ALABAMA kids count

RANK 32 — **Dale**

	2000		2024	
Total County Population		49,129		50,067
County Child Population	14,513	29.5%	12,671	25.3%
By Age:	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under Age 5	3,686	25.4%	3,411	26.9%
Ages 5-9	3,694	25.5%	3,276	25.9%
Ages 10-14	3,513	24.2%	3,116	24.6%
Ages 15-19	3,620	24.9%	2,868	22.6%

Diversity of Children	2000		2024	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
White	9,305	64.1%	7,200	56.8%
African-American	3,821	26.3%	2,998	23.7%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	81	0.6%	63	0.5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	138	1.0%	189	1.5%
More than One Race	420	2.9%	862	6.8%
Hispanic	707	4.9%	1,343	10.6%

Pre-K Children	2000 Number	2024 Number
Age 3	759	707
Age 4	699	674

HEALTH

NOTE: The colored cells for "ALL OTHER" represent the heading of "BLACK AND ALL OTHER" for this indicator.

		YEAR	NUMBER	RATE	WHITE Number	WHITE Rate	BLACK Number	BLACK Rate	ALL OTHER Number	ALL OTHER Rate	HISPANIC Number	HISPANIC Rate	RANKING YEAR	RANKING	TRENDING YEAR	TRENDING
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)	Base	2013	2	3.0	2	4.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0				
	Current	2023	5	7.9	0	0.0	3	19.4	2	200.0	0	0.0	2021-2023	13	2013-2023	_
Pre-Term Births to All Females	Base	2013	57	8.5%	33	7.1%	23	16.2%	0	0.0%	1	2.4%				
	Current	2023	92	14.6%	52	12.9%	31	20.0%	1	10.0%	8	12.3%				
Low-Weight Births, All Races	Base	2013	46	6.9%	28	6.0%	17	12.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.4%				
	Current	2023	70	11.1%	32	8.0%	27	17.4%	3	30.0%	8	12.3%	2021-2023	29	2013-2023	_
Births to Teens Aged 15-17 (per 1,000)	Base	2013	17	15.3	12	17.3	5	18.9	0	0.0	0	0.0				
	Current	2023	11	12.1	5	8.9	3	12.4	0	0.0	3	56.6	2021-2023	37	2013-2023	_
Births to Females Aged 10-19 (per 1,000)	Base	2013	57	18.5	38	19.8	17	21.7	0	0.0	2	10.1				
	Current	2023	47	15.7	27	16.1	14	19.3	0	0.0	6	20.9	2021-2023	55	2013-2023	_
Births to Unmarried Females Aged 10-19	Base	2013	42	6.3%	24	5.2%	17	12.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.4%				
	Current	2023	46	7.3%	26	6.5%	14	9.0%	0	0.0%	6	9.2%	2021-2023	39	2013-2023	_
Females Receiving Adequate/ Adequate Plus Prenatal Care	Base	2013	521	78.3%	365	79.0%	110	78.0%	18	90.0%	28	66.7%				
	Current	2023	474	76.9%	309	78.6%	115	76.2%	9	90.0%	41	66.1%	2021-2023	27	2013-2023	_
Mothers Who Breastfed	Base															
	Current	2023	445	70.6%	301	75.1%	91	58.7%	8	80.0%	45	70.3%				
Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	Base															
	Current	2023	33	4.3%	25	4.5%			8	3.6%						
Diet-Related Deaths (per 100,000)	Base	2013	188	377.7	157	444.8	28	294.6	1	46.4	2	71.0				
	Current	2023	207	415.1	163	490.8	43	407.0	0	0.0	1	27.7	2023	30		

Children Without Health Insurance	2019-2023
Number	282
Rate	2.4%

Adult Diabetes: 2021	
Rate	11.6%
Trend	60

Adult Obesity: 2022	
Rate	44.3%
Trend	49

Poor Mental Health Days: 2022	
Number	5.9
Trend	9

Ratio of Population to Mental Health Providers: 2024	Rate
	712:1

Children With Serious Emotional Disturbance Receiving MH Services: 2024	Number
	164

NOTE: The colored cells for "TWO OR MORE RACES" represent the heading of "ALL OTHER" for this indicator.

Indicator		YEAR	NUMBER	RATE	POVERTY	ABOVE POVERTY	WHITE*	BLACK*	HISPANIC*	ASIAN*	AMERICAN INDIAN*	NATIVE HAWAIIAN*	TWO/MORE RACES*	RANKING YEAR	RANKING
Births to Females with Less Than 12 Years of Education	Base	2013	78	11.7%			10.1%	16.9%	14.3%				5.3%		
	Current	2023	60	9.6%			6.8%	7.8%	29.2%				20.0%	2023	12
Aged 0-3 Receiving Early Intervention Services	Base	2014	35												
	Current	2024	37												
First Grade Retention	Base	2016-2017		0.9%											
	Current	2024-2025		4.8%	7.9%	1.7%	4.0%	5.1%	3.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	13.5%	2024-2025	21
ACAP-Fourth Grade English Language Arts (ELA)	Base														
	Current	2024-2025		63.9%	57.9%	77.9%	46.9%	26.5%	46.8%	66.7%	100.0%	33.3%	41.3%	2024-2025	22
ACAP-Fourth Grade Math	Base														
	Current	2024-2025		46.9%	39.0%	65.7%	42.0%	13.0%	34.7%	83.3%	50.0%	100.0%	29.3%	2024-2025	18
ACAP-Eighth Grade English Language Arts (ELA)	Base														
	Current	2024-2025		54.0%	43.0%	72.9%	46.5%	18.2%	29.6%	66.7%	100.0%	100.0%	28.0%	2024-2025	31
ACAP-Eighth Grade Math	Base														
	Current	2024-2025		34.4%	22.1%	55.4%	24.9%	6.9%	12.5%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.0%	2024-2025	8
Ninth Grade Retention	Base	2016-2017		1.5%											
	Current	2024-2025		4.7%	7.5%	2.3%	3.0%	7.6%	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2024-2025	53
Graduation Rate	Base	2025			* **Complete data was unavailable at the time of publication. Data will be incorporated once it becomes available.**										
	Current	2025													
High School Dropout Rate	Base	2025			* **Complete data was unavailable at the time of publication. Data will be incorporated once it becomes available.**										
	Current	2025													
Suspensions	Base														
	Current	2024-2025		14.1%			9.4%	22.6%	11.9%	7.4%	12.0%	8.3%	14.8%		
Expulsions	Base														
	Current	2024-2025		0.0%			0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Chronic Absenteeism (10-17 Days)	Base														
	Current	2024-2025		24.7%	27.4%	19.8%	24.6%	26.0%	23.0%	10.5%	21.7%	22.7%	25.3%		
Chronic Absenteeism (18+ Days)	Base														
	Current	2024-2025		9.1%	11.5%	4.7%	8.4%	9.8%	10.0%	3.5%	0.0%	0.0%	13.0%		
English Language Learners	Base	2016-2017***		1.5%	2.0%	1.0%	0.1%	0.0%	26.0%	23.4%	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%		
	Current	2024-2025***		4.5%	5.5%	2.6%	0.1%	0.6%	37.1%	33.3%	4.3%	0.0%	0.3%		
Homeless Students	Base	2022-2023		0.8%	1.2%	0.0%	0.6%	1.2%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%		
	Current	2024-2025		0.4%	0.7%	0.0%	0.2%	0.7%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%		
Direct Certification	Base														
	Current	2024-2025		64.7%			49.8%	84.1%	77.5%						

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Child Care Center Capacity	2025
Day Care	821
Night Care	57
All Centers	878

Child Care Facilities	May 2025
Total All Licensed	18
Center Based Licensed	12
Center Based Exempt	2
Family Homes	4
Group Homes	2
Total All Child Care Facilities	20

Number of Early Head Start/ Head Start Slots: 2025

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Children Participating in First Class Pre-K: 2024-2025

	EHS	HS	TOTAL
Classrooms	Number	Percent	
14	235	33.9%	

Average 11th Grade: ACT Scores

2024-2025	
English	16
Math	16
Reading	16
Science	16
Composite	16

First Class Pre-K Sites by Type of Delivery

2024-2025	
Head Start	0
Private School	2
Public School	8
Other	4
Total	14

Career and College Ready Index: FY2025

Base Year	Current Year

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Per Pupil Expenditures* (Adjusted for Inflation)

	Base Year	Current Year FY2025
Dollars	* Complete data was unavailable at the time of publication. Data will be incorporated once it becomes available.	

*LEGEND - FULL ETHNIC BREAKDOWN

White | Black or African American | Hispanic/Latino | Asian | American Indian/Alaska Native | Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | Two or More Races

SAFETY

		YEAR	NUMBER	RATE	WHITE Number	WHITE Rate	BLACK Number	BLACK Rate	ALL OTHER Number	ALL OTHER Rate	HISPANIC Number	HISPANIC Rate	RANKING YEAR	RANKING	TRENDING YEAR	TRENDING
Children with Indication of Abuse or Neglect (per 1,000)	Base	2014	99	8.5												
	Current	2024	186	15.9									2022-2024	34		
Child Death Rate (per 100,000)	Base	2013	1	10.1	1	15.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0				
	Current	2023	4	40.7	2	35.9	2	85.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2021-2023	43	2013-2023	_
Preventable Teen Death Rate (per 100,000)	Base	2013	1	32.9	1	53.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0				
	Current	2023	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2021-2023	20	2013-2023	_
Teens Not Attending School/ Not Working	Base	2000	261	9.4%												
	Current	2019-2023	230	10.1%												
Juvenile Violent Crime Court Petition Rate (per 1,000)	Base	2014	45	8.8												
	Current	2024	16	3.2									2022-2024	40	2014-2024	I

Children in Foster Care

Base Year: 2014	Current Year: 2025
16	52

Children Adopted

Base Year: 2014	Current Year: 2025
6	5

ILP Ages 14 and Older: March 2025

Total
12

Children in Protective Services: March 2025

Total
73

Youth Incarcerations Before & After Juvenile Justice Act

Base Year: 1999-2009	Current Year: 2014-2024
111	48

ECONOMIC SECURITY

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		YEAR	NUMBER	RATE	WHITE Number	WHITE Rate	BLACK Number	BLACK Rate	ALL OTHER Number	ALL OTHER Rate	HISPANIC Number	HISPANIC Rate	RANKING YEAR	RANKING	TRENDING YEAR	TRENDING
Persons Living in Poverty	Base	2000	7,140	15.1%	3,857	11.0%	2,924	29.9%	359	15.0%	233	16.5%				
	Current	2019-2023	9,078	18.7%	4,985	14.9%	3,292	32.1%	801	16.8%	671	20.3%	2019-2023	41		
Children in Poverty	Base	2000	2,531	19.6%	1,070	12.7%	1,287	36.2%	174	19.6%	103	17.6%				
	Current	2019-2023	3,365	29.6%	1,476	21.2%	1,502	54.6%	387	23.7%	298	26.3%	2019-2023	48		
Children Under Age 5 in Poverty	Base	2000		24.3%												
	Current	2019-2023		30.5%												

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		YEAR	NUMBER	RATE	WHITE		BLACK		ALL OTHER		HISPANIC		RANKING YEAR	RANKING	TRENDING YEAR	TRENDING
					Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate				
Children Aged 5-11 in Poverty	Base	2000		20.5%												
	Current	2019-2023		33.9%												
Children Aged 12-17 in Poverty	Base	2000		14.4%												
	Current	2019-2023		22.9%												
Children in Extreme Poverty	Base	2000	1,142	8.9%												
	Current	2019-2023	2,147	18.9%									2019-2023	59		
Vulnerable Families	Base	2013		6.1%												
	Current	2023		6.1%									2021-2023	11	2013-2023	_
Children Under 18 in Single-Parent Families	Base	2000	3,547	29.7%												
	Current	2019-2023	3,643	31.7%									2023	35		
Employed Mothers with Young Children	Base	2000	1,452	46.2%												
	Current	2019-2023	1,109	52.1%									2019-2023	59		
Children Receiving Child Care Subsidies (All Centers)	Base															
	Current	May 2025	337	$192,177												
Unemployment Rate	Base	2013	1,566	7.5%												
	Current	2024	660	3.5%											2024	42
Median Household Income *Adjusted for Inflation	Base	2013*	$54,680													
	Current	2023	$54,697													
Medicaid Paid Births	Base	2013	272	40.8%	155	33.4%	97	68.3%	10	52.6%	10	24.4%				
	Current	2023	313	49.5%	159	39.6%	116	74.8%	2	20.0%	36	55.4%	2023	28		
Food Insecurity, All Ages	Base	2010	7,470	15.0%												
	Current	2023	9,740	19.7%									2023	49		
Food Insecurity, Children Under 18	Base	2010	2,740	22.3%												
	Current	2023	3,200	27.8%									2023	49		

WIC Case Load, Average Monthly		SNAP Eligible, All Ages		SNAP Eligible, Children Under 20		SNAP Recipients, All Ages	
Base Year: 2023	Current Year: 2024	Base Year: 2020***	Current Year: 2025***	Base Year: 2020	Current Year: 2025	Base Year: 2020	Current Year: 2025**
1,161	1,140	8,440	7,481	4,406	3,673	8,366	7,471

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