



# MOBILE BAY

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## High-Tech

### High-Tech's Diversity

The Mobile area's high-tech companies run the gamut from start-up entrepreneurial companies such as Southern Light to global leaders including Mitsubishi and Lenzing Fibers. Our healthcare industry is represented with firms developing software improving processes for medical offices, and Mobile is home to the region's only academic cancer research facility.

### Why Mobile?

- Competitive wages and salaries for technical and professional workers;
- Lower lease and sales rates for office facilities;
- Standard and customized state and/or local sales and use tax exemption for qualified companies;
- Technology and Research Park at the University of South Alabama with available buildings or build-to-suit sites;
- University of South Alabama's progressive Computer & Information science program and industry board of advisors; and
- Support from local government and community leaders.

### Labor Force

The 6,000 jobs in Mobile's high-tech industry accounts for 25 percent of the area's job growth in 2010. Employers are attracted to the area's low cost of living.

<b>Population</b>	1,262,907
<b>Labor Force</b>	584,618
<b>Average Estimated Salary</b>	Computer Support: \$36,920 Software Engineer: \$74,105
<b>Educational Attainment</b>	High School: 76.4% Some College/Grad School: 69.8%

60 mile radius of the city of Mobile

Source: 2011, Decision Data Systems; AL Department of Industrial Relations

### Education and Training

The industry has drawn workers from area college graduates of the University of South Alabama, Spring Hill College and University of Mobile, as well as other Gulf Coast universities/colleges. Technical training in computer science & information systems, geographic information systems, graphics & printing, engineering technology and other related programs are available at area technical college campuses.



### Infrastructure

Nearly a decade ago, the University of South Alabama launched the Technology and Research Park as a major economic development initiative. The park brings together academic, private and public sectors to share a common vision recognizing innovation as the key to economic growth and competitive advantage. The park's directive is to assist in bringing innovation to market, thereby enhancing the competitive stature of the region's industrial sector.

The tech park's 160-acre site currently includes three buildings totaling 400,000 square feet and has additional sites available for development. The third building is especially suited for the needs of the area's growing healthcare technology industry.

### Top High-Tech Companies

2Squared Software	Centralite
CPSI*	Digidyne
DocuSys	Forte Inc.
Global Tel*Link	Logical Computer Solutions
Mentor Graphics	Southern Light
The SSI Group Inc.*	STI
TeleVox*	Xante Corp.

\*Consistently ranked by *Healthcare Informatics*, the premier publication for healthcare IT, among the Top 100 healthcare product and service providers in the nation.

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