GUIDE TO MOBILE
A great place to live, play or grow a business
Every day thousands of men and women come together to bring you the wonder that is electricity, affordably and reliably, and with a belief that, in the right hands, this energy can do a whole lot more than make the lights come on. It can make an entire state shine.
Mobile is a great place to live, play, raise a family and grow a business. Founded in 1702, this port city is one of America’s oldest. Known for its Southern hospitality, rich traditions and an enthusiastic spirit of fun and celebration, Mobile offers an unmatched quality of life. Our streets are lined with massive live oaks, colorful azaleas and historic neighborhoods. A vibrant downtown and quality healthcare and education are just some of the things that make our picturesque city great. Located at the mouth of the Mobile River at Mobile Bay, leading to the Gulf of Mexico, Mobile is only 30 minutes from the sandy white beaches of Dauphin Island, yet the mountains of northern Alabama are only a few hours away. Our diverse city offers an endless array of fun and enriching activities – from the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo to freshwater fishing, baseball to football, museums to the modern IMAX Dome Theater, tee time on the course to tea time at a historic plantation home, world-renowned Bellingrath Gardens to the Battleship USS ALABAMA, Dauphin Island Sailboat Regatta to greyhound racing, Mardi Gras to the Christmas parade of boats along Dog River. Discover what makes Mobile great!
It's Mo-beel!
The city's name is pronounced “mo-beel,” (with a soft emphasis on the second syllable). The name was given by the French and comes from the Maubila Indians.

Mobile-Tensaw River Delta
The Mobile-Tensaw River Delta, the second-largest river delta in the U.S., covers more than 260,000 acres of water, swamps, river bottoms and marshes perfect for exploring, fishing, hunting, boating, canoeing and birding. Designated by the U.S. Congress as a National Natural Landmark, the area is rich in diverse wildlife.

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.

Learn More
Mobile has four major universities – one public, University of South Alabama; one private Jesuit, Spring Hill College; one private Southern Baptist institution, University of Mobile; and Faulkner University. Mobile County Public Schools is the largest public school system in the state and one of the most populous in the country.

Mobile is known for its miles of streets canopied by majestic live oaks. The city’s oldest living resident, the Duffee Oak, is a massive 300-year-old oak tree and is one of 3,000 live oaks in Mobile more than 100 years old.

Climate for Sports
From baseball to golf to fishing, Mobile has almost every sporting option and a mild climate for yearlong enjoyment. Regional golf is among the nation’s finest, with more than 25 courses.

International Roots
Founded in 1702, Mobile is one of the oldest U.S. cities. Six different flags have flown over the city: French, Spanish, British, Republic of Alabama, Confederacy and United States of America.

Talk about a city born to celebrate! Mobile is the birthplace of Mardi Gras in the U.S. The first masked carnival society paraded through downtown streets in 1830. Now more than 50 parading and non-parading societies maintain the city’s Mardi Gras traditions, including three weeks of parades, balls and pageantry.

AZALEA CITY

CANOPY OF OAKS
Mobile Bay Region
Mobile and Baldwin counties
Total Land Area: 2,828 square miles

The Mobile Bay region is located in southwest Alabama at the head of Mobile Bay. The region includes Mobile and Baldwin counties and covers an area of 2,828 square miles, with the city of Mobile as the dominant urban area.

Climate

Mobile’s mild, semi-tropical climate makes outdoor activities enjoyable year-round. Thanks to the Gulf of Mexico air, summers are consistently warm and the winters are mild. The Mobile area averages approximately 219 days of sunshine every year. That makes it sunny 60 percent of the year.

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With a 2015 estimated Census population of 619,104, the Mobile Bay region is Alabama’s second-largest metro area. Mobile County, the second-largest county in the state, has 415,395 residents. Baldwin County’s population is 203,709 and has increased more than 12 percent since 2010, making it the fastest-growing county in Alabama. The population for the city of Mobile is 194,288.

Mobile Area Population

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Already home to more than 37 aerospace companies.

Home to Airbus U.S. manufacturing facility — the company’s first production site in America. The $600 million, 53-acre assembly plant is located at Mobile Aeroplex at Brookley.

Median Household Income

| City of Mobile | $39,241 |
| Mobile County  | $43,844 |
| Mobile Bay Area| $45,821 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

200 more than 200 businesses serving the oil and gas industry.
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. Over the last decade, Mobile’s economic development efforts garnered $8.47 billion in capital investment and 15,771 jobs at new and existing area companies.

**BUSINESS**

The following companies are among the most recent to announce new or additional investment here:

**Airbus**

*Airbus Aircraft Final Assembly*

[www.airbus.com](http://www.airbus.com)

The assembly plant makes Mobile the fourth city in the world and the only city in the U.S. to assemble the A320 aircraft family. The facility is drawing continued aerospace investment from Airbus suppliers and service vendors, including Safran Engineering Services, Hutchinson, MAAS Aviation and UTC Aerospace.

**Alabama Steel Terminals**

*Steel Warehousing*

[www.alabamasteelterminals.com](http://www.alabamasteelterminals.com)

This steel coil handling facility is located at the Port of Mobile.

**AM/NS Calvert**

*Steel Manufacturing*

[www.usa.arcelormittal.com](http://www.usa.arcelormittal.com)

The joint venture of ArcelorMittal and Nippon Steel and Sumitomo Metal Corp. is increasing its slab yard storage area and investing in technologies for high-strength steel.

**NEW JOBS CREATED**

15,771

**$8.47 BILLION**

IN CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AT NEW & EXISTING COMPANIES
APM Terminals Mobile
Container Terminal
www.apmterminals.com
This investment will expand the container yard by 20 acres and include two additional cranes.

Arkema
Chemicals
www.arkema-americas.com
The company is adding a production line to make Kepstan™ PEKK, used in 3D printing and carbon fiber applications, at its Axis facility.

Austal USA
Shipbuilding
www.austal.com
The latest investment included a new office complex and expansion of the Module Manufacturing Facility and Assembly Bay 6. The company has more than 4,000 employees.

BASF
Chemicals
www.basf.us
BASF launched a new product line to make biodegradable cleaning agents more effective. The company located this project at Evonik.

Bayer Crop Science
Chemicals
www.cropscience.bayer.com
The project is co-locating at Evonik. Bayer will use an Evonik chemical in production of an agricultural herbicide.

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Danby
Distribution Warehouse & Retail
www.danby.com
Moving into an existing warehouse in Saraland, the company will use the Port of Mobile to receive incoming merchandise to meet the needs of its customers in nine states.

Evonik
Chemicals
www.evonik.com
The company is expanding production and launching a new product. Evonik is also developing a chemical park.

Marine Well Containment Co
Oil Spill Recovery
www.marinewellcontainment.com
An expanded containment system used to cap and contain oil is housed in Mobile.

Myer Marine Services
Maritime Manufacturing & Maintenance
www.myermarineservices.com
To manufacture and service dredging equipment, the company built a new 32,000-square-foot facility.

Prism Systems
Software Development
www.prismsystems.com
Driving this Mobile-based company’s expansion is a new research and development lab.

Rural Sourcing Inc. (RSI)
Software Development
www.ruralsourcing.com
The Atlanta-based firm opened a software development center in downtown Mobile.

SSAB Americas
Steel Manufacturing
www.ssab.com
The company added a heat-treating facility to harden steel, a niche market for SSAB.

Star Aviation
Aerospace
www.staraviation.com
Expanding its manufacturing division, the company is constructing a new 24,000-square-foot facility.

Tate & Lyle
Splenda Sucralose
www.tateandlyle.com
The company announced it would move its entire production of Splenda Sucralose to its Washington County facility.

Worthington Industries
Cryogenic Technology
www.worthingtonindustries.com
Following the company’s purchase of Taylor Wharton’s cryoscience business, Worthington decided to leave operations in the Mobile area, retaining 61 local positions.

AM/NS Calvert is part of a growing steel industry in the Mobile area.
## Employers by Employee Count

### 4,000-plus employees
- Austal
- Infirmary Health System
- Ingalls Shipbuilding
- Mobile County Public Schools
- University of South Alabama & Health System
- Shipbuilding
- Healthcare
- Shipbuilding
- K-12 Public Education
- Education/Healthcare

### 2,999 – 1,000 employees
- Alorica
- AltaPointe
- AM/NS Calvert
- Baldwin County Board of Education
- City of Mobile
- Mobile County
- CPSI
- Providence Hospital
- Springhill Medical Center
- VT MAE
- Inbound Call Center
- Healthcare
- Steel
- Education
- Local Government
- Local Government
- Software
- Healthcare
- Aerospace Maintenance & Repair

### 999 – 500 employees
- Airbus
- Alabama Power
- Alabama State Port Authority
- AT&T
- BAE Systems Southeast Shipyards
- BASF
- Boise Paper
- Evonik Industries
- G.A. West & Co.
- Grand Hotel Marriott Resort
- Kimberly-Clark Corp.
- Outokumpu Stainless USA
- Regions Bank
- SSAB Americas
- Aerospace
- Utility
- Maritime/Transportation
- Utility
- Shipbuilding & Repair
- Chemicals
- Paper
- Chemicals
- Industrial Construction
- Tourism
- Paper
- Steel
- Financial
- Steel

### 499 – 250 employees
- Alabama Orthopaedic Clinic
- Canfor Southern Pine
- Cardiology Associates
- Coca-Cola Bottling Co.
- Continental Motors
- Fresenius Medical Care
- Hargrove Engineers + Constructors
- Masland Carpets
- Mobile Area Water & Sewer System
- Olin Corp.
- Phelps Dunbar
- Premier Medical
- Spring Hill College
- The Hiller Cos.
- The SSI Group
- Thompson Engineering
- UOP Honeywell
- World Omni Financial Corp.
- Healthcare
- Lumber
- Healthcare
- Food Services
- Aerospace Engines
- Healthcare
- Engineering
- Carpet
- Utility
- Chemicals
- Legal
- Healthcare
- Education
- Fire Systems & Safety
- Software
- Engineering
- Chemicals
- Inbound/Outbound Call Center
TRANSPORTATION

EASY ACCESS TO NORTH AMERICA AND WORLD MARKETS

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

Mobile is the largest Gulf Coast city between New Orleans and Tampa. A few interesting notes about our water economy: 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.
When it comes to infrastructure and extensive transportation options, Mobile leads the way. The city's strategic location on the central Gulf Coast and abundant transportation options keep commerce moving and growing. Major rail, ship and highway transportation systems converge along the Mobile River at the Port of Mobile to link Mobile businesses with the nation and the world. In addition to a deepwater port, Mobile has two major interstate connectors, five Class I railroad service providers and two airports.

**Port of Mobile**

Over the past decade, the Alabama State Port Authority has invested more than $700 million on facilities at the Port of Mobile, including a container terminal, a steel terminal, expansion at McDuffie Coal Terminal, a rail ferry terminal, new warehouses and a turning basin. The 45-foot ship channel with its 1,000-foot turning basin is only three hours from deepwater. APM Terminals-Mobile, a state-of-the-art marine terminal, is Post-Panamax capable and offers global access to shippers. Weekly container carrier services shipping to destinations worldwide include China Shipping Container Lines (CSCL), CMA CGM, Cosco Shipping, Maersk, Mediterranean Shipping Co. (MSC) and Zim Integrated Shipping Services. An intermodal container transfer facility provides an intermodal rail option to shippers in North Alabama, Tennessee and surrounding states. McDuffie Coal Terminal is the largest import coal terminal in the nation.

**Alabama Cruise Terminal**

The Alabama Cruise Terminal features a 66,000-square-foot terminal, state-of-the-art security and an attached 500-space parking deck with easy access to interstates 10 and 65. The terminal is the home port for the Carnival Fantasy.

**Railroads**

Mobile is served by five national Class I railroads: CSX, Canadian National, Alabama Gulf Coast Railroad – BNSF, Norfolk Southern and Kansas City Southern with piggyback and containerized freight service.

**Highway System**

Mobile’s highway system includes two major interstates and five federal highways. Interstate 10, the southernmost coast-to-coast interstate highway in the U.S. connects Jacksonville to Los Angeles. Interstate 65, a major north-south route, links the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast. The area’s federal highways are U.S. 31, 43, 45, 90 and 98.

As a major manufacturing center and port city, Mobile offers competitive trucking for shippers. Most major regional and national trucking lines serve Mobile and operate terminals in the area.

**Airlines**

The Mobile Airport Authority owns and operates Mobile’s two airports, Mobile Regional Airport (MOB) and the Mobile Downtown Airport (BFM) at Mobile Aeroplex at Brookley. Mobile Regional Airport is served by Delta Air Lines, United Airlines and American Airlines. Daily flights go to five of the nation’s largest hubs: Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston.

**Air Cargo**

From the Mobile Downtown Airport, near the port and downtown, Mobile has FedEx air cargo service.

**Mobile Aeroplex at Brookley**

A former U.S. Air Force base located on Mobile Bay near downtown Mobile, Mobile Aeroplex at Brookley has been transformed into a leading 1,700-acre industrial and trade complex. Built around a fully operational airfield with a 9,600-foot runway, the complex offers transportation infrastructure second to none. Along with a fully-operational airport able to accommodate the largest aircraft, Brookley provides superb road and rail access.

**Public Transportation**

Mobile is served by The Wave Transit System, offering bus service throughout the city. The Wave also operates Moda!, a free bus route in downtown Mobile. Baldwin Rural Area Transportation System (BRATS) operates BayLinc, a daily commuter bus connecting Baldwin and Mobile counties.

**Transportation online**

To learn more about transportation options in the Mobile area, visit these websites:

- Alabama State Port Authority
  - [www.asdd.com](http://www.asdd.com)
- City of Mobile
  - [www.cityofmobile.org](http://www.cityofmobile.org)
- Mobile County
  - [www.mobilecountyal.gov](http://www.mobilecountyal.gov)
- Mobile Regional Airport
  - [www.mobairport.com](http://www.mobairport.com)
- The Wave Transit System
  - [www.thewavetransit.com](http://www.thewavetransit.com)
Mobile is a great place to live, and it’s also a great place to buy a house.

In the third quarter of 2016, the median cost of a home purchased in Mobile County was $135,400, well below the national median of $240,900.

Overall, Mobile also has a much lower cost of living than most cities its size, and is among the 20 lowest out of 80 mid-size U.S. metropolitan areas according to the Council for Community and Economic Research survey.

When it comes to housing options, Mobile has it all in a range of affordable prices – downtown living, rural solitude, historic neighborhoods, modern subdivisions, waterfront homes and suburban apartment complexes.

There is a selection of existing houses in Mobile’s downtown and midtown neighborhoods, in seven historic residential districts, ranging from mansions to Victorian cottages. Farther away from the central business district, suburban neighborhoods offer the options of rolling hills or quiet cul de sacs.

New houses also are available both in town and in the suburbs. New subdivisions, with a variety of house plans, are under development throughout the area, and new housing options downtown can put you a short walk from the central business district.

For a list of Mobile Area Chamber-member realtors, visit www.mobilechamber.com. You may also want to visit these Real Estate Associations:

Mobile Area Association of Realtors: www.mobilerealtor.com
Baldwin County Association of Realtors: www.southalabama-coastalareamls.com

Thigpen Photography
Mobile is a regional center for medical care, research and education. Nearly 13 percent of Mobile’s workforce is employed in the healthcare sector.

Area hospitals include general facilities, a children’s and women’s hospital, a private mental health hospital and a rehabilitation hospital. Mobile is also home to a cancer research center affiliated with the University of South Alabama.

Military hospitals are located within 60 miles of Mobile at Pensacola Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla., and Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss.

In addition there are many outpatient surgical centers, emergency clinics, military personnel clinics, home healthcare services, assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

Healthcare companies are more than just healthy here. They’re thriving, thanks to strides Mobile is making in medical care, research and education.

Mobile Area Chamber-member healthcare facilities include:

**Mobile Infirmary Medical Center**
5 Mobile Infirmary Circle, Mobile
(251) 435-2071
[www.infirmaryhealth.org](http://www.infirmaryhealth.org)

Mobile Infirmary has 677 beds, a trauma center and more than 650 physicians. The Infirmary is the largest non-governmental, not-for-profit hospital in Alabama and offers a complete range of medical services, including surgery and rehabilitation. Infirmary Health System also includes JL Bedsole/Rotary Rehabilitation Hospital, North Baldwin Infirmary and Thomas Hospital.

**JL Bedsole/Rotary Rehabilitation Hospital**
5 Mobile Infirmary Dr., Mobile
(251) 431-2016
[www.infirmaryhealth.org](http://www.infirmaryhealth.org)

Rotary Rehabilitation Hospital has 42 beds and offers continuing treatment for various conditions, including head injuries, strokes, chronic pain and cerebral palsy.

**North Baldwin Infirmary**
1815 Hand Ave., Bay Minette
(251) 937-5521
[www.nbinfirmary.com](http://www.nbinfirmary.com)

North Baldwin Infirmary provides residents of North Baldwin County with surgical, outpatient diagnostic, emergency, radiology and laboratory services. The 70-bed hospital also offers a state-of-the-art birth center.

**Thomas Hospital**
750 Morphy Ave., Fairhope
(251) 928-2375
[www.thomashospital.com](http://www.thomashospital.com)

Thomas Hospital, an Infirmary Health System hospital, has 162 beds. It has a full outpatient diagnostic and surgical center to accommodate the expanding population in Baldwin County.

**Providence Hospital**
6801 Airport Blvd., Mobile
(251) 633-1000
[www.providencehospital.org](http://www.providencehospital.org)

Serving the Mobile area since 1854, Providence Hospital has 349 beds and is a full-service medical and surgical facility. It includes a rehabilitation and wellness center and an outpatient center. The Cancer Center at Providence Hospital is affiliated with the M.D. Anderson Physicians Network. Providence is one of only seven healthcare systems in the nation – the only one in Alabama – to provide services under the M.D. Anderson program.

**Springhill Medical Center**
3719 Dauphin St., Mobile
(251) 344-9630
[www.springhillmedicalcenter.com](http://www.springhillmedicalcenter.com)

Springhill Medical Center has 252 beds and offers emergency medicine, a diagnostic center, a women’s center and family-centered labor and delivery. It is the only private hospital in Mobile. The campus is also home to primary care physicians, a senior residence, sleep center, cancer center, athletic club, orthopedic surgery center, wound care and hyperbaric center and an emergency department.
University of South Alabama
The College of Medicine at the University of South Alabama (USA) serves the central Gulf Coast and the southern half of the state, and is the region's largest healthcare system. The college's research department keeps Mobile's healthcare on the cutting edge of medical science. The university supports a medical system that includes USA Medical Center, USA Children's and Women's Hospital and USA Mitchell Cancer Institute.

USA Medical Center
2451 Fillingim St., Mobile
(251) 471-7000
www.usahealthsystem.com/usamc
The University of South Alabama Medical Center has 406 beds and is the region's only Level 1 trauma center and burn unit with emergency departments. The hospital has centers of excellence in stroke care and cardiovascular diseases and a wide range of acute care services.

USA Children's and Women's Hospital
1700 Center St., Mobile
(251) 415-1000
www.usahealthsystem.com/usacwh
USA Children's and Women's Hospital has 219 beds and is dedicated exclusively to the care of women and children. The hospital provides general services and specialized programs such as a regional neonatal intensive care nursery.

USA Mitchell Cancer Institute
1660 Springhill Ave., Mobile
(251) 460-6993
www.usamci.com
The USA Mitchell Cancer Institute is the first academic cancer research institute in the upper Gulf Coast region. MCI provides advanced, comprehensive cancer care with a highly skilled team of professionals working together to address the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and their families.

Mercy LIFE
2900 Springhill Ave., Mobile
251-287-8420
www.mercylifeal.com
The Mercy LIFE of Alabama Health Center offers clinical and rehabilitative services as well as a PACE program for at-home care of the elderly.

AltaPointe Health Systems
5750-A Southland Dr., Mobile
(251) 473-4423
www.altapointe.org
AltaPointe Health Systems oversees a comprehensive regional system of mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse prevention programs in Mobile, Baldwin and Washington counties.

Emergency Ambulatory Response
Mobile County has six medical transport agencies, including two aero-medical services (Baptist Hospital Life Flight and Gulf Coast).

Mobile Area Chamber-member companies include:
Ferriss Industries Inc.
12400 U.S. Hwy. 43 N., Axis
(251) 421-8214
www.lifeguardambulance.com
Lifeguard Transportation Service of Mobile
22 Midtown Park W., Mobile
(251) 338-8556 (office)
(251) 338-3338 (dispatch)
www.lifeguardambulance.com
Mobile County EMS
7921C Tanner Williams Rd., Mobile
(251) 343-7131
www.mobilecountyems.org

USA Mitchell Cancer Institute, an academic cancer research and treatment facility, is at the forefront in the fight to find new ways to cure and prevent cancer.
A Strong Workforce for a Growing Mobile

Mobile’s growing business community counts on a strong, talented and dedicated workforce. Abundant education programs ensure local residents have the skills area employers need. Among the most recognized state-led workforce training programs in the country, AIDT offers comprehensive pre-employment selection and on-the-job 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 several colleges and universities. The largest is the University of South Alabama, with more than 16,000 students. 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, Alabama Aviation Center and Faulkner State Community College. In the spring of 2016, a new 25,000-square-foot advanced manufacturing training facility was announced to help the Alabama Community College System meet employer needs for skilled workers. In addition to having the state’s largest Advanced Placement program, Mobile County Public Schools has 12 Signature Academies with career-oriented curriculums based on current and projected job openings. Included areas of focus are advanced information technology, aerospace, coastal studies, engineering, entrepreneurship, health, international studies, manufacturing and maritime.

Public Schools

Mobile County Public Schools
1 Magnum Pass, Mobile
(251) 221-4000
www.mcps.com

Mobile County Public Schools has nearly 60,000 children, making it Alabama’s largest public school system. The system has two International Baccalaureate high schools, a magnet program serving students in K-8 and 13 National Blue Ribbon Schools, the highest award given by the U.S. Department of Education.

The Regional School for the Deaf and Blind and Augusta Evans Special School offer services to special-needs students.

There are three additional public school systems in Mobile County – Chickasaw, Saraland and Satsuma.

New students enrolling in a public school should bring their parent or legal guardian, a photo ID, two proofs of residence and the student’s social security card, birth certificate, certificate of immunization and report cards. Immunizations are required for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Rubella, Measles and Mumps.

Entrance age requirements: Any child who will be five or six years old on or before Sept. 1 is eligible for kindergarten or first grade, respectively.

Alabama School of Mathematics and Science
1255 Dauphin St., Mobile
(251) 441-2100
www.asms.net

The Alabama School of Mathematics and Science attracts some of the brightest high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from all parts of the state and offers outreach programs for local students and schools.

Private Schools

The area has a large parochial school system operated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Mobile, including McGill-Toolen Catholic High School, St. Mary’s Catholic School and Little Flower Catholic School. Many other schools are operated through churches or private boards. In all, there are more than 40 private and denominational schools in Mobile.

Mobile Area Chamber-member private and parochial schools include:

Catholic School System
Board of Catholic Education
352 Government St., Mobile
(251) 438-4611
www.mobilearchdiocese.org

There are eight elementary schools and one high school in Mobile County.

Little Flower Catholic School
Pre-K (3&4), K – 8
2103 Government St., Mobile
(251) 479-5761
www.littleflower.cc
McGill–Toolen Catholic High School
Grades 9 – 12
1501 Old Shell Road, Mobile
(251) 445-2900
www.mcgill-toolen.org

St. Luke's Episcopal School
Pre-K – 12
3975 Japonica Lane, Mobile
(251) 666-2991
www.stlukesmobile.com

St. Mary’s Catholic School
Grades K – 8
107 N. Lafayette St., Mobile
(251) 433-9904
www.stmarymobile.org

St. Paul’s Episcopal School
Grades Pre-K – 12
161 Dogwood Lane, Mobile
(251) 342-6700
www.stpaulsmobile.net

St. Paul’s Episcopal School
Main Campus
351 N. Broad St., Mobile
(251) 405-7000
www.bishop.edu
Carver Campus
414 Stanton Rd., Mobile
(251) 479-6551
www.umobile.edu
Southwest Campus
925 Dauphin Island Pkwy., Mobile
(251) 665-4100

Bishop State Community College
Bishop State Community College has four campuses and works with local industries to provide training programs for new and existing employees. In addition to university transfer programs, the college is expanding its technology training to match the needs of Mobile industries.

Faulkner State Community College
1900 S. U.S. Hwy. 31, Bay Minette
(251) 580-2100
www.faulknerstate.edu

Faulkner State Community College, a public two-year institution in Baldwin County, has three campuses located in Bay Minette, Gulf Shores and Fairhope.

Faulkner University
3943 Airport Blvd., Mobile
(251) 380-9090
www.faulkner.edu

Faulkner University maintains a campus in Mobile where students can attain associate degrees in most major subjects.

Fortis College
7033 Airport Blvd., Mobile
(251) 344-1203
www.fortis.edu

Fortis College offers a variety of programs in healthcare and air conditioning and refrigeration.

MTI Business Solutions
6300 Grelot Rd., Ste. G123, Mobile
(251) 281-1060
www.mtibusiness.com

MTI Business Solutions provides business training and computer training to individuals as well as to companies of all sizes.

Remington College
828 Downtowner Loop W., Mobile
(251) 243-0639
www.remingtoncollege.edu/mobile

Remington College offers programs including medical technology, computer technology and criminal justice.

Spring Hill College
4000 Dauphin St., Mobile
(251) 380-4000
www.shc.edu

Spring Hill College, founded in 1830, is one of the nation’s oldest Jesuit institutions. Recognized as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the South, it offers graduate programs in business administration, theology, liberal arts, nursing and education, as well as a Division for Lifelong Studies for adults wishing to further their education.

University of South Alabama
307 University Blvd., Mobile
(251) 460-6101
www.southalabama.edu

The University of South Alabama has more than 16,000 students at campuses in Mobile and Baldwin counties. The university offers more than 100 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degree programs. In healthcare, USA provides students with an exceptional medical education through the colleges of Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health Professions.

University of Mobile
5735 College Parkway, Mobile
(251) 675-5990
www.umobile.edu

The University of Mobile is a private institution affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. The university offers on-campus and online bachelor’s and master’s degree programs in over 40 areas of study.

Virginia College of Mobile
3725 Airport Blvd., Mobile
(251) 343-7227
www.vc.edu

Virginia College offers a wide variety of programs preparing students for careers in business, medical technology, pharmacy, office management, culinary arts and media arts.
Mobile has museums and attractions celebrating almost any local topic: history, art, science, horticulture, marine biology, antebellum architecture and, of course, the pageantry and revelry of Mardi Gras. These world-class museums not only make Mobile a cultural destination, but also provide educational facilities seldom found in a city its size.

The History Museum of Mobile and Welcome Center
111 S. Royal St., Mobile
(251) 208-7569
www.museumofmobile.com

The History Museum of Mobile, located in a national landmark building, uses interactive exhibits to tell the story of Mobile’s more than 300-year history. The museum also serves as the city’s official welcome center.

Mobile Carnival Museum
355 Government St., Mobile
(251) 432-3324
www.mobilecarnivalmuseum.com

The William J. and Emily Staples Hearin Mobile Carnival Museum showcases Mobile as the birthplace of Mardi Gras. The museum allows visitors to experience the excitement of a Mardi Gras parade any time of the year.

Mobile Medical Museum
1664 Springhill Ave., Mobile
(251) 415-1109
www.mobilomedicalmuseum.com

The Mobile Medical Museum uncovers 200 years of medical history.

Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center
65 Government St., Mobile
(251) 208-6881
www.exploreum.com

The Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center features permanent exhibitions including “My BodyWorks,” “Hands on Hall” and “Minds on Hall,” as well as major traveling exhibits and movies in the J.L. Bedsole IMAX® Dome Theater.

Alabama Contemporary Art Center
301 Conti St., Mobile
(251) 208-5671
www.alabamacontemporary.com

The Alabama Contemporary Art Center shows modern art in an industrial setting in the center of downtown.

Mobile Museum of Art
4850 Museum Dr., Mobile
(251) 208-5200
www.mobilmuseumofart.com

The Mobile Museum of Art is the setting for a permanent collection of more than 9,000 works of art spanning two centuries, as well as a changing series of traveling exhibitions and regional art exhibits.

Clockwise from above left: Mobile Carnival Museum, Mobile Museum of Art and Alabama Contemporary Art Center.
Natural Beauty

Bellingrath Gardens and Home
12401 Bellingrath Rd., Theodore
(251) 973-2217
www.bellingrath.org

Bellingrath Gardens and Home, just south of the city, is one of America’s most beautiful display gardens and one of the Gulf Coast’s most popular attractions.

Mobile Botanical Gardens
5151 Museum Dr., Mobile
(251) 342-0555
www.mobilebotanicalgardens.org

Located near Langan Park, the Mobile Botanical Gardens encompass a 100-acre site of cultivated gardens, woodland trails and a longleaf pine forest.

Estuarium at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab
101 Bienville Blvd., Dauphin Island
(251) 861-2141
www.disl.org

The Estuarium at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab shows visitors the ecological balance of the four key fish and wildlife habitats of coastal Alabama: the Mobile-Tensaw Delta, Mobile Bay, the Barrier Islands and the Gulf of Mexico.

Five Rivers – Alabama’s Delta Resource Center
30945 Five Rivers Blvd., Spanish Fort
(251) 625-0814
www.alabama5rivers.com

Just minutes from downtown, the state’s 83-acre waterfront complex, 5 Rivers – Alabama’s Delta Resource Center, provides public access to the wonders of the Mobile-Tensaw Delta with hundreds of miles of rivers and wetlands.

Historic House Museums

Bragg–Mitchell Mansion
1906 Springhill Ave., Mobile
(251) 471-6364
www.braggmitchellmansion.com

The Bragg–Mitchell Mansion gives a glimpse of lavish plantation life.

Condé–Charlotte Museum House
104 Theatre St., Mobile
(251) 432-4722

The Condé–Charlotte House, built in the 1820s, is one of the city’s oldest surviving houses and is furnished to represent five periods of Mobile’s history.

Oakleigh Historic Complex
300 Oakleigh Place, Mobile
(251) 432-6161
www.historicoakleigh.org

Built in 1833, Oakleigh, a classic example of Greek Revival architecture, is Mobile’s official antebellum mansion.

Other house museums include the Richards–DAR House, known for its exceptional iron-lace balconies, and the Portier House, home to Mobile’s first five Catholic bishops.

Historic Sites

Battleship Memorial Park
2703 Battleship Pkwy., Mobile
(251) 433-2703
www.ussalabama.com

Battleship Memorial Park features the USS ALABAMA, a World War II-era battleship, along with the submarine USS DRUM, an aircraft pavilion of historic planes and several war memorials.

Fort Condé
150 S. Royal St., Mobile

Fort Condé is a partial replica of the French colonial fort built in the early 1700s. Using costumed re-enactors, the attraction recreates Mobile’s colonial history under the French, Spanish and English.

Guarding the mouth of Mobile Bay, historic Fort Gaines on Dauphin Island and Fort Morgan on the opposite shore played major roles in the Civil War.

Tours

Gulf Coast Ducks
2703 Battleship Pkwy., Mobile
(251) 802-8687
www.gulfcoastducks.com

Leaving from Battleship Memorial Park or Fort Condé Welcome Center, Gulf Coast Ducks offers light-hearted but informative tours of the city and its waterfront.
Mobile has one of the Gulf Coast’s liveliest performing arts scenes. Locally produced opera, symphony, dance and theater, along with traveling shows, give Mobilians a variety of performance options nearly any week of the year.

Performing Arts Groups

Mobile Opera presents two major opera productions each year, along with a variety of educational programs.

Mobile Symphony offers a full season of classical and pops concerts at the Saenger Theatre, student concerts and in-school programs. The symphony has become known as one of the nation’s best regional orchestras.

Mobile Ballet presents three major productions each year, featuring its own company and soloists from some of the world’s best dance companies. It also operates a dance academy.

Several local theater groups are active in the community, many with their own theater homes. The Mobile Theatre Guild has won acclaim at several international competitions. The Joe Jefferson Players is Alabama’s oldest dramatic company.

The Playhouse in the Park trains Mobile’s next theater generation at its theater in Langan Park. Another organization offering opportunities for young performers is Drama Camp Productions at Sunny Side Theater.

The Mobile Pops and other music groups, including Mobile Piano Ensemble, present concerts at various locations throughout the year.

Mobile’s Singing Children have performed throughout the nation and is a popular outlet for talented youth.

The historic Saenger Theatre attracts a number of the nation’s top touring acts. The ornate 1,800-seat theater is also home to the Mobile Symphony.

The Mobile Civic Center is a multipurpose complex including an arena, theater and exhibit hall. The theater is home to Mobile Opera, Mobile Ballet and traveling productions.

Bernheim Hall, renovated as part of the expansion of the Ben May Main Library of the Mobile Public Library, offers a more intimate setting for performances, lectures and film.

University of South Alabama Laidlaw Performing Arts Center offers music, theater and dance performances by student, faculty and community groups and is home to Mobile Chamber Music.

The Mobile Arts Council is a nonprofit organization promoting the development of quality arts programs and cultural growth.

Performing Arts Online

Find out more about events in the Mobile Bay area by visiting www.cityofmobile.org/calendar.

To learn more about the performing arts in the Mobile area, visit these websites:

Joe Jefferson Players
www.joejeffersonplayers.com

Mobile Arts Council
www.mobilearts.org

Mobile Ballet
www.mobileballet.org

Mobile Chamber Music
www.mobilechambermusic.org

Mobile Mystery Dinners
www.mobilemysterydinners.com

Mobile Opera
www.mobileopera.org

Mobile Pops
www.themobilepops.com

Mobile Public Library
www.mobilepubliclibrary.org

Mobile Saenger Theatre
www.mobilesaenger.com

Mobile’s Singing Children
www.mobilesingingchildren.org

Mobile Symphony Orchestra
www.mobilesymphony.org

Mobile Theatre Guild
www.mobiletheatreguild.org

Playhouse in the Park
www.playhouseinthepark.org

Sunny Side Theater
www.sunnysidedrama.com

The Steeple
www.thesteeplemobile.com

University of South Alabama Laidlaw Performing Arts Center
www.southalabama.edu
Mobile Public Library

With more than 600,000 items in its collection, the Mobile Public Library serves the citizens of the city of Mobile and Mobile County with 10 locations and a bookmobile. The library not only offers books, but also audio books, CDs, DVDs and e-books.

The Local History and Genealogy Division boasts one of the best regional collections of major city newspapers from 1851 and the Press-Register from 1817, as well as impressive sets of maps and census records unmatched on the central Gulf Coast.

The library provides popular events for children and families, and its summer reading program is the largest in the state.

The Mobile Public Library’s main branch was named among the 50 most beautiful libraries in America in a state-by-state ranking by Elle Decor magazine in 2016.

Find out more about the library and its services at www.mobilepubliclibrary.org.

Ben May Main Library
701 Government St., Mobile
(251) 208-7076
www.mobilepubliclibrary.org

Moorer/Spring Hill Branch
4 McGregor Ave., Mobile
(251) 470-7770

Parkway Branch
1924-B Dauphin Island Pkwy., Mobile
(251) 470-7766

Saraland Public Library
111 Saraland Loop, Saraland
(251) 675-2879

Semmes Branch
9150 Moffett Rd., Semmes
(251) 645-6840

Theodore Oaks Branch
5808 U.S. Hwy. 90 W., Ste. E, Theodore
(251) 653-5012

Toulminville Branch
601 Stanton Rd., Mobile
(251) 438-7075

Trinity Gardens Community Library
2668 Berkley Ave., Mobile
(251) 457-5954

West Regional Branch
5555 Grelot Rd., Mobile
(251) 340-8555

Local History and Genealogy
753 Government St., Mobile
(251) 208-7093
The Mobile area’s incredible climate supports year-round outdoor adventures. There are more than 70 parks and playgrounds in the Mobile area offering facilities for picnicking, canoeing, biking, hiking, camping and other leisure activities.

Here are just a few of the options: Bienville Square and Cathedral Square are popular downtown spaces, while the 720-acre Langan Park to the west offers golf, tennis, outdoor concerts, a children’s playground and picnic areas. Arlington Park, on Mobile Bay near Mobile Aeroplex at Brookley, includes a pier, a kayak launch point and picnic gazebos. Medal of Honor Park in west Mobile features a dog park and a pavilion for outdoor concerts. Chickasabogue Park, a county park, has bike and foot trails, fishing, camping, canoeing and swimming.

Just minutes from downtown, the state’s 83-acre waterfront complex, 5 Rivers – Alabama’s Delta Resource Center provides public access to the wonders of the Mobile-Tensaw Delta with hundreds of miles of rivers and wetlands. Across the U.S. Hwy. 90 Causeway, Meaher State Park also serves as a gateway to the delta. Swamp tours are the easiest way to view this unique natural resource, where visitors can learn about birds, fish, alligators, bald eagles, black bears and other wildlife in the area.

The white sands of the Gulf of Mexico are a short drive away to Dauphin Island in Mobile County or to the shoreline of Baldwin County.

The Alabama Coastal Birding Trail is a birdwatcher’s paradise. The trail spans two counties and is enhanced by directional and interpretive signage.

Parks Online
To find out more about parks in the Mobile area, click on one of the links below:

- Alabama Coastal Birding Trail
  [www.alabamacoastalbirdingtrail.com](http://www.alabamacoastalbirdingtrail.com)
- Alabama State Parks
  [www.alapark.com](http://www.alapark.com)
  [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com)
- City of Mobile
  [www.cityofmobile.org](http://www.cityofmobile.org)
- 5 Rivers – Alabama’s Delta Resource Center
  [www.alabama5rivers.com](http://www.alabama5rivers.com)
- Mobile Botanical Gardens
  [www.mobilebotanicalgardens.org](http://www.mobilebotanicalgardens.org)
- Mobile County
  [www.mobilecountyal.gov](http://www.mobilecountyal.gov)
Thanks to an abundance of warm, sunny days, golfing, sailing, boating, fishing or just relaxing by the water are options 12 months of the year.

Mobile has more than 25 golf courses in the metropolitan area, ranging from traditional Scottish links to rolling hills with tight fairways. Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail has two courses in the Mobile area, Magnolia Grove and Lakewood Golf Club in Point Clear. The Wall Street Journal said the Trail "may be the biggest bargain in the country" and the New York Times called the Trail "some of the best public golf on Earth."

Ladd-Peebles Memorial Stadium is home to the Reese's Senior Bowl, pitting squads of college all-stars against one another, and attracting so many scouts it is sometimes called a mini-convention of NFL coaches. Ladd-Peebles is also home to the University of South Alabama Jaguars and regular-season high school contests.

The Copeland-Cox Mobile Tennis Center, near Langan Park, is the nation’s largest public tennis facility, with 60 hard courts. The Mobile BayBears, the Double-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels, play approximately 70 home games at Hank Aaron Stadium each year.

The University of South Alabama, Spring Hill College, the University of Mobile, Bishop State Community College and Faulkner State Community College field teams in basketball, baseball, soccer and other team and individual sports for both men and women.

Mobile offers both deep sea fishing in the Gulf of Mexico and some of the South's best freshwater fishing in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta. The Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo is one of the largest of its kind in the world.

Thousands of runners from around the globe come to Mobile for the Azalea Trail Run, one of the premier 10K races in the country. The Port City Pacers are responsible for an almost non-stop string of races throughout the year. The annual First Light Marathon winds through Mobile's historic neighborhoods.

Sports online
To learn more about sports and recreation in the Mobile area, visit these websites:
- Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo
  www.adsfr.com
- City of Mobile
  www.cityofmobile.org
- Copeland-Cox Mobile Tennis Center
  www.mobiletenniscenter.net
- Dollar General Bowl
  www.dollargeneralbowl.com
- First Light Marathon
  www.firstlightmarathon.com
- Ladd-Peebles Memorial Stadium
  www.laddpeeblesstadium.com
- Mobile BayBears
  www.mobilebaybears.com
- Mobile Sports Authority
  www.mobilensportsauthority.com
- Mobile Sports Hall of Fame
  www.mobilesportshalloffame.com
- Port City Pacers
  www.pcpacers.org
- Reese's Senior Bowl
  www.seniorbowl.com
- Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail
  www.rtjgolf.com
In a city born to celebrate, there's never a shortage of entertainment options. It stands to reason that the city known for bringing Mardi Gras to America would know a thing or two about having a good time.

The list of live music venues is growing throughout the Mobile area, but downtown Mobile serves as the city's entertainment center – with a lively mix of restaurants, nightclubs, bars, galleries and theaters.

Dauphin Street and the historic Saenger Theatre anchor the district known as LoDa, for Lower Dauphin Street. The renovated Saenger attracts major national touring acts, including Wynton Marsalis, Lyle Lovett, Alabama Shakes, Buddy Guy and Norah Jones, and is home to the Mobile Symphony. Local clubs feature live music every night of the week.

A wide variety of restaurants – from elegant to casual – are popular meeting places for dinner before heading off for an evening of entertainment, music and fun.

Mobile recently joined many other cities with lively downtown entertainment scenes in creating designated entertainment districts, allowing people to mingle freely and carry beverages between establishments.

TenSixtyFive is a free music festival in downtown Mobile attracting thousands of music lovers to hear three days of country, rock, jazz, R&B, rap, gospel and more.

Other festivals such as LoDa ArtWalk bring crowds of people to downtown streets to sample what the city has to offer.

But nothing tops the excitement of Mardi Gras season when crowds fill downtown for three weeks of parades. French soldiers and settlers first celebrated Mardi Gras in Mobile in 1703, and we've been perfecting the party ever since.

Entertainment online
To find more entertainment options in the Mobile area, visit these websites:
Downtown Mobile Alliance
www.downtownmobile.org
Gulf Coast Ethnic and Heritage Jazz Festival
www.gcehjazzfest.com
Mobile Civic Center
www.mobilecivicctr.com
Mobile Arts Council
www.mobilearts.org
Visit Mobile
www.mobile.org
MOJO (Mystic Order of the Jazz Obsessed)
www.mojojazz.org
Saenger Theatre
www.mobilesaenger.com
TenSixtyFive Music Festival
www.tensixtyfive.com
The Grounds
www.thegroundsmobile.com
Food is what brings Mobile’s diverse culture together. A strong sense of community is built by bringing folks together for a good time over exceptional food and drinks. There’s always a pot of gumbo simmering on a stove somewhere, and a great meal is easy to find.

When visitors to Mobile think of local food, they automatically think of seafood. But locals know our tables are famous for a lot more than some of the world’s best shrimp and oysters. Mobile also takes great pride in a rich variety of Southern produce grown by local farmers. Farmers markets, vegetable and fruit stands and curb markets make it easy and affordable to enjoy local produce.

Surrounded by fertile farmland in both Mobile and Baldwin counties and blessed with a long growing season, Mobile enjoys a long list of homegrown treats. Summers are filled with vine-ripe tomatoes, strawberries, watermelons, field peas, cantaloupes, okra, butter beans, peaches, squash and the royalty of local produce – Silver Queen corn. Cooler weather brings turnips, collards, persimmons and citrus crops, such as satsumas and lemons.

Mobile’s growing restaurant scene includes classic seafood spots, farm-to-table restaurants and a wide variety of international and ethnic cuisine.

Food Festivals Online
Celebrate Mobile’s rich food heritage at these festivals:

- Chili Cookoff, benefit for the American Cancer Society [www.mobilechilicookoff.org](http://www.mobilechilicookoff.org) (March)
- Blessing of the Fleet in Bayou la Batre [www.fleetblessing.org](http://www.fleetblessing.org) (May)
- National Shrimp Festival in Gulf Shores [www.nationalshrimpfestival.com](http://www.nationalshrimpfestival.com) (October)
- Greek Fest, three days of food, dancing, music and culture at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church [www.greekfestmobile.org](http://www.greekfestmobile.org) (October)

Find out about more food events in the Mobile Bay area at [www.cityofmobile.org/calendar](http://www.cityofmobile.org/calendar).
SPRING

Azalea Trail Run: One of the premier 10K road races in the U.S. – (251) 473-7223 or www.pcpacers.org

St. Patrick’s Day Parade: Everyone’s Irish for this holiday parade in downtown Mobile

Mobile Historic Homes Tour: A rare glimpse inside some of Mobile’s most beautiful private homes – (251) 432-6161 or www.historicmobile.org

Dauphin Island Race Regatta: Popular sailing race across Mobile Bay – (251) 928-3276 or www.fairhopeyachtclub.com

Plantasia! Spring Plant Sale: Biannual plant sale offering thousands of plants especially selected for our Gulf Coast climate – (251) 342-0555 or www.mobilebotanicalgardens.org

Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival and Eastern Shore Art Association’s Annual Outdoor Art Show: A weekend of art, music and food – (251) 928-6387 or www.thefairhopeartsandcraftsfestival.com

Festival of Flowers: One of the nation’s top garden shows features landscape displays, seminars, markets and, of course, millions of flowers – (251) 639-2050 or www.festivalofflowers.com

American Cancer Society Chili Cookoff: Hot chili takes the chill off at The Grounds – (251) 344-9858 or www.mobilechilicookoff.org


SUMMER

Distinguished Young Women: Finals of this scholarship competition bring the best and brightest high school seniors from all 50 states to Mobile – (251) 438-3621 or www.distinguishedyw.org

Kids Days: Free entertainment for children in Bienville Square – (251) 208-1550 or www.ncsmobile.org

Market on the Square: Shop for the freshest crop in town – (251) 208-1550 or www.ncsmobile.org

Dragon Boat Festival: Family fun festival and team dragon boat racing to raise money for Fuse Project – (251) 377-3484 or www.fuseproject.org/dragon-boat-festival

Market on the Hill: Farmers Market in Lavretta Park – (251) 208-1550 or www.ncsmobile.org

Summer Reading Program: The state’s largest summer reading program, Mobile Public Library – (251) 208-7073 or www.mobilepubliclibrary.org

Mobile’s Fourth of July Celebration: Music and fireworks over the river, USS ALABAMA Battleship Park – (251) 470-7749 or www.cityofmobile.org

FALL

Veterans Day Parade: One of the Gulf Coast's largest celebrations honoring military veterans. Parade rolls through downtown. Mobile Bay Veterans Commission www.facebook.com/mobilebayveterans

Mobile International Festival: Food, culture and entertainment from around the world – (251) 208-1550 or www.mobileinternationalfestival.org


American Cancer Society Chili Cookoff: Hot chili takes the chill off at The Grounds – (251) 344-9858 or www.mobilechilicookoff.org

Brown Bag in Bienville: Free lunchtime concerts in Bienville Square – (251) 208-1550 or www.ncsmobile.org

The BIG Event: Benefit for Big Brothers Big Sisters South Alabama – (251) 344-0536, ext 107 or www.bbbssa.org

LODA Art Walk: 2nd Friday of every month – (251) 208-1550 or www.ncsmobile.org

Cascading Mums Display and Mum Festival at Bellingrath Gardens: Lavish display of fall color – (251) 973-2217 or www.bellingrath.org

Annual Coastal Bird Fest: Weekend full of birding events for the novice or experienced birder – www.alabamacoastalbirdfest.com
FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Market on the Square: Shop for the freshest crop in town – (251) 208-7540 or www.ncsmobile.org

Plantasia! Fall Plant Sale: Biannual plant sale offering thousands of plants especially selected for our Gulf Coast climate – (251) 342-0555 or www.mobilebotanicalgardens.org

National Shrimp Festival: Four-day celebration of our favorite seafood with music, crafts and more, Gulf Shores – (251) 968-7200 or www.myshrimpfest.com

Polo at the Point: A great event for hat watching, as well as world-class polo, Point Clear – (251) 928-9704 or www.poloatthepoint.com

Greater Gulf State Fair: Rides, food entertainment and displays – (251) 344-4573 or www.thecalendermobile.com

Greek Fest: Food, dancing, music and culture, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church – (251) 438-9888 or www.greekfestmobile.org

First Light Marathon: Mobile’s annual marathon benefiting L’Arche Mobile – (251) 438-2094 or www.firstlightmarathon.com

Reese’s Senior Bowl: The best senior college football stars and NFL coaches gather in Mobile for what has become the nation’s biggest pre-draft event – (251) 438-2276 or www.seniorbowl.com

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration: (251) 405-7000 or www.bishop.edu

MoonPie Over Mobile: New Year’s celebration featuring the dropping of a giant MoonPie – (251) 208-1550 or www.ncsmobile.org

Dollar General Bowl: College football bowl game brings thousands to Mobile – (251) 635-0011 or www.dollargeneralbowl.com

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WINTER

Magic Christmas in Lights: Bellingrath Gardens dressed up for the holidays – (251) 973-2217 or www.bellingrath.org

Christmas Jubilee: Annual Holiday Shopping Market presented by the Junior League of Mobile – (251) 471-3348 or www.juniorleaguemobile.org

Lighting of the Trees in Bienville Square: Santa and the mayor kick off the Mobile holiday season with light displays throughout downtown – (251) 208-1550 or www.ncsmobile.org

MoonPie Over Mobile: New Year’s celebration featuring the dropping of a giant MoonPie – (251) 208-1550 or www.ncsmobile.org

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Driver's License
Alabama Law Enforcement Agency
Driver's License Examiner
3400 Demetropolis Rd., Mobile
(251) 660-2330
www.alea.gov or www.mobilecountylc.com

For out-of-state new residents, first-time issuance of an Alabama driver's license, suspended driver's license, or a foreign national driver's license, you must apply at the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency driver's license office in Mobile County. New residents with a valid out-of-state driver's license have 30 days to obtain an Alabama license. If you currently have a valid out-of-state license, the only requirement is a vision screening test ($5) and surrender of your out-of-state license. Although a first-time license must be obtained through the state office, driver's licenses can be renewed at any Mobile County License Commission office or online at the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency.

License Fee: $36.25, good for four years from date of purchase.
$5 test fee for first time-drivers
Minimum age: 16

Automobile
Mobile County License Commission
3925 Michael Blvd., Mobile
205 Government St., Mobile
(251) 574-8566
www.mobilecountylc.com

Tags are acquired from the Mobile County License Commission. A new Alabama resident is required to title and register his or her vehicle within 30 days of moving into the state with a valid out-of-state registration. There is a fee plus taxes for all passenger cars. All vehicles (built in 1975 and newer) must have titles. Registration for an out-of-state vehicle must be presented when applying for an Alabama tag. Alabama has a staggered renewal system, and the tag expiration date is according to the first letter of the last name.

The Mobile County License Commission has five convenient locations where you can register a new vehicle, renew your car tag or driver's license, obtain a hunting or fishing license or other license transactions. Tags also can be renewed online, by phone or by mail.

Mobile County License Commission Branches:
  Michael Square/Main Office
  3925-F Michael Blvd., Mobile
  (251) 574-8530
  Hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

  Theodore
  5808 U.S. Hwy 90 W., Suite D, Theodore
  (251) 574-3286
  Hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Voter Registration
Mobile County Probate Court
Board of Registrars
205 Government St., Mobile
(251) 574-8586
www.mobilecountyal.gov/government/voting.html

Voter registration forms are available online and at public libraries. Non-registered residents may also fill out voter registration forms at any driver's license office of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency and cards will be mailed in a few weeks.

Dogs
City of Mobile Animal Shelter
855 Owens St., Mobile
(251) 208-2801
www.cityofmobileanimalshelter.com

All dogs within the city limits are required to be licensed. A license must be purchased during normal office hours, including 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Proof of current rabies inoculation is required for all license purchases. Inoculation certificates may be obtained from a veterinarian and are good for one year from the date of issue. City dog license tags must be renewed annually.
Business
City of Mobile Revenue Department
205 Government St., Mobile
(251) 208-7462
www.cityofmobile.org/revenue/bus-app.php

City business licenses may be obtained from the license division of the revenue department of the city of Mobile. Rates, based upon a percentage of gross revenues, are published online. Before obtaining a license, zoning for the property of the contemplated business must be cleared with the city of Mobile zoning officer. Other municipalities in Mobile County also require the purchase of a business license.

Mobile County License Commission
3925 Michael Blvd., Mobile
205 Government St., Mobile
(251) 574-8561
www.mobilecountylc.com

State and county business licenses are required in addition to any business licenses of a municipality. State and county business licenses are valid for one fiscal year, Oct. 1 through Sept. 30. Business licenses must be renewed in October to avoid penalties and interest charges. Applications for a business license are available online. Licenses may be purchased by mail or at the Michael Square office or the Downtown Office. Requirements and fees vary based on license code.

Marriage
Mobile County Probate Court
205 Government St., Mobile
(251) 574-6050
www.probate.mobilecountyal.gov/marriage.asp

Minimum age to receive a marriage license is 18. Minors must be accompanied by both parents or legal guardians. There is no waiting period.

Important Numbers to Know
Area Code ................................................................. 251
Emergencies (police, fire, ambulance) ....................... 911
Police (Non-Emergency) ......................................... (251) 208-7211
Automobile Registration ....................................... (251) 574-8551
Driver’s License ..................................................... (251) 660-2330
Voter Registration .................................................... (251) 574-8586
Hunting, Fishing and Boat Licenses ......................... (251) 574-8563
Alabama Power ...................................................... (800) 245-2244
Mobile Gas ............................................................. (251) 476-8052
Mobile Area Water and Sewer System .................... (251) 694-3100

AT&T (phone/TV)
(Residence) .............................................................. (888) 757-6500
(Commercial) ........................................................... (888) 620-6900
(Wireless) ................................................................. (888) 333-6651
C Spire ................................................................. (855) 277-4735
SouthernLINC Wireless ....................................... (251) 694-2335
T-Mobile ............................................................... (251) 800-3000
Verizon Wireless Cellular ..................................... (251) 304-2138
Xfinity/Comcast Cable ......................................... (251) 476-7600
Mediacom ............................................................. (800) 479-2082
City of Mobile ......................................................... (251) 208-7777
Mobile County ....................................................... (251) 574-4636
Visit Mobile ........................................................... (251) 208-2000
Mobile Welcome Center ...................................... (251) 208-7304

Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce
451 Government St.
Mobile, AL 36602 .................................................... (251) 433-6951
(800) 422-6951
State Income Tax
(No City/County Wage Taxes)
Tax Rate Range: 2% to 5%
Income Brackets: $500 to $3,000
Number of Brackets: 3

Personal Exemption:
- Single/$1,500
- Married/$3,000
- Dependents/$300

Standard Deduction:
- Single/$2,000 to $2,500
- Married filing joint return/$4,000 to $7,500

Medical/Dental Deduction:
Limited to excess of 4% of adjusted gross income

Mobile County Sales Tax Rates

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Mobile County Revenue Commission
www.mobilecopropertytax.com

The Revenue Commission is responsible for mapping, appraising, assessing and collecting property taxes in Mobile County. The commission grants tax exemptions to those who qualify and disburses collected taxes to state and county government agencies as directed by law.

Branches:
- Michael Square/Main Office
  3925 Michael Blvd., Mobile
  (251) 574-8530
  Hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

- Theodore
  5808 U.S. Hwy. 90 W., Suite G, Theodore
  (251) 574-3286
  Hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Eight Mile
Eight Mile Shopping Center
4557 St. Stephens Rd., Eight Mile
(251) 574-3269
Hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Citronelle
109 S. Main St., Citronelle
(251) 574-2069
Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday

Downtown Mobile – Courthouse Annex
151 Government St., Mobile
(251) 574-4851
Hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday and Friday

Property Taxes

Assessment rates are:
- 10% residential
- 20% commercial
- 30% utilities

Rate per $1,000 assessed valuation (within City of Mobile)
- City of Mobile $7.00
- Mobile County $20.50
- State $6.50
- School $29.50

A homestead exemption may be available to citizens who use their property exclusively as their home. The maximum amount of the exemption is $4,000 for state taxes and $2,000 for county taxes. Additional exemptions are available for persons over 65 years of age or disabled.

Taxes on Retirement Income

Social Security, civil service, state/local government and qualified private pensions are exempt. All out-of-state government pensions are tax-exempt if they are defined benefit plans.

Taxes on Military Retirement and Disability Pay - Retired pay and survivor benefits are not taxed.

VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) - Not subject to federal or state taxes.

Source: www.retirementliving.com
Electric
Alabama Power Co.
150 St. Joseph St., Mobile
(800) 245-2244
www.alabamapower.com

For new service, a credit score will be obtained through a credit reporting agency to determine if a deposit is necessary. If a deposit is needed, the deposit will be refunded as a credit after service has been maintained for 12 consecutive months.

Gas
Mobile Gas
2828 Dauphin St., Mobile
(251) 476-8052
www.mobile-gas.com

All new residential accounts require an $80 deposit and a $20 connection fee.

Water and Sewage
Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (City of Mobile)
4725 Moffett Rd., Mobile
(251) 694–3100
www.mawss.com

Residential deposit rate of $100
Need driver’s license and proof of residence

LeMoyne Water System Inc. (North Mobile County)
municipal-owned
11426 Old U.S. Hwy. 43, Axis
(251) 675–1797
www.lemoynewater.com

Meter application of $50 (homeowners)
Need driver’s license and proof of ownership/rental agreement

Telephone and Cable
AT&T
(888) 757–6500
www.att.com

Xfinity/Comcast Cable
3248 Springhill Ave., Mobile
476–7600
www.comcast.com

Mediacom
4545 Clearview Dr, Mobile
(251) 666–0849
www.mediacomcable.com

Garbage and Trash
Public Works Department, City of Mobile
(251) 208–2900
Residential garbage collection: once weekly; trash collections once every other week. Residents living outside city limits of Mobile are responsible for obtaining private service.

Recycling
Metro Mobile Recycling Center
1451 Government St., Mobile
(251) 478–3333, www.cityofmobile.org/recycle
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – seven days a week

Mobile County Recycling Center
7450 Hitt Rd., Mobile
(251) 459–8426
www.mobilecountyal.gov
Hours: 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. – seven days a week

Media
Mobile is served by seven TV stations (six network affiliates and one public) and 27 radio stations. Mobile has several weekly newspapers and magazines.

Press–Register (3 times a week newspaper) al.com
18 S. Royal St., Mobile
(251) 219–5400
www.al.com

Lagniappe (weekly)
P.O. Box 3003, Mobile
(251) 450–4466
www.lagniappemobile.com

The Call News (weekly)
7870 State St., Citronelle
(251) 866–5998
www.thecallnews.com

WALA TV - Channel 10 (FOX)
1501 Satchel Paige Dr., Mobile
(251) 434–1010
www.fox10tv.com

WEAR TV - Channel 3 (ABC)
4990 Mobile Hwy., Pensacola
(850) 456–3333
www.weartv.com

WKRG TV - Channel 5 (CBS) and CW55
555 Broadcast Dr., Mobile
(251) 479–5555
www.wkrq.com

WPMI TV - Local 15/UTV44 (NBC) and (UPN)
661 Azalea Rd., Mobile
(251) 602–1500
www.local15tv.com or www.utv44.com
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