

DeKalb County, AL



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DeKalb County is located in Northeast Alabama, less than two and a half hours from over six major Southeastern markets. I-59 runs through the county, and DeKalb is also close to I-20, I-24, I-65, and I-75.

DeKalb County is served by the Norfolk Southern Railroad that traverses the valley region from a southwest to northeast direction through the towns of Collinsville and Valley Head and the city of Fort Payne. This main rail line parallels both I-59 and U.S. Hwy. 11 and runs from the Gulf Coast to the Northeast, linking the Gulf and the East Coast. Norfolk Southern provides daily car pickup and deliveries and is a major line for the railroad company. General aviation services are available at Isbell Field-Fort Payne Municipal Airport with a runway length of 5,080 feet. The Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport, located within 62 miles of DeKalb

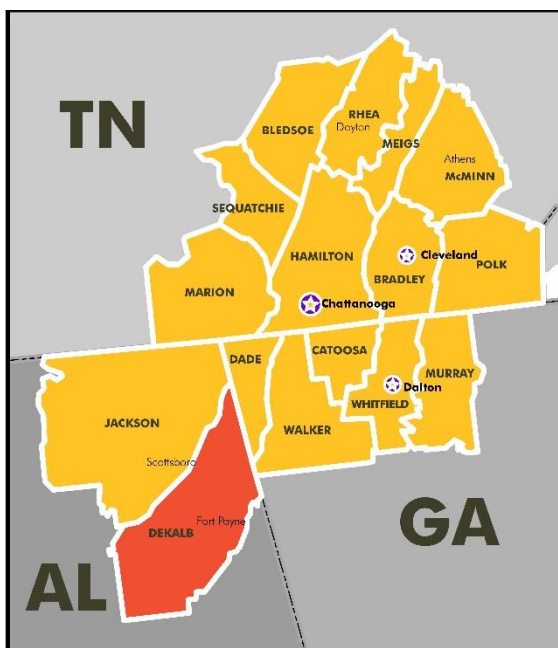
County offers non-stop service to nine locations throughout the U.S. Air cargo is also available. Airlines serving the Chattanooga airport include: Allegiant, American Airlines, American Eagle, Delta and United Airlines.

There are many industrial site options including five industrial parks. The I-59 Fort Payne Industrial Park is an Alabama Advantage Site Certified Site. The 39-acre industrial park is located within the Fort Payne city limits and in a New Market Tax Credit area of the state.

The Northeast Alabama Community College is on the Jackson County-DeKalb County line and provides a two-year program. The college offers both academic and technical degree programs, as well as workforce development and skills training courses. Additionally, a wide selection of community, state and private colleges and universities are all within a short drive.

DeKalb Regional Medical Center serves DeKalb County for acute care with 134 licensed beds and is served by 30 active and 33 courtesy physicians. The hospital provides obstetrical, cardiac, surgical, general diagnostic services, ER, and Home Care services. In addition, DeKalb County delivers many medical services providing quality health care.

Desoto State Park in DeKalb County Alabama is one of the most visited state parks in Alabama providing cabins, campgrounds, hiking trails, fishing, restaurants, etc. Little River Canyon National Preserve is the nation's newest national preserve which lies on the Eastern boundary of DeKalb County. This preserve consist of approximately 16,000 acres and provides camping, hiking and other activities. The Little River Management area provides thousands of acres of hunting land for quail, deer, turkey, and other small game.



MAJOR EMPLOYERS

COMPANY	EMPLOYEES
Koch Foods, Inc.	824
The Children's Place	711
Renfro Corporation	575
Heil Company	545
Rainsville Technology, Inc. (RTI)	495

Source: Companies

POPULATION

Population 2018	71,379
Population 2023	73,470
Households 2018	26,754
Median Age	39.3
Median Household Income	\$40,287
Per Capita Income	\$20,298

Source: Gale Research

ANNOUNCED PROJECTS (2013-2017)

Number of Projects	34
New Jobs	1,622
Capital Investment	\$143,308,465

Source: GCEP

LABOR FORCE (2017 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

Labor Force	29,038
Unemployment Rate	4.5%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25+	48,143
High School Graduate (only)	34.5%
Some College	18.7%
Associate's Degree	8.8%
Bachelor's Degree	6.6%
Graduate or Professional	4.7%
ACT-County	17.0
ACT-State	19.2

Source: Gale Research, Alabama Department of Education

EDUCATION

Public Schools	17
Public School Enrollment	12,142
Private Schools	1
Private School Enrollment	276
School Districts	2

Source: Alabama Department of Education, Individual Schools and GCEP

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

New Employers (Maximum)	2.7%
Experience Rate Range	0.65% to 6.8%
Taxable Base	\$8,000

Source: Alabama Department of Education, Individual Schools and GCEP

SALES TAX - GENERAL AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Sales Tax Rate-State	4%
Sales Tax Rate-County	1%
Electricity (State/Local)	None
Piped Natural Gas (State/Local)	None
Mfg. Water (State/Local)	None
Mfg. Fuels (State/Local)	4%/1%
Mfg. Equipment (State/Local)	1.5%/ .5%
Telecommunications (State/Local)	4%/1%

Source: Alabama Department of Revenue

PROPERTY TAX (PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE)

Property Taxes-County Incorporated	\$32.5
Property Taxes-County Unincorporated	\$35.5
Property Taxes-County Seat	\$45.0

Source: Alabama Department of Revenue

INVENTORY TAX

Finished Goods	None
Raw Materials	None
Goods in Process	None
Materials Consumed in Manufacturing	None

Source: Alabama Department of Revenue

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (2017 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

	% OF TOTAL	WEEKLY WAGES
Natural Resources & Mining	1.7%	\$642
Construction	2.9%	\$886
Manufacturing	29.7%	\$834
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	19.0%	\$649
Information	0.8%	\$981
Financial Activities	2.6%	\$709
Professional & Business Services	5.7%	\$562
Education & Health Services	12.2%	\$677
Leisure & Hospitality	8.6%	\$304
Other Services	1.0%	\$843
Government	15.8%	\$701

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

ACCESSIBILITY

Largest City or Town	Ft. Payne
Population-2017	14,071
Miles to Chattanooga	54
Nearest Commercial Airport	Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport
Runway Length	7,400 and 5,575
Miles to Airport	62
Nearest Interstate	I-59
Foreign Trade Zone	No
Population within 50-mile radius	1,036,455

Source: GCEP, Gale Research

UTILITIES

Name of Electricity Provider	Multiple municipal providers
Is Natural Gas Available (Yes/No)	Yes
Name of Natural Gas Provider	Upper Sand Mountain Gas District; DeKalb-Cherokee Gas District
Name of Water Provider	Multiple municipal providers
Name of Wastewater Provider	Multiple municipal providers
Excess System Capacity	Yes

Source: GCEP

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