Fayette County Community Profile

51st in order of county creation
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Total Population  
Fayette County

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
Fayette County

2005 Estimated Median Age    Fayette Co. = 39.3 yrs.    GA = 34.0 yrs.

Change in proportion 1990-2000
+ 1.7
+ 7.4
- 8.6
+ 0.7
- 1.3

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
# 2005 County Population Comparisons

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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. 2000-05</th>
<th>Rank of % Chg.</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau
Population Change: 1930-2000

Percentage Change


Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## Components of Population Change: 2000-2005

**Natural Increase & Net Migration**

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Numerical Change</th>
<th># Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
<th>Rate of Natural Increase</th>
<th># Net Migration</th>
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<td>Avg. GA Co.</td>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau

Average annual estimates of annual rates per 1,000 population
Population Change: 2000-2005

Loss

0 – 5.3%
5.3 – 10.8%
10.8 – 21.6%
21.6 – 42.7%

Avg. GA
County = 7.2%
GA = 10.8%
US = 5.3%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
2004 Fayette Co. Natality Data
956 total births, 206 unwed births
188 induced terminations
107 teen pregnancies
59 low birth weight babies

2004 Fayette Co. Mortality Data
626 total deaths
5 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health
Fayette Co.
Not completing HS = 7.6%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 36.2%
# Selected Public School Statistics

**School Year 2004-05**

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<tr>
<th>Statistic</th>
<th>Fayette Co.</th>
<th>Georgia</th>
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<td>Teachers w/adv degrees</td>
<td>57.9%</td>
<td>53.6%</td>
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<td>College prep certif</td>
<td>84.5%</td>
<td>73.8%</td>
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<td>Class '05 Grad Rate</td>
<td>91.0%</td>
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<td>Gifted</td>
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<td>Special Ed</td>
<td>12.1%</td>
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<td>Free/Reduc lunch</td>
<td>11.1%</td>
<td>16.6%</td>
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<td>Retained in grade</td>
<td>4.4%</td>
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<td>Absent &gt;15 days</td>
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<td>HS Dropout rate</td>
<td>5.0%</td>
<td>1.3%</td>
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*Primary data source: Governor's Office of Student Achievement*

**Fayette Co.**

- K12 enrollment = 21,394
- HS dropouts = 98
Per Capita Income: 1999-2004

2004 PCI
Fayette Co. = $38,492
Georgia = $29,782
US = $33,050

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/06)
Per Capita Income: 1999-2004
Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/06)
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<th>County</th>
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<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>$23,588</td>
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<td>79.2</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/06)
Median Household Income
2003 Model-Based Estimates

US: $43,318
GEORGIA: $42,421
GA Avg. Co.: $34,859
FAYETTE: $74,320
CLAYTON: $39,492
SPALDING: $35,239
COWETA: $53,990
FULTON: $45,744
HENRY: $61,105
MERIWETHER: $30,858

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau
Transfer Receipts: 2004
Fayette Co. Total = $315,652,000

- Retirement/Disab: 49.4%
- Medicare: 20.3%
- Pub Med Assist: 7.5%
- Supp Sec Inc: 2.6%
- Family Assist: 0.8%
- Food Stamps: 2.7%
- Other Inc Maint: 5.7%
- Unemp: 1.9%
- Veteran Benefit: 4.9%
- All Other: 11.1%

Fayette Co. $3,119 per capita transfer receipts
8.1% of total personal income
8.1% change in total 2003-2004

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/06)
## Persons Living Below Poverty Level
### 2003 Model-Based Estimates

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<th># of Persons</th>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>7,246</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2003 Model-Based Estimates

5.2 – 9.4%
9.4 – 13.4%
13.4 – 17.0%
17.0 – 20.1%
20.1 – 24.7%

Georgia
1,152,089 persons
13.3%

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family of 4 persons in 2003 = $18,810

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

2005 Rates
Fayette Co. = 4.3
GA = 5.3
US = 5.1

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Business Establishments, Employment and Wages
Fayette County 2005 Annual Averages, % of Total

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2005

Total GOODS Producing

Agriculture: Fayette Co. 0.0, Georgia 0.7
Construction: Fayette Co. 5.2, Georgia 8.7
Manufacturing: Fayette Co. 10.4, Georgia 11.7

Total SERVICE Producing

Wholesale trade: Fayette Co. 5.8, Georgia 5.4
Retail trade: Fayette Co. 15.3, Georgia 11.6
Finance-Ins: Fayette Co. 5.2, Georgia 3.9
Transp-warehouse: Fayette Co. 0.8, Georgia 3.1
Information: Fayette Co. 4.1, Georgia 3.3
Prof-Sci-Tech: Fayette Co. 4.9, Georgia 5.0
Adm-Waste svc: Fayette Co. 4.2, Georgia 6.9
Health-Soc Svcs: Fayette Co. 9.8, Georgia 8.8
Accomo-Food svc: Fayette Co. 9.8, Georgia 8.4
All other svcs: Fayette Co. 7.6, Georgia 8.2

All other svcs: Fayette Co. 13.9, Georgia 16.5

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2005
Fayette Co. Total Value = $20,323,137

- Livestock: 34.8%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 53.9%
- Forestry: 5.5%
- Veges: 2.4%
- Poultry-Egg: 0.2%
- Row-Forage crops: 0.2%
- Other: 1.6%
- Fruits-Nuts: 1.6%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2005
Fayette Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $4,776,347,705

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
## County Property Tax Digest Comparisons: 2005

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>% Residential</th>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
## Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax

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<th>County</th>
<th>’05 County-wide Millage*</th>
<th>’05 School Millage*</th>
<th>’04 Taxes Levied* ($000)</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 10/06</th>
<th>LOST Type* as of 10/06</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, M=MARTA.

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue.
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.

Residents working in county = 16,977
Residents working out of county = 28,254
Total working in county = 35,036
Workers commuting into county = 18,059

Fayette County
Mean travel time to work = 30.9 min.
Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.64

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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