

ALABAMA

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In **Alabama**, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$849**. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities — without paying more than 30% of income on housing — a household must earn **\$2,829** monthly or **\$33,944** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of:

\$16.32
PER HOUR
STATE HOUSING
WAGE

FACTS ABOUT ALABAMA:

STATE FACTS	
Minimum Wage	\$7.25
Average Renter Wage	\$15.78
2-Bedroom Housing Wage	\$16.32
Number of Renter Households	581,999
Percent Renters	31%

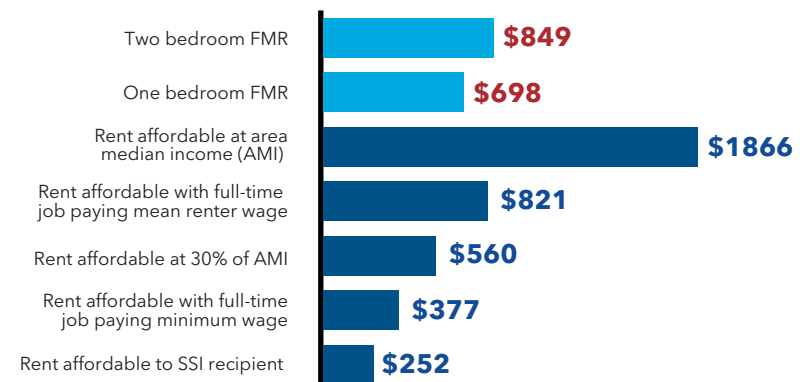
90
Work Hours Per Week At
Minimum Wage To Afford a **2-Bedroom**
Rental Home (at FMR)

74
Work Hours Per Week At
Minimum Wage To Afford a **1-Bedroom**
Rental Home (at FMR)

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Number of Full-Time Jobs At
Minimum Wage To Afford a
2-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

1.9
Number of Full-Time Jobs At
Minimum Wage To Afford a
1-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

MOST EXPENSIVE AREAS	HOUSING WAGE
Daphne-Fairhope-Foley MSA	\$19.56
Birmingham-Hoover HMFA	\$18.13
Tuscaloosa HMFA	\$17.83
Auburn-Opelika MSA	\$17.77
Montgomery MSA	\$17.58



MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area; HMFA = HUD Metro FMR Area.

* Ranked from Highest to Lowest 2-Bedroom Housing Wage. Includes District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Alabama	FY22 HOUSING WAGE		HOUSING COSTS			AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI)				RENTERS			
	Hourly wage necessary to afford 2 BR ¹ FMR ²	2 BR FMR	Annual income needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Full-time jobs at minimum wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR ³	Annual AMI ⁴	Monthly rent affordable at AMI ⁵	30% of AMI	Monthly rent affordable at 30% of AMI	Renter households (2016-2020)	% of total households (2016-2020)	Estimated hourly mean renter wage (2022)	Monthly rent affordable at mean renter wage	Full-time jobs at mean renter wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR
Alabama	\$16.32	\$849	\$33,944	2.3	\$74,631	\$1,866	\$22,389	\$560	581,999	31%	\$15.78	\$821	1.0
Combined Nonmetro Areas	\$13.99	\$728	\$29,102	1.9	\$61,074	\$1,527	\$18,322	\$458	128,127	28%	\$12.88	\$670	1.1
Metropolitan Areas													
Anniston-Oxford-Jacksonville MSA	\$14.31	\$744	\$29,760	2.0	\$68,800	\$1,720	\$20,640	\$516	13,202	30%	\$13.33	\$693	1.1
Auburn-Opelika MSA	\$17.77	\$924	\$36,960	2.5	\$90,000	\$2,250	\$27,000	\$675	22,248	37%	\$10.61	\$551	1.7
Birmingham-Hoover HMFA	\$18.13	\$943	\$37,720	2.5	\$84,800	\$2,120	\$25,440	\$636	126,116	31%	\$19.20	\$999	0.9
Chilton County HMFA	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$61,100	\$1,528	\$18,330	\$458	4,262	25%	\$12.34	\$642	1.1
Columbus HMFA	\$15.90	\$827	\$33,080	2.2	\$68,200	\$1,705	\$20,460	\$512	9,370	40%	\$13.92	\$724	1.1
Daphne-Fairhope-Foley MSA	\$19.56	\$1,017	\$40,680	2.7	\$85,500	\$2,138	\$25,650	\$641	19,331	23%	\$14.34	\$746	1.4
Decatur MSA	\$13.85	\$720	\$28,800	1.9	\$70,600	\$1,765	\$21,180	\$530	15,601	26%	\$15.11	\$786	0.9
Dothan HMFA	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$69,300	\$1,733	\$20,790	\$520	16,172	32%	\$14.75	\$767	0.9
Florence-Muscle Shoals MSA	\$14.44	\$751	\$30,040	2.0	\$68,200	\$1,705	\$20,460	\$512	18,492	31%	\$12.23	\$636	1.2
Gadsden MSA	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$59,700	\$1,493	\$17,910	\$448	10,480	27%	\$12.76	\$664	1.1
Greene County HMFA	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$41,700	\$1,043	\$12,510	\$313	999	31%	\$12.02	\$625	1.1
Henry County HMFA	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$67,500	\$1,688	\$20,250	\$506	1,085	17%	\$11.13	\$579	1.2
Huntsville MSA	\$17.25	\$897	\$35,880	2.4	\$92,700	\$2,318	\$27,810	\$695	56,567	31%	\$18.30	\$952	0.9
Mobile HMFA	\$16.56	\$861	\$34,440	2.3	\$68,000	\$1,700	\$20,400	\$510	56,602	36%	\$15.94	\$829	1.0
Montgomery MSA	\$17.58	\$914	\$36,560	2.4	\$75,500	\$1,888	\$22,650	\$566	51,838	36%	\$15.49	\$805	1.1
Pickens County HMFA	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$60,100	\$1,503	\$18,030	\$451	1,861	24%	\$9.45	\$492	1.4
Tuscaloosa HMFA	\$17.83	\$927	\$37,080	2.5	\$77,600	\$1,940	\$23,280	\$582	29,031	36%	\$14.13	\$735	1.3
Washington County HMFA	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$58,800	\$1,470	\$17,640	\$441	615	11%	\$19.80	\$1,030	0.7

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FY22 HOUSING WAGE

HOUSING COSTS

AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI)

RENTERS

	Hourly wage necessary to afford 2 BR ¹ FMR ²	2 BR FMR	Annual income needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Full-time jobs at minimum wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR ³	Annual AMI ⁴	Monthly rent affordable at AMI ⁵	30% of AMI	Monthly rent affordable at 30% of AMI	Renter households (2016-2020)	% of total households (2016-2020)	Estimated hourly mean renter wage (2022)	Monthly rent affordable at mean renter wage	Full-time jobs at mean renter wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR
Counties													
Autauga County	\$17.58	\$914	\$36,560	2.4	\$75,500	\$1,888	\$22,650	\$566	5,471	25%	\$16.93	\$881	1.0
Baldwin County	\$19.56	\$1,017	\$40,680	2.7	\$85,500	\$2,138	\$25,650	\$641	19,331	23%	\$14.34	\$746	1.4
Barbour County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$46,400	\$1,160	\$13,920	\$348	3,547	38%	\$10.47	\$545	1.3
Bibb County	\$18.13	\$943	\$37,720	2.5	\$84,800	\$2,120	\$25,440	\$636	1,831	25%	\$8.90	\$463	2.0
Blount County	\$18.13	\$943	\$37,720	2.5	\$84,800	\$2,120	\$25,440	\$636	5,073	24%	\$10.75	\$559	1.7
Bullock County	\$15.06	\$783	\$31,320	2.1	\$48,200	\$1,205	\$14,460	\$362	898	26%	\$9.34	\$486	1.6
Butler County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$56,100	\$1,403	\$16,830	\$421	1,777	27%	\$11.03	\$574	1.2
Calhoun County	\$14.31	\$744	\$29,760	2.0	\$68,800	\$1,720	\$20,640	\$516	13,202	30%	\$13.33	\$693	1.1
Chambers County	\$16.56	\$861	\$34,440	2.3	\$59,500	\$1,488	\$17,850	\$446	4,449	33%	\$16.49	\$858	1.0
Cherokee County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$61,700	\$1,543	\$18,510	\$463	2,359	22%	\$13.27	\$690	1.0
Chilton County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$61,100	\$1,528	\$18,330	\$458	4,262	25%	\$12.34	\$642	1.1
Choctaw County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$52,000	\$1,300	\$15,600	\$390	980	18%	\$18.50	\$962	0.7
Clarke County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$58,900	\$1,473	\$17,670	\$442	2,562	27%	\$13.56	\$705	1.0
Clay County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$55,600	\$1,390	\$16,680	\$417	1,206	23%	\$12.95	\$673	1.0
Cleburne County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$63,700	\$1,593	\$19,110	\$478	1,320	23%	\$13.85	\$720	1.0
Coffee County	\$13.98	\$727	\$29,080	1.9	\$75,100	\$1,878	\$22,530	\$563	6,424	32%	\$12.81	\$666	1.1
Colbert County	\$14.44	\$751	\$30,040	2.0	\$68,200	\$1,705	\$20,460	\$512	6,188	28%	\$13.65	\$710	1.1
Conecuh County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$53,300	\$1,333	\$15,990	\$400	1,159	25%	\$17.50	\$910	0.8
Coosa County	\$14.08	\$732	\$29,280	1.9	\$54,100	\$1,353	\$16,230	\$406	760	19%	\$13.70	\$712	1.0
Covington County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$60,100	\$1,503	\$18,030	\$451	3,858	26%	\$10.97	\$570	1.2
Crenshaw County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$64,200	\$1,605	\$19,260	\$482	1,169	23%	\$12.94	\$673	1.0
Cullman County	\$14.37	\$747	\$29,880	2.0	\$67,700	\$1,693	\$20,310	\$508	7,999	25%	\$14.47	\$752	1.0
Dale County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$63,800	\$1,595	\$19,140	\$479	8,025	41%	\$19.91	\$1,035	0.7
Dallas County	\$14.19	\$738	\$29,520	2.0	\$50,400	\$1,260	\$15,120	\$378	6,678	43%	\$13.22	\$687	1.1
DeKalb County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$61,000	\$1,525	\$18,300	\$458	7,090	27%	\$12.56	\$653	1.1

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Elmore County	\$17.58	\$914	\$36,560	2.4	\$75,500	\$1,888	\$22,650	\$566	7,394	25%	\$9.98	\$519	1.8
Escambia County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$54,400	\$1,360	\$16,320	\$408	4,338	34%	\$15.02	\$781	0.9
Etowah County	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$59,700	\$1,493	\$17,910	\$448	10,480	27%	\$12.76	\$664	1.1
Fayette County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$57,100	\$1,428	\$17,130	\$428	1,686	25%	\$11.42	\$594	1.2
Franklin County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$56,900	\$1,423	\$17,070	\$427	3,189	29%	\$14.15	\$736	1.0
Geneva County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$69,300	\$1,733	\$20,790	\$520	2,617	25%	\$10.12	\$526	1.3
Greene County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$41,700	\$1,043	\$12,510	\$313	999	31%	\$12.02	\$625	1.1
Hale County	\$17.83	\$927	\$37,080	2.5	\$77,600	\$1,940	\$23,280	\$582	1,336	24%	\$13.54	\$704	1.3
Henry County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$67,500	\$1,688	\$20,250	\$506	1,085	17%	\$11.13	\$579	1.2
Houston County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$69,300	\$1,733	\$20,790	\$520	13,555	34%	\$15.18	\$790	0.9
Jackson County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$58,700	\$1,468	\$17,610	\$440	4,636	23%	\$12.56	\$653	1.1
Jefferson County	\$18.13	\$943	\$37,720	2.5	\$84,800	\$2,120	\$25,440	\$636	96,952	37%	\$19.67	\$1,023	0.9
Lamar County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$58,600	\$1,465	\$17,580	\$440	1,531	27%	\$8.97	\$466	1.5
Lauderdale County	\$14.44	\$751	\$30,040	2.0	\$68,200	\$1,705	\$20,460	\$512	12,304	32%	\$11.09	\$577	1.3
Lawrence County	\$13.85	\$720	\$28,800	1.9	\$70,600	\$1,765	\$21,180	\$530	2,709	22%	\$12.43	\$646	1.1
Lee County	\$17.77	\$924	\$36,960	2.5	\$90,000	\$2,250	\$27,000	\$675	22,248	37%	\$10.61	\$551	1.7
Limestone County	\$17.25	\$897	\$35,880	2.4	\$92,700	\$2,318	\$27,810	\$695	7,597	23%	\$13.31	\$692	1.3
Lowndes County	\$17.58	\$914	\$36,560	2.4	\$75,500	\$1,888	\$22,650	\$566	1,050	25%	\$19.03	\$989	0.9
Macon County	\$13.96	\$726	\$29,040	1.9	\$54,200	\$1,355	\$16,260	\$407	2,675	35%	\$11.78	\$612	1.2
Madison County	\$17.25	\$897	\$35,880	2.4	\$92,700	\$2,318	\$27,810	\$695	48,970	32%	\$18.85	\$980	0.9
Marengo County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$65,600	\$1,640	\$19,680	\$492	2,267	30%	\$14.91	\$775	0.9
Marion County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$53,700	\$1,343	\$16,110	\$403	2,844	24%	\$9.27	\$482	1.5
Marshall County	\$13.75	\$715	\$28,600	1.9	\$65,500	\$1,638	\$19,650	\$491	9,517	27%	\$11.33	\$589	1.2
Mobile County	\$16.56	\$861	\$34,440	2.3	\$68,000	\$1,700	\$20,400	\$510	56,602	36%	\$15.94	\$829	1.0
Monroe County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$54,900	\$1,373	\$16,470	\$412	2,587	32%	\$13.95	\$725	1.0
Montgomery County	\$17.58	\$914	\$36,560	2.4	\$75,500	\$1,888	\$22,650	\$566	37,923	42%	\$16.20	\$843	1.1

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Morgan County	\$13.85	\$720	\$28,800	1.9	\$70,600	\$1,765	\$21,180	\$530	12,892	28%	\$15.34	\$798	0.9
Perry County	\$13.81	\$718	\$28,720	1.9	\$37,600	\$940	\$11,280	\$282	682	22%	\$13.78	\$716	1.0
Pickens County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$60,100	\$1,503	\$18,030	\$451	1,861	24%	\$9.45	\$492	1.4
Pike County	\$16.21	\$843	\$33,720	2.2	\$63,400	\$1,585	\$19,020	\$476	4,269	36%	\$11.52	\$599	1.4
Randolph County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$60,600	\$1,515	\$18,180	\$455	1,799	21%	\$10.38	\$540	1.3
Russell County	\$15.90	\$827	\$33,080	2.2	\$68,200	\$1,705	\$20,460	\$512	9,370	40%	\$13.92	\$724	1.1
St. Clair County	\$18.13	\$943	\$37,720	2.5	\$84,800	\$2,120	\$25,440	\$636	6,410	20%	\$14.48	\$753	1.3
Shelby County	\$18.13	\$943	\$37,720	2.5	\$84,800	\$2,120	\$25,440	\$636	15,850	20%	\$19.65	\$1,022	0.9
Sumter County	\$16.31	\$848	\$33,920	2.2	\$48,800	\$1,220	\$14,640	\$366	1,988	37%	\$11.98	\$623	1.4
Talladega County	\$14.10	\$733	\$29,320	1.9	\$72,600	\$1,815	\$21,780	\$545	9,049	29%	\$13.05	\$679	1.1
Tallapoosa County	\$13.79	\$717	\$28,680	1.9	\$62,700	\$1,568	\$18,810	\$470	4,111	25%	\$9.85	\$512	1.4
Tuscaloosa County	\$17.83	\$927	\$37,080	2.5	\$77,600	\$1,940	\$23,280	\$582	27,695	37%	\$14.14	\$735	1.3
Walker County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$63,900	\$1,598	\$19,170	\$479	5,616	22%	\$11.04	\$574	1.2
Washington County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$58,800	\$1,470	\$17,640	\$441	615	11%	\$19.80	\$1,030	0.7
Wilcox County	\$14.67	\$763	\$30,520	2.0	\$47,200	\$1,180	\$14,160	\$354	1,191	30%	\$17.29	\$899	0.8
Winston County	\$13.56	\$705	\$28,200	1.9	\$53,200	\$1,330	\$15,960	\$399	1,892	20%	\$12.16	\$632	1.1

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