

Mobile

Alabama's oldest city and a working Gulf port

A historic port city with a working economy built around shipbuilding and aerospace manufacturing — not just tourism — plus a genuine arts and culinary scene.

\$54,977 MEDIAN HH INCOME (DISTRICT)	~0.5% EFFECTIVE PROPERTY TAX	32 WALK SCORE (CITYWIDE)
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At a Glance

Median HH income	\$54,977 (Alabama's 2nd congressional district, which covers the Mobile area).
Property tax	~0.5% effective rate; median bill ~\$601/yr reflects generally lower home values in Mobile County (Ownwell, 2026).
Walk Score	32 citywide.
School systems	Mobile County Public School System — the largest in Alabama, 50,000+ students across 80+ schools, including 12 career-focused Signature Academies.

What It's Known For

Mobile is Alabama's oldest city, with a Mardi Gras tradition older than New Orleans', a working port and shipbuilding economy anchored by Austal USA, and a genuine arts and culinary scene distinct from the resort towns further south.

Major Employers

- University of South Alabama
- Mobile County Public Schools
- Infirmary Health
- Austal USA (shipbuilding)

Shopping & Groceries

Bel Air Mall and the surrounding retail corridor anchor shopping, alongside a growing downtown retail and dining scene. Publix is present in Mobile.

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Distances

- ~170 mi to Montgomery
- ~250 mi to Birmingham
- ~25 mi to Fairhope (across Mobile Bay)
- ~45 mi to Gulf Shores

Thinking about Mobile?

Tell me your budget and priorities and I'll help you figure out if this is the right fit — or connect you with a trusted local agent if it's outside my direct coverage. Reach out any time at krysten@yoursweethomealabama.com.