

Selected Health Status Indicators

Alabama's Caucasian and African American Populations



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	Number	Pct. of Total	Number	Pct. of Total	Number	Pct. of Total	Number	Pct. of Total
2012 Population								
Total population	244,495,567	100.0	41,204,793	100.0	3,373,844	100.0	1,279,805	100.0
Males	121,109,455	49.5	19,694,608	47.8	1,659,639	49.2	596,488	46.6
Females	123,386,112	50.5	21,510,185	52.2	1,714,205	50.8	683,317	53.4
Under 20 years of age	60,609,451	24.8	12,569,888	30.5	805,776	23.9	388,111	30.3
Age 65 years or more	37,095,301	15.2	3,781,038	9.2	563,285	16.7	124,352	9.7
Age 85 years or more	5,232,191	2.1	423,548	1.0	64,504	1.9	14,722	1.2

Population Change	Number	Pct. Change	Number	Pct. Change	Number	Pct. Change	Number	Pct. Change
1910 – 2010	81,731,957 to 223,553,265	173.5	9,827,763 to 38,929,319	296.1	1,228,832 to 3,275,394	166.5	908,282 to 1,251,311	37.8
2010 – 2040 Projected	223,553,265 to 287,787,000	28.7	38,929,319 to 54,462,000	39.9	3,275,394 to 3,785,415	15.6	1,251,311 to 1,574,468	25.8
Age 65+: 2010 – 2040 Projected	34,139,237 to 62,766,000	83.9	3,438,397 to 9,405,000	173.5	529,974 to 884,925	67.0	116,597 to 287,277	146.4

Income Related Indicators	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population Below Poverty Level – 2011	29,260,632	13.0	10,543,367	28.1	439,025	13.5	400,999	32.4
Population Under 18 Years of Age Below Poverty Level – 2011	8,839,164	17.8	4,082,476	39.4	126,114	18.0	157,722	45.8
Population Aged 65 Years or More Below Poverty Level – 2011	2,648,192	7.8	645,046	18.9	40,742	7.8	117,909	21.6
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP in the Past 12 Months – 2011	9,138,671	10.2	3,900,716	28.1	144,549	11.0	160,352	34.1
Medicaid Births – 2011	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	17,457	44.0	13,286	74.0
Unemployed Persons Aged 16-24 Years and Unemployment Rates – 2011	2,794,871	17.4	1,056,955	34.2	43,497	20.4	32,826	32.6

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Unemployed Persons Aged 25-64 Years and Unemployment Rates - 2011	7,318,252	7.6	2,151,229	14.6	98,356	7.6	67,019	14.9
Population Aged 25-64 Not in the Labor Force - 2011	26,743,677	21.6	5,464,099	26.9	466,372	26.5	202,674	31.0

Cause of Death Indicators (Includes causes with 50 or more deaths statewide.)	Number in 2010	Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 Pop.	Number in 2010	Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 Pop.	Number in 2009 - 2011	Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 Pop.	Number in 2009 - 2011	Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 Pop.
All Causes	2,114,749	741.8	286,959	898.2	109,935	914.1	32,911	1,048.0
Septicemia	27,985	9.8	6,001	19.4	1,836	15.1	794	25.5
Viral Hepatitis	6,061	2.1	1,101	2.8	236	1.9	61	1.6
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Disease	3,575	1.4	4,662	11.6	110	1.1	330	9.1
Cancer	491,686	172.4	65,930	203.8	23,493	187.3	6,913	215.8
Lip, Oral Cavity, and Pharynx	7,151	2.5	1,006	2.8	338	2.7	100	2.9
Esophagus	12,761	4.4	1,437	4.2	511	4.0	148	4.3
Stomach	8,524	3.0	2,000	6.3	314	2.5	215	6.8
Colon, Rectum, and Anus	43,854	15.3	7,005	21.8	1,934	15.6	752	23.6
Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Ducts	15,949	5.5	2,826	7.8	736	5.8	220	6.4
Pancreas	31,413	10.9	4,327	13.7	1,380	10.9	427	13.2
Larynx	3,007	1.1	613	1.8	162	1.3	74	2.1
Trachea, Bronchus, and Lung	137,698	48.3	16,688	51.4	7,830	61.2	1,766	54.4

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Cancer - continued								
Breast (female)	33,834	21.5	6,031	30.3	1,364	20.0	596	30.3
Uterus (female) (ICD-10 codes C53-C55)	9,658	6.3	2,227	11.5	328	5.1	232	12.2
Ovary (female)	12,841	8.2	1,279	6.7	650	9.2	147	7.9
Prostate (male)	23,172	20.2	4,854	48.0	1,027	21.5	579	58.5
Kidney and Renal Pelvis	11,659	4.1	1,185	3.6	491	3.9	136	4.1
Bladder	13,404	4.7	1,073	3.7	514	4.2	89	3.0
Meninges, Brain, and Other Parts of the Central Nervous System	12,876	4.6	896	2.5	714	5.8	82	2.4
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	18,198	6.4	1,509	4.6	808	6.6	143	4.6
Leukemia	20,088	7.2	1,816	5.7	971	7.9	174	5.5
Multiple Myeloma and Immunoproliferative Neoplasms	9,154	3.2	2,003	6.5	400	3.2	217	7.0
Anemias	3,741	1.3	1,007	3.0	182	1.5	126	3.8
Diabetes Mellitus	54,250	19.0	12,126	38.7	2,364	19.2	1,457	46.8
Malnutrition	2,358	0.8	357	1.2	142	1.2	65	2.2
Parkinson's Disease	20,792	7.3	804	3.0	987	8.2	85	3.1
Alzheimer's Disease	76,928	26.0	5,220	20.6	3,817	32.2	668	25.3

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Major Cardiovascular Diseases	667,081	229.6	92,898	304.1	35,495	292.8	11,031	359.2
Heart Diseases	514,323	176.9	69,083	224.9	27,745	228.8	8,005	260.0
Hypertensive Heart Disease	25,097	8.6	7,729	23.6	843	7.1	378	12.0
Acute Myocardial Infarction	106,204	36.6	12,743	41.8	5,980	48.6	1,585	50.3
Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease, so Described	47,470	16.3	8,361	26.0	1,480	12.2	431	13.9
Heart Failure	51,290	17.4	5,528	19.3	4,561	37.9	1,189	40.5
Essential Hypertension and Hypertensive Renal Disease	20,560	7.0	5,116	17.0	960	7.9	649	20.6
Cerebrovascular Diseases (Stroke)	109,119	37.7	15,965	53.0	5,717	47.4	2,034	67.1
Atherosclerosis	6,513	2.2	594	2.1	370	3.0	152	5.3
Aortic Aneurysm and Dissection	9,134	3.2	972	3.0	388	3.2	65	2.1
Pneumonia	42,887	14.7	4,868	16.7	2,252	18.8	493	16.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	127,176	44.6	8,715	29.0	7,603	61.3	875	29.6
Asthma	2,366	0.9	879	2.3	88	0.8	77	2.3
Pneumonitis due to Solids and Liquids	15,235	5.2	1,380	4.9	659	5.5	162	5.6

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Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	28,014	9.9	2,635	6.7	1,260	10.2	268	7.0
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome, and Nephrosis	40,205	14.0	8,841	29.3	2,174	17.8	1,225	40.9
Renal Failure	35,261	12.2	7,857	25.9	2,042	16.7	1,130	37.5
Congenital Malformations, Deformations, and Chromosomal Abnormalities	7,566	3.2	1,656	3.6	321	3.4	137	3.4
Accidents	104,945	40.3	12,069	31.3	5,858	55.5	1,391	38.8
Motor Vehicle Accidents	29,392	11.7	4,477	10.9	2,042	19.9	653	17.4
Falls	24,133	8.4	1,164	3.8	520	4.4	59	1.8
Accidental Drowning and Submersion	2,970	1.2	571	1.3	183	1.8	69	1.9
Accidental Exposure to Smoke, Fire, and Flames	2,135	0.8	577	1.6	172	1.6	110	3.1
Accidental Poisoning and Exposure to Noxious Substances	29,283	11.9	2,988	7.3	1,430	14.5	139	3.8
Intentional Self-Harm (suicide)	34,690	13.6	2,144	5.2	1,786	16.7	183	4.9
Assault (homicide)	7,863	3.3	7,818	17.7	440	4.4	728	18.6

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Causes of Death Groupings of Special Interest

Cause of Death Indicators (Includes all causes with 50 or more deaths statewide.)	Number in 2009 - 2011	Rate per 100,000 Pop.	Number in 2009 - 2011	Rate per 100,000 Pop.	Number in 2009 - 2011	Rate per 100,000 Pop.	Number in 2009 - 2011	Rate per 100,000 Pop.
Firearm Deaths (intentional self-harm, assault, legal intervention, and undetermined intent)	23,490	9.2	7,454	16.9	1,630	15.2	739	18.9
Drug-Induced Deaths	36,020	14.6	3,561	8.7	1,648	16.6	161	4.3
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	22,167	8.0	2,330	5.9	563	4.7	181	4.8

Cancer Incidence and Rates by Site and County

Cancer Site	Number in 2000 - 2010	Rate per 100,000 Pop.	Number in 2000 - 2010	Rate per 100,000 Pop.	Number in 2000 - 2010	Rate per 100,000 Pop.	Number in 2000 - 2010	Rate per 100,000 Pop.
All Sites	6,338,524	470.9	763,597	484.3	93,233	468.8	25,115	478.7
Lung and Bronchus	917,181	67.9	106,862	70.6	16,041	78.8	3,431	66.6
Colon and Rectum	611,851	45.1	83,688	54.8	9,380	46.9	3,039	59.0
Melanoma of the Skin	284,336	21.6	1,567	1.0	4,866	25.5	59	1.2
Prostate	876,041	140.8	148,141	228.6	12,712	137.3	5,111	243.8
Breast (Female, only)	877,504	123.0	110,659	118.0	12,361	117.6	3,751	120.4
Cervix	48,725	7.7	9,882	10.3	724	8.3	307	9.9

Nativity Related Indicators	Number	Measure	Number	Measure	Number	Measure	Number	Measure
Infant Mortality 2009-2011 – (Per 1,000 Births)	48,209	5.2	22,947	11.9	761	6.3	734	13.3
Low Weight Births – 2011 (Percent of All Births)	214,445	7.1	82,277	13.0	3,067	7.7	2,700	15.0

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Births to Teens (10-19) – 2011 (Percent of All Births)	234,461	7.8	86,615	13.7	3,797	9.6	2,812	15.6
Births With Less Than Adequate Prenatal Care – 2011 (Percent of All Births)	N.A,	N.A,	N.A,	N.A,	10,120	25.7	5,252	29.5
Births to Teens With Less Than Adequate Prenatal Care – 2011 (Percent of All Births)	N.A,	N.A,	N.A,	N.A,	1,248	33.2	1,059	38.1
Caesarian Births – 2011 (Percent of All Births)	975,575	32.3	222,781	35.2	13,746	34.6	6,741	37.5
Tobacco Use During Pregnancy – 2011 (Percent of All Births)	N.A,	N.A,	N.A,	N.A,	5,119	12.9	1,095	6.1
Births to Undereducated Women – 2011 (Percent of All Births)	N.A,	N.A,	N.A,	N.A,	6,301	15.9	2,604	14.5
Births to Unmarried Women – 2011 (Percent of All Births)	1,079,091	35.7	454,403	71.8	11,089	27.9	13,533	75.3
Births to Unmarried Teenage Women – 2011 (Percent of All Births)	200,231	85.4	84,376	97.4	2,741	72.2	2,750	97.8
Preterm Births – 2011 (Percent of All Births)	326,198	10.8	104,429	16.5	5,206	13.1	3,647	20.3

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Other Indicators	Number	Measure	Number	Measure	Number	Measure	Number	Measure
Married Population Aged 15 Years or More - 2011 (Does Not Include Married, but Separated)	97,680,429	51.6	8,817,896	28.9	1,526,275	55.9	297,165	29.8
New HIV Cases – 2012 (Per 100,000 Population) NOTE: U.S. Caucasian and African American totals are Non-Hispanic.	13,846 (2011)	7.0 (2011)	23,168 (2011)	60.4 (2011)	141	4.2	379	30.0
Age 25+ With Less Than High School Education – 2007-2011	19,002,578	12.0%	4,193,975	17.5%	355,101	15.4%	165,634	21.4%
Adult Obesity – 2011 (Percent of Total Population Aged 18 Years or More)	N.A.	26.5%	N.A.	36.7%	N.A.	29.8%	N.A.	40.1%
Adult Smoking - 2011 (Percent of Total Population Aged 18+ Years)	N.A.	20.8%	N.A.	26.4%	N.A.	25.0%	N.A.	20.8%
Heavy Drinkers – 2011 (Percent of adult men consuming more than two drinks per day and adult women consuming more than one drink per day).	N.A.	7.5%	N.A.	4.5%	N.A.	4.9%	N.A.	6.1%

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Been Told by a Doctor That You Have Diabetes – 2010 (Percent of Total Population Aged 18+ Years)	N.A.	8.0%	N.A.	13.5%	N.A.	11.8%	N.A.	16.5%
Adults With Health Problem(s) That Require the Use of Special Equipment – 2011 (Percent of Total Population Aged 18+ Years)	N.A.	7.8%	N.A.	10.6%	N.A.	9.1%	N.A.	11.1%
Life Expectancy at Birth - 2011	79.0 years		75.3 years		76.2 years		73.3 years	
Chlamydia Cases Reported – 2012 (Per 100,000 Population) NOTE: U.S. Caucasian and African American totals are Non-Hispanic.	318,272 (2011)	159.0 (2011)	471,035 (2011)	1,194.4 (2011)	5,122	152.3	15,277	1,213.2
Gonorrhea Cases Reported – 2012 (Per 100,000 Population) NOTE: U.S. Caucasian and African American totals are Non-Hispanic.	50,361 (2011)	25.2 (2011)	168,515 (2001)	427.3 (2011)	782	23.3	5,831	471.0

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