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

Jefferson County Leads Alabama in Builders

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Residential Builders (2022)

Jefferson County has the highest number of residential building construction firms among all counties in the Birmingham metro area.

This figure—251 residential builders—reflects a concentrated, localized construction economy centered in Jefferson County. It is not a national trend, nor a statewide average, but a metro-specific concentration that signals sustained, localized demand for new housing and infrastructure development.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 2361 (Residential building construction) · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-06-birmingham-ind-2361-county

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Construction Density Drives Market Resilience

The sheer number of active builders in Jefferson County suggests a self-reinforcing cycle: more builders attract more subcontractors, labor, and supply chains, which in turn lowers entry barriers and accelerates project delivery. This cluster effect is not captured by aggregate price or inventory data but is a structural advantage that underpins long-term market stability, even amid affordability pressures.

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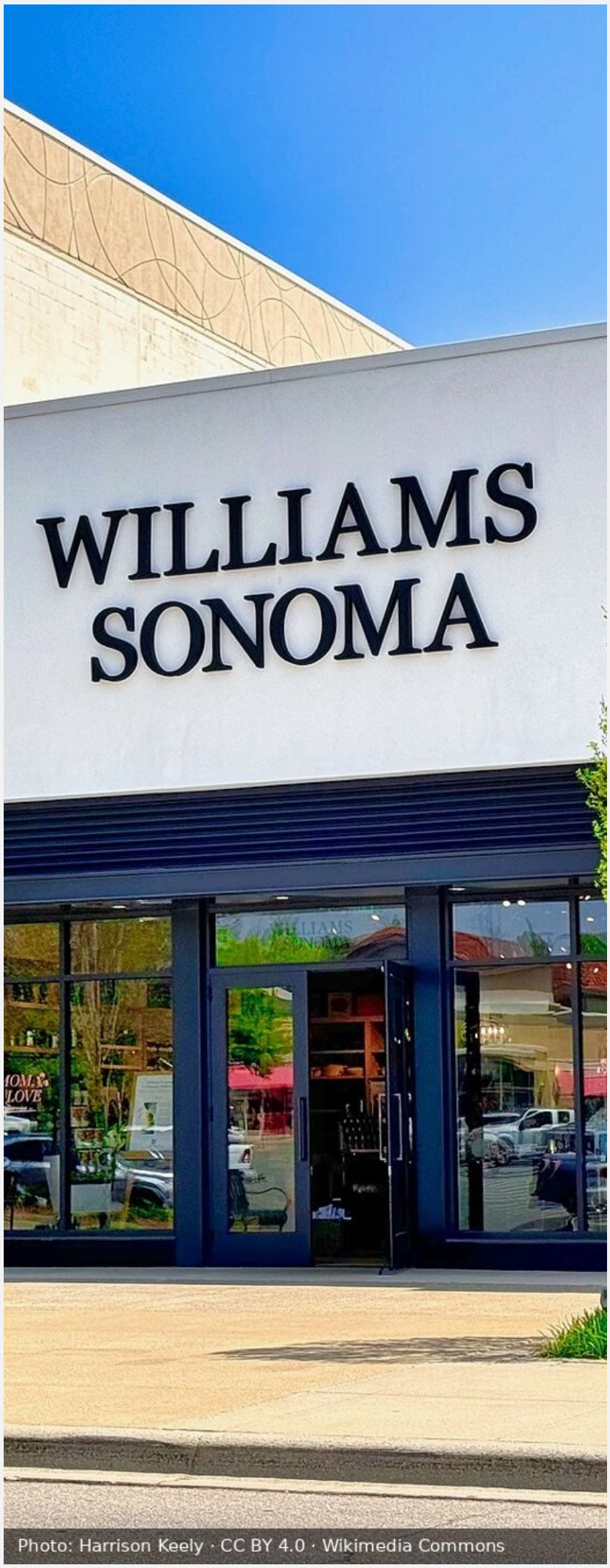


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Urban Core Development Is Not a Zero-Sum Game

Contrary to the assumption that high construction activity in Jefferson County comes at the expense of suburban or outlying areas, the data shows that growth is not displacing other markets—it is expanding the total market capacity. This suggests that new housing isn't merely replacing older stock but is actively increasing the housing supply base, which supports both affordability and long-term market health.

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