



Regional Workforce Council Profile

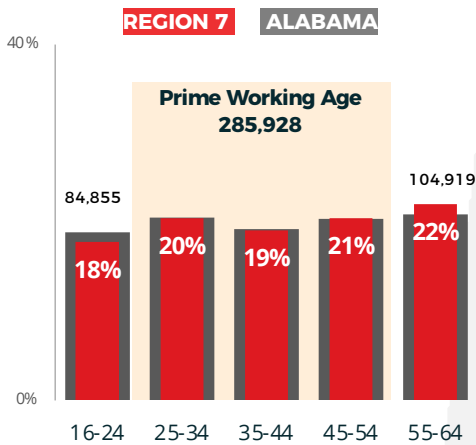
REGION SEVEN



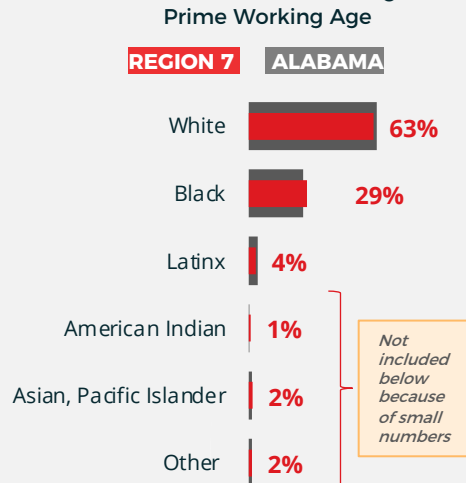
Under the leadership of Governor Kay Ivey, Alabama set the ambitious attainment goal of adding 500,000 credentialed Alabamians to the labor force, surpassing the national labor force participation rate and returning to pre-pandemic employment levels. Reaching these goals requires understanding the differences 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 Seven workforce and on the workforce ecosystem, which help provide a foundation for achieving the state's attainment goal.

Prime Working Ages 25 to 54

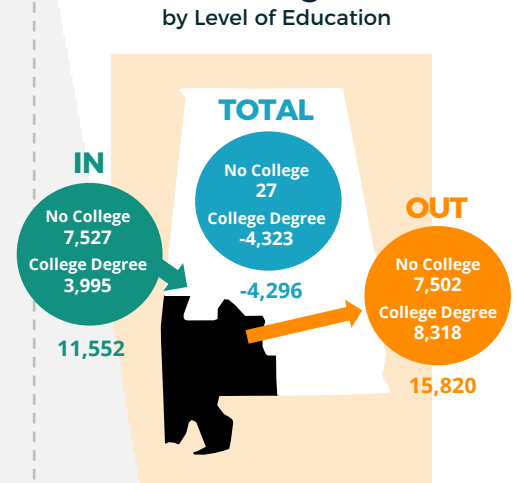
Age-Group



Race & Ethnicity



Annual Migration



Prime working-age population **declined 1.1%** 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 7 285,298	Female 137,048	Male 148,880	White 179,519	Black 84,030	Latinx 10,008
Bachelor's degree or higher	25%	29%	21%	30%	16%	23%
Associate degree	10%	11%	8%	10%	10%	4%
Some college, enrolled	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Some college, not enrolled	4%	5%	14%	5%	5%	9%
High school graduate	39%	36%	43%	37%	46%	39%
Less than high school	9%	7%	11%	7%	11%	23%

14,608

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



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

22,534

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





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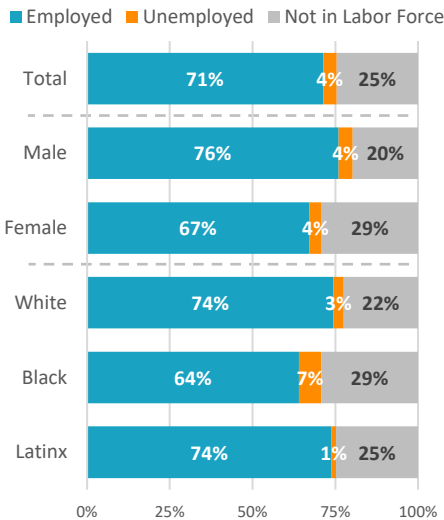
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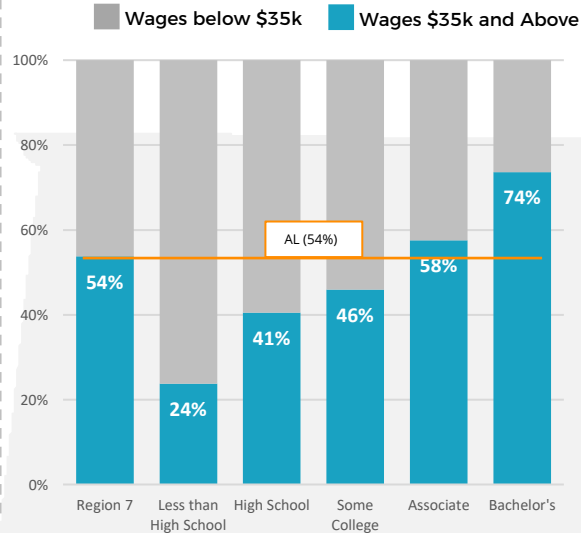
Workforce Characteristics

(Prime Working Ages 25 to 54)

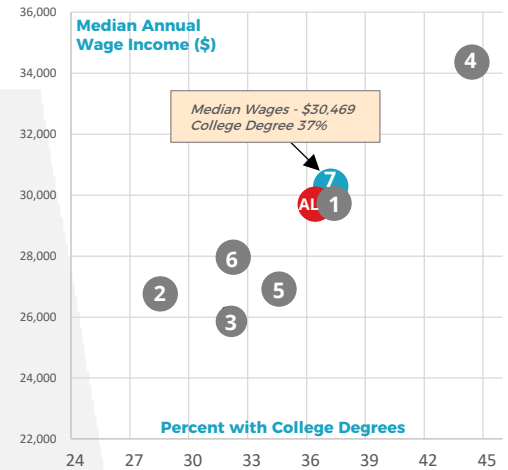
Labor Force Participation



Wages (working 30+ hours a week)



Wage Earnings and Education



91,529

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

(Prime Working Ages 25 to 54)

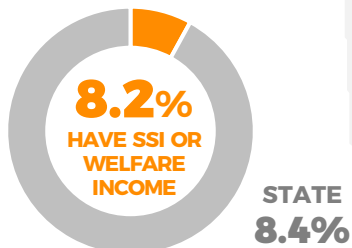
Living in Poverty

17% REGION 7 vs **17%** STATE

NUMBER = 48,528

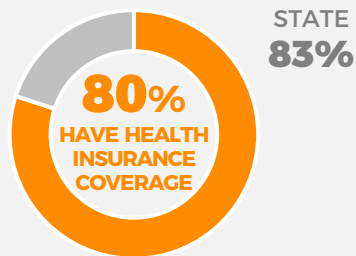
Income Assistance

Receiving SSI or Welfare Payments

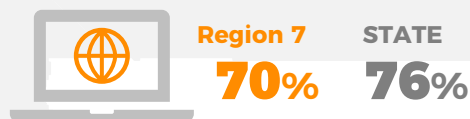


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Healthcare



Broadband Access



Transportation



6,946 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>

