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# WHY LOCATE IN DEKALB COUNTY ALABAMA?



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#### **Quick Facts:**

- County Seat: Fort Payne, AL.
- Interstate 59 extends through DeKalb for 42 miles with 6 interstate interchanges
- Within one-hour drive of five major interstates (I-20, I-759, I-24, I-75 and I-59)
- Norfolk Southern Rail extends through DeKalb County
- No Union participation: No Union presence in the County.

### Available Skilled Workforce with Good Work Ethic

Workers and employers in DeKalb have access to timely, industry-specific workforce development programs. Through statewide and local organizations and colleges, employers can take advantage of free technical skills training programs, labor recruitment assistance, and ongoing technical courses to help businesses remain competitive in the global market.

## Highly Competitive Tax incentives and Pro-Business Attitude

Alabama has consistently offered very competitive tax incentives and business assistance packages to companies locating and expanding with in the state. Northeast Alabama provides additional support for potential existing businesses through grants, loans, workforce training programs, and assistance with site selection.

Tax Rate Comparison by State	State	Corporate Income Tax	State Sales/Use Tax
8.00%	Alabama	4.3%*	4%
6.00%	Georgia	6%	4%
4.00%	N. Carolina	6.9%	4.75%
2.00%	S. Carolina	5%	6%
0.00%	Tennessee	6.5%	7%
TN SC NC GA AL	*After Federal Income Tax reduction which is not available in Georgia, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, and Tennessee.		
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#### **EMPLOYMENT**

Source: Alabama Labor Market News, Alabama Department of Industrial Relations September 2012

Civilian Labor Force	28,916
Employment	26,233
Unemployment	2,683
Unemployment Rate	9.3%
Underemployment Rate (2011)	27.6%

#### COMMUTING PATTERNS

Commuting out of DeKalb County	9,434
Top Five Counties Receiving Workers	Marshall; Jackson; Hamil- ton, TN; Etowah; Chero- kee
Commuting into DeKalb County	7,808
Top Five Counties Sending Workers	Jackson; Cherokee; Etowah; Marshall; Hamil- ton, TN



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