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What's closed in AL for Labor Day?

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Labor Day is just around the corner, and Alabama residents may be wondering when the federal holiday falls this year and whether it is an official state holiday.

The holiday gives many Americans a three-day weekend and marks the unofficial end of summer. In Alabama, Labor Day is also included on the state's official 2026 holiday calendar.

When is Labor Day 2026?

Labor Day falls on Monday, Sept. 7. Because Labor Day is always observed on the first Monday in September, its date changes from year to year. In 2025, Labor Day was Sept. 1. In 2027, it will fall on Sept. 6. Labor Day means a long weekend, the final stretch of summer activities and the start of the fall holiday season.

Is Labor Day a holiday in Alabama?

Yes. Labor Day is an official state

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Thousands enjoy the beach in Ocean City on Sept. 3, 2021. PROVIDED BY STEPHEN MATHEWS

Alabama's 10 best paying careers

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Alabama has no shortage of high-paying careers, from aerospace and engineering to healthcare. But the job at the very top of the state's pay scale stands out.

The average annual wage for Alabama's highest-paid occupation is \$471,790, according to 2025 data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics. That's more than eight times what the typical Alabama worker earns.

So, what job commands that kind of paycheck?

What is the highest-paying job in Alabama?

Cardiologists have the highest average annual wage of any occupation in Alabama, earning \$471,790, according

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The Conecuh Dawg is grilled Conecuh Sausage smothered with braised onions and Poblano peppers served on a hot dog roll. TONY GIBERSON/USA TODAY NETWORK

Taste buds have spoken

Conecuh, Wickles among Alabama foods in Southern Living Hall of Fame

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If you've ever argued over best chips, picked up a favorite sausage on the way home or insisted that a certain barbecue sauce belongs on just about everything, you're not alone. • Southern food inspires strong opinions, and now four Alabama favorites have earned a place among the 50 iconic foods and drinks selected by Southern Living readers.

The magazine recently unveiled its Southern Food Hall of Fame: 50 Iconic Foods and Drinks Chosen by Readers, a collection of regional staples spanning everything from pantry essentials and pickles to barbecue sauces, snacks and road-trip favorites.

Four Alabama products made the cut. The Alabama picks represent a pretty good cross-section of Southern eating. There's something tangy, something smoky, something saucy and something crispy.

Wickles Pickles—Dadeville, Alabama

If you like your pickles with a little extra attitude, Wickles is probably familiar territory.

The Dadeville company made Southern Living's list at No. 13, thanks to its famously zesty brine. Wickles has been making its signature pickles since 1998, using a family brine recipe that dates back decades.

And the pickles aren't limited to cucumbers. Wickles' brine has also been used to give vegetables such as okra a spicy, punchy upgrade.

Conecuh Sausage—Evergreen, Alabama

For many Alabamians, Conecuh Sausage isn't just something you toss on the grill. It's practically part of the state's food vocabulary.

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Halsey Townes, left, executive vice president of Golden Flake, Inc., Birmingham and Don Brothers, president of Don's Foods, Inc., Nashville, examine potato chips on the production line of the local firm July 15, 1963. Don's Foods, Inc., a potato chip manufacturing and snack foods firm established in Nashville two years ago, was merged into Golden Flake, Inc., Birmingham, the South's largest independent snack food company.

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