Lanier County Community Profile

157th in order of county creation
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Total Population
Lanier County

2010 Trend CAED: 8,288
2010 Proj. OPB: 7,665
2004 Est.: 7,463
2000: 7,241
1990: 5,531
1980: 5,654
1970: 5,031
1960: 5,097
1950: 5,151
1940: 5,632
1930: 5,190

Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses & estimate; CAED (Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development); OPB (State Office of Planning & Budget).
## 2004 County Population Comparisons

<table>
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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Total Rank</th>
<th>Density per sq.mi. land area</th>
<th>% Chg. 2000-04</th>
<th>Rank of % Chg.</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau
Components of Population Change: 2000-2004
Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Numerical Change</th>
<th># Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
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<th># Net Migration</th>
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<td>Avg. GA Co.</td>
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<td>298,562</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau

* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM. Average annual estimates of annual rates per 1,000 population.
Population Change: 2000-2004

Losses:
- 0 – 4.3%
- 4.3 – 7.8%
- 7.8 – 15.7%
- 15.7 – 34%

GA = 7.8%
US = 4.3%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Vital Statistics

2003 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Lanier Co.: 15.9, Georgia: 15.6
- Unwed per 100 total births: Lanier Co.: 34.2, Georgia: 38.1
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Lanier Co.: 34.4, Georgia: 35.1
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Lanier Co.: 10.7, Georgia: 7.6
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: Lanier Co.: 0.4, Georgia: 16.8
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Lanier Co.: 9.1, Georgia: 8.8
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Lanier Co.: 11.0, Georgia: 8.8

10-yr. rates 1994-2003

2003 Lanier Co. Natality Data
117 total births, 40 unwed births
0 induced terminations
18 teen pregnancies
14 low birth weight babies

2003 Lanier Co. Mortality Data
79 total deaths
3 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2000

Grad or Prof Degree: Lanier Co. 3.3, Georgia 8.3
Bachelor's degree: Lanier Co. 5.5, Georgia 16.0
Associate degree: Lanier Co. 4.7, Georgia 5.2
Some college, no degree: Lanier Co. 19.3, Georgia 20.4
HS Grad: Lanier Co. 28.7, Georgia 34.2
9th-12th no diploma: Lanier Co. 13.8, Georgia 22.3
< 9th grade: Lanier Co. 7.6, Georgia 10.7

Percent of Persons Age 25+

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Lanier Co.
Not completing HS = 33.0%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 8.8%
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2003-04

Lanier Co.
K-12 enrollment = 1,414
HS dropouts = 0
General Fund expenditures per pupil = $6,389

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement
Per Capita Income: 1998-2003

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

2003 PCI
Lanier Co. = $20,818
Georgia = $29,000
U.S. = $31,472
Per Capita Income: 1998-2003
Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
## Per Capita Income: 2003

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<th>County</th>
<th>PCI</th>
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<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
<th>% Change in PCI 1998-2003</th>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>$22,879</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
Median Household Income
2002 Model-Based Estimates

US: $42,409
GEORGIA: $42,359
GA Avg. Co.: $34,153
LANIER: $28,236
ATKINSON: $25,314
BERRIEN: $29,574
CLINCH: $25,879
ECHOLS: $26,149
LOWNDES: $31,980

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau
Transfer Receipts: 2003
Lanier Co. Total = $36,710,000

Lanier Co.

$4,953 per capita transfer receipts

23.8% of total personal income
-2.9% change in total 2002-2003

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis
# Persons Living Below Poverty Level

## 2002 Model-Based Estimates

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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2002 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family of 4 persons in 2002 = $18,392

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Unemployment Rates

2004 Rates

Lanier Co. = 3.6  GA = 4.6  US = 5.5

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
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Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2004

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2004
Lanier Co. Total Value = $28,421,616

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2004
Lanier Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $96,994,790

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
## County Property Tax Digest Comparisons: 2004

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<th>% Industrial</th>
<th>% Motor Vehicle</th>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
### Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>'03 County-wide Millage*</th>
<th>'03 School Millage*</th>
<th>'03 Taxes Levied* ($000)</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 10/05</th>
<th>LOST Type* as of 10/05</th>
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*All tax districts are assessed an additional .250 state millage. Taxes Levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option Sales Tax, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
Retail Sales Analysis: 2004
Lanier Co. Total Retail Sales = $26,128,000

A “pull factor” of 1.0 means that the county’s sales are what would be expected based upon the number of residents and their relative wealth.

Resident workers 16+ = 2,985
Residents working in county = 1,036
Residents working out of county = 1,949
Total working in county = 1,609
Workers commuting into county = 573

Lanier County
Mean travel time to work = 26.8 min.
Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.29

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

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