

Alabama

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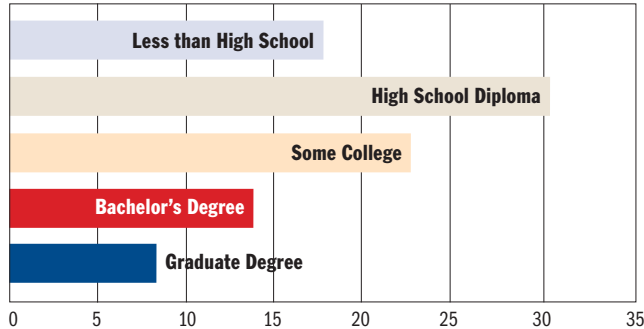
“This year marks 20 years since Mercedes-Benz first announced it was coming to Tuscaloosa County. Our partnership with Mercedes-Benz is stronger today than ever before.”

— Gov. Robert Bentley on May 1, 2013, at the groundbreaking for the MBUSI Logistics Hub in Tuscaloosa County

Governor: Robert Bentley (R) madeinalabama.com Right-to-work state: Yes

Population 2013: 4,841,486 Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2018: 2.9% Median household income: \$47,322 Median age: 38.1

Work Force Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP	26 (\$157,272*)
Business Tax Climate	21
Small Business Policy	7
Career Readiness Certificates	41 (344)
High School Graduation	41
Health	47

*Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

The Alabama Commercial Aviation Business Improvement Act will help the state recruit more aerospace industry suppliers, expected to locate in the region as Airbus builds its first U.S.-based production facility in Mobile. The legislation, signed by Gov. Bentley in April 2013, levels the playing field between Alabama and nearby states in the recruitment of supplier companies. The Act applies to a small category

of lawsuits which involve manufacturers of commercial aircraft with 100 seats or more. Neighboring states already have similar laws in place. The bill will protect the rights of Alabama citizens to bring suit against manufacturers, but will also protect manufacturers from out-of-state and foreign plaintiffs who may seek to file suit in Alabama simply because the manufacturer located its plant here.