Total Population
Cook County

2010 Trend CAED: 17,450
2010 Proj. OPB: 16,827
2004 Est.: 16,255
2000: 15,771
1990: 13,456
1980: 13,490
1970: 12,129
1960: 11,822
1950: 12,201
1940: 11,919
1930: 11,311

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

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2000 Median Age
Cook Co. = 34.3 yrs.
GA = 33.4 yrs.

Change in proportion 1990-2000
-0.8 +2.1 -0.1 -1.0 -0.2

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2004 County Population Comparisons

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<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau
Population Change: 1930-2000

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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

Loss

- 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: 14.9 (Cook Co.), 15.6 (Georgia)
- Unwed per 100 total births: 38.1 (Georgia), 41.6 (Georgia)
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: 34.0 (Georgia), 35.1 (Georgia)
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: 7.6 (Georgia)
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: 1.1 (Georgia)
- Low birth weight per 100 births: 10.2 (Georgia), 8.8 (Georgia)
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: 9.0 (Georgia), 8.8 (Georgia)

**2003 Cook Co. Natality Data**
- 238 total births, 99 unwed births
- 1 induced terminations
- 42 teen pregnancies
- 32 low-birth-weight babies

**2003 Cook Co. Mortality Data**
- 156 total deaths
- 2 infant deaths

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

Cook Co.
Not completing HS = 35.4%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 8.1%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2002-03

- Teachers w/adv degrees
  - Cook Co.: 39.0%
  - Georgia: 50.0%
  - Georgia: 63.3%
  - Georgia: 71.5%

- College prep certif
  - Cook Co.: 63.3%
  - Georgia: 71.5%

- Class '03 Completion
  - Cook Co.: 57.7%
  - Georgia: 63.2%

- Econ. disadvantaged
  - Cook Co.: 57.3%
  - Georgia: 63.2%

- Students w/disab
  - Cook Co.: 11.9%
  - Georgia: 12.2%

- Retained in grade
  - Cook Co.: 7.3%
  - Georgia: 4.1%

- Absent >15 days
  - Cook Co.: 13.8%
  - Georgia: 4.4%

- HS Dropout rate
  - Cook Co.: 8.1%
  - Georgia: 5.5%

Primary data sources: Governor’s Office of Student Achievement, and GA Dept. of Education

Cook Co.
Enrollment, K-12 = 3,215
H.S. dropouts, grades 9-12 = 76
Expenditures per pupil = $6,646
Per Capita Income: 1998-2003

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

2003 PCI
Cook Co. = $18,849
Georgia = $29,000
U.S. = $31,472
**Per Capita Income: 1998-2003**

Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
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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
COOK: $27,079
BERRIEN: $29,574
BROOKS: $25,057
COLQUITT: $27,095
LOWNDES: $31,980
TIFT: $31,376

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Transfer Receipts: 2003
Cook Co. Total = $79,754,000

- Medicare: 19.5%
- Pub Med Assist: 23.5%
- Retirement/Disab: 31.7%
- Food Stamps: 2.9%
- Other Inc Maint: 6.6%
- Unemp: 2.7%
- Veteran Benefit: 3.4%
- All Other: 8.2%

Cook Co.
$4,955 per capita transfer receipts
26.3% of total personal income
-3.1% 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

- **Cook Co. = 5.2**
- **GA = 4.6**
- **US = 5.5**

**Primary data source:** GA Dept. of Labor
Business Establishments, Employment and Wages
Cook County 2003 Annual Averages, % of Total

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2003

GOODS Producing
- Agriculture: 0.0
- Construction: 4.5
- Manufacturing: 19.0

SERVICE Producing
- Wholesale trade: 6.3
- Retail trade: 8.9
- Finance-Ins: 3.3
- Prof-Sci-Tech: 1.0
- Adm-Waste svc: 1.3
- Health-Soc Svcs: 8.5
- Accomo-Food svc: 8.3
- All other svcs: 4.1
- GOVERNMENT: 15.5

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2004
Cook Co. Total Value = $75,500,209

- Veges: 38.7%
- Row-Forage crops: 29.0%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 11.9%
- Forestry: 2.7%
- Livestock: 4.0%
- Other: 11.7%
- Fruits-Nuts: 2.0%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2004
Cook Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $349,742,000

- Residential: 33.2% (Cook Co.), 40.6% (GA Total), 52.0% (GA Avg. Co.)
- Ag/Pref/Environ: 22.7%
- Commercial: 22.6%
- Industrial: 7.7%
- Utility: 5.7%
- Motor Vehicle: 10.2%
- Mobile Home: 1.1%
- Timber: 0.2%

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

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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

**Cook Co. Total Retail Sales = $121,323,000**

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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+ = 6,616
Residents working in county = 3,955
Residents working out of county = 2,661
Total working in county = 5,741
Workers commuting into county = 1,786

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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