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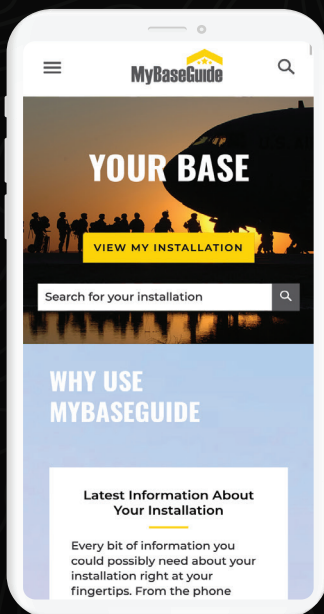
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Our Military

at Maxwell Air Force Base

WITHIN MONTGOMERY, THE ALABAMA state capital, and Alabama's historic River Region, lies Maxwell Air Force Base and Gunter Annex. Known as the Capitol of Dreams, Montgomery's tri-county area is rich in history and combines a small-town atmosphere with big-city features. Montgomery is centrally located just over 80 miles south of Birmingham, the state's largest city, and 162 miles from Atlanta.

Maxwell Air Force Base and Gunter Annex encompass more than 4,100 acres with nearly 50 miles of road.

With its roots in Montgomery, Alabama, Maxwell Air Force Base's history dates to the Wright brothers' flying school of 1910. As the headquarters of Air University, a major component of the Air Education and Training Command, Maxwell Air Force Base is the U.S. Air Force's center for Joint Professional Military Education. The host wing for Maxwell Air Force Base is the 42nd Air Base Wing. The 42nd Air Base Wing, along with its mission partners, provides the foundation for success for Air University, the intellectual and

leadership-development center of the Air Force; the 908th Airlift Wing; Air Force Space Command units; and more than 40 other tenant units.

Gunter Annex is a separate installation under the 42nd Air Base Wing. It is the host of the Business and Enterprise Systems, which manages the operation of combat information systems for the USAF, the DoD and other Federal agencies.

Population

With a population of more than 17,000 active-duty, reserve, civilian and contracted personnel, the Maxwell-Gunter community has a significant economic and cultural impact on the River Region.

Economic Impact

Maxwell Air Force Base and Gunter Annex have a military economic impact of \$2.6 billion annually and interact with local officials across a three-county, 12-city region.

HISTORY

Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first sustained controlled powered airplane flight

Dec. 17, 1903, at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Seven years after their historic endeavor, Wilbur Wright visited Southern cities for a place to open a temporary civilian flying school. Wilbur Wright eventually visited Montgomery, Alabama, where he met with a group of businessmen. In exchange for establishing a flying school in the Montgomery area, these businessmen offered Wright an old cotton plantation owned by Frank D. Kohn. In 1910, Wilbur Wright opened one of the world's earliest flying schools at the site that would later become Maxwell Air Force Base. The school lasted only a few months — training a handful of pilots — before this brief but significant chapter in aviation history came to an end; flying activities in Montgomery ceased for nearly eight years.

During World War I, the Army established aviation repair depots to ensure the flying fields were stocked with enough planes and engines for uninterrupted training. In April 1918, local

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QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

All phone numbers are subject to change.
For more information, call 334-953-1110 for Maxwell Air Force Base or 334-416-1110 for Gunter Annex.

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| Air Command and Staff College | 334-953-6917 | NCO Academy | 334-416-1651 |
| Air Force Aid Society | 334-953-2353 | Officer Training School | 334-953-5222 |
| Airman and Family Readiness Center | 334-953-2353 | OTS Military Clothing Sales | 334-265-2986 |
| Airman's Attic | 334-953-6200 | Outdoor Recreation | 334-953-6144 |
| Airman Leadership School | 334-953-2415 | Passenger Terminal, Maxwell | 334-953-7273 |
| Air War College | 334-953-7902 | Protocol Office, Air University | 334-953-2095 |
| American Red Cross | 877-272-7337 | Public Affairs Office | 334-953-2014 |
| Base Exchange | 334-834-5946 | Community Relations | 334-953-1517 |
| Chaplain | 334-953-2109 | Media Relations | 334-953-6328 |
| After Duty Hours | 334-953-7474 | Photo Lab | 334-953-7981 |
| Child Development Center | | Video Production | 334-953-5119 |
| Gunter | 334-416-3185 | Retiree Activity Office | 334-953-6725 |
| Maxwell | 334-953-6667 | River Road Riding Club | 334-953-7365 |
| Civilian Personnel Office | 334-953-6119 | Safety Division | 334-953-2001 |
| Command Post | 334-953-7474 | School Age Center | |
| Commander's Action Line | 334-953-7271 | Gunter | 334-416-1427 |
| DOD Safe Helpline | 877-995-5247 | Maxwell | 334-953-6292 |
| Drug Demand Reduction | 334-953-8722 | School of Advanced Air and Space Studies | 334-953-5155 |
| Education Office | 334-953-5959 | Security Forces (nonemergency) | 334-953-7222 |
| Equipment Checkout (Maxwell) | 334-953-6144 | Senior NCO Academy | 334-416-1654 |
| FamCamp | 334-953-5161 | Sexual Assault Prevention and Reporting | 334-953-4416 |
| Fitness and Sports Centers | | Space A Flight from Maxwell | 334-953-6760 |
| Gunter | 334-416-1250 | Squadron Officer School | 334-953-4762 |
| Maxwell | 334-953-5953 | Straight Talk | |
| Golf Course, Cypress Tree | 334-953-2209 | Emergency Public Info | 334-953-8555 |
| Housing | | Suicide Prevention Lifeline | 800-273-8255 |
| Main Office, Hunt | 334-262-1630 | Thrift Store | 334-953-6407 |
| Referrals | 334-953-5718 | Travel Office (Official) | 334-953-3020 |
| Information, Tickets and Tours (Maxwell) | 334-953-6351 | Veterinary Clinic | 334-953-7357 |
| Lodging | | Visitor's Center | 334-953-4283 |
| Gunter | 334-416-4643 | Youth Center | |
| Maxwell | 334-953-2055 | Gunter | 334-416-3439 |
| Multimedia Center | 334-953-7981 | Maxwell | 334-953-6292 |

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business leaders leased 302 acres of land and a portion of the Kohn plantation to the U.S. government for use as an aviation repair depot where military planes were maintained and overhauled. Known as Wright Field, this was the same site used by the Wrights in 1910.

On Nov. 8, 1922, the War Department redesignated the depot as Maxwell Field in honor of 2nd Lt. William C. Maxwell. Maxwell died Aug. 12, 1920, in the Philippines when his DH-4 aircraft struck a flagpole after he had swerved to avoid striking a group of children at play.

Construction began in 1918 when the James Alexander Construction Co. of Memphis, Tennessee, started to erect 52 temporary wooden buildings and lay down 3 miles of roads. Repair activity at the depot was sharply curtailed at the end of World War I, and the government purchased the depot site in 1920.

The 22nd Squadron (later Observation) moved to Montgomery in 1921. It was the first major operational unit stationed at the field and carried out the depot's first official flying mission. The squadron dominated flying activities at Maxwell Field for the next 10 years.

This was the first time that food and supplies had been airdropped by U.S. military forces during a major civilian emergency.

In 1928, the War Department announced that the Air Corps Tactical School would move from Langley Field to Maxwell, where the weather was more conducive to aerial demonstrations. Personnel strength at the field grew quickly from

210 in spring 1931 to nearly 2,000 by September. In 1940, Gen. Henry H. Arnold announced that the installation would be converted into a pilot training center. A few months later, the War Department created the Southeast Air Corps Training Center, based at Maxwell Field, to manage the growing number of flying schools in the eastern United States.

Three years later, on Aug. 23, 1943, the War Department redesignated the center as the Army Air Forces Eastern Flying Training Command. During the next five years, Maxwell was home to six schools that trained U.S. military aviators and their support teams for wartime service. These schools graduated more than 100,000 aviation cadets during World War II.

In 1941, a new phase in military aviation training began at Maxwell when the Air Corps Replacement Center opened at the field. The center provided candidates for pilot, bombardier and navigator training with classification and preflight instruction. In mid-1942, the center became a preflight school for pilots. As World War II progressed, and the number of required pilot trainees declined, preflight training was centralized in San Antonio, Texas. The preflight school at Maxwell Field closed in December 1944.

In 1943, the Army Air Forces opened a specialized four-engine pilot school. The first B-24 Liberator landed at Maxwell Field that month, and training began. In 1945, Maxwell saw B-29 transition training at peak production, with a class graduating every two and a half weeks.

When the program ended in the fall, 728 B-29 crews had flown 46,550 hours and 112,809 sorties at Maxwell — all without a major accident.

Besides its flying training mission, Maxwell had been the home of the Air Corps Tactical School since 1931, but that changed in the early part of World War II when the wartime need for officers proved too great to permit the continuation of academic pursuits. The school closed June 30, 1940. Later, to fill the void left by the school, the War Department established the Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics at Orlando, Florida.

In June 1945, the school was redesignated as the Army Air Forces School. It continued to operate in Orlando until November 1945, when it moved to Maxwell Field and became a major command. Then, on March 12, 1946, it was redesignated as Air University. Throughout its history, the Air University has developed future leaders of the U.S. Air Force. It continues that tradition today as a major component of Air Education and Training Command. In early 2018, Maxwell Air Force Base celebrated its 100 years of history.

ORGANIZATIONS

42ND AIR BASE WING

As the host unit for Maxwell Air Force Base and Gunter Annex, the 42nd Air Base Wing's mission is crucial to national security. The wing ensures that airmen are ready to deploy in support of U.S. military operations worldwide and takes a proactive approach to promoting their professional and personal growth. The wing is also responsible for the safety and security of the base, which it accomplishes through force protection, maintaining and modernizing facilities and infrastructure, and seeking efficient new ways of conducting operations.

908TH AIRLIFT WING

The 908th Airlift Wing is Alabama's only Air Force Reserve unit. The wing contributes to national defense by providing airlift and related services through the dedicated efforts of more than 1,200 reservists and eight C-130 Hercules aircraft. Unit reservists fly about 1 million miles annually, engaging in training operations and supporting real-world missions.

AIR UNIVERSITY

Air University, established in 1946, continues the proud tradition of educating tomorrow's planners and leaders in air, space, and cyber power for all branches of the U.S. armed forces, federal government civilians and international organizations. Today, Air University's reach spans not only the globe but the careers of every Air Force member.



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The Air University is composed of several schools and organizations, including the Air Command and Staff College, the Air War College, the International Officer School and the Squadron Officer College.

Air Command and Staff College

ACSC traces its roots to the Air Corps Tactical School (ACTS) located at Maxwell Field from 1931 to 1942. In 1962, the school became known by its current name, Air Command and Staff College. The present 10-month curriculum focuses on expanding understanding of air and space power and on the growth of midcareer officers through seminar-centered, active environment with an integrated curriculum geared to problem solving across the continuum from peace to war. ACSC's curriculum now aligns under the Air University commander's Strategic Guidance for the Continuum of Education.

Air War College

The War Department established the Air War College (AWC) in 1946 at what was called Maxwell Field, Alabama - now it is Maxwell Air Force Base. The AWC resident program class membership includes officers from every US military service, civilian employees of federal government agencies, and officers from the international community. As the senior Air Force professional military education program, AWC educates about 245 students annually. The AWC online program is offered as part of the eGraduate School at Air University.

Curtis E. LeMay Center for Doctrine Development and Education

The Curtis E. LeMay Center is named in honor of the fifth chief of staff of the Air Force. The center is where Air Force doctrine is developed, advocated in exercises and wargames, represented in Joint and Multinational doctrine and deployed to Airmen through a multifaceted outreach program. Its aims to create and sustain an Air Force doctrine culture that best serves our nation.

International Officer School

The International Officer School (IOS) is the lead-up course to prepare all international officers for attending Air War College (AWC), Air Command and Staff College (ACSC), and Squadron Officer College (SOS). Since 1954 over 11,000 international military students (IMS) from 143 countries have graduated from IOS preparatory courses. The courses are seven weeks in duration and predominately focus on refinement of communication skills by familiarizing participants with common terminology and stressing the military context the students require for success in their advanced coursework.

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE ONLINE

Official site: www.maxwell.af.mil
42nd Force Support Squadron: www.lifeatthemax.us

DIGITAL GUIDE



www.mybaseguide.com/air_force/52/maxwell_gunter_afb



Mobile App
www.mbgapp.com

Download the free MyBaseGuide app to your mobile device and find more information about local health care, education, housing and recreational activities on the Around Town tab for Maxwell Air Force Base.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Facebook
www.facebook.com/MaxwellAFB



Twitter
<https://twitter.com/MaxwellAFB>

People around the world increasingly stay connected through social media, whether it be with a deployed service member, with friends and families in locations around the world or with the bases where you have been stationed or expect to transfer.

Here are some safety tips for using social media:

1. Never post confidential personal information such as your date of birth, address, Social Security number, or bank and credit card account numbers. Never provide this type of information when signing up for a social networking site. Most sites
2. do not require it, and you should be wary of those that do.
2. Don't invite people whom you don't know to be your "friend." You do not want strangers to know details about you or your family.
3. Never share operational information, such as upcoming ports of call and military exercises. Such information can compromise operational security and the safety of our service members.

The Public Affairs Office can provide guidance on the type of information that should not be shared in a public forum such as a social network or blog.

Ira C. Eaker Center for Professional Development

Named in honor of Gen. Ira C. Eaker to recognize his significant contributions to the Air Force and the continuing professional development of its members, the center supports the U.S. Air Force mission by providing world-class, multidiscipline technical training and professional continuing education to U.S. Air Force, international and other DOD personnel. The center is composed of four schools: the Commanders' Professional Development School, the Defense Financial Management and Comptroller School, the Air Force Personnel Professional Development School and the U.S. Air Force Chaplain Corps College.

Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development

The Jeanne M. Holm Center, named in honor of the first woman in the Air Force to be appointed to the grade of brigadier general, manages and provides coordinated leadership and policy direction for the Air Force's officer recruiting, training and commissioning programs at the Officer Training School and at Air

Force ROTC detachments. About 80 percent of the officers who enter the Air Force each year come through one of these two programs. The center's staff manages and develops curricula to train Air Force officers and directs the Air Force's high school citizenship training program and Air Force Junior ROTC.

Squadron Officer School

The Squadron Officer School (SOS) in-residence program is a 6.5 week educational experience for USAF captains. The purpose of the program is to help develop solution-minded, bold and courageous Airmen ready to overcome today's and tomorrow's challenges.

Thomas N. Barnes Center for Enlisted Education

Named in honor of the fourth chief master sergeant of the Air Force, the Thomas N. Barnes Center discharges Air University's responsibility for the education of enlisted leaders throughout the Air Force. Since its inception in 2008, the center has been refining, adapting and deploying professional military education curricula for enlisted education in the Air Force.



TENANT ORGANIZATIONS

Air Force Life Cycle Management Center

The Air Force Life Cycle Management Center is responsible for the life-cycle management of the Air Force's information technology systems.

Defense Information Systems Agency

The Defense Information Systems Agency is a combat support agency of the DOD. It supports the joint warfighter, national leaders and other mission partners by providing, operating and assuring command and control, information-sharing capabilities and a globally accessible enterprise information infrastructure.

Air Force Center for

Unconventional Weapons Studies

The Air Force Center for Unconventional Weapons Studies seeks to integrate education, research and critical thinking on unconventional weapons policies and operational practices.

Air Force Culture and Language Center

The Air Force Culture and Language Center improves the Air Force's cross-cultural competence by creating and executing language, region and culture learning programs for airmen.

Air Force Historical Research Agency

The Air Force Historical Research Agency is the repository of Air Force historical documents. The agency has more than 70 million pages devoted to Air Force history, including the world's largest organized collection of U.S. military aviation documents.

Air Force Judge Advocate General's School

The Judge Advocate General's School provides the highest quality education and training to judge advocates, civilian attorneys and paralegals to meet Air Force and Department of Defense requirements.

Air Force Negotiation Center of Excellence

The Negotiation Center of Excellence provides education relating to adaptive conflict management, negotiation and mediation skills.

Air Force Center for Strategic Leadership Communication

The Public Affairs Center of Excellence provides public affairs-related education and training for officer and enlisted military personnel. The center teaches joint leaders how to craft and deliver effective messages in a global information environment.

ARRIVAL

See the Getting To & Around Montgomery County chapter on Page 17 for information about local airports, train service and public transportation. The closest commercial flights land at



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Montgomery Regional Airport in Montgomery, about 10 miles from the base. Transportation is not provided to the base. "<http://www.maxwell.af.mil/inboundpersonnel>" www.maxwell.af.mil/inboundpersonnel for a one stop shop to all inbound personnel information.

SPONSORSHIP

Contact your sponsor with your estimated arrival time and flight information if applicable before your arrival at Maxwell Air Force Base.

Sponsorship is vital to the relocation process. Don't PCS without talking to your sponsor before departing for Maxwell Air Force Base. Your sponsor will answer any questions you have about the base and the local area, make lodging or dorm arrangements and meet you upon arrival. Your sponsor will be there to help you and your family until you are settled into your new community.

If you have not been in touch with a sponsor and your departure is nearing, contact your gaining unit, or call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 334-953-2353. If you need immediate assistance and your unit is not reachable, call the command post at 334-953-7474.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Cellphone use by the driver of a moving motor vehicle is prohibited on all Department of Defense installations unless the cellphone is used with a hands-free device.

Maxwell is in the northwest corner of Montgomery. Exits from Interstate 85 and Interstate 65 leading to the base are marked.

Driving from the East

If you are driving to Montgomery from the east, take Interstate 85 south; follow signs for and merge onto Day Street. This leads directly to the Day Street gate at Maxwell.

Driving from the North

Traveling from the north, take Interstate 65 South into Montgomery. Take the Day Street exit (Exit 171), which will lead to the front gate on the right.

Driving from the South

From the south, take Interstate 65 North to the Herron Street exit (Exit 172) and turn left at the third light onto Maxwell Boulevard. The gate will be on the right.

Driving to Gunter Annex

Gunter Annex is in the northeast corner of the city and can be reached from Interstate 65 South or North. Take the Northern Boulevard exit and then the Gunter exit to Congressman Dickenson Drive. Gunter Annex is on the left.

Driving from the Airport to Maxwell Air Force Base

If you are arriving from Montgomery Regional Airport, take a right onto Highway 80 and follow the signs to Interstate 65 North. Take the Herron Street exit and turn left at the third light onto Maxwell Boulevard. The gate will be on the right.

Driving from the Airport to Gunter Annex

To get to Gunter from Montgomery Regional Airport, take Interstate 65 North, then the Northern Boulevard exit. Take the

Gunter exit to Congressman Dickenson Drive. Gunter Annex is on the left.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Military Personnel Section

www.maxwell.af.mil/Inbound-personnel

All incoming military members arriving during duty hours should report to their respective units or schools. If you arrive after hours, check in with lodging until your commander's support staff is available the next duty day. Directions can be obtained from security police on duty at the gates.

Inprocessing for Air University students is handled by the respective schools. Inprocessing for permanent party personnel reporting to both Maxwell and Gunter is conducted by the unit commander's support staff. Please bring all hand-carried documents given to you during your outprocessing briefing from your losing base (e.g., medical records, personnel records and finance records). Your commander's support staff will schedule your central inprocessing to complete Personnel Records screening, travel vouchers and military pay matters. Your commander's support staff will schedule your Right Start inprocessing during unit inprocessing.

TEMPORARY LODGING

University Inn

545 S. Morris Ave., Bldg. 1017

Gunter Annex 334-416-5501

450 N. LeMay Plaza, Bldg. 682

Maxwell AFB..... 334-953-2055

www.lifeatthemax.us/university-inn

The University Inn offers temporary lodging. The lodging complex is one of the largest lodging operations in the world. Each room is equipped to meet Air Force standards. Select temporary lodging facility rooms are pet-friendly. Most of the property is dedicated to students attending Air University classes. If lodging is not available on base, obtain a nonavailability statement from University Inn, and a list of government-contracted hotels in the area will be provided.

GETTING SETTLED

HEALTH CARE

42nd Medical Group

300 S. Twining St., Bldg. 760

Central Appointments 334-953-3368

Dental Clinic 334-953-7822

Flight Medicine 334-953-5273

Immunizations..... 334-953-5731

Mental Health..... 334-953-5430

Pharmacy..... 334-953-6868

Referral Management..... 334-953-5200

www.airforcemedicine.af.mil/MTF/Maxwell

The 42nd Medical Group provides medical, dental and public health services for personnel assigned to Maxwell Air Force Base and their eligible beneficiaries. The group offers care in family medicine, internal medicine, mental health, dentistry, optometry, physical therapy and more.

For after-hours care, call 334-953-3368 for referral authorization. If there is a medical emergency, call 334-953-9911 or off-base 911.

Dental care is available to active-duty military only. Family members of active-duty personnel are encouraged to use the TRICARE Dental Program. Program information is available by visiting www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Dental/TDP.

HOUSING

Housing Referral Office

400 E. Maxwell Blvd. 334-953-5718

www.housing.af.mil/units/maxwell

The Maxwell Air Force Base Housing Referral Office is ready to help you transition to your new home and community. Use its resources to become familiar with available housing options and support services. When you arrive at Maxwell Air Force Base, visit the HRO for valuable information, counseling and guidance before signing any lease or sales contract for housing.

Unaccompanied Housing

Gunter 334-416-1389

Maxwell 334-953-5492

Unaccompanied housing is provided for unaccompanied airmen in the ranks of E-1 to E-3 and E-4 with less than three years of service. Each airman is provided a private sleeping room, furnishings, bed linens and supplies required for comfortable living. The dormitories are within walking distance of all base facilities. Enlisted dormitory room assignments can be made in advance by your sponsor. During your orientation, an office representative will inform you of all Air Force and base-specific policies.

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Unaccompanied airmen in the rank of E-4 with greater than three years of service and above will move into housing in the local community.

Maxwell Family Housing

400 E. Maxwell Blvd. 334-262-1630
www.maxwellfamilyhousing.com

At Maxwell Air Force Base, military family housing is privatized. In addition to your option to purchase and rent housing in the local community, you may choose to live in privatized housing by signing a tenant lease agreement with Hunt Military Communities, which owns the family housing and is responsible for constructing, maintaining, repairing and managing the community.

For comprehensive information about homes and amenities in the Maxwell privatized housing community, visit the Maxwell Family Housing website.

MAIL

Post Office

550 E. Maxwell Blvd. 334-263-4974

The post office on base provides window service weekdays only. Money orders are also available for purchase.

PETS

Veterinary Clinic

151 S. Arnold St. 334-953-7357

The Maxwell Air Force Base Veterinary Treatment Facility is professionally staffed by Army Veterinary Corps personnel with the primary mission of providing complete veterinary care for all government-owned animals.

Its staff understand how important your pets are to you and with that in mind, the clinic also offers many types of routine care services for the pets of military families. For availability of services or to schedule an appointment, call the clinic. All pets living on base must be registered with the VTF upon arrival.

Due to limited manpower and resources, most veterinary emergency cases are best served through a full-service civilian veterinary hospital; see the Military Buyer's Guide tab to connect with local veterinarians.

RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

Maxwell Chapel Services

331 West Drive 334-953-2109
www.fb.com/maxwellchapel

The U.S. Air Force Chaplain Corps is dedicated to preserving your right to worship. It provides for a broad spectrum of worshippers. If you are seeking spiritual support for any denomination or faith group, it will do its best to assist you.

For a listing of chapel services, visit the chapel Facebook page.



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SERVING YOU

DINING

Gunter Annex

Aviation Inn
 640 Williamson St.
 Bldg. 1065..... 334-416-1011

Maxwell AFB

The Maxwell Club
 375 West Drive, Bldg. 144 334-953-7820

OTS Dining Facility

501 N. LeMay Plaza,
 Bldg. 1485..... 334-953-4723

Rickenbacker's Cafe

51 Chestnut St.,
 Bldg. 680..... 334-953-7662

Riverfront Inn

5 Mitchell St.,
 Bldg. 668..... 334-953-5127

Two Putts Bar & Grill

1461 March St.,
 Bldg. 1461..... 334-953-5885
 For hours, menus and special event information,
 visit www.lifeatthemax.us.

EDUCATION

Education Center

Building 501..... 334-953-5959
www.lifeatthemax.us/education-services

The Maxwell-Gunter Base Education Center specializes in many educational opportunities such as basic skills education testing, college prep and assistance with financial aid or tuition. It also acts as an official DANTES testing site for the SAT, ACT, GRE and GED. Some services are even offered to the spouses of active duty

personnel. Professional guidance counselors are available for both active duty, dependents and DOD civilian employees on an appointment basis regarding adult educational opportunities at local and distant schools.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Airman & Family Readiness Center

55 S. Mitchell St., Bldg. 677..... 334-953-2353
www.lifeatthemax.us/airman-family-readiness-center

AFRC, Gunter AFB Satellite Office

206 S Butler Ave Bldg. 847

The Airman & Family Readiness Center serves as a one-stop information and referral center. The A&FRC offers proactive, preventative and remedial services that foster self-sufficiency and sustain military personnel and their families. All services are free and can be used by active-duty military members from all services, Guard and Reserve members, retired military members and Department of Defense civilians.

Child Development Center

Gunter CDC
 405 Commuter Loop,
 Bldg. 895..... 334-416-3185
www.lifeatthemax.us/gunter-child-development-center

Maxwell CDC

302 Twinning St., Bldg. 22 334-953-6667
www.lifeatthemax.us/maxwell-child-development-center

The Maxwell and Gunter Child Development Centers offer care for children ages six weeks to five years old. The centers are nationally

accredited and staffed by well-trained professionals. CDC programs aim to enhance social skills, encourage children to think and reason, promote language and literacy, build physical development and skills, and much more.

Exceptional Family Member Program

55 S. Mitchell St., Bldg. 677.....334-953-2353
www.lifeatthemax.us/airman-family-readiness-center

EFMP-Family Support is the community support function provided by the A&FRC that includes on-and-off base information and referral, parent training, support groups, relocation assistance, financial management and information on local schools. The EFMP is standard and mandatory for all DOD active-duty service members. It is meant to identify family members with special medical and/or educational needs.

Family Child Care

.....334-953-2585
www.maxwell.af.mil/Inbound-personnel/Family-Information

The Family Child Care Program is care that is provided in the home (on or off base) by licensed professional providers for more than 10 hours per week. The Family Child Care program accepts children with chronic health problems. Children ages 2 weeks through 12 years of age of any active duty military member, contractor or DOD civilian employee may utilize the Family Child Care program.

School Liaison

50 Lemay Plaza S.....334-953-6430
 The school liaison office is the connection between Maxwell Air Force Base families and private and public schools. The office provides support to service members during all stages of transition and deployment to ensure children receive every available opportunity for quality education.

Youth & Teen Center

Gunter Youth Center
 220 S. Turner Blvd., Bldg. 1334-416-3436
www.lifeatthemax.us/gunter-youth-center

Maxwell Youth Center

351 E. Maxwell Blvd., Bldg. 1 ...334-953-6292
www.lifeatthemax.us/youth-center

The Maxwell and Gunter youth centers offer activities for youth ages 5 to 18. Children younger than 9 may participate in open rec activities if accompanied by a parent or sibling age 16 or older.

The Maxwell Youth Center has a full-court gymnasium, video game playing area, game room, study area and teen room.



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FINANCIAL SERVICES

MAX Credit Union

Maxwell Air Force Base Branch
 10 E. Selfridge St.
 Montgomery, AL 36112.....334-260-2600

Gunter Annex Branch

100 S. Turner Blvd.
 Montgomery, AL 36114.....334-260-2600
www.mymax.com

MAX Credit Union serves the Montgomery area with on-base branches at both Maxwell Air Force Base and Gunter Annex along with additional area branches and ATM locations.

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Office

Building 804.....334-953-2786

The Legal Office provides free legal assistance on personal civil legal matters to eligible beneficiaries, including active duty or retired military members and their dependents. Examples of personal civil legal matters include landlord-tenant law, domestic relations, financial responsibility, consumer law and other issues involving the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA).

RECREATION

For information about the recreational programs at Maxwell Air Force Base, visit the 42nd Force Support Squadron online at www.lifeatthemax.us.

Auto Hobby Shop

20 Kelly St., Bldg. 1067.....334-953-6840
www.lifeatthemax.us/auto-hobby

The Maxwell Auto Hobby Shop offers a facility with heavy-duty equipment for customers who like to do their own car maintenance or repairs.

Aviation Cadet Pool

Ash Street, Bldg. 89334-953-5956
www.lifeatthemax.us/aviation-cadet-pool

The Aviation Cadet Pool is closed due to mechanical issues, but the children's splash pad is open.

Bowling

Gunter Lanes
 75 Butler Ave., Bldg. 816.....334-416-3186
www.lifeatthemax.us/gunter-bowling-center

Maxwell Bowling Center

45 E. Selfridge St., Bldg. 45334-953-5049
www.lifeatthemax.us/maxwell-bowling-center



Strike up some family fun at the Maxwell Bowling Center or Gunter Lanes. Shoe rental, bowling leagues and a snack bar are also available.

Fitness & Sports Center

Gunter Fitness Center Annex

155 N. Turner Blvd., Bldg. 811 ... 334-416-1250

www.lifeatthemax.us/gunter-fitness-center-annex

Maxwell Fitness Center Annex

50 W. Ash St. 334-953-5953

www.lifeatthemax.us/maxwell-fitness-center-annex

The centers offer unique options including indoor running tracks, free weights, a parent-child room, combat fitness area, a boxing room, racquetball courts, softball field, tennis courts and a TRX area

Golf Course & Pro Shop

1461 March St., Bldg. 1461 334-953-2209

www.lifeatthemax.us/cypress-tree-golf-club

Cypress Tree Golf Course is an 18-hole facility that includes a chipping green, a lighted driving range and two putting greens as well as a clubhouse with restaurant, lounge, snack bar, club storage, cart, club and locker rental and a pro shop.

Information, Tickets & Tours

Maxwell AFB

206 W. Selfridge St., Bldg. 851 334-953-6351

www.lifeatthemax.us/information-tickets-tours

The Information, Tickets and Tours office sells discounted prices on tickets to some of the best travel and leisure attractions in the southeast. ITT travel consultants offer monthly travel deals to places like the Georgia Aquarium and casino trips to Biloxi, Mississippi. The Maxwell office shares the same location with the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Outdoor Recreation Center

206 W. Selfridge St., Bldg. 851 334-953-6144

www.lifeatthemax.us/outdoor-recreation-center

Maxwell and Gunter's Outdoor Recreation program offers year-round outdoor fun and adventure and equipment rentals. Facilities include the Outdoor Recreation Center in Building 851 on Maxwell, the Aviation Cadet Pool, Lake Martin, Mid-bay Shores, the Maxwell famcamp, Maxwell and Gunter RV Storage Lots, and the Vehicle Resale Lot. Equipment Rentals include grills, camping gear, lawn and garden, party, inflatables, a dunk tank and sports equipment as well as selling fishing permits.

SHOPPING

Commissary

Gunter Annex

115 N. Turner Blvd., Bldg. 805 .. 334-416-7920

Maxwell AFB

335 S. Kelly St. 334-953-7175

www.commissaries.com

Save your hard-earned dollars when shopping for groceries at the Gunter Annex and Maxwell commissaries. In-store amenities and specialties include plants, a bakery, custom photo cakes, a deli, fresh sandwiches, rotisserie chicken and sushi.

Main Exchange

Building 1090 334-834-5946

www.shopmyexchange.com

The Maxwell Air Force Base exchange wants to be your first choice for shopping. It offers a price-match program that guarantees the lowest prices in town. Hours for services outside the main exchange vary, so call or visit the website for detailed information.



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Welcome

to Montgomery County

ALABAMA'S STATE CAPITAL LIES in Montgomery County, which encompasses more than 780 square miles in the southeast portion of Central Alabama, about 100 miles south of Birmingham in the River Region. The capital city of Montgomery is second only to Birmingham in size, with a population of nearly 200,000, according to the U.S. Census. The county's population is approximately 226,000.

Montgomery County is known for its rich past. Civil rights movement sites such as the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Church and cultural landmarks like the Hank Williams Memorial are all within the historic county. Anyone interested in its history can visit the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitor Bureau's website, which has information on the county's many historical markers.

The county has many attractions and cultural and fine arts opportunities. In addition to numerous recreational pursuits, there are museums, theaters and a zoo as well as

shopping, dining and nightlife opportunities to explore. Annual events and festivals celebrate everything from Alabama's wine and beer to its music and art.

HISTORY

Montgomery was originally the site of two Indian towns, Ikanatchati and Towasa, where the ancestors of the Alibamu Indians lived. Though Spanish explorers passed through the area in 1540, the first white settlement was by Scottish trader James McQueen in 1716.

A trading post was established in 1785, and Alabama Town was founded in the 1800s. That town was abandoned for a new town of East Alabama. Another group of settlers had built a settlement they dubbed Philadelphia, and a rivalry grew as both settlements worked to make their towns grow and flourish. In 1819, the towns merged to become Montgomery, named in honor of Gen. Richard Montgomery, a Revolutionary War hero. Alabama was admitted as a state in the Union just 11 days later.

In 1834 the Montgomery Railroad Co. was established and a rail route built through the town, linking it to New York City and New Orleans and bringing the population to more than 2,000. The state capital was moved to Montgomery from Tuscaloosa in 1846.

With the Civil War came strong anti-Northern sentiment and secession. Alabama was a slave-based economy, and white plantation owners did not want to lose this important part of their socioeconomic structure. Representatives of six states gathered in Montgomery and chose it as the capital of the Confederate States of America. The capital was eventually moved to Virginia, but dedication to the Confederate cause remained strong in Montgomery, even after Union Gen. James Wilson took it back in 1865.

Despite a slow recovery after the Civil War, the town stood at more than 16,000 people by 1880, due in part to continued railroad expansion. Industrialists began to make their way there, further increasing commerce and the

population. By the 1940s, Montgomery had almost 78,000 residents.

Montgomery was the site of landmark civil rights events such as the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Freedom Ride of 1961 and the Selma-to-Montgomery marches. Rosa Parks' famous refusal to give up her seat on a public bus occurred in Montgomery, and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. founded the Montgomery Improvement Association there, organizing the Montgomery Bus Boycott. This led to a court ruling that Montgomery's racial segregation on buses was unconstitutional, and the system was abolished. In 1965, King led 25,000 demonstrators on a march from Selma to Montgomery, seeking voting rights for African-Americans and leading to the signing of the Voting Rights Act, a major accomplishment for civil rights advocates.

By the late 1990s new construction and changes at Maxwell Air Force Base brought even more economic progress. Modern Montgomery enjoys continued growth and development with a rebuilding of its downtown and a new influx of tourists exploring the area's rich history.

SAFETY

State of Alabama

Emergency Management Agency

.....205-280-2312
<https://ema.alabama.gov>

The Alabama Emergency Management Agency plans for and responds to natural and man-made disasters. Visit the agency's website for preparedness information and resources.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Chambers of Commerce

Use the chambers' online membership directories to connect with local businesses as you settle into your new community.

Millbrook Area Chamber of Commerce

3453 Main St.
 Millbrook, AL 36054.....334-285-0085
www.millbrookareachamber.com

Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce

41 Commerce St.
 Montgomery, AL 36104.....334-834-5200
www.montgomerychamber.com

Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce

131 N. Court St.
 Prattville, AL 36067.....334-365-7392
www.prattvillechamber.com

Wetumpka Area Chamber of Commerce

116 E. Bridge St.
 Wetumpka, AL 36092334-567-4811
www.wetumpkachamber.com

Montgomery County

Emergency Management Agency

.....334-625-2339
www.montgomeryal.gov/city-government/departments/emergency-management-agency

The Montgomery City/County Emergency Management Agency manages and coordinates efforts toward a rapid recovery from disasters. The agency aims to prevent disasters when possible and to reduce the impact of disasters that cannot be prevented. Visit the agency's website to sign up for emergency alerts and for emergency preparedness guides.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

The climate in Alabama tends to be warm and humid. This, with its proximity to the Gulf of Mexico, can mean weather patterns that include heavy rains, tornadoes and hurricanes. Alabama has both spring and fall tornado seasons, with the two most common areas of activity being Birmingham and Mobile. Hurricanes striking the coast commonly produce tornadoes, which make their way across the state. Montgomery sits more inland, reducing the danger somewhat, but it can still have turbulent weather.

Montgomery winters are brief and mild, spring is warm and summers are long, hot and humid. The average low in January is 36 degrees, and the average high is 59, with rare freezing temperatures or snow. The average low in July is 71 degrees, and the average high is 93 degrees. January through March are the wettest months.

Local Hazards

Every second counts in a disaster so planning and preparation can be lifesavers.

Ready Alabama is the state's official emergency preparedness website. Ready Alabama gives residents, communities, public safety professionals, businesses and schools valuable information and resources regarding a variety of emergency scenarios. The website provides information on creating an emergency plan and emergency kit, pet preparedness and disaster preparedness for seniors. For more information about local disaster preparedness, visit www.readyalabama.gov.

Another great resource for natural disaster and severe weather information is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/disasters. Here you can find information on how to prepare for various weather emergencies.





Getting To & Around

Montgomery County

LOCATED IN CENTRAL ALABAMA at the intersection of interstate highways 85 and 65, Montgomery County is about 150 miles southwest of Atlanta, 90 miles south of Birmingham and 155 miles north of Mobile and the Gulf of Mexico.

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, 150 miles northeast, and Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport, 100 miles northwest, are the largest airports in the region. Montgomery Regional Airport, 8 miles from Maxwell Air Force Base, also serves the local area with three airlines.

Ground transportation is provided by a public transit bus service and several other options. If you're looking to explore the city in a memorable way, take a Segway tour or ride in a horse-drawn carriage.

AIRPORTS

Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

5900 Messer Airport Highway
Birmingham, AL 35212 205-595-0533
www.flybirmingham.com

Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport is Alabama's largest airport. About

100 miles from Maxwell AFB, the airport serves the greater Birmingham area and surrounding Southeast cities with more than 100 daily flights to 15 cities throughout the U.S. The airport serves more than 2.9 million passengers each year. Carriers include American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, Southwest Airlines and United Airlines.

Nine car rental agencies, taxis and shuttle service are available.

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

6000 N. Terminal Parkway, Suite 4000
Atlanta, GA 30320 800-897-1910
www.atl.com

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is the world's busiest airport, with more than 100 million passengers each year. The airport, about 160 miles from Maxwell AFB, is served by nine domestic carriers and nine international carriers.

Ground transportation includes shuttle, bus, train and taxi service, as well as 13 car rental agencies.

Montgomery Regional Airport

4445 Selma Highway
Montgomery, AL 36108 334-281-5040
www.flymgm.com

Montgomery Regional Airport is just 6 miles southwest of the capital and about 8 miles from Maxwell AFB. The airport covers 2,000 acres and serves 16 counties in Central Alabama. About 400,000 travelers fly in and out of Montgomery Regional Airport annually. The airport is served by American Airlines and Delta Air Lines, which provides nonstop service from Montgomery to several major hubs, including Atlanta.

Two car rental agencies are available at the airport, as are taxi, shuttle and bus services.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Montgomery Area Transit System

2318 W. Fairview Ave.
Montgomery, AL 36108 334-262-7356
www.montgomerytransit.com

Montgomery Area Transit System provides fixed route and paratransit service within the city limits. The fixed-route system averages 2,500 trips daily and more than 700,000 trips

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annually. Fourteen fixed routes are served by a fleet of 34 buses. Passes may be purchased at the main office on Fairview Avenue and at the Intermodal Transfer Center at 495 Molton St.

DRIVING AND COMMUTING

Montgomery County is traversed by two interstate highways, five U.S. highways and several state routes.

Interstate 85, which begins in Virginia, ends in Montgomery at an interchange with Interstate 65. Though Interstate 85 typically runs north-south in other states, it runs east-west as it terminates in Montgomery.

Interstate 65 is a north-south freeway through the city of Montgomery. It leads to Mobile in the south, and to Birmingham and Huntsville in the north.

U.S. Route 31, which connects northern Michigan to southern Alabama, is a north-south route in the western portion of Montgomery County. U.S. Route 231 runs parallel to U.S. Route 31 on the eastern side of the county. In between them, U.S. Route 331 runs north through the county, ending in the city of Montgomery.

U.S. Route 80 is an east-west route that crosses the south part of the city. U.S. Route 82 runs diagonally southeast to northwest, leading to Prattville in the north.

State Route 94 is an east-west route that connects the towns of Ada and Orion in southern Montgomery County. State Route 110 connects the county with the town of Union Springs in the east. State Route 126 runs alongside U.S. Route 80 and Interstate 85 for 11 miles in the northeastern part of the county. State Route 152, a 6-mile route in the northeastern part of the city, connects to Interstate 65/U.S. Route 82 and U.S. Route 231. State Route 271 is a north-south route that connects U.S. Route 82/231 and Interstate 85.

CommuteSmart Montgomery can help you find local ride-sharing opportunities, like carpools and vanpools, with their free, online ride-matching database. Visit www.commutesmart.org/montgomery for more information.

Alabama Law Enforcement Agency — Licensing Bureau

Montgomery Locations
301 S. Ripley St. 334-242-4400
1040 Coliseum Blvd. 334-274-0306

The Licensing Bureau issues driver's licenses and identification cards. Find many of the required forms, general information and drivers' manuals online at the bureau's website.

Alabama Department of Revenue — Motor Vehicle Division

Montgomery Locations

100 S. Lawrence St. 334-832-1233
3425 McGehee Road..... 334-281-9999
5449 Atlanta Highway 334-272-8505
3075 Mobile Highway 334-262-4226
<https://revenue.alabama.gov/motor-vehicle>

The Motor Vehicle Division is responsible for issuing motor vehicle titles, maintaining vehicle registration information and enforcing the Mandatory Liability Insurance Act.

Driver's Licenses

Military personnel and their spouses who are stationed in Alabama from elsewhere may continue to drive with a valid driver's license from their home state, but in general, all Alabama residents who want to drive must apply for a driver's license once residency is established.

The state spells out what is required for licensing and insurance under various scenarios in its Alabama Driver Manual, which can be viewed at www.alea.gov/dps/driver-license/driver-license-manuals.

Vehicle Registration

Information and forms associated with vehicle registration are available online at <https://revenue.alabama.gov/motor-vehicle>, including Motor Vehicle Division forms, requests for driving records and more.

Military members and veterans may be entitled to certain Motor Vehicle Division exemptions and allowances. For more information on military and veteran exceptions and requirements, visit the division's website.

Distracted Driving

Except for novice drivers, Alabama does not prohibit drivers from making calls on handheld wireless telephones while operating a motor vehicle.

Texting while driving is prohibited in Alabama with exceptions allowed for the use of a wireless device to obtain emergency services or using a navigation system to receive preprogrammed driving directions.

Alabama Department of Transportation www.dot.state.al.us

Visit the Alabama Department of Transportation website for interactive maps, information about road closures and travel advisories, and to view live traffic cameras.



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Housing & Real Estate

in Montgomery County

FROM CHARMING BUNGALOWS AND mid-century modern ranch houses near the historic and bustling city of Montgomery to modern apartment complexes with abundant amenities — Montgomery County's communities offer a diverse selection of housing.

In 2018, nearly 226,000 people lived in the county, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county is home to the state capital of Montgomery, the town of Pike Road and unincorporated areas, as well as Maxwell Air Force Base and Gunter Annex. The base employs more than 17,000 active-duty, reserve, civilian and contracted personnel, many of whom live off the base in surrounding communities. Additionally, nearly 17,000 veterans live in the area.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Montgomery County is 784 square miles of gently rolling terrain with fertile soil. Its central location in Alabama's Black Belt makes it a processing hub for crops such as cotton, peanuts and soybeans. Elmore County lies to the north, Autauga County to the northwest, Lowndes

County to the west, Crenshaw and Pike counties to the south, and Macon and Bullock counties to the east. For more information, check out the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce website at www.montgomerychamber.com.

Communities near Maxwell AFB and Gunter Annex include Millbrook, Montgomery, Pike Road, Prattville and Wetumpka.

Millbrook

www.cityofmillbrook.org

Millbrook, the largest city in nearby Elmore County, is about 10 miles north of Montgomery and is one of the fastest-growing cities in the state. The city sits near the Coosa and Alabama rivers, with two lakes just minutes away, and Mill Creek makes its way through the center of a downtown park, which all contribute to a peaceful quality of life in a natural setting.

Millbrook's 13 square miles are home to approximately 15,500 people. Mean travel time to work is 23.9 minutes. Median rent is \$883, and median selected monthly owner costs for housing units with a mortgage are \$1,118.

The city's parks and recreation department maintains seven parks, a state-of-the-art baseball facility, a civic center and walking trails. The city is also home to the Alabama Wildlife Federation and the Alabama Nature Center.

Montgomery

www.montgomeryal.gov

The city of Montgomery, in the southeast portion of the state, is nationally known for its historic and cultural landmarks such as the Alabama State Capitol, Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, First White House of the Confederacy, Hank Williams Memorial, Alabama Veterans Memorial, Rosa Parks Museum and Alabama Shakespeare Festival. Once the capital of the Confederacy, Montgomery eventually became the hub of the civil rights movement. Montgomery, the home of Maxwell AFB and Gunter Annex, is known for the renaissance of its historic downtown and redevelopment of its riverfront along the Alabama River.

Montgomery's land area is 160 square miles and its population is nearly 199,000. Mean travel





time to work is about 19 minutes. Median rent is \$845, and selected monthly owner costs for housing units with a mortgage are \$1,089.

The city maintains more than 60 parks, trails and natural areas, including Blount Cultural Park, Riverfront Park, a dog park, an amphitheater and a therapeutic recreation center.

Pike Road

www.pikeroad.us

Pike Road lies 14 miles east of Montgomery and 20 miles east of Maxwell AFB. The town's nearly 32 square miles are home to more than 9,800 residents. Previously an unincorporated area, the farming community of Pike Road voted to incorporate in 1997 and has become one of the fastest-growing towns in Alabama.

People began settling and farming the area in the mid-19th century. As more families moved in, more services were needed. By the early

20th century a booming small town had grown up at the intersection of Pike Road and Meriwether Road. (Pike Road got its name from the toll, or pike, one had to pay to travel on it.)

The town is working on a trail system that will connect many of its neighborhoods and parks. The Pike Road Natural Trail system accommodates walkers, runners and off-road

bicyclists. At its completion, the trail will be 30 miles long and will have trailheads that provide parking, restrooms, picnic tables and other amenities. Visit the town's website for updates on the trail's progress.

Median rent in Pike Road is \$1,139, and selected monthly owner costs for housing units with a mortgage are \$1,557. Mean travel time to work is about 26 minutes.

Prattville

www.prattvilleal.gov

Prattville is a New England-style village about 14 miles northwest of Montgomery. Known as the "birthplace of industry," Prattville was founded by Daniel Pratt, who built manufacturing plants in an area surrounded by plantations and farms. Prattville offers multiple recreational and cultural activities, among them the Autauga Creek Canoe Trail and the historic downtown district.

Prattville's 33 square miles support a population of approximately 35,500. Mean travel time to work is 22 minutes. Median rent is \$991, and selected monthly owner costs for housing units with a mortgage are \$1,154.

The city boasts more than 20 parks and recreational facilities, including a dog park, a sports

complex, and the See, Pick and Eat Nut Grove, where families can learn about nut-producing trees and sample their offerings.

Wetumpka

www.cityofwetumpka.com

Wetumpka, on the banks of the Coosa River, is also known as "The City of Natural Beauty." Nestled in the southern foothills of the Appalachian Mountains about 17 miles northeast of Montgomery County, it combines a scenic location and a storied past, beginning with its founding around A.D. 1,000 as a palisade Indian village.

Wetumpka's 10 square miles has a population of about 8,300. Mean travel time to work is about 26 minutes. Median rent is \$780, and selected monthly owner costs for housing units with a mortgage are \$985.

The city is home to a sports complex, the Fort Toulouse-Fort Jackson Park and the Jasmine Hill Gardens and Outdoor Museum, and hosts the annual Coosa River Whitewater Festival.

PLANNING YOUR MOVE

Relocating to a new home can be one of the most stressful situations in life. Whether moving across town or the nation, preparation and organization make all the difference.

For military moves, visit www.move.mil for information about moving resources and to learn about the allowances and responsibilities of a military-sponsored move.

Regardless of which method you choose, the first step should be to inventory your personal belongings. The list, with photographs of any valuables, will be important for both insurance purposes and to help keep you organized during transit.

Plan for one full day to pack each room — though the kitchen and garage may take longer. Make a rough estimate of your packing schedule and then add 50 percent more time. It always takes longer than predicted to pack. Toss or donate unused items to lighten your load. Visit www.goodwill.org, www.salvationarmyusa.org or www.clothingdonations.org for locations near you or to arrange a pickup.

BUYING VERSUS RENTING

The decision to buy or rent is the most important step in your relocation process. Purchasing a home entails a long-term financial and emotional commitment with various pluses and minuses. Advantages include the possibility of building equity and the freedom to design and decorate your property or landscape. And don't forget the tax benefits. Disadvantages include upkeep, property taxes and fluctuating property values.

Renting, on the other hand, makes moving easier and someone else maintains the property. Amenities such as laundry rooms, exercise rooms, swimming pools and tennis courts vary from one rental complex to another. The main disadvantage is a loss of control over the residence. Some complexes, for example, restrict or prohibit pets and personal touches such as painting. And the landlord or property managers can also raise the rent with proper notice.

To determine your best choice, account for all of your needs, review your financial situation and research your options thoroughly.

FINDING AN APARTMENT

Be prepared when you meet with the leasing agent, property manager or owner. Bring a list of what you are looking for in a rental; it is important to be clear about your needs and to get all of your questions answered. You will also need to provide information and verification about your job, your income and your past rental history. Dress to make a good impression and treat the meeting like a job interview — be polite and arrive on time.

Use a written checklist with the landlord to document the condition of the rental before you move in, and keep a copy of the completed checklist to use when you move out.

“A Decent Place to Live: Tenant Rights in Alabama” by Legal Services Alabama can be downloaded at www.alabamalegalhelp.org/issues/housing/landlord-and-tenant.

BUYING A HOME

Buying a home is a complex process and, as the recent housing crisis demonstrated, requires a thorough education on the part of the buyer. First, fully understand your financial position — credit score, available savings, monthly income and expenditures. Subtracting your expenditures from your income, for instance, will yield the amount you can afford for housing.

The counties’ communities give newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the area’s home options. The Alabama Association of Realtors is a central source of local real estate information and assistance. Those interested in purchasing a new home can find the expertise and professional services they need at www.alabamarealtors.com.

State Programs

Alabama provides housing programs and incentives to help residents with home ownership.

For more information, visit www.hud.gov/states and select “Alabama” from the list.

Montgomery Homebuyers Programs

The Montgomery Housing Authority provides the Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program to expand home ownership opportunities and mortgage assistance for eligible first-time homebuyers. For more information, visit www.mhatoday.org/home-ownership or contact the

Montgomery Housing Authority at 334-206-7200 or info@mhatoday.org.

The city of Montgomery’s Community Development Division provides down payment assistance for eligible first-time homebuyers via the HOME Investment Partnership Program. For more information, visit www.montgomeryal.gov/city-government/departments/economic-and-community-development/community-development.



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Employment & Economy

in Montgomery County

A REGION OF ECONOMIC diversity, Montgomery County is home to state and regional governments, Maxwell Air Force Base and Gunter Annex, universities, an extensive service industry, high-tech manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade, tourism and an industrial base that includes Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama — Hyundai's first manufacturing plant in the United States. Due to its location along the Alabama River and extensive rail connections, Montgomery is a regional distribution hub for a wide range of industries, serving as a wholesaling and distribution gateway to the Southeast as well as the 22-county central Alabama area.

Montgomery is the capital of Alabama and the second-largest city in the state. The metropolitan area, composed of Autauga, Elmore, Lowndes and Montgomery counties, has a population of approximately 374,000. Montgomery County has nearly 226,000 residents, including approximately 17,000 veterans, according to the U.S. Census. The unemployment rate

for Montgomery County was 2.9 percent in May 2019, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The median age in Montgomery County is 36 years. Median household income was \$46,545 in 2017, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Alabama has a state income tax with a sliding scale up to 5 percent. Sales taxes in the city of Montgomery are 10 percent.

The county has a relatively well-educated population compared with the state overall. Of those over the age of 25, nearly 86 percent have a high school diploma or higher and approximately 32 percent have a bachelor's degree or higher — both figures above the state average.

Leading industries include agricultural support; finance and insurance; health care; manufacturing, warehouses and distribution; professional, scientific and technical fields; tourism; transportation; and retail trade. The largest employer in the region is the Maxwell-Gunter complex, followed by the state

of Alabama, Montgomery Public Schools and Baptist Health.

Maxwell Air Force Base and Gunter Annex

The more than 17,000 people who work at Maxwell Air Force Base and Gunter Annex — including active-duty, reserve, civilian and contracted personnel — make the installation the largest employer in Montgomery County. Maxwell Air Force Base and Gunter Annex are estimated to have an economic impact of \$2.6 billion annually across a three-county region, according to Maxwell Air Force Base.

Air University, based at Maxwell Air Force Base and Gunter Annex, is a key component of the Air Education and Training Command and is the Air Force's center for professional military education. Air University's primary operating locations are concentrated on three main installations. Most programs are at Maxwell, some are across town at Maxwell's Gunter Annex and one is located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

National Resources

At the national level, websites such as www.linkedin.com, www.monster.com, www.careerbuilder.com and www.indeed.com have extensive search capabilities as well as resume tips, forum support and professional networking options.

The National Military Spouse Network, a networking, mentoring and professional development organization, has a wealth of career information at its website, www.nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org. The group aims to help military spouses build a meaningful, sustained career path and offers a library of articles that touch on topics like entrepreneurship, resume tips, self-promotion and more as well as a membership-only discussion forum. The organization also features companies that are military spouse-owned or military spouse-friendly on its Homefront Business Listings page.

Local Resources

Alabama Joblink

Montgomery Career Center
1060 E. South Blvd.
Montgomery, AL 36116..... 334-286-1746
www.joblink.alabama.gov

Alabama JobLink is a free source for posting and finding jobs in Alabama. The website provides resources for job seekers and veterans, including information on career planning, training providers and job fairs.

JobLink serves Alabama with local career centers, among them the Montgomery Career Center for Montgomery, Elmore, Autauga and Macon counties. The center offers career counseling, resume assistance, direct job placement, classroom and on-the-job training, and information about local and national job markets and unemployment compensation.

State of Alabama

<https://personnel.alabama.gov>

Employment opportunities with the state of Alabama are posted online. Search by class, option or job title, then apply online.

Montgomery City and County

27 Madison Ave.
Montgomery, AL 36104..... 334-625-2675
www.montgomeryal.gov/home

Montgomery County is among the top 20 employers in the county. The Montgomery City-County Personnel Department recruits and screens applicants for employment with the city and county as well as the Montgomery Regional Airport. To see current job openings, visit <https://jobapscloud.com/mgm>. All job applications must be submitted via the Online Employment Center.

City of Millbrook

3160 Main St.
Millbrook, AL 36054 334-285-6428
www.cityofmillbrook.org/employment

Find job listings for Millbrook at the city's employment website. Employment applications must be faxed to 334-285-6460, emailed to hr@cityofmillbrook-al.gov or dropped off at the address above.

City of Prattville

101 W. Main St.
Prattville, AL 36067 334-595-0700
www.prattvilleal.gov/departments/human-resources.html

View current job openings and promotional/in-house jobs at the city's human resources website.

City of Wetumpka

212 S. Main St.
Wetumpka, AL 36092 334-567-5147
www.cityofwetumpka.com

The City of Wetumpka will accept applications for employment for clerical/administrative, labor and law enforcement positions on an on-going basis. Click on "Job Openings" on the city's homepage to access its application. When a position becomes open, applications that have been submitted for consideration will be reviewed, with the top three qualified individuals interviewed.

CIVILIAN OPPORTUNITIES

Federal Jobs

Visit www.usajobs.gov to search for Department of Defense jobs at Maxwell Air Force Base and Gunter Annex.

NAF Jobs

For information about service jobs including openings in lodging, dining and recreation areas, visit www.nafjobs.org or call 334-953-7005.

Exchange Jobs

For base exchange jobs, visit the AAFES career page at <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/applymyexchange>.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT

Alabama Small Business Development Center Network

<http://asbdc.org>

The Alabama Small Business Development Center Network offers small business resources and workshops for those looking to start a business. Montgomery County's Small Business Development Center is at Alabama State University at 915 S. Jackson St., Montgomery. Call 334-229-4138 for more information.

Small Business Resources

www.usa.gov/business

Learn the steps to start and grow a small business at USA.gov's Small Business website. The platform features hand-picked government websites helpful to small business owners. Learn about business taxes and incentives, financing a business, importing and exporting, federal government contracting, state business resources and more. The website also provides information on a wide range of programs and services to help veterans, women, minorities and the economically disadvantaged start or grow a business.



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Health Care

in Montgomery County

THERE ARE MANY HEALTH care services in Montgomery County for military, civilians and veterans, though implementation of the Affordable Care Act has changed established insurance options. Visit www.healthcare.gov for information on open enrollment for health care coverage under the national Affordable Care Act.

See the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local hospitals and medical centers, health care centers and health care providers.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CLINICS AND RESOURCES

A community health center or clinic is customarily the place to go for those who have no health insurance or have limited income or ability to pay medical fees. Such clinics accept most insurance and provide affordable, comprehensive health care by well-trained, professional staff. They also serve those who are uninsured and underinsured, and most are open to making sliding scale payment arrangements based on income and family size.

For community health centers in Alabama, visit the Alabama Department of Public Health website at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/providerstandards.

DENTAL CARE

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama website, www.dentalboard.org, is a useful place to start in finding a dentist on its roster lists. Select "Current Rosters" from the "Public" drop-down menu to find or verify a dentist or hygienist. You can also seek referrals from people you know who've had dental care in the area.

The Oral Health Branch of the Alabama Department of Public Health can give you tips for oral health and low-cost dental care. Visit its website at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/oralhealth.

FINDING A LOCAL DOCTOR

Before you arrive at your new assignment, you can check the Alabama State of Medical Examiners and Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama's online directory at

https://abme.igovsolution.com/online/Lookups/Individual_Lookup.aspx. You can browse for a provider by type or by county. This should give you a preview of the local medical practitioners as well as where you might need to go for specialized care.

Personal referrals from friends or other medical personnel can add to your options.

You can check a doctor's certification at the American Board of Medical Specialties at www.abms.org. To see if anyone has registered a complaint or taken disciplinary action against the doctor, visit the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners and Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama at www.albme.org or call 800-227-2606.

Treat finding a doctor as seriously as looking for a new job or a new home. You want to be comfortable with the person who will see you while you are most vulnerable.

FOR VETERANS

Veterans in Montgomery County are served within Veterans Integrated Service Network 7 —

the VA Southeast Network. The nearest major medical center is the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System — West Campus, in Montgomery. CAVHCS was established in 1997 from the merger of the Montgomery and Tuskegee VA medical centers, which are about 40 miles apart. Along with two community-based outpatient clinics, these four sites serve more than 134,000 veterans living in a 43-county area of Georgia and Alabama.

Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System — West Campus

215 Perry Hill Road
Montgomery, AL 36109 334-272-4670
www.centralalabama.va.gov

The CAVHCS — West Campus serves veterans with quality health care services, including primary care, mental health care, acute care, extended care and rehabilitation. Call the center or visit its website for information on basic eligibility requirements and the center's programs and services.

A vet center is in Montgomery as well. For a full list of community clinics and other veteran facilities, go to www.centralalabama.va.gov.

Montgomery Vet Center

4405 Atlanta Highway
Montgomery, AL 36109 334-273-7796

Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs

100 N. Union St., Suite 850
Montgomery, AL 36104 334-242-5077
<https://va.alabama.gov>

The Department of Veterans Affairs improves the quality of life for Alabama's veterans, military and their families by increasing awareness and access to appropriate federal, state and local resources.

It operates one service office in the area:

Montgomery Service Office

125 Washington Ave.
Montgomery, AL 36102 334-832-1392

HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS

Because emergencies can happen without warning, it is prudent to know where to go when they happen. Saving minutes in a crisis can mean saving a life. Knowing what services are available, and where, can make all the difference. Visit the following websites for more information on local hospital and medical center services.

Baptist Medical Center East

400 Taylor Road
Montgomery, AL 36117 334-277-8330
www.baptistfirst.org/baptist-medical-center-east

Baptist Medical Center South

2105 E. South Blvd.
Montgomery, AL 36116 334-288-2100
www.baptistfirst.org/baptist-medical-center-south

Jackson Hospital

1725 Pine St.
Montgomery, AL 36106 334-293-8000
www.jackson.org



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Family Resources

in Montgomery County

PICKING UP FROM ONE place and moving to another is always a hassle, especially when kids and pets are involved. Knowing whom to call or where to find information can help make the transition easier.

Alabama Department of Human Resources

Montgomery Office
3030 Mobile Highway
Montgomery, AL 36108..... 334-293-3100
www.dhr.alabama.gov/counties/county_results.aspx?id=Montgomery

The Alabama Department of Human Resources provides families with a multitude of services to help create safe, stable homes. These include child and adult protective services, food assistance, foster care, adoptions and more. Visit the department's website or call for more information about applying for food benefits, reporting child abuse or neglect, reporting abuse of the elderly or disabled, job assistance programs and more.

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

The Red Cross helps members of the military, veterans and their families prepare for, cope

with, and respond to, the challenges of military service.

The American Red Cross offers confidential services to all members of the military, veterans, and their families by connecting them with local, state and national resources through the network of chapters in communities across the United States and offices on military installations worldwide.

Local Red Cross offices develop and maintain relationships with key community partners. Military families rely on the Red Cross to help them identify their needs and connect them to the most appropriate Red Cross and community resources. This key Red Cross service includes responding to emergency needs for food, clothing, and shelter, referrals to counseling services (e.g., financial, legal, mental health), respite care for caregivers, and other resources that meet the unique needs of local military members, veterans and their families.

The American Red Cross Emergency Communications Center is available to help 24/7. Call 877-272-7337 or submit an online request at <https://saf.redcross.org/css>.

Armed Services YMCA

www.asymca.org

The ASYMCA is made up of 13 branches and about 20 affiliate locations at local Y's and on some DOD facilities across the U.S.

It makes military life easier by providing programs and services to the young men and women of all five armed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

ASYMCA programs, services and events are designed to help the family come together, stay together and have the ability to adjust, bounce back and thrive wherever the services send them — with a particular focus on junior-enlisted men and women, the individuals on the front lines of defending our nation. Programs are offered at low cost and require no dues or membership fees.

Signature programs include: Angels of the Battlefield Awards Gala, Art and Essay Contest, Military Family Month, Operation Hero, Operation Holiday Joy, Operation Kid Comfort, Operation Outdoors, Operation Ride Home, Parent and Me, Teddy's Child Watch and YMCA/DOD Military Outreach Initiative.

Find ASYMCA locations by visiting www.asymca.org/locations.

Child Care Aware

www.childcareaware.org

Improving access to affordable, quality child care is one of Child Care Aware of America's top goals. Search the site's "State by State Resources for Families" to connect with national organizations and associations that provide information for families regarding child development, parenting, and child care concerns and questions.

The site has information on the different types of child care and how to choose the right child care for your family. Financial resources include a child care budgeting calculator and information on federal and state fee assistance. There's also a special section for military and DOD families with links to military child care fee assistance. To speak with a specialist about military and DOD child care programs, call 800-424-2246, option 6.

Military OneSource

www.militaryonesource.mil

Military OneSource is your central hub and go-to-place for the military community. Get to know your benefits and prepare for the big stuff — deployments, reintegration, moves, parenthood, retirement and more. Browse by topic or search for that strangely specific question you want to know the answers to. No matter where military life takes you, with Military OneSource you will always be in the loop.

Operation Homefront

www.operationhomefront.org

Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times by providing food assistance, auto and home repair, vision care, travel and transportation, moving assistance, essential home items, and rent-free transitional housing for wounded veterans and their families.

Helping military families gain long-term stability is a specific concern for Operation Homefront. Homes on the Homefront awards mortgage-free homes, impacting veteran families for generations to come. The caregivers for wounded warriors also need help and that is why Hearts of Valor was formed.

Operation Homefront's annual gala recognizes extraordinary military kids. The organization also hosts multiple Homefront Celebrations, Star-Spangled Baby Showers, Back-to-School Brigades and Holiday Meals for Military events each year to show appreciation to military spouses.

Visit Operation Homefront online for more information.

United Service Organization

www.uso.org

Since 1941, the USO has kept our military men and women connected to their families, home and country no matter where they are or under what conditions they serve. Programs for military families include Couples Seminars: Stronger Families, Comfort Crew for Military Kids, Operation That's My Dress, United Through Reading, Baby Showers: USO and What to Expect Present Special Delivery and The Sesame Street/USO Experience.

The USO also provides transition services to support Americans' return to civilian life after completing their military service. For more information, go to www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder.

Visit the USO's website to find a location near you.

PETS

Moves are stressful for everyone — including the family pet. Pets can sense stress and a change in routine can be difficult for them. If possible, keep your pets in a quiet, secure area while movers pack up or unload your belongings. Movers will have your door open while they move boxes and furniture, and a pet may slip out the door undetected. Make sure you keep a collar with an ID tag on your pet at all times. Ensure the tag has your current phone number on it. It is also a good idea to microchip your pets. Remember to keep the microchip's contact information up-to-date. If your pet escapes during any part of your move, you want the animal shelter that scans the chip to be able to contact you.

Your pet faces new outside dangers in Alabama, such as alligators and snakes. Six species of venomous snakes, including rattlesnakes, cottonmouths, coral snakes and copperheads, pose a danger for a dog in wooded and watery areas. Keep your dog on a short leash

in wooded areas, especially if it starts sniffing or pawing the ground. Alligators pose another threat. They live wherever there is water, so avoid allowing your dog to walk around or swim in unknown waters.

Animal Services

Montgomery Humane Society

1150 John Overton Drive
Montgomery, AL 36110.....334-409-0622
www.montgomeryhumane.com

The Montgomery Humane Society operates an animal shelter for homeless, abandoned and unwanted animals; facilitates adoptions for healthy animals; investigates cruelty and abuse cases; and educates the public in responsible animal ownership. Contact the society for information about adoptable pets, spay and neuter services, volunteer opportunities and upcoming events.

Pets for Patriots

<https://petsforpatriots.org>

Pets for Patriots' vision is to end animal homelessness in the United States while giving our military veterans and their families the greatest "thank you" of all: the extraordinary love of a companion pet. It makes this happen through its nationwide shelter and veterinary networks, military and veteran organizations, and a public that values the lives of both the vulnerable and heroic among us.

To learn more about adopting a pet, visit <https://petsforpatriots.org/adopt-a-pet/how-it-works>.

Veterinary Services

Veterinary services in Montgomery County are plentiful; see the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local providers. Another source for connecting with a veterinarian is the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association website, www.alvma.com.





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Education & Academics

in Montgomery County

FINDING THE RIGHT SCHOOLS and educational opportunities for each family member is an important part of any move. This chapter outlines Montgomery County's public schools system, private schools, charter schools and home schooling criteria, as well as local libraries and higher education institutions. To be enrolled in an Alabama school, a child must be at least 5 years old by Sept. 1 of the school year. Those wishing to register their child in school should bring the following to the school office: a birth certificate or other proof of the child's age, and the child's previous school records and immunization records. For more details on Alabama's minimum vaccine requirements for students in grades K-12, please visit the Alabama State Department of Education's website at www.alsde.edu. Check with the school for additional requirements.

In 2010, Alabama, along with the majority of other states, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Department of Defense Education Activity,

adopted Common Core State Standards that provide a consistent set of educational expectations for students regardless of ZIP code. When a family moves, a student's education is often disrupted because the student may be forced to repeat material or learn at a different level at the new school. With common standards across states, this disruption will be reduced — of particular interest to military families. At present, national Common Core State Standards exist only for English language arts and mathematics though Alabama has state standards across the full curriculum. For more information, visit www.corestandards.org.

Choosing a School

Choosing the right school is very important, so be sure to research each one before deciding. Contact the school by phone or by visiting its website, which is a valuable source to learn about a school district's statistics and curriculum. Talk to people in the area, especially friends and colleagues who already live there.

If the school shows promise, schedule a visit and bring a list of written questions about student-teacher ratios, computer availability, extracurricular activities, sports programs, music programs, gifted programs and grading standards.

Discuss the potential school with your child: what they liked and what they didn't like. Your family's ability to readily adapt to a move and to find happiness in your new home may depend, in part, on how happy your children are in their new school.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are public schools of choice that are tuition-free, serve all students and have open enrollment. For more information or a list of charter schools in Alabama, visit the Alabama State Department of Education's website at www.alsde.edu/ofc/cs.

HOME SCHOOLING

For an introduction to home schooling in Alabama, visit the Alabama State Department of

Education's website at www.alsde.edu/ofc/osp/Pages/npsi-all.aspx. Here you will find information on home-school rules and regulations.

Christian Home Education Fellowship of Alabama

P.O. Box 204
Leeds, AL 35094..... 205-699-0712
www.chefofalabama.org

CHEF of Alabama provides a connection among home-schoolers. The organization has information on how to home-school in Alabama as well as information and resources on curricula and church schools in Alabama.

PEAK Homeschool Network

www.fb.com/PEAKHomeschoolNetwork

The PEAK Homeschool Network connects home schooling families through a network of inclusive local groups that encourage members to share resources, learn together and build a diverse community.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

To search for local private schools in Alabama, visit the National Center for Education Statistics website and use the private school search tool at www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/private-schoolsearch. Users may search by location, religious affiliation, school type and more.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Montgomery Public Schools

307 S. Decatur St.
Montgomery, AL 36104..... 334-223-6700
www.mps.k12.al.us

Montgomery Public Schools' academic programs and services meet the diverse needs and interests of its students. It offers traditional schools with a full range of curricula complemented by cultural arts, music, foreign languages, technology, career-technical education and athletic programs.

The district is among the largest school systems in the state, with more than 50 schools and an enrollment of nearly 30,000 students. The district's schools are consistently ranked among the best schools in America by national publications.

UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Montgomery County offers plenty of opportunity for continuing education. The Maxwell-Gunter Base Education Center provides guidance counselors to help active-duty airmen and their dependents choose adult education coursework at local schools and online. Use the following contact information to start your search for the school that is right for you.



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EDUCATION LINKS

Find resources to help your student achieve academic success at these websites:

- **Alabama State Department of Education:** www.alsde.edu
- **Alabama PTA:** www.floridapta.org
- **Reading is Fundamental:** www.rif.org
- **U.S. Department of Education:** www2.ed.gov/parents

Military Child Education Coalition: Ensures quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation and transition. Visit www.militarychild.org for information on programs and resources.

Tutor.com: Eligible students and service members in U.S. military families around the world can work one-to-one with an expert tutor online 24/7. Get free help with homework, studying, test prep and proofreading in more than 40 subjects. Visit <http://military.tutor.com>.

Alabama State University

915 S. Jackson St.
Montgomery, AL 36104..... 334-229-4100
www.alasu.edu

American University of Athens — Montgomery Location

400 S. Union St. # 235B
Montgomery, AL 36104..... 334-834-7748
www.aua.edu

Amridge University

1200 Taylor Road
Montgomery, AL 36117..... 888-790-8080
www.amridgeuniversity.edu

Auburn University at Montgomery

7430 East Drive
Montgomery, AL 36117..... 334-244-3000
www.aum.edu

Faulkner University

5345 Atlanta Highway
Montgomery, AL 36109..... 800-879-9816
www.faulkner.edu

Fortis College at Atlanta Highway

3736 Atlanta Highway
Montgomery, AL 36109..... 334-272-3857
www.fortis.edu

Fortis College at Eastside Circle

3470 Eastdale Circle
Montgomery, AL 36117..... 334-244-1827
www.fortis.edu

Huntingdon College

1500 E. Fairview Ave.
Montgomery, AL 36106..... 334-833-4497
www.huntingdon.edu



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South University

5355 Vaughn Road
Montgomery, AL 36116..... 334-395-8800
www.southuniversity.edu

Trenholm State Community College

1225 Air Base Blvd.
Montgomery, AL 36108..... 334-420-4200
www.trenholmstate.edu

Trenholm State Community College — Patterson Campus

3920 Troy Highway
Montgomery, AL 36116..... 334-420-4200
www.trenholmstate.edu

Troy University

231 Montgomery St.
Montgomery, AL 36103 334-834-1400
www.troy.edu/montgomery

LIBRARIES

Public libraries in Montgomery County offer learning, recreation, distance education, internet connections and other resources for users — all for free. In addition, school libraries that support the curriculum and offer internet access and other resources are in most public and private schools, and academic and special libraries are found in colleges and universities. The Alabama Public Library Service, <http://apls.state.al.us/aplsnew>, supports libraries in the state with resources and other assistance.

For a full list of libraries in Alabama, visit the Alabama Public Library Service website.

Montgomery City-County Public Library

www.mccpl.lib.al.us
The Montgomery City-County Public Library system has 10 locations throughout the county. Get information about services, hours and events by visiting the branches' websites.



Living

in Montgomery County

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOASTS A wealth of entertaining activities — music, sports, theater, museums, parks and shopping. Stroll through the grand gardens of Jasmine Hill, or visit one of the many museums highlighting the area's history in the civil rights struggle. Enjoy the competition of the Montgomery Dragon Boat Race and Festival or the cuisine of the Riverwalk Wine Festival. And don't miss the mix of grace and athleticism of the Montgomery Ballet.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Residents of Montgomery County have dozens of annual events, festivals and community gatherings at their fingertips.

Alabama National Fair

<https://alnationalfair.org>

Since 1954, the Alabama National Fair has been providing family fun and a carnival atmosphere to the region. For 10 days in the fall, the grounds at Garrett Coliseum are transformed with amusement rides, live music, carnival food

trucks, Grandpa's Farm of livestock and farm equipment, and special demonstrations.

Buckmasters Expo

<http://buckmasters.com/Resources/Expo>

Every year Montgomery hosts the Buckmasters Expo, the largest hunting and fishing expo in the region. More than 300 vendors are on site selling the latest hunting and fishing equipment, the Top Bow Indoor World Champion is crowned and there are young buck activities for kids.

Flimp Festival

<https://mmfa.org/discover/annual-events/flimp-festival>

Hosted by the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, the annual Flimp Festival in early May celebrates art, entertainment, food and family activities. Browse art created by professionals and make some of your own. The museum provides chalk and parking lot space so students and adults can transform the pavement into a chalk gallery. The festival also has a treasure hunt in the rotunda, where participants search

for answers to clues about artwork in the museum's galleries.

Montgomery Dragon Boat Race and Festival

www.montgomerydragonboat.org

Held in Riverfront Park in August every year, the Montgomery Dragon Boat Race and Festival attracts nearly 10,000 spectators. More than 60 teams race long, ornately decorated boats down a stretch of the Alabama River to raise money for Bridge Builders Alabama and Rebuilding Together Central Alabama. The festival also has live music and entertainment, vendors, exhibits, a children's village and more.

River Bend Brewfest and River Jam

<http://visitingmontgomery.com/calendar/event/riverbend-brewfest>

The River Bend Brewfest in Riverfront Park in May highlights more than 70 regional and national craft beers and microbrews. Following an afternoon of brews, River Jam kicks off and plays into the night. The live music and entertainment fills two stages with pop, Latin, jazz, blues, country and rock.

ARTS

Artistic opportunities from theater to music to dance and more are no strangers to Montgomery County residents.

Alabama Shakespeare Festival

1 Festival Drive
Montgomery, AL 36117..... 334-271-5353
www.asf.net

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival is a professional regional theater, and its approximately 10 world-class presentations each season have Shakespeare productions as their artistic core. The theater also offers Broadway musicals, children's shows, American classics and world premieres. Performances are held at the Carolyn Blount Theatre's 792-seat Festival Stage and 262-seat Octagon Stage.

Capri Theatre

1045 E. Fairview Ave.
Montgomery, AL 36106..... 334-262-4858
www.capritheatre.org

Built in 1941, the Capri Theatre was the first neighborhood theater in Montgomery. Originally called the Clover, the theater was remodeled and renamed in 1962. The Capri Theatre is operated by the Capri Community Film Society and is Montgomery's sole independent cinema. Visit the theater's website for information about movie schedules, tickets and more.

The Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts

251 Montgomery St.
Montgomery, AL 36104..... 334-241-9567
www.troy.edu/student-life-resources/arts-culture/davis-theatre

The Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts opened in 1930 as the Paramount Theatre, a movie palace for the new talkies and vaudeville shows. When the theater was updated with a state-of-the-art audio system and lighting, many original details were restored or reproduced, including the plaster ornamentation, chandeliers, the building's exterior and the grand marquee. Today, the 1,200-seat theater hosts events from musicals to shows, chamber music groups, orchestras, dance ensembles, ballets and more.

Montgomery Ballet

2101 Eastern Blvd., Suite 223
Montgomery, AL 36117..... 334-409-0522
www.montgomeryballet.org

Founded in 1958, the Montgomery Ballet, which performs at the Davis Theatre, is the only professional ballet company in the Capital City and River Region. The ballet maintains 30 full-time dancers and a ballet school, which offers more than 2,200 classes to students each year. For information on upcoming performances, visit the ballet's website.

Montgomery Performing Arts Centre

201 Tallapoosa St.
Montgomery, AL 36104..... 334-481-5100
www.mpaonline.org

The Montgomery Performing Arts Centre, a first-class, 1,800-seat facility in downtown Montgomery, hosts entertainment events including Broadway shows, concerts, opera, comedy, dance and children's productions. Visit the center's website for information on upcoming events.

Montgomery Symphony Orchestra

507 Columbus St.
Montgomery, AL 36104..... 334-240-4004
www.montgomerysymphony.org

For more than 40 years, the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra has provided musical entertainment for the community as well as sponsoring the Montgomery Youth Orchestra, which performs two concerts annually. Though most of the symphony's concerts are at the Davis Theatre, its popular holiday pops concert is held at the Montgomery Performing Arts Center, and its fellowship series is at the Wilson Auditorium in the Montgomery Museum. For information on upcoming concerts, visit the orchestra's website.

MUSEUMS

Learn about Alabama's history and cultural contributions by visiting any one of the many local museums.

Alabama Department of Archives and History

624 Washington Ave.
Montgomery, AL 36130..... 334-242-4435
www.archives.alabama.gov

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the oldest state-funded archive in the nation. It features a genealogical research facility and more than 500,000 museum artifacts that tell the stories of the people of Alabama. Subjects of the collections include Native Americans, the Civil War, World Wars I and II, and Alabama politics. Admission is free.

Alabama Sports Hall of Fame

2150 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N
Birmingham, AL 35203 205-323-6665
www.ashof.org

Dedicated to the celebration and history of Alabama's sports heritage, the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame is packed with sports treasures. More than 6,000 artifacts are displayed in the 33,000-square-foot building, including Super Bowl and Heisman trophies, Paul "Bear" Bryant's houndstooth hat and Charles Barkley memorabilia.

Civil Rights Memorial

400 Washington Ave.
Montgomery, AL 36104..... 334-956-8479
www.splcenter.org/civil-rights-memorial

This memorial honors those who died during the civil rights movement. The circular black granite table is inscribed with names of the martyrs and the history of the movement. The Civil Rights Memorial Center adjacent to the memorial houses exhibits, a theater and educational activities, as well as the Wall of Tolerance, which displays the names of more than a half-million people who have pledged to take a stand against hate and work for justice and tolerance in their daily lives.

Dexter Parsonage Museum

309 S. Jackson St.
Montgomery, AL 36103..... 334-261-3270
www.dexterkingmemorial.org/tours/parsonage-museum

The Dexter Parsonage Museum has been the historic home of 12 pastors of the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church. The parsonage was the residence of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his young family from 1954 to 1960. The nine-room, clapboard parsonage was built in 1912. It has been restored to its appearance during King's residence. At the Interpretive Center next to the parsonage, guests can view videos and photos of King's life. The center includes a gift shop.

The King-Johns Garden for Reflection is at the rear of the parsonage. A circular walkway in the magnolia tree-lined garden symbolizes unity and is a quiet place for thought.

The Fitzgerald Museum

919 Felder Ave.
Montgomery, AL 36106..... 334-264-4222
www.thefitzgeraldmuseum.org

The F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald Museum is dedicated to celebrating the lives and works of the Jazz Age couple. The museum is in the house where Scott, Zelda and their daughter, Scottie, lived from fall 1931 to spring 1932. There, Scott worked on his novel "Tender Is the Night" and Zelda worked on her only novel, "Save Me the Waltz." The museum holds special events throughout the year, including an annual gala.

GO, TEAM, GO!

You may carry your sports team loyalties with you, no matter where you go, but you can root, root, root for the local favorites too. Check out www.Govx.com for discounted sports and race tickets for current and former military members.

The Hank Williams Museum

118 Commerce St.
Montgomery, AL 36104 334-262-3600
www.thehankwilliamsmuseum.net

The Hank Williams Museum contains the most complete collection of the late country singer's memorabilia: more than 35 showcases of personal artifacts, including his 1952 baby blue Cadillac, two life-size portraits, records, awards, suits, clothing and accessories, the microphone and stand he used during his last performance and more.

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

1 Museum Drive
Montgomery, AL 36117 334-240-4333
www.mmfa.org

Founded in 1930, the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts mounts rotating displays of historical American art, old masters, porcelain and glass collections, Southern regional art and more. Visitors can enjoy traveling exhibitions, schedule a tour, or check out the museum gift store and cafe. Admission is free.

Rosa Parks Library and Museum

252 Montgomery St.
Montgomery, AL 36104 334-241-8615
www.troy.edu/rosaparks

A tribute to Rosa Parks, this museum highlights the civil-rights era with video, artifacts, historical documents, a statue of Parks and a replica of the bus on which she refused to give up her seat.

W.A. Gayle Planetarium

1010 Forest Ave.
Montgomery, AL 36106 334-625-4799
<https://visitingmontgomery.com/play/wa-gayle-planetarium>

One of the largest planetariums between Atlanta and New Orleans, the W.A. Gayle Planetarium accommodates 159 theater-style seats. Built in 1968, the planetarium boasts a full-dome digital projection system — which incorporates a 25,000 watt surround system — that can simulate the night sky as well as take audiences on a virtual tour through the solar system. The planetarium offers family programs, special events and enchanting and educational shows about space. For information on current shows, visit the planetarium's website.

PARKS

The parks system in Montgomery County is dedicated to getting you out to a greener place. Check your community's parks and recreation listings to see more of what your local area has to offer.



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Alabama Nature Center

3050 Lanark Road
Millbrook, AL 36054 800-822-9453
www.alabamawildlife.org

The Alabama Nature Center is at Lanark, home of the Alabama Wildlife Federation headquarters. Consisting of 350 acres, Lanark and the Alabama Nature Center give visitors a chance to explore some of the natural beauty of the state. Five miles of boardwalk traverses wetlands and ponds, trails and a 4,000-square-foot outdoor pavilion.

Blount Cultural Park

3 Festival Drive
Montgomery, AL 36117 334-625-2300
www.funinmontgomery.com/parks-trails/parks-trails-natural-areas

Reminiscent of the English countryside, Blount Cultural Park holds ponds, miles of trails and a natural amphitheater. The park is also home to the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, the Alabama Shakespeare Festival and Bark Park, a dog park with separate areas for large and small dogs, wash stations, benches and fountains.

Jasmine Hill Gardens and Outdoor Museum

3001 Jasmine Hill Road
Wetumpka, AL 36093 334-567-6463
www.jasminehill.org

Referred to as "Alabama's Little Corner of Greece," the Jasmine Hill Gardens and Outdoor

Museum showcases more than 20 acres of classical sculptures and natural beauty. Stop by the Olympian Centre for a video presentation of the park's history and a display of Olympic memorabilia. Guided tours are available. The center's facade is modeled after the Temple of Hera, the oldest sacred building in Olympia, Greece. The more than 40 sculptures and attractions include a marble bust of Homer and replicas of the Nike of Samothrace and Venus de Milo. The park also has a 300-year-old marble fountain from Cairo.

Oak Park

1010 Forest Ave.
Montgomery, AL 36106 334-625-2300
www.funinmontgomery.com/parks-trails/parks-trails-natural-areas

Historic Oak Park is a 40-acre park with gardens, a fish pond, playgrounds, walking trails and picnic shelters that can be rented. The park is home to the W.A. Gayle Planetarium and administrative offices of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Riverfront Park

335 Coosa St.
Montgomery, AL 36104 334-625-2300
www.funinmontgomery.com/parks-trails/parks-trails-natural-areas

Riverfront Park on the banks of the Alabama River is the docking site of the Harriott II Riverboat and hosts riverboat rides, special events, sports, concerts and entertainment. The park also has a splash pad for summer fun.

SHOPPING

From malls and major department stores to unique boutiques and souvenir shops, there's something for every taste and budget.

Eastbrook Antique Mall

425 Coliseum Blvd.

Montgomery, AL 36109..... 334-277-4027
www.eastbrookantiquemall.com

The Eastbrook Antique Mall contains 60,000 square feet of antiques and collectibles. More than 300 vendors sell everything from furniture and glassware to records and jewelry.

Eastdale Mall

1000 Eastdale Mall

Montgomery, AL 36117..... 334-277-7380
www.eastdale-mall.com

Eastdale Mall has several department stores and more than 70 retailers, specialty stores and restaurants as well as the Ice Palace, a year-round indoor skating rink.

Farmers markets

Montgomery County's abundant agriculture means that its farmers markets are near their sources. The EastChase Farmers Market at the Shoppes at EastChase is open from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, May through September. The Fairview Farmers Market, 60 W. Fairview Ave., is open year-round from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. The Montgomery Curb Market, 1004 Madison Ave., is open year-round from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. For more information on farmers markets in Montgomery County, visit the Farmers Market Authority website at www.fma.alabama.gov.

The Shoppes at EastChase

7274 EastChase Parkway

Montgomery, AL 36117..... 334-279-6046
www.theshoppesateastchase.com

The Shoppes at EastChase combine more than 70 retailers, specialty stores and restaurants.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Whether you are looking to take in a game or cool off with a trip down a waterslide, you will find what you are after in Montgomery County.

Coosa River Adventures

415 Company St.

Wetumpka, AL 36092 334-514-0279
www.coosariveradventures.com

Enjoy whitewater rafting, kayak fishing or a relaxing canoe trip with Coosa River Adventures, which rents and sells water recreational gear, canoes, kayaks, paddleboards and more. The 7-mile Coosa River trips average three to four hours, and highlights include rapids

at the River Falls, Moccasin Gap rock island, a swimming hole and varying levels of river flows. For more information or to make a reservation, call Coosa River Adventures or visit its website.

Cramton Bowl Multiplex

220 Hall St.

Montgomery, AL 36104..... 334-625-3480
www.funinmontgomery.com/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/235/3086

The 90,000-square-foot Cramton Bowl Multiplex is a new indoor sports facility with volleyball courts, basketball courts, soccer fields, tennis courts and wrestling areas adjacent to the Cramton Bowl. Call for hours.

Golf

www.playmontgomerygolf.com

The city of Montgomery operates two golf courses, Lagoon Park Golf Course and Gateway Golf Course. Lagoon Park Golf Course is a par-72, 18-hole course with a traditional layout, manicured fairways and towering pine trees along with a driving range, putting green and an area for private instruction. Gateway Golf Course is a nine-hole course and a golf learning center with a driving range, putting green and an area for private instruction. For a list of golf courses in the county, visit the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitor Bureau's website at www.visitingmontgomery.com.

Harriott II Riverboat Cruises

255 Commerce St.

Montgomery, AL 36104..... 334-625-2100
www.funinmontgomery.com/riverboat/harriott-ii-riverboat

Enjoy a relaxing cruise on the Harriott II, a 19th-century riverboat in Montgomery's entertainment district. Come aboard for food, dancing and live entertainment on cruise adventures and special events such as Cruising with Santa and the New Year's Eve party cruise — fun for the whole family. Anniversary and birthday packages can be booked as well.

Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club

4758 Lower Wetumpka Road

Montgomery, AL 36110..... 334-420-3371
www.lwssc.com

Montgomery's newest shooting facility, the Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club can help beginners and professionals alike with their skeet shooting needs. The complex has two sporting clays courses, a covered five stand and wobble trap targets, a skeet field and Continental pheasant hunts. Visit the club's website for pricing and special event information.

Montgomery Biscuits

200 Coosa St.

Montgomery, AL 36104..... 334-323-2255
www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t421

Montgomery's own minor league baseball team, the Biscuits, plays at historic Riverwalk Stadium. For ticket information and a game schedule, visit the team's website.

Montgomery Raceway Park

2600 N. Belt Drive

Montgomery, AL 36110..... 334-260-9660
www.montgomeryracewaypark.com

The Montgomery Motorsports Park facility presents drag racing events, concerts and car and bike shows. For more information about the track and upcoming events there, visit the website.

Montgomery Zoo

2301 Coliseum Parkway

Montgomery, AL 36110..... 334-240-4900
www.montgomeryzoo.com

Stretching over more than 40 acres, the Montgomery Zoo displays animals from around the world, including Africa, Australia, Asia and South America. More than 500 animals from five continents are housed in natural, barrier-free habitats. Stand nose-to-nose with a giraffe, feed river otters, ride the miniature train, take a pedal boat ride or soar aloft in the Zoofari Skylift. Don't forget to visit the Mann Wildlife Learning Museum, which features touch-and-feel displays, animal habitats, fossils and mounted fish including stingrays, sharks and even a killer whale.

Slugger Sport Lagoon Park Batting Range

2855 Lagoon Park Drive

Montgomery, AL 36109..... 334-395-6699
www.sluggersport.com

Slugger Sport's batting range in Lagoon Park has five baseball and three softball batting cages and a full-service pro shop with bats, gloves, baseballs and softballs. Visit the batting range's website for prices and hours of operation.



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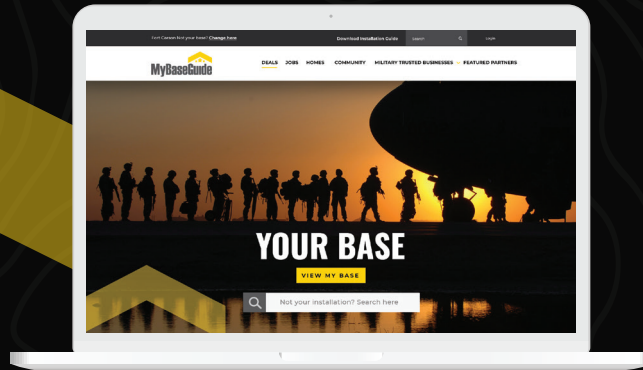
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