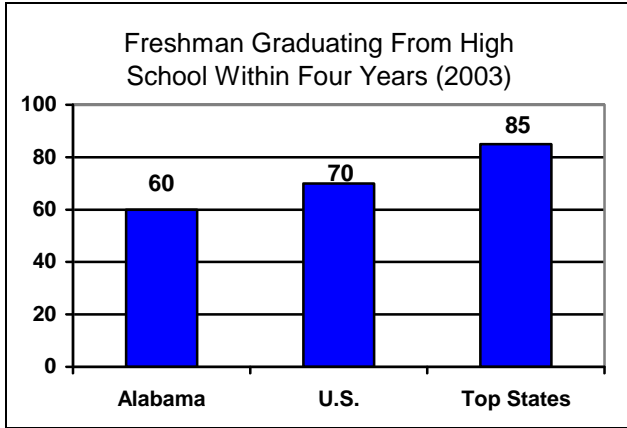


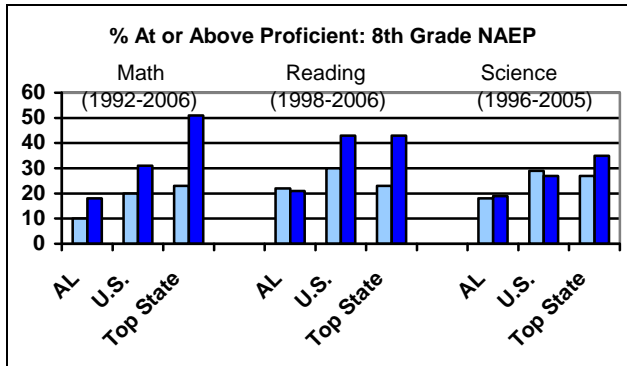
How is Alabama's economy changing?

By 2012, 86% of the fastest growing jobs in Alabama will require some college or training beyond high school, including a projected 21,000 jobs in the health care field.

How many students graduate on time from high school in Alabama each year?



Are 8th-graders ready for high school?



Is the achievement gap in Alabama closing in math and science?

| % AT OR ABOVE PROFICIENT: NAEP | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|----------------|
| 8th GRADE MATH | 1992 | 2006 | % Point Change |
| All | 10% | 18% | +8 |
| White | 15% | 27% | +12 |
| African American | 1% | 4% | +1 |
| Latino | -- | 3% | -- |
| 8th GRADE SCIENCE | 2000 | 2005 | % Point Change |
| All | 23% | 19% | -4 |
| White | 31% | 29% | -2 |
| African American | 5% | 3% | -2 |
| Latino | -- | -- | -- |

Are Alabama high school students on the path to college?

Are 8th-graders taking Algebra (2005)?

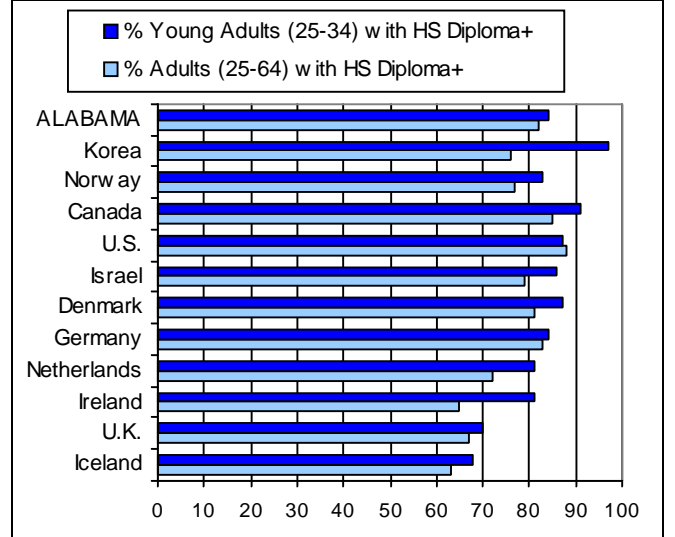
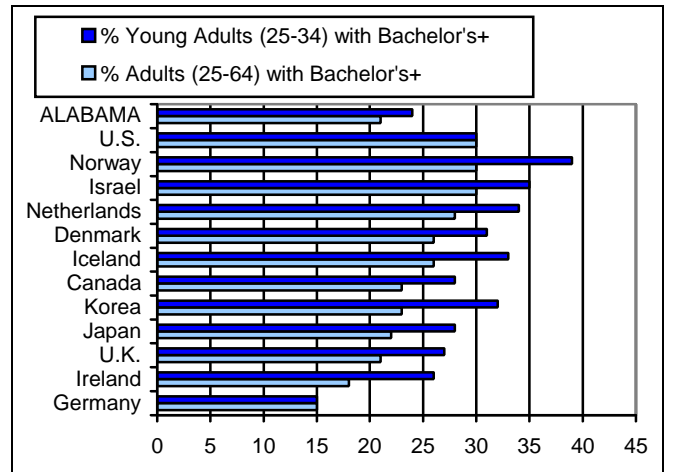
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|-----------------|-----|
| Alabama..... | 33% |
| U.S..... | 41% |
| Top States..... | 56% |

Are 11th/12th-graders taking AP exams (2004)?

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|-----------------|-----|
| Alabama..... | 5% |
| U.S..... | 12% |
| Top States..... | 18% |

| 2005 | ALABAMA | U.S. |
|----------------------|---------|------|
| Participation in ACT | 77% | 40% |
| Average ACT score | 20.2 | 20.9 |
| Participation in SAT | 10% | 49% |
| Average SAT score | 1126 | 1028 |

How does Alabama stack up internationally?





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How Prepared Are Students in Alabama for Life After High School?



What are Alabama's school demographics?

| 2003-04 | AL | U.S. |
|--|---------|------------|
| # of Public Schools | 1,518 | 95,726 |
| Total Public School Enrollment | 731,220 | 48,540,725 |
| # of High Schools | 403 | 22,782 |
| Total High School Enrollment | 205,907 | 14,333,486 |
| Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity/Program Participation | | |
| White | 60% | 59% |
| African American | 36% | 17% |
| Latino | 2% | 19% |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 1% | 4% |
| American Indian/Alaskan | 1% | 1% |
| Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible | 51% | 36% |
| English Language Learner | 2% | 11% |

End Notes

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