

2025

RELOCATING TO BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA

Your Complete Guide to Life on the
Eastern Shore & Alabama's Gulf Coast

LIVEGULFSHORESLOCAL.COM

Homes • Neighborhoods • Lifestyle •
Schools • Beaches

BALDWIN COUNTY

REALTOR



JEFF NELSON

IXL Real Estate Eastern Shore

Hi, I'm Jeff Nelson, a full-time real estate agent and relocation specialist serving Baldwin County and Alabama's beautiful Gulf Coast. I've built a reputation for being honest, down-to-earth, and deeply knowledgeable about the local market. Whether I'm filming community tours or guiding newcomers through the buying process, my goal is to make your move smooth, stress-free, and even enjoyable.

IXL REAL ESTATE EASTERN SHORE

WELCOME LETTER

Welcome to Baldwin County — one of the fastest-growing and most desirable places to live in the entire Southeast. Whether you're looking for peaceful suburban living, upscale coastal neighborhoods, or the white-sand beaches of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach, you're going to find an incredible place to call home.

I created this guide so you could get a true, local insider's look at our communities — beyond what Google can tell you. Inside, you'll learn about our neighborhoods, schools, cost of living, commute routes, job market, hurricane readiness, lifestyle perks, and everything you need to make an informed move.

My goal is simple:

Make your relocation easier, smoother, and completely stress-free.

If you'd like help narrowing down areas or want a custom home list, just call or text anytime.

— **Jeff Nelson**
IXL Real Estate Eastern Shore
251-654-2523
jeff@livegulfshoreslocal.com

CONTENTS

- 1** WHY BALDWIN COUNTY?
- 2** COUNTY SNAPSHOT
- 3** CITY-BY-CITY BREAKDOWN
- 4** DAPHNE
- 6** FAIRHOPE
- 8** SPANISH FORT
- 10** FOLEY
- 12** GULF SHORES
- 14** ORANGE BEACH
- 16** COST OF LIVING
- 21** HOUSING TYPES
- 23** RENTING VS BUYING
- 24** SCHOOLS
- 26** TRANSPORTATION

CONTENTS

27 COMMUTE TIMES

28 JOB MARKET

29 WEATHER & CLIMATE

30 HURRICANE PREP

31 OUTDOOR THINGS TO DO

33 DINING & SHOPPING

34 EVENTS & FESTIVALS

35 MOVING CHECKLIST

36 CONTACT



WHY BALDWIN COUNTY?

Baldwin County is consistently ranked one of the **fastest-growing counties in the United States** — and it's easy to understand why. Residents enjoy a rare combination of affordability, low taxes, excellent schools, gorgeous scenery, and a lifestyle that blends coastal relaxation with small-town friendliness.

People relocate here for:

- Award-winning school systems
- Proximity to Mobile & Pensacola
- Access to beaches, boating & nature
- Family-friendly communities
- Strong job market
- Southern hospitality
- Mild winters & sunny weather

Whether you're moving for work, retirement, or a fresh start, Baldwin County is one of the best places in Alabama to call home.



BALDWIN COUNTY SNAPSHOT

Population: ~250,000 and rapidly growing

Climate: 230+ sunny days per year

Property Taxes: Some of the lowest in the U.S.

Cost of Living: Lower than national average

Median Home Values: Vary from \$350K to \$500K+ depending on area

Commute Times:

- 10–30 minutes to Mobile (from Eastern Shore)
- 20–40 minutes to beaches (from inland cities)

Baldwin County offers everything from suburban master-planned communities to rural acreage to luxury beachfront condos. This variety is what makes it one of Alabama's most diverse and appealing counties.

CITY-BY-CITY OVERVIEW

Before diving into each city individually, here's a quick look at the overall vibe:

- **Daphne** — Centrally located, family-friendly, great schools
- **Fairhope** — Artsy, upscale, walkable coastal charm
- **Spanish Fort** — Newer developments, easy Mobile commute
- **Foley** — Affordable, rapidly growing, close to everything
- **Gulf Shores** — Classic beach-town living
- **Orange Beach** — Luxury coastal lifestyle & boating paradise



Each area has its own personality — this guide will help you tap into which one fits you best.



IXL REAL ESTATE EASTERN SHORE

DAPHNE OVERVIEW

Daphne is one of the most popular relocation destinations in Baldwin County. Known as the “Jubilee City,” Daphne sits along Mobile Bay and offers a warm, family-oriented feel with top-rated schools.

Highlights:

- Excellent school system
- Wide range of neighborhoods
- Shopping, dining & recreation
- Safe, suburban feel
- Fast access to Mobile

People choose Daphne for its convenience, affordability, and strong community atmosphere.

DAPHNE NEIGHBORHOODS

Just a few.....

1. **Lake Forest**

Lake Forest is one of the largest subdivisions in the entire state of Alabama, with a massive range of home styles, prices, and locations. It offers a true “neighborhood within a neighborhood” feel.

Vibe: affordable, diverse, family-oriented

Fits: first-time buyers, budget-conscious relocators

Price: Low \$200s to mid \$400s depending on renovations.

2. **TimberCreek**

One of Daphne’s premier golf communities.

Vibe: upscale, quiet, suburban luxury

Fits: professionals, retirees, golf lovers

Price: Mid \$400s to \$900K+

3. **Olde Towne Daphne / Historic Daphne**

The most charming part of the city — oak-lined streets, character homes, walkability.

Vibe: historic charm, artistic, community-driven

Fits: people who want “classic Daphne” character

Price: \$400K–\$1M+

4. **French Settlement / Bellaton / Austin Park**

Daphne’s newer construction zones with master-planned appeal.

Vibe: clean, modern, family friendly

Fits: families, WFH professionals, anyone wanting low maintenance

Price: \$350K–\$550K



IXL REAL ESTATE EASTERN SHORE

FAIRHOPE OVERVIEW

Fairhope is one of Alabama's crown jewels — a vibrant, artistic, waterfront community known for its picturesque downtown, iconic pier, and upscale homes.

Why people love Fairhope:

- Walkable downtown with boutiques & restaurants
- Scenic bayfront parks
- Beautiful homes, from cottages to estates
- Highly desirable school zones
- Community events & arts culture

This is the perfect fit for those wanting charm, luxury, and a lifestyle centered around beauty and quality of life.

FAIRHOPE NEIGHBORHOODS

Just a few.....

1. **Fruit & Nut District**

Possibly the most iconic neighborhood in Baldwin County.

Vibe: historic, artsy, walkable, highly sought-after

Fits: retirees, artists, professionals, anyone wanting charm

Price: \$600K–\$2.5M+

Note: Very low inventory — homes rarely come available.

2. **Rock Creek**

A beautiful, upscale golf course community with big homes and lush landscaping.

Vibe: polished, established, peaceful

Fits: families, professionals, golf lovers

Price: \$450K–\$1.5M+

3. **Fairhope Falls / Magnolia Commons / Saddlewood**

Fairhope's newer construction and more affordable communities.

Vibe: suburban, newer, clean, family energy

Fits: young families, first-time buyers, professionals

Price: \$325K–\$475K

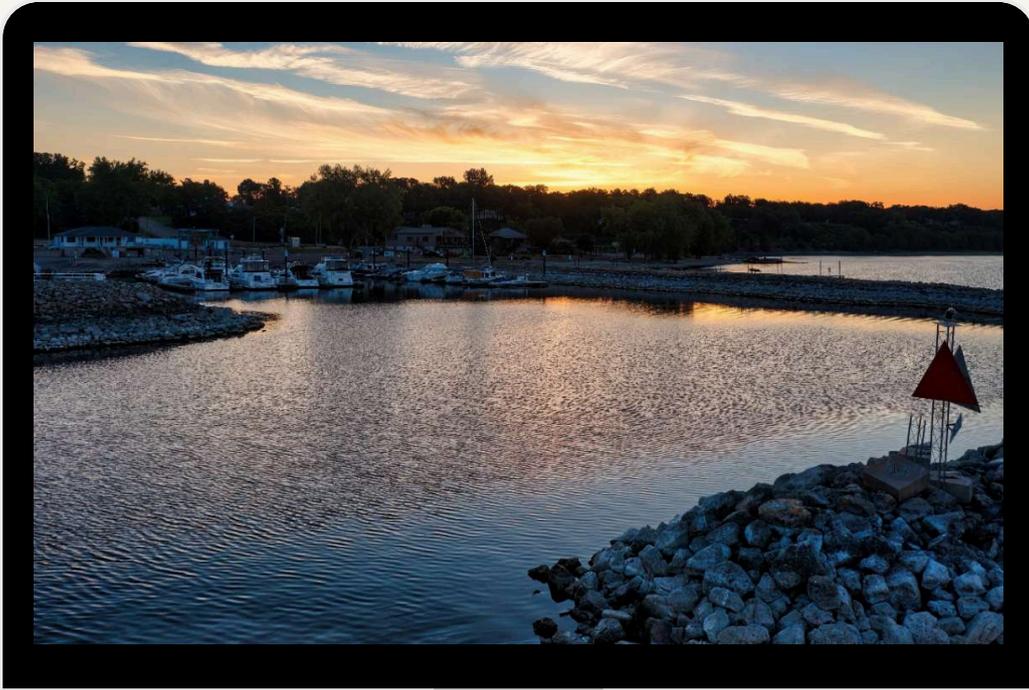
4. **The Colony / The Waters**

Tuscan-inspired homes with incredible architectural style.

Vibe: luxury, design-focused, resort-style

Fits: buyers wanting architectural charm + community amenities

Price: \$600K–\$1M+



IXL REAL ESTATE EASTERN SHORE

SPANISH FORT OVERVIEW

Spanish Fort is known for convenience, new growth, and quick access to Mobile. If you work across the bay but prefer quieter living, this is your spot.

Highlights:

- Newer construction everywhere
- Highly rated schools
- Major shopping district (Eastern Shore Centre)
- Easy commuting
- Safe, suburban, modern
-

Great for families, commuters, and anyone wanting brand-new development options.

SPANISH FORT NEIGHBORHOODS

Just a few.....

1. **Stonebridge**

One of the largest new-construction communities in Baldwin County.

Vibe: energetic, family-focused, fast-growing

Fits: families, military, Mobile commuters

Price: \$300K-\$500K+

2. **Blakeley Forest / Blakeley Oaks**

Beautiful, wooded, lush neighborhoods with estate-style homes.

Vibe: private, peaceful, natural

Fits: buyers wanting large lots and quiet streets

Price: \$400K-\$650K+

3. **Churchill / The Oaks**

Clean, newer homes with “small community” appeal.

Vibe: tidy, modern, suburban

Fits: first-time buyers, families

Price: \$300K-\$425K

4. **TimberCreek (Spanish Fort Side)**

Luxury, convenience, and golf — with its own private feel compared to the Daphne side.

Price: \$450K-\$1M+



IXL REAL ESTATE EASTERN SHORE

FOLEY OVERVIEW

Foley is exploding with growth due to its affordability and location.

Why people choose Foley:

- Great home prices
- Tons of shopping & restaurants
- Short drive to beaches
- New construction everywhere
- Good schools and amenities

Foley is ideal for buyers wanting value without giving up convenience.

FOLEY NEIGHBORHOODS

Just a few.....

1. **Glenlakes**

Foley's signature golf course community.

Vibe: peaceful, scenic, well-kept

Fits: retirees, golfers, anyone wanting "quiet but central"

Price: \$350K-\$600K

Cottages on the Greene

One of Foley's most charming and design-focused gated communities.

Vibe: upscale cottage-style, peaceful, walkable

Fits: retirees, small families, second-home buyers, anyone wanting low-maintenance charm

Price: \$300K-\$450K+

3. **Hidden Lakes / Graham Creek**

Near natural parks and outdoor opportunities.

Vibe: nature-oriented, peaceful

Fits: outdoor lovers, families

Price: \$300K-\$450K

4. **Downtown Foley**

The quiet, charming heart of Foley.

Vibe: small-town classic, walkable

Fits: buyers who want historic or character homes

Price: \$250K-\$450K



IXL REAL ESTATE EASTERN SHORE

GULF SHORES OVERVIEW

Gulf Shores is a classic Alabama beach town where white sand, palm trees, and water activities define the lifestyle.

Expect:

- Beach access
- Condos & coastal homes
- Local tourist scene
- Fishing, boating & the state park
- Strong rental market

Perfect for vacation homes, full-time coastal living, or investment properties.

GULF SHORES NEIGHBORHOODS

Just a few.....

1. **West Beach**

A blend of condos, beach cottages, and waterfront homes.

Vibe: lively, beach-town energy

Fits: second-home buyers, investors, beach lovers

Price: \$450K-\$3M+

2. **East Beach**

Closer to Gulf State Park → quieter, more nature-focused.

Vibe: peaceful, scenic, upscale

Fits: buyers wanting quiet beach living

Price: \$500K-\$3M+

3. **Craft Farms North / Emerald Greens**

Golf course + residential blend inland.

Vibe: resort-style, polished

Fits: retirees, golf lovers, families

Price: \$400K-\$700K+

4. **Gulf Shores Plantation / Fort Morgan**

A bit out of town, incredibly peaceful.

Vibe: remote, beachfront serenity

Fits: vacation seekers, investors

Price: \$250K-\$600K condos, \$900K-\$3M homes



IXL REAL ESTATE EASTERN SHORE

ORANGE BEACH OVERVIEW

Orange Beach offers a luxury coastal lifestyle, strong boating culture, and some of the nicest condo towers on the Gulf Coast.

Highlights:

- High-end condos
- Marina communities
- Boat-friendly subdivisions
- Great restaurants
- Premium amenities

Ideal for buyers wanting upscale coastal living.

ORANGE BEACH NEIGHBORHOODS

Just a few.....

1. Terry Cove

One of the best boating areas in all of Baldwin County.

Vibe: upscale, water-oriented, high demand

Fits: boaters, second-home buyers, luxury seekers

Price: \$700K-\$3M+

2. Turquoise Place

The flagship luxury condo tower on the Alabama coast.

Vibe: resort-level luxury

Fits: investors, luxury buyers, high-end second homes

Price: \$1.2M-\$3M+

3. Phoenix Series (I-X West & Gulf Towers)

Consistent quality + rental-friendly.

Vibe: active, fun, waterfront

Fits: investors, family rentals, second homes

Price: \$450K-\$1.2M+ depending on building

4. Ono Island

Exclusive, gated, private.

(You can choose whether to include this.)

Vibe: elite, waterfront, secure

Fits: boaters, executives, luxury buyers

Price: \$800K-\$6M+

COST OF LIVING

Baldwin County stands out as one of the most affordable coastal regions in the entire U.S., especially when compared to Florida, Texas, and the Carolinas. People relocating here are often surprised by how far their money goes — both in home prices and everyday living costs.

Below is a deeper look at the major categories buyers want to understand before moving.

1. Housing Costs (Your Biggest Advantage)

Housing is where Baldwin County shines the most. Across Daphne, Fairhope, Foley, Gulf Shores, and Orange Beach, buyers consistently get more home for the money than in most coastal markets.

General trends:

- Inland cities (Daphne • Fairhope • Spanish Fort • Foley) = lower prices
- Coastal cities (Gulf Shores • Orange Beach) = higher price points
- New construction = still competitively priced compared to national trends
- Condos = vary widely depending on rental potential, view, and amenities

This mix gives buyers more flexibility than almost any other beach-adjacent county in the Southeast.

2. Property Taxes (A Huge Draw)

Alabama has some of the lowest property taxes in the nation, and Baldwin County is no exception.

For many out-of-state buyers, this is one of the biggest financial benefits of moving here.

What this means for buyers:

- A \$400K home may cost less in taxes than a \$200K home in northern or coastal states
- Retirees find long-term affordability extremely appealing
- Investors benefit from higher net returns
- Tax bills remain predictable year after year

Low taxes are a key reason Baldwin County attracts relocators from states like Florida, Illinois, California, and Tennessee.

COST OF LIVING

3. Utilities & Monthly Expenses

Utilities are generally moderate, and vary depending on the type of home.

Typical expenses:

- Electricity: Higher in summer due to heat → most homes use electric HVAC
- Water & sewer: City-dependent, usually affordable
- Trash: Typically included in city utilities
- Internet: Fiber expanding rapidly (AT&T • Mediacom)

Condo owners should note that many utilities may be included in the HOA fee, especially internet and cable.

4. Insurance Costs (Varies by Location)

Insurance is the least predictable part of the cost of living because it varies greatly by property type, distance from coast, and age of roof.

Three big variables:

1. Wind & hail insurance (coastal influence)
2. Flood zones (street-specific, not neighborhood-specific)
3. Roof age (new roofs = major savings)

General rule:

- Inland cities (Daphne, Fairhope, Spanish Fort, Foley) = lower premiums
- Coastal zones (Gulf Shores, Orange Beach) = higher premiums, especially for older homes

Condos benefit from master policies that can significantly reduce individual owner expenses.

COST OF LIVING

5. Groceries, Gas & Daily Expenses

Groceries and gas in Baldwin County typically run right at or slightly below the national average.

Cost-conscious buyers appreciate that there's no "coastal tax" on everyday items like you see in major beach cities elsewhere.

Plenty of options including:

Publix • Winn Dixie • Rouses • Walmart • Target • Sam's Club
Gas is consistently cheaper than Florida and comparable to other parts of Alabama.

6. Entertainment, Recreation & Lifestyle

Another major benefit of Baldwin County is lifestyle cost. Beaches, parks, trails, nature preserves, bayfront access — most of it costs nothing.

Free or low-cost options:

- Gulf State Park
- Fairhope Pier
- Bayfront parks
- OWA events
- Boating access (public ramps everywhere)
- Festivals & markets

You get a major "quality of life upgrade" without necessarily spending more.

COST OF LIVING

🌴 7. How Baldwin County Compares to Other Coastal Markets

Compared to major coastal areas like Destin, Tampa, Charleston, or Wilmington, Baldwin County's overall cost of living is consistently lower across:

- Housing
- Taxes
- Insurance (inland)
- Traffic & commuting time
- Food & gas
- Recreation

This is why so many relocators view Baldwin County as a “best of both worlds” destination — coastal quality with suburban affordability.

📌 Final Takeaway

Baldwin County offers an impressive combination of:

- Coastal living
- Low taxes
- Reasonable home prices
- Affordable everyday expenses
- Flexible options for every budget

For most relocators, the total cost of living here feels significantly better than where they're coming from — especially when they compare home size, lot size, and the amenities of each city.





Cost of Living in Baldwin County

The **average home price** in Baldwin County reflects a growing real estate market.

370,000

“Understanding living costs is essential for making informed decisions about your future.”

Baldwin County Insights

A closer look at various costs can help residents manage their budgets more effectively.

1,200

Average monthly property tax rate

Homeowners pay an estimated **\$1,200** yearly for property taxes.

150

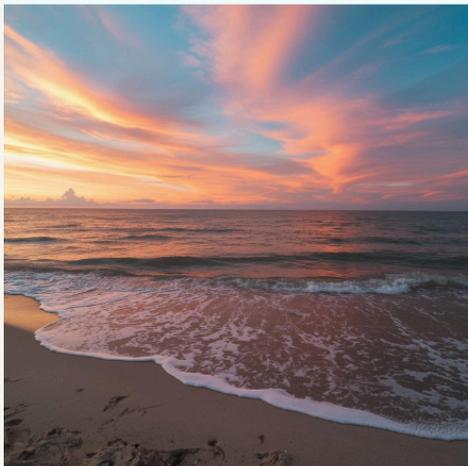
Monthly utility expenses

Utilities in Baldwin County average around **\$150**, covering electricity and water.

350

Monthly grocery expenses for a family

A family of four spends an estimated **\$350** monthly on groceries.



The cost of living in Baldwin County showcases a diverse economy with manageable expenses. Understanding these elements is crucial for current and prospective residents to ensure financial stability and growth in this thriving area.

[Discover more details](#)

HOUSING TYPES



You will find every type of property here:

- New construction
- Resale homes
- Single-level ranch homes
- Golf course communities
- Condos (inland + beachfront)
- Townhomes
- Waterfront estates
- Rural acreage



This variety is what makes Baldwin County so competitive as a relocation destination.





Housing Types in Baldwin County

35%

Thirty-five percent of housing units are new constructions in Baldwin County.

"The diversity of housing options reflects the evolving lifestyle preferences of residents and newcomers alike."

- Local Real Estate Expert

The range of housing types illustrates the area's appeal to a broad demographic spectrum.

25%

Suburban Neighborhoods (25%)
Twenty-five percent of homes are located in suburban neighborhoods, offering spacious living areas.

15%

Condos (Beach + Inland)
Condominiums make up fifteen percent, catering to both beachgoers and inland residents.

10%

Rural Acreage (10%)
Ten percent of properties provide rural acreage, ideal for those seeking tranquility and space.



Baldwin County showcases a **vibrant** housing market with diverse options, appealing to families, retirees, and individuals seeking unique lifestyles amidst natural beauty and coastal charm.

Explore your options today!

RENTING VS BUYING

Many buyers find that purchasing is often cheaper than renting due to:

- Low taxes
- Lower insurance inland
- Strong home appreciation

Renting is ideal if you're testing areas.

Buying is ideal if you're committed to putting roots down or planning long-term investment.

WWW.LIVEGULFSHORESLOCAL.COM



SCHOOLS

Overview

Baldwin County schools are consistently recognized as some of the strongest in Alabama.

The county invests heavily in:

- New facilities
- Technology
- Competitive extracurricular programs
- Advanced placement and career tech programs

Families consistently cite schools as a top reason for relocating here.



SCHOOLS

PUBLIC SCHOOL ZONES

Every major city is zoned for strong schools:

- Daphne — Daphne East, Daphne Elem, Daphne Middle, Daphne High
- Fairhope — Fairhope West, Fairhope East, Fairhope Middle, Fairhope High
- Spanish Fort — SF Middle, SF High
- Foley — Foley Elem, Foley Middle, Foley High
- Gulf Shores & Orange Beach — Independent city school systems

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Popular private options include:

- Bayside Academy (Daphne)
- St. Michael Catholic High (Fairhope)
- Christ the King (Daphne)
- Eastern Shore Montessori
- Snook Christian Academy
- Several church-based schools

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT CHECKLIST

To enroll your child, you'll need:

- Proof of residency
- Immunization form
- Birth certificate
- Previous school records
- Online registration (varies by school)

TRANSPORTATION

OVERVIEW

Baldwin County is easy to navigate with:

- I-10
- I-65
- Foley Beach Express
- Highway 98
- Highway 59

Most commute routes are simple, with optional backroads locals use to avoid traffic.

COMMUTE TIMES

To Mobile:

- Spanish Fort: 5–15 minutes
- Daphne: 10–20 minutes
- Fairhope: 20–30 minutes

To the beach:

- Foley: 10–20 minutes
- Daphne/Fairhope: 30–45 minutes

TRAVEL & HIGHWAYS

- Quick access to New Orleans, Atlanta, and Florida
- Cruise ports in Mobile
- State park access in Gulf Shores
- Toll routes to reduce beach traffic

AIRPORTS

You have three great airports to choose from:

- Pensacola International (PNS) — main option
- Mobile International Airport (BFM)
- Jack Edwards Airport (Gulf Shores) — private & commercial flights



Baldwin County Commute Times

25

The average commute time from Spanish Fort to Daphne is **25 minutes**, making it a convenient route.

"Efficiency in commuting enhances our quality of life and strengthens community connections."

- Local Transportation Advocate

Understanding commute times helps residents make informed decisions about their daily travel and lifestyle.

30

Average commute from Daphne to Fairhope

The commute takes about **30 minutes** under normal traffic conditions.

35

Travel time from Fairhope to Foley

Commuters experience an average journey of **35 minutes** between these two locations.

20

Quickest route from Foley to Daphne

The fastest commute can be as short as **20 minutes** during off-peak hours.

BALDWIN COUNTY COMMUTE US DORWARD COUNTY



Merippon | NorthAire
Of County Colorty
100 Parkwood Pkwy



Overall, these statistics highlight the importance of understanding local commute dynamics, encouraging residents to explore efficient routes and consider carpooling options for better community engagement and traffic management.

Discover more insights

JOB MARKET

Top industries include:

- Healthcare
- Education
- Tourism
- Engineering
- Aviation
- Construction
- Retail

Work-from-home professionals love Baldwin County due to sunshine, affordability, and strong internet access.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Some of the biggest employers include:

- Baldwin County Schools
- Baldwin EMC
- OWA
- South Baldwin Regional
- City governments
- Publix, Walmart, Lowe's
- Tourism & hospitality sector

Work from Home Life

Remote workers love Baldwin County for:

- Affordable homes with office space
- High-speed fiber internet
- Cafés and coworking spots
- Easy access to nature during breaks

WEATHER/CLIMATE

Expect:

- Hot, sunny summers
- Mild winters
- Light freezes rare
- Afternoon summer showers
- Beautiful spring/fall seasons

HURRICANES & INSURANCE

Living near the coast means being prepared.

Insurance is manageable but varies:

- Inland areas = lower premiums
- Beach condos = master policies
- Roof age matters
- Flood zones vary by street

HURRICANE PREP CHECKLIST

- Emergency kit
- Flashlights & batteries
- Bottled water
- Medications
- Insurance documents
- Evacuation plan
- Full fuel tank





Hurricane Prep Checklist

70%

70% of hurricane victims were not prepared. Ensure you are ready ahead of time.

"Preparation is the key to safety during a hurricane. Don't wait until it's too late."

– Emergency Management Expert

Proper planning can save lives and minimize damage during hurricane season, leading to safer communities.

40%

Percentage of homes with inadequate supplies

Only 40% of homes have essential supplies ready.

60%

Households lacking a first aid kit

60% of households do not have a first aid kit.

50%

Families without an evacuation plan

Half of families lack a clear evacuation route and plan.



Understanding these statistics emphasizes the need for proactive measures and community engagement in hurricane preparedness to protect lives and property effectively.

Prepare your home today!

OUTDOOR THINGS TO DO

Baldwin County is one of those rare places where stepping outside never feels like a chore—it's an invitation. Whether you're five minutes from the coast in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach or tucked away near the bay in Daphne, Fairhope, or Spanish Fort, the outdoors is a big part of everyday life here.

Gulf State Park is the crown jewel of outdoor living in our area. With over 6,000 acres of protected land, pristine beaches, and the well-known Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail system, you can walk, bike, fish, paddle, or simply relax. The park's elevated boardwalks and quiet nature paths are perfect for spotting deer, turtles, and the occasional alligator, while the fishing pier gives you one of the best views on the entire coast.

If you love the water—and most people who move here do—kayaking becomes a natural part of your weekly routine. Whether you're paddling along the calm inlets of Orange Beach, exploring the creeks around Magnolia Springs, or gliding across the glassy surface of the bay at sunset, kayaking here feels peaceful and accessible for all skill levels.

For those who prefer a rod and reel, fishing is woven into the lifestyle—whether it's surf fishing on the beach, casting from the piers, or heading offshore for red snapper. And if you love staying active, Baldwin County is full of hiking trails that range from easy boardwalks to longer wooded routes where you can disappear into the quiet for a while.

OUTDOOR THINGS TO DO



**GULF
STATE
PARK**



KAYAKING



**MOBILE
BAY
SUNSETS**



FISHING



**HIKING
TRAILS**



BIRDWATCHING



**PUBLIC
BEACHES**

**PUBLIC
BEACHES**



DINING/SHOPPING

Baldwin County is a true food lover's destination, offering everything from fresh-off-the-boat seafood to locally sourced Southern classics. One of the most beloved spots for both locals and visitors is the Fairhope Pier area, where waterfront restaurants serve up coastal favorites with unbeatable views of Mobile Bay. Whether you're grabbing a casual lunch or settling in for a sunset dinner, the combination of good food and bay breezes is hard to beat.

Down in Gulf Shores, seafood is the star of the show. From iconic beachside shacks to upscale coastal kitchens, you'll find shrimp, oysters, grouper, and snapper prepared every way imaginable. Many places source directly from local fishermen, so the flavor and freshness stand out in every bite.

In Orange Beach, the marinas have become dining destinations of their own. Restaurants along the docks offer a lively, vacation-style atmosphere where you can enjoy a meal while watching charter boats roll in with the day's catch. It's also one of the best spots in the county for waterfront brunches and live music in the evenings.

For everyday convenience, the Daphne and Spanish Fort shopping district is packed with dining options ranging from national favorites to independently owned cafés and grills. Residents love having so many choices just minutes from home. If you're craving something fun and family-friendly, OWA Parks & Resort in Foley has a growing lineup of dining options, perfect before or after a day at Tropic Falls. And for fresh produce, baked goods, and local treats, Baldwin County's farmers markets offer a true taste of the community.

EVENTS/FESTIVALS

There seems to be something happening every weekend in Baldwin County, in multiple places!



Popular events:

- Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival
- Shrimp Festival
- Mardi Gras (Eastern Shore parades!)
- Boat parades
- Christmas festivities
- Concerts
- Renaissance Fairs



MOVING CHECKLIST

the ultimate
MOVING
checklist

2+ MONTHS OUT

- START DECLUTTERING
- RESEARCH MOVING COMPANIES
- ORGANIZE PAPERWORK
-
-

6 WEEKS OUT

- GATHER MOVING SUPPLIES
- EAT THROUGH THE FREEZER
- MAKE A SHOPPING LIST
- PACK NONESSENTIALS
- RESEARCH NEW AREA

1 MONTH OUT

- BOOK MOVERS
- SCHEDULE TRASH PICKUP
- SET UP CHANGE OF ADDRESS
- SCHEDULE UTILITIES CHANGE
- PLAN FOR PETS!

2 WEEKS OUT

- PREP MOVING DAY SCHEDULE
- SCHEDULE POST-MOVE CLEAN
- MAKE A KIT FOR NEW OWNERS
- SCHEDULE TIME OFF WORK
- FINAL DECLUTTERING

1 WEEK OUT

- PACK A "MOVING DAY" KIT
- CLEAR OUT FRIDGE
- MAKE A SAFE BOX

2-3 DAYS OUT

- DEFROST FREEZER
- GET CASH
- CONFIRM SCHEDULE
- GATHER MOVING DAY SNACKS

MOVING DAY

- EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST
- CHANGE YOUR LOCKS
- SAY GOODBYE TO THE OLD HOUSE



THANK YOU!

Moving to Baldwin County is a big decision — and you deserve a guide who makes it simple. Whether you're relocating for work, retirement, or the coastal lifestyle, I'm here to help you every step of the way.

Contact Me:

Jeff Nelson

IXL Real Estate Eastern Shore

251-654-2523

jeff@livegulfshoreslocal.com

Let's find your new home in Baldwin County.

LIVEGULFSHOESLOCAL.COM