Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses & estimate; CAED (Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development).
Total Population: 2004

Northwest
Avg Co 140,105
Total 5,464,110

Northeast
Avg Co 34,672
Total 1,386,891

Southwest
Avg Co 22,059
Total 882,367

Southeast
Avg Co 27,400
Total 1,096,015

Georgia
Avg Co 55,531
Total 8,829,383

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Population Change: 1930-2000

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Northeast total change 1930-2004 = 158.5%
Population Change: 2000-2004

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Northeast
Avg Co  8.1%
Total   8.5%

Northwest
Avg Co  10.0%
Total  9.2%

Southwest
Avg Co  1.4%
Total  3.3%

Southeast
Avg Co  4.4%
Total  4.3%

GA Avg Co  6.0%
GA Total  7.8%
US  4.3%
Until 1960, natural increase (an excess of births over deaths) accounted for virtually all of Georgia's growth. Georgia is expected to rank 4th among 50 states in the number of persons gained through net internal migration during the 30-yr. period of 1995 and 2025.

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

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau
Northeast District Population Composition by Age

Change in proportion 1990-2000

Average for Northeast District Co = 37.0 yrs
GA = 33.4 yrs

2000 Median Age
Avg NE Dist Co = 37.0 yrs
US = 35.3 yrs

Primary data source:
U.S. Census Bureau
Number of Youth Ages 0-17: 2003

Northwest
Avg Co 36,736
Total 1,432,717

Southwest
Avg Co 5,884
Total 235,349

Southeast
Avg Co 7,195
Total 287,814

Georgia
Avg Co 14,445
Total 2,296,759

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Population by Race and Ethnicity: 2003

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Persons of Hispanic Origin may be of any race so are not included in the pie chart.
Percentage Black Population: 2003

- **Northwest**: Avg Co 21.2%, Total 28.9%
- **Northeast**: Avg Co 20.1%, Total 20.6%
- **Southwest**: Avg Co 39.1%, Total 37.3%
- **Southeast**: Avg Co 29.6%, Total 31.3%
- **Georgia**: Avg Co 27.5%, Total 28.7%
- **US**: 12.8%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Percentage Hispanic Population: 2003

Northwest
Avg Co  5.0%
Total 7.5%

Southeast
Avg Co  3.9%
Total 3.5%

Northeast
Avg Co  3.1%
Total 5.3%

Southwest
Avg Co  3.7%
Total 3.5%

Georgia
Avg Co  3.9%
Total 6.2%
US 13.7%

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

2003 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: NE Dist Avg Co 13.0, GA Avg Co 14.0, GA Total 15.6
- Unwed per 100 total births: NE Dist Avg Co 37.4, GA Avg Co 42.2, GA Total 38.1
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: NE Dist Avg Co 32.1, GA Avg Co 36.5, GA Total 35.1
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: NE Dist Avg Co 9.9, GA Avg Co 9.7, GA Total 7.6
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: NE Dist Avg Co 10.7, GA Avg Co 9.1, GA Total 16.8
- Low birth weight per 100 births: NE Dist Avg Co 8.6, GA Avg Co 9.2, GA Total 8.8
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: NE Dist Avg Co 9.2, GA Avg Co 9.7, GA Total 8.8

10-yr. rates 1994-2003

2003 NE Dist Avg Co Natality Data
491 total births, 189 unwed births
93 induced terminations
85 teen pregnancies
42 low-birth-weight babies

2003 NE Dist Avg Co Mortality Data
298 total deaths
4 infant deaths

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

- **Grad or Prof Degree**
  - NE Dist Avg Co: 5.8%
  - GA Avg Co: 5.1%
  - Georgia: 8.3%

- **Bachelor’s degree**
  - NE Dist Avg Co: 16.0%
  - GA Avg Co: 9.3%
  - Georgia: 8.9%

- **Associate degree**
  - NE Dist Avg Co: 4.2%
  - GA Avg Co: 4.3%
  - Georgia: 5.2%

- **Some college, no degree**
  - NE Dist Avg Co: 17.4%
  - GA Avg Co: 17.6%
  - Georgia: 20.4%

- **HS Grad**
  - NE Dist Avg Co: 28.7%
  - GA Avg Co: 34.9%
  - Georgia: 34.9%

- **9th-12th no diploma**
  - NE Dist Avg Co: 17.8%
  - GA Avg Co: 18.4%

- **< 9th grade**
  - NE Dist Avg Co: 7.6%
  - GA Avg Co: 10.5%
  - Georgia: 10.9%

**NE District Avg Co**
Not completing HS = 28.4%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 15.2%

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

- Teachers w/adv degrees
- College prep certif
- Class '03 Completion
- Econ. disadvantaged
- Students w/disab
- Retained in grade
- Absent >15 days
- HS Dropout rate

NE Dist Avg Co
GA Avg Co
Georgia

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

NE Dist Avg Co
Enrollment, K-12 = 5,620
H.S. dropouts, grades 9-12 = 90
Expenditures per pupil = $7,148
Educationally Disadvantaged Students in Public Schools (qualify for free/reduced lunch): 2002-03

Northwest
Avg Co 43.7%
Total 39.8%

Southwest
Avg Co 67.7%
Total 59.9%

Northeast
Avg Co 49.1%
Total 46.4%

Southeast
Avg Co 62.3%
Total 56.5%

Georgia
Avg Co 55.8%
Total 45.1%

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

2003 PCI
NE Dist Avg Co. = $23,496
GA Avg Co = $22,879
Georgia Total = $29,000
U.S. = $31,472

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 5/05
% Change in Per Capita Income: 1998-2003

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 5/05
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Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis 5/05
Median Household Income
2002 Model-Based Estimates

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau
Female/Male Head Families, No Husband/Wife Present, w/Related Children <18: 2000

Northwest
Avg Co 15.3%
Total 17.0%

Southwest
Avg Co 21.4%
Total 21.4%

Northeast
Avg Co 14.8%
Total 15.7%

Southeast
Avg Co 18.9%
Total 18.9%

Georgia
Avg Co 17.6%
Total 17.5%
US = 15.4%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

- **Families w/children**: 2000 = 53.7%, 1990 = 50.2%, 1980 = 49.8%
- **Husband-wife**: 2000 = 79.8%, 1990 = 76.3%, 1980 = 73.3%
- **Husband-wife-children**: 2000 = 42.3%, 1990 = 37.7%, 1980 = 34.7%
- **Fem Hd-No husband**: 2000 = 16.9%, 1990 = 18.7%, 1980 = 20.6%
- **Fem Hd-No Husband-children**: 2000 = 0%, 1990 = 0%, 1980 = 0%

Total Families:
- 1980 = 1,426,645
- 1990 = 1,713,072
- 2000 = 2,111,647

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

Poverty threshold for a family of four = $18,392

Northwest
Avg Co 12.5%

Southwest
Avg Co 20.4%

Georgia
Avg Co 16.5%
Total 13.0%
US 12.1%

Northeast
Avg Co 13.8%

Southeast
Avg Co 19.1%

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

Rate per 100 in Labor Force

2004 Rates

- GA = 4.6
- US = 5.5
- GA Avg Co = 5.0
- NE Dist Avg Co = 4.6

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Residents working in county: 51.6%
Residents working out of county: 48.4%
Workers coming into county: 33.6%
Residents driving to work alone: 45.5%
Residents carpooling: 16.6%
Residents working at home: 2.7%

NE GA District Totals:
Resident workers 16+ = 576,693
Residents working in county = 335,728
Residents working out of county = 240,965
Total working in county = 517,128
Workers commuting into counties from elsewhere = 181,400

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Components of NE District Gross Property Tax Digests: 2003
Total of Gross County Digests (40% value) = $1,018,847,198

- Residential: 46.4% (NE Dist Avg Co: 40.0%, Avg. GA Co: 20.4%, GA Total: 50.7%)
- Ag/Pref/Environ: 20.6% (NE Dist Avg Co: 20.4%, Avg. GA Co: 20.4%, GA Total: 20.4%)
- Commercial: 11.2% (NE Dist Avg Co: 13.4%, Avg. GA Co: 13.4%, GA Total: 23.2%)
- Industrial: 6.1% (NE Dist Avg Co: 8.3%, Avg. GA Co: 8.3%, GA Total: 7.4%)
- Utility: 5.4% (NE Dist Avg Co: 5.6%, Avg. GA Co: 5.6%, GA Total: 3.8%)
- Motor Vehicle: 8.3% (NE Dist Avg Co: 9.5%, Avg. GA Co: 9.5%, GA Total: 7.9%)
- Mobile Home: 1.6% (NE Dist Avg Co: 1.6%, Avg. GA Co: 1.6%, GA Total: 0.5%)
- Timber: 1.2% (NE Dist Avg Co: 1.2%, Avg. GA Co: 1.2%, GA Total: 0.8%)

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
Number of Farms: 2002

Northwest
Avg. Co. 334
Total 13,032

Southwest
Avg. Co. 273
Total 10,913

Southeast
Avg. Co. 293
Total 11,739

Northeast
Avg. Co. 341
Total 13,627

Georgia 49,311
Avg GA Co. 310
US 2,128,982
US Avg. State 42,580

Primary data source: U.S. Census of Agriculture
% of Land in Cropland & Forestland

Primary data sources:
U.S. Census of Agriculture, 2002
Forest Statistics for Georgia, 1997

Northwest
Avg Co 67.4%
Total 68.6%

Southwest
Avg Co 80.9%
Total 80.7%

Southeast
Avg Co 81.3%
Total 81.9%

Northeast
Avg Co 79.5%
Total 80.6%

Georgia
Avg Co 77.3%
Total 78.5%
% of Total Value by Commodity Group

Poultry & Eggs 74.8%
Row & Forage Crops 2.1%
Fruits & Nuts 0.4%
Livestock & Aquaculture 12.3%
Ornamental Horticulture 5.3%
Vegetables 0.6%
Other Income 1.3%
Forestry & Products 3.3%

Top Ten Commodities % by Value

Broilers 64.2%
Rest of Commodities 9.5%
Layers-Hatching egg 5.1%
Layers-Table egg production 3.1%
Dairy 3.1%
Timber 3.2%
Beef Cows 3.3%
Horses - Boarding, training, breeding 2.4%
Container Nursery 2.3%
Breeder Pullet Unit 2.2%
Greenhouse 1.6%
Row & Forage Crops 2.1%

2004 Total Farm Gate Value
NE Dist = $3.64 billion
GA = $10.28 billion

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
2004 Total Farm Gate Value

Georgia
Avg Co $64.7 million
Total $10.3 billion

Northeast
Avg Co $91 million
Total $3.6 billion

NE District Total Value by Commodity Group

- Poultry & Eggs 74.8%
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Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
2004 Grower Farm Gate Value
(Total Farm Gate Value minus broiler-integrator)

**Georgia**
Avg Co $40.9 million
Total $6.5 billion

**Northeast**
Avg Co $38.3 million
Total $1.5 billion

**NE District Top Commodities**
% of Total GROWER Value

- **Layers-Hatching egg** 5.1%
- **Timber** 3.2%
- **Beef Cows** 3.3%
- **Dairy** 3.1%
- **Horses - Boarding, training, breeding** 2.4%
- **Layers-Table egg production** 3.1%
- **Container Nursery** 2.3%
- **Breeder Pullet Unit** 2.2%
- **Greenhouse** 1.6%
- **Hay** 1.4%
- **Field Nursery** 1.3%
- **Horses-Raised** 1.0%
- **Quail** 0.6%
- **Beef Stockers** 0.6%
- **Rest of commodities** 62.6%

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