

# ALABAMA IS THE NATION'S FOURTH POOREST STATE.

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

Alabama Possible is a statewide nonprofit organization that removes barriers to prosperity in Alabama through education, collaboration, and advocacy. Our research-driven work broadens relationships and enhances capacity building, with a focus on addressing systemic poverty. It is possible for all Alabamians to lead prosperous lives, and our programs work to make that possibility a reality. We have been changing the way people think and talk about poverty in Alabama since 1993.







Under 12% in poverty 12% - 15.4% in poverty

15.5% - 19% in poverty19% and above in poverty

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	Total Population¹	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 over 65 <sup>3</sup>	Families With Related Children <sup>3</sup>	Female-Headed Households With Related Children <sup>3</sup>	Individuals 25 & Over Who Are Less Than High School Graduates <sup>3</sup>	Individuals 25 & Over Who Graduated From High School or Have a GED <sup>3</sup>	Individuals 25 & Over Who Have Some College or an Associate Degree <sup>3</sup>	Individuals 25 & Over Who Have a Bachelor's Degree or Higher <sup>3</sup>	Population 25 & Over Who Is a High School Graduate or Higher <sup>3</sup>	Population 25 & Over Who Has a Bachelor's Degree or Higher <sup>3</sup>	Annual Unemployment Rate⁴	Median Household Income <sup>2</sup>	SNAP Recipients <sup>5</sup>	Food Insecurity <sup>6</sup>	Childhood Food Insecurity <sup>6</sup>	Opportunity Index <sup>10</sup>
United States Alabama	321,418,820 4,858,979	15.5% 19.2%	12.8% 13.8%	27.3% 31.6%	24.8% 33.9%	21.7% 27.4%	9.4%	18.1% 23.5%	40.5% 49.6%	27.6% 30.8%	14.2% 16.1%	10.5% 12.2%	4.5% 4.3%	86.3% 83.7%	29.3% 23.1%	5.3% 6.1%	\$53,657 \$42,917	14.2% 18.3%	15.4% 18.8%	20.9%	54.0 47.4
Autauga	55,347	13.1%	9.0%	29.1%	23.2%	18.1%	6.9%	14.7%	42.6%	24.6%	10.2%	8.0%	4.5%	86.2%	21.9%	5.2%	\$54,366	14.0%	14.4%	22.4%	46.3
Baldwin	203,709	13.0%	11.2%	32.8%	20.4%	19.8%	6.6%	18.3%	42.3%	25.3%	13.1%	9.2%	4.9%	89.0%	28.6%	5.5%	\$49,626	11.2%	13.7%	23.8%	47.7
Barbour	26,489	25.4%	10.9%	37.0%	37.8%	38.1%	15.7%	33.1%	54.6%	30.6%	21.3%	13.9%	1.4%	74.6%	13.6%	8.9%	\$34,971	24.1%	23.3%	30.0%	32.4
Bibb Blount	22,583 57,673	18.1% 17.5%	14.7% 16.8%	26.9% 41.8%	25.6% 38.7%	26.8% 24.1%	11.3% 9.6%	23.6%	46.0% 60.4%	20.1% 27.3%	14.4% 13.9%	9.3%	3.1%	77.9% 78.1%	10.2% 12.3%	6.6% 5.4%	\$39,546 \$45,567	16.1% 13.3%	16.4% 12.2%	26.6% 25.5%	39.8 41.9
Bullock	10,696	35.1%	10.9%	24.5%	22.1%	43.1%	20.7%	28.8%	45.0%	30.6%	11.8%	11.7%	4.3%	65.5%	14.1%	7.8%	\$26,580	27.2%	24.4%	23.9%	-
Butler	20,154	25.0%	17.3%	36.8%	18.0%	36.7%	17.6%	36.5%	58.5%	32.9%	22.2%	17.7%	6.6%	76.6%	14.3%	7.5%	\$32,512	25.3%	22.6%	29.1%	32.5
Calhoun	115,620	20.5%	16.8%	39.1%	28.9%	28.1%	11.0%	27.3%	57.3%	30.3%	16.6%	13.0%	4.5%	80.1%	16.9%	7.0%	\$41,123	20.6%	18.2%	27.9%	42.0
Chambers	34,123	21.3%	14.5% 20.3%	38.0% 27.5%	27.8%	31.6% 27.9%	13.1%	33.8% 27.5%	54.0%	35.1%	16.0%	14.5%	1.7% 2.7%	77.5%	12.2%	6.0%	\$34,116	21.3%	21.1%	28.7%	34.4 37.9
Cherokee Chilton	25,859 43,943	18.6% 18.1%	16.4%	33.3%	44.3% 37.5%	27.9%	12.8% 11.2%	24.6%	51.8% 59.0%	28.6% 24.5%	21.6% 13.3%	14.7% 12.0%	4.7%	79.5% 77.5%	13.7% 13.5%	5.4% 5.7%	\$38,013 \$41,450	17.9% 17.9%	14.6% 14.1%	28.6% 26.4%	38.9
Choctaw	13,170	25.0%	14.5%	30.6%	87.5%	31.9%	16.9%	29.4%	64.7%	27.1%	14.3%	17.2%	9.1%	74.1%	12.8%	9.1%	\$35,049	24.4%	20.7%	25.6%	38.4
Clarke	24,675	24.9%	16.7%	39.4%	51.0%	33.7%	15.9%	31.6%	54.6%	39.7%	24.9%	14.4%	9.8%	80.1%	11.9%	11.8%	\$36,620	25.3%	25.1%	29.6%	32.9
Clay	13,555	19.5%	15.2%	32.3%	5.4%	28.9%	9.0%	21.1%	50.9%	30.4%	13.7%	11.7%	3.8%	74.9%	8.6%	6.2%	\$35,940	14.8%	16.3%	26.2%	36.5
Cleburne Coffee	15,018 51,211	17.0% 16.8%	17.2% 14.9%	15.4% 35.7%	70.7% 34.7%	24.8% 25.0%	12.8% 10.8%	21.2% 26.7%	54.0% 55.9%	26.8% 27.8%	12.7% 18.0%	8.8% 11.1%	0.7% 4.6%	75.3% 83.1%	10.6% 23.2%	6.0% 5.9%	\$40,418	15.7% 14.1%	14.2%	27.6% 25.9%	41.0 42.4
Colbert	54,354	16.7%	15.6%	27.4%	42.0%	25.3%	10.6%	25.4%	46.0%	26.7%	14.9%	11.1%	4.0%	83.6%	17.6%	7.9%	\$46,931 \$43,057	15.8%	17.2%	27.9%	42.4
Conecuh	12,672	30.6%	19.2%	49.2%	35.4%	41.2%	16.6%	43.0%	73.0%	44.7%	27.8%	21.8%	0.7%	76.0%	8.3%	9.2%	\$29,101	28.0%	24.5%	31.1%	32.9
Coosa	10,724	18.8%	15.3%	31.3%	23.5%	29.0%	13.9%	28.7%	49.7%	32.4%	19.7%	11.0%	3.0%	75.9%	9.1%	6.7%	\$34,679	17.0%	18.9%	26.9%	34.5
Covington	37,835	20.8%	16.7%	41.6%	11.4%	30.2%	11.8%	28.1%	56.7%	29.2%	15.6%	13.8%	6.2%	80.0%	14.6%	7.1%	\$36,149	20.2%	16.6%	28.0%	42.8
Crenshaw Cullman	13,963 82,005	21.2% 17.2%	15.5% 17.5%	24.2% 41.1%	15.3%	28.0% 23.5%	15.3% 12.6%	17.1% 20.9%	34.1% 45.8%	21.1%	19.9% 15.2%	10.8%	5.6% 5.6%	76.9% 81.5%	12.5% 15.1%	6.0% 5.3%	\$34,445	21.1% 13.7%	17.3% 13.4%	24.0% 25.8%	46.2 43.3
Dale	49,565	22.4%	13.7%	32.6%	50.9% 29.4%	33.5%	11.2%	23.6%	50.6%	34.6%	17.9%	11.8%	2.9%	84.7%	16.9%	6.4%	\$39,922 \$41,940	20.5%	17.5%	25.3%	43.3
Dallas	41,131	35.2%	13.4%	44.9%	26.4%	49.5%	16.6%	45.1%	60.7%	40.2%	29.3%	20.8%	8.9%	77.7%	14.5%	9.6%	\$26,602	38.6%	30.3%	34.3%	28.7
DeKalb	71,130	24.0%	17.5%	25.1%	47.3%	36.5%	12.7%	25.2%	58.3%	29.5%	12.5%	9.9%	9.1%	73.1%	11.3%	6.0%	\$36,241	20.8%	12.9%	26.1%	41.7
Elmore	81,468	14.4%	9.9%	26.3%	26.5%	20.7%	7.3%	17.0%	39.3%	19.3%	14.0%	9.0%	1.3%	87.2%	21.4%	5.1%	\$54,298	14.4%	14.5%	22.3%	43.6
Escambia Etowah	37,789 103,057	25.1% 19.0%	19.7% 15.9%	39.8% 36.1%	24.7% 31.2%	31.6% 29.5%	14.2% 11.2%	33.7% 24.8%	61.0% 55.1%	37.0% 31.6%	21.3% 16.5%	15.2% 11.0%	7.2% 3.7%	78.6% 82.1%	12.5% 15.4%	7.0% 6.1%	\$37,077 \$39,904	24.1% 14.9%	20.8%	28.9% 26.9%	33.6 40.4
Fayette	16,759	20.6%	17.1%	42.8%	47.9%	29.2%	13.2%	29.6%	68.5%	26.6%	16.4%	17.4%	5.6%	76.1%	13.8%	7.0%	\$35,664	21.8%	17.3%	29.3%	40.4
Franklin	31,696	23.1%	22.8%	33.7%	41.3%	35.5%	14.1%	35.2%	75.1%	31.1%	18.0%	11.2%	3.2%	74.4%	10.9%	6.4%	\$33,881	19.8%	15.0%	29.9%	41.6
Geneva	26,777	23.9%	19.6%	40.8%	45.3%	36.4%	11.2%	33.8%	66.3%	28.4%	16.9%	14.8%	7.6%	78.1%	11.2%	5.9%	\$34,425	21.2%	16.0%	29.2%	42.3
Greene	8,479	33.2%	20.8%	40.8%	12.8%	45.7%	17.3%	50.8%	64.7%	36.8%	33.4%	22.0%	8.9%	75.1%	11.5%	11.0%	\$26,504	35.2%	31.3%	34.5%	29.3
Hale Henry	15,068 17,221	28.1% 17.3%	13.6% 11.7%	37.8% 22.6%	1.2% 16.3%	36.8% 27.4%	20.0% 15.7%	34.2% 18.6%	62.5% 50.4%	33.5% 23.6%	23.9% 14.2%	16.3% 12.9%	6.2% 2.9%	79.4% 79.5%	14.0% 16.8%	7.8% 6.8%	\$33,315 \$39,930	26.1% 17.8%	24.5% 16.6%	28.6% 22.9%	35.5 40.8
Houston	104,173	20.1%	11.8%	34.8%	35.2%	31.1%	9.6%	25.1%	51.0%	29.9%	15.0%	10.4%	3.4%	84.3%	20.1%	6.2%	\$40,124	18.4%	18.2%	26.0%	47.2
Jackson	52,419	22.0%	16.7%	37.2%	59.3%	28.8%	14.0%	26.7%	60.6%	27.3%	15.4%	13.5%	2.9%	75.3%	12.9%	6.6%	\$36,923	15.4%	14.7%	27.2%	44.1
Jefferson	660,367	19.5%	10.3%	28.5%	36.1%	29.4%	10.7%	23.4%	46.2%	34.2%	17.1%	13.8%	4.5%	87.7%	30.3%	5.8%	\$44,852	17.6%	19.7%	23.2%	51.3
Lamar	13,886	20.6%	20.6%	37.7%	80.6%	28.3%	17.5%	30.1%	80.0%	28.4%	16.7%	17.0%	3.7%	77.9%	11.4%	6.3%	\$34,553	18.9%	16.7%	29.1%	37.0
Lauderdale Lawrence	92,596 33,115	18.7% 16.6%	16.6% 16.0%	34.8% 23.3%	28.0% 41.7%	26.3% 23.2%	9.3%	22.5%	57.5% 52.9%	28.3% 29.6%	12.5% 12.9%	12.3% 10.7%	6.5% 2.7%	84.0% 78.1%	22.1% 11.3%	6.9% 7.7%	\$41,324 \$41,574	13.5% 19.1%	16.0% 15.4%	26.6% 25.4%	48.6 39.4
Lee	156,993	25.2%	20.7%	32.4%	34.4%	26.4%	9.2%	18.9%	44.6%	35.8%	15.0%	12.5%	6.1%	87.5%	33.2%	5.1%	\$41,256	11.2%	18.3%	23.0%	47.7
Limestone	91,663	13.6%	12.5%	17.6%	40.5%	18.9%	10.0%	16.3%	38.7%	28.0%	13.0%	7.4%	3.5%	82.6%	23.1%	5.5%	\$51,175	12.4%	13.6%	22.6%	44.8
Lowndes	10,458	31.4%	2.9%	38.3%	37.1%	42.7%	22.3%	36.6%	57.4%	46.0%	19.6%	18.2%	5.6%	72.7%	13.2%	11.6%	\$30,675	37.2%	28.8%	29.5%	29.2
Macon	19,105	32.1%	14.8%	29.0%	23.8%	44.4%	17.5%	37.4%	60.0%	30.4%	22.9%	19.3%	8.5%	81.3%	19.4%	8.1%	\$28,518	34.5%	27.9%	27.3%	41.2
Madison Marengo	353,089 20,028	14.2% 25.6%	9.1%	24.2% 39.0%	24.9% 23.8%	20.3% 32.7%	7.7% 20.8%	15.8% 30.8%	40.6% 63.3%	28.4% 38.7%	13.7% 23.1%	10.6% 19.9%	3.2% 3.7%	90.1% 84.3%	38.6% 16.0%	5.5% 7.7%	\$58,833 \$32,977	11.6% 25.5%	15.5% 22.6%	21.4% 26.1%	51.8 37.9
Marion	30,168	20.2%	18.9%	44.1%	13.5%	26.4%	11.2%	25.9%	59.6%	24.6%	16.8%	12.6%	6.3%	74.9%	11.1%	7.0%	\$37,707	19.7%	15.5%	27.6%	37.8
Marshall	94,725	22.0%	18.1%	27.9%	41.8%	33.3%	10.3%	26.6%	50.8%	30.0%	14.5%	11.9%	3.5%	77.1%	16.1%	5.8%	\$36,536	18.9%	13.3%	26.9%	40.7
Mobile	415,395	19.6%	12.4%	32.4%	21.3%	29.8%	11.8%	25.0%	48.7%	32.3%	17.2%	13.2%	4.2%	84.9%	21.4%	7.0%	\$42,943	21.5%	19.7%	25.6%	42.2
Monroe Montgomery	21,673 226,519	25.3% 22.5%	17.2% 10.3%	46.7% 30.4%	36.8% 38.7%	33.3% 32.2%	19.9% 9.6%	31.5% 28.1%	63.5% 49.1%	36.6% 37.3%	28.6% 19.8%	20.5% 13.7%	3.2% 4.8%	78.6% 85.0%	12.5% 31.3%	10.1% 6.2%	\$34,733 \$43,054	21.9% 23.6%	24.1% 22.7%	30.9% 24.4%	31.9 43.5
Morgan	119,565	15.0%	12.7%	29.5%	31.8%	23.4%	8.5%	19.5%	49.1%	26.5%	9.9%	11.1%	4.8%	81.9%	19.9%	5.8%	\$45,082	13.3%	14.2%	24.4%	42.8
Perry	9,652	46.9%	15.3%	46.3%	0.0%	65.9%	28.1%	48.9%	73.7%	38.5%	27.2%	32.9%	7.3%	69.6%	9.1%	10.0%	\$27,403	41.1%	30.0%	33.4%	40.7
Pickens	20,864	25.0%	12.9%	42.1%	5.8%	34.5%	20.2%	32.3%	55.7%	40.0%	20.7%	17.2%	5.5%	78.6%	9.6%	6.8%	\$31,933	18.9%	22.1%	27.7%	39.4
Pike	33,046	26.4%	18.5%	39.8%	14.2%	34.0%	15.9%	27.5%	46.6%	33.8%	18.4%	15.3%	6.7%	80.0%	23.6%	6.7%	\$31,844	22.0%	22.3%	26.1%	36.7
Randolph Russell	22,696 59,660	20.4% 20.9%	19.3% 16.9%	35.1% 29.0%	53.1% 14.4%	29.8% 30.3%	16.6% 16.7%	25.4% 26.8%	48.0% 47.4%	35.7% 33.3%	19.0% 18.6%	11.9% 12.9%	7.7% 6.1%	74.5% 81.3%	12.4% 15.5%	5.9% 6.0%	\$36,939 \$35,585	22.9% 24.3%	17.8% 21.2%	27.0% 25.6%	36.2 33.3
St. Clair	87,074	14.3%	15.0%	25.9%	42.7%	18.5%	9.2%	19.4%	41.3%	29.9%	12.7%	10.3%	2.6%	82.4%	15.5%	5.2%	\$50,571	13.0%	13.2%	24.3%	43.0
Shelby	208,713	9.6%	6.9%	14.0%	32.9%	11.7%	4.5%	9.2%	28.0%	22.5%	9.6%	5.3%	2.9%	91.3%	40.2%	4.2%	\$69,432	6.6%	10.5%	18.4%	59.8
Sumter	13,103	38.1%	16.2%	45.8%	17.8%	51.1%	17.6%	50.1%	68.2%	41.6%	27.3%	36.2%	5.4%	77.1%	15.0%	8.0%	\$25,413	31.0%	28.7%	29.5%	36.3
Talladega	80,862	22.5%	17.1%	35.0%	37.1%	32.7%	12.6%	33.3%	60.7%	30.2%	17.3%	15.6%	4.8%	79.6%	12.5%	6.6%	\$39,999	18.6%	19.8%	29.0%	35.1
Tallapoosa Tuscaloosa	40,844 203,976	21.3% 18.0%	15.6% 13.0%	34.2% 29.8%	57.6% 29.5%	34.1% 23.2%	9.9% 7.5%	31.8% 20.6%	50.5% 48.6%	28.0% 31.8%	16.9% 13.8%	12.8% 10.0%	4.9% 4.5%	80.3% 87.0%	17.6% 27.7%	6.1% 5.5%	\$36,779 \$46,892	19.9% 13.3%	18.8%	28.6% 23.0%	40.4 45.1
Walker	65,294	23.5%	21.8%	31.6%	47.0%	23.2%	10.2%	29.9%	56.7%	31.0%	17.7%	16.1%	3.3%	77.1%	10.7%	7.2%	\$37,245	13.3% 19.8%	16.3%	29.7%	36.6
Washington	16,804	18.5%	13.8%	24.8%	57.1%	32.9%	10.8%	16.6%	37.0%	27.6%	11.5%	8.6%	3.2%	82.0%	10.3%	8.9%	\$41,321	17.3%	16.9%	25.2%	36.8
Wilcox	11,059	33.7%	11.4%	50.8%	89.7%	26.7%	19.7%	53.6%	71.2%	51.7%	39.8%	23.0%	6.6%	78.6%	11.5%	14.7%	\$24,035	41.5%	33.0%	36.8%	33.2
Winston	23,877	20.1%	21.0%	55.1%	38.2%	47.1%	14.1%	29.3%	59.7%	31.4%	15.1%	16.5%	2.2%	73.8%	11.1%	7.6%	\$35,528	15.3%	15.9%	31.6%	41.3

## **HOMELESS PERSONS**°

**564,708** U.S.

**3,970** Alabama

**1,153** Bessemer, Birmingham, Hoover/Jefferson, Shelby, and St. Clair Counties

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

420 Huntsville, Decatur/Madison, Limestone, and Morgan Counties

441 Montgomery/Montgomery, Elmore, Lowndes, and Bullock Counties

**578** Mobile/Mobile and Baldwin Counties

**339** Tuscaloosa/Tuscaloosa County

156 Anniston, Gadsden/Calhoun and Etowah Counties

**638** Balance of the State of Alabama

#### Sources

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### **Terms and Definitions**

CHILDREN – Individuals under the age of 18.

**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 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.

**HOMELESSNESS** – The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development uses 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.

**OPPORTUNITY INDEX** – The Opportunity Index is jointly developed by Measure of America and Opportunity Nation. The index is made up of a set of indicators grouped into three broad dimensions: Jobs and Local Economy, Education, and Community Health and Civic Life. The state index is made up of 16 indicators; the county index includes 14 indicators.

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