

ALABAMA

	1997	1998	1999
Number of Retail Establishments	25,163	25,563	n.a.
Retail Sales (Millions)	\$38,063	\$39,876	n.a.
Food Stores	6,600	6,838	n.a.
Eating & Drinking Establishments	3,138	3,273	n.a.
General Merchandise Stores	5,964	6,358	n.a.
Apparel & Accessory Stores	1,615	1,672	n.a.
Furniture & Home Furnishing Stores	1,617	1,708	n.a.
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	12,575	13,068	n.a.
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	2,357	2,567	n.a.
Miscellaneous Retail Stores	4,197	4,392	n.a.
Contributions to Local Economy			
Total Retail Employment (Thousands)	332	341	349
Eating & Drinking Establishments	107	107	111
Other	225	234	238
Share of Total Non-Agricultural Employment	17.8%	17.9%	18.1%
Retail Compensation (Millions)	\$4,323.3	\$4,469.8	\$4,621.3
Sales Tax* Revenues Collected (Millions)	\$2,866.5	\$2,993.6	n.a.
Demographics			
Population (Thousands)	4,315	4,335	4,377
Total Non-Ag. Employment (Thousands)	1,866	1,906	1,924
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	4.2%	4.8%
Total Number of Households-1999 (Thousands)		1,671.3	
Households by Income-1999 (Thousands)			Percent of Total
Under \$15,000		432.4	25.9%
\$15,000-\$24,999		284.0	17.0
\$25,000-\$49,999		518.8	31.0
\$50,000-\$74,999		272.3	16.3
\$75,000-\$99,999		101.5	6.1
\$100,000-\$149,999		39.7	2.4
\$150,000 and over		22.7	1.4

n.a. = 1999 data not available

* = General sales, alcoholic beverage, motor fuel, tobacco, and other selective sales taxes

Sources: Market Statistics, *Demographics U.S.A., County Edition, 1999*, Bill Communications Inc., New York, 1999 (and previous editions); U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.