

# City of Montgomery, Alabama

## Report to our Citizens

Fiscal Year October 1, 2017- September 30, 2018



Citizens participating in Envision 2040



City of Montgomery, riverfront



Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

### City of Montgomery Profile

The City of Montgomery is the capital city of Alabama and was incorporated in 1819 as a merger of two towns situated along the Alabama River. The City of Montgomery operates under a Mayor and city council type of government. The Mayor and nine city council members are elected to four- year terms. The City of Montgomery provides police and fire protection; emergency 911 services; sanitation services; construction and maintenance of highways, streets, and infrastructure; public parking facilities; recreational activities and cultural events. Montgomery's largest employers include the Federal government, state government, local government, public schools, health care, banking, retail and numerous manufacturing facilities.

The Montgomery Public School Systems is the third largest school district in Alabama. The entire district is accredited by Advanced ED and, also has three International Baccalaureate programs: Macmillan International Academy (Elementary), Johnnie Carr Middle School and Loveless Academic Magnet Program (LAMP) High School. Montgomery Public Schools operates nine high schools, eight middle schools, and twenty-nine elementary schools. Montgomery also has many facilities for higher education, these include: Alabama State University (HBCU), Troy University, Auburn University Montgomery, Faulkner University, and Huntingdon College,

In the early 2000s the City of Montgomery began a revitalization program for the downtown area, that includes a new minor league baseball stadium, Riverfront Park, apartments, restaurants, retail businesses, and hotels. The City of Montgomery operates more than 1600 acres in parkland. The city also operates 24 community centers, a skate park, two golf courses, Cramton Bowl Stadium and Multiplex, two tennis centers, 65 playgrounds, 90 baseball/softball fields, 24 soccer fields and one riverboat. The city of Montgomery has a Class AA Southern League Baseball Team affiliated with the Tampa Bay Rays. The minor league baseball team is the Montgomery Biscuits, winners of two Southern League Championships.

The City of Montgomery is the home of the Wynton M. Blount Cultural Park. This park contains the Alabama Shakespeare Festival and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. The Museum of Fine Arts has a permanent collection of American Art and sculpture, Southern art, European masters and collections of porcelain and glass works. The Montgomery Zoo has many animals from five continents in 40 acres of barrier free habitats. Montgomery is the home of the Hank Williams museum and the W. A. Gayle Planetarium. The Planetarium is one of the largest in the Southeast United States and is operated by Troy University. Troy University also operates the Rosa Parks Museum. The museum is an active memorial to the Civil Rights Icon. The Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts is a 1200 seat facility, which houses the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra, Alabama Dance Theatre and the Montgomery Ballet.

### City of Montgomery Demographics

Calendar Year	City Employees	Per Capita Income	School Enrollment	Unemployment Rate Montgomery County
2018	2,359	\$25,849.00	29,500	3.5%
2017	2,383	\$25,488.00	29,500	3.6%
2016	2,404	\$24,430.00	29,811	5.7%



Store in Old Alabama Town historic district

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#### *"Capital of Dreams"*

#### Mission of Montgomery Chamber of Commerce

Committed to exceptional service to improve the economic well-being of the business community and enhance the quality of life of the area through the creation and preservation of jobs.



## Accomplishments and Performance Measurers



City Hall



Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Plant



Johnnie Carr Middle School

### Accomplishments

The City of Montgomery was one of the winners of the 2018 Digital Cities Survey. This is awarded to cities that are leveraging technology to solve civic challenges, boost cybersecurity, increase transparency and improve overall quality of life.

Ascent Hospitality purchased the historic Murphy House in downtown Montgomery. The company will develop the Murphy House into the state's third Marriott Autograph Collection Hotel. The other hotels include the Elyton in Birmingham and the Grand Bohemian in Mountain Brook, Alabama.

The Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association presented the City of Montgomery with the Franklin M. Setzer Outstanding Urban Design Project Award for Montgomery's success in revitalizing Dexter Avenue.

Rubicon Global announced a public- private partnership with the City of Montgomery to enhance its residential and commercial waste services by employing proprietary technology. The Rubicon hauler mobile app will be downloaded to Smartphones as well as plug in devices that will be placed in the City of Montgomery Sanitation Division fleet.

Maxwell Air Force Base has been selected by the U.S. Air Force to receive \$18 million for the construction of a new air traffic control tower. Construction of the new tower will begin in June of 2019 and end in December 2020. Maxwell Air Force Base has been selected as a site for the new F-35 fighter jet program. This new aircraft will eventually replace the Air Force fleet of the F-16 Fighting Falcons and A-10 Thunderbolt II.

City of Montgomery Performance Measurers	2018 Actual	2017 Actual	Percentage of Change
<b>General Government Employees:</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<b>Public Safety:</b>			
Police Officers	478	493	-3%
Civilians	114	126	-10%
<b>Public Safety:</b>			
Firemen	503	516	-3%
Civilians	6	7	-1%
<b>Operating Indicators:</b>			
<b>Police:</b>			
Physical Arrests	10,007	9,853	2%
Parking Violations	27,477	28,305	-3%
Traffic Violations	77,309	55,814	28%
<b>Fire:</b>			
Emergency Responses	34,939	34,775	1%
Fires Extinguished	5,511	4,839	12%
Inspections	11,015	11,746	-6%
<b>Capital Asset Statistics:</b>			
Police Stations	3	3	0%
Patrol Cars	262	268	-2%
Fire Stations	16	16	0%
<b>Public Works:</b>			
Street (miles)	1,095	1,093	1%
Traffic Signals	432	432	0%
Street Lights	29,033	29,033	0%
<b>Transit:</b>			
Buses	33	48	-31%

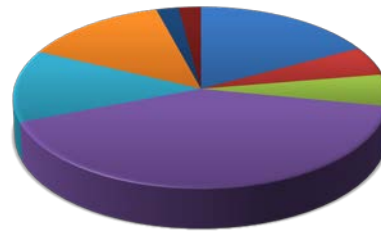


# City of Montgomery, Finances

## City of Montgomery Changes in Net Position

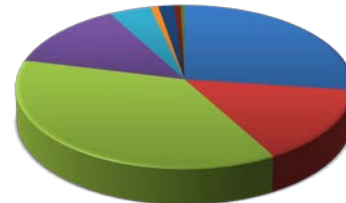
	<u>Fiscal Year 2018</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2017</u>	<u>% of Change</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Charges for services	\$44,119,483.00	\$44,992,581.00	-2%
Operating Grants and contributions	\$13,335,455.00	\$14,467,164.00	-8%
Capital grants and contributions	\$14,510,851.00	\$7,122,157.00	51%
Sales Taxes	\$105,450,512.00	\$103,820,833.00	2%
Property Taxes	\$33,019,250.00	\$32,194,491.00	2%
Business License Taxes	\$35,185,047.00	\$35,417,566.00	-1%
Other taxes	\$23,445,943.00	\$21,645,131.00	8%
Other	\$5,410,964.00	\$5,681,077.00	-5%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$274,477,505.00</b>	<b>\$265,241,000.00</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
General Government	\$77,895,106.00	\$79,602,195.00	-2%
Public Works	\$42,502,979.00	\$45,492,230.00	-7%
Public Safety	\$106,294,149.00	\$107,487,117.00	-1%
Cultural and Recreational	\$38,026,857.00	\$35,755,774.00	3%
Interest on long-term debt	\$12,539,419.00	\$12,638,139.00	1%
Montgomery Area Transit System	\$2,482,941.00	\$2,171,855.00	13%
Montgomery Zoo	\$4,821,620.00	\$4,474,773.00	7%
Municipal Golf	\$1,849,579.00	\$1,793,047.00	3%
Montgomery River Boat	\$1,200,675.00	\$1,101,647.00	8%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$287,613,325.00</b>	<b>\$290,786,777.00</b>	<b>1%</b>
Decrease in net position before special item and transfers	(\$13,135,820.00)	(\$25,545,777.00)	-49%
Net Position-beginning	\$245,471,897.00)	(\$219,926,120.00)	10%
Net Position-ending	(\$516,902,695.00)	(\$245,471,897.00)	53%

## Revenue



- Charges for Services
- Operating Grants and Contributions
- Capital Grants and Contributions
- Sales Taxes
- Property Taxes
- Business License Taxes
- Other Taxes

## Expenditures



- General Government
- Public Works
- Public Safety
- Cultural and Recreational
- Interest on long term debt
- Montgomery Area Transit System
- Montgomery Zoo
- Municipal Golf
- Montgomery River Boat

The financial records for the City of Montgomery have been reviewed by Jackson Thornton CPAs and Advisors.

The financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely present component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City as of September 30, 2018 and the respective changes in financial position and where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The City of Montgomery was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for Fiscal Year 2018.







# What is Next? Challenges for the future



Riverfront Park



National Memorial for Justice and Peace



Auburn University  
Montgomery

## City Council

Charles Jinright, President

Tracy Larkin, President Pro Tem

Richard Bollinger

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Fred F. Bell

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Mayor Todd Strange

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## Envision 2040

The summit was held in October of 2018 on the floor the Dunn-Oliver Acadome on the campus of Alabama State University. Just over 400 people participated in the meeting. Envision Montgomery 2040 is a community driven process to develop a vision and new comprehensive plan for the City of Montgomery. This process will enable the community to help shape the vision and make recommendations that will guide decision making in Montgomery for years to come.

## Hyundai Motor Manufacturing

Hyundai is in the processing of expanding to a third facility. The Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Plant is currently building a cylinder head machine plant that will open in 2019. The plant represents an investment of \$388 million to manufacturing engine cylinder heads and, also to enhance existing operations to support the production of the new Sonata and Elantra sedan models. The new investment will create 50 new jobs. Currently the Hyundai manufacturing plant produces the Sonata and Elantra sedans and the Santa Fe sport utility vehicle. The Hyundai Manufacturing Plant currently has 2700 full time employees and 500 part time employees.

## Capital Improvement Project

The latest improvements will be on South Court Street. The improvements involve local, state and federal entities. The Alabama Department of Transportation helped with federal funding of \$8 million dollars and the City of Montgomery will have matching funding of \$2 million. The South Court Street will include new sidewalks, striping, waterlines, lighting, drainage gutters and paving. The project will take a little over a year beginning in June of 2019.

## Education

Hyundai Motor America will donate \$250,000.00 to five Montgomery public elementary schools. The donated funds will be for a new visual math program developed by the Mind Research Institute. With the gain of this program, teachers will also receive professional development. The institute will provide individualized feedback to personalize learning for students and the state test scores will assess the progress of the program.

## Rail Service

The State Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is developing a two- part feasibility study concerning the return of passenger rail service between Birmingham, Montgomery and Mobile, Alabama. Part one of the feasibility study pertains to passenger rail service between Birmingham and Montgomery. Part two of the feasibility study will pertain to passenger rail service between Montgomery and Mobile. Phase two will determine the necessary elements needed to implement the passenger rail service. The study will also consider the combined effects of passenger rail service along the corridor, with rail connections to existing and proposed east-west Amtrak lines in Birmingham and Mobile.

## Nat King Cole

A public private partnership is in the works to create a mural by local artists of Montgomery native Nat King Cole. Nat King Cole was born March 17, 1919 in Montgomery, Alabama and he later moved to Chicago where he created the first radio program sponsored by an African American musician. Midstate Advertising and Kyser Property Management offered the building at 435 Maxwell Boulevard for the installation of the mural. This mural is in honor of what would be Nat King Cole's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.