

General Information and Demographics for Madison County, Alabama

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(County Commission as of March 2003)

CENSUS DATA FOR MADISON COUNTY

July 1, 2001 Population Estimate	281,931
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Source: Census Bureau Population Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau.

Category	Total	Percent
POPULATION		
Total 2000 population	276,700	
Total area (sq. miles)	812.85	
Total land area (sq. miles)	804.92	
Population density (per sq. mile)	343.8	
Male population	135,019	48.8
Female population	141,681	51.2
Male to female ratio (males per 100 females)	95.3	
Total population in households	269,442	97.4
Total population in group quarters	7,258	2.6
RACE		
White	199,401	72.1
Black or African American	63,025	22.8
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,129	0.8
Asian	5,140	1.9
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	158	0.1
Some other race	1,629	0.6
Two or more races	5,218	1.9
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	5,226	1.9
AGE		
Median age (years)	35.7	
Male median age (years)	34.9	
Female median age (years)	36.5	

Category	Total	Percent
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	109,955	
Family households (families)	75,342	68.5
With own children under 18 years	36,307	33.0
Households with individuals under 18 years	39,447	35.9
Households with individuals 65 years and over	21,590	19.6
Average household size	2.45	
Average family size	3.00	
RACE OF HOUSEHOLDER		
Occupied housing units	109,955	
White	82,592	75.1
Black or African American	22,959	20.9
Indian and Alaska Native	748	0.7
Asian	1,633	1.5
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	58	0.1
Some other race	450	0.4
Two or more races	1,515	1.4
HOUSING		
Total housing units	120,288	
Housing unit density (per sq. mile)	149.4	
Occupied housing units	109,955	91.4
Owner-occupied housing units	76,830	69.9
Renter-occupied housing units	33,125	30.1
Vacant housing units	10,333	8.6
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.58	
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.16	

Source: Census 2000 SF1 Data, U.S. Census Bureau.

Category	Total	Percent
HOUSING DETAIL		
Total housing units	120,288	
UNITS IN STRUCTURE		
1-unit, detached	83,226	69.2
1-unit, attached	2,340	1.9
2 units	2,475	2.1
3 or 4 units	6,414	5.3
5 to 9 units	8,070	6.7
10 to 19 units	5,177	4.3
20 or more units	5,143	4.3
Mobile home	7,381	6.1
Boat, RV, van, etc.	62	0.1

Category	Total	Percent
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT		
1999 to March 2000	3,760	3.1
1995 to 1998	11,757	9.8
1990 to 1994	15,225	12.7
1980 to 1989	27,317	22.7
1970 to 1979	20,162	16.8
1960 to 1969	24,691	20.5
1940 to 1959	13,757	11.4
1939 or earlier	3,619	3.0
Median value for specified owner-occupied units	\$103,300	
SOCIAL		
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT		
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	78,591	
Nursery school, preschool	5,701	7.3
Kindergarten	4,172	5.3
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	32,854	41.8
High school (grades 9-12)	14,652	18.6
College or graduate school	21,212	27.0
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 years and over	180,389	
Less than 9th grade	8,389	4.7
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	17,919	9.9
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	39,591	21.9
Some college, no degree	41,649	23.1
Associate degree	11,027	6.1
Bachelor's degree	40,961	22.7
Graduate or professional degree	20,853	11.6
Percent high school graduate or higher	85.4	
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	34.3	
MARITAL STATUS		
Population 15 years and over	217,347	
Never married	50,124	23.1
Now married, except separated	126,798	58.3
Separated	4,275	2.0
Widowed	12,463	5.7
Female	10,394	4.8
Divorced	23,687	10.9
Female	13,801	6.3
VETERAN STATUS		
Civilian population 18 years and over	204,803	
Civilian veterans	32,861	16.0

Category	Total	Percent
ECONOMIC		
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
Population 16 years and over	213,615	
In labor force	144,342	67.6
Armed Forces	1,233	0.9
Civilian labor force	143,109	99.1
Employed	134,916	94.3
Unemployed	8,193	5.7
Not in labor force	69,273	32.4
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	134,044	
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	112,526	83.9
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	15,127	11.3
Public transportation (including taxicab)	482	0.4
Walked	1,800	1.3
Other means	970	0.7
Worked at home	3,139	2.3
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20.9	
INCOME IN 1999		
Median household income	\$44,704	
Median family income	\$54,360	
Per capita income	\$23,091	
Median earnings:		
Male full-time, year-round workers	\$40,779	
Female full-time, year-round workers	\$26,534	
POVERTY STATUS FOR PEOPLE FOR WHOM STATUS DETERMINED		
Individuals with income below poverty level	28,408	10.5
Families with income below poverty level	6,121	8.1

Source: Census 2000 SF3 Data, U.S. Census Bureau.

Facts About Madison County Based on 2000 Census Data

- Population: 276,700
 - Third largest county in the state
 - Jefferson County first, Mobile County second
- Median household income: \$44,704
 - Second highest in the state
 - Shelby County first
 - Alabama median household income: \$34,135
- Per capita income: \$23,091
 - Second highest in the state
 - Shelby County first
 - Alabama per capita income: \$18,189
- Percent high school graduate or higher of population 25 years and over: 85.4%
 - Second highest in the state
 - Shelby County first

- Alabama percent high school graduate or higher: 75.3%
- Percent with bachelor's degree or higher of population 25 years and over: 34.3%
 - Second highest in the state
 - Shelby County first
 - Alabama percent with bachelor's degree or higher: 19.0%

Top 15 Employers – Huntsville/Madison County

EMPLOYER	TOTAL EMPLOYEES
U.S. Army, Redstone Arsenal	11,141
Huntsville Hospital System	4,355
Sanmina-SCI	3,300
Huntsville City Schools	3,000
Daimler-Chrysler Corporation	2,800
CINRAM	2,800
NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center	2,754
Boeing	2,700
City Of Huntsville	2,186
Madison County Schools	1,936
Intergraph Corporation	1,736
ADTRAN	1,731
Goodyear/Dunlop Tire Corporation	1,660
Computer Sciences Corporation	1,600
Teledyne Brown Engineering	1,582

Source: Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County, January 2002.

Taxable Retail Sales by Kind of Business

Madison County, 2001

Food	\$691,731,000
General Merchandise	\$473,694,000
Apparel	\$117,926,000
Furniture	\$198,983,000
Automotive	\$744,507,000
Gas Service Stations	\$5,445,000

Hardware and Lumber	\$264,286,000
Eating Places	\$275,038,000
All Else	\$462,030,000
Total	\$3,233,640,000
Retail Sales per Person	\$11,470

Source: Center for Business and Economic Research, The University of Alabama, August 2002.

Madison County Crime Statistics

Number of offenses for Madison County

YEAR	HOMICIDE	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	BURGLARY	LARCENY THEFT	AUTO THEFT
2001	16	118	385	781	2,510	9,720	926
2000	8	77	342	1,128	2,537	10,039	899

Table includes Part I Index Crimes - a category of offenses deemed more serious and/or most frequent.

Source: Crime in Alabama, The Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center.

Health and Social Statistics for Madison County

Madison County, Year 2000

Life Expectancy at Birth	76.4
Births	3,754
Rate	13.6
Deaths	2,215
Rate	8.0
Male Deaths	1,162
Rate	8.6
Female Deaths	1,053
Rate	7.4
Deaths from Heart Disease	600
Male	324
Deaths from Cancer	531
Male	276
Accidental Deaths	93
Motor Vehicle Accidental Deaths	39
Infant Deaths	21
Marriages	2,483
Rate	9.0
Divorces	1,621
Rate	5.9

Note: Rates are per 1,000 population.

Source: 2000 Health Profile of Madison County, Alabama Center for Health Statistics.