

1.State: Alabama(AL)

Capital city: Montgomery

Major cities: Birmingham, Mobile, Huntsville, Tuscaloosa, Hoover, Dothan, Decatur, Auburn, Madison

Major companies: Redstone Arsenal, Maxwell Air Force Base, Mobile County Public School System, Anniston Army Depot, AT&T, Marshall Space Flight Centre, Mercedes-Benz U.S. International

Major sectors/economy:

- The top five industries in Alabama are: Automotive, Chemical, Technology, Forestry, and Aeronautics
- The state has become an important center for building cars, including Mercedes, Honda, and Hyundai
- According to the 2013 Automotive News Market Data Book, Alabama ranks fifth in the U.S. car and light truck production, making 918,000 vehicles
- More than 200 chemical companies are located in the state, including DuPont, 3M Co., BASF, and Daikin
- In Alabama, tech companies are creating products for modeling and simulation technologies, cyber security, and data centers
- The aerospace industry in Alabama is more than 100 years old
- The strongest model sales were the Hyundai Elantra compact car, the Mercedes-Benz GL-Class sport utility vehicle and the Honda Ridgeline sport utility truck
- The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company operates a large plant in Gadsden that employs about 1,400 people. It has been in operation since 1929
- Telecommunications provider AT&T, formerly BellSouth, has a major presence in Alabama with several large offices in Birmingham.
- Many commercial technology companies are headquartered in Huntsville, such as network access company ADTRAN, computer graphics company Intergraph, and IT infrastructure company Avocent

Climate: The state is classified as humid subtropical under the Koppen Climate Classification. The average annual temperature is 18 °C

University Eligibility and Fee:

University	Bachelors Eligibility	Bachelors Fee Range/yr	Masters Eligibility	Masters Fee Range/yr
Auburn University	GPA – 3.7 SAT– 1170-1280 ACT – 24-30	\$28,872	GRE-320+, GPA – 3.8/85%+ TOEFL -100/IELTS – 7.0	\$31,160
University of South Alabama	GPA – 3.7 SAT– 1070-1310 ACT – 25-30	\$15,792	GRE-315-320, GPA – 3.8/85%+ TOEFL -100/IELTS – 7.0	\$16,458

University	Key Points
Auburn U, Alabama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in 1856 • Student/faculty ratio: 19:1 • Auburn has received a \$4.7 million grant from the National Science Foundation to help address a shortage of public sector cybersecurity professionals. • More than 300,000 alumni • Auburn University's ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, 103. • Median starting salary of alumni \$49,500
U of South Alabama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in 1963 • Enrollments -16,699 • USA researchers are also creating new nonmaterial's, attracting the interest of Mobile's burgeoning aerospace industry • The student-faculty ratio is 20:1 • University of South Alabama's ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, Tier 2 • Median starting salary of alumni \$ 45,700