

General Information

Alabama's Eastern Shore continues to be discovered regularly by people searching for the best possible quality of life. The string of communities along the Eastern Shore is mature, yet youthful. These communities consist of three cities: Daphne, Fairhope, Spanish Fort and other pockets of beauty such as Malbis, Montrose, Blakeley and Point Clear on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay. The favorable climate and warm waters of Mobile Bay are welcoming year round.

The current business climate is strong and healthy, and the forecast for future business opportunities is bright. Access by air, road and water is easy.

Eastern Shore public and private school students consistently exceed national averages with their ACT scores. Well-respected centers of traditional and non-traditional higher education lie in attractive, convenient settings. Quality health care, some highly specialized, is readily available throughout the bay area.

Recreational opportunities abound: water sports clearly dominate, but open green space is abundant for residents and visitors alike, as are golf and tennis facilities. Leisure activities in the arts, year-round festivals and other events celebrate the good life along the Eastern Shore.

Development, growth and quality of life along the Eastern Shore have been principal considerations of the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce since its inception as the Fairhope Chamber of Commerce on June 6, 1924. For more than eighty years, the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce has been building for its future.

The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce believes that through a united effort it can consistently improve its community. That is why small business, big industries, professionals and private individuals have come together to devise working programs to enhance the economic climate of the area.

Eastern Shore Profile

Population

Eastern Shore - 50,000+
Baldwin County - 156,545
Daphne - 18,074
Fairhope - 15,786
Spanish Fort - 5,706

Median Age

Daphne - 30.54
Fairhope - 42.33
Spanish Fort - 40.41

Median Value of Homes

Daphne - \$157,011
Fairhope - \$184,182
Spanish Fort - \$193,028

Median Household Income

Daphne - \$58,254
Fairhope - \$50,002
Spanish Fort - \$68,342

Taxes

Property Tax

Daphne - .043 mills
Fairhope - .043 mills
Spanish Fort - .033 mills

Sales Tax

State of Alabama - 4%
Baldwin County - 2%
City of Daphne - 2.5%
City of Fairhope - 2%
City of Spanish Fort - 1.5%

Local Income Tax

None

Numbers for Newcomers

Our location is in Baldwin County Alabama on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay. Following are some interesting, helpful facts to assist you in relocating to our wonderful area.

Climate

Average Annual Temperature - 67.5°
 Average January Temperature - 49.9°
 Average July Temperature - 82.3°
 Average Rainfall - 63.9"
 Average Snowfall - 0"
 Growing Season - 270 days

Baldwin County Natural Resources

Minerals: sand, gravel, clay, natural gas & oil
 Timber: shortleaf pine, oak, gum, cypress
 Major agricultural products: soybeans, vegetables, fruit, nuts, nursery plants, corn, milk, eggs, beef, pork

Transportation

Interstate Highway - I-10
 Federal Highways - US 31, US 90 & US 98
 Sonny Callahan Airport (General Aviation) 990-5080
 Commercial Service
 Mobile Regional Airport 633-4510
 Pensacola Regional Airport 1-850-436-5000
 BRATS (Baldwin Rural Area Transportation System) 937-0355

Ambulance (emergency) 911
 Non emergency 621-1993
 Fire (emergency) 911
 Daphne 621-2836
 Fairhope 928-2371
 Spanish Fort 626-8876
 Barnwell 928-9732
 Belforest 626-8020
 Police (emergency) 911
 Daphne 621-2836
 Fairhope 928-2385
 Spanish Fort 626-4885
 Baldwin County Sheriff 990-4666
 Alabama State Troopers 660-2300
 US Coast Guard 441-6211
 Poison Control Center 1-800-462-0800
 Children's Poison Center 1-800-292-6678
 Thomas Hospital (Fairhope) 928-2375
 Thomas Medical Center (Daphne) 626-6646
 Infirmary-Eastern Shore 626-8400

Utilities (gas, water, sewage, garbage)

Baldwin County EMC 989-6247
 Daphne Utilities 626-2628
 City of Fairhope 928-8003
 Riviera Utilities 626-5000
 Spanish Fort Water 626-3067
 Mobile Gas 476-8052
 BFI 666-5724
 Belforest Water System 626-5554
 Magnolia Landfill 988-8125

Telephone Service

Residential in Alabama 1-888-757-6500
 Residential outside Alabama 1-800-753-3320

Cable Service

Mediacom 1-800-239-8411

Newspapers

The Daphne Bulletin (bi-weekly) 626-9300
 The Spanish Fort Sun (weekly) 626-9300
 The Courier (bi-weekly) 928-2321
 Baldwin Register 219-5477
 Mobile Register 433-1551

Licenses (Fairhope Courthouse)

Auto, boat, drivers, hunting & fishing 928-3002
 Fishing 1-888-848-6887

US Post Office

1-800-275-8777

Tax Information

City of Daphne 621-9000
 City of Fairhope 928-2136
 City of Spanish Fort 626-4884
 State of Alabama 344-4737
 Federal 1-800-829-1040

Recreation Departments

Daphne Recreation Department 621-3703
 Fairhope Recreation Department 990-0174
 James P. Nix Activity Center 928-2835

Libraries

Daphne Public Library 621-2818
 Fairhope Public Library 928-7483

Consumer Assistance

Better Business Bureau 433-5494
 Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce
 Fairhope Office 928-6387
 Scenic Overlook Office 621-8222
 Social Security Office 928-2504
 Alabama State Employment Office 937-4161 or 943-1575

The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce covers the cities of Daphne, Fairhope and Spanish Fort and the unincorporated areas of Malbis, Montrose, Blakeley Point Clear & Barnwell.

For phone numbers not listed, please contact directory assistance. Visit us at our website: www.ESChamber.com

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