

SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA

FACT SHEET

With all its colorful history – from the earliest Indian settlers through DeSoto’s expedition in the 1500’s and findings of precious gold and marble, Sylacaugans never tire of fables from the past. But, they’re more excited about history in the making and plans for the future! Sylacauga, if only a few miles further west, would rest in the geographical center of Alabama. Located in the Coosa River Valley, along the lower extension of Appalachian Mountain Range, Sylacauga (pronounced Sil-a-cog-a) lies in southern Talladega County. Sylacauga has been called “Alabama’s Best-Kept Secret.” A small, but progressive city, Sylacauga makes it easy for individuals and families to experience quality living. Winner of sixteen state and national awards, Sylacauga’s exceptional beauty is apparent, but the easy living offered must be experienced to be appreciated.

SYLACAUGA’S ANNUAL EVENTS

JANUARY

Comer Museum Print Show/Sale

FEBRUARY

Comer Museum Black History Show
Parks & Recreation Senior Love Day
Parks & Recreation Miss Sylacauga Pageant (*A Miss America Preliminary*)

MARCH

APRIL

Comer Museum Student Art Show
Taste of Sylacauga
Career Awareness Day

MAY

American Cancer Society Relay for Life
Parks & Recreation Fishing Rodeo

JUNE

July 4th Celebration
Parks & Recreation Summer Day Camp

AUGUST

Comer Museum Alternative Art Show
Crazy Daze Promotion

SEPTEMBER

Leadership Sylacauga (Sept-May)

OCTOBER

Comer Museum Artists Select Show
Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet
March of Dimes Walk America

NOVEMBER

Comer Museum Local Artists Show
Chamber of Commerce Holiday Open House

DECEMBER

Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade
Chamber of Commerce Santa Village

Civic Clubs and Organizations: The Sylacauga Chamber of Commerce is proud of its city’s numerous civic clubs and organizations. These groups sponsor many worthwhile community events. If you would like a list of our clubs and organizations, please contact the Chamber.

Location:

Situated in the southeast corner of beautiful Talladega County, Alabama, Sylacauga is conveniently located 51 miles southeast of Birmingham and 67 miles north of Montgomery. Intersected by U.S. Highways 280 and 231, the community is easily accessible by land. Additionally, Sylacauga’s modern airport and Birmingham’s Municipal Airport, make international air travel convenient.

Proximity to Metro Areas:

Atlanta 133 miles
Birmingham 47 miles
Mobile 245 miles
Montgomery 64 miles

Emergency Numbers:

**All area codes are 256 unless otherwise noted*

For emergency assistance.....911
Coosa Valley Medical Center.....401-4000
Sylacauga Ambulance Service.....245-7448

Important Numbers to Know:

Sylacauga Chamber of Commerce.....249-0308 or www.sylacaugachamber.com
City of Sylacauga.....401-2400

Financial Institutions:

Alabama Trust Bank.....245-6099
Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union.....245-7110
SouthFirst Bank.....245-4365
Frontier National.....249-0341
Heritage South Credit Union.....245-4776
Regions Bank.....249-1142
SouthTrust Bank.....249-6270
Superior Bank.....245-2281

Communications/ Phone: BellSouth - 557-6500 ITC/Deltacom – 800-239-5081

Property Taxes:

For property on which one is living, a deed should be filed and the homestead exemption claimed at the Talladega County Tax Assessor’s office, Talladega County Courthouse, North East Street, Talladega, 362-2911.

Retail Sales Taxes:

City 3.0%
County 1.0% (Within city limits)
State 4.0%
8.0%

Major employers:

Blue Bell Creameries, Floyd & Beasley, IMERYS, Honda of Alabama, Nemak Aluminum Components, Talladega Co. Bd. Of Education, Southern Alloy, Coosa Valley Medical Center, Walmart, New South Express, AbitibiBowater, Fleet Wood Metal, J & M Tank Lines

Recreation/Leisure:

With a moderate climate, excellent location and a population dedicated to their community, citizens are justly proud of the recreational opportunities they have created. Several parks; Maxye Veazey Park, Noble Park, Blue Bell Central Park, Fairmont Park and Sylaward Trail- hiking/biking trail at Lake Howard, and a BMX track.

Utilities:

Electricity, natural gas, water and sewer service are provided through the Sylacauga Utilities Board. A \$125 - \$175 deposit and a \$15 connection charge are required to establish service. Curbside garbage service is available, sylacauga.net call: 256-249-8501

Average Home Cost: \$75,000 - \$85,000

Population: estimate

City 2008-12,616
County 2008-80,321
30 miles (est) 170,846
Households in the County: 31,278

Entertainment:

Voter Registration:

Newcomers may register to vote at the Talladega County Courthouse, 400 N. Norton Avenue, during regular business hours, Monday – Friday. 249-1007

Automobile/Mobile Home Registration:

Register your automobiles and mobile homes within 30 days of becoming a resident, at the Tax Assessor’s office in the Talladega County Courthouse at 400 North Norton Avenue in Sylacauga, 249-1000.

School Registration:

Students should register at the school they will attend by contacting the principal or registrar.

Comer Elementary.....	315-5430
Comer High School.....	315-5400
Coosa Valley Academy.....	205-672-7326
Indian Valley.....	249-0397
Knollwood Christian.....	249-4750
Nichols-Lawson Middle School	245-4376
Pinecrest Elementary.....	245-5700
Sylacauga High School.....	249-0911

Postal Information:

Sylacauga Post Office, One S. Broadway..... 245-4631

Pets:

Dogs must be restrained at all times. Contact the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) at 245-2500 for information regarding required inoculations. There are several area veterinarians in Sylacauga to take care of your pet’s health needs.

Media:

NEWSPAPERS

The Daily Home.....(205) 249-4311 or www.dailyhome.com
Sylacauga Today.....245-8899

RADIO

WYEA.....249-4263
WFEB.....245-3281
WTRB.....207-3222

TELEVISION

TV 6 SYLACAUGA’S VERY OWN.....207-3332
Charter Communications Cable Services.....1-800-741-4079
TV 47225-2424

Medical Services Coosa Valley Medical Center Hospital, Craddock Health Center, Cheaha Mental Health Center and scores of exceptional health care professionals attend to basic and specialized health care needs.

Per Capita Income:

Per Capita	\$19,107 (City)	\$18,686 (County)
Average Household	\$33,536	
Median Household	\$37,210	

Accommodations:

JAMESON INN.....	(800) 526-3766 or (256) 245-4141
SUPER 8.....	(800) 889-9698 or (256) 249-4321
TOWNE INN.....	(256) 249-3821
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS.....	(256) 207-1511

Transportation:

Custom Aero Services Lee Merkel Airport.....	245-3246
Greyhound Bus Line.....	245-2575
Taxi – Deluxe Cab Company.....	245-6242

Climate:

Average Temperatures	Spring 62.3	Autumn 66.7
	Summer 77.8	Winter 46.1
Average Rainfall	51.0 inches	
Length of Growing Season	199 days	
Altitude	595 feet above sea level	

Driver’s License:

If moving to Alabama from another state, you should obtain a driver’s license upon establishing residence. The Driver’s License Examiner’s office is in the Alabama Highway Patrol Office at the Talladega County Courthouse, North East Street, Talladega, 362-2911.

Churches:

Sylacauga has approximately 75 Churches, representing most major denominations. Area churches offer activities for young and old alike, including monthly luncheon programs, choir/ensemble groups and trips.

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