

Lee County

County Code: 081

MSA: Auburn-Opelika, AL

Communities: Auburn, Loachapoka, Opelika, Smith Station

Population and Income Estimates

	County	15-Mile Radius	30-Mile Radius	45-Mile Radius
2010 Census:	140,247	140,247	470,770	601,611
2015 Estimate:	155,859	155,859	513,408	648,227
2020 Projection:	167,868	167,868	548,837	687,924
2015 Median Household Income:	\$46,077	\$46,077	\$44,191	\$43,587
2015 Median Age:	32	32	34	35

Source: Nielsen. Note: All other numbers are Nielsen estimates and projections.

2013 County Labor Analysis

Civilian Labor Force: 69,524 Unemployment Rate: 5.2%
 Employment: 65,930 Unemployment: 3,594

Workforce Commuting Patterns

County Residents Working in the County: 25,174
 County Residents Working outside the County: 21,311
 Outside Residents Working in County: 20,854

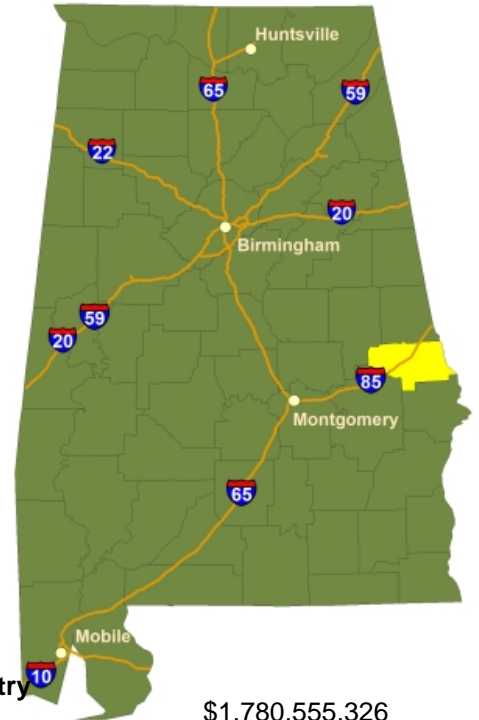
Top Counties Receiving Workers

- 1) Lee
- 2) Muscogee, GA
- 3) Russell
- 4) Montgomery
- 5) Chambers

Top Counties Sending Workers

- 1) Lee
- 2) Chambers
- 3) Macon
- 4) Tallapoosa
- 5) Russell

Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Note: Numbers reflect 2013 annual averages



County Employment by Industry

Total	52,041
Mining:	60
Utilities:	146
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting:	295
Construction:	1,622
Manufacturing:	6,087
Wholesale Trade:	859
Resale Trade:	6,442
Transportation and Warehousing:	1,830
Information:	470
Finance and Insurance:	988
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing:	707
Professional and Technical Services:	1,422
Management of Companies/Enterprises:	176
Administrative and Waste Services:	4,674
Educational Services:	284
Health Care and Social Assistance:	3,021
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation:	432
Accommodation and Food Services:	6,503
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin:	927
Total Federal Government:	294
Total State Government:	7,240
Total Local Government:	7,563

County Wage by Industry

Total:	\$1,780,555,326
Mining:	\$3,401,326
Utilities:	\$11,295,652
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting:	\$14,876,114
Construction:	\$67,503,099
Manufacturing:	\$263,569,320
Wholesale Trade:	\$38,636,237
Resale Trade:	\$144,568,921
Transportation and Warehousing:	\$69,399,092
Information:	\$17,077,751
Finance and Insurance:	\$51,939,426
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing:	\$20,861,765
Professional and Technical Services:	\$64,694,563
Management of Companies/Enterprises:	\$9,829,367
Administrative and Waste Services:	\$83,562,944
Educational Services:	\$7,453,964
Health Care and Social Assistance:	\$110,510,769
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation:	\$6,176,175
Accommodation and Food Services:	\$85,151,296
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin:	\$24,910,251
Total Federal Government:	\$17,238,245
Total State Government:	\$371,677,953
Total Local Government:	\$296,221,096

Source: Alabama Department of Labor: <http://labor.alabama.gov>. Note: Information can be obtained through

www.edpa.org



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COUNTY PROFILE

Major Employers in Lee County

Name	Product	# of Employees
Auburn University	Higher Education	5,500
East Alabama Medical Center	Regional Hospital	2,769
Lee County School Systems	Education	1,215
Auburn City Schools	Education	950
Wal-Mart Distribution Center	Grocery Distribution Center	708
Mando America Corporation	Automotive—Brake, Steering	670
City of Auburn	Government	650
Afni, Inc.	In-Bound Call Center	600
Opelika City Schools	Education	573
Briggs and Stratton Corporation	Small Engines	460

Source: Local economic development contacts

Major Manufacturing Employers in Lee County

Name	Product	# of Employees
Wal-Mart Distribution Center	Grocery Distribution Center	708
Mando America Corporation	Automotive—Brake, Steering	670
Briggs and Stratton Corporation	Small Engines	460
SCA, Inc.	Automotive Plastics	420
Borbet Alabama, Inc.	Automotive Aluminum Wheels	400
Masterbrand Cabinets, Inc.	Kitchen & Bath Cabinetry	375
CV Holdings, LLC	Plastics Packaging	345
Hanwha L&C Alabama	Automotive—Bumpers	332
Weidmann Automotive & Industrial North America, LLC	Automotive Plastics	275
Jo-Ann Stores, Inc.	Distribution Center	248

Source: Local economic development contacts

Education

2015 MSA Population 25+ by Educational Attainment	
Graduate/professional degree:	14.1%
Bachelors degree:	18.4%
Associates degree:	8.0%
Some college, no degree:	19.2%
High school graduate/GED:	27.2%
9-12th grade (no diploma):	9.4%
Less than 9th grade:	3.7%

Source: Nielsen

Colleges and Universities

Auburn University
Southern Union State Comm College Opelika Campus

Source: Alabama Commission on Higher Education. Note: Information on Alabama's two and four year colleges can be found on the Commission's website

2014 county profile general tax structure

Ad Valorem Tax		Alabama has a state property tax rate of 6.5 mills (3 mills for education). Both county and city can levy property tax. All real and personal business property is assessed at 20% of fair market value.	
Other Business Related Taxes	County	State	
Sales Tax General Rate:	3.00%	4.00%	
Use Tax General Rate:	3.00%	4.00%	
Sales Tax on Machinery:	1.00%	1.50%	
Use Tax on Machinery:	1.00%	1.50%	

Source: Alabama Department of Revenue; www.ador.state.al.us. Note: Information on business-related taxes is available on the Alabama Department of Revenue website at www.ador.state.al.us. Construction materials are taxed at the general rate. Inventories and goods-in-process are not taxed.

Transportation

Interstates in County:	I-85
Federal highways in county:	US-280 US-29
Railroads serving in county:	CSX Transportation Norfolk Southern

Source: Alabama Department of Transportation Intermodal Division, www.dot.state.al.us

Commercial Air Service

Columbus Metropolitan Airport
Columbus, GA

General Aviation Service

Auburn-Opelika Airport
Auburn

Source: EDPA Survey of Commercial Airports; Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau; www.dot.state.al.us; Airnav.com