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.



MOBILE COUNTY

The largest drivers of civil forfeiture in the county were the drug units at the county's two major law enforcement agencies. In 72% of the cases where criminal charges were filed against the property owner, the charges were related to marijuana. In 72% of all cases linked to criminal charges, the person charged was black (county is 36% black).





WHERE THE MONEY WENT

Mobile Police Department Narcotics and Vice Unit	\$221,737
Mobile County District Attorney	\$169,226
Mobile County Street Enforcement Narcotics Team	\$74,095
Mobile County Sheriff's Office Narcotics and Vice Unit	\$57,123
Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences	\$25,425
Mobile Police Department Tactical Intelligence Detail	\$9,341
Saraland Police Department	\$2,904
Citronelle Police Department	\$2,410
Prichard Police Department	\$1,276
Dauphin island Police Department	\$1,008
Alabama Law Enforcement Agency	\$846

COUNTIES REVIEWED

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

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