Birmingham, AL — #1 of 10: Real Estate Establishments



Birmingham leads Alabama in real estate establishments

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1,121

Real Estate Establishments (2022)

Birmingham, AL ranks #1 of 12 Alabama metros on real estate establishments.

This figure reflects a concentrated ecosystem of real estate activity, including brokerage firms, property managers, developers, and legal and financial services tied to transactions. The high density of such entities suggests deep market infrastructure and long-term institutional confidence in the region's real estate trajectory.



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Market dominance through institutional depth

The sheer number of real estate establishments in Birmingham is not just a headcount—it's a signal of systemic resilience. This density indicates that the market is not reliant on a few large players but instead features a broad, distributed network of professionals and firms, reducing vulnerability to disruption and increasing adaptive capacity during economic shifts.

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Real estate as economic anchor

With 1,121 real estate establishments, Birmingham is not just a residential market—it's a regional hub for real estate services. This concentration supports ancillary industries, from legal and accounting to construction and technology, creating a self-reinforcing economic ecosystem that attracts talent, capital, and long-term investment.

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