





# Mobile's on the Grow

Full of Southern charm and hospitality, Mobile gives rise to countless business opportunities within a wide spectrum of industries. Over the last decade, Mobile's economic development efforts garnered \$8.5 billion in capital investment and 16,345 jobs with an average salary of \$50,043.

Just as impressive as our growing business community is our quality of life. Mobile is a picturesque city at the

mouth of the Mobile River and edge of Mobile Bay, leading to the Gulf of Mexico. Our streets are lined with massive live oaks, and outdoor activities can be enjoyed year-round thanks to our warm, sunny climate.

Founded in 1702, Mobile is one of the oldest cities in the United States. More than 40 international companies have operations here. Our rich history is matched with a fast-growing, modern community focused on the future.

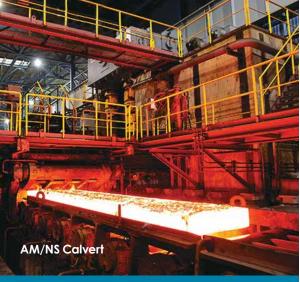














## Highlighted New & Expanding Projects:

The Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce is the lead economic developer for the city of Mobile, Mobile County and Washington County. Our economic success is attributed to the collaborative efforts of Team Mobile – a group including the city of Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama State Port Authority, Mobile Airport Authority, local utility and educational entities, and the Chamber.

According to an economic impact study by Auburn University at Montgomery, Mobile has the most diverse economy in Alabama.

The following companies are among the most recent to announce new or expanded investment in the area.

#### Airbus\*

Aircraft Final Assembly www.airbus.com \$600 million investment/1,000-plus jobs This investment makes Mobile the fourth city in the world and the only city in the U.S. to assemble the A320 aircraft family.

#### **Aker Solutions**

Subsea Umbilicals & Risers www.akersolutions.com \$6 million investment/25 jobs This is the fifth expansion of the offshore oil and gas company since it opened in Mobile in 2003.

#### **Alabama Steel Terminals \***

Steel Warehousing \$36 million investment/100 jobs This steel coil handling facility is locating at the Port of Mobile.

#### **AM/NS Calvert**

Steel Manufacturing
www.usa.arcelormittal.com
\$40 million investment/16 jobs
The joint venture of ArcelorMittal
and Nippon Steel and Sumitomo
Metal Corp. is increasing its slab yard
storage area.

#### **Amvac Chemical**

Crop Protection Products www.amvac-chemical.com \$11.4 million investment/21 jobs The Mobile site is the largest of the company's four facilities.

#### **Austal USA**

Shipbuilding
www.austal.com
\$200 million-plus investment/1,000 jobs
The latest investment includes a new
office complex and expansion of the
Module Manufacturing Facility and
Assembly Bay 6. The company has
more than 4,100 employees.

#### **BASF**

Chemicals
www.basf.us
\$90 million investment/20 jobs
BASF is launching a new product line
to make biodegradable cleaning
agents more effective. The company
is locating at Evonik.

#### **Evonik**

Chemicals
www.evonik.com
\$113.7 million investment/72 jobs
The company is expanding
production and launching a new
product. Evonik is also developing
a chemical park.



#### **Huntsman Americas**

Multi-Functional Epoxy Resins www.huntsman.com \$40 million investment/35 jobs Huntsman products help maintain high-performance industrial components.

#### **Kloeckner Metals\***

Steel Processors
www.kloecknermetals.com
\$17.8 million investment/32 jobs
The company warehouses, processes
and distributes steel and iron-free
metals.

#### Marine Well Containment Co.\*

Oil Spill Recovery
www.marinewellcontainment.com
\$1.4 billion investment\*/10 jobs
A new and expanded containment
system used to cap and contain oil
is being housed in Mobile.

<sup>+</sup>The investment is equipment only and therefore not included in the Chamber's capital investment figures.

#### **Myer Marine Services**

Maritime Manufacturing
and Maintenance
www.myermarineservices.com
\$2.6 million investment/40 jobs
The company is building a 32,000
square-foot facility to manufacture
and service dredging equipment parts.

#### Rural Sourcing Inc. (RSI)\*

Software Development www.ruralsourcing.com \$700,000 investment/100 jobs The Atlanta-based firm opened a new software development center in downtown Mobile.

#### **SSAB Americas**

Steel Manufacturing
www.ssab.com
\$220 million investment/137 jobs
The company added a heat-treating
facility to harden steel, a niche market
for SSAB.

#### **Steel Warehouse\***

Steel Pickling Line
www.steelwarehouse.com
\$17 million investment/60 jobs
The company processes flat rollled
steel for AM/NS Calvert.

#### Tate & Lyle

Sucralose
www.tateandlyle.com
\$20 million investment/100 jobs
The company reopened to meet
the demand for sucralose, the key
sweetening ingredient in popular
artificial sweeteners.

#### **Tube City IMS**

Slag Processing/Metal Recovery www.tubecityims.com \$23 million investment/65 jobs The company processes steel by-products into useful products.

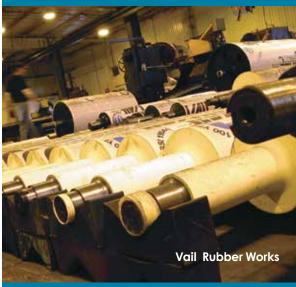
#### **UOP Honeywell**

Molecular Sieves www.uop.com \$20 million investment/8 jobs The company is increasing product production.

#### **Vail Rubber Works\***

Roller Processing
www.vailrubber.com
\$2.07 million investment/16 jobs
The company produces the rollers that
move slabs of steel for AM/NS Calvert.







## New Businesses Recruited

39

Expansions at Existing Companies

77

New Jobs Created

16,345

\$8.5
billion
in Capital
Investments
at New and
Existing Companies

Average Salary of Jobs Created

\$50,043

These are the results of the Mobile Area Chamber's economic development efforts over the past decade.

## Mobile Area Major Employers

#### **Employers by Employee Count**

#### 4,000-plus employees

Austal USA Infirmary Health

Mobile County Public School System

University of South Alabama &

**Medical Facilities** 

#### **Product or Service**

#### Shipbuilding

Healthcare

K-12 Public Education

University, Hospital & Cancer Institute

#### 2,999 - 1,000

AM/NS Calvert

**BAE Systems Southeast Shipyards** 

City of Mobile

**CPSI** 

Mobile County
Providence Hospital
Springhill Medical Center

**VT MAE** 

Steel Manufacturer Shipbuilding & Repair Local Government

Software

Local Government

Healthcare Healthcare

Maintenance & Repair

#### 999 - 500

Alabama Power

Alabama State Port Authority

Alorica

AltaPointe Health Systems

AT&T

Boise Paper Evonik Industries G.A. West & Co.

Grand Hotel Marriott Resort,

Golf Club & Spa

Kimberly Clark

Outokumpu Stainless USA

Regions Bank

SSAB Americas

Utility

Maritime/Transportation Inbound Call Center

Healthcare

Utility Paper

Chemicals

Industrial Construction

Tourism

Paper

Steel Financial

Steel

#### 499 - 250

Alabama Orthopaedic Clinic

**BASF** 

Bishop State Community College

Cardiology Associates Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Continental Motors

Hargrove Engineers + Constructors

Horizon Shipbuilding Masland Carpets

Crown Products

Mobile Area Water & Sewer System

Olin Corp.
Phelps Dunbar
Premier Medical

Scotch Gulf Lumber

The SSI Group

Thompson Engineering

**UOP Honeywell** 

World Omni Financial Corp.

Healthcare Chemicals

Education
Healthcare
Food Services

Aerospace Engines Specialty Items

Engineering
Shipbuilding & Repair

Carpet
Utility
Chemicals
Legal
Healthcare
Lumber
Software
Engineering

Chemicals

Inbound/Outbound Call Center

Note: These represent full-time local employee totals as of 8/1/14 and there are no companies currently employing 3,000-3,999 people

## The Workforce Talent Pool

Mobile's growing business community counts on a **strong**, **talented** and **dedicated** workforce. There are a number of resources and programs to ensure local residents have the skills local employers need.

Among the most recognized stateled workforce training programs in the country, AIDT offers comprehensive pre-employment selection and on-thejob training, specific to a qualifying company's needs. In Mobile, AIDT operates the Alabama Aviation Training Center, AIDT Maritime Training Center and the Erich Heine Learning Center.

Mobile is home to four colleges and universities. The largest is the University of South Alabama with more than 16,000 students. The others – Faulkner University, Spring Hill College and University of Mobile – are privately run.

There are also numerous community colleges, training centers and apprenticeship programs, including Bishop State Community College, Enterprise State Community College and Faulkner State Community College.

See more on these resources at www.mobilechamber.com/economic development/workforce-development.

In addition to having the state's largest Advanced Placement program, the Mobile County Public School System has nine signature academies with career-oriented curriculums based on current and projected job openings. They are:

- Coastal Studies Academy (Alma Bryant High School)
- Academy of International Studies (Murphy High School)
- Industry and Engineering (Theodore High School)
- Advanced Information Technology (Vigor High School)
- Maritime, Engineering and Entrepreneurship (Williamson High School)
- Health Career Access Program (Blount High School)
- Manufacturing, Industry and Technology Academy (Citronelle High School)
- Academy of Teaching and Learning (Mary G. Montgomery High School)
- Aviation and Aerospace Academy (B.C. Rain High School)

## Mobile's Industry Clusters

Mobile has the most diverse economy in the state of Alabama.





Maritime



Logistics/Distribution



Oil & Gas



### Mobile Area Population

Population Median Age

City of Mobile 194,899 1 36

Mobile County 414,079 1 37

Baldwin County 195,540 1 38

Mobile Bay Area 609,619 1 1 37

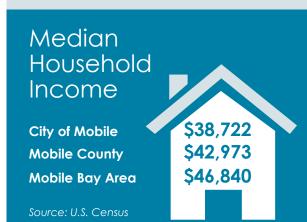
Source: U.S. Census Estimate

## Mobile's Employment Base Number of Employees Per Industry



- \* Category defined by the Alabama Dept. of Labor
- \*\* Category includes agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining.

Source: Alabama Dept. of Labor





Easy Access to
North America and
World Markets

By land, by air or by sea – you can get to Mobile from anywhere.

Mobile is the largest Gulf Coast city between New Orleans and Tampa. A few interesting notes about our water economy include – the Mobile-Tensaw River Delta is the second largest in the U.S., Mobile Bay is the fourth largest estuary in the nation and Mobile Bay holds the second largest natural gas reserve in the world.



The city of Mobile is home to two major airports, each with an FAA-certified control tower.



The Port of Mobile is the nation's 12<sup>th</sup> largest port based on tonnage, served by more than 100 shipping lines.



Mobile is served by two major interstates, I-10 for east/west travel and I-65 for north/south travel.



Mobile is served by five Class 1 railroads, spanning more than 3,000 miles.



The Port of Mobile feeds into one of the country's largest waterway systems with 15,000 navigable miles connecting 23 states.



Mobile is within a day's drive to a number of regional cities.

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Atlanta	<b>328</b> miles
Memphis	<b>366</b> miles
New Orleans	<b>144</b> miles
Birmingham	<b>258</b> miles
Jacksonville	<b>404</b> miles
Charleston	<b>620</b> miles









# Lagniappe (a little something extra)

A growing business community with a skilled workforce and unmatched infrastructure and logistics make Mobile an undeniable choice for your company's new location or expansion.

Our disarming friendliness, historic character, abundance of cultural and recreational activities and low cost of living make Mobile a place anyone would want to call home.

Here's a few things that make us unique:

Mobile is the birthplace of modernday Mardi Gras celebrations in the U.S.

The Duffee Oak is a 300-year-old tree, and one of 3,000 live oaks more than 100 years old.

The Mitchell Cancer Institute is the only academic cancer research center in the upper Gulf Coast region.

Six different flags have flown over Mobile: French, Spanish, British, Republic of Alabama, Confederacy and United States of America. The GoDaddy Bowl, Reese's Senior Bowl, Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, Dauphin Island Regatta and the Distinguished Young Women scholarship program all call Mobile home. In addition, regional golf is among the nation's finest with more than 25 courses.

Mobile is known as the Azalea City thanks to Frise Langlois, who first brought the bright pink blossoms here from his father's garden in Toulouse, France in 1754.