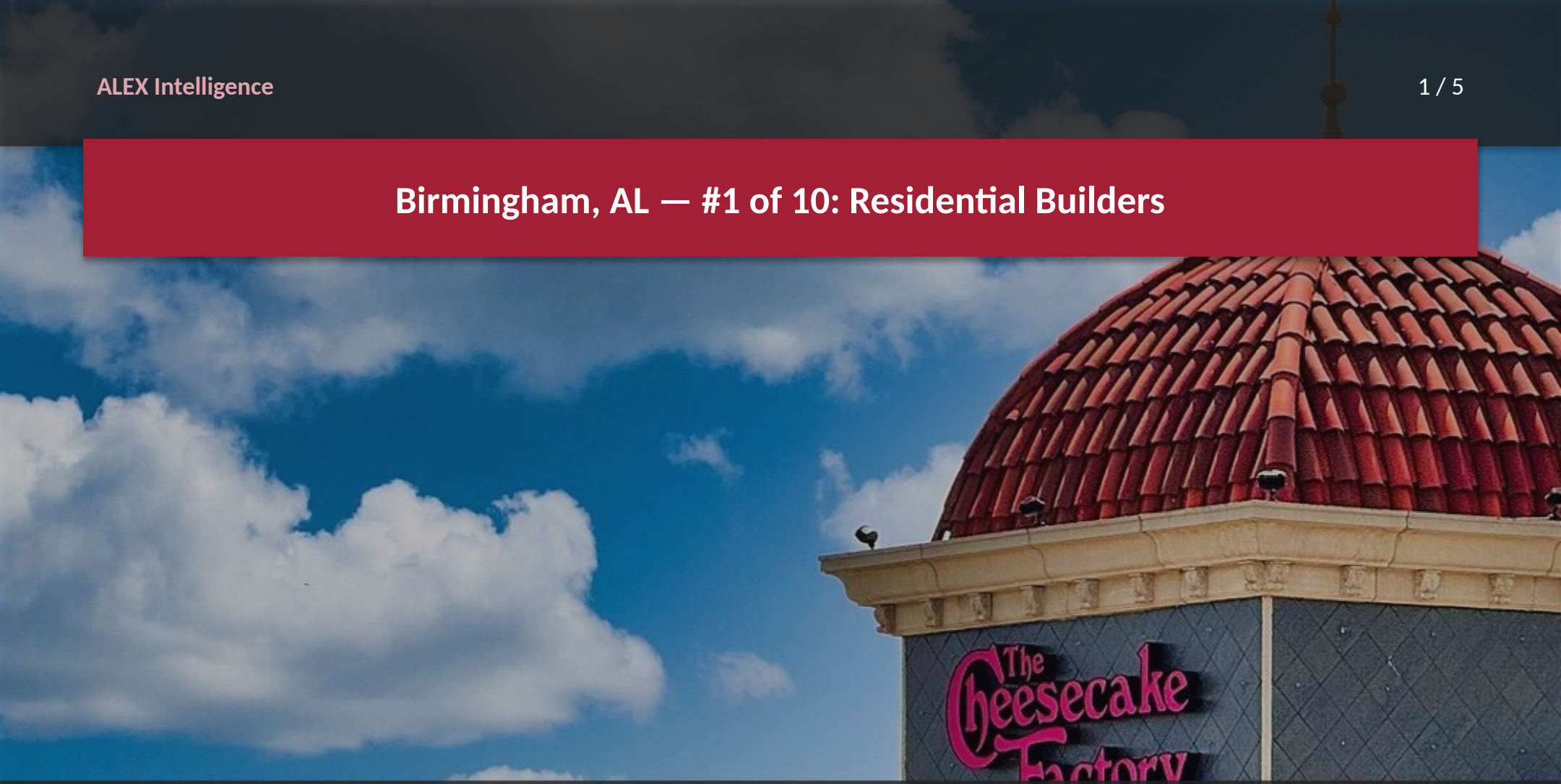
Birmingham, AL — #1 of 10: Residential Builders



Birmingham Leads Alabama in Builders

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Residential Builders (2022)

Birmingham, AL ranks #1 of 12 Alabama metros on residential builders, based on 2022 County Business Patterns data.

This figure—479 active residential building firms—reflects a structural surge in development capacity, far outpacing other Alabama metros. It signals that Birmingham is not just growing in demand, but in supply readiness. The city is building the infrastructure for future growth, even as sales prices show signs of cooling.



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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/2026-11-07-birmingham-istand-2361-msa

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Builders Outpace Sales

This is not a sign of overbuilding, but of long-term strategic confidence. The city is laying the foundation for a post-2025 recovery, anticipating renewed buyer interest as affordability improves and interest rates stabilize. The builder surge is a silent signal of market maturity and resilience.

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Supply as a Strategic Weapon

The city is using construction as a tool to attract remote workers, support local businesses, and strengthen municipal revenue. With no other Alabama metro approaching this level, Birmingham is building not just homes, but an economic moat. The real estate market is not just reacting to change—it's driving it.

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