



## ALABAMA IS THE NATION'S SIXTH POOREST STATE.

More than 800,000 of our neighbors – including 262,000 children – live below the poverty line.

Alabama Possible is a statewide nonprofit organization that breaks down barriers to prosperity through advocacy, education, and collaboration. Our research-driven work connects Alabamians and equips them with resources to build a stronger Alabama. We also influence public policy so all Alabamians have equal opportunities to lead prosperous lives. Alabama Possible has changed the way people think and talk about poverty in Alabama since 1993.







**ALABAMA POVERTY DATA SHEET** 

2019

		POVERTY RATE											EDUCATION —			EI	EMPLOYMENT ——			FOOD SECURITY		
	Total population <sup>1</sup>	All Persons <sup>2</sup>	White <sup>3</sup>	Black or African American <sup>3</sup>	Hispanic or Latino <sup>3</sup>	Children <sup>2</sup>	Adults Older Than 65 <sup>3</sup>	Female-Headed Households With Related Children <sup>3</sup>	Individuals 25 & Older Who Are Less Than High School Graduates <sup>3</sup>	& Older Who Graduated From High School or Have A GED <sup>3</sup>	Associate's Degree <sup>3</sup>	Individuals 25 & Older Who Have A Bachelor's Degree Or Higher <sup>3</sup>	Population 25 & Older Who Is A High School Graduate or Higher <sup>3</sup>	Individuals 25 & Older Who Has A Bachelor's Degree or Higher <sup>3</sup>	College Enrollment Rate <sup>4</sup>	Annual Unemployment Rate <sup>5</sup>	Workforce Participation Rate of Individuals 16 & Older <sup>3</sup>	Median Household Income <sup>2</sup>	SNAP Recipients <sup>6</sup>	Food Insecurity <sup>7</sup>	Childhood Food Insecurity <sup>7</sup>	
United States Alabama	327,167,434 4,887,871	13.4% 16.9%	12.0% 13.3%	25.2% 29.1%	22.2% 32.3%	18.4% 24.4%	9.3%	38.7% 47.6%	26.4% 30.4%	14.1% 16.4%	10.2% 11.8%	4.5% 4.4%	88.0% 86.2%	31.2% 24.9%	66.7% 62.2%	3.9% 3.9%	63.4% 57.6%	\$60,336 \$48,193	12.8% 15.7%	12.5% 16.3%	17.0% 22.3%	
Autauga	55,601	13.4%	9.4%	31.5%	6.9%	19.3%	6.3%	51.1%	29.0%	12.7%	5.4%	3.8%	87.7%	25.0%	63.1%	3.6%	60.3%	\$58,343	13.0%	13.2%	19.8%	
Baldwin	218,022	10.1%	10.1%	27.3%	9.9%	14.7%	7.4%	40.1%	24.3%	13.1%	8.3%	4.2%	90.2%	30.7%	61.7%	3.6%	58.0%	\$56,607	8.6%	11.6%	18.9%	
Barbour	24,881	33.4%	12.9%	41.5%	40.1%	50.3%	16.5%	58.0%	34.2%	24.1%	12.0%	2.9%	73.1%	12.0%	60.7%	5.2%	47.7%	\$32,490	22.1%	22.0%	27.6%	
Bibb Blount	22,400 57,840	20.2% 12.8%	13.8%	22.8% 8.7%	3.5% 40.7%	27.3% 18.5%	9.1%	52.5% 53.6%	27.1% 25.0%	14.5% 11.9%	3.4%	2.7% 2.5%	82.1% 79.8%	13.2% 13.1%	56.1%	4.0% 3.5%	48.3% 49.0%	\$45,795 \$48,253	13.9% 9.5%	14.3%	22.1% 21.2%	
Bullock	10,138	34.4%	4.0%	35.5%	100.0%	48.3%	23.3%	65.4%	36.9%	19.5%	18.3%	1.0%	71.4%	13.4%	46.5%	4.7%	57.3%	\$29,113	25.0%	24.8%	27.9%	
Butler	19,680	21.3%	15.7%	34.4%	78.1%	33.0%	14.4%	56.5%	30.0%	22.0%	17.5%	7.5%	81.1%	16.1%	60.4%	4.8%	52.2%	\$36,842	22.8%	20.6%	24.7%	
Calhoun Chambers	114,277 33,615	17.7% 18.2%	13.7% 14.2%	34.8%	21.7% 56.5%	24.2% 29.6%	9.5%	51.7% 38.7%	28.7% 31.3%	15.5% 15.6%	11.9% 10.5%	4.7% 3.9%	83.2% 80.9%	17.9% 13.3%	56.4% 59.9%	4.7% 3.9%	56.9% 56.6%	\$45,937 \$36,883	16.4% 17.8%	15.7% 17.9%	22.6%	
Cherokee	26,032	17.2%	15.5%	11.1%	43.8%	25.0%	11.6%	55.0%	31.5%	12.4%	11.9%	3.9%	79.5%	12.5%	58.7%	3.6%	48.8%	\$44,842	13.1%	12.5%	20.6%	
Chilton	44,153	16.8%	16.6%	31.0%	37.4%	22.6%	12.9%	48.0%	29.5%	16.2%	10.9%	5.1%	81.8%	15.1%	48.2%	3.6%	55.0%	\$46,405	15.5%	13.1%	22.1%	
Choctaw	12,841	23.7%	11.4%	36.6%	92.1%	34.8%	12.1%	67.0%	35.7%	16.1%	14.5%	6.6%	80.1%	11.6%	55.8%	5.5%	44.0%	\$36,711	20.9%	19.5%	24.6%	
Clarke Clay	23,920 13,275	23.3% 18.1%	15.1% 15.0%	37.2% 25.1%	28.6% 67.2%	31.9% 25.5%	15.0% 14.5%	57.8% 57.3%	35.2% 33.7%	23.4%	15.7% 9.4%	10.0%	81.5% 73.3%	13.0% 10.3%	63.9% 57.0%	7.5% 3.9%	47.1% 54.1%	\$36,719 \$39,642	21.1% 10.8%	22.9% 14.5%	25.7% 21.5%	
Cleburne	14,987	16.1%	15.9%	54.3%	77.6%	22.4%	13.2%	69.5%	20.8%	13.3%	14.1%	10.6%	75.8%	12.4%	50.8%	4.2%	52.9%	\$45,480	13.9%	13.5%	24.0%	
Coffee	51,909	15.5%	12.3%	26.6%	25.9%	24.8%	7.2%	51.5%	23.2%	15.0%	9.9%	2.9%	85.4%	22.7%	66.0%	3.9%	59.7%	\$51,998	13.4%	14.2%	21.9%	
Colbert	54,762	15.4%	14.3%	24.9%	26.4%	22.2%	10.3%	44.8%	22.0%	15.8%	12.4%	4.0%	83.9%	18.8%	69.4%	4.6%	54.0%	\$46,100	12.8%	14.7%	22.2%	
Conecuh Coosa	12,277 10,715	23.7% 17.4%	18.0% 10.9%	35.5% 21.6%	9.5% 50.0%	42.9% 27.6%	18.1% 13.1%	61.7% 26.6%	30.4% 22.9%	21.5% 16.9%	17.0% 9.2%	10.7% 0.7%	79.0% 76.8%	8.8% 11.0%	57.8% 55.9%	5.2% 4.2%	45.6% 47.3%	\$30,796 \$42,442	22.2% 14.9%	20.9% 15.7%	26.3% 19.7%	
Covington	36,986	17.7%	15.2%	34.0%	18.7%	25.9%	11.4%	54.0%	26.8%	14.9%	13.2%	3.7%	82.0%	15.5%	70.5%	4.6%	54.4%	\$39,093	17.4%	14.6%	22.6%	
Crenshaw	13,824	19.9%	15.5%	24.0%	9.5%	29.3%	14.4%	43.4%	26.6%	17.4%	11.9%	3.1%	79.3%	16.3%	65.2%	4.1%	55.2%	\$38,419	18.8%	15.8%	21.3%	
Cullman	83,442	13.8%	15.3%	34.6%	32.8%	18.7%	10.6%	40.3%	25.4%	15.4%	11.8%	6.5%	82.1%	14.9%	60.9%	3.3%	52.1%	\$45,925	10.0%	11.8%	20.1%	
Dale Dallas	48,956 38,310	17.7% 27.9%	15.5% 15.0%	35.2% 39.1%	19.3%	25.9% 43.2%	10.4%	54.2% 59.5%	34.1% 36.9%	17.2% 29.7%	12.6% 20.6%	4.9% 6.1%	86.0% 81.3%	16.8% 14.2%	61.1%	4.2% 6.5%	57.5% 52.8%	\$42,572 \$31,329	18.4% 33.5%	16.1% 27.2%	22.5% 29.8%	
DeKalb	71,385	19.5%	18.0%	16.9%	40.3%	27.8%	12.9%	52.3%	29.8%	16.8%	12.6%	7.7%	73.6%	13.0%	60.0%	3.8%	53.8%	\$39,906	17.3%	12.4%	22.8%	
Elmore	81,887	12.0%	9.8%	26.1%	29.6%	16.5%	6.6%	43.1%	27.4%	14.9%	5.5%	2.8%	86.4%	22.8%	57.9%	3.4%	55.6%	\$59,652	10.9%	13.3%	19.5%	
Escambia	36,748	23.3%	15.9%	41.2%	23.4%	33.7%	12.9%	53.0%	33.5%	20.5%	15.3%	6.5%	81.0%	12.1%	65.5%	4.6%	46.6%	\$37,870	20.4%	18.4%	24.1%	
Etowah Fayette	102,501 16,433	18.1% 19.4%	14.2% 15.4%	30.8% 35.3%	32.5% 13.7%	29.3% 27.6%	9.6%	53.3% 68.6%	31.0% 23.8%	13.3% 13.8%	10.7% 17.3%	3.5% 1.8%	83.1% 79.6%	16.9% 14.6%	59.5% 66.7%	4.1% 4.1%	53.8% 50.9%	\$41,791 \$39,394	12.0% 20.0%	14.6% 14.4%	22.8% 22.2%	
Franklin	31,363	20.5%	19.1%	18.5%	40.2%	29.8%	12.3%	55.4%	27.2%	15.6%	11.3%	6.2%	76.4%	13.4%	64.6%	3.7%	55.5%	\$41,025	15.1%	12.9%	25.6%	
Geneva	26,314	21.7%	20.6%	37.7%	20.1%	34.3%	11.2%	72.4%	34.1%	16.7%	11.9%	4.2%	79.0%	11.1%	55.2%	3.9%	53.4%	\$38,561	17.1%	14.8%	25.2%	
Greene	8,233	33.2%	19.2%	43.1%	63.4%	49.4%	20.4%	76.5%	30.7%	44.9%	16.2%	7.1%	76.6%	11.4%	43.1%	6.7%	42.4%	\$28,108	29.6%	29.7%	34.4%	
Hale Henry	14,726 17,209	25.1% 17.0%	14.7% 11.0%	34.4% 21.2%	1.5% 1.9%	35.5% 27.5%	17.6% 13.9%	52.2% 49.2%	35.8% 20.4%	26.3% 14.4%	12.0% 11.3%	1.1% 3.5%	81.1% 80.6%	14.4% 17.1%	57.2% 62.4%	5.1% 4.4%	49.8% 53.4%	\$34,905 \$48,094	23.6% 15.2%	22.2% 14.2%	25.2% 19.6%	
Houston	104,722	16.6%	11.3%	34.0%	31.9%	26.5%	8.9%	52.6%	29.0%	15.6%	11.5%	4.9%	85.3%	20.9%	56.4%	4.4%	58.0%	\$44,753	16.6%	16.5%	22.7%	
Jackson	51,736	16.6%	17.6%	23.7%	38.0%	23.3%	12.1%	46.2%	25.8%	17.2%	13.3%	5.3%	81.4%	13.4%	57.1%	4.1%	51.7%	\$42,658	12.6%	13.6%	23.3%	
Jefferson	659,300	16.7%	9.4%	25.9%	34.0%	23.1%	10.2%	43.9%	32.7%	17.9%	13.9%	4.8%	89.4%	31.9%	67.6%	3.7%	62.2%	\$50,731	14.7%	17.8%	20.8%	
Lamar Lauderdale	13,844 92,387	18.7% 13.7%	20.7% 15.0%	40.3% 23.6%	32.9% 28.3%	26.1% 18.8%	12.6% 8.5%	62.5% 40.9%	31.8% 31.1%	15.8% 10.8%	15.4% 10.9%	3.4% 5.5%	79.5% 85.9%	13.3% 22.5%	75.0% 66.3%	3.8% 4.2%	51.7% 56.2%	\$39,796 \$46,646	17.1% 10.7%	15.2% 14.0%	25.4% 21.4%	
Lawrence	32,957	16.8%	16.1%	25.2%	51.2%	24.4%	12.3%	52.6%	29.8%	15.3%	7.6%	3.1%	78.0%	10.2%	63.2%	4.2%	50.2%	\$42,912	16.1%	13.4%	20.6%	
Lee	163,941	17.8%	19.7%	29.0%	17.9%	19.2%	9.3%	45.1%	31.6%	17.3%	12.6%	5.8%	89.9%	34.9%	67.3%	3.6%	60.6%	\$51,372	9.4%	17.0%	20.7%	
Limestone	96,174	11.9%	12.7%	17.3%	31.1%	16.5%	10.4%	40.0%	30.3%	15.4%	7.6%	3.5%	83.7%	24.6%	60.1%	3.5%	57.5%	\$57,342	8.6%	12.2%	19.6%	
Lowndes Macon	9,974 18,439	25.9% 30.6%	5.1% 20.2%	38.4% 26.9%	21.9% 35.7%	40.0% 44.7%	16.9% 17.3%	57.2% 49.9%	43.1% 34.1%	28.8% 21.7%	10.4% 19.3%	4.6% 11.0%	76.0% 81.6%	13.7% 20.1%	52.3% 51.5%	7.3% 5.5%	48.8% 52.8%	\$33,130 \$30,849	32.5% 25.3%	26.4% 25.6%	29.4% 25.4%	
Madison	366,519	12.8%	8.1%	25.9%	33.2%	18.1%	7.9%	49.9%	32.2%	14.7%	10.0%	3.2%	90.8%	40.6%	72.6%	3.5%	64.4%	\$62,750	9.7%	13.8%	19.1%	
Marengo	19,066	22.8%	13.5%	35.4%	55.1%	32.5%	18.6%	55.2%	36.1%	27.1%	17.5%	3.6%	83.2%	15.4%	64.9%	5.0%	48.2%	\$37,469	22.5%	22.0%	24.8%	
Marion	29,763	19.3%	16.2%	48.6%	24.3%	27.5%	10.5%	48.3%	26.0%	13.3%	12.5%	7.2%	80.7%	13.4%	66.3%	4.1%	51.7%	\$38,049	15.7%	13.3%	22.3%	
Marshall Mobile	96,109 413,757	20.1% 19.7%	16.6% 12.3%	32.1% 30.4%	47.8% 25.1%	31.4% 31.4%	10.1%	55.4% 50.7%	31.1% 30.2%	16.6% 16.9%	13.0% 13.6%	4.2% 4.5%	80.0% 86.3%	17.7% 23.0%	62.6% 53.4%	3.4% 4.7%	55.7% 57.5%	\$42,751 \$45,615	14.0% 18.7%	12.2% 17.9%	23.1%	
Monroe	21,067	23.8%	18.8%	53.0%	83.2%	34.2%	18.5%	65.8%	40.5%	37.2%	24.5%	6.6%	83.0%	12.5%	58.5%	6.2%	45.5%	\$36,432	17.6%	24.1%	27.9%	
Montgomery	225,763	21.3%	8.4%	28.1%	41.7%	33.7%	10.4%	49.6%	35.6%	20.4%	13.8%	4.5%	85.7%	32.3%	56.5%	4.0%	61.9%	\$45,833	21.4%	20.7%	22.4%	
Morgan	119,089	14.8%	10.9%	33.9%	40.2%	20.7%	10.6%	51.5%	32.1%	12.8%	10.9%	3.5%	82.5%	20.9%	62.6%	3.5%	57.1%	\$49,274	12.3%	12.9%	21.1%	
Perry Pickens	9,140 19,938	37.2% 22.3%	22.7% 11.4%	48.9% 37.7%	0.0%	51.3% 31.2%	29.3% 16.6%	70.5% 67.6%	52.9% 36.4%	34.8% 15.8%	26.0% 14.1%	10.9% 7.1%	80.0% 79.8%	16.9% 11.8%	53.7% 63.3%	6.5% 4.6%	36.0% 47.5%	\$26,703 \$38,379	34.3% 16.5%	28.6% 18.9%	32.9% 24.2%	
Pike	33,338	27.7%	17.5%	38.4%	19.6%	37.7%	11.8%	55.9%	37.3%	13.0%	15.4%	7.7%	81.1%	24.7%	52.9%	4.5%	57.2%	\$40,680	18.9%	21.0%	24.5%	
Randolph	22,725	17.0%	15.5%	22.4%	68.4%	27.9%	12.5%	46.8%	25.7%	17.2%	10.4%	7.9%	78.6%	14.6%	61.2%	4.0%	50.2%	\$41,112	19.9%	15.3%	23.0%	
Russell	57,781	23.2%	15.5%	25.0%	31.1%	34.9%	16.2%	41.8%	30.6%	20.0%	11.4%	6.5%	82.9%	16.9%	55.0%	4.0%	58.5%	\$36,186	20.6%	19.2%	22.3%	
Shelby St. Clair	215,707 88,690	7.4% 13.5%	6.3%	11.7% 18.5%	28.7% 17.1%	9.1% 17.6%	5.8% 9.8%	21.4% 32.1%	22.5% 33.9%	8.9% 11.3%	6.4% 7.9%	3.2%	92.1% 84.2%	42.2% 16.0%	69.8% 66.5%	2.9% 3.5%	66.4% 59.3%	\$74,098 \$52,755	5.2% 11.0%	9.3%	15.9% 19.3%	
Sumter	12,691	35.9%	21.0%	42.3%	0.0%	46.1%	26.9%	75.5%	47.9%	31.4%	25.0%	14.6%	82.7%	18.2%	47.7%	5.9%	46.7%	\$26,495	25.1%	27.7%	28.4%	
Talladega	79,828	18.3%	13.9%	28.5%	35.7%	27.5%	11.1%	45.7%	30.2%	15.3%	12.4%	3.9%	80.5%	13.6%	55.5%	4.3%	52.7%	\$41,733	15.3%	17.2%	23.0%	
Tallapoosa	40,497	18.3%	12.7%	40.7%	44.1%	28.0%	10.8%	58.9%	30.8%	17.6%	13.2%	3.7%	80.8%	18.2%	61.1%	4.2%	51.1%	\$44,469	16.9%	16.6%	24.3%	
Tuscaloosa Walker	208,911 63,711	15.9% 17.4%	12.0% 19.5%	26.3% 36.5%	26.2% 42.7%	19.7% 22.7%	6.6%	40.4% 56.8%	25.7% 32.3%	14.3% 19.1%	10.3%	4.7% 2.3%	88.2% 80.0%	30.2% 11.1%	63.2% 54.0%	3.7% 4.2%	58.9% 51.8%	\$51,644 \$41,925	11.5% 15.1%	16.4% 14.6%	19.8% 24.5%	
Washington	16,378	20.2%	24.6%	22.1%	0.0%	28.2%	15.2%	74.7%	36.3%	15.2%	13.0%	10.4%	82.4%	10.7%	47.4%	5.8%	47.3%	\$44,249	15.1%	17.2%	26.3%	
Wilcox	10,627	32.0%	11.9%	38.6%	100.0%	47.0%	21.7%	56.2%	46.4%	26.6%	24.1%	7.1%	79.1%	12.0%	52.9%	9.6%	41.3%	\$25,700	36.2%	29.3%	30.6%	
Winston	23,660	21.3%	17.9%	80.8%	25.5%	30.1%	10.1%	55.0%	28.5%	13.7%	13.3%	1.8%	77.2%	12.9%	61.5%	4.2%	50.3%	\$38,562	12.1%	13.1%	24.0%	

## **Terms and Definitions**

CHILDREN - Individuals under the age of 18.

**COLLEGE ENROLLMENT** – 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.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - The annual average percentage of the workforce that is unemployed. Persons are classified as unemployed if they do not have a job, have actively looked for work in the prior four weeks, and are currently available for work.

**WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION RATE** – The percent of individuals 16 and older that are in the workforce.

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