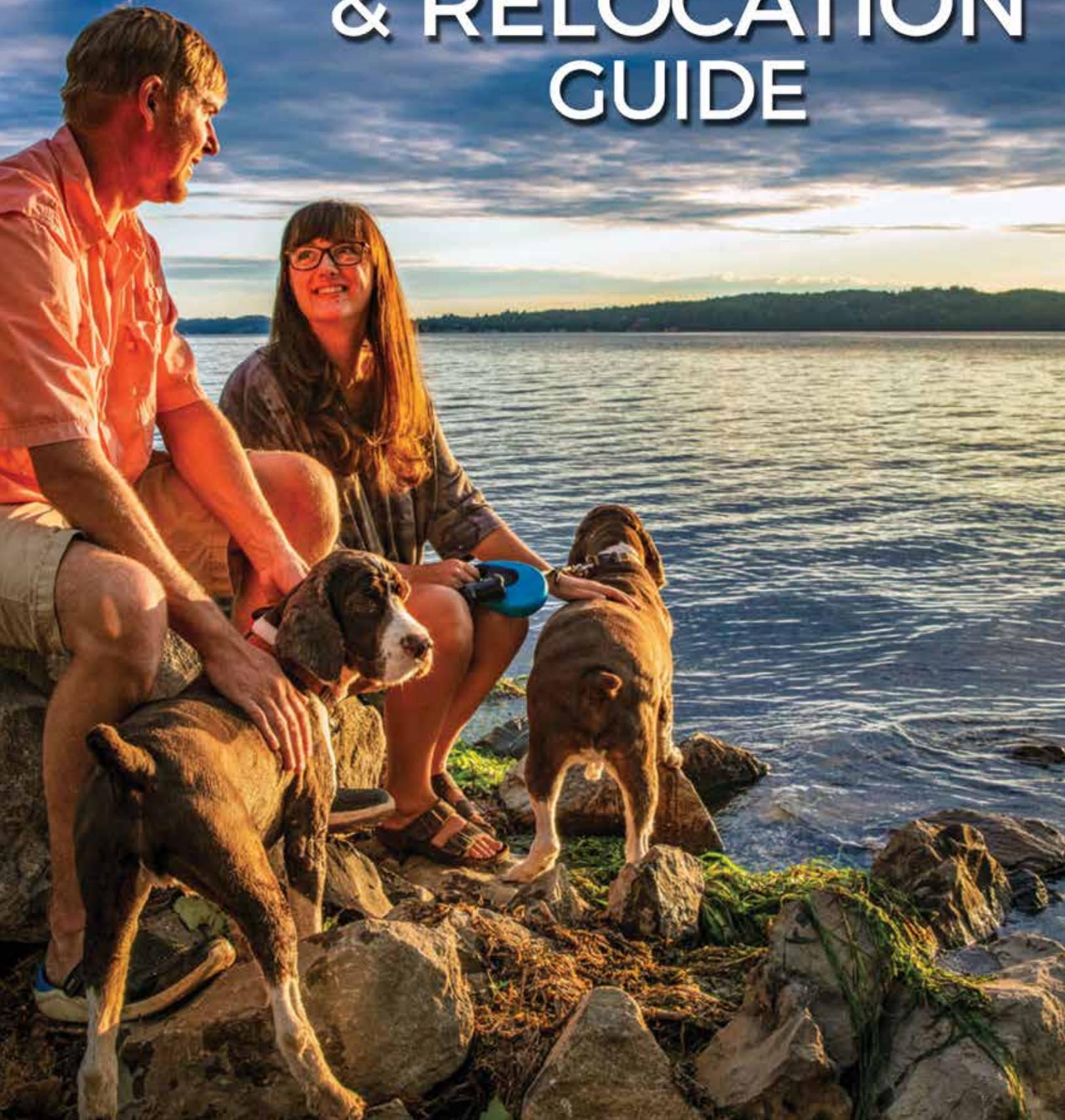


NORTH ALABAMA RETIREMENT & RELOCATION GUIDE





DeSoto Falls, Mentone, Alabama

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, 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 EarlyWorks Museum Complex, all in Huntsville; 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 America's southern-most snow skiing slopes at Cloudmont Golf & Ski Resort in Cloudmont and the deepest gorge east of the Mississippi River at Little River Canyon National Preserve in Ft. Payne.

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.

North Alabama: Where the Lakes Meet the Mountains

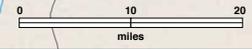
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Big Spring Park, Huntsville, Alabama

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Uniquely North Alabama

It's the name of a famous song, but Guntersville is truly a place "where eagles fly." The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources initiated a Bald Eagle Restoration Project in 1984, releasing 91 juvenile eagles between 1985 and 1991. Today, the site has one of the largest nesting eagle populations in the state. The area has so many migrating bald eagles during the winter that Lake Guntersville State Park specifically created Eagle Awareness Weekends for folks to come, watch, and enjoy the graceful symbol of our American heritage each January & February.

Alabama installed the first statue honoring a disabled person in the U.S. Capitol in 2009, unveiling a bronze of a 7-year-old Helen Keller at her moment of epiphany when she solved "the mystery of language" without sight or hearing. The statue, also the only one of a child in the Capitol collection, depicts Keller at her home in Tusculumbia as her teacher Anne Sullivan spelled out the word "water" in her hand while pumping water over her other hand. Keller's home, known as Ivy Green, is listed on the National Historic Landmarks rolls and is open to the public daily.

Opened in 1970, just after the second manned mission to the lunar surface, the U. S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville is earth's largest museum of its type and is Alabama's number one most visited attraction. Showcasing rockets, achievements, and items from the U.S. space program, the center contains more than 1,500 permanent rocketry and space exploration artifacts, as well as many rotating rocketry and space-related exhibits. The idea for the museum was first proposed by Dr. Wernher von Braun, who led the efforts of the United States 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 in 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 and was recognized in his lifetime as "perhaps the greatest and most famous athlete in track and field history". A museum in Oakville honors his achievements.

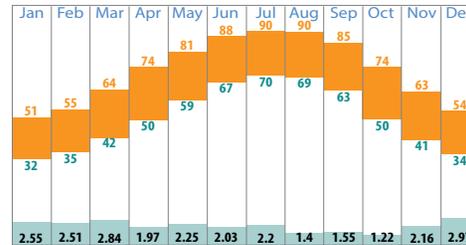
The Little River Canyon National Preserve was established and made a unit of the National Park System October 21, 1992. The canyon reaches depths of 700 feet and is one of the Southeast's deepest canyons. Little River is the only river in the world to run its full length across the top of a mountain. Located in the rugged yet verdant landscape of northeast Alabama, the preserve currently 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 with 26 courses, and 468 holes making up more than 100 miles of golf. These are not "manufactured" courses though — all partake of the natural topography. Each 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.

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 average high and low temperatures in fahrenheit for each month, and monthly average rainfall in inches in the bottom green box. Averages are based on weather reports collected from 1985-2019.



QUICK CLIMATE INFO

Hottest Month	July (80°F avg)
Coldest Month	January (42°F avg)
Wettest Month	December (2.97" avg)
Windiest Month	March (8 mph avg)
Annual precipitation	25.66" (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 make accessible the recreational opportunities provided by nature while preserving its pristine condition.

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

MAJOR RECREATIONAL LAKES IN NORTH ALABAMA

Lake location on regional map on page 3-4 follows the name.
Bear Creek Lakes (F-2 to F-5) 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)

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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	82.3	100
Grocery	94.4	100
Health	102.2	100
Housing	55.9	100
Median Home Cost	\$129,300	\$231,200
Home appreciation in Alabama is up 6.9%		
Utilities	99.1	100
Transportation	85.9	100
Miscellaneous (clothing, restaurants, repairs, entertainment, and other services)	94.5	100

Education in Alabama

Pupil/Teacher Ration	16.4	16.8
Students per Librarian	430.8	538.1
Students per Counselor	414.7	403.2
High School Graduation Rate	85.3%	87.3%

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.

Calculator →

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





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

Themed Trails of North Alabama



NORTH ALABAMA BARBECUE TRAIL
Barbecue, barbeque, or simply Bar-B-Que, no matter how you spell it, locally owned restaurants across North Alabama know how to serve up the best dishes you've ever had to excite your taste buds. 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 sides.



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 BIRDING TRAIL
The North Alabama Birding Trail is made up of 50 individual sites scattered throughout 11 counties in north Alabama. The sites range from simple roadside pull-offs, to short walking trails, to more remote locales accessed only by lengthy hikes or even canoes. Each site was selected for its birding opportunities, either for the number of bird species present or as a known haunt of a particularly rare or uncommon bird.



NORTH ALABAMA CIVIL WAR TRAIL
North Alabama is rich with Civil War history from the home of "Fighting Joe" Wheeler, to the sacking of Athens by Col. J.B. Turchin, and the LaGrange Historic College heritage site - and it's yours to explore. The brochure highlights sites and attractions linked to the war. It includes museums, walking trails, monuments, and the dates of war re-enactments that are held each year.



NORTH ALABAMA CRAFT BEER TRAIL
Several micro-breweries snug in the foothills of the Appalachians from Florence to Gadsden offer dozens of beers unique to North Alabama. Get a stamp at each one for a free gift from us.



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



NORTH ALABAMA SCENIC MOTORCYCLE ROUTES
The mountains are calling, and I must ride. North Alabama embraces the southern foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, making it a great region for motorcycle rides. Our scenic routes also 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 rural, rolling hills of North Alabama. This heritage trail will help guide you down the steel rails to the significant depots, museums, festivals, eateries, and small-scale train rides available today.



NORTH ALABAMA WATERFALLS
Thanks to the flowing waters of the Tennessee River, North Alabama boasts the most beautiful waterfalls either side of the Appalachians. Explore for a day or a weekend getaway. These stunning falls are surrounded by nature to hike, spots to photograph, and, in some cases, wineries to relax.



NORTH ALABAMA WINE TRAIL
North Alabama is home to a wide variety of wineries. Our wineries are close enough to each other that you can visit several in a day and experience them all in a long weekend. They include Jules J. Berta Vineyards in Albertville, Wills Creek Vineyards in Attalla, Maraella Winery in Hokes Bluff, White Oak Vineyards in Anniston, Fruithurst Winery in Fruithurst, and High Country Cellars in Heflin.



Spring Park, Tusculumbia, 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 57,840
Oneonta 6,567
Blountsville 1,684

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 FACTS

Accommodations:

- 2 Hotels
- 2 Campgrounds

Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- North Alabama Birding Trail
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail
- Blount County Covered Bridge 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

Annual Events:

Blountsville Harvest Festival
Blount County Rodeo
Hayden Days
Bloomin' Pie Days
Cleveland Labor Day BBQ
Snead Town Picnic
Oneonta Business Association Spring Fling
Covered Bridge Festival
Annual Locust Fork Whitewater Classic
Community Arts Council of Blount County Events
Blount County Quilter's Guild Events
Blount County Fair
Daffodil Festival, Blountsville Historical Park
Bearmeat Music Festival, Blountsville Historical Park
Blount County Christmas Parade
Blountsville Christmas Parade
West Blount Christmas Parade
Cleveland Christmas in the Park
Christmas Lights at Rickwood Caverns State Park
Christmas Lights at Palisades Park

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Index Comparison

Category	Atlanta, GA	Blount County	National Average
Composite (100%)	102.3	85.2	100.0
Grocery (13.89%)	103.4	95.1	100.0
Housing (27.53%)	102.2	55.1	100.0
Utilities (9.55%)	85.1	108.2	100.0
Transportation (9.20%)	103.7	89.2	100.0
Health Care (4.31%)	106.1	89.1	100.0
Miscellaneous (35.52%)	105.7	97.0	100.0

Average Price Comparisons

Item	Atlanta, GA	Blount County	National Average
Apartment Rent	\$1,207.00	\$518.00	\$1,141.00
Home Price	\$365,442.00	\$229,844.00	\$362,548.00
Total Energy	\$123.06	\$192.07	\$167.87
Phone	\$181.27	\$179.90	\$180.24
Gasoline	\$2.53	\$2.22	\$2.48
Optometrist Visit	\$108.80	\$96.85	\$106.28
Doctor Visit	\$117.28	\$97.26	\$115.15
Dentist Visit	\$115.16	\$81.89	\$97.97
Prescription Drug	\$470.72	\$497.94	\$469.56
Haircut	\$20.50	\$11.71	\$17.58
Beauty Salon	\$47.13	\$35.35	\$38.23
Pizza	\$10.29	\$9.67	\$10.47
Steak	\$13.84	\$11.34	\$11.42
Ground Beef	\$4.57	\$4.22	\$3.90
Sausage	\$4.11	\$3.43	\$4.20
Frying Chicken	\$1.37	\$1.40	\$1.40
Chunk Light Tuna	\$1.13	\$0.99	\$1.12
Whole Milk	\$2.09	\$1.77	\$1.95
Eggs	\$1.19	\$1.37	\$1.52
Margarine	\$1.03	\$0.94	\$1.11
Potatoes	\$2.92	\$2.72	\$3.16
Lettuce	\$1.51	\$1.52	\$1.58
Bread	\$4.15	\$3.39	\$3.45
Fresh Orange Juice	\$3.50	\$3.51	\$3.53
Coffee	\$4.81	\$3.77	\$4.31

Index and average prices are based on data gathered between Q12019 - Q12020. For more information on the methodology, please visit C2ER Cost of Living Index website (www.coli.org).

COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit www.northalabama.org/retirement and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator. An annual salary of \$50,000 and moving from Atlanta, GA was used for the following example.

Salary Comparison

If you are earning \$50,000 after tax dollars in Atlanta, GA the comparable after-tax income in Blount County is \$41,642.

If you move from Atlanta, GA to Blount County, AL

Grocery will cost:	7.62% less
Housing will cost:	48.59% less
Utilities will cost:	27.03% more
Transportation will cost:	14.06% less
Healthcare will cost:	14.35% less

Total Monthly Expected Spending Comparison By Household Types

Household Type	Atlanta, GA	Blount County	National Average
Married Couple with Children Under 6	\$6,434	\$5,366	\$6,348
Married Couple with Children 6-17	\$6,911	\$5,815	\$6,805
Home Owner	\$5,593	\$4,811	\$5,535
Renter	\$3,500	\$2,543	\$3,397

NORTH ALABAMA CHEROKEE COUNTY

POPULATION

Cherokee County 26,032
Centre 3,489
Cedar Bluff 1,820

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. They have small-town environments, friendly faces, wide-open spaces, and abundant natural beauty - minutes from major cities (Atlanta, Birmingham, Chattanooga, Huntsville).



CHEROKEE COUNTY FACTS

Accommodations:

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

Trails and Scenic Parkways:

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

Attractions:

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

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Salary Comparison

If you are earning \$50,000 after tax dollars in Atlanta, GA the comparable after-tax income in Cherokee County is \$40,029.

If you move from Atlanta, GA to Cherokee County, AL

Grocery will cost:	18.66% less
Housing will cost:	42.26% less
Utilities will cost:	50.97% more
Transportation will cost:	15.64% less
Healthcare will cost:	27.43% less

Total Monthly Expected Spending Comparison By Household Types

Household Type	Atlanta, GA	Cherokee County	National Average
Married Couple with Children Under 6	\$6,434	\$5,254	\$6,348
Married Couple with Children 6-17	\$6,911	\$5,633	\$6,805
Home Owner	\$5,593	\$4,603	\$5,535
Renter	\$3,500	\$2,612	\$3,397

Index Comparison

Category	Atlanta, GA	Cherokee County	National Average
Composite (100%)	102.3	81.9	100.0
Grocery (13.89%)	103.4	84.0	100.0
Housing (27.53%)	102.2	55.7	100.0
Utilities (9.55%)	85.1	128.8	100.0
Transportation (9.20%)	103.7	87.6	100.0
Health Care (4.31%)	106.1	75.3	100.0
Miscellaneous (35.52%)	105.7	88.2	100.0

Average Price Comparisons

Item	Atlanta, GA	Cherokee County	National Average
Apartment Rent	\$1,207.00	\$625.00	\$1,141.00
Home Price	\$365,442.00	\$215,517.00	\$362,548.00
Total Energy	\$123.06	\$252.55	\$167.87
Phone	\$181.27	\$179.90	\$180.24
Gasoline	\$2.53	\$2.18	\$2.48
Optometrist Visit	\$108.80	\$78.29	\$106.28
Doctor Visit	\$117.28	\$76.21	\$115.15
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Fresh Orange Juice	\$3.50	\$3.29	\$3.53
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NORTH ALABAMA COLBERT COUNTY

POPULATION

Colbert County 54,762
Tuscumbia 8,423
Muscle Shoals 14,575

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 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

Trails:

- Americana Music Triangle
- North Alabama Birding Trail
- North Alabama Depots Trail
- Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail
- Colbert County Rock of Ages Trail
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail
- North Alabama Waterfall Trail

Attractions:

- Alabama Music Hall of Fame
- Belle Mont Mansion
- Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve
- Cherokee Kayak Trail
- 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
- Muscle Shoals Music Heritage (FAME Recording Studio, Muscle Shoals Sound, Cypress Moon Studio, Wishbone Recording Studio)
- Natchez Trace Parkway Sites
- 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

For additional information, contact:
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Index Comparison

Category	Atlanta, GA	Colbert County	National Average
Composite (100%)	102.3	81.8	100.0
Grocery (13.89%)	103.4	92.6	100.0
Housing (27.53%)	102.2	58.2	100.0
Utilities (9.55%)	85.1	90.0	100.0
Transportation (9.20%)	103.7	89.0	100.0
Health Care (4.31%)	106.1	75.5	100.0
Miscellaneous (35.52%)	105.7	92.7	100.0

Average Price Comparisons

Item	Atlanta, GA	Colbert County	National Average
Apartment Rent	\$1,207.00	\$600.00	\$1,141.00
Home Price	\$365,442.00	\$231,928.00	\$362,548.00
Total Energy	\$123.06	\$138.74	\$167.87
Phone	\$181.27	\$179.90	\$180.24
Gasoline	\$2.53	\$2.27	\$2.48
Optometrist Visit	\$108.80	\$75.47	\$106.28
Doctor Visit	\$117.28	\$68.97	\$115.15
Dentist Visit	\$115.16	\$71.06	\$97.97
Prescription Drug	\$470.72	\$484.76	\$469.56
Haircut	\$20.50	\$14.26	\$17.58
Beauty Salon	\$47.13	\$30.49	\$38.23
Pizza	\$10.29	\$11.05	\$10.47
Steak	\$13.84	\$10.38	\$11.42
Ground Beef	\$4.57	\$3.53	\$3.90
Sausage	\$4.11	\$3.49	\$4.20
Frying Chicken	\$1.37	\$1.38	\$1.40
Chunk Light Tuna	\$1.13	\$1.01	\$1.12
Whole Milk	\$2.09	\$1.53	\$1.95
Eggs	\$1.19	\$1.11	\$1.52
Margarine	\$1.03	\$0.93	\$1.11
Potatoes	\$2.92	\$2.72	\$3.16
Lettuce	\$1.51	\$1.54	\$1.58
Bread	\$4.15	\$3.33	\$3.45
Fresh Orange Juice	\$3.50	\$3.42	\$3.53
Coffee	\$4.81	\$3.90	\$4.31

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COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit www.northalabama.org/retirement and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator. An annual salary of \$50,000 and moving from Atlanta, GA was used for the following example.

Salary Comparison

If you are earning \$50,000 after tax dollars in Atlanta, GA the comparable after-tax income in Colbert County is \$39,980.

If you move from Atlanta, GA to Colbert County, AL

Grocery will cost:	10.13% less
Housing will cost:	44.82% less
Utilities will cost:	5.79% more
Transportation will cost:	14.24% less
Healthcare will cost:	26.58% less

Total Monthly Expected Spending Comparison By Household Types

Household Type	Atlanta, GA	Colbert County	National Average
Married Couple with Children Under 6	\$6,434	\$5,146	\$6,348
Married Couple with Children 6-17	\$6,911	\$5,586	\$6,805
Home Owner	\$5,593	\$4,578	\$5,535
Renter	\$3,500	\$2,534	\$3,397

NORTH ALABAMA CULLMAN COUNTY

POPULATION

Cullman County 83,442
Cullman 16,034
Hanceville 3,096

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 ranks No. 1 statewide for overall economic development and expansion. 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 FACTS

Accommodations:

- 734 Hotel Rooms
- 2 B&B Lodges
- 44 Cabins
- 7 Campgrounds

Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- North Alabama Birding Trail
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail

Attractions:

- Ave Maria Grotto
- Crooked Creek Civil War Museum
- 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

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
www.cullmanchamber.org

COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

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Salary Comparison

If you are earning \$50,000 after tax dollars in Atlanta, GA the comparable after-tax income in Cullman County is \$41,691.

If you move from Atlanta, GA to Cullman County, AL

Grocery will cost:	7.62%	less
Housing will cost:	48.35%	less
Utilities will cost:	27.03%	more
Transportation will cost:	14.06%	less
Healthcare will cost:	14.35%	less

Total Monthly Expected Spending Comparison By Household Types

Household Type	Atlanta, GA	Cullman County	National Average
Married Couple with Children Under 6	\$6,434	\$5,371	\$6,348
Married Couple with Children 6-17	\$6,911	\$5,821	\$6,805
Home Owner	\$5,593	\$4,819	\$5,535
Renter	\$3,500	\$2,543	\$3,397

Index Comparison

Category	Atlanta, GA	Cullman County	National Average
Composite (100%)	102.3	85.3	100.0
Grocery (13.89%)	103.4	95.1	100.0
Housing (27.53%)	102.2	55.5	100.0
Utilities (9.55%)	85.1	108.2	100.0
Transportation (9.20%)	103.7	89.2	100.0
Health Care (4.31%)	106.1	89.1	100.0
Miscellaneous (35.52%)	105.7	97.0	100.0

Average Price Comparisons

Item	Atlanta, GA	Cullman County	National Average
Apartment Rent	\$1,207.00	\$518.00	\$1,141.00
Home Price	\$365,442.00	\$231,946.00	\$362,548.00
Total Energy	\$123.06	\$192.07	\$167.87
Phone	\$181.27	\$179.90	\$180.24
Gasoline	\$2.53	\$2.22	\$2.48
Optometrist Visit	\$108.80	\$96.85	\$106.28
Doctor Visit	\$117.28	\$97.26	\$115.15
Dentist Visit	\$115.16	\$81.89	\$97.97
Prescription Drug	\$470.72	\$497.94	\$469.56
Haircut	\$20.50	\$11.71	\$17.58
Beauty Salon	\$47.13	\$35.35	\$38.23
Pizza	\$10.29	\$9.67	\$10.47
Steak	\$13.84	\$11.34	\$11.42
Ground Beef	\$4.57	\$4.22	\$3.90
Sausage	\$4.11	\$3.43	\$4.20
Frying Chicken	\$1.37	\$1.40	\$1.40
Chunk Light Tuna	\$1.13	\$0.99	\$1.12
Whole Milk	\$2.09	\$1.77	\$1.95
Eggs	\$1.19	\$1.37	\$1.52
Margarine	\$1.03	\$0.94	\$1.11
Potatoes	\$2.92	\$2.72	\$3.16
Lettuce	\$1.51	\$1.52	\$1.58
Bread	\$4.15	\$3.39	\$3.45
Fresh Orange Juice	\$3.50	\$3.51	\$3.53
Coffee	\$4.81	\$3.77	\$4.31

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NORTH ALABAMA DeKALB COUNTY

POPULATION

DeKalb County 71,385
Fort Payne 14,012
Rainsville 4,499

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



DeKALB COUNTY FACTS

Accommodations:

- 490 hotel rooms
- 8 B&B lodges
- 150 rental cabins
- 7 campgrounds

Attractions:

- Little River Canyon visitors
- DeSoto State Park
- High Falls Park
- Alabama Fan Club & Museum
- Cloudmont Ski Resort
- Fort Payne Depot Museum & Depot Annex
- Sallie Howard Memorial Chapel
- Tigers for Tomorrow at Untamed Mountain
- One World Adventure company
- True Adventure Sports

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



For additional information, contact: DeKalb Tourism

P.O. Box 681165, Fort Payne, AL 35968
(256) 845-3957, (888) 805-4740
visitlookoutmountain.com

Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce

300 Gault Ave. North, Fort Payne, AL 35967
(256) 845-2741, (256) 845-5849
www.fortpaynechamber.com

COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit www.northalabama.org/retirement and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator. An annual salary of \$50,000 and moving from Atlanta, GA was used for the following example.

Salary Comparison

If you are earning \$50,000 after tax dollars in Atlanta, GA the comparable after-tax income in DeKalb County is \$39,491.

If you move from Atlanta, GA to DeKalb County, AL

Grocery will cost:	18.66% less
Housing will cost:	49.31% less
Utilities will cost:	50.97% more
Transportation will cost:	15.64% less
Healthcare will cost:	27.43% less

Total Monthly Expected Spending Comparison By Household Types

Household Type	Atlanta, GA	DeKalb County	National Average
Married Couple with Children Under 6	\$6,434	\$5,197	\$6,348
Married Couple with Children 6-17	\$6,911	\$5,570	\$6,805
Home Owner	\$5,593	\$4,522	\$5,535
Renter	\$3,500	\$2,612	\$3,397

Index Comparison

Category	Atlanta, GA	DeKalb County	National Average
Composite (100%)	102.3	80.8	100.0
Grocery (13.89%)	103.4	84.0	100.0
Housing (27.53%)	102.2	51.8	100.0
Utilities (9.55%)	85.1	128.8	100.0
Transportation (9.20%)	103.7	87.6	100.0
Health Care (4.31%)	106.1	75.3	100.0
Miscellaneous (35.52%)	105.7	88.2	100.0

Average Price Comparisons

Item	Atlanta, GA	DeKalb County	National Average
Apartment Rent	\$1,207.00	\$625.00	\$1,141.00
Home Price	\$365,442.00	\$193,833.00	\$362,548.00
Total Energy	\$123.06	\$252.55	\$167.87
Phone	\$181.27	\$179.90	\$180.24
Gasoline	\$2.53	\$2.18	\$2.48
Optometrist Visit	\$108.80	\$78.29	\$106.28
Doctor Visit	\$117.28	\$76.21	\$115.15
Dentist Visit	\$115.16	\$70.55	\$97.97
Prescription Drug	\$470.72	\$428.69	\$469.56
Haircut	\$20.50	\$13.69	\$17.58
Beauty Salon	\$47.13	\$30.81	\$38.23
Pizza	\$10.29	\$10.69	\$10.47
Steak	\$13.84	\$10.02	\$11.42
Ground Beef	\$4.57	\$3.29	\$3.90
Sausage	\$4.11	\$4.09	\$4.20
Frying Chicken	\$1.37	\$1.16	\$1.40
Chunk Light Tuna	\$1.13	\$0.83	\$1.12
Whole Milk	\$2.09	\$1.73	\$1.95
Eggs	\$1.19	\$1.12	\$1.52
Margarine	\$1.03	\$0.90	\$1.11
Potatoes	\$2.92	\$2.69	\$3.16
Lettuce	\$1.51	\$1.57	\$1.58
Bread	\$4.15	\$1.64	\$3.45
Fresh Orange Juice	\$3.50	\$3.29	\$3.53
Coffee	\$4.81	\$3.38	\$4.31

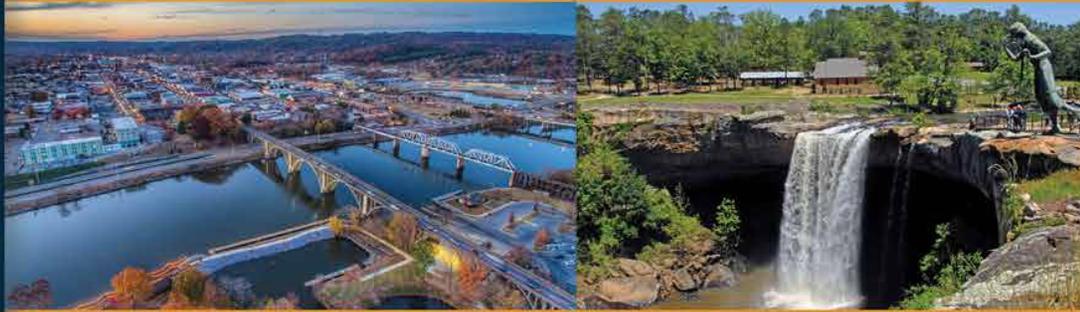
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NORTH ALABAMA ETOWAH COUNTY

POPULATION

Etowah County 102,501
Gadsden 36,856
Rainbow City 9,602

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 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:

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



For additional information, contact:

Greater Gadsden Area Tourism

90 Walnut Street, Gadsden, AL 35901
(888) 565-0411, www.GreaterGadsden.com

Attalla Information Center

420 4th St. NW, Attalla, AL 35954
(256) 538-1872, www.cityofattalla.org

Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce

100 E Bartlett St., Boaz, AL 35957
(256) 593-8154, boazareachamberofcommerce.com

The Chamber, Gadsden/Etowah County

One Commerce Square, Gadsden, AL 35902
(256) 543-3472, www.etowahchamber.org

COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

Visit www.northalabama.org/retirement and enter your salary and where you will be moving from for a customized cost of living indicator. An annual salary of \$50,000 and moving from Atlanta, GA was used for the following example.

Salary Comparison

If you are earning \$50,000 after tax dollars in Atlanta, GA the comparable after-tax income in Etowah County is \$40,615.

If you move from Atlanta, GA to Etowah County, AL

Grocery will cost: 18.66% less
Housing will cost: 43.08% less
Utilities will cost: 50.97% more
Transportation will cost: 15.64% less
Healthcare will cost: 27.43% less

Total Monthly Expected Spending Comparison By Household Types

Household Type	Atlanta, GA	Etowah County	National Average
Married Couple with Children Under 6	\$6,434	\$5,314	\$6,348
Married Couple with Children 6-17	\$6,911	\$5,701	\$6,805
Home Owner	\$5,593	\$4,689	\$5,535
Renter	\$3,500	\$2,612	\$3,397

800-648-5381

Index Comparison

Category	Atlanta, GA	Etowah County	National Average
Composite (100%)	102.3	83.1	100.0
Grocery (13.89%)	103.4	84.0	100.0
Housing (27.53%)	102.2	59.9	100.0
Utilities (9.55%)	85.1	128.9	100.0
Transportation (9.20%)	103.7	87.6	100.0
Health Care (4.31%)	106.1	75.3	100.0
Miscellaneous (35.52%)	105.7	88.2	100.0

Average Price Comparisons

Item	Atlanta, GA	Etowah County	National Average
Apartment Rent	\$1,207.00	\$625.00	\$1,141.00
Home Price	\$365,442.00	\$238,884.00	\$362,548.00
Total Energy	\$123.06	\$252.55	\$167.87
Phone	\$181.27	\$179.90	\$180.24
Gasoline	\$2.53	\$2.18	\$2.48
Optometrist Visit	\$108.80	\$78.29	\$106.28
Doctor Visit	\$117.28	\$76.21	\$115.15
Dentist Visit	\$115.16	\$70.55	\$97.97
Prescription Drug	\$470.72	\$428.69	\$469.56
Haircut	\$20.50	\$13.69	\$17.58
Beauty Salon	\$47.13	\$30.81	\$38.23
Pizza	\$10.29	\$10.69	\$10.47
Steak	\$13.84	\$10.02	\$11.42
Ground Beef	\$4.57	\$3.29	\$3.90
Sausage	\$4.11	\$4.09	\$4.20
Frying Chicken	\$1.37	\$1.16	\$1.40
Chunk Light Tuna	\$1.13	\$0.83	\$1.12
Whole Milk	\$2.09	\$1.73	\$1.95
Eggs	\$1.19	\$1.12	\$1.52
Margarine	\$1.03	\$0.90	\$1.11
Potatoes	\$2.92	\$2.69	\$3.16
Lettuce	\$1.51	\$1.57	\$1.58
Bread	\$4.15	\$1.64	\$3.45
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Coffee	\$4.81	\$3.38	\$4.31

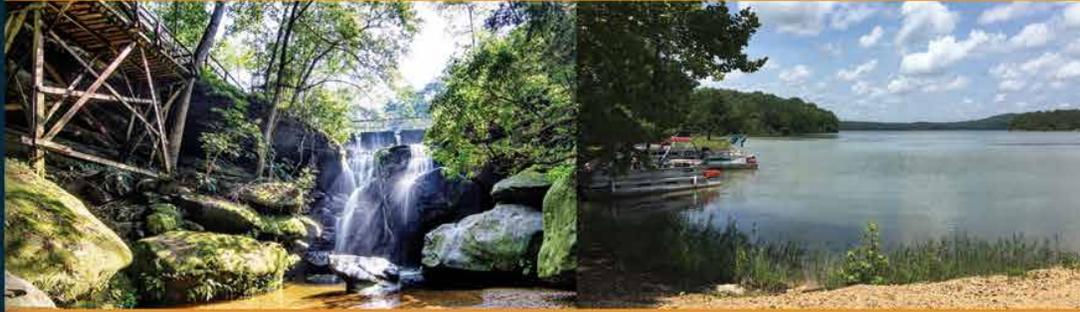
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NORTH ALABAMA FRANKLIN COUNTY

POPULATION

Franklin County 31,363
Russellville 9,830
Red Bay 3,158

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 FACTS

Accommodations:

- 174 Hotel/Motel rooms
- 6 Bed and Breakfast Inns
- 7 Rental Cabins
- 3 Campgrounds

Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- North Alabama Birding Trail
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail
- Appalachian Highlands Byways
- Cypress Cove Farms Hiking Trails

Attractions:

- Bear Creek Lakes & Bear Creek Floatway
- Bay Tree Council for the Performing Arts
- Cypress Cove Farm & North Alabama Birding Trail
- Dismals Canyon
- Historic Roxy Theatre
- King's Drive-In
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail (Mount Pleasant Methodist Church & First United Methodist Church, Red Bay)
- Red Bay Family Fun Park
- Red Bay Museum
- Rock Bridge Canyon Equestrian Park
- Tiffin Motorhomes



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

Index Comparison

Category	Atlanta, GA	Franklin County	National Average
Composite (100%)	102.3	79.5	100.0
Grocery (13.89%)	103.4	84.0	100.0
Housing (27.53%)	102.2	47.0	100.0
Utilities (9.55%)	85.1	128.8	100.0
Transportation (9.20%)	103.7	87.6	100.0
Health Care (4.31%)	106.1	75.3	100.0
Miscellaneous (35.52%)	105.7	88.2	100.0

Average Price Comparisons

Item	Atlanta, GA	Franklin County	National Average
Apartment Rent	\$1,207.00	\$625.00	\$1,141.00
Home Price	\$365,442.00	\$167,509.00	\$362,548.00
Total Energy	\$123.06	\$252.55	\$167.87
Phone	\$181.27	\$179.90	\$180.24
Gasoline	\$2.53	\$2.18	\$2.48
Optometrist Visit	\$108.80	\$78.29	\$106.28
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Salary Comparison

If you are earning \$50,000 after tax dollars in Atlanta, GA the comparable after-tax income in Franklin County is \$38,856.

If you move from Atlanta, GA to Franklin County, AL

Grocery will cost:	18.66% less
Housing will cost:	52.91% less
Utilities will cost:	50.97% more
Transportation will cost:	15.64% less
Healthcare will cost:	27.43% less

Total Monthly Expected Spending Comparison By Household Types

Household Type	Atlanta, GA	Franklin County	National Average
Married Couple with Children Under 6	\$6,434	\$5,128	\$6,348
Married Couple with Children 6-17	\$6,911	\$5,493	\$6,805
Home Owner	\$5,593	\$4,425	\$5,535
Renter	\$3,500	\$2,612	\$3,397

NORTH ALABAMA JACKSON COUNTY

POPULATION

Jackson County 51,736
Scottsboro 14,770
Stevenson 2,046

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 FACTS

Motels/Hotels:

- Comfort Inn & Suites
- Red Roof Inn
- Econo Lodge
- Hampton Inn & Suites
- Quality Inn
- South Sauty Creek Resort
- Travelers Place Inn & Suites

Campgrounds/Cabins/Lodges:

- Goose Pond RV/Campground
- Jackson Co. Park
- South Sauty Creek Resort
- Parnell Creek RV Park
- Creekstone Lodge
- Dogwood Hills Golf & Cabins
- Grant Summit Cabins
- Restoration Log Cabin Rentals
- Maranatha Conference Center
- PRValley Lodge & Retreat

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
- 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 & C.C. – Flat Rock
- Hidden Valley Golf & C.C. – Bridgeport
- Broken Arrow Golf – Scottsboro



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

Stevenson Tourism
(256) 259-0834

Index Comparison

Category	Atlanta, GA	Jackson County	National Average
Composite (100%)	102.3	85.6	100.0
Grocery (13.89%)	103.4	95.1	100.0
Housing (27.53%)	102.2	56.4	100.0
Utilities (9.55%)	85.1	108.2	100.0
Transportation (9.20%)	103.7	89.2	100.0
Health Care (4.31%)	106.1	89.1	100.0
Miscellaneous (35.52%)	105.7	97.0	100.0

Average Price Comparisons

Item	Atlanta, GA	Jackson County	National Average
Apartment Rent	\$1,207.00	\$518.00	\$1,141.00
Home Price	\$365,442.00	\$237,004.00	\$362,548.00
Total Energy	\$123.06	\$192.07	\$167.87
Phone	\$181.27	\$179.90	\$180.24
Gasoline	\$2.53	\$2.22	\$2.48
Optometrist Visit	\$108.80	\$96.85	\$106.28
Doctor Visit	\$117.28	\$97.26	\$115.15
Dentist Visit	\$115.16	\$81.89	\$97.97
Prescription Drug	\$470.72	\$497.94	\$469.56
Haircut	\$20.50	\$11.71	\$17.58
Beauty Salon	\$47.13	\$35.35	\$38.23
Pizza	\$10.29	\$9.67	\$10.47
Steak	\$13.84	\$11.34	\$11.42
Ground Beef	\$4.57	\$4.22	\$3.90
Sausage	\$4.11	\$3.43	\$4.20
Frying Chicken	\$1.37	\$1.40	\$1.40
Chunk Light Tuna	\$1.13	\$0.99	\$1.12
Whole Milk	\$2.09	\$1.77	\$1.95
Eggs	\$1.19	\$1.37	\$1.52
Margarine	\$1.03	\$0.94	\$1.11
Potatoes	\$2.92	\$2.72	\$3.16
Lettuce	\$1.51	\$1.52	\$1.58
Bread	\$4.15	\$3.39	\$3.45
Fresh Orange Juice	\$3.50	\$3.51	\$3.53
Coffee	\$4.81	\$3.77	\$4.31

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COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

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Salary Comparison

If you are earning \$50,000 after tax dollars in Atlanta, GA the comparable after-tax income in Jackson County is \$41,837.

If you move from Atlanta, GA to Jackson County, AL

Grocery will cost:	7.62%	less
Housing will cost:	47.63%	less
Utilities will cost:	27.03%	more
Transportation will cost:	14.06%	less
Healthcare will cost:	14.35%	less

Total Monthly Expected Spending Comparison By Household Types

Household Type	Atlanta, GA	Jackson County	National Average
Married Couple with Children Under 6	\$6,434	\$5,384	\$6,348
Married Couple with Children 6-17	\$6,911	\$5,836	\$6,805
Home Owner	\$5,593	\$4,837	\$5,535
Renter	\$3,500	\$2,543	\$3,397

NORTH ALABAMA LAUDERDALE COUNTY

POPULATION

Lauderdale County 92,387

Florence 39,319

Rogersville 1,231

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 FACTS

Hotels/B&B:

- Marriott 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
- Great American Hotel - 60 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
- Awesome Vacation Rental - 6 rooms
- Gibbons Home - 3 rooms
- Shoals Creek Rental Home - 3 rooms
- Hart Campground - 15 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 Museum
- Tom's Wall
- W.C. Handy Birthplace & Museum
- Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts
- Shoals Theatre
- Alabama Chanin
- Blackberry Trail Golf Course
- Renaissance Tower
- University of North Alabama/Lion habitat



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

Rogersville Area Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 842, Rogersville, AL 35652

(256) 247-9449, www.rogersvillealabama.com

Shoals Chamber of Commerce

20 Hightower Place, Florence, AL 35630

(256) 764-4661, www.shoalschamber.com

COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

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Salary Comparison

If you are earning \$50,000 after tax dollars in Atlanta, GA the comparable after-tax income in Lauderdale County is \$40,272.

If you move from Atlanta, GA to Lauderdale County, AL

Grocery will cost:	10.13% less
Housing will cost:	42.26% less
Utilities will cost:	5.79% more
Transportation will cost:	14.24% less
Healthcare will cost:	26.58% less

Total Monthly Expected Spending Comparison By Household Types

Household Type	Atlanta, GA	Lauderdale County	National Average
Married Couple with Children Under 6	\$6,434	\$5,175	\$6,348
Married Couple with Children 6-17	\$6,911	\$5,619	\$6,805
Home Owner	\$5,593	\$4,620	\$5,535
Renter	\$3,500	\$2,534	\$3,397

Index Comparison

Category	Atlanta, GA	Lauderdale County	National Average
Composite (100%)	102.3	82.4	100.0
Grocery (13.89%)	103.4	92.6	100.0
Housing (27.53%)	102.2	60.1	100.0
Utilities (9.55%)	85.1	90.0	100.0
Transportation (9.20%)	103.7	89.0	100.0
Health Care (4.31%)	106.1	75.5	100.0
Miscellaneous (35.52%)	105.7	92.7	100.0

Average Price Comparisons

Item	Atlanta, GA	Lauderdale County	National Average
Apartment Rent	\$1,207.00	\$600.00	\$1,141.00
Home Price	\$365,442.00	\$242,948.00	\$362,548.00
Total Energy	\$123.06	\$138.74	\$167.87
Phone	\$181.27	\$179.90	\$180.24
Gasoline	\$2.53	\$2.27	\$2.48
Optometrist Visit	\$108.80	\$75.47	\$106.28
Doctor Visit	\$117.28	\$68.97	\$115.15
Dentist Visit	\$115.16	\$71.06	\$97.97
Prescription Drug	\$470.72	\$484.76	\$469.56
Haircut	\$20.50	\$14.26	\$17.58
Beauty Salon	\$47.13	\$30.49	\$38.23
Pizza	\$10.29	\$11.05	\$10.47
Steak	\$13.84	\$10.83	\$11.42
Ground Beef	\$4.57	\$3.53	\$3.90
Sausage	\$4.11	\$3.49	\$4.20
Frying Chicken	\$1.37	\$1.38	\$1.40
Chunk Light Tuna	\$1.13	\$1.01	\$1.12
Whole Milk	\$2.09	\$1.53	\$1.95
Eggs	\$1.19	\$1.11	\$1.52
Margarine	\$1.03	\$0.93	\$1.11
Potatoes	\$2.92	\$2.72	\$3.16
Lettuce	\$1.51	\$1.54	\$1.58
Bread	\$4.15	\$3.33	\$3.45
Fresh Orange Juice	\$3.50	\$3.42	\$3.53
Coffee	\$4.81	\$3.90	\$4.31

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NORTH ALABAMA LAWRENCE COUNTY

POPULATION

Lawrence County 32,957
Moulton 3,471
Town Creek 1,100

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 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

For additional information, contact:
Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce
12521 AL Hwy 157, Suite L
Moulton, AL 35650
(256) 974-1658
www.lawrencealabama.com

Index Comparison

Category	Atlanta, GA	Lawrence County	National Average
Composite (100%)	102.3	83.2	100.0
Grocery (13.89%)	103.4	84.0	100.0
Housing (27.53%)	102.2	60.5	100.0
Utilities (9.55%)	85.1	128.8	100.0
Transportation (9.20%)	103.7	87.6	100.0
Health Care (4.31%)	106.1	75.3	100.0
Miscellaneous (35.52%)	105.7	88.2	100.0

Average Price Comparisons

Item	Atlanta, GA	Lawrence County	National Average
Apartment Rent	\$1,207.00	\$625.00	\$1,141.00
Home Price	\$365,442.00	\$242,350.00	\$362,548.00
Total Energy	\$123.06	\$252.55	\$167.87
Phone	\$181.27	\$179.90	\$180.24
Gasoline	\$2.53	\$2.18	\$2.48
Optometrist Visit	\$108.80	\$78.29	\$106.28
Doctor Visit	\$117.28	\$76.21	\$115.15
Dentist Visit	\$115.16	\$70.55	\$97.97
Prescription Drug	\$470.72	\$428.69	\$469.56
Haircut	\$20.50	\$13.69	\$17.58
Beauty Salon	\$47.13	\$30.81	\$38.23
Pizza	\$10.29	\$10.69	\$10.47
Steak	\$13.84	\$10.02	\$11.42
Ground Beef	\$4.57	\$3.29	\$3.90
Sausage	\$4.11	\$4.09	\$4.20
Frying Chicken	\$1.37	\$1.16	\$1.40
Chunk Light Tuna	\$1.13	\$0.83	\$1.12
Whole Milk	\$2.09	\$1.73	\$1.95
Eggs	\$1.19	\$1.12	\$1.52
Margarine	\$1.03	\$0.90	\$1.11
Potatoes	\$2.92	\$2.69	\$3.16
Lettuce	\$1.51	\$1.57	\$1.58
Bread	\$4.15	\$1.64	\$3.45
Fresh Orange Juice	\$3.50	\$3.29	\$3.53
Coffee	\$4.81	\$3.38	\$4.31

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COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

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Salary Comparison

If you are earning \$50,000 after tax dollars in Atlanta, GA the comparable after-tax income in Lawrence County is \$40,664.

If you move from Atlanta, GA to Lawrence County, AL

Grocery will cost:	18.66% less
Housing will cost:	42.54% less
Utilities will cost:	50.97% more
Transportation will cost:	15.64% less
Healthcare will cost:	27.43% less

Total Monthly Expected Spending Comparison By Household Types

Household Type	Atlanta, GA	Lawrence County	National Average
Married Couple with Children Under 6	\$6,434	\$5,324	\$6,348
Married Couple with Children 6-17	\$6,911	\$5,712	\$6,805
Home Owner	\$5,593	\$4,702	\$5,535
Renter	\$3,500	\$2,612	\$3,397



NORTH ALABAMA LIMESTONE COUNTY

POPULATION

Limestone County 96,174

Athens 21,897

Elkmont 470

The city'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 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 FACTS

Accommodations:

- 693 hotel rooms
- 1 B&B lodges
- 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
- Belle Chevre Creamery
- Rails-to-Trails
- Limestone County Biking Trail
- Limestone County Canoe/Kayak Trail
- Beaty Historic District and the Houston Historic District
- Limestone County Antebellum Trail

For additional information, contact:
Athens Limestone County Tourism Association
 100 Beaty Street North, Athens, AL 35611
 (256) 232-5411, www.visitathensal.com
Limestone County Economic Development
 P.O. Box 1346, Athens, AL 35612
 (256) 232-2386, www.LCEDA.com
Ardmore AL/TN Chamber of Commerce
 29910 Ardmore Ave, Ardmore, AL 35739
 P O Box 845, Ardmore, TN 38449
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COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

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Salary Comparison

If you are earning \$50,000 after tax dollars in Atlanta, GA the comparable after-tax income in Limestone County is \$44,770.

If you move from Atlanta, GA to Limestone County, AL

Grocery will cost:	8.42%	less
Housing will cost:	33.49%	less
Utilities will cost:	19.69%	more
Transportation will cost:	1.76%	less
Healthcare will cost:	9.70%	less

Total Monthly Expected Spending Comparison By Household Types

Household Type	Atlanta, GA	Limestone County	National Average
Married Couple with Children Under 6	\$6,434	\$5,822	\$6,348
Married Couple with Children 6-17	\$6,911	\$5,277	\$6,805
Home Owner	\$5,593	\$4,024	\$5,535
Renter	\$3,500	\$3,079	\$3,397

Index Comparison

Category	Atlanta, GA	Limestone County	National Average
Composite (100%)	102.3	91.6	100.0
Grocery (13.89%)	103.4	94.2	100.0
Housing (27.53%)	102.2	66.6	100.0
Utilities (9.55%)	85.1	101.9	100.0
Transportation (9.20%)	103.7	102.8	100.0
Health Care (4.31%)	106.1	94.4	100.0
Miscellaneous (35.52%)	105.7	104.0	100.0

Average Price Comparisons

Item	Atlanta, GA	Limestone County	National Average
Apartment Rent	\$1,207.00	\$874.00	\$1,141.00
Home Price	\$365,442.00	\$237,638.00	\$362,548.00
Total Energy	\$123.06	\$173.83	\$167.87
Phone	\$181.27	\$179.90	\$180.24
Gasoline	\$2.53	\$2.24	\$2.48
Optometrist Visit	\$108.80	\$125.61	\$106.28
Doctor Visit	\$117.28	\$104.14	\$115.15
Dentist Visit	\$115.16	\$89.09	\$97.97
Prescription Drug	\$470.72	\$490.69	\$469.56
Haircut	\$20.50	\$21.70	\$17.58
Beauty Salon	\$47.13	\$36.86	\$38.23
Pizza	\$10.29	\$10.69	\$10.47
Steak	\$13.84	\$12.75	\$11.42
Ground Beef	\$4.57	\$4.34	\$3.90
Sausage	\$4.11	\$3.96	\$4.20
Frying Chicken	\$1.37	\$1.38	\$1.40
Chunk Light Tuna	\$1.13	\$1.05	\$1.12
Whole Milk	\$2.09	\$1.35	\$1.95
Eggs	\$1.19	\$0.72	\$1.52
Margarine	\$1.03	\$0.94	\$1.11
Potatoes	\$2.92	\$2.72	\$3.16
Lettuce	\$1.51	\$1.59	\$1.58
Bread	\$4.15	\$3.37	\$3.45
Fresh Orange Juice	\$3.50	\$3.45	\$3.53
Coffee	\$4.81	\$4.12	\$4.31

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NORTH ALABAMA MADISON COUNTY

POPULATION

Madison County 366,519
Huntsville 180,105
Madison 42,938

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. Other area attractions include the Huntsville Museum of Art, EarlyWorks family of Museums, Burritt on the Mountain, the Huntsville Botanical Garden, and the Weeden House Museum. Redstone Arsenal, a U.S. Army installation, offers many amenities for retired military members and their families.



MADISON COUNTY FACTS

Accommodations:

- Approximately 6,720 hotel/motel rooms
- 1 bed and breakfast inn in or nearby Huntsville
- 14 rental cabins at Monte Sano State Park
- 5 campgrounds with 212+ campsites, 18 primitive campsites

Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- Huntsville Digital History Tour
- Spaces Sculpture Trail
- 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
- U. S. Veterans Memorial Museum
- Weeden House Museum
- Bridge Street Town Centre
- Campus No. 805
- Blue Pants Brewery
- Green Bus Brewing
- Mad Malts Brewery
- Old Black Bear Brewing
- Rocket Republic Brewing
- Salty Nut Brewing
- Straight to Ale Brewing
- Yellowhammer Brewing
- Below the Radar Brewery/Pub
- InnerSpace Brewing
- Stove House

For additional information, contact:
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Madison Chamber of Commerce
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COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

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Salary Comparison

If you are earning \$50,000 after tax dollars in Atlanta, GA the comparable after-tax income in Madison County is \$44,819.

If you move from Atlanta, GA to Madison County, AL

Grocery will cost:	8.42%	less
Housing will cost:	33.25%	less
Utilities will cost:	19.69%	more
Transportation will cost:	1.76%	less
Healthcare will cost:	9.70%	less

Total Monthly Expected Spending Comparison By Household Types

Household Type	Atlanta, GA	Madison County	National Average
Married Couple with Children Under 6	\$6,434	\$5,826	\$6,348
Married Couple with Children 6-17	\$6,911	\$6,282	\$6,805
Home Owner	\$5,593	\$5,031	\$5,535
Renter	\$3,500	\$3,079	\$3,397

Index Comparison

Category	Atlanta, GA	Madison County	National Average
Composite (100%)	102.3	91.7	100.0
Grocery (13.89%)	103.4	94.2	100.0
Housing (27.53%)	102.2	67.0	100.0
Utilities (9.55%)	85.1	101.9	100.0
Transportation (9.20%)	103.7	102.8	100.0
Health Care (4.31%)	106.1	94.4	100.0
Miscellaneous (35.52%)	105.7	104.0	100.0

Average Price Comparisons

Item	Atlanta, GA	Madison County	National Average
Apartment Rent	\$1,207.00	\$874.00	\$1,141.00
Home Price	\$365,442.00	\$239,386.00	\$362,548.00
Total Energy	\$123.06	\$173.83	\$167.87
Phone	\$181.27	\$179.90	\$180.24
Gasoline	\$2.53	\$2.24	\$2.48
Optometrist Visit	\$108.80	\$125.61	\$106.28
Doctor Visit	\$117.28	\$104.14	\$115.15
Dentist Visit	\$115.16	\$89.09	\$97.97
Prescription Drug	\$470.72	\$490.69	\$469.56
Haircut	\$20.50	\$21.70	\$17.58
Beauty Salon	\$47.13	\$36.86	\$38.23
Pizza	\$10.29	\$10.69	\$10.47
Steak	\$13.84	\$12.75	\$11.42
Ground Beef	\$4.57	\$4.34	\$3.90
Sausage	\$4.11	\$3.96	\$4.20
Frying Chicken	\$1.37	\$1.38	\$1.40
Chunk Light Tuna	\$1.13	\$1.05	\$1.12
Whole Milk	\$2.09	\$1.35	\$1.95
Eggs	\$1.19	\$0.72	\$1.52
Margarine	\$1.03	\$0.94	\$1.11
Potatoes	\$2.92	\$2.72	\$3.16
Lettuce	\$1.51	\$1.59	\$1.58
Bread	\$4.15	\$3.37	\$3.45
Fresh Orange Juice	\$3.50	\$3.45	\$3.53
Coffee	\$4.81	\$4.12	\$4.31

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NORTH ALABAMA MARION COUNTY

POPULATION

Marion County 18,439
Hamilton 6,885
Winfield 4,717

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 FACTS

Accommodations:

- Holiday Inn Guin
- Days Inn Hamilton
- Econo Lodge Inn & Suites Hamilton
- Hamilton Holiday Motel
- Key West Inn Hamilton
- 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's Pottery
- Historic Indian Mounds
- Guin Waterpark
- Roadside Wall Murals by local artist Missy Miles
- Marion County Lake



For additional information, contact:
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190 Military Street South
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Hamilton, AL 35570
(205) 921-7786
hamiltonchamberofcommerce.org

COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

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Salary Comparison

If you are earning \$50,000 after tax dollars in Atlanta, GA the comparable after-tax income in Marion County is \$39,931.

If you move from Atlanta, GA to Marion County, AL

Grocery will cost: 18.66% less
Housing will cost: 47.03% less
Utilities will cost: 50.97% more
Transportation will cost: 15.64% less
Healthcare will cost: 27.43% less

Total Monthly Expected Spending Comparison By Household Types

Household Type	Atlanta, GA	Marion County	National Average
Married Couple with Children Under 6	\$6,434	\$5,240	\$6,348
Married Couple with Children 6-17	\$6,911	\$5,618	\$6,805
Home Owner	\$5,593	\$4,583	\$5,535
Renter	\$3,500	\$2,612	\$3,397

Index Comparison

Category	Atlanta, GA	Marion County	National Average
Composite (100%)	102.3	81.7	100.0
Grocery (13.89%)	103.4	84.0	100.0
Housing (27.53%)	102.2	54.8	100.0
Utilities (9.55%)	85.1	128.8	100.0
Transportation (9.20%)	103.7	87.6	100.0
Health Care (4.31%)	106.1	75.3	100.0
Miscellaneous (35.52%)	105.7	88.2	100.0

Average Price Comparisons

Item	Atlanta, GA	Marion County	National Average
Apartment Rent	\$1,207.00	\$625.00	\$1,141.00
Home Price	\$365,442.00	\$210,388.00	\$362,548.00
Total Energy	\$123.06	\$252.55	\$167.87
Phone	\$181.27	\$179.90	\$180.24
Gasoline	\$2.53	\$2.18	\$2.48
Optometrist Visit	\$108.80	\$78.29	\$106.28
Doctor Visit	\$117.28	\$76.21	\$115.15
Dentist Visit	\$115.16	\$70.55	\$97.97
Prescription Drug	\$470.72	\$428.69	\$469.56
Haircut	\$20.50	\$13.69	\$17.58
Beauty Salon	\$47.13	\$30.81	\$38.23
Pizza	\$10.29	\$10.69	\$10.47
Steak	\$13.84	\$10.02	\$11.42
Ground Beef	\$4.57	\$3.29	\$3.90
Sausage	\$4.11	\$4.09	\$4.20
Frying Chicken	\$1.37	\$1.16	\$1.40
Chunk Light Tuna	\$1.13	\$0.83	\$1.12
Whole Milk	\$2.09	\$1.73	\$1.95
Eggs	\$1.19	\$1.12	\$1.52
Margarine	\$1.03	\$0.90	\$1.11
Potatoes	\$2.92	\$2.69	\$3.16
Lettuce	\$1.51	\$1.57	\$1.58
Bread	\$4.15	\$1.64	\$3.45
Fresh Orange Juice	\$3.50	\$3.29	\$3.53
Coffee	\$4.81	\$3.38	\$4.31

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NORTH ALABAMA MARSHALL COUNTY

POPULATION

Marshall County 96,109
Guntersville 8,197
Albertville 21,160

Right in the heart of Marshall County is beautiful Lake Guntersville which boasts of some 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 FACTS

Accommodations:

- 765 Hotel Rooms
- 13 Campgrounds
- 1 Bed and Breakfast
- 80 Cabin/Vacation Rentals

Trails and Scenic Parkways:

- North Alabama Craft Beer Trail
- North Alabama Birding Trail
- Hallelujah 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



For additional information, contact:
Marshall County Convention & Visitors Bureau
 200 Gunter Ave., Guntersville, AL 35976
 (256) 582-7015, (800) 582-6282, www.marshallcountycvb.com
Lake Guntersville Chamber of Commerce
 200 Gunter Ave., Guntersville, AL 35976
 (256) 582-3612, www.lakeguntersville.org
Albertville Chamber of Commerce
 316 Sand Mountain Dr., Albertville, AL 35950
 (256) 878-3821, (800) 878-3821, 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
Grant Chamber of Commerce
 5586 Main St., Grant, AL 35747
 (256) 728-8800

COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR
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Salary Comparison
 If you are earning \$50,000 after tax dollars in Atlanta, GA the comparable after-tax income in Marshall County is \$39,638.

If you move from Atlanta, GA to Marshall County, AL
 Grocery will cost: 10.13% less
 Housing will cost: 46.79% less
 Utilities will cost: 5.79% more
 Transportation will cost: 14.24% less
 Healthcare will cost: 26.58% less

Total Monthly Expected Spending Comparison By Household Types			
Household Type	Atlanta, GA	Marshall County	National Average
Married Couple with Children Under 6	\$6,434	\$5,109	\$6,348
Married Couple with Children 6-17	\$6,911	\$5,545	\$6,805
Home Owner	\$5,593	\$4,526	\$5,535
Renter	\$3,500	\$2,534	\$3,397

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Index Comparison

Category	Atlanta, GA	Marshall County	National Average
Composite (100%)	102.3	81.1	100.0
Grocery (13.89%)	103.4	92.6	100.0
Housing (27.53%)	102.2	55.6	100.0
Utilities (9.55%)	85.1	90.0	100.0
Transportation (9.20%)	103.7	89.0	100.0
Health Care (4.31%)	106.1	75.5	100.0
Miscellaneous (35.52%)	105.7	92.7	100.0

Average Price Comparisons

Item	Atlanta, GA	Marshall County	National Average
Apartment Rent	\$1,207.00	\$600.00	\$1,141.00
Home Price	\$365,442.00	\$217,702.00	\$362,548.00
Total Energy	\$123.06	\$138.74	\$167.87
Phone	\$181.27	\$179.90	\$180.24
Gasoline	\$2.53	\$2.27	\$2.48
Optometrist Visit	\$108.80	\$75.47	\$106.28
Doctor Visit	\$117.28	\$68.97	\$115.15
Dentist Visit	\$115.16	\$68.97	\$97.97
Prescription Drug	\$470.72	\$484.76	\$469.56
Haircut	\$20.50	\$14.26	\$17.58
Beauty Salon	\$47.13	\$30.49	\$38.23
Pizza	\$10.29	\$11.05	\$10.47
Steak	\$13.84	\$10.83	\$11.42
Ground Beef	\$4.57	\$3.53	\$3.90
Sausage	\$4.11	\$3.49	\$4.20
Frying Chicken	\$1.37	\$1.38	\$1.40
Chunk Light Tuna	\$1.13	\$1.01	\$1.12
Whole Milk	\$2.09	\$1.53	\$1.95
Eggs	\$1.19	\$1.11	\$1.52
Margarine	\$1.03	\$0.93	\$1.11
Potatoes	\$2.92	\$2.72	\$3.16
Lettuce	\$1.51	\$1.54	\$1.58
Bread	\$4.15	\$3.33	\$3.45
Fresh Orange Juice	\$3.50	\$3.42	\$3.53
Coffee	\$4.81	\$3.90	\$4.31

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NORTH ALABAMA MORGAN COUNTY

POPULATION

Morgan County 119,089
Decatur 55,683
Hartselle 14,255

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 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:

- American Inn
- Best Western River City Hotel
- Courtyard by Marriott
- DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
- Hampton Inn
- Home2 Suites by Hilton
- La Quinta Inn & Suites
- Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham
- Quality Inn
- Stay Lodge
- Super 8
- Baymont Inn & Suites Decatur
- Comfort Inn
- Days Inn by Wyndham
- Econo Lodge
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites
- InTown Suites
- Magnolia Motel
- Motel 6
- Residence Inn
- Studio 9 Inn & Suites

Priceville Hotels:

- Budget Inn

Hartselle Hotels:

- Red Roof Inn
- Quail Creek Inn
- Express Inn

Falkville Hotels:

- Lacon Motel

Campgrounds:

- Point Mallard Camp Ground
- Quail Creek RV Resort
- Jay Landings Marina & RV Park

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

For additional information, contact:

Decatur-Morgan County Tourism

719 6th Ave. SE, Decatur, AL 35602

(256) 350-2028, (800) 524-6181, www.decaturcvb.org

Decatur Downtown Redevelopment Authority

110 2nd Ave. NW, Decatur, AL 35601

(256) 353-0075, www.decaturdowntown.org

Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce

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

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

www.hartsellechamber.com

COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

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Salary Comparison

If you are earning \$50,000 after tax dollars in Atlanta, GA the comparable after-tax income in Morgan County is \$41,397.

If you move from Atlanta, GA to Morgan County, AL

Grocery will cost:	7.62%	less
Housing will cost:	49.91%	less
Utilities will cost:	27.03%	more
Transportation will cost:	14.06%	less
Healthcare will cost:	14.35%	less

Total Monthly Expected Spending Comparison By Household Types

Household Type	Atlanta, GA	Morgan County	National Average
Married Couple with Children Under 6	\$6,434	\$5,341	\$6,348
Married Couple with Children 6-17	\$6,911	\$5,787	\$6,805
Home Owner	\$5,593	\$4,776	\$5,535
Renter	\$3,500	\$2,543	\$3,397

Index Comparison

Category	Atlanta, GA	Morgan County	National Average
Composite (100%)	102.3	84.7	100.0
Grocery (13.89%)	103.4	95.1	100.0
Housing (27.53%)	102.2	53.4	100.0
Utilities (9.55%)	85.1	108.2	100.0
Transportation (9.20%)	103.7	89.2	100.0
Health Care (4.31%)	106.1	89.1	100.0
Miscellaneous (35.52%)	105.7	97.0	100.0

Average Price Comparisons

Item	Atlanta, GA	Morgan County	National Average
Apartment Rent	\$1,207.00	\$518.00	\$1,141.00
Home Price	\$365,442.00	\$220,306.00	\$362,548.00
Total Energy	\$123.06	\$192.07	\$167.87
Phone	\$181.27	\$179.90	\$180.24
Gasoline	\$2.53	\$2.72	\$2.48
Optometrist Visit	\$108.80	\$96.85	\$106.28
Doctor Visit	\$117.28	\$97.26	\$115.15
Dentist Visit	\$115.16	\$81.89	\$97.97
Prescription Drug	\$470.72	\$497.94	\$469.56
Haircut	\$20.50	\$11.71	\$17.58
Beauty Salon	\$47.13	\$35.35	\$38.23
Pizza	\$10.29	\$9.67	\$10.47
Steak	\$13.84	\$11.34	\$11.42
Ground Beef	\$4.57	\$4.22	\$3.90
Sausage	\$4.11	\$3.43	\$4.20
Frying Chicken	\$1.37	\$1.40	\$1.40
Chunk Light Tuna	\$1.13	\$0.99	\$1.12
Whole Milk	\$2.09	\$1.77	\$1.95
Eggs	\$1.19	\$1.37	\$1.52
Margarine	\$1.03	\$0.94	\$1.11
Potatoes	\$2.92	\$2.72	\$3.16
Lettuce	\$1.51	\$1.52	\$1.58
Bread	\$4.15	\$3.39	\$3.45
Fresh Orange Juice	\$3.50	\$3.51	\$3.53
Coffee	\$4.81	\$3.77	\$4.31

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NORTH ALABAMA WINSTON COUNTY

POPULATION

Winston County 23,660
Double Springs 1,083
Haleyville 4,173

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Home to the communities of Haleyville, Double
Springs, Houston, and Arley.



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



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

COST OF LIVING CALCULATOR

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Salary Comparison

If you are earning \$50,000 after tax dollars in Atlanta, GA the comparable after-tax income in Winston County is \$44,965.

If you move from Atlanta, GA to Winston County, AL

Grocery will cost: 18.66% less
Housing will cost: 18.15% less
Utilities will cost: 50.97% more
Transportation will cost: 15.64% less
Healthcare will cost: 27.43% less

Total Monthly Expected Spending Comparison By Household Types

Household Type	Atlanta, GA	Winston County	National Average
Married Couple with Children Under 6	\$6,434	\$5,784	\$6,348
Married Couple with Children 6-17	\$6,911	\$6,227	\$6,805
Home Owner	\$5,593	\$5,355	\$5,535
Renter	\$3,500	\$2,612	\$3,397

Index Comparison

Category	Atlanta, GA	Winston County	National Average
Composite (100%)	102.3	92.0	100.0
Grocery (13.89%)	103.4	84.0	100.0
Housing (27.53%)	102.2	92.4	100.0
Utilities (9.55%)	85.1	128.8	100.0
Transportation (9.20%)	103.7	87.6	100.0
Health Care (4.31%)	106.1	75.3	100.0
Miscellaneous (35.52%)	105.7	88.2	100.0

Average Price Comparisons

Item	Atlanta, GA	Winston County	National Average
Apartment Rent	\$1,207.00	\$625.00	\$1,141.00
Home Price	\$365,442.00	\$419,106.00	\$362,548.00
Total Energy	\$123.06	\$252.55	\$167.87
Phone	\$181.27	\$179.90	\$180.24
Gasoline	\$2.53	\$2.18	\$2.48
Optometrist Visit	\$108.80	\$78.29	\$106.28
Doctor Visit	\$117.28	\$76.21	\$115.15
Dentist Visit	\$115.16	\$70.55	\$97.97
Prescription Drug	\$470.72	\$428.69	\$469.56
Haircut	\$20.50	\$13.69	\$17.58
Beauty Salon	\$47.13	\$30.81	\$38.23
Pizza	\$10.29	\$10.69	\$10.47
Steak	\$13.84	\$10.02	\$11.42
Ground Beef	\$4.57	\$3.29	\$3.90
Sausage	\$4.11	\$4.09	\$4.20
Frying Chicken	\$1.37	\$1.16	\$1.40
Chunk Light Tuna	\$1.13	\$0.83	\$1.12
Whole Milk	\$2.09	\$1.73	\$1.95
Eggs	\$1.19	\$1.12	\$1.52
Margarine	\$1.03	\$0.90	\$1.11
Potatoes	\$2.92	\$2.69	\$3.16
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