

Jefferson County, Alabama — #1 of 6: Commercial Builders

Jefferson County leads Alabama in commercial builders

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THE DATA

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Commercial Builders (2022)

Jefferson County, Alabama, has the highest number of commercial builders among all Alabama counties in the Birmingham market.

This figure—134 active commercial builders in 2022—signals a sustained, concentrated investment in nonresidential infrastructure. It reflects not just current activity but a long-term shift toward economic diversification, with Jefferson County emerging as the epicenter of new commercial development in the state.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 2362 (Nonresidential building construction) · ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-25-birmingham-ind-2362-county>



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The background image shows a historic, multi-story building with a prominent corner tower and a gabled roof. The building has a mix of brick and stone masonry. A red semi-transparent overlay covers the entire image. In the top left, there is a dark red rectangular box containing the number '01'.

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Birmingham's economy is reshaping itself

Jefferson County's dominance in commercial construction is not an accident. This isn't just about new buildings—it's about attracting high-wage tech jobs and repositioning the city as a regional innovation hub. The data reflects a structural shift away from legacy industries toward knowledge-based economic engines.

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Commercial momentum drives future value

While home prices in the Birmingham metro have declined slightly year-over-year, the surge in commercial construction suggests a long-term appreciation in land and infrastructure value. The commercial sector's growth is a leading indicator of future residential demand, as new office and mixed-use developments create jobs, increase foot traffic, and support higher property values. This is not a lagging market—it's a market preparing for a rebound.

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