

## ALABAMA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SYSTEM

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**SUBJECT: Revised Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

1. **Purpose:** To transmit notice of revised State of Alabama Metropolitan Statistical Areas.
2. **Discussion:** Workforce Investment Act Adult, Youth, and Incumbent Worker program participant eligibility determination criteria differ according to whether the affected participants reside in a Metropolitan Statistical Area, or reside in a non - Metropolitan Statistical Area.

The Office of Management and Budget announced revised Metropolitan Statistical Area designations last June 6, 2003. These designations are based upon 2000 Census figures, and conform to Metropolitan Statistical Area designation criteria transmitted in the **Federal Register** of December 27, 2000. Per these criteria, Metropolitan Statistical Area central counties will include counties with at least one urban area of 50,000 or more persons. Outlying counties are included in the Metropolitan Statistical Area designation if these counties meet specific requirements of commuting to or from the "central counties".

Attached to this Directive is a listing of the eleven Alabama Metropolitan Statistical Areas. A twelfth Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Russell county in East Alabama, and four contiguous counties from the State of Georgia.

Note the following Alabama counties no longer included in a Metropolitan Statistical Area: **Baldwin, Dale**. Further note the following Alabama counties which are now included in a Metropolitan Statistical Area: **Bibb, Chilton, Elmore, Geneva, Greene, Hale, Henry, Lowndes, and Walker**.

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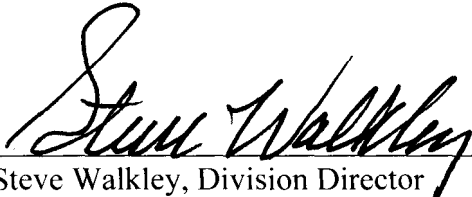
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3. **Action:** State and local area staff, particularly WIA program participant eligibility determination staff, should appropriately note the referenced changes in Alabama Metropolitan Statistical Area designations.

Changes reflecting these revised Alabama Metropolitan Statistical Area designations will be made to the WIA Self-Sufficiency Income chart and the WIA 70 Percent LLSIL chart. The revised charts will be transmitted separately.

4. **Contact:** Contact Charles Terry at (334) 242-5883 with any questions regarding this information.



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Attachments

## Alabama Metropolitan Statistical Areas

	<u>FIPS Code</u>	<u>Metro Area Title</u>	<u>Principal City(ies)</u>	<u>Component County(ies)</u>
1	11500	Anniston-Oxford, AL	Anniston, Oxford	Calhoun
2	12220	Auburn-Opelika, AL	Auburn, Opelika	Lee
3	13820	Birmingham-Hoover, AL	Birmingham, Hoover	Bibb Blount Chilton Jefferson St. Clair Shelby Walker
4	17980	Columbus, GA-AL	Columbus, GA	Russell, AL Counties in Georgia: Chattahoochee, GA Harris, GA Marion, GA Muscogee, GA
5	19460	Decatur, AL	Decatur	Lawrence Morgan
6	20020	Dothan, AL	Dothan	Geneva Henry Houston
7	22460	Florence, AL	Florence	Colbert Lauderdale
8	23460	Gadsden, AL	Gadsden	Etowah
9	26620	Huntsville, AL	Huntsville	Limestone Madison
10	33660	Mobile, AL	Mobile	Mobile
11	33860	Montgomery, AL	Montgomery	Autauga Elmore Lowndes Montgomery
12	46220	Tuscaloosa, AL	Tuscaloosa	Greene Hale Tuscaloosa

Source: U.S. Office of Management and Budget, Internet release, June 6, 2003.

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