

# SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA COMMUNITY PROFILE

## GENERAL INFORMATION

County **Talladega**  
 State **Alabama**  
 Incorporated? **Yes**  
 Enterprise Zone? **Yes**  
 Labor Surplus Area? **Yes**  
 Foreign Trade Zone? **No**

## LOCATION

Area of State **East Central**  
 Latitude **331023** Longitude **861506**  
 Miles to:  
 Atlanta, GA **138** Birmingham **51**  
 Huntsville **144** Jacksonville, FL **410**  
 Memphis, TN **305** Mobile **239**  
 Montgomery **67** Nashville, TN **245**  
 New Orleans, LA **380** Tampa, FL **518**

## POPULATIONS & INCOME

2007  
 City **12,986**  
 County **80,671**  
 30 mi. (est.) **170,846**  
 Households in County: **32,098**  
 Income:  
     Per Capita **\$27,797 (County)**  
     Average Household **\$48,225**  
     Median Household **\$44,598**

## CLIMATE

Mean Temperature: **Annual 60F/Jan 40F/ July 79F**  
 Average Annual Precipitation: **56 Inches**  
 Altitude: **597 Ft. Above Sea Level** Prevailing Winds: **SW**

## EDUCATION

**Sylacauga City Schools: 2002**

	Number	Teachers	Students
Elementary	2	72	856
Middle/Jr. High	2	52	711
Senior High	1	50	682

Total High School Graduates Per Year: **135**  
 Post Secondary: **Central AL Community College, 10 mi.**  
**Seven colleges/universities within 90-min. drive.**

## GOVERNMENT

City **Mayor/Council**  
 County **County Commission**

	City	County
Zoning Ordinance?	<b>Yes</b>	
Subdivision Regulations With Designing Standards	<b>Yes</b>	
Planning Commission?	<b>Yes</b>	
Garbage Collection?	<b>Yes</b>	
Public Library?	<b>95,008 Volumes</b>	
Fire Protection?	<b>Yes</b>	
Full-time Personnel	<b>20</b>	
Part-time	<b>20</b>	
Fire Insurance Rating	<b>4</b>	

## Outside City Limits?

Police/ Sheriff  
 Full-time Personnel **53**  
 Patrol Cars **30**  
 Patrol for Industry  
     Outside City Limits? **Yes**

Emergency Medical Service  
 Paramedics? **Yes**  
 911 or E911? **Yes**  
 Life Save/Helicopter **Yes**

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

	Assets
6 Banks	<b>\$518,800,000</b>
2 Credit Union(s)	<b>\$248,600,000</b>

## TRANSPORTATION

Highway Serving Community:

Interstate	Federal	State
Hwy/Miles to	Hwy/Miles to	Hwy/Miles to
<b>I-20 25</b>	<b>231 0</b>	<b>148 0</b>
<b>I-459 40</b>	<b>280 0</b>	<b>21 0</b>

## RAILROAD SERVICES:

**Norfolk Southern CSX Eastern AL**  
 Railway  
 Piggyback Service? **No**

## TRANSPORTATION (CONT.)

Waterway: **Coosa River**  
Navigable? **No** Channel Depth **9 Ft.**  
Nearest Port Facility: **50 miles**

### Air

Municipal Service: **Lee Merkle Field, Sylacauga**  
Runway: **5450 Ft. Long: 80 Ft. Wide** Surface: **Asphalt**  
Lighted? **Yes** Aircraft Tiedown: **30,000 lb. Tieload**  
ILS? **No** Hangars? **Yes**  
Repair Facilities? **Yes**  
Nearest International Service: **Birmingham – 50 Miles**  
Major Carriers: **American/Delta/Southwest/United**  
**USAir/ComAir/Northwest/Continental**  
Number of Commercial Flights: **71**

### Motor Freight:

Service Area: **48 States – 8 carriers**  
Carriers with Local Terminals - **2 carriers**

Bus Service? **Yes**  
Parcel Service: **UPS; DHL; Federal Express**

## UTILITIES

	<u>Suppliers</u>	<u>Distributors</u>
Electricity:		
	<b>AL Municipal Elec Auth.</b>	<b>Utilities Board, Syl.</b>
	<b>AL Power Company</b>	<b>Coosa Valley Co-op</b>
Natural Gas:		
	<b>Southern Natural Gas</b>	<b>Utilities Board, Syl.</b>
	<b>Transco</b>	
Water: <b>Sylacauga Utilities Board</b>		
Capacity	<b>6,000,000 GPD</b>	
Avg. Daily Consumption	<b>3,664,000 GPD</b>	
Peak Consumption	<b>4,614,000 GPD</b>	
Storage Capacity	<b>9.5 Million Gallons</b>	
Sources:	<b>Lake Howard and Lake Virginia</b>	
Sanitation: <b>Sylacauga Utilities Board</b>		
Sewage Treatment Plant Type:	<b>Tertiary</b>	
Capacity:	<b>6,000,000 GPD</b>	
Present Load:	<b>50% of capacity</b>	
Sanitary Sewer Coverage:	<b>98% Use Charge? Yes</b>	
Storm Sewer Coverage:	<b>85%</b>	
Solid Waste Disposal:	<b>No</b>	
Fuel Oil, Coal, and LP Gas:	<b>Available Locally</b>	

## AREA INDUSTRY

Number of Manufacturers: **140**  
Total Manufacturing Employment **13,455**

## COMMUNICATIONS

Local Telephone Provider: **BellSouth**  
Switching Fiber Optics? **Yes**  
Mobile Phone? **Yes**  
Local Internet Access? **Yes**

Post Office Classifications: **First Class**

### Newspapers:

Daily- **Daily Home (Local)**  
**Birmingham News & Post Herald**  
Bi-Weekly – **Sylacauga Today (Local)**

Radio Stations: **AM 1 FM 2**  
Television Stations: **Locally 3**  
Cable Services? **Yes** number of Channels: **217**

## CITY MEDICAL FACILITES

Hospitals	1	Number of Beds	168
Clinics	4	Physicians Active	44
Dialysis Ctrs.:	2	Cancer Treatment Ctr.	1
Dentists:	6	Mental Health Center	1
Regional Medical Facility:	Anniston - 40 miles		
Tertiary Centers	6	Birmingham - 45 miles	

## COMMUNITY FACILITES

Motels:	5	Total Rooms:	140
Meeting Rooms	Yes	Area Restaurants	36
Auditorium:	Yes	Maximum Seating:	800
Churches:	75		

## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Country Club?	Yes	Golf Course?	Yes
Ball Fields?	Yes	Tennis Courts?	Yes
Health Clubs	Yes	Parks?	Yes
Skating Rinks?	Yes	Movie Theaters?	Yes
		Swimming Pools?	Yes

Nearest State Park: **Cheaha State Park – 35 mi.**

Nearest Public Lake: **Lay Lake – 15 mi.**

Area Lakes: **Logan Martin Lake – 25 mi.**

**Martin Lake – 30 mi.**

Performing & Visual Arts: **Sylacauga Arts Council**  
**Isabel A. Comer Museum**

## MAJOR NATURAL RESOURCES

Minerals Mined: **Marble and limestone products**  
Timber: **Loblolly & Shortleaf Pine, Oak, Hickory**  
Major Agricultural Products: **Cattle**

**TAXES** (Manufacturers Real Property: 1995 Tax Year)

	Rate/	Assessed	Effective Rate	
	\$1000	Ratio	In City	Out City
City	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>	_____
County	<b>\$19.50</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>3.90</b>	<b>4.50</b>
State	<b>\$ 6.50</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>8.20</b>	<b>5.80</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41.00*Mills</b>			

\*Includes 16.00 Mills for Education (Effective Rate for County May Differ Outside City Limits)

**Retail Sales Taxes:**

City	<b>3.0%</b>
County	<b>1.0%</b> (Within city limits)
State	<b>4.0%</b>
	<b>8.0%</b>

**Income/Occupational Tax:**

City Occupational Tax	<b>0.0%</b>
County Occupational Tax	<b>0.0%</b>
State Corporate Tax	<b>5.0%</b>
State Individual Income Tax	<b>2.0% - 5.0%</b>

\*Deduction for Federal Income Tax

**SOME LARGER CITY EMPLOYERS**

<b>American Color Graphics, Inc.</b>	260 Employees
Commercial Printing	
<b>American Foam Cast</b>	35 Employees
Aluminum Castings	
<b>American Plant Services</b>	120 Employees
Industrial Cleaning	
<b>Blue Bell Creameries</b>	250 Employees
Ice Cream Products	
<b>Fleetwood Metal, Inc.</b>	128 Employees
Metal Stamping	
<b>Floyd &amp; Beasley Transfer Co.</b>	175 Employees
Carrier	
<b>Heritage Plastics, Inc.</b>	40 Employees
Plastics Manufacturer	
<b>IMERY'S</b>	240 Employees
Calcium Carbonate Products	
<b>Merryweather Foam, Inc.</b>	45 Employees
Urethane & Polyurethane Foams	
<b>Nemak Alabama</b>	800 Employees
Aluminum Components	
<b>Pursell Technologies</b>	275 Employees
Time-released fertilizers; Sta-Green	
<b>Southern Alloy Corporation</b>	110 Employees
Stainless Steel Castings	

**COUNTY LABOR ANALYSIS (April '08)**

**Civilian Labor Force**

<b>For Talladega County:</b>	<b>38,731</b>
<b>Employment</b>	<b>37,012</b>
<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>1,719</b>
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>4.4%</b>

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