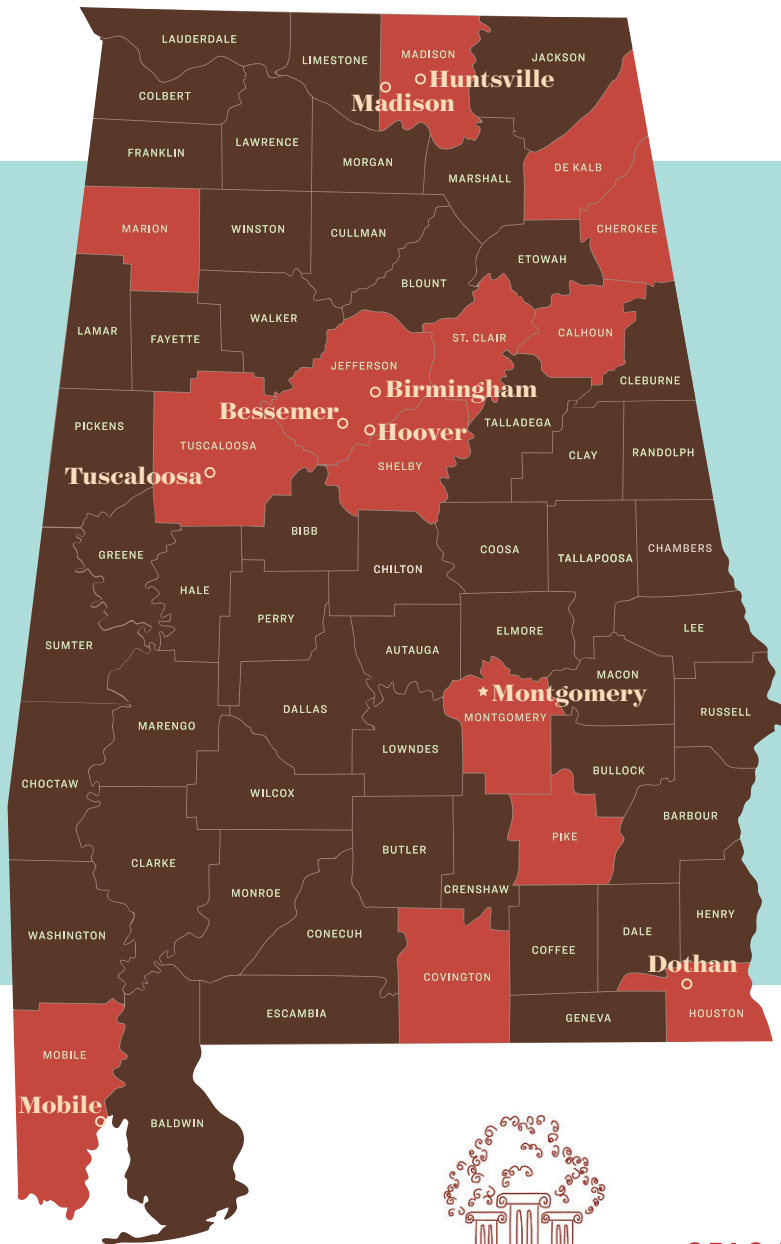


County Data on Civil Asset Forfeiture in Alabama

This study examined all civil asset forfeiture cases filed in 14 Alabama counties during 2015. The 1,110 cases comprised 70 percent of all such cases filed that year. Of those cases, there were final dispositions in 827 by October 2017, resulting in nearly \$2.2 million being awarded to agencies in those counties. The following county data is arranged in order of the counties that received the most cash in forfeiture cases.



CASH FORFEITED The total amount of cash that courts awarded to local law enforcement agencies in civil asset forfeitures cases filed within the county in 2015.

DEFAULTS The percentage of disposed cases in which the property was awarded to government agencies after the owner failed to contest the forfeiture.

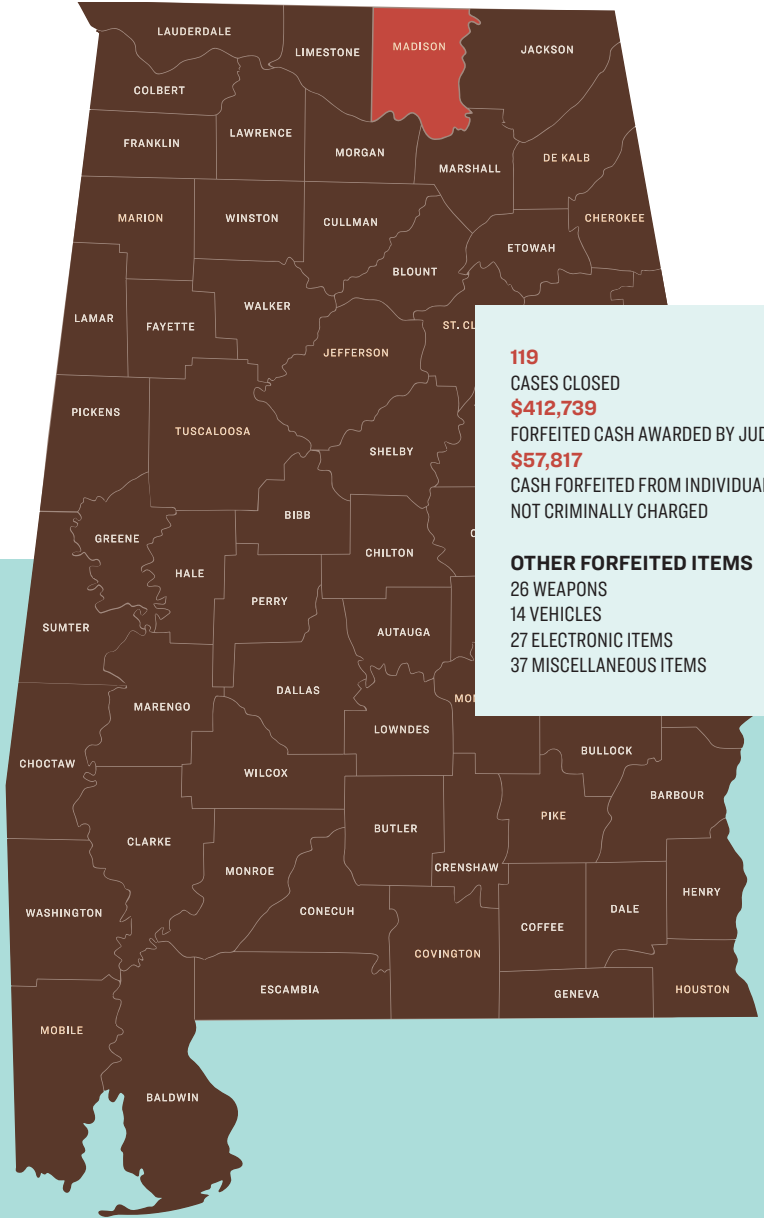
NO CRIMINAL CHARGES The percentage of forfeiture cases filed in the county in which the property owner was not charged with a crime connected to the forfeiture case.



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MADISON COUNTY

The Counterdrug Team's Special Activities Fund was awarded \$5,660. It's unclear what this fund is for. For half of the civil forfeiture cases linked to criminal charges, the offense involved marijuana. In 24% of the cases linked to criminal charges, the allegations involved opioids. In 72% of all cases linked to criminal charges, the person charged was black (county is 24% black).



STATE'S WINNING PERCENTAGE

14%

CASES WHERE CRIMINAL CHARGES NOT FILED AGAINST PROPERTY OWNER

53%

DISPOSED CASES RESULTING IN DEFAULT JUDGMENT

WHERE THE MONEY WENT

Madison County Sheriff's Department	\$104,296
Madison County District Attorney's Office	\$103,185
City of Huntsville	\$99,558
Huntsville Madison County Strategic Counterdrug Team	\$60,674
City of Gurley	\$14,655
City of Decatur	\$12,227
Morgan County Sheriff's Department	\$12,227
Alabama A&M University Police Department	\$4,436
Alabama Law Enforcement Agency	\$1,322
City of Madison	\$161

COUNTIES REVIEWED

Arranged in order of the counties that received the most cash in forfeiture cases.

1. Mobile
2. Madison
3. Jefferson
4. Tuscaloosa
5. Houston
6. Shelby
7. Calhoun
8. Covington
9. Montgomery
10. St. Clair
11. Pike
12. DeKalb
13. Cherokee
14. Marion