

#17 Best Owner Occupancy in U.S. — ALEX Intelligence 2026

Baldwin County Ranks #17 in U.S. for Owner Occupancy

77.6% of homes occupied by owners—deep community roots

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THE DATA

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Owner Occupancy Rate (2024)

Daphne-Fairhope-Foley ranks #17 among 401 U.S. metros.

This rate reflects a community where homeownership is not a transient investment but a long-term commitment. In a national climate of rising rents and speculative flipping, Baldwin County's stability stands out. The data reveals that 77.6% of homes in the Daphne-Fairhope-Foley metro are owner-occupied, a figure that exceeds the national median by nearly 10 percentage points.

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Stability Over Speculation

The high owner occupancy rate in Baldwin County is not accidental—it reflects a market where long-term residents, retirees, and local professionals anchor their lives in place. Unlike speculative hotspots, this metro has built resilience through sustained residency, not investor churn. This stability underpins consistent property maintenance, stronger neighborhood cohesion, and lower turnover in schools and local services.

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Market Resilience in a Cooling Cycle

This suggests that the market is not overheating but maturing —where buyers are not fleeing but settling. The data implies that price declines are unlikely, and that supply constraints are less about scarcity than about long-term ownership preferences.



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