

ADVANTAGES FOR RETIREMENT SERVICES



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Demand for Services, Aging Population

- The median age in Jackson County is 42.3, which is nearly four years higher than the U.S.
- The county has a significant aging population with 54% age 40 or above and, of those, 25% are age 60 or above. The population over the age of 50 is projected to increase 9% by 2018.
- There are two assisted living facilities and three retirement homes in Jackson County, and these facilities tend to be at capacity.

Recreational Amenities

- Goose Pond Colony Resort, located on the banks of the Tennessee River and nestled into the Cumberland Mountains, has golf courses, lakeside cottages, waterfront campgrounds, a full-service marina, restaurants, a swimming pool, and an amphitheater.
- The Jackson County Senior Center provides exercise classes and equipment, games, luncheons, breakfasts, and many other activities.

Available Healthcare

- Highlands Medical Center in Scottsboro offers services including skilled nursing care, medication administration, IV therapy, wound care, alternative nutrition, palliative care, mental health services, and physical, occupational, and speech therapy.
- Highlands Medical Center also offers home health services and features specialized centers for maternity care, sleep disorders, imaging, and surgery. This facility was recently recognized by Alabama Quality Assurance Foundation (AQAF), the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Alabama, as one of the top-performing hospitals in Alabama.

Low Cost of Living

- The overall cost of living in Jackson County is 13.5 percent lower than that of the U.S.



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Available, Affordable Workforce and Training

- There are more than 20,000 workers employed in the healthcare industry in the region.
- Nearby Northeast Alabama Community College offers an Associate Degree in Nursing Program (RN), a Licensed Practical Nursing Program, Certified Nursing Assistant Program, as well as a Medical Assistant Program.
- The Earnest Pruett Center of Technology and Scottsboro High School offer a Certified Nursing Assistant Program.
- Jackson County is projected to see a 44 percent growth in employment in the Home Health Care sector through 2018 and a 47 percent growth in employment in Nursing Care Facilities through 2018.