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.



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SHELBY COUNTY

The Shelby County Drug Enforcement Task Force is the clearly major driver of asset forfeiture in Shelby County. In 38% of all cases linked to criminal charges, the person charged was black (county is 12% black).



21% CASES WHERE CRIMINAL CHARGES NOT FILED AGAINST PROPERTY OWNER DISPOSED CASES RESULTING IN DEFAULT JUDGMENT

WHERE THE MONEY WENT

Shelby County Drug Enforcement Task Force	\$31,690
Calera Police Department	\$787
Irondale Police Department	\$6,175
Hoover Police Department	\$1,226
Pelham Police Department	\$1,817

COUNTIES REVIEWED

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

Mobile
 Montgomery
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 Clair
 Tuscaloosa
 Pike
 Houston
 DeKalb
 Cherokee
 Calhoun
 Marion