



# ALABAMA



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## MAJOR CITIES:

Central Alabama	Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Montgomery
North Alabama	Huntsville
Gulf Coast Alabama	Mobile
Southeast Alabama	Dothan

## ALABAMA – CLIMATE

The state is classified as humid subtropical (Cfa) under the Köppen climate classification.[1] The average annual temperature is 64 °F (18 °C). Temperatures tend to be warmer in the southern part of the state with its proximity to the Gulf of Mexico, while the northern parts of the state, especially in the Appalachian Mountains in the northeast, tend to be slightly cooler.[2] Generally, Alabama has very hot summers and mild winters with copious precipitation throughout the year. Alabama receives an average of 56 inches (1,400 mm) of rainfall annually and enjoys a lengthy growing season of up to 300 days in the southern part of the state.[2] Hailstorms occur occasionally in the spring and summer, but are seldom destructive. Heavy fogs are rare, and are confined chiefly to the coast. Thunderstorms occur throughout the year - they are most common in the summer, but most severe in the spring and fall, when destructive winds and tornadoes occasionally occur. Hurricanes are quite common in the state, especially in the southern part, and major hurricanes occasionally strike the coast which can be very destructive.

Summers in Alabama are among the hottest in the United States, with high temperatures averaging over 90 °F (32 °C) throughout the summer in some parts of the state. The heat of summer is tempered in the south by the winds from the Gulf of Mexico, and in the north by the elevation above the sea. The average annual temperature is highest in the southwest along the coast, and lowest in the northeast among the highlands. Thus at Mobile the annual mean is 67 °F (19 °C), the mean for the summer 81 °F (27 °C); and at Valley Head, in De Kalb county, the mean for the summer 75 °F (24 °C). At Montgomery, in the central region, the average annual temperature is 66 °F (19 °C), with a summer average of 81 °F (27 °C). The highest temperature ever recorded was 109 °F (43 °C) in Talladega county in 1902. Winters are generally mild in Alabama, as they are throughout most of the southeastern United States, with average January low temperatures around 40 °F (4 °C) in Mobile, around 31 °F (-1 °C) in Huntsville, around 36 °F (2 °C) in Montgomery, and around 33 °F (1 °C) in Birmingham.

The amount of precipitation is greatest along the coast (62 inches/1,574 mm) and evenly distributed through the rest of the state (about 52 inches/1,320 mm). Much of the rainfall is produced by thunderstorms and, occasionally, by Hurricanes and other tropical disturbances.

## **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

<http://www.alabama.gov/sliverheader/Welcome.do?url=http://alabama.travel/experience-alabama>

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- **U.S. Space & Rocket Center – Huntsville**
- See the National Historic Landmark – an authentic Saturn V moon rocket – one of only three on display in the world! Explore the development and evolution of the Space Shuttle program to the International Space Station and learn about NASA's latest innovations. Enjoy incredible artifacts from our nation's space program, hands-on interactive exhibits, space travel simulators, and inspiring movies in the IMAX® and Digital Theaters. The USSRC is also the home of weeklong Space Camp®, Aviation Challenge® Camp and Robotics Camp programs. Additional amenities include free parking, restaurants, gift shops, strollers and dog kennels. Stay an hour or stay a week... there is something for everyone!
- **Birmingham Zoo – Birmingham**
- Predator Zone, presented by Birmingham Coca-Cola Bottling Company, is one of a few of its kind in the U.S. with lions. It features two African Lions, a five year old male, Kwanza and a four year old female, Akili, at the Birmingham Zoo. At Predator Zone, visitors will see zookeepers conduct training sessions on a daily basis through commands. This interaction serves as another tool for zookeepers to monitor the animals' health and well-being on a regular basis. Predator Zone features a training area where zookeepers and visitors are on the same level as the animals. Become a member today to be able to enjoy this event and others like it!
- **McWane Science Center – Birmingham**
- A large, exciting science center in Birmingham offering hands-on exhibits, larger-than-life IMAX films and extraordinary programs. Take a magnetic journey to a place as engaging as the human imagination.
- **USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park – Mobile**
- Explore the mighty battleship, winner of 9 battle stars in World War II. See Mach 3 A-12 Blackbird supersecret spy plane and B-52 stratofortress Calamity Jane, submarine USS DRUM, an original plane that was used by the Tuskegee Airmen, plus 22 other aircraft and weaponry from all branches of military.
- **Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum – Birmingham**
- George Barber raced, modified, and maintained Porsches in the 1960's (63 first-place wins). He started collecting and restoring classic sports cars in 1989, but his interest soon turned to motorcycles. Mr. Barber recognized that there was not a museum which reflected the history of motorcycles around the world. He wanted to preserve motorcycle history in the United States in a way that represents an international aspect and to supply an example of motorcycles that until then could only have been seen in books and magazines. This was the theme used in the development of the Barber collection. An interesting aspect of the collection is that restorations are done in-house.
- **Huntsville Botanical Garden – Huntsville**
- Come by and visit the gift shop, tea room, picnic areas and pavilion. Seasonal Butterfly House, Spring Festival of Flowers and Scarecrow. Enjoy 112 acres of beautiful gardens and walking paths.

- **Point Mallard Park – Decatur**
- This 750-acre park has camping, hiking trails, biking trails and a golf course. The Aquatic Center features a wave pool, Olympic-size diving pool, water slides and kiddie pools. The park also features a year-round ice skating complex.
- **Montgomery Zoo – Montgomery**
- The Montgomery Zoo is 40 acres of habitats from five continents with naturalistic, barrier-free exhibits and more than 600 animals. Enjoy dining at the Overlook Cafe, visit the gift shop and take a train ride around the park to get the complete experience.
- **EarlyWorks Museum Complex – Huntsville**
- Enjoy a unique, hands-on experience where visitors interact with history. A talking tree, 46-foot keel boat, talking clock and preschool learning center and Biscuit's Backyard are just some of the interactive exhibits.

## **GROCERY SHOPPING**

Beeline Store Big Town Foods Publix Super Market Whole Foods Market	Piggly Wiggly Hometown Foodcenter The Kroger Company ALDI Grocery Stores
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[http://alabama.usl.myareaguide.com/grocery\\_stores.html](http://alabama.usl.myareaguide.com/grocery_stores.html)

Click on this site for more grocery stores in Alabama.

## **SHOPPING**

<b>Area</b> ▼	<b>City</b> ▼	<b>Mall</b> ▼	<b># of Stores</b>
Southern AL	Mobile, AL	<a href="#">Bel Air Mall</a>	119
Northern AL	Huntsville, AL	<a href="#">Bridge Street Town Centre</a>	59
Northern AL	Birmingham, AL	<a href="#">Colonial Brookwood Village</a>	48
Northern AL	Decatur, AL	<a href="#">Decatur Mall</a>	45
Southern AL	Montgomery, AL	<a href="#">Eastdale Mall</a>	62
Northern AL	Boaz, AL	<a href="#">Factory Stores of America</a>	2
Northern AL	Gadsden, AL	<a href="#">Gadsden Mall</a>	46
Northern AL	Huntsville, AL	<a href="#">Madison Square</a>	92
Birmingham area	Tuscaloosa, AL	<a href="#">Midtown Village</a>	44
Northern AL	Oxford, AL	<a href="#">Quintard Mall</a>	59
Northern AL	Florence, AL	<a href="#">Regency Square Mall</a>	48
Birmingham area	Hoover, AL	<a href="#">Riverchase Galleria</a>	139
Southern AL	Selma, AL	<a href="#">Selma Mall</a>	31
Southern AL	Foley, AL	<a href="#">Tanger Outlet of Foley</a>	117
Birmingham area	Leeds, AL	<a href="#">The Outlet Shops of Grand River</a>	64
Southern AL	Montgomery, AL	<a href="#">The Shoppes at EastChase</a>	61
Birmingham area	Birmingham, AL	<a href="#">The Summit</a>	95
Birmingham area	Tuscaloosa, AL	<a href="#">University Mall Tuscaloosa</a>	73
Southern AL	Auburn, AL	<a href="#">Village Mall</a>	42
Birmingham area	Fairfield, AL	<a href="#">Western Hills Mall</a>	31
Southern AL	Dothan, AL	<a href="#">Wiregrass Commons Mall</a>	66

<http://www.mallseeker.com/alabamamalls.aspx> click here for more information on shopping.

## **PHARMACIES**

Walgreens

CVS Pharmacy

Target

Kroger

Rite Aid

Wal-Mart

<http://www.superpages.com/yellowpages/C-Pharmacies/S-AL/> click here for locating other pharmacies in Alabama.

## POST OFFICES/SHIPPING



<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/AL.html> click here for more information



<http://local.fedex.com/al/> click here for more information



[https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en\\_US](https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US) click here for more information

## TIME ZONES

### Alabama Time Zone – Alabama Current Local Time - Daylight Saving Time

Alabama is in the Central Time Zone

[http://localtimes.info/North\\_America/United\\_States/Alabama/](http://localtimes.info/North_America/United_States/Alabama/) click here for more information

## COST OF LIVING IN ALABAMA

Cost of Living	Alabama, AL	United States
<a href="#">Overall</a>	90	100
<a href="#">Grocery</a>	99	100
<a href="#">Health</a>	88	100
<a href="#">Housing</a>	74	100
<a href="#">Utilities</a>	100	100
<a href="#">Transportation</a>	95	100
<a href="#">Miscellaneous</a>	99	100

Our cost of living indices are based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Alabama, AL is cheaper than the US average. A cost of living index above 100 means Alabama, AL is more expensive.

Overall, Alabama, AL cost of living is 89.50.

[http://www.bestplaces.net/cost\\_of\\_living/state/alabama](http://www.bestplaces.net/cost_of_living/state/alabama) click here for more information

## **MINIMUM WAGE**

State	2016 Minimum Wage	2016 Tipped Wage
AL	\$7.25	\$2.13

<http://www.minimumwage.com/in-your-state/> click here for more information

## **WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION**

<https://labor.alabama.gov/wc/>  
click here for more information

## **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Birmingham Public Transit  
Birmingham Regional Paratransit Consortium  
City of Huntsville's Public Transportation Division  
Montgomery Area Transit System  
The Wave Transit System - Mobile  
Wiregrass Transit Authority - Dothan  
Decatur Transit

<http://www.apta.com/resources/links/unitedstates/Pages/AlabamaTransitLinks.aspx> click here  
for more information