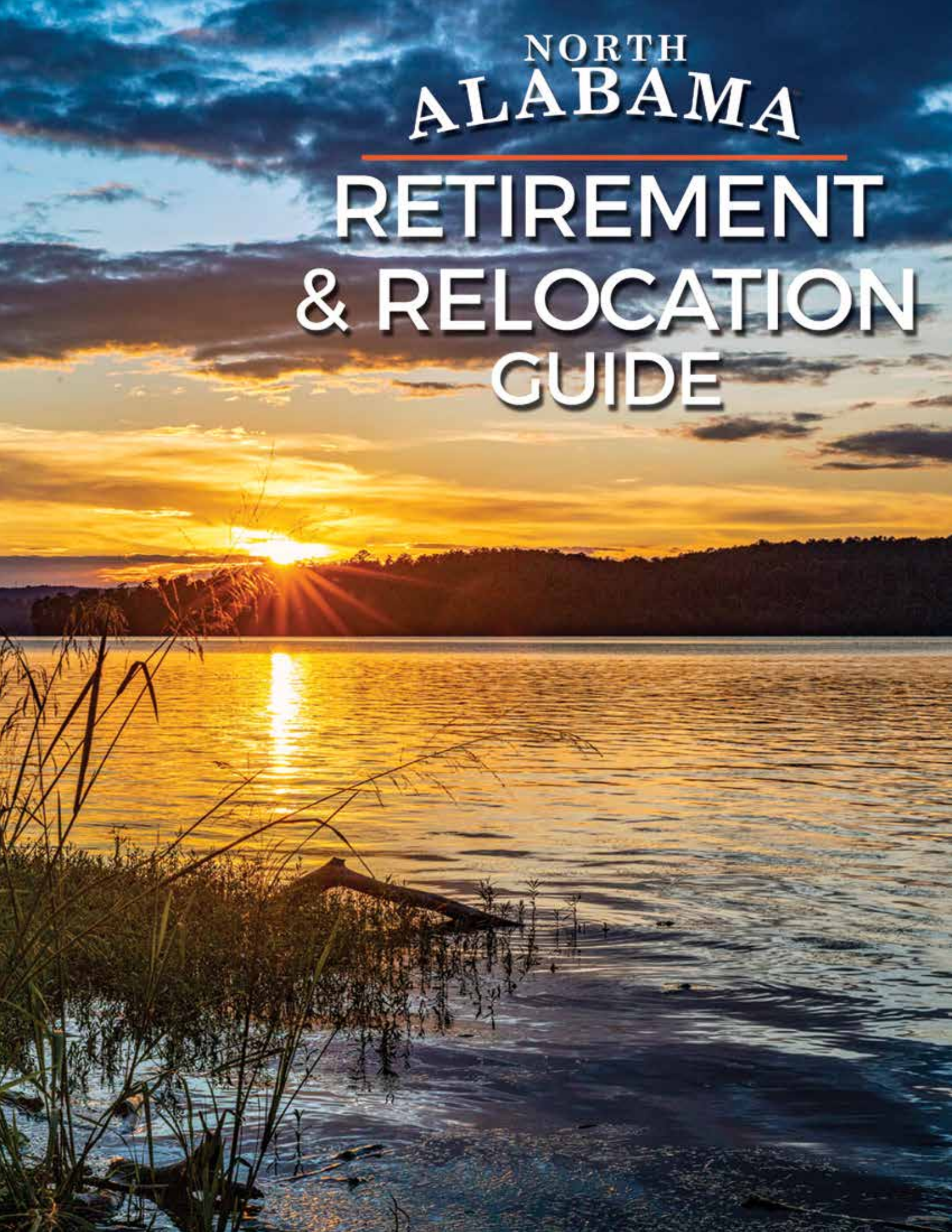


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**RETIREMENT  
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GUIDE**





# Appalachia's Southern Foothills

North Alabama marks the southern foothills of the Appalachian Mountain Range, with rocky peaks boldly cut by the rushing waters of the Tennessee River. It is a region of unsurpassed beauty and is renowned for its wooded bluffs and serene nature areas.

North Alabama boasts of many assets of interest to the retiree or relocating family -- beautiful landscapes, sparkling lakes, abundant flora and fauna, internationally-acclaimed music and food, a rich and compelling history, an eclectic mix of festivals, and a vibrant array of unexpected destinations.

North Alabama offers five of the most visited attractions in the State of Alabama -- the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Huntsville Botanical Garden and Huntsville Museum of Art, all in Huntsville; Noccalula Falls Park in Gadsden; Point Mallard Park (Home of America's First Wave Pool) in Decatur; and the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail with courses in Muscle Shoals, Huntsville and Glencoe.

Here you will also discover the bio-luminescent inhabitants of Dismals Canyon and the deepest gorge east of the Mississippi River at Little River Canyon National Preserve in northeastern North Alabama.

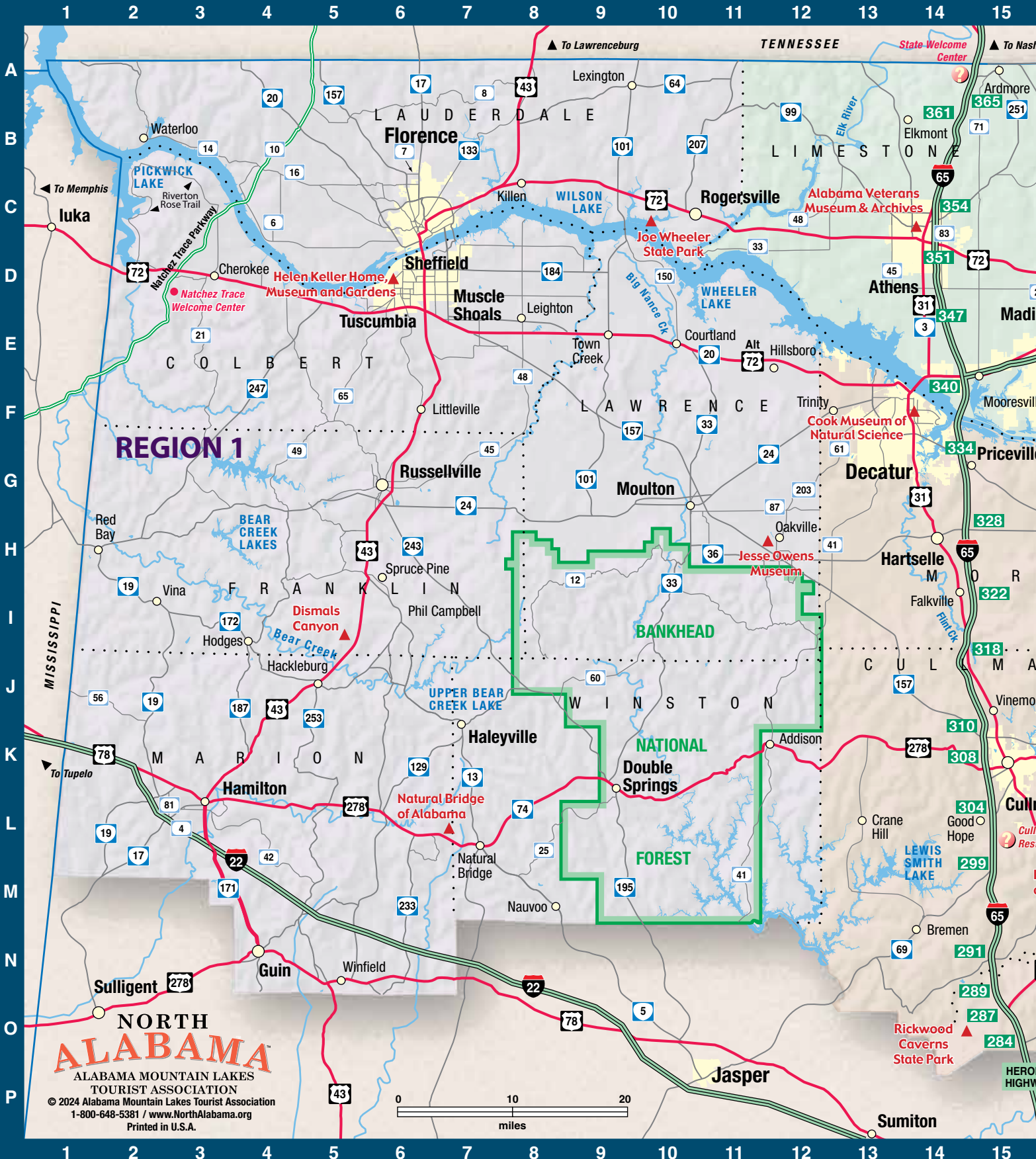
North Alabama's natural beauty, mild winters, affordable cost of living, opportunities for an active lifestyle, access to healthcare, and rich, authentic cultural experiences are just a few of the reasons the region is a great place to consider for retirement or relocation. The cost of living in Alabama is very low and the state consistently ranks in the top 10 most affordable places in the United States to retire.

Plan a visit to North Alabama today and discover your new home and a dash of the unexpected! We look forward to providing you with an exciting adventure.

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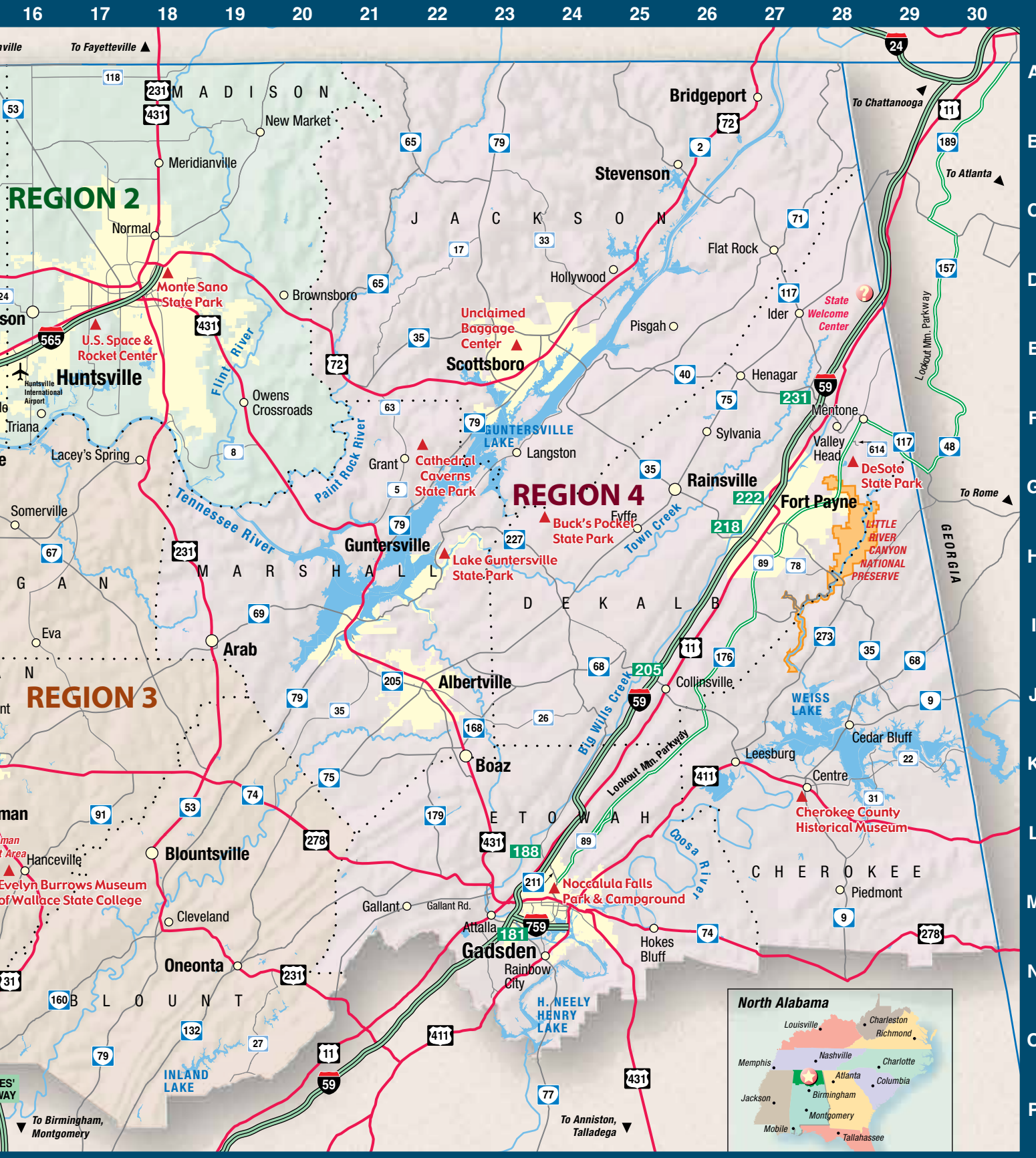


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Big Spring Park, Huntsville, Alabama

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# Uniquely North Alabama

As the song goes, Guntersville is a place “where eagles fly.” In 1984, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources initiated a Bald Eagle Restoration Project which released 91 juvenile eagles between 1985 and 1991. Today, the site has one of the largest populations of nesting eagles in the state. Due to the large numbers of migrating bald eagles during the winter, Lake Guntersville State Park created “Eagle Awareness Weekends” each January and February for folks to watch and enjoy the graceful symbol of our American heritage.

Alabama installed a unique statue at the U.S. Capitol in 2009. The bronze figure of 7-year-old Helen Keller was the first to honor a person with a disability, and the first to honor a child in the Capitol collection. The statue depicts Keller at her home in Tusculumbia, Alabama solving the “mystery of language” as her teacher Anne Sullivan spelled out “water” in one hand while pumping water over the other. Keller’s home, known as Ivy Green, is listed on the National Historic Landmarks rolls, and is open daily to the public.

The U.S. Space and Rocket Center opened just after the second manned mission to the moon. Located in Huntsville, Alabama, it is the largest museum of its type and our state’s most visited attraction. More than 1,500 rockets, artifacts, and items from the U.S. Space Program are on display along with many rotating rocketry and space-related exhibits. The idea for the museum was first proposed by Dr. Wernher von Braun, who led the United States efforts to land the first man on the moon.

James Cleveland “Jesse” Owens was an American track and field

athlete and four-time Olympic gold medalist at the 1936 Berlin Games. He was the most successful athlete at the Games, and as a Black man, was credited with “single-handedly crushing Hitler’s myth of Aryan supremacy.” Owens was the youngest of ten children born to a sharecropper in Oakville, Alabama, on September 12, 1913. Owens specialized in the sprints and the long jump. He was recognized in his lifetime as “perhaps the greatest and most famous athlete in track and field history.” A museum in Oakville honors his legacy and achievements.

Little River Canyon National Preserve was established and made a unit of the National Park System October 21, 1992. The canyon reaches depths of 700 feet and is one of the Southeast’s deepest canyons. Little River is the only river in the world to run its full length across the top of a mountain. Located in the rugged, yet verdant landscape of Northeast Alabama, the preserve contains 15,288 acres of forested uplands, waterfalls, canyon rims and bluffs, pools, and sandstone cliffs offering settings for a variety of recreational activities. Little River Canyon Rim Parkway offers a 23-mile scenic drive along the canyon edge.

Alabama’s Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail is the largest golf course construction project ever attempted. The Trail offers 11 sites, 26 courses, and 468 holes that compose over 100 miles of golf. These courses are not “manufactured”—each one partakes of the natural diverse topography found across Alabama. Each course was extracted from the land, not imposed on it. Trail sites in North Alabama include The Shoals in Muscle Shoals, Hampton Cove in Huntsville, and Silver Lakes in Gadsden.

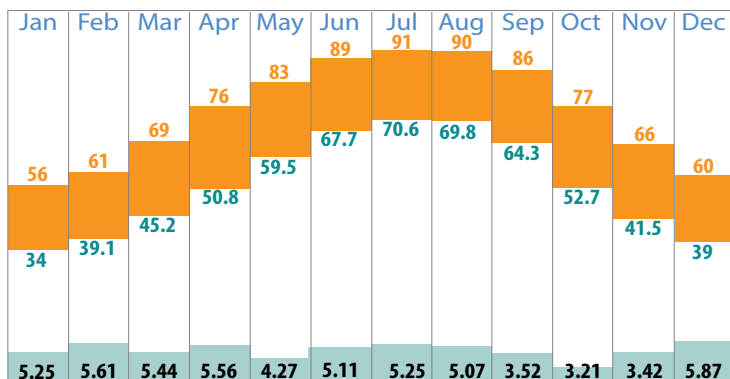
Fightin Joe Number 18 at Robert Trent Jones  
at The Shoals Course, Muscle Shoals, Alabama



# Quality of Life in North Alabama

## ANNUAL WEATHER AVERAGES

North Alabama enjoys four distinct seasons with mild temperatures during most of the year. Below are the average high and low temperatures in Fahrenheit for each month. Monthly average rainfall in inches is in the bottom green box. Averages are based on weather reports collected from 2010-2023.



## QUICK CLIMATE INFO

Hottest Month	July (81°F avg)
Coldest Month	January (45°F avg)
Wettest Month	December (5.87" avg)
Annual precipitation	57.57" (per year)

## A NATURAL WONDERLAND

North Alabama marks the southern foothills of the Appalachian Mountain Range, with rocky peaks boldly cut by the rushing waters of the southernmost route of the Tennessee River. It is a region of unsurpassed beauty and is renowned for its wooded bluffs and serene nature areas. Great effort has been made to preserve the pristine condition of our natural areas while making the recreational opportunities they provide accessible to all.

### NATIONAL PARKS/AREAS IN NORTH ALABAMA

- William B. Bankhead National Forest
- Sipsey Wilderness Area
- Russell Cave National Monument
- Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area
- Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail
- Little River Canyon National Preserve
- Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge
- The Trail of Tears National Historic Trail

### STATE PARKS IN NORTH ALABAMA

- Buck's Pocket State Park, Grove Oak, AL
- Cathedral Caverns State Park, Grant, Alabama
- DeSoto State Park, Fort Payne, AL
- Monte Sano State Park, Huntsville, AL
- Lake Guntersville State Park, Guntersville, AL
- Joe Wheeler State Park, Rogersville, AL
- Rickwood Caverns State Park, Warrior, AL

### MAJOR RECREATIONAL LAKES IN NORTH ALABAMA

- Lake location on regional map follows the name.
- |                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bear Creek Lakes (F-2 to J-7)    | Pickwick Lake (A-1 to C-8)  |
| H. Neely Henry Lake (O-23)       | Weiss Lake (K-27 to K-29)   |
| Lake Guntersville (J-20 to A-27) | Wheeler Lake (D-10 to F-16) |
| Lewis Smith Lake (L-10 to M-14)  | Wilson Lake (C-8 to D-10)   |

800-648-5381

## AIRPORTS

North Alabama has a host of options for air service from all major domestic carriers. Our region is home to 14 general aviation airports and two commercial airports. Our largest, the Huntsville International Airport, is centrally located within North Alabama. Huntsville International offers non-stop service to 14 destinations via American Airlines, Breeze Airways, Delta Airlines, and United Airlines.

### Commercial Airports:

- Huntsville International Airport (Madison County; Huntsville, AL)
- Northwest Alabama Regional Airport (Colbert/Lauderdale Counties; Muscle Shoals, AL)

### General Aviation Airports:

- Northeast Alabama Regional Airport (Etowah County; Gadsden, AL)
- Robbins Field (Blount County; Oneonta, AL)
- Pryor Field Regional Airport (Limestone County; Tanner, AL)
- Courtland Airport (Lawrence County; Courtland, AL)
- Huntsville Executive Airport (Madison County; Meridianville, AL)
- Hartselle Airport (Morgan County; Hartselle, AL)
- Scottsboro Municipal Airport (Jackson County; Scottsboro, AL)
- Stevenson-Bridgeport Municipal Airport (Jackson County; Stevenson, AL)
- Rankin Fite Airport (Marion County; Hamilton, AL)
- Isbell Field (DeKalb County; Fort Payne, AL)
- Cullman Regional Airport (Cullman County; Cullman, AL)
- Joe Starnes Field (Marshall County; Guntersville, AL)
- Albertville Municipal Airport (Marshall County; Albertville, AL)
- Double Springs-Winston County Airport (Winston County; Double Springs, AL)
- Addison Municipal Airport (Winston County; Addison, AL)
- Posey Field (Winston County; Haleyville, AL)
- Centre-Piedmont-Cherokee County Regional Airport (Cherokee County; Centre, AL)
- Bill Pugh Airport (Franklin County; Russellville, AL)

## COST OF LIVING

North Alabama's cost of living is well below the national averages. The region presents a mix of both bustling urban areas and serene rural living. Below are varied stats of interest. Averages will vary per county based on your preferred living style.

Alabama State Sales Tax Rate 4%

Alabama Property Tax Rate: If you are over 65 years of age, or permanent and totally disabled (regardless of age), or blind (regardless of age), you are exempt from the state portion of property tax. Otherwise, property tax rates are set by each County Commission based on one-tenth of one cent (a mill) of appraised value of your home.

### Cost of Living in Alabama

Figures are based on a U.S. average of 100. An amount below 100 means Alabama is cheaper than the national average. A cost of living index above 100 means Alabama is more expensive.

	Alabama	United States
Overall Cost of Living	87.9	100
Grocery	98.2	100
Health	91.2	100
Housing	70.1	100
Median Home Cost	\$215,167	\$327,667
Utilities	100.7	100
Transportation	92.7	100
Miscellaneous (clothing, restaurants, repairs, entertainment, and other services)	94.3	100

### Education in Alabama

Pupil/Teacher Ratio	17.9	15.4
High School Graduation Rate	88%	87%

Source: National Center for Education Statistics

## COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

### AVAILABLE AT NORTHALABAMA.ORG/RETIREMENT

A quick and easy to use cost of living index calculator is available for free on the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association website. The calculator is based on your current salary, which county you will moving to in North Alabama, and from which major city you will be relocating from. Want to move to an area that caters to your specific interest? You may also search our website by county and your specific interest.

## COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Check out the numbers for yourself. Use the Cost of Living Calculator and compare our 18 Alabama counties to your community.

[Calculate →](#)



American Bald Eagle Nesting Area  
on the North Alabama Birding Trail  
on Lake Cuntersville

# Themed Trails of North Alabama



## NORTH ALABAMA BBQ TRAIL

North Alabama barbecue joints boast the best barbeque in the world—and have the trophies to back it up. The North Alabama Barbecue Trail is your guide to finding these friendly eateries offering unique family recipes to slow-cook tender pork, beef, and chicken accented with all the fixins.



## ALABAMA BASS TRAIL

The Alabama Bass Trail features 13 of Alabama's premiere bass-fishing lakes and stretches from the mountains of North Alabama south to the Mobile Delta. With mild climate, mineral rich reservoirs, affordable lodging and dining, as well as public access to boat ramps and marinas, Alabama is a year-round destination for anglers from across the country.



## NORTH ALABAMA PATRIOT TRAIL

With over 60 permanent sites and monuments and many special events throughout the year, North Alabama is proud to honor those who served. The Patriot Trail highlights memorial parks, museums, archives, special events, parades, and more throughout North Alabama.



## NORTH ALABAMA WINE TRAIL

North Alabama is home to a variety of wineries. Our wineries are close enough to each other that you can visit several in a day or experience them all in a long weekend. For an extra-special winery visit, join us for a wine and chocolate tasting each Saturday in February or a wine and cheese tasting each Saturday in June.



## NORTH ALABAMA MURAL TRAIL

The North Alabama Mural Trail is the perfect way to discover North Alabama's heritage and beauty through the arts! Over 140 murals across 16 counties showcase North Alabama's culture and history with art. These murals celebrate everything from our Native American roots to our excellence in space exploration.



## NORTH ALABAMA HALLELUJAH TRAIL OF SACRED PLACES

The North Alabama Hallelujah Trail features 32 churches that are at least 100 years old, stand on their original sites and actively hold services. These structures paint an immaculate portrait of North Alabama's history and combine to tell the remarkable story of early Alabamian's spiritual journey. The trail winds through 16 counties, and the churches were selected through an extensive two-year research process.



## NORTH ALABAMA MOTORCYCLE ROUTES

The mountains are calling—and we must ride! North Alabama embraces the southern foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, making it the perfect destination for motorcycle rides. Our scenic routes offer a unique blend of unexpected cultural and heritage stops to accent your trip. Cruise over rolling hills, through lush forests, past cascading waterfalls and across the fertile Tennessee River Valley.



## NORTH ALABAMA TRAIN DEPOTS TRAIL

Since the first railroad west of the Allegheny Mountains was built in 1833 in North Alabama, the Iron Horse was the primary form of mass transit across the Southland—especially in the rolling hills of North Alabama. This heritage trail will guide you down the steel rails to the significant depots, museums, festivals, eateries and small-scale train rides available today.



## WATERFALLS OF NORTH ALABAMA

Thanks to the flowing waters of the Tennessee River, North Alabama boasts some of the most beautiful waterfalls. North Alabama waterfalls are perfect to explore for a day or even a weekend getaway! These stunning falls are surrounded by nature to hike, spots to photograph, and in some cases, local wineries to relax.



## NORTH ALABAMA AGRICULTURE ADVENTURES TRAIL

You'll find many ways to experience Alabama on the Agricultural Adventures Trail! Featuring over 30 local farms, orchards, vineyards, wineries, pumpkin patches, farm festivals and so much more, the North Alabama Agriculture Adventures Trail provides ways to learn, play, and enjoy our local cultivators.



Eagle's Crest, Mentone, Alabama

# NORTH ALABAMA COUNTY PROFILES

Blount County  
Cherokee County  
Colbert County  
Cullman County  
DeKalb County  
Etowah County  
Franklin County  
Jackson County  
Lauderdale County  
Lawrence County  
Limestone County  
Madison County  
Marion County  
Marshall County  
Morgan County  
Winston County

# NORTH ALABAMA

# BLOUNT COUNTY



POPULATION  
Blount County 59,134  
Oneonta 6,938  
Blountsville 1,826



Welcome to Blount County, Alabama, where safe communities with beautiful homes and public facilities reflect a special spirit of civic pride! It's only 45 minutes from Birmingham, so come experience Blount County.

Blount County has been dubbed the "Covered Bridge Capital of Alabama" since it has more historic covered bridges standing within a single county than any other in the state - with earlier covered bridges known of. This county celebrates the Covered Bridge Festival every autumn in Oneonta to commemorate its three remaining covered bridges.

## BLOUNT COUNTY HOSPITALS

### UAB St. Vincent's Blount

150 Gilbreath Drive, Oneonta, AL

The only hospital in Blount County, the hospital is licensed for 25 beds and features a 24/7 emergency room, intensive care units, inpatient and outpatient surgical services, and a gastrointestinal (GI) lab. It is designated as a Critical Access Hospital by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

## COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit [www.northalabama.org/retirement](http://www.northalabama.org/retirement) and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator.

For additional information, contact:

Blount County-Oneonta Chamber of Commerce  
110 1st Avenue E  
Oneonta, AL 35121  
(205) 274-2153

[www.blountoneontachamber.org](http://www.blountoneontachamber.org)



## BLOUNT COUNTY FACTS

### Accommodations:

- 2 Hotels
- 2 Campgrounds

### Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- North Alabama Birding Trail
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail
- Blount County Covered Bridge Trail
- Locust Fork River Scenic Car Trail

### Attractions:

- Palisades Park & Fire Tower
- Limestone Springs Golf Course
- Heritage Golf Course
- Spring Valley Beach
- Blountsville Historical Park
- Horton Mill, Swann, and Easley Covered Bridges
- Blount County Memorial Museum
- Locust Fork River
- Farmer's Market
- Whitewater rafting on the many rolling rivers
- Historic L&N Railroad Depot, Oneonta
- Rickwood Caverns State Park
- Covered Bridge Players Theater
- King's Bend Overlook Park
- Community Arts Council of Blount County

### Annual Events:

- Blountsville Harvest Festival
- Blount County Rodeo
- Blount-Oneonta Chamber Dinner Downtown
- Hayden Days
- Bloomin' Pie Days
- City Night Markets
- Classic Cruise-Ins
- Oneonta Downtown District First Fridays
- Veterans Day Parade
- O'So Good BBQ Festival
- Snead Town Picnic
- Oneonta Business Association June Fling
- Covered Bridge Festival
- Locust Fork Whitewater Classic
- Community Canvas: A Gallery Experience
- Blount County Quilter's Guild Events
- Blount County Fair
- Daffodil Festival, Blountsville Historical Park
- Blount-Oneonta Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade
- Blountsville Christmas Parade
- West Blount Christmas Parade
- City Christmas Market
- Christmas Lights at Rickwood Caverns State Park
- Christmas in Downtown Oneonta Events

# NORTH ALABAMA CHEROKEE COUNTY



POPULATION  
Cherokee County 24,971  
Centre 3,587  
Cedar Bluff 1,845



Cherokee County in northeast Alabama is a great place to live and retire. It's home to Weiss Lake, Little River Canyon National Preserve, and Cherokee Rock Village. Municipalities include Centre (county seat), Cedar Bluff, Gaylesville, Leesburg, and Sand Rock. Cherokee County is a growing county made more attractive by its manageable size and the small-town values of its citizens. The county offers low taxes on the lakefront, mountain, and farm property. Small-town environments, friendly faces, wide-open spaces, and abundant natural beauty - all located minutes from major cities (Atlanta, Birmingham, Chattanooga, Huntsville).

## CHEROKEE COUNTY HOSPITALS

### Cherokee Medical Center

400 Northwood Dr., Centre, Alabama

A 60-bed not-for-profit medical center offering emergency care, imaging, drug and alcohol treatment, laboratory services, pharmacy, respiratory care, sleep studies, and surgical services.

## COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

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For additional information, contact:  
Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce  
801 Cedar Bluff Rd. Bldg. A  
Centre, AL 35960  
(256) 927-8455  
[www.cherokee-chamber.org](http://www.cherokee-chamber.org)



## CHEROKEE COUNTY FACTS

### Accommodations:

- 150 Hotel/Motel rooms
- 1 B&B Lodge
- 16 Rental Cabins
- 25 Campgrounds/RV Parks
- 1 Resort
- 1 Hunting Lodge

### Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- Alabama Scenic River Trail
- Appalachian Highlands Birding Trail
- Appalachian Highlands Byways
- Lookout Mountain Parkway
- Alabama Lookout Mountain Adventure Trail

### Attractions:

- Weiss Lake
- Cherokee Rock Village
- Cornwall Furnace
- Terrapin Creek
- Cherokee County Historical Museum
- Indian Mountain ATV Park
- Chattokee Hunting Lodge
- Little River Canyon National Preserve and Mouth Park
- 411 Drive Inn Theatre
- Pirate's Bay Water Park
- Chattooga River

# NORTH ALABAMA

# COLBERT COUNTY



**POPULATION**  
 Colbert County 57,227  
 Tuscumbia 9,054  
 Muscle Shoals 16,275



Colbert County is located in the northwest corner of Alabama and comprises the cities of Muscle Shoals, Sheffield and Tuscumbia. The county has a rich history dating back to the Chickasaw Indians and early French traders who came here as early as 1715. In the early days, this area became known as Muscle Shoals due to the rapids and large boulders and an abundance of mussels in the river. Today, these waters have become recreation lakes that traverse the breadth of the county and provide excellent fishing, boating, and kayaking.

The county is known for its many natural resources, its hiking, cycling and walking trails, world-class golf, its museums and its music heritage, and several one-of-a-kind attractions. The county attracts retirees due to its vibrant communities, low taxes, and welcoming people. Colbert County boasts a growing industrial base, excellent healthcare facilities, superior school systems, visual and performing arts programs, an abundance of festivals and annual events, and beautiful neighborhoods featuring attractive subdivisions, upscale neighborhoods, modest cottages, historic districts, senior living facilities, and waterfront homes of all sizes. You will find that Colbert County is a place that you will want to come home to!

### COLBERT COUNTY HOSPITALS

#### Helen Keller Hospital

1300 South Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield, AL

Part of the Huntsville Hospital Health System, Helen Keller Hospital provides quality healthcare, heart care, home health, home infusion, and home medical services.

#### North Alabama Shoals Hospital

201 West Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals, AL

A 178-bed general acute care facility with a 24-hour emergency department, medical and oncology services; medical/surgical inpatient units; and intensive care and short-stay surgery units. Shoals also operates the region's only in-patient acute rehabilitation facility, the J. W. Sommer Rehabilitation Unit, and the Shoals Senior Care Center, the Shoals' only psychiatric unit dedicated to our senior adults.

### COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit [www.northalabama.org/retirement](http://www.northalabama.org/retirement) and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator.

For additional information, contact:

Colbert County Tourism & Convention Bureau  
 P. O. Box 740425  
 719 U. S. Hwy. 72 West  
 Tuscumbia, AL 35674  
 (256) 383-0783, (800) 344-0783  
[www.visitshoalsal.com](http://www.visitshoalsal.com)



### COLBERT COUNTY FACTS

#### Hotels/B&B:

- Best Western Plus 70 rooms
- Clarion Hotel 200 Rooms
- Coldwater Inn (Boutique hotel) 74 Rooms
- Comfort Inn & Suites 62 Rooms
- Days Inn 74 Rooms
- Key West Inn 43 Rooms
- Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham 55 Rooms
- Red Roof Inn 54 Rooms

#### Cabins, Cottages, Bed & Breakfast, & Lake Homes:

- Big Bear Cabin
- Next Door Lake Home
- LaGrange B & B Log Cabin
- Seven Springs Lodge

#### RV Parks & Campgrounds:

- Colbert County Alloys Park/Campground
- Colbert County Rose Trail RV Park & Campground
- Heritage Acres RV Park 65 RV campsites
- Tuscumbia RV Park 24 RV sites
- Wilson Dam - Rock Pile Camping 23 campsites
- Hidden Acres Campground

#### Trails:

- Americana Music Triangle
- North Alabama Birding Trail
- North Alabama Depots Trail
- Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail
- We Rock the World Music Trail
- Waterfall Trail
- Colbert County Rock of Ages Trail
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail
- North Alabama Waterfall Trail
- Historic Homes in Colbert County
- Mural Trail

#### Attractions:

- Alabama Music Hall of Fame
- Belle Mont Mansion
- Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve
- Colbert County Courthouse Veteran's Memorial
- Cypress Lakes Golf Course
- Dawson's Distillery
- Hawk Pride Mountain Off-Road Park
- Helen Keller Home, Museum and Gardens
- Historic Districts in Sheffield and Tuscumbia
- Historic LaGrange Park and Pioneer Village
- Leighton Museum
- Muscle Shoals Music Heritage (FAME Recording Studio, Muscle Shoals Sound, Cypress Moon Studio, Wishbone Recording Studio)
- Natchez Trace Parkway Sites
- Old Railroad Bridge
- Pickwick and Wilson Lakes fishing and recreation
- Rattlesnake Saloon and Seven Springs Lodge
- The Ritz Theatre
- Robert Trent Jones Golf Course
- Spring Park, Spring Park Light & Water Show, Amusements
- Tennessee Valley Museum of Art
- Tuscumbia Depot Museum
- Key Underwood Coon Dog Cemetery
- Village One historic community
- Wilson Lock and Dam



# NORTH ALABAMA CULLMAN COUNTY



POPULATION  
Cullman County 87,866  
Cullman 18,213  
Hanceville 3,217



Cullman is one of the fastest growing communities in the state, and among the many reasons for that are its excellent schools, natural beauty including access to beautiful Smith Lake, a job-ready workforce, and robust economy. It checks all the boxes for good infrastructure and access, with a location just off Interstate 65 that is almost exactly the midway point between Huntsville and Birmingham. Despite its longtime perception as a younger sibling of sorts to these bigger-city neighbors, Cullman is “growing up” while not sacrificing its small-town charms.

## CULLMAN COUNTY HOSPITALS Cullman Regional Medical Center 1912 Alabama 157, Cullman, AL

A 175-bed inpatient facility fully accredited by the Joint Commission, providing a wide range of services including cardiology, cardiovascular testing, diabetes care, outpatient imaging, gastrointestinal/endoscopy, home care, hospice, 3D mammography, pain management, family care, sleep center, surgery, physical therapy and rehabilitation services, urgent care, urology, and wound care.

## The Sanctuary at The Woodlands

1910 Cherokee Avenue Southwest, Cullman, AL

A free-standing psychiatric hospital for adults experiencing a mental health crisis.

## COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit [www.northalabama.org/retirement](http://www.northalabama.org/retirement) and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator.

For additional information, contact:

Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center  
301 Second Ave. SW  
P. O. Box 1104  
Cullman, AL 35055  
(256) 734-0454, (800) 313-5114  
[www.visitcullman.org](http://www.visitcullman.org)  
[www.cullmanchamber.org](http://www.cullmanchamber.org)



## CULLMAN COUNTY FACTS

### Accommodations:

- 995 Hotel Rooms
- 3 B&B Lodges
- 44 Cabins
- 10 Campgrounds

### Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- North Alabama Birding Trail
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail

### Attractions:

- Ave Maria Grotto
- Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center
- Cullman County Museum
- Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center
- Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College
- Festhalle Market Platz
- Garden City River Park
- Guy Hunt Library & Museum
- Heritage Park & Field of Miracles
- Historic Clarkson Covered Bridge
- Hurricane Creek Park
- North Alabama Agriplex
- Skydive Alabama
- Southern Accents Architectural Antiques
- Smith Lake
- Smith Lake Park
- Smith Lake Paddleboards
- Sportsman Lake Park
- Stony Lonesome OHV Park
- The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- Veteran's Memorial Park

# NORTH ALABAMA

# DeKALB COUNTY



POPULATION  
DeKalb County 71,608  
Fort Payne 14,877  
Rainsville 5,505



DeKalb County has a low cost of living, low crime, easy driving, very comfortable climate with four distinct seasons, and very friendly people. The area is home to several parks, scenic beauty, hiking, biking, canoeing, kayaking, and good restaurants.

## DEKALB COUNTY HOSPITALS

### DeKalb Regional Medical Center

200 Medical Center Dr., Fort Payne, AL

DeKalb Regional Medical Center, part of Quorum Health, offers a range of services, including preventative, diagnostic, and clinical care. The center features amenities such as a cafeteria, ATM, and free parking. Its staff includes R1 RCM professionals.

## COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit [www.northalabama.org/retirement](http://www.northalabama.org/retirement) and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator.

For additional information, contact:  
DeKalb Tourism

2114 Gault Avenue North, Fort Payne, AL 35968  
(256) 845-3957, (888) 805-4740  
[visitlookoutmountain.com](http://visitlookoutmountain.com)

Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce  
300 Gault Ave. North, Fort Payne, AL 35967  
(256) 845-2741, (256) 845-5849  
[www.fortpaynechamber.com](http://www.fortpaynechamber.com)



## DeKALB COUNTY FACTS

### Accommodations:

- 490 hotel rooms
- 4 B&B lodges
- 300+ rental cabins/properties
- 10 campgrounds

### Attractions:

- Little River Canyon
- DeSoto State Park
- High Falls Park
- Alabama Fan Club & Museum
- Boom Town Maker's Market
- Fort Payne Depot Museum & Depot Annex
- Sallie Howard Memorial Chapel
- Tigers for Tomorrow at Untamed Mountain
- Fort Payne Hosiery Museum
- True Adventure Sports
- The Opera House
- Orbix Hot Glass
- Mentone Arts Center

### Waterfalls of DeKalb County:

- Grace's High Falls
- DeSoto Falls
- Little River Falls
- Martha's Falls / Little Falls
- High Falls
- Azalea Cascade
- Lost Falls
- Poison Ivy Falls
- Laurel Falls
- Indian Falls

# NORTH ALABAMA

# ETOWAH

# COUNTY



POPULATION  
Etowah County 103,436  
Gadsden 33,945  
Rainbow City 10,191



Etowah County boasts an abundance of outdoor activities for those wishing to stay active. Situated along the banks of the Coosa River and only 60 miles from Birmingham, Etowah County is the perfect place to retire. The county is home to the communities of Gadsden, Rainbow City, Glencoe, Southside, Attalla, Hokes Bluff, Sardis City, and Altoona.

#### ETOWAH COUNTY HOSPITALS

##### **Gadsden Regional Medical Center**

1007 Goodyear Avenue, Gadsden, AL

A 346-bed medical center offering inpatient and outpatient services, including behavioral health, cancer care, critical care medicine, diagnostic imaging, emergency services, and heart care.

##### **Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital Of Gadsden**

801 Goodyear Avenue, Gadsden, AL

Offers inpatient rehabilitation services for individuals recovering from stroke, brain injury, hip fracture, and other complex neurological and orthopedic conditions.

##### **Mountain View Hospital**

3001 Scenic Highway, Gadsden, AL

A part of the Alabama Department of Mental Health, Mountain View Hospital offers acute-care inpatient hospitalization, intensive adolescent residential services, outpatient professional services, and telehealth services.

##### **Riverview Regional Medical Center**

600 South 3rd Street, Gadsden, AL

A modern architectural-style hospital with 346 beds, offering a wide range of services including cardiac care, emergency services, skilled nursing, behavioral health, cancer care, critical care medicine, diagnostic imaging, and heart care.

#### COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit [www.northalabama.org/retirement](http://www.northalabama.org/retirement) and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator.

For additional information, contact:

Greater Gadsden Area Tourism

623 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901

(888) 565-0411, [www.GreaterGadsden.com](http://www.GreaterGadsden.com)

(256) 593-8154, [boazareachamberofcommerce.com](http://boazareachamberofcommerce.com)

The Chamber, Gadsden/Etowah County  
One Commerce Square, Gadsden, AL 35902  
(256) 543-3472, [www.etowahchamber.org](http://www.etowahchamber.org)



#### ETOWAH COUNTY FACTS

##### Hotels/B&B:

- 18 Hotels with 1,137 rooms

##### Campgrounds, cabins, and rentals:

4 Campgrounds

##### Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- North Alabama Birding Trail
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail
- Lookout Mountain Parkway
- Alabama Antique Trail
- North Alabama Wine Trail
- North Alabama Barbecue Trail

##### Attractions:

- Nocalula Falls Park
- Coosa River/Coosa Landing fishing tournaments
- First Fridays
- Mary G. Hardin Center for the Cultural Arts
- Mountain Top Flea Market

# NORTH ALABAMA

# FRANKLIN

# COUNTY



POPULATION  
Franklin County 32,113  
Russellville 10,855  
Red Bay 3,232



Between Birmingham, Memphis, and Nashville, Franklin County anchors the southern edge of the Appalachian Mountain foothills and with that comes an abundance of spectacular outdoor leisure opportunities. If you are looking for a comfortable, safe, and affordable place to live, Franklin County may be the place for you. Some of the friendliest people in the world are from Franklin County!

## FRANKLIN COUNTY HOSPITALS

### Red Bay Hospital

211 Hospital Road, Red Bay, AL

An acute care facility owned and operated by Huntsville Hospital Health System - Shoals providing hospital and emergency services.

### Russellville Hospital

15155 Highway 43, Russellville, AL

A part of the Huntsville Hospital Health System, Russellville Hospital is a 49-bed acute care facility serving northwest Alabama. The hospital is fully accredited by The Joint Commission. Among its many services, the hospital provides a 24-hour Emergency Room, Intensive Care Unit/ Cardiac Care Unit, Respiratory Therapy, Inpatient and Outpatient Diagnostic Treatment Services, Rehabilitation Services, Cardiac Catheterization, Ambulatory Surgery, Laboratory, and Home Health.

## COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit [www.northalabama.org/retirement](http://www.northalabama.org/retirement) and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator.

For additional information, contact:  
Franklin County Chamber of Commerce  
103 North Jackson Ave.  
Russellville, AL 35653  
(256) 332-1760  
[www.franklincountychamber.org](http://www.franklincountychamber.org)



## FRANKLIN COUNTY FACTS

### Accommodations:

- 172 Hotel/Motel rooms
- 6 Bed and Breakfast Inns
- 13 Rental Cabins
- 7 Campgrounds
- 9 RV Parks

### Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- North Alabama Mural Trail
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail
- North Alabama Patriot Trail
- Freedom Hills River Trail

### Attractions:

- Bear Creek Lakes & Bear Creek Floatway
- Bay Tree Council for the Performing Arts
- Hodges Equestrian Park
- Dismals Canyon
- Historic Roxy Theatre
- Overton Farm & Bear Creek Collaborative
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail (Mount Pleasant Methodist Church & First United Methodist Church, Red Bay)
- Red Bay Family Fun Water Park
- Red Bay Museum
- Rock Bridge Canyon Equestrian Park
- Tiffin Motorhomes
- Willow Oak Lodge & Hunting Preserve
- Hurricane Creek Lodge & Hunting Preserve
- Scottarosa Alabama Whitetail Hunting Preserve
- Northwest Alabama Mountain Rides

# NORTH ALABAMA

# JACKSON COUNTY



**POPULATION**  
 Jackson County 52,579  
 Scottsboro 15,578  
 Stevenson 1,955



Retirement in Jackson County provides the opportunity for a casual, easy, and active life. Services which might require hours in line in a larger city can be accomplished in literally minutes. A full range of medical services is available either locally or in nearby Huntsville. One can be as active or involved in the community as they wish to be. The weather provides virtually year-round opportunity for outdoor activities. Add to all that, the low cost of living makes Jackson County an ideal location to retire.

## JACKSON COUNTY HOSPITALS

### Highlands Medical Center

380 Woods Cove Road, Scottsboro, AL

A 170-bed hospital part of the Huntsville Hospital Health System, offering emergency care, outpatient services, imaging, lab, therapy, wound care, and sleep disorder treatment.

## COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit [www.northalabama.org/retirement](http://www.northalabama.org/retirement) and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator.

For additional information, contact:  
 Mountain Lakes Chamber of Commerce  
 407 East Willow St., Scottsboro, AL 35768  
 (256) 259-5500, (800) 259-5508  
[mountainlakeschamberofcommerce.com](http://mountainlakeschamberofcommerce.com)



## JACKSON COUNTY FACTS

### Motels/Hotels:

- Comfort Inn & Suites
- Motel 6
- Red Roof Inn
- Hampton Inn & Suites
- Quality Inn
- Budget Inn
- Hess Motor Inn

### Campgrounds/Cabins/Lodges:

- Goose Pond RV/Campground
- Jackson Co. Park
- South Sauty Creek Resort
- Mink Creek Village
- Stevenson Campground
- Maranatha Camp & Conference Center
- Grant Summit Cabins
- Eagle's Landing RV Resort
- Freedomgate Bible Camp
- Vives-Phillips (ViP)
- Dogwood Hills Golf & Cabins
- ReTreet

### Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- North Alabama Birding Trail
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail
- Appalachian Highlands Byways

### Attractions:

- 69,000-Acre Lake Guntersville – In the Heart of the Lake District
- Goose Pond Colony Resort
- Unclaimed Baggage Center
- Scottsboro Boys Museum & Cultural Center
- Russell Cave National Monument
- Public, Private Hunting, & Wildlife Observation Preserves
- The Walls of Jericho
- Graham Farm & Nature Center
- Scottsboro-Jackson Heritage Center
- Scottsboro Railroad Depot Museum
- Stevenson Railroad Depot Museum and Fort Harker
- Bridgeport Railroad Depot Museum
- Pisgah Gorge
- Goose Pond Lake Course – Scottsboro
- Goose Pond Plantation Course - Scottsboro
- Dogwood Hills Golf & Gardens – Flat Rock
- Driven Luck Circuit
- Crow Mountain Orchard
- Bridgeport Historic Walking Bridge
- Stephens Gap
- Rock Zoo
- Buck's Pocket State Park
- Mennonite Market
- Tumbling Rock Cave Preserve
- Paint Rock River Canoe & Kayak
- Veterans Memorial Park
- Weathington Park
- Neversink Cave Preserve
- Payne's Sandwich Shop & Soda Fountain
- Cathedral Caverns State Park
- Santa Cave National Wildlife Refuge

# NORTH ALABAMA LAUDERDALE COUNTY



POPULATION  
Lauderdale County 97,753  
Florence 39,709  
Rogersville 1,339



From the houses on the bluffs overlooking the Tennessee River to the beautiful and historic homes in the city's downtown area, life in Florence is full of beauty. Florence is an outdoor lover's dream. Golfers pick from a variety of public and private courses. The river and its system of lakes offers a variety of recreational activities. Nature lovers and bird watchers find much to enjoy in the area's public parks, camping areas, and walking trails. In the spring, neighborhoods come alive with flowering dogwoods and azaleas, and the downtown areas buzz with activity as restaurants move tables to the sidewalk and enjoy another change of season.

## LAUDERDALE COUNTY HOSPITALS

### North Alabama Medical Center

1701 Veterans Dr., Florence, AL

A 263-bed hospital offering open heart surgery, women's and children's services, medical and imaging services, and is a certified chest pain center and recognized as a Primary Stroke Center of Excellence by the American Heart/American Stroke Association.

## COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit [www.northalabama.org/retirement](http://www.northalabama.org/retirement) and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator.

For additional information, contact:

Florence/Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau  
200 Jim Spain Drive, Florence, AL 35630  
(256) 740-4141, (888) 356-8687  
[www.visitflorenceal.com](http://www.visitflorenceal.com)

Rogersville Area Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 842, Rogersville, AL 35652  
(256) 247-9449, [www.rogersvillealabama.com](http://www.rogersvillealabama.com)

Shoals Chamber of Commerce  
20 Hightower Place, Florence, AL 35630  
(256) 764-4661, [www.shoalschamber.com](http://www.shoalschamber.com)



## LAUDERDALE COUNTY FACTS

### Hotels/B&B:

- Renaissance Shoals Hotel, Spa & Conference Center - 199 rooms
- Residence Inn by Marriott - 110 rooms
- Holiday Inn Express - 79 rooms
- Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown - 88 rooms
- Hampton Inn Midtown of Florence - 90 rooms
- Comfort Suites - 68 rooms
- Quality Inn - 47 rooms
- Baymont Inn & Suites - 64 rooms
- Joe Wheeler State Park - 75 rooms
- Lakeview Inn & Suites - 34 rooms
- Budget Inn - 36 rooms
- Economy Inn of Rogersville - 55 rooms
- The Gunrunner – 10 rooms
- The Stricklin Hotel – 24 rooms

### Campgrounds, cabins and rentals:

- Joe Wheeler State Park campground - 116 sites
- Joe Wheeler State Park cottages - 10 cottages
- Joe Wheeler State Park cabins - 30 cabins
- Elk River Group Lodge - 13 rooms
- McFarland Park campground - 60 sites
- Gibbons Home - 3 rooms
- Shoals Creek Rental Home - 3 rooms
- Hart Campground - 17 sites

### Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- North Alabama Birding Trail
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail
- Blackberry Golf Trail
- Americana Music Triangle
- Natchez Trace Parkway

### Attractions:

- Rosenbaum House
- Children's Museum of the Shoals
- Florence Indian Mound & Museum
- Wilson Dam
- Pope's Tavern
- Edith Newman Culver Memorial Museum
- Tom's Wall
- W.C. Handy Birthplace & Museum
- Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts
- Shoals Theatre
- Alabama Chanin
- Blackberry Trail Golf Course
- 360 Grille
- University of North Alabama

# NORTH ALABAMA LAWRENCE COUNTY



**POPULATION**  
Lawrence County 33,073  
Moulton 3,398  
Town Creek 1,052



The low cost of living in Lawrence County, Alabama is one of the many factors that businesses and individuals consider when relocating to the area. Lawrence County offers affordable housing and low property taxes. The low cost of living extends to state and local taxes, prices for groceries and other household items, as well everyday expenses. Residents can enjoy the low cost of living in a rural setting, but still have easy access to great job opportunities, educational opportunities, and recreational activities.

## LAWRENCE COUNTY HOSPITALS

### **Lawrence Medical Center**

202 Hospital Street, Moulton, AL

The fully-accredited 98-bed facility is an affiliate of Huntsville Hospital offering a range of services and state of the art equipment.

## COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit [www.northalabama.org/retirement](http://www.northalabama.org/retirement) and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator.

For additional information, contact:  
Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce  
15379 AL Hwy 24, Suite 4  
Moulton, AL 35650  
(256) 974-1658  
[www.lawrencealabama.com](http://www.lawrencealabama.com)



## LAWRENCE COUNTY FACTS

### Accommodations:

- Doublehead Resort – 120 rooms
- Days Inn – 60 rooms

### Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- North Alabama Birding Trail
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail
- Appalachian Highlands Byways

### Attractions:

- Jesse Owens Museum
- Courtland Heritage Museum
- Pond Spring (Joe Wheeler Home)
- Oakville Indian Mounds - Museum and Education Center
- Bankhead National Forest
- Tennessee River

# NORTH ALABAMA LIMESTONE COUNTY



POPULATION  
Limestone County 103,570  
Athens 25,406  
Elkmont 411



The county's proximity to transportation, recreational facilities, and educational centers make it a vibrant spot today. The rich soil still offers farming opportunities but also recreational ones. The Swan Creek Greenway, for example, offers hiking, a covered bridge, and access to an archery course. The railroads combined with Interstate 65, major highways, and nearby Tennessee River provide quick access for business and industrial transportation needs. Citizens are within short distances to universities and educational training facilities. Historic Downtown Athens offers unique shopping and dining opportunities while chain restaurants, stores, and trendy shops are located along U.S. 72, U.S. 31, and at the Interstate 65 exit.

## LIMESTONE COUNTY HOSPITALS

### Athens Limestone Hospital

700 Market Street West, Athens, AL

A 71-bed facility part of the Huntsville Hospital Health System with over 900 employees, 150 physicians, and a wide range of services including emergency care, surgery, obstetrics, and rehabilitation.

### North Alabama Specialty Hospital

700 Market Street West, Athens, AL

Located on the second floor of the Athens Limestone Hospital, the Specialty Hospital offers 31 beds for long-term acute care.

## COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit [www.northalabama.org/retirement](http://www.northalabama.org/retirement) and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator.

For additional information, contact:

Athens Limestone County Tourism Association  
100 Beaty Street North, Athens, AL 35611  
(256) 232-5411, [www.visitathensal.com](http://www.visitathensal.com)

Ardmore AL/TN Chamber of Commerce  
29910 Ardmore Ave, Ardmore, AL 35739  
P O Box 845, Ardmore, TN 38449  
(256) 423-7588



## LIMESTONE COUNTY FACTS

### Accommodations:

- 693 hotel rooms
- 6 campgrounds

### Attractions:

- Alabama Veterans Museum
- Houston Memorial Library
- Donnell House Living History Museum
- College Inn/Newby Gulf Station Museum
- Founders Hall - Athens State University
- High Cotton Arts
- Historic Mooresville
- Rails-to-Trails
- Limestone County Biking Trail
- Limestone County Canoe/Kayak Trail
- Beaty Historic District and the Houston Historic District
- Limestone County Antebellum Trail
- Pickleball Courts
- Athens Farmers Market



# NORTH ALABAMA

# MADISON COUNTY



**POPULATION**  
Madison County 412,600  
Huntsville 225,000  
Madison 61,000



Huntsville, Alabama is a fantastic place to retire. The cost of living is below the national average, and the quality of life is outstanding. The community boasts an abundance of restaurants, entertainment, and retail options along with the natural beauty of parks, trails, and greenways. The U.S. Space & Rocket Center, home of Space Camp, is the number one tourist attraction in Alabama. U.S. News and World Report continuously ranks Huntsville in the top ten in its Best Places to Live in the U.S. and Best Places to Retire. Redstone Arsenal, a U.S. Army installation, offers many amenities for retired military members and their families.

#### MADISON COUNTY HOSPITALS

##### **Crestwood Medical Center**

1 Hospital Drive Southwest, Huntsville, AL

A full-service acute care hospital offering surgical and diagnostic procedures, a Level III trauma center.

##### **Madison Hospital**

8375 Highway 72 West, Madison, AL

A member of Huntsville Hospital Health System, Madison Hospital is a 90-bed acute care facility offering services like emergency care, maternity services, and acute care.

##### **Huntsville Hospital**

101 Sivley Road Southwest, Huntsville, AL

A Level 1 Trauma Center and flagship of the Huntsville Hospital Health System, Huntsville Hospital offers emergency and trauma care, cardiac surgery, women's and children's care, and primary care.

##### **Unity Psychiatric Care**

5315 Millenium Drive, NW, Huntsville, AL

A Medicare Certified 20 Bed Psychiatric Hospital with service to the surrounding community. Primarily engaged in providing care under the supervision of physicians, inpatient diagnostics, and therapeutic services.

#### COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit [www.northalabama.org/retirement](http://www.northalabama.org/retirement) and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator.

For additional information, contact:

Huntsville/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau  
500 Church Street NW, Suite One  
Huntsville, AL 35801  
(256) 551-2230, 800-SPACE 4 U  
[www.huntsville.org](http://www.huntsville.org)

Madison Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 1062, 130 Park Square Lane,  
Madison, AL 35758  
(256) 325-8317  
[www.MadisonALchamber.com](http://www.MadisonALchamber.com)



#### MADISON COUNTY FACTS

##### Accommodations:

- Approximately 8,000 hotel/motel rooms
- 1 bed and breakfast inn
- 11 rental cabins at Monte Sano State Park
- 3 campgrounds with 216+ campsites, 23 primitive campsites

##### Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- Huntsville Digital History Tour
- Finding Huntsville Scavenger Hunt
- Downtown Huntsville Craft Beer Trail
- Downtown Huntsville Craft Coffee Trail
- Rocket City Civil Rights Driving Tour
- North Alabama Birding Trail
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail
- Lucky Duck Scavenger Hunt™ and Trains on Main
- Land Trust of North Alabama Trails & Preserves
- 20 Monte Sano State Park Trails
- 100+ miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails in Madison County

##### Attractions:

- Alabama Constitution Hall Historic Park & Museum
- Burritt on the Mountain
- Ditto Landing & Marina
- EarlyWorks Children's Museum
- Harrison Brothers Hardware
- Historic Huntsville Depot
- HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology
- Huntsville Botanical Garden
- Huntsville Museum of Art
- Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment
- Monte Sano State Park
- Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail - Hampton Cove
- U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Home to Space Camp
- U. S. Veterans Memorial Museum
- Weeden House Museum
- Bridge Street Town Centre
- Campus No. 805
- The Orion Amphitheater
- Green Bus Brewing
- Mad Malts Brewery
- Old Black Bear Brewing
- Rocket Republic Brewing
- Back Forty Beer Company
- Straight to Ale Brewing
- Yellowhammer Brewing
- The Brewers Cooperative
- InnerSpace Brewing
- Stove House
- Chandlers Ford Brewing

# NORTH ALABAMA

# MARION COUNTY



POPULATION  
Marion County 29,341  
Hamilton 7,042  
Winfield 4,117



Marion County is within an hour's drive of five major metro areas. The overall cost of living is only 80% of the national average, while housing costs are sometimes as low as 70%.

#### MARION COUNTY HOSPITALS

##### **North Mississippi Medical Center - Hamilton** 1256 Military Street South, Hamilton, AL

A not-for-profit acute care hospital offering surgery, emergency and outpatient services, rehabilitation, a 24-hour access wellness center, and physical, occupational, and speech-language therapy.

##### **Northwest Regional Health**

1530 U.S. 43, Winfield, AL

A 49-bed acute care hospital offering a full-service surgery department among other clinical operations, a level three trauma center and wellness and specialty clinics.

#### COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit [www.northalabama.org/retirement](http://www.northalabama.org/retirement) and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator.

For additional information, contact:  
Hamilton Area Chamber of Commerce  
225 1st Street SW  
P.O. Box 1168  
Hamilton, AL 35570  
(205) 921-7786  
[hamiltonchamberofcommerce.org](http://hamiltonchamberofcommerce.org)



#### MARION COUNTY FACTS

##### Accommodations:

- Holiday Inn Guin
- Days Inn Hamilton
- America's Best Value Inn
- Hampton Inn Winfield
- Quality Inn
- Relax Inn Guin

##### Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- North Alabama Birding Trail
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail
- Marion County Art Trail

##### Attractions:

- 1927 Ernest Baxter Fite House, National Register of Historic Places
- 1840s Pearce's Mill site, National Register of Historic Places
- Bear Creek Lakes recreation
- Buttahatchee River recreation
- Jerry Brown & Sons Pottery
- Historic Indian Mounds
- Guin Waterpark
- Roadside Wall Murals by local artist Missy Miles
- Marion County Lake
- Aggueland Disc Golf
- Maywood Christian Camp
- Pickleball Courts
- Pikeville Country Club & Golf Course
- Nature Trail Splash Pad & Playground

# NORTH ALABAMA MARSHALL COUNTY



**POPULATION**  
Marshall County 97,612  
Guntersville 8,553  
Albertville 22,386



Right in the heart of Marshall County is beautiful Lake Guntersville which boasts of some of the best fishing in the entire state of Alabama. You'll find gorgeous homes dotting the shore line all across the county and lots of residents and visitors alike enjoying the lake. Marshall County is also the only county in the state that is home to three Alabama state parks, making it the perfect place to retire if you love the outdoors.

#### MARSHALL COUNTY HOSPITALS

##### **Marshall Medical Center North**

8000 Alabama 69, Guntersville, AL

A 90-bed community hospital offering emergency, trauma, cancer care, and professional center services, accredited by the Joint Commission and part of the Marshall Medical Centers network.

##### **Marshall Medical Center South**

2505 U.S. 431, Boaz, AL

A community-owned hospital providing top-of-the-line healthcare services for over 60 years, with 150 beds, a highly trained medical staff, and a comprehensive range of services.

#### **COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR**

Visit [www.northalabama.org/retirement](http://www.northalabama.org/retirement) and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator.

For additional information, contact:

Marshall County Tourism and Sports

1601 Gunter Ave., Guntersville, AL 35976

(256) 582-7015, [www.explorelakeguntersville.com](http://www.explorelakeguntersville.com)

Lake Guntersville Chamber of Commerce

200 Gunter Ave., Guntersville, AL 35976

(256) 582-3612, [www.lakeguntersville.org](http://www.lakeguntersville.org)

Albertville Chamber of Commerce

316 Sand Mountain Dr., Albertville, AL 35950

(256) 878-3821, (800) 878-3821, [www.albertvillechamberofcommerce.com](http://www.albertvillechamberofcommerce.com)

Arab Chamber of Commerce

1157 North Main St., Arab, AL 35016

(256) 586-3138, (888) 403-2722

Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce

100 E Bartlett St., Boaz, AL 35957

(256) 593-8154, [www.boazareachamberofcommerce.com](http://www.boazareachamberofcommerce.com)

Grant Chamber of Commerce

5586 Main St., Grant, AL 35747

(256) 728-8800



#### **MARSHALL COUNTY FACTS**

##### Accommodations:

- 900 Hotel Rooms
- 1,000 Campsites
- 2 Bed and Breakfast
- 350 Cabins/Vacation Rentals

##### Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- North Alabama Craft Beer Trail
- North Alabama Birding Trail
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail
- North Alabama Mural Trail
- Alabama Wine Trail
- Appalachian Highlands Byways
- Lake Guntersville State Park Trails (20)

##### Attractions:

- Cathedral Caverns State Park
- Lake Guntersville State Park
- Buck's Pocket State Park
- Jules J. Berta Winery
- Whole Backstage Theatre
- Arab Historic Village
- Guntersville Museum
- Screaming Eagle Zipline

# NORTH ALABAMA

# MORGAN COUNTY



**POPULATION**  
 Morgan County 123,421  
 Decatur 57,880  
 Hartselle 15,455



Decatur is situated on the banks of the Tennessee River. This town has a thriving arts and cultural scene, a wonderful downtown district, and a beautiful rose garden. But shopping and natural beauty aren't the only reasons to move here: affordability is another major incentive. The cost of buying a home in Decatur is much less than it is in other major metro areas. The Old Decatur and Albany Historic Districts of Decatur make up the largest concentration of Victorian era craftsman and bungalow homes in Alabama. Residents also enjoy the added benefit of proximity to major highways that connect to places like Huntsville and Birmingham.

#### MORGAN COUNTY HOSPITALS

##### **Decatur Morgan Hospital**

1201 7th Street Southeast, Decatur, AL

##### **Decatur Morgan Hospital - Parkway Campus**

1874 Beltline Road Southwest, Decatur, AL

A full-service community hospital part of the Huntsville Hospital Health System offering emergency care, surgery, obstetrics, pediatrics, and rehabilitation services to the communities of Decatur, Hartselle, Priceville, and surrounding areas.

##### **Hartselle Health Park ER**

1549 US-31, Hartselle, AL 35640

With the same capabilities as hospital-based ERs, the facility has 10 treatment rooms including a dedicated trauma room, ambulance bay, helipad and a full imaging center with CT, x-ray and ultrasound. Board certified emergency medicine physicians will lead the care team which also includes experienced ER nurses, lab and imaging technicians as well as a paramedic crew.

#### COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit [www.northalabama.org/retirement](http://www.northalabama.org/retirement) and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator.

For additional information, contact:

Decatur-Morgan County Tourism

350 Market Street, Decatur, AL 35601

(256) 350-2028, (800) 524-6181, [www.visitdecatur.org](http://www.visitdecatur.org)

Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 817, 110 Railroad St. SW, Hartselle, AL 35640

(256) 773-4370, (800) 294-0692

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#### MORGAN COUNTY FACTS

##### Attractions:

- Old State Bank
- Carnegie Visual Arts Center
- Point Mallard Park
- Wheeler Wildlife Refuge
- Historic Decatur Depot
- Cook Museum of Natural Science

##### Decatur Hotels:

- Best Western River City Hotel
- Courtyard by Marriott
- DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
- Hampton Inn
- Home2 Suites
- La Quinta Inn by Wyndham
- Studio 9 Inn
- Quality Inn
- Stay Lodge Extended Stay
- Comfort Inn & Suites
- Fairfield Inn & Suites
- Econo Lodge
- Holiday Inn Express
- InTown Suites
- Magnolia Motel
- Sleep Inn & Suite
- Residence Inn

##### Priceville Hotels:

- Comfort Inn
- Days Inn by Wyndham
- Super 8 by Wyndham

##### Hartselle Hotels:

- Red Roof Inn
- Quail Creek Inn
- Express Inn

##### Falkville Hotels:

- Lacon Motel

##### Campgrounds:

- Point Mallard Campground
- Quail Creek Campground
- Jay Landings Campground

##### Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- Alabama Birding Trail
- Amen Trail
- Appalachian Highlands Byways
- Battle for Decatur Civil War Walking Trail
- Dr. Bill Sims Biking and Running/Walking Trail
- Delano Park Trail of History
- Historic Decatur Walking Tour
- Native American Interpretive Trails at Point Mallard Park
- North Alabama Barbecue Trail
- North Alabama Craft Beer Trail
- Point Mallard Park Scenic Trail
- Trail of Tears Walking Tour
- Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge Trails (5)
- Alabama Scenic River Trail

# NORTH ALABAMA

# WINSTON COUNTY



POPULATION  
Winston County 23,540  
Double Springs 1,119  
Haleyville 4,304



Looking for solitude and the small town way of life? Then Winston County is the place for you to retire. Home to the communities of Haleyville, Double Springs, Houston, and Arley.

## WINSTON COUNTY HOSPITALS

### Lakeland Community Hospital

42024 Highway 195 East, Haleyville, AL

The full-service community hospital is a 36 bed unit plus a 4-bed ICU facility, providing a wide range of healthcare services to the local community.

## COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit [www.northalabama.org/retirement](http://www.northalabama.org/retirement) and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator.

For additional information, contact:  
Town of Double Springs  
(205) 489-5447

Haleyville Area Chamber of Commerce  
1200 21st Street, Haleyville, AL 35565  
(205) 486-4611  
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## WINSTON COUNTY FACTS

### Accommodations:

- A Number of Private Cabins and Lake Homes are Available for Nightly Rental
- 4 Campgrounds
- 6 Boat Launch Ramps on Smith Lake

### Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- North Alabama Birding Trail
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail
- Bankhead National Forest offers over 90 miles of recreational trails
- 38 miles of horseback riding trails
- 4 canoe trails

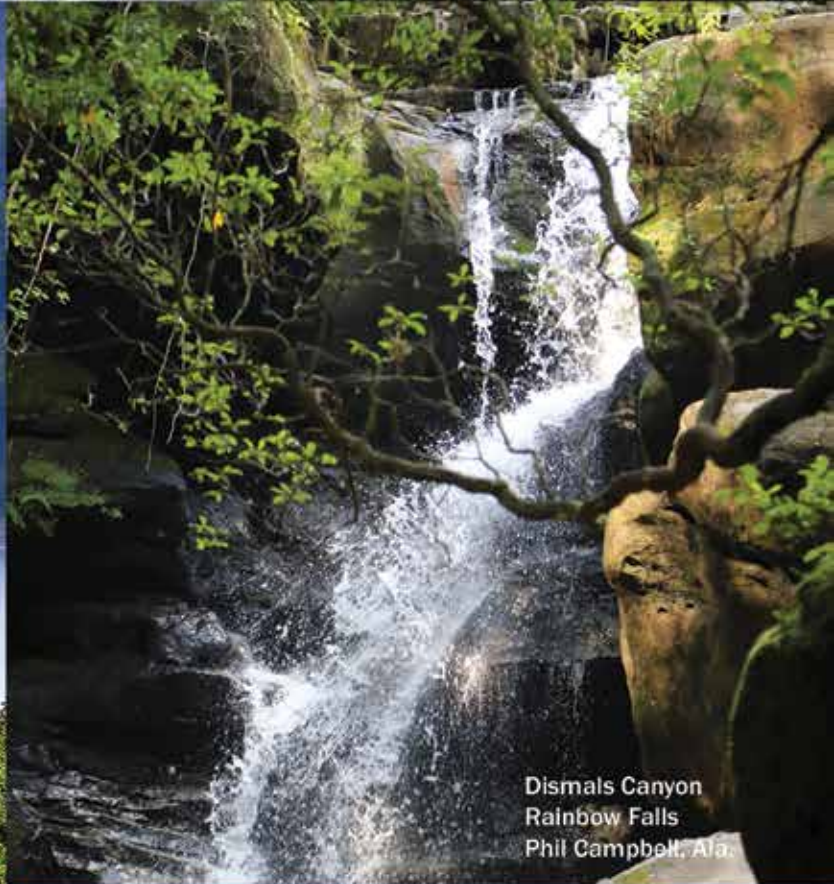
### Attractions:

- William B. Bankhead National Forest, one of Alabama's four National Forests, covering 181,230 acres
- Home to Alabama's only National Wild and Scenic River, the Sipsey Fork
- Six recreation areas scattered about the Bankhead National Forest
- Sipsey Wilderness is the largest national forest wilderness area east of the Mississippi
- Smith Lake
- Dual Destiny Civil War Statue
- Old Houston Jail
- Natural Bridge Park
- 4 sites on the National Registry of Historic Places
- Looney's Amphitheater Complex and Cultural Center
- Sipsey Vineyards and Winery

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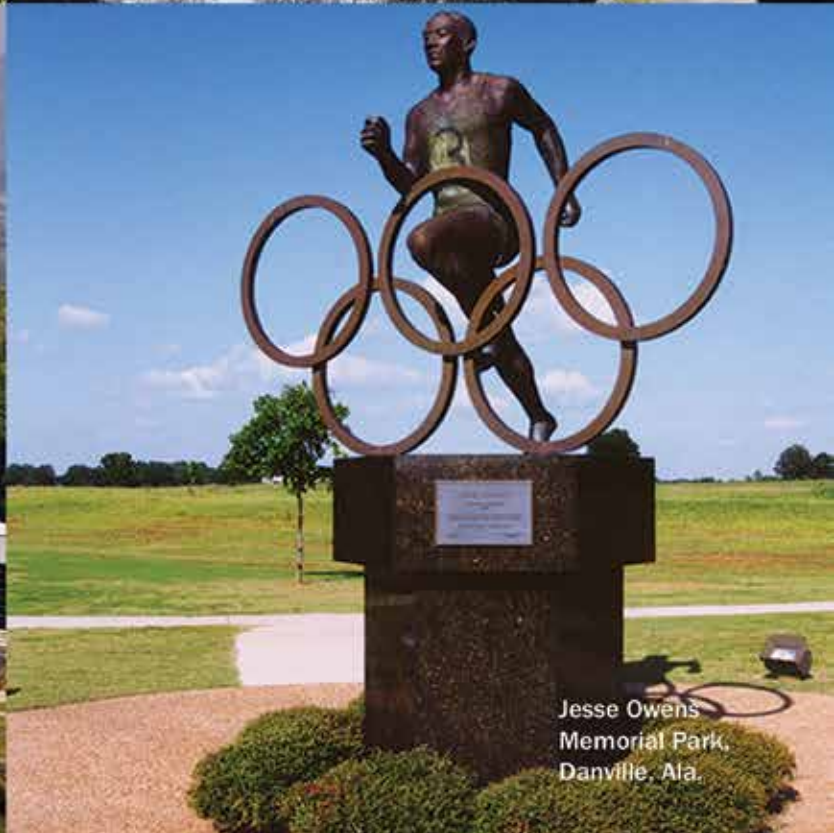
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Guntersville, Ala.



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Rainbow Falls  
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