

Calhoun County



The county is named for John C. Calhoun of South Carolina. At the time of its organization in 1832, the county was called Benton for Thomas H. Benton, who served with Gen. Andrew Jackson and later became a famous United States senator from Missouri. The name was changed in 1858 when Benton's political opinions

became unpopular in Alabama. The county's largest city, Anniston, with a 2013 estimated population of 22,810, is the county seat. Other incorporated areas are Hobson City, Jacksonville, Ohatchee, Oxford, Piedmont, and Weaver.

Calhoun County comprises the Anniston Metropolitan Area. Its 2010 population of 118,572 ranked tenth in the state, out of 67 counties.

Calhoun County is the most populous and progressive county in eastern Alabama. The county is located sixty miles east of Birmingham, Alabama, and ninety miles west of Atlanta, Georgia, on Interstate 20. Calhoun County has more than 150 companies in its industrial database, and is a regional source for commercial, professional, medical, educational, and retail services.

Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce.
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 Graves, John Temple, ed., *The Book of Alabama and the South*, Protective Life Insurance Co., Birmingham, 1933.
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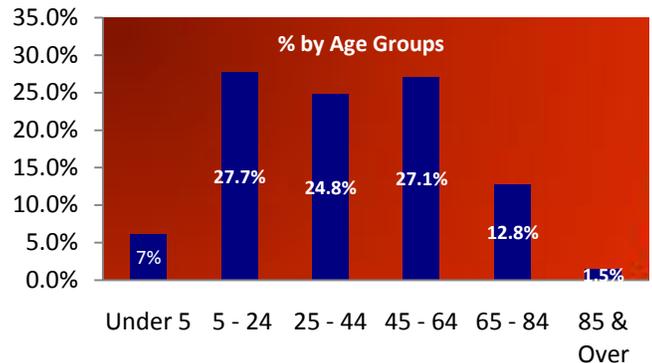
Cities and Towns

Cities	Population		
	2013 (est.)	2010	2000
Anniston	22,810	23,106	24,276
Hobson City	732	771	878
Jacksonville	12,826	12,548	8,404
Ohatchee	1,284	1,170	1,215
Oxford	20,903	21,348	14,592
Piedmont	4,789	4,878	5,120
Weaver	2,864	3,038	2,619

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Nielsen.

Age Distribution (Calhoun County)

Median Age: 38.61



Population Trends

Total Population

2013 (est.)	116,800
2010	118,572
2000	112,249

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Nielsen

Households and Income

	Total	Percent
Number of Households	47,331	100.0
Family Households:	31,609	
Married couple families	22,168	46.8
Male householders	2,245	4.7
Female householders	7,196	15.2
Nonfamily Households	15,722	33.2
Average Household Size		2.44
Median Household Income		\$37,600
Per Capita Income		\$17,367

Source: U.S. Census

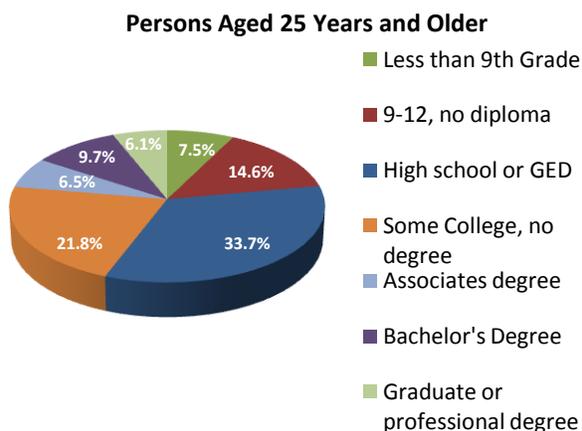
Public & Private Schools

		Middle Elem.	High Schools	Career Schools
Tech				
Calhoun County	7	2	7	1
Anniston	5	1	1	
Oxford	4	1	1	
Jacksonville	1		1	
Piedmont	1	1	1	
Private Schools	8			

Colleges & Universities

Gadsden State Community College, Ayers Campus
Jacksonville State University

Educational Attainment



Occupational Distribution

Full-time and Part-time Employment by Industry

	Total	Percent of Total
Total Employment	48,100	100.0
Construction & Mining	800	1.7
Manufacturing	5,700	11.9
Trans./Warehousing/Pub. Utilities	1,100	2.2
Wholesale Trade	2,000	4.1
Retail Trade	5,800	12.0
Information	600	1.2
Financial Activities	1,300	2.7
Professional & Bus. Services	6,000	12.5
Education & Health Services	5,300	11.0
Other Services	1,900	4.0
Leisure & Hospitality	4,800	10.0
Federal Government	4,500	9.4
State & Local Government	8,300	17.3

Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations.

Labor Market Data

Workers Living in Calhoun County

Working in	Percent of Total
Working in Calhoun County	58.0
Working Outside of Calhoun County	42.0

Average Travel Time to Work: 22.1 minutes

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Economic Trends

	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2011
Civilian Labor Force	52,386	52,732
Employment	48,847	48,951
Unemployment Rate		
United States	7.8%	8.5%
Alabama	6.8%	7.5%
Calhoun County	6.8%	7.3%

Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

Economic Structure

Labor Force Estimates October 2013

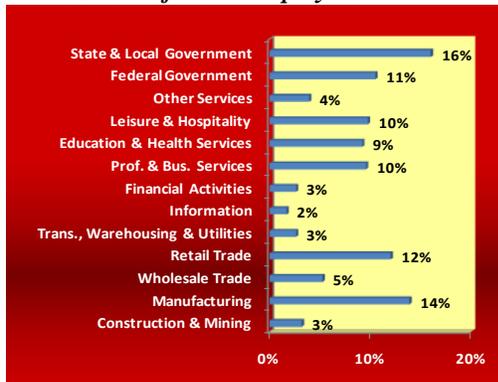
Civilian Labor Force	51,537
Employment	47,732
Goods producing	6,500
Manufacturing	5,700
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	800
Service providing	40,800

Unemployment Rate October 2013

United States	7.3%
Alabama	6.5%
Calhoun County	7.4%

Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations.

Trade Share of Total Employment



Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

Selected Wage Rates

	Mean (per/hour)
Assemblers & fabricators	\$13.33
Automotive Mechanics	17.58
Bookkeeping, Acct., & Auditing Clerks	15.51
Cashiers	8.60
Computer Support Specialist.	21.83
Cooks, Restaurant	10.82
Electricians	20.62
Laborers & freight, stock & material movers	12.79
General Office Clerks	10.44
Janitors and Cleaners	9.94
Machinists	19.64
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	8.93
Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	16.33
Payroll and Timekeeping Clerks	19.10
Receptionists and Information Clerks	10.59
Salespersons, Retail	11.66
Secretaries, except Legal and Medical	15.13
Truck Drivers, Light	15.13
Welders	21.38

Source: Alabama Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Division, based on May 2012 Occupation Employment Survey .

Largest Employers

Anniston Army Depot	*5,200
Honda Manufacturing of Alabama	**4,000
Calhoun County School System	1,400
N.E. AL Regional Medical Center	1,300
Jacksonville State University	1,108
Homeland Sec./Ctr. for Domestic Preparedness	850
North American Bus Industries	750
Oxford City School System	536
Federal-Mogul Corporation	450
Army National Guard Training Center	358
BAE Systems	350
Legacy Cabinets	**350
Stringfellow Memorial Hospital	333
Bridgewater Interiors LLC	326
General Dynamics Land Systems	300
FabArc Steel Supply Inc.	285
Anniston City School System	283
Honeywell Aerospace	277
B.R. Williams Trucking & Logistics	275
International Automotive Components	263
Union Foundry	242
Lee Brass Company	230
CVG Alabama	210
YKK/TapeCraft	200
General Dynamics OTS	199

* (with tenants and contractors)

** (located adjacent to Calhoun County)

Distance to Major Cities

Atlanta, GA	90
Birmingham, AL	59
Charleston, SC	373
Chicago, IL	702
Dallas, TX	695
Detroit, MI	745
Huntsville, AL	109
Jacksonville, FL	438
Memphis, TN	292
Mobile, AL	278
Montgomery, AL	111
Nashville, TN	207
New Orleans, LA	398
New York, NY	921
Orlando, FL	506
Savannah, GA	340
Toronto, Ontario	942
Washington, DC	733

Transportation Facts

Calhoun County is located sixty miles east of Birmingham, Alabama, and ninety miles west of Atlanta, Georgia, on Interstate 20. In addition to being located on I-20, our transportation system includes easy access to I-59, just thirty-five miles north on US Highway 431. There are numerous motor freight carriers in and around Calhoun County, including 15 with terminals in Calhoun County.

Rail

Norfolk Southern Railway
CSX Transportation, Inc.
Amtrak

General Aviation

Anniston Municipal Airport
Longest Runway 7,000 feet
Runway Lights dusk to dawn

Other Airports Located Nearby

Birmingham International Airport, 60 miles
70 non-stop and direct flights
50 destinations
12 airlines, 5 cargo carriers

Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport, 99 miles
30 airlines with non-stop and/or direct service to virtually every major U.S. city and many major international cities.

Area Climate

Month	Average Temperature
January	40.6
April	56.6
July	80.3
October	63.0

Source: www.weather.com

Alabama Tax Structure

Corporate Income Tax

The Corporate income tax is 6.5% of net taxable income. Foreign corporations are taxed only on income earned or derived from within Alabama. Federal income tax paid is deductible in arriving at the Alabama taxable income.

Capital Investment Tax Credit

Qualifying companies can claim a tax credit against their Alabama income tax liability generated by or arising out of a qualifying Alabama project in the amount of 5% of total capital investment each year for 20 years, beginning in the year the project is placed in service.

Sales and Use Tax

State sales and use tax is 4%. Sales and use tax on manufacturing machinery and mining equipment is 1.5%; 2% on automobiles and trucks. Counties and municipalities may levy additional taxes.

General Property Tax

The state, county and municipalities levy property tax for real and personal property. The statewide assessment ratio for industrial property is established at 20% of fair market value. The state levies a tax of 6.5 mills per dollar of assessed value. County and municipal rates vary. Projects financed under industrial revenue bonds are exempt from property taxes except for that portion that is earmarked for education. Ten year maximum.

Inventory Tax

Alabama exempts all business inventories from property taxation, which includes all materials used in manufacturing and goods in process, manufactured goods when stored, and goods in transit while stored in a public or private warehouse or distribution facility.

Unemployment Compensation

Employers of one or more persons are required to pay an employer tax under an experience rating plan on the first \$8,000 in wages paid to any employee during the calendar year, with rates ranging from 0.44 percent to 5.4 percent. A new employer begins with a tax rate of 2.7 percent.

Individual Income Tax

Single persons, head of family and married persons filing separate returns: 2% on first \$500 of taxable income; 4% on next \$2,500; 5% on all over \$3,000. Married persons filing joint returns: 2% on first \$1,000; 4% on next \$5,000 and 5% on all over \$6,000.

Corporate Permit Fee

Domestic: Based on paid capital stock - \$10 if less than \$25,000; up to \$100 if more than \$150,000.
Foreign: \$5 if less than \$1,000; up to \$100 if more than \$50,000.