

ALABAMA IS THE NATION'S SIXTH POOREST STATE.

Nearly 900,000 of our neighbors – including 300,000 children – live below the poverty line.

Alabama Possible is a statewide 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that works to reduce systemic poverty and its root causes by inspiring Alabamians to pursue a state in which no individual's quality of life is diminished by poverty. Our work includes increasing college access and success for low-income and first generation college-going students, disrupting misperceptions about poverty, and advocating for fact-based policy making.





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		POVERTY RATE												— EDUCATION — EMPLOYMENT —					FOOD SECURITY——		
	Total Population ¹	All Persons ²	White ³	Black or African American ³	Hispanic or Latino ³	Children ²	Adults over 65 ³	Families With Related Children ³	Female-Headed Households With Related Children ³	Individuals 25 & Over Who Are Less Than High School Graduates ³	Individuals 25 & Over Who Graduated From High School or Have a GED ³	Individuals 25 & Over Who Have Some College or an Associate Degree ³	Individuals 25 & Over Who Have a Bachelor's Degree or Higher ³	Population 25 & Over Who Is a High School Graduate or Higher ³	Population 25 & Over Who Has a Bachelor's Degree or Higher ³	Annual Unemployment Rate ⁴	Median Household Income ²	SNAP Recipients ⁷	Food Insecurity ⁸	Childhood Food Insecurity ⁸	K-12 Free or Reduced Lunch Recipients ⁹
United States Alabama	318,857,056 4,849,377	15.8% 18.9%	12.5% 13.4%	27.1% 31.4%	24.7% 32.6%	22.2% 27.4%	9.4%	17.8% 23.1%	40.0% 48.8%	27.1% 30.1%	13.7% 15.5%	10.1% 11.8%	4.3% 4.1%	86.0% 83.1%	28.8% 22.6%	6.2% 6.8%	\$52,250 \$42,882	14.6% 18.6%	15.8% 18.8%	21.4% 26.2%	71.6% 63.5%
Alabama	55,395	13.5%	9.1%	25.4%	34.6%	19.6%	7.0%	13.0%	34.6%	26.7%	8.5%	6.9%	4.1%	85.6%	20.9%	6.0%	\$51,868	14.0%	13.9%	21.5%	49.1%
Baldwin	200,111	14.2%	10.7%	36.2%	27.9%	20.8%	5.4%	18.6%	42.8%	25.8%	12.2%	9.4%	4.2%	89.1%	27.7%	5.9%	\$47,539	11.8%	13.7%	23.9%	42.8%
Barbour	26,887	28.2%	12.1%	40.4%	39.8%	42.4%	17.7%	36.5%	66.6%	34.6%	19.8%	18.1%	1.8%	73.7%	13.4%	11.4%	\$30,981	23.7%	22.3%	29.5%	78.7%
Bibb Blount	22,506 57,719	23.1% 17.2%	14.1% 15.4%	35.2% 47.2%	22.2% 27.7%	35.6% 26.6%	11.6% 8.9%	24.8% 18.6%	48.7% 50.5%	19.8% 22.8%	12.3% 12.8%	11.4% 8.9%	2.4% 2.9%	77.5% 77.0%	12.1% 12.1%	7.0% 5.8%	\$39,781 \$44,392	17.5% 14.4%	16.2% 12.1%	26.3% 24.9%	63.6% 53.1%
Bullock	10,764	35.2%	12.8%	25.2%	33.2%	44.2%	23.5%	25.0%	43.8%	33.3%	13.7%	10.3%	4.0%	67.8%	12.5%	12.3%	\$25,937	26.5%	23.7%	23.8%	100.0%
Butler	20,296	28.8%	19.0%	40.7%	15.9%	39.8%	22.3%	38.3%	59.7%	35.6%	23.2%	21.1%	6.0%	76.3%	14.0%	8.6%	\$31,041	25.7%	22.3%	28.7%	84.3%
Calhoun Chambers	115,916 34,076	21.4% 22.5%	17.0% 14.0%	38.9% 38.8%	27.4% 38.5%	28.7% 34.7%	10.4% 13.5%	26.8% 36.2%	54.0% 60.9%	29.2% 29.0%	16.9% 18.4%	13.1% 16.3%	4.6% 1.5%	78.6% 75.1%	16.1% 11.8%	7.6% 6.9%	\$37,898 \$33,883	21.1% 21.8%	17.8% 20.5%	26.9% 28.3%	64.2% 74.9%
Cherokee	26,037	20.1%	20.5%	28.5%	40.3%	31.6%	10.7%	26.9%	52.1%	28.9%	21.2%	14.3%	2.8%	78.3%	12.8%	5.7%	\$37,478	18.9%	15.1%	28.9%	63.1%
Chilton	43,931	20.3%	17.2%	33.3%	44.1%	33.7%	9.9%	25.6%	58.4%	25.0%	13.4%	12.3%	4.5%	76.0%	12.9%	6.2%	\$41,348	19.2%	14.1%	26.6%	57.7%
Choctaw Clarke	13,323 24,945	22.4% 25.4%	13.0% 17.2%	31.8% 43.3%	69.2% 57.1%	31.0% 35.3%	17.4% 18.7%	27.7% 33.5%	61.9% 57.3%	27.5% 42.6%	14.0% 25.5%	16.5% 16.1%	8.7% 8.4%	75.2% 78.3%	11.8% 11.2%	8.3% 10.7%	\$33,581 \$34,593	24.2% 25.9%	18.9% 23.2%	24.1% 28.7%	88.5% 88.9%
Clay	13,552	19.6%	16.7%	28.7%	39.0%	28.9%	9.0%	23.3%	53.5%	35.2%	15.9%	10.2%	6.2%	76.5%	9.2%	7.9%	\$33,344	15.4%	16.8%	25.8%	65.3%
Cleburne	15,080	18.9%	17.7%	23.4%	44.7%	27.6%	13.4%	20.5%	55.2%	26.6%	13.4%	10.5%	0.8%	76.0%	9.0%	6.1%	\$40,407	17.1%	14.4%	27.5%	61.5%
Coffee Colbert	50,909 54,543	18.5% 16.3%	13.9% 15.4%	39.7% 25.8%	36.8% 58.2%	27.9% 25.8%	11.0% 10.6%	25.1% 25.2%	58.5% 48.8%	28.2% 26.5%	17.0% 15.2%	10.7% 9.4%	4.1% 4.6%	82.4% 83.5%	22.5% 17.7%	6.5% 7.9%	\$44,666 \$40,032	13.9% 16.3%	15.6% 16.3%	25.8% 26.3%	49.5% 53.1%
Conecuh	12,670	30.5%	19.4%	48.5%	46.6%	43.4%	18.7%	42.3%	68.0%	47.8%	28.6%	22.1%	0.6%	77.3%	8.8%	11.3%	\$27,196	28.7%	23.0%	29.3%	88.3%
Coosa	10,886	19.9%	15.6%	33.8%	25.3%	30.9%	15.8%	28.0%	55.6%	29.9%	18.9%	13.2%	2.5%	75.0%	9.8%	8.2%	\$35,175	17.2%	17.7%	26.0%	69.6%
Covington Crenshaw	37,914 13,977	19.2% 22.2%	17.0% 15.3%	38.8%	11.3% 25.1%	29.2% 31.3%	12.7% 15.2%	28.1% 19.6%	55.7% 44.2%	29.4% 24.3%	15.9% 18.8%	12.1% 11.7%	5.5% 5.2%	78.4% 76.7%	14.2% 12.7%	7.6% 6.5%	\$35,187 \$34,105	20.2% 20.6%	16.4% 17.2%	27.3% 24.7%	60.0% 65.0%
Cullman	81,289	16.4%	18.2%	40.4%	50.9%	22.6%	13.2%	23.1%	50.6%	32.2%	14.3%	12.5%	5.5%	79.8%	14.8%	5.6%	\$40,142	14.9%	13.9%	26.3%	53.4%
Dale	49,484	20.1%	12.8%	31.4%	35.8%	28.2%	9.1%	22.7%	50.1%	31.6%	17.3%	11.3%	1.8%	84.1%	17.0%	7.6%	\$41,805	20.7%	17.1%	24.8%	62.4%
Dallas DeKalb	41,711 71,065	31.3% 20.0%	13.6% 19.2%	44.9% 36.4%	19.7% 43.3%	49.6% 30.3%	18.9% 13.3%	42.9% 24.5%	63.2% 58.7%	37.8% 28.8%	30.2% 11.9%	19.0% 8.2%	8.8% 7.0%	77.5% 70.6%	14.2% 10.7%	13.1% 7.1%	\$27,524 \$36,713	38.9% 20.6%	28.6% 13.4%	33.2% 27.2%	100.0% 71.0%
Elmore	80,977	13.4%	10.2%	27.3%	26.3%	20.2%	8.7%	16.9%	41.3%	21.1%	12.4%	10.9%	1.1%	86.6%	21.0%	6.2%	\$51,650	15.0%	14.5%	22.4%	52.9%
Escambia Etowah	37,733 103,531	27.8% 19.6%	20.8%	35.6% 36.6%	40.1% 25.9%	37.1% 28.1%	15.6% 11.5%	34.1% 24.2%	63.0% 52.8%	34.6% 30.9%	22.6% 16.1%	13.8% 11.7%	6.2% 3.2%	76.2% 81.8%	11.7% 14.8%	8.6% 6.8%	\$33,455 \$38,587	25.1% 16.1%	19.8% 16.0%	28.2% 25.8%	69.4% 61.7%
Fayette	16,874	20.7%	16.4%	42.5%	26.1%	29.6%	12.6%	27.9%	68.5%	25.0%	16.1%	17.2%	3.4%	74.9%	13.2%	7.9%	\$35,661	21.9%	16.5%	27.8%	59.9%
Franklin	31,601	23.1%	19.1%	38.1%	27.3%	36.3%	14.9%	29.6%	68.8%	31.2%	18.1%	9.6%	6.2%	72.5%	11.0%	8.4%	\$33,332	20.2%	14.9%	28.2%	71.0%
Geneva Greene	26,712 8,553	23.6% 35.0%	18.3% 18.2%	37.8% 36.7%	45.4% 0.0%	38.2% 50.5%	9.4% 17.9%	30.1% 48.9%	57.6% 68.4%	26.6% 34.0%	17.5% 28.6%	11.6% 20.3%	6.6% 6.4%	77.2% 76.2%	10.4% 12.8%	6.7% 11.6%	\$35,378 \$25,864	22.1% 36.0%	16.0% 26.6%	28.6% 29.2%	63.4% 92.4%
Hale	15,184	25.7%	9.5%	37.9%	5.8%	38.8%	18.2%	32.7%	55.0%	29.3%	23.7%	16.0%	4.7%	77.4%	12.8%	8.8%	\$33,597	27.0%	22.9%	27.0%	75.9%
Henry	17,190	18.2%	10.8%	23.6%	23.5%	28.7%	15.5%	20.3%	57.3%	25.6%	12.4%	10.9%	3.1%	80.1%	16.6%	7.2%	\$41,590	18.6%	15.9%	22.6%	62.5%
Houston Jackson	104,193 52,665	18.1% 16.9%	11.1% 15.2%	35.5% 24.6%	36.0% 36.8%	30.1% 28.1%	9.8% 13.0%	24.4% 23.0%	50.6% 51.5%	30.6% 23.5%	14.8% 15.1%	9.7% 9.8%	3.2% 2.3%	83.9% 74.6%	19.7% 13.0%	6.9% 6.5%	\$39,636 \$37,204	18.3% 16.3%	17.4% 14.2%	25.0% 25.2%	63.0% 60.4%
Jefferson	660,793	18.9%	9.8%	27.8%	32.1%	26.8%	10.7%	21.7%	43.2%	32.1%	15.9%	13.1%	4.6%	87.4%	30.0%	6.3%	\$45,024	17.9%	18.4%	21.8%	56.8%
Lamar	14,086	23.0%	20.5%	34.7%	60.6%	30.8%	13.8%	25.8%	56.7%	28.9%	14.9%	17.6%	2.7%	76.1%	9.5%	7.6%	\$36,475	20.2%	17.0%	28.0%	59.6%
Lauderdale Lawrence	93,096 33,477	17.1% 17.4%	15.1% 16.3%	33.9% 24.3%	23.2% 38.3%	24.5% 26.2%	8.7% 11.4%	19.8% 23.1%	52.8% 52.6%	27.5% 28.5%	11.6% 11.8%	10.0% 11.2%	5.1% 1.3%	83.8% 77.1%	21.1% 11.9%	6.9% 8.1%	\$43,586 \$40,713	13.6% 19.1%	15.3% 15.3%	25.1% 25.8%	50.7% 64.1%
Lee	154,255	19.8%	18.9%	31.2%	33.5%	21.8%	8.7%	17.6%	45.6%	32.0%	13.7%	11.4%	5.7%	86.7%	32.5%	5.4%	\$44,647	11.4%	17.5%	21.5%	48.5%
Limestone	90,787	15.9%	12.8%	20.4%	47.3%	21.2%	11.2%	18.9%	42.0%	29.6%	12.3%	7.5%	3.6%	81.5%	22.7%	6.0%	\$50,148	12.8%	13.5%	22.7%	50.1%
Lowndes Macon	10,580 19,425	37.0% 33.8%	4.1% 12.7%	34.5% 30.5%	47.6% 13.3%	53.1% 46.4%	22.7% 17.4%	33.9% 38.7%	57.3% 59.0%	43.5% 30.7%	19.1% 21.3%	14.8% 22.2%	5.2% 8.1%	73.9% 80.0%	14.4% 19.6%	12.5% 8.9%	\$29,734 \$29,228	37.8% 35.0%	25.6% 25.4%	26.1% 25.8%	100.0% 100.0%
Madison	350,299	13.9%	8.4%	23.8%	22.1%	19.6%	7.1%	15.4%	38.5%	27.8%	13.4%	9.7%	2.8%	90.0%	38.5%	6.0%	\$58,258	11.5%	14.8%	20.5%	53.1%
Marengo	20,110	31.5%	5.6%	40.8%	36.8%	50.0%	19.8%	31.8%	66.3%	37.3%	21.9%	19.1%	2.4%	83.7%	17.4%	8.2%	\$33,749	26.0%	21.3%	25.0%	71.8%
Marion Marshall	30,271 94,636	20.8% 18.1%	19.9% 18.5%	48.3% 29.7%	10.0% 38.6%	30.5% 29.5%	12.8% 11.4%	29.8% 25.6%	62.4% 53.5%	27.3% 29.0%	17.1% 14.9%	14.2% 10.5%	3.9% 4.7%	74.6% 76.2%	9.5% 15.2%	8.8% 6.6%	\$34,162 \$38,399	20.0% 19.0%	16.1% 13.5%	28.8% 27.0%	53.7% 71.5%
Mobile	415,123	20.3%	12.2%	32.4%	20.8%	31.3%	11.9%	24.7%	48.3%	32.4%	16.3%	12.7%	4.3%	83.9%	20.7%	7.8%	\$42,278	21.7%	18.9%	24.6%	96.4%
Monroe	21,947	29.7%	17.0%	45.5%	0.0%	39.1%	20.7%	39.6%	67.7% 46.7%	35.7%	24.8% 17.8%	19.7% 13.6%	3.2% 4.6%	76.1%	10.6%	12.0%	\$32,696	22.8%	22.9%	30.8%	68.8%
Montgomery Morgan	226,189 119,607	22.1% 17.4%	9.7% 12.9%	29.6% 33.8%	36.5% 33.4%	33.0% 25.1%	9.2% 9.8%	26.9% 20.6%	49.1%	36.9% 26.8%	11.2%	10.5%	5.2%	85.6% 81.4%	31.5% 19.9%	7.3% 6.5%	\$44,013 \$44,079	23.4% 13.6%	20.9%	22.8% 24.3%	100.0% 52.6%
Perry	9,826	36.4%	8.1%	32.7%	-	52.6%	21.9%	41.0%	64.9%	25.9%	20.2%	21.0%	6.0%	70.2%	10.4%	13.0%	\$25,461	42.8%	26.3%	27.8%	100.0%
Pickens	20,365	23.8%	12.4%	47.9%	4.6%	36.3%	20.9%	34.7%	58.1%	39.2%	23.1%	19.3%	8.9%	79.7%	11.0%	8.0%	\$32,314	20.6%	21.1%	26.8%	75.5%
Pike Randolph	33,389 22,539	25.3% 23.4%	20.0% 19.4%	38.0% 38.2%	11.4% 64.5%	34.8% 34.1%	14.8% 17.8%	30.2% 27.8%	45.9% 51.6%	34.4% 37.2%	16.2% 20.2%	13.5% 11.3%	7.9% 6.5%	81.0% 72.6%	23.0% 11.1%	7.0% 7.2%	\$35,944 \$35,121	22.0% 23.6%	21.2% 18.1%	25.0% 27.4%	69.0% 63.4%
Russell	59,608	23.9%	16.3%	29.0%	23.5%	34.0%	17.9%	27.0%	46.0%	32.6%	17.6%	13.0%	6.1%	80.4%	16.0%	8.4%	\$35,762	24.5%	20.4%	25.3%	68.4%
St. Clair	86,697	14.0% 8.3%	14.4%	22.0%	47.2%	20.7%	8.2% 3.9%	18.9%	46.2%	26.5%	11.6%	10.2% 4.9%	3.0%	82.0%	15.5%	5.9%	\$52,437 \$68,718	13.8%	13.2%	24.1%	52.3%
Shelby Sumter	206,655 13,166	8.3% 38.0%	6.4% 17.6%	13.7% 45.0%	31.0% 8.6%	11.2% 48.8%	17.5%	9.3% 49.2%	28.8% 66.7%	18.9% 35.1%	9.4% 26.4%	4.9% 38.5%	2.5% 4.8%	91.2% 75.5%	40.3% 14.9%	4.7% 10.3%	\$68,718 \$24,504	6.8% 32.5%	10.7% 27.7%	18.6% 27.6%	32.6% 100.0%
Talladega	81,322	19.8%	16.5%	36.6%	19.7%	28.9%	13.9%	31.7%	59.3%	32.2%	17.0%	15.7%	4.4%	78.9%	13.0%	7.2%	\$38,505	20.0%	18.8%	26.8%	70.9%
Tallapoosa	41,165	22.2%	13.8%	35.0%	54.0%	36.3%	9.8%	30.1%	43.8%	22.1%	16.9%	12.0%	3.4%	79.2% 86.6%	16.3%	8.3%	\$37,747	20.7%	17.9%	27.3%	63.0% 61.6%
Tuscaloosa Walker	202,212 65,471	17.2% 22.0%	14.2% 19.8%	29.4% 30.2%	27.3% 47.8%	23.4% 32.2%	6.9%	21.2% 26.1%	49.5% 53.2%	31.6% 30.0%	13.7% 14.7%	11.0% 14.6%	4.9% 4.0%	86.6% 76.4%	27.0% 10.5%	6.1% 6.9%	\$45,959 \$37,193	13.9% 19.7%	17.5% 15.6%	22.4% 27.9%	61.6% 60.7%
Washington	16,834	19.7%	14.2%	32.9%	57.9%	29.2%	10.9%	23.7%	50.6%	29.1%	14.5%	9.6%	1.8%	80.5%	9.5%	10.1%	\$41,115	17.7%	17.3%	26.0%	62.2%
Wilcox Winston	11,098 24,150	32.4% 21.9%	8.8% 23.0%	50.2% 63.2%	58.3% 52.8%	50.1% 33.9%	20.1% 15.0%	49.3% 34.3%	64.0% 65.8%	44.9% 34.3%	41.6% 16.4%	21.8% 15.7%	3.2% 4.6%	76.1% 72.7%	11.1% 10.4%	16.0% 9.1%	\$23,184 \$33,578	41.4% 15.6%	29.8% 16.9%	32.4% 32.8%	100.0% 60.3%

HOMELESS PERSONS"

403,958 U.S.

3,530 Alabama

1,048 Bessemer, Birmingham, Hoover/Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair Counties

155 Florence/Lauderdale, Colbert, Franklin, Marion, Winston and Lawrence Counties

428 Huntsville, Decatur/Madison, Limestone and Morgan Counties

409 Montgomery/Montgomery, Elmore, Lowndes and Bullock Counties

455 Mobile/Mobile and Baldwin Counties

187 Tuscaloosa/Tuscaloosa County

397 Anniston, Gadsden/Calhoun and Etowah Counties

451 Balance of the State of Alabama

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Terms and Definitions

CHILDREN – Individuals under the age of 18.

FOOD INSECURITY – The USDA definition includes households with limited or uncertain access to adequate food including reports of reduced quality, variety, or desirability of diet and also includes households with members who went hungry or skipped meals at some point during the year.

HOMELESSNESS – The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development use a point-in-time homelessness count, which is a locally planned and coordinated count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January.

K-12 FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH RECIPIENTS – State and county-level participation rates were calculated by assigning a value equal to enrollment to schools adopting the Community Eligibility Provision and then by incorporating city school system totals into corresponding county totals.

POVERTY – The 2014 U.S. Census Bureau poverty guideline for the 48 contiguous states was \$19,790 for a family of 3 and \$23,850 for a family of 4.

POVERTY RATE – The percent of persons (or families) who live below the federal poverty line as calculated by the Census Bureau.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE – The annual average percentage of the work force that is unemployed. Persons are classified as unemployed if they do not have a job, have actively looked for work in the prior 4 weeks, and are currently available for work.

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