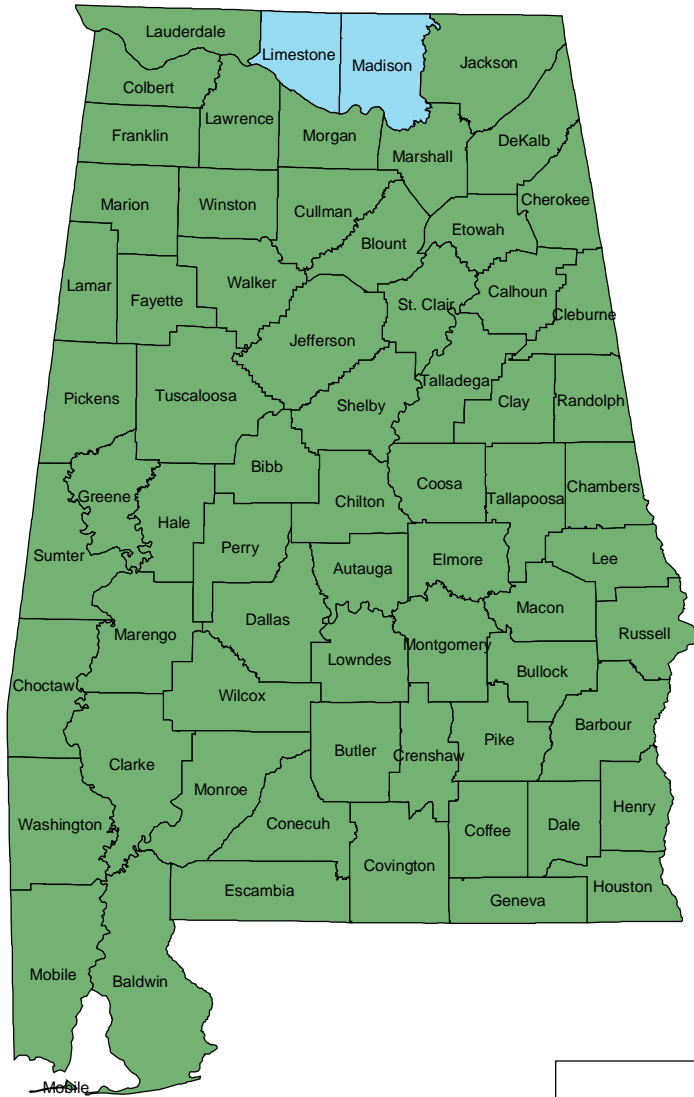


Locational Map and Short History of Huntsville



The City of Huntsville, which is located in Madison and Limestone Counties, lies in the heart of the Tennessee Valley in North Alabama. The state borders Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida.

Huntsville was named after John Hunt, who was the first European to settle in the area around 1805. He established a residence close to the Big Spring, around which the City of Huntsville began to grow. Madison County was created by the governor of the Mississippi Territory on December 13, 1808, and named after President James Madison (1751-1836). Huntsville became the county seat. Around 1811, Huntsville changed its name to Twickenham. After the War of 1812, the territory legislature decided to revert back to the name Huntsville. On December 14, 1819, Alabama was granted statehood and Huntsville was chosen as a temporary capital for Alabama.

Source: Madison County Official Website and City of Huntsville Website

Governor of Alabama: Bob Riley
Lt. Governor of Alabama: Lucy Baxley

2000 Census Population Figures

Alabama: 4,447,100
Madison County: 276,700
City of Huntsville: 158,216 *
City of Madison: 29,329
City of New Hope: 2,539
Town of Owens Cross Roads: 1,124
Town of Gurley: 876
Town of Triana: 458
Town of Mooresville: 59

Source: 2000 Census, U.S. Census Bureau

*** This figure is being challenged by the City of Huntsville.**

