



Shelby County was created by an act of the Alabama Territorial General Assembly on 7 February 1818, from former Creek Indian territory ceded in the Treaty of Fort Jackson on 9 August 1814. The county was formed out of the northern portion of what was then Montgomery County. Originally, Shelby County was one of the largest counties in the state. However, the state legislature soon began carving up the area to create other counties, including St. Clair County, Jefferson, Talladega, and Chilton counties. The marker for the geographic center for the state of Alabama can be found on the steps of Main Hall at the University of Montevallo. The University of Montevallo was named a "best value" school by US News and World Report.

Congressman Bachus represents Shelby County in its entirety. The major cities in Shelby County are Alabaster, Calera, Pelham, Columbiana, Bessemer and Montevallo.

The American Village allows one to travel back in time to the beginnings of our great nation. Other attractions in Shelby County include the Aldrich Coal Mining Museum, Oak Mountain State Park, Oak Mountain Amphitheatre, Smith Harrison Museum, and dear to Congressman Bachus' heart, the Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum. Congressman Bachus is a railroad buff and enthusiast.