

AREA INFORMATION & DEMOGRAPHICS

business

Baldwin County is the largest county in geographic area (1,596 square miles) within the State of Alabama. The County lies between the two large Metropolitan Areas (MSAs) of Mobile MSA, Alabama to the west and Pensacola MSA, Florida.

area population

	1990	2000	2010 (projected)
Baldwin County	98,280	140,415	184,375

retail sales tax

State of Alabama	4%	Gulf Shores	3%
Baldwin County	3%	Orange Beach	3%

major employers

Tanger Outlet Center	1500
South Baldwin Regional Medical Center	680
Brett-Robinson	550
Columbia Southern University	394
Perdido Beach Resort	250-300
Walmart # 2748 Gulf Shores.....	241
Meyer Real Estate	235
Riviera Utilities.....	223
City of Gulf Shores	210
City of Orange Beach	203
The Beach Club	200
Baldwin EMC.....	193
LuLu's.....	150
Publix of Gulf Shores.....	110
Publix of Orange Beach.....	90

tourism in baldwin county

	2009
Total Number of Visitors	4.6 million
Travel-Related Wages and Salaries	915 million
Travel-Related Expenditures	2.3 billion
Travel-Related Employment	41,000
FM, GS, OB Lodging Revenue	234 million
FM, GS, OB Retail Sales Revenue	537 million

gulf shores population & income

	2008	2013 (projected)
Population	7,760	9,391
Households	3,755	4,665
Median Age	48.37	
Median Household Income	\$45,160	
Average Household Income	\$57,186	
Per Capita Income	\$27,699	

orange beach population & income

	2008	2013 (projected)
Population	6,359	7,907
Households	3,113	3,974
Median Age	46.60	
Median Household Income	\$43,217	
Average Household Income	\$58,850	
Per Capita Income	\$28,810	



license information

fishing

Annual licenses for Alabama residents are \$12.00 for freshwater; \$21.00 for saltwater. Visitors are able to purchase annual or seven-day trip licenses to fish, fee depending on home state. Licenses are available at the Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse in Foley and other convenient locations. Call Conservation Marine Resource, 251-968-7576 for information.

boat

Boat registration fees are based on boat length. New residents must bring the registration receipt from the previous state. Call 251-943-5061 for information.

cars, trucks, & motorcycles

Motor vehicles must be registered by new residents within 30 days, along with trailers and motor homes. Vehicles may be registered at the Satellite Courthouse weekdays 8-4:30; Owner must bring the title and the vehicle for the VIN number. Call the courthouse at 251-943-5061 for information about annual fees, taxes and documentation required. Alabama requires automobile insurance, but has no state vehicle inspection requirement.

driving

Licenses must be obtained by new residents within 30 days. Those with a current license must pass an eye exam and present their current license, birth certificate and Social Security Card; others must pass a written, road and eye exam. The Alabama Driver's license fee is \$28; \$23 for the license and \$5 for the transfer fee. Tests are given at the Probate Office of the Foley Satellite Courthouse on Monday through Friday 8-11 and 12:30-3:30. Call 251-943-5061, Ext. 2871.

marriage licenses

Licenses are issued at the Baldwin County Courthouse in Bay Minette weekdays 8-4:30 p.m. for \$40; and \$58 for a courthouse ceremony as long as a judge or chief clerk is available. Price includes license, ceremony and one certified copy. Call 251-937-0260.

register to vote

You may register to vote at the Foley Satellite Courthouse in Foley weekdays 8-4:30. Call the Board of Registrars, 251-943-5061, Ext. 2859, for dates and locations of monthly mobile voter registration provided throughout the county.

important phone numbers (251)

county

Baldwin County Call Center943-5061

(Not sure which government office you need? The Call Center will be glad to answer your questions and direct you to the correct office.)

Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse/

County Commission/Probate Office, Foley 943-5061

Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance 947-2445

Probate and Drivers License 943-5061

Health Department—Environmental..... 947-3618

The Health Department Clinic..... 947-1910

Housing Authority..... 943-5370

Department of Human Resources 945-2400

Social Security Administration (800-772-1213)..... 928-2504

Tax Assessors Office/Revenue Commission.....943-5061, ext. 2840

Tax Collector943-5061, Ext. 2843

Veterans Affairs..... 937-0218

Voter Registration..... 943-5061

County Commission Office 943-5061

Sherrif's Office 972-6802

Board of Education..... 937-0306

hospital/urgent care

South Baldwin Regional Medical Center 949-3400

Alabama Gulf Coast Urgent Care Center 962-1250

American Family Care 974-3004

state agencies

Alabama Bureau of Tourism & Travel..... 800-ALABAMA

Dept. of Conservation, Wildlife &

Fresh Water Fisheries..... 626-5153

Dept. of Conservation Marine Resources/

Claude Peteet Mariculture Center 968-7576

Dept. of Economic and Community Affairs 334-242-5100

Dept. of Environmental Management..... 450-3400

Marine Police 981-2673

Taxpayer Service Center 344-4737

Veterans Affairs..... 937-0218

Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve 928-9792

newspapers

Baldwin Register 219-5490

The Islander 968-6414

Mullet Wrapper 967-3344

local radio stations

Sunny 105.7 FM 967-1057

WHEP 1310 AM & FM Radio Baldwin..... 943-7131

transportation information

getting here and around

Because of their central location along the northern Gulf Coast, getting to Gulf Shores and Orange Beach is a breeze. Interstates 65 and 10 both take travelers to Alabama Highway 59, Gulf Shores Parkway. Highway 59 and the Foley Beach Express are direct routes to our beachside community.

driving distances

DEPARTING CITY	TIME (HOURS)	MILES
Atlanta	6.5	349
Baton Rouge	4.5	246
Biloxi	1.25	109
Birmingham	5	274
Charleston	12	627
Charlotte	11.5	595
Chattanooga	8	420
Chicago	18	1073
Cincinnati	12	746
Cleveland	15	989
Dallas	12	720
Grand Rapids	20	1048
Houston	9	514
Huntsville	7	377
Indianapolis	13.5	755
Little Rock	12	621
Louisville	11	642
Memphis	8	487
Minneapolis	22	1435
Montgomery	3.5	188
Nashville	8.5	467
New Orleans	3.5	190
St. Louis	13.5	767

Mileage and driving times are approximate, and depend upon individual routes taken.

air transportation

For those coming by air, Jack Edwards Airport in Gulf Shores and Foley Municipal Airport can accommodate corporate planes and offer rental car services. Nearby the Pensacola and Mobile Regional Airports each offers commercial service through several airlines.

Mobile Regional Airport, 251-633-4510

www.mobairport.com

Pensacola Regional Airport, 850-436-5000

www.flypensacola.com

Jack Edwards Airport—Gulf Shores, 251-968-6380

Foley Municipal Airport, 251-943-5214

ground transportation

There are rental car and taxi services available in the area, in addition the Baldwin Rural Area Transportation System (BRATS), 251-972-6817, offers pre-scheduled transportation.

water transportaion

Mobile Bay Ferry, 251-861-3000

www.mobilebayferry.com

The Mobile Bay Ferry offers transportation between Fort Morgan and Dauphin Island for a fee during regularly scheduled daylight hours.