.6% 59.4%	34.5% 47.4%	\$26,81 \$37,58	
Pickens	33,114	23.1%	10.7%	39.4%	32.3%	30.8%	12.3%	60.4%	37.2%	12.8%	14.0%	8.7%	21.0%	24.2%	17.8%	80.6%	23.6%	45.9% 17.0%	40.8%	59.4%	55.4%	\$37,58	
Randolph	22,722	19.7%	15.5%	20.2%	59.0%	31.4%	11.5%	51.4%	23.9%	16.9%	9.3%	8.1%	15.3%	23.0%	19.6%	78.8%	14.9%	53.8%	8.0%	61.8%	49.8%	\$40,54	
Russell	57,961	21.7%	13.8%	25.0%	30.1%	31.6%	14.7%	43.0%	30.0%	19.9%	10.8%	6.7%	19.2%	22.3%	18.9%	83.3%	16.5%	30.8%	21.6%	52.4%	58.9%	\$39,10	
Shelby St. Clair	217,702	8.0%	6.8%	12.1%	26.0%	8.9%	6.2%	23.8%	23.4%	9.1%	6.9%	3.1%	9.3%	15.9%	4.9%	92.2%	42.1%	20.4%	52.0%	72.4%	66.2%	\$75,66	
St. Clair Sumter	89,512 12,427	12.0% 34.7%	12.8% 17.1%	15.3% 36.9%	23.4% 61.5%	15.0% 48.1%	10.9% 30.0%	27.5% 66.1%	33.6% 43.1%	11.5% 31.0%	7.7% 22.1%	3.6% 12.1%	11.7% 27.7%	19.3% 28.4%	10.3% 23.5%	84.8% 84.2%	16.5% 21.8%	33.6% 22.8%	28.7% 26.8%	62.4% 49.6%	59.2% 44.6%	\$57,28 \$27,85	
Talladega	79,978	19.3%	13.5%	29.6%	60.1%	26.4%	11.7%	45.5%	32.5%	15.6%	12.9%	3.4%	17.2%	23.0%	14.6%	81.0%	14.3%	33.9%	24.0%	57.9%	52.2%	\$41,63	
Tallapoosa	40,367	19.7%	11.3%	40.8%	50.4%	30.7%	9.2%	62.3%	28.9%	14.7%	14.2%	4.6%	16.6%	24.3%	15.8%	80.5%	18.3%	49.3%	20.0%	69.3%	51.0%	\$42,20	
Tuscaloosa	209,355	16.8%	11.6%	27.0%	25.7%	20.9%	7.6%	40.8%	25.3%	15.5%	10.3%	4.8%	16.4%	19.8%	10.4%	88.4%	30.3%	33.4%	29.5%	62.9%	59.6%	\$52,55	
Walker Washington	63,521 16,326	17.9% 17.6%	17.8% 21.0%	40.1% 20.0%	27.9% 51.6%	24.7% 25.8%	10.5% 14.2%	54.3% 72.4%	31.3% 31.2%	17.3% 17.2%	12.2% 12.6%	2.2% 8.8%	14.6% 17.2%	24.5% 26.3%	13.7% 14.9%	80.9% 80.4%	11.6% 11.1%	43.7% 46.0%	15.8% 13.6%	59.5% 59.6%	52.3% 44.6%	\$45,43	
Wilcox	10,326	33.4%	9.3%	39.7%	100.0%	50.6%	20.6%	57.3%	42.5%	22.4%	25.7%	7.5%	29.3%	30.6%	35.0%	76.9%	12.5%	32.6%	19.6%	59.6%	44.6%	\$44,42	
Winston	23,629	18.6%	15.4%	90.6%	23.4%	27.6%	9.5%	51.3%	24.4%	12.2%	13.2%	1.9%	13.1%	24.0%	11.4%	78.1%	13.5%	54.7%	11.6%	66.3%	50.0%	\$41,15	
	Total	All Persons ³	White ²	Black or	Hispanic or	Children ³	Adults Older	Female-Headed	Individuals 25	Individuals 25	Individuals 25	Individuals	Overall	Child Food	SNAP	Population 25	Population 25 &	2-year College	4-year College	Total College	Workforce	Median	
	population ⁴	, air (100119)	WING	African American ²	Latino ²	Ormule II	Than 65 ²	Households With Related Children ²	& Older Who Are Less Than High School Graduates ²	& Older Who Graduated From High School or Have A GED ²	& Older Who	25 & Older Who Have A Bachelor's Degree Or Higher ²	Food Insecurity ⁵	Insecurity ⁵		& Older Who Is A High School Graduate or Higher ²	Older Who Has A Bachelor's Degree or Higher ²	Enrollment Rate ⁷	Enrollment Rate ⁷	Enrollment Rate ⁷	Participation Rate of the Population 16 & Older ²	Househol Income ³	

Terms and Definitions

CHILDREN – Individuals under the age of 18.

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT RATE – The percent of high school graduates who enrolled in college during the year after graduation. College includes technical and academic programs resulting in valuable credentials at two- and four-year colleges and universities.

FOOD INSECURITY – Multiple indications of disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake or reduced quality, variety, or desirability of diet.

POVERTY RATE – The percent of persons (or families) whose cash income is below the federal poverty threshold as calculated by the Census Bureau.

SNAP – The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides nutrition benefits to low-income individuals and families that are used at stores to purchase food.

WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION - Represents the proportion of people at least 16 years old - including students, people with disabilities, full-time parents/caregivers, and retirees - which is in the labor force.

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