

Madison, Alabama:

St. Matthew's sits in the heart of Madison, Alabama, one of the fastest-growing cities in the state. As part of the Huntsville metropolitan region— recently named Alabama's largest city—the area thrives on STEM careers and military service. Engineers, scientists, defense and aerospace professionals, teachers, medical workers, and entrepreneurs fill this community with both talent and warmth.

Families move here for opportunity and strong schools. They find a modernized Southern hospitality that shapes everyday life, cultivating a deep sense of belonging that welcomes all, regardless of where they are originally from. People build meaningful lives here, deeply investing in their children while keeping a curious eye on the wider world. St. Matthew's mirrors the spirit of our hometown: diverse, energetic, and eager to welcome.

A Growing, Welcoming Community:

Madison is a city of more than 65,000 residents, defined by families, professionals, and retirees, with a highly educated workforce, and a median age of 37. Demographically, the city is 69.45% White, followed by Black or African American (13.36%), Asian (7.88%) residents. In addition, there are smaller percentages of Native American, Pacific Islander, and multiracial communities.

(Source: [WorldPopulationView.com](https://www.worldpopulationview.com))

Madison has experienced significant population growth, fuelling the rapid development of new schools, businesses, restaurants, and opportunities. The community prioritizes investments in public parks, miles of greenways and multi-use paths, and community activities, resulting in a high quality of life for its residents. As we continue to grow, we welcome and embrace the vibrant, diverse communities that enrich our city. St. Matthew's mirrors the finest attributes of the Madison community: hospitality, curiosity, and a deep sense of belonging.

Professional Life:

Professional life in Huntsville and Madison is fast-growing, high-tech, and highly engaging for new residents. Due to the presence of Redstone Arsenal, the Marshall Space Flight Center, and Cummings Research Park, the population is heavily composed of military, aerospace, engineering, technology, and medical professionals. The highly educated workforce is a magnet

for new companies, contracts, and opportunities that surface constantly. Consequently, careers advance quickly and professional connections are established easily.

Excellence in Education:

The Madison City Schools system is consistently cited as a primary draw for families relocating to the area. Both high schools (James Clemens High School and Bob Jones High School) rank in the top 10 in Alabama, as well as in the top 7-8% nationally.

Madison City schools are recognized for:

- National Board Certified educators teaching National Merit–recognized students (Madison regularly ranks among the top in Alabama)
- Award-winning band programs
- Competitive athletics with multiple state titles
- Exceptional performing arts departments
- Top-tier robotics, science, engineering, math, and greenpower racing teams
- Chess teams ranked among the best in the nation
- Strong services for ELL, Special Education, Gifted, and on-site therapy

Recreation, Culture, and Community Life

Madison offers a rich mix of activities for both families and individuals. Community favorites include:

- Madison Street Festival, one of the region’s largest community celebrations
- A robust year-round children’s programming lineup at the Madison Public Library
- Madison City Farmers Market (March–November)
- Towne Madison, a walkable live-work-play district offering housing, shops, restaurants, and events centered around Toyota Field, home of the Rocket City Trash Pandas (AA affiliate of MLB team Los Angeles Angels).
- Historic Downtown Madison with local restaurants, boutiques, and coffee shops
- Outdoor recreation at Rainbow Mountain Nature Preserve, Bradford Creek Greenway, Dublin Memorial Park, Palmer Park, and Creekwood Park’s Dog Spot

- Annual Madison Christmas Parade

Next door, Huntsville expands these opportunities with:

- The U.S. Space & Rocket Center and Space Camp
- Huntsville Botanical Garden
- Huntsville City Football Club (HCFC) at Wicks Family Field, Huntsville's MLS NEXT Pro professional soccer club affiliated with Nashville SC.
- Extensive hiking at Monte Sano State Park
- Public arts, studios, and events at Lowe Mill Arts & Entertainment
- Music and community hubs like Campus 805, Stovehouse, MidCity, and The Orion Amphitheater
- A diverse food scene including two Michelin-recognized restaurants
- Museums such as EarlyWorks, Constitution Hall Village, and Burritt on the Mountain

The following resources provide a comprehensive portrait of the characteristics, benefits, and values of our thriving community:

- [Quick Facts about Madison](#)
- [Madison City School District](#)
- [Madison Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Huntsville Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [All Things Madison](#)
- [Rocket City Times](#)