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Hartselle leads Alabama in commute spread

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This is the difference in average commute times between the longest and shortest commutes in the Huntsville metro.

The 4.8-minute spread between Hartselle and Moores Mill is not just a number—it reflects a growing spatial divide in access to jobs and services. As the region expands outward, disparities in travel time are becoming entrenched, favoring those near central hubs while isolating more peripheral communities.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-22-huntsville-commute-spread

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Commute spread fuels housing stratification

This dynamic is accelerating the trend of 'commute-based gentrification,' where new development clusters near transit corridors, pushing low-income households further from employment centers. The data shows that Hartselle’s commute spread is not just a symptom of sprawl—it is a driver of it.

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Equity in mobility is now a real estate edge

This shift means that future value is not just in location, but in connectivity. Developers who design communities with integrated transit or remote work infrastructure will gain an edge, not just in marketing, but in long-term asset resilience.

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