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PEOPLES BANK OF ALABAMA INCLUDED IN THE FORBES LIST OF AMERICA'S BEST-IN-STATE BANKS 2026 FOR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

CULLMAN, ALABAMA – June 26, 2026 – Peoples Bank of Alabama has been named to the Forbes list of America's Best-In-State Banks 2026 for the fifth consecutive year. This recognition is presented in partnership with Statista, a leading global provider of market data and industry rankings. The full ranking was announced June 17, 2026, and is available at [Forbes.com](https://www.forbes.com).

The America's Best-In-State Banks 2026 ranking is based on an independent survey of thousands of U.S. consumers and publicly available reviews. To be eligible, banks and credit unions must meet a minimum number of evaluations, with recognized institutions averaging more than 635 evaluations. The ranking focuses on institutions operating in 14 states or fewer that are not online-only banks, reflecting the value of strong regional and community banking relationships.

Institutions are evaluated on key criteria including customer satisfaction, trust, financial advice, digital services, terms and conditions, and customer service. Top-performing banks and credit unions in each state are recognized based on overall performance and customer sentiment.

"We are honored to be recognized as one of the best banks in the nation again this year," said Tim Williams, Peoples Bank of Alabama's Chief Executive Officer. "Being recognized five years in a row — by our own customers — means more than any award. It tells me our team shows up for people every single day, and that's something I'm truly proud of."

"Five straight years of customer-driven recognition doesn't happen by accident. It reflects a team that genuinely cares, and I'm proud to be part of that." said Chuck Herndon, President of Peoples Bank of Alabama. "We are honored to be named to this list once again and remain committed to serving the financial needs of our communities across North and Central Alabama."

Peoples Bank of Alabama, headquartered in Cullman, Alabama, is a trusted community bank dedicated to serving families, individuals, workers, and businesses in North and Central Alabama. We are in the

banking business because we believe in helping individuals with their financial well-being. Whether it's a loan to buy a couple's first home, or a commercial loan to help a business expand, our passion is helping our neighbors achieve their dreams. That's why we are the people's bank – because we care about people. Visit our website at peoplesbankal.com and learn more about how you can save, grow, and invest with confidence –where people come first. Member FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender.

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