

DOWNTOWN FOOT TRAFFIC

This report was created by Main Street Enterprise with the help of data generated by the Alabama Power Company and Senior Business Intelligence Analyst, Andrew Rhodes.

Alabama Power subscribes to a mobile mapping software service (Placer.ai) that enables the mapping of geolocation data for over 900 million customers that utilize 250+ participating smartphone applications. The mobile mapping process works by setting a "geofence" around a business and/or point-of-interest and then monitoring customers that enter/exit the area during a specified period of time (typically a month or year). Data is then mapped using pins or a "heat map" to indicate the estimated daytime and/or nighttime location of a participating customer's device.



STATISTICS

TOP 10

VISITOR COUNT DAYS

- 1. Saturday, December 5 2020- 11,842
- 2. Saturday, December 7 2019- 10,077
- 3. Saturday, December 15 2018- 9,100
- 4. Tuesday, December 3, 2019-8,867
- 5. Tuesday, November 27, 2018-8,810
- 6. Saturday October 27, 2018-8,768
- 7. Thursday, August 22, 2019- 7,916
- 8. Tuesday, December 1, 2020-6,141
- 9. Saturday, February 2, 2019-5,583
- 10. Saturday, April 17, 2021-5,566

2018



2019

Downtown saw a 5.2% increase in foot traffic, 763,979 visitors, in the defined Main Street District. We believe this increase came from the several street closure/special events that were hosted in the Downtown are.

SPECIAL EVENT

VISITOR COUNT DAYS

(From Jan. 2018- May 2021)

- Whoville- 31,019
- Christmas Parade- 23,818
- Fall Festival- 17,985
- St. Patrick's Parade- 14,897
- Spring Festival- 14,001
- Girls Night Out- 11,514
- Boll Weevil Centennial (2019)- 4,899

2020

which saw 9,100 guests.

During 2020 and the pandemic, there was roughly a 25% decrease in foot traffic downtown, 576,357 visitors. Many downtown businesses experienced a mandatory shut-down and after reopening, were not allowed to resume full capacity. Through it all, sales tax numbers continued to rise for the city.



2021

As we begin to move out of the pandemic and businesses are able to get back to some form of normalcy, we are on track to see an increase in visitors for 2021.