

ZIP 35234 — #1 of 10: Median Household Income

ZIP 35234 leads Alabama in lowest median income

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\$26,831

Median Household Income (2024)

ZIP 35234, located in Jefferson County, is the lowest-income ZIP in the Birmingham metro area.

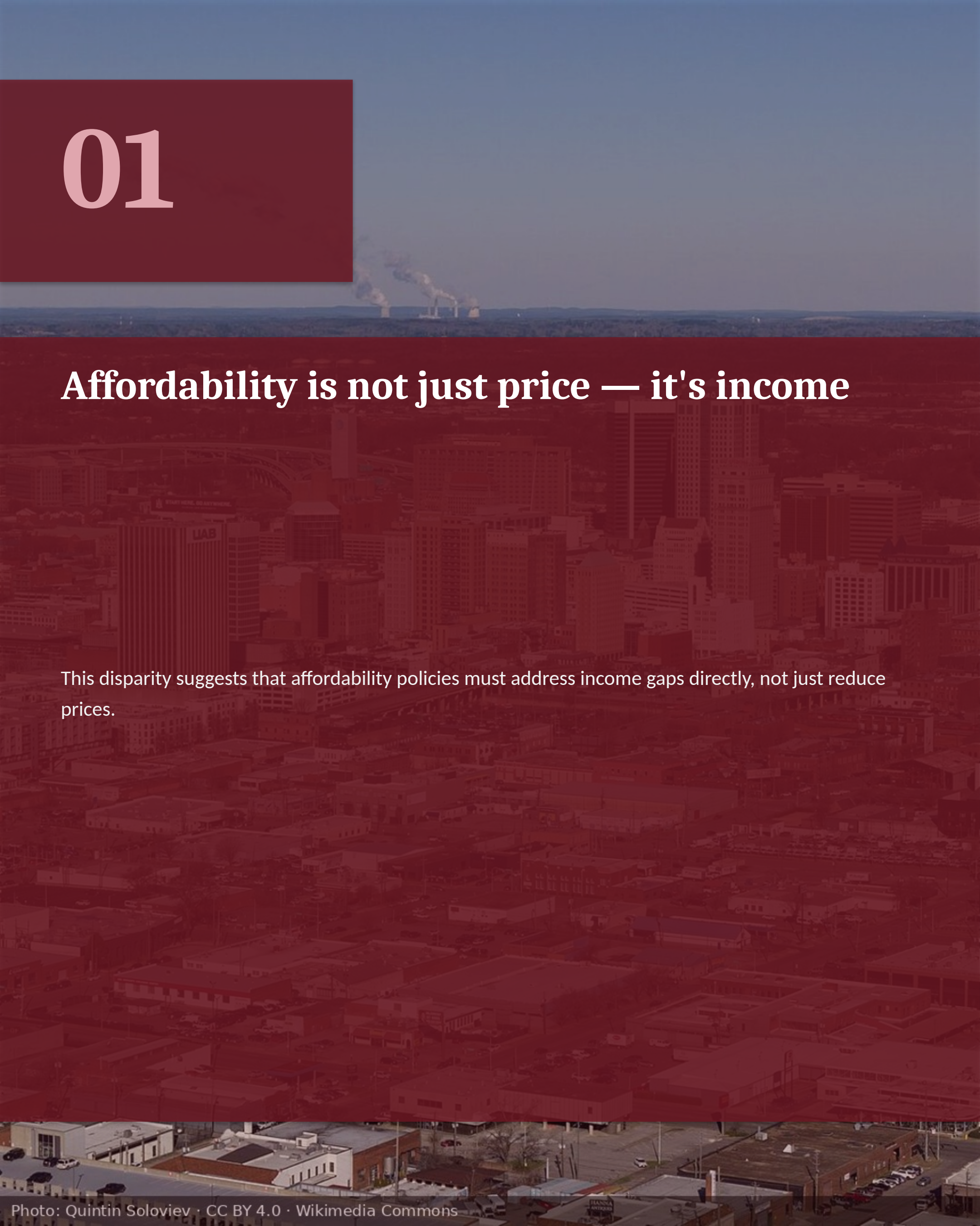
This figure represents the median household income for ZIP 35234 — a stark contrast to the region's rising property values and downtown revitalization. The data reveals a deepening economic polarization within the metro, where high-cost development coexists with entrenched poverty. This gap underscores the urgency of inclusive urban planning and workforce development strategies.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 • ALEX Intelligence computation

<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-24-birmingham-median-income-zcta-mkt-asc>



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An aerial photograph of a city, likely Birmingham, Alabama, showing a dense urban area with various buildings and a large industrial facility with smokestacks in the background. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter.

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Affordability is not just price — it's income

This disparity suggests that affordability policies must address income gaps directly, not just reduce prices.

02

Inequality is a structural barrier to growth

The fact that ZIP 35234 ranks first in the Birmingham metro for lowest income — and remains the lowest in Alabama — reflects a long-standing structural imbalance. While Daxko's relocation to downtown Birmingham signals economic diversification and job growth, the benefits are not automatically distributed across income levels. Without targeted investment in workforce training and community reinvestment, rising wages in high-income sectors may widen the gap rather than close it, risking social and economic fragmentation in the long term.



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