



# Regional Workforce Council Profile

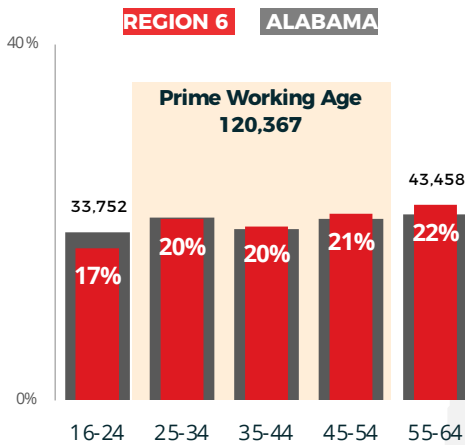
## REGION SIX



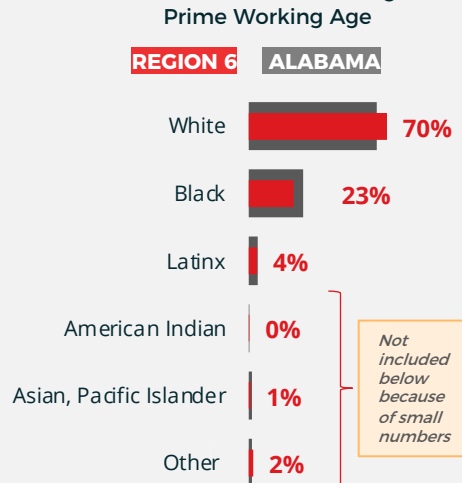
Under the leadership of Governor Kay Ivey, Alabama set the ambitious attainment goal of adding 500,000 credentialed Alabamians to the labor force, surpassing the national labor force participation rate and returning to pre-pandemic employment levels. Reaching these goals requires understanding the differences across Alabama's seven workforce regions and expanding place-based strategies that serve the education and workforce needs of our communities. In this profile, we present key data points on the Region Six workforce and on the workforce ecosystem, which help provide a foundation for achieving the state's attainment goal.

### Prime Working Ages 25 to 54

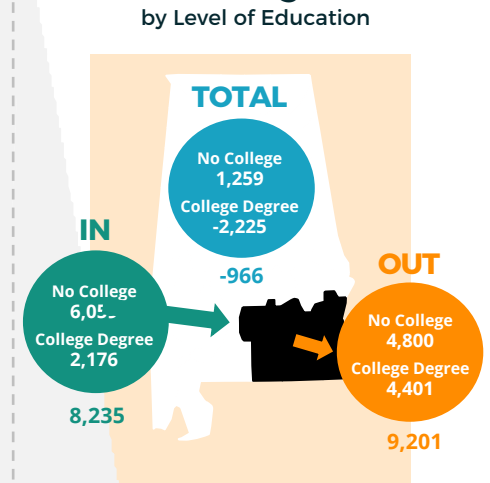
#### Age-Group



#### Race & Ethnicity



#### Annual Migration



Prime working-age population **declined 1.6%** from 2014 to 2019 (compared to a 1.3% decline statewide)

### Educational Attainment

(Prime Working Ages 25 to 54)

#### Highest Level of Education Completed - by Gender and Race/Ethnicity

	Region 6 120,367	Female 58,333	Male 61,834	White 83,639	Black 60,040	Latinx 28,346
Bachelor's degree or higher	20%	22%	22%	23%	10%	18%
Associate degree	12%	3%	13%	2%	9%	4%
Some college, enrolled	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Some college, not enrolled	16%	16%	16%	16%	17%	16%
High school graduate	40%	36%	44%	38%	49%	28%
Less than high school	11%	10%	12%	10%	13%	23%

**6,666**

YOUTH AGES 16-24 ARE NOT IN SCHOOL & NOT EMPLOYED



How can we **engage** these working-age adults to **pursue more education and training**?

**9,225**

ADULTS AGES 25-34 HAVE NO COLLEGE DEGREE, ARE NOT IN SCHOOL & NOT EMPLOYED





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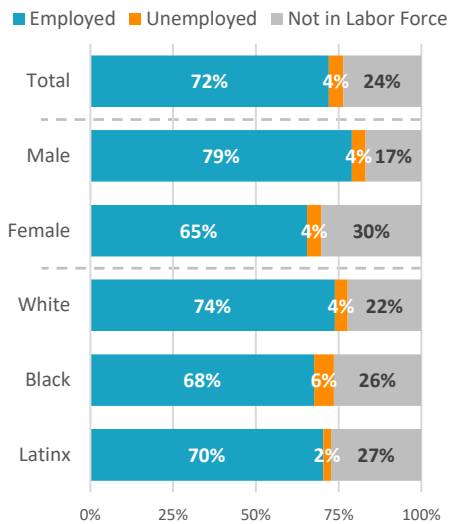
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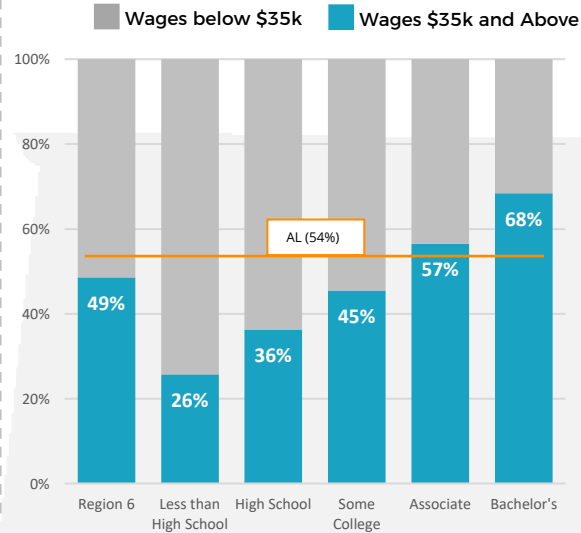
### Workforce Characteristics

(Prime Working Ages 25 to 54)

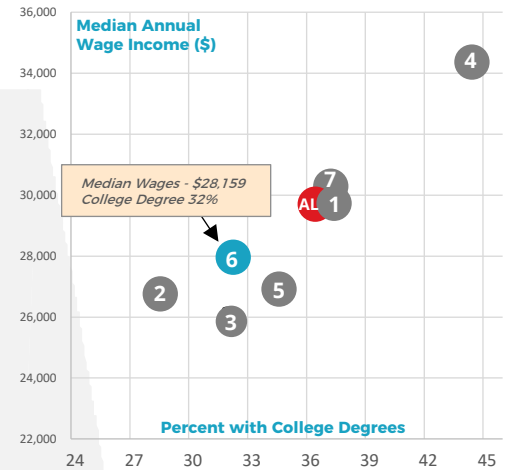
#### Labor Force Participation



#### Wages (working 30+ hours a week)



#### Wage Earnings and Education



# 42,831

STRUGGLING IN THE WORKFORCE

Ages 25 to 54 working 30 or more hours a week, earning less than \$35k per year

### Factors Impacting Work and Education

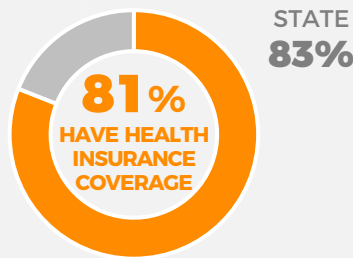
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#### Living in Poverty

**19%** REGION 6 vs **17%** STATE

NUMBER = 22,608

#### Healthcare

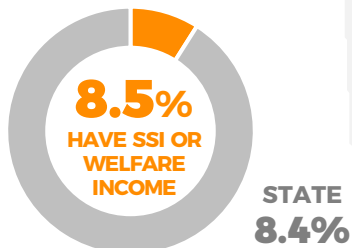


#### Transportation



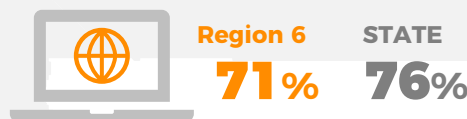
#### Income Assistance

Receiving SSI or Welfare Payments



NUMBER = 10,257

#### Broadband Access



**2,876** WORKERS HAVE NO VEHICLE



Data Sources

U.S. Census Bureau. 2019 American Community Survey 5-year PUMS (Public Use Microdata Sample).

Steven Ruggles, Sarah Flood, Sophia Foster, Ronald Goeken, Jose Pacas, Megan Schouweiler and Matthew Sobek. IPUMS USA: Version 11.0 [dataset]. Minneapolis, MN: IPUMS, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.18128/D010.V11.0>

