

# Alabama at a Glance

Alabama Ranking	
Stress Test Overall Rank	27

Alabama: Stress Test Data Points					
	2000	Latest	Change	Pct. Change	Rank
Unemployment rate <sup>1</sup>	3.8	4.1	0.3	8%	38
Construction jobs <sup>2</sup>	104,300	114,800	10,500	10%	28
Manufacturing jobs <sup>3</sup>	354,300	291,800	-62,500	-18%	29
Goods-producing jobs <sup>4</sup>	472,300	419,300	-53,000	-11%	25
Service-providing jobs <sup>5</sup>	1,456,800	1,596,300	139,500	10%	28
People uninsured <sup>6</sup>	125.12 (per 1,000)	150.10 (per 1,000)	-	20%	23
Employer-provided health insurance coverage <sup>7</sup>	196.52 (per 1,000)	178.39 (per 1,000)	-	-9%	16
Individuals that spend 25 percent of pre-tax income on health care <sup>8</sup>	217,000 and 5.6%	300,000 and 7.6%	83,000	36%	34
Public college tuition <sup>9</sup>	\$3,497	\$4,712 and 12% (of 2006 Median Household Income)	\$1,215	35%	28
Average weekly wage <sup>10</sup>	\$650	\$685	\$35	5%	32
Individuals below poverty line <sup>11</sup>	722,213 (2002)	742,064 and 161.66(per 1,000)	19,851	3%	9
Bankruptcy <sup>12</sup>	19,639 (2006)	23,883 and 5.16(per 1,000)	4,244	22%	25
Foreclosures <sup>13</sup>	4,348 (2006) and 0.95 (per 1,000)	7,903 and 1.71 (per 1,000)	3,555	82%	32
Gasoline Prices <sup>14</sup> (excluding taxes and AAA)	\$1.07 (excluding taxes)	\$2.57 (excluding taxes) and \$3.55 (AAA- including taxes)	\$1.50 (excluding taxes)	141%	18

# ENDNOTES

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- <sup>3</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages," Manufacturing Jobs, March 2000 and March 2008. Data compiled 24 April. 2008, <http://www.bls.gov/sae/home.htm#data>
- <sup>4</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages," Goods-Producing Jobs, March 2000 and March 2008. Data compiled 24 April 2008. <http://www.bls.gov/sae/home.htm#data>
- <sup>5</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages," Service-Producing Jobs, March 2000 and March 2008. Data compiled 24 April 2008. <http://www.bls.gov/sae/home.htm#data>
- <sup>6</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, "Health Insurance Coverage Status and Type of Coverage by State, All People, 1999-2006," Historical Health Insurance Tables, Table HIA-4, U.S. Census Bureau.  
<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/historic/hihist4.html>
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- <sup>8</sup> Families USA, "Too Great A Burden: Americas Families At Risk," December 2007.  
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- <sup>9</sup> "Average Undergraduate Tuition and Fees and Room and Board Rates Paid by Full-Time-Equivalent Students in Degree-Granting Institutions," Public 4-year Institution 2000-2001 (adjusted 2006 dollar), Table 313, National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics.  
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- <sup>10</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages," Average Weekly Wage Q3 2001-Q3 2007. Compiled 24 April 2008. <http://data.bls.gov/PDQ/outside.jsp?survey=en>
- <sup>11</sup> Individuals Poverty 2002: United States Census Bureau, American Fact Finder. Available from: <http://factfinder.census.gov>. (Data compiled using Census Bureau data chart.) For national data see: Carmen DeNavas-Walt, Bernadette D. Proctor, Jessica Smith, "Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2006," Current Population Reports, United States Census Bureau, August 2007. Available from: <http://www.census.gov/prod/2007pubs/p60-233.pdf>. Note: national data is from 2000.
- <sup>12</sup> American Bankruptcy Institute, Annual Business and Non-business Filings by State (2000-2006), Total Bankruptcy Filings 2006.  
<http://www.abiworld.org/AM/AMTemplate.cfm?Section=Home&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=46951>; American Bankruptcy Institute, Quarterly Filings by State (2006-2007), Total Bankruptcy Filings 2007.  
<http://www.abiworld.org/AM/AMTemplate.cfm?Section=Home&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=49791>
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