A selection of fun facts, surprising figures and other distinctions from across campus.

- UAB ranks 34th in federal research funding, based on 2016 figures, which is 18th among public universities.
- UAB ranked #66 worldwide for U.S. utility patents granted in the 2016 “Top 100” list from the National Academy of Inventors.
- UAB’s research team includes 984 principal investigators and 2,500 key personnel. In 2016, 4,850 submitted proposals led to 1,943 new competitive awards.
- UAB researchers have teamed with helmet manufacturer VICIS in an effort to create safer football helmet designs. UAB’s efforts to study concussion and traumatic brain injury range from basic research to high-impact testing in a custom lab at Birmingham’s Barber Motorsports Park.
- $7.15B UAB’s annual economic impact.
- Through a nearly $6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, UAB and a broad coalition of 15 public and private organizations in Birmingham will train local youth for 925 high-paying IT jobs.
- Each year, Collat School of Business students save local working families nearly $600,000 in commercial tax preparation fees by volunteering their time to prepare thousands of tax returns for free. Their work secures more than $3 million for the families annually.
- Becker’s Hospital Review named the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center as one of the nation’s “100 Hospitals and Health Systems with Great Oncology Programs” in 2016. Also in 2016, the Cancer Center was awarded a five-year, $29-million renewal of its core grant from the National Cancer Institute.
- There are more than 4,000 trees on UAB’s campus. The Arbor Day Foundation recognized UAB with the 2016 Tree Campus USA designation for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation.
- With 23,000 employees, UAB is Alabama’s largest single employer.
- 90,000 listeners in North Central Alabama tune in weekly to NPR affiliate WBHM on UAB’s campus. The station celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2016, it went on the air on Dec. 5, 1976.
- 90.3 WBHM.
- 50 original letters from Florence Nightingale are on display at the UAB School of Nursing.
- Total research expenditures at UAB exceeded $528M in 2016.
- 14:1 Return on investment from research in the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center. With base funding of $10 million, Cancer Center investigators receive $140 million in grants and contracts.
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- 4,400+ babies delivered at UAB Hospital in 2016, including 146 sets of twins.
In 2016, Team UAB finished #1 in the Birmingham Choose Healthy Challenge for the second straight year.

Birmingham has more green space per capita than any city in the country.

500+ underserved and homeless people received free tooth cleanings, restorations and extractions as part of the UAB Dentistry Cares Community Day in October 2016.

There were 4,079 student enrollments in 256 service learning courses at UAB in 2016-2017.

UAB is a founding partner in Innovation Depot, the largest high-tech incubator in the Southeast, which had an economic impact of $1.42 billion between 2011 and 2016.

The employee-led UAB Benevolent Fund works with more than 120 local nonprofit organizations.

UAB Hospital received a 2016 Women’s Choice Award placing it among the best breast health centers in the country.

21 new drugs in the pipeline for the Alabama Drug Discovery Alliance, a UAB-Southern Research partnership.

AnPlay, the Alys Stephens Center’s home for arts education, reached a new milestone in 2015, serving more than 17,000 individuals in the Birmingham area through the arts.

UAB did business with some 1,700 Birmingham suppliers, spending $272M in FY2015.

MBA dual-degree programs offered through the Collat School of Business and other schools on campus focused on medicine, engineering and public health, including DMD/MBA, MD/MBA, and OD/MBA programs.

10 of UAB’s specialties ranked among the nation’s top 50 programs of their kind in the nation in the 2017-2018 Best Hospitals report from U.S. News & World Report.

UAB Medicine provides care to people in every county in Alabama.

There were 1,158 medical staff at UAB Medicine in FY2015.

The UAB Women & Infants Center houses the largest regional neonatal intensive care unit (RNICU) in the Southeast.

UAB is one of 7 inaugural NIH-designated Centers for AIDS Research.

2700 graduate students

250 postdoctoral fellows and

2,150 undergraduates contribute to UAB research

19,535 students, including 2,021 first-time freshmen, were enrolled at UAB in fall 2016.

A record 17 lost pyramids and more than 1,000 settlements discovered by UAB space archaeologist Sarah Parcak using satellite imaging. Parcak has won the 2016 TED Prize for her pioneering work.

Special freezers developed by UAB engineers are in orbit aboard the International Space Station.