Jefferson County, Alabama — #1 of 7: Construction Establishments

Jefferson County Leads Alabama in Construction Establishments

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1,186

Construction Establishments (2022)

Jefferson County has the highest concentration of construction businesses among all counties in the Birmingham metro area.

This figure—1,186 construction establishments—reflects a deep, entrenched industrial foundation in Jefferson County, far outpacing its peers across the region. It suggests a market where construction is not just a cyclical activity but a sustained economic engine, supporting everything from new home development to infrastructure upgrades. This concentration likely fuels both job creation and supply-side resilience in the local housing market.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 23 (Construction) · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-15-birmingham-ind-23-county

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Builder Density Drives Market Resilience

This density may also explain why Jefferson County has consistently led Alabama in new home construction, even as broader affordability pressures dampen sales. The local workforce and supply network are already scaled to meet demand, meaning new projects are more likely to reach completion than in less developed construction ecosystems.

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The Cost of Being the Hub

Moreover, this concentration may skew development toward mid- to upper-tier housing, where the margins can absorb rising input costs. Lower-income neighborhoods may see slower improvement, as the construction economy focuses on projects with higher return profiles. The result? A market with strong momentum but uneven access to new housing stock.

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