Worth County Community Profile

106th in order of county creation
December 20, 1853

Prepared for Worth County Cooperative Extension
by the Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development
The University of Georgia • Athens, GA
Total Population
Worth County

2010 Trend CAED: 22,748
2010 Proj. OPB: 21,560
2005 Est.: 21,996
2000: 21,967
1990: 19,745
1980: 18,064
1970: 14,770
1960: 16,682
1950: 19,357
1940: 21,374
1930: 21,094

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
Worth County

2005 Estimated Median Age
Worth Co. = 37.5 yrs.  GA = 34.0 yrs.

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

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<th>Density per sq.mi. land area</th>
<th>% Chg. 2000-05</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau
Population Change: 1930-2000

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Components of Population Change: 2000-2005
Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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<th>Area</th>
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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
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
Selected Vital Statistics

2004 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: 12.9 (Worth Co.), 15.7 (Georgia)
- Unwed per 100 total births: 51.6 (Worth Co.), 39.2 (Georgia)
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: 38.3 (Worth Co.), 34.7 (Georgia)
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: 11.2 (Worth Co.), 7.4 (Georgia)
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: 4.4 (Worth Co.), 16.2 (Georgia)
- Low birth weight per 100 births: 9.5 (Worth Co.), 8.8 (Georgia)
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: 7.4 (Worth Co.), 8.7 (Georgia)

10-yr. rates 1995-2004

**2004 Worth Co. Natality Data**
- 283 total births
- 146 unwed births
- 13 induced terminations
- 66 teen pregnancies
- 31 low birth weight babies

**2004 Worth Co. Mortality Data**
- 246 total deaths
- 3 infant deaths

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

- Grad or Prof Degree: 2.9% (Worth Co.), 8.3% (Georgia)
- Bachelor's degree: 5.7% (Worth Co.), 16.0% (Georgia)
- Associate degree: 3.9% (Worth Co.), 5.2% (Georgia)
- Some college, no degree: 17.7% (Worth Co.), 20.4% (Georgia)
- HS Grad: 38.1% (Worth Co.), 28.7% (Georgia)
- 9th-12th no diploma: 13.8% (Worth Co.), 20.9% (Georgia)
- < 9th grade: 10.8% (Worth Co.), 7.6% (Georgia)

Worth Co.
Not completing HS = 31.7%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 8.6%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2004-05

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Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Worth Co.
K12 enrollment = 3,943
HS dropouts = 93
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $5,754
Per Capita Income: 1999-2004

2004 PCI
Worth Co. = $22,479
Georgia = $29,782
US = $33,050

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

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<th>County</th>
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<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
<th>% Change in PCI 1999-2004</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/06)
Median Household Income
2003 Model-Based Estimates

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Transfer Receipts: 2004
Worth Co. Total = $104,001,000

Worth Co.
Transfer Receipts:
$4,729 per capita
21.0% of total personal income
5.4% change in total 2003-2004

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/06)
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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
1,155,544 persons
13.4%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (rev 10/06)
Unemployment Rates

2005 Rates

Worth Co. = 5.6  
GA = 5.3  
US = 5.1

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

Total GOODS Producing
- Agriculture: 3.9
- Construction: 5.2
- Manufacturing: 11.7

Total SERVICE Producing
- Wholesale trade: 5.4
- Retail trade: 16.1
- Finance-Ins: 3.9
- Transp-warehouse: 3.1
- Information: 4.3
- Prof-Sci-Tech: 1.0
- Adm-Waste svc: 5.0
- Health-Soc Svcs: 6.9
- Accomo-Food svc: 6.6
- All other svcs: 7.7

Total GOVERNMENT
- Worth Co.: 14.6
- Georgia: 17.7

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2005
Worth Co. Total Value = $122,950,767

- Row-Forage crops: 43.2%
- Livestock: 9.6%
- Forestry: 4.4%
- Veges: 15.3%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 3.5%
- Fruits-Nuts: 0.9%
- Other: 16.7%
- Poultry-Egg: 6.5%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2005
Worth Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $506,018,155

- **Residential**: Worth Co. = 32.6%, GA Avg. Co. = 41.5%, GA Total = 53.2%
- **Ag/Pref/Environ**: Worth Co. = 6.4%, GA Avg. Co. = 21.7%
- **Commercial**: Worth Co. = 9.4%, GA Avg. Co. = 13.3%
- **Industrial**: Worth Co. = 2.9%, GA Avg. Co. = 7.9%
- **Utility**: Worth Co. = 3.1%, GA Avg. Co. = 5.4%
- **Motor Vehicle**: Worth Co. = 9.9%, GA Avg. Co. = 8.4%
- **Mobile Home**: Worth Co. = 2.7%, GA Avg. Co. = 1.3%
- **Timber**: Worth Co. = 0.6%, GA Avg. Co. = 1.1%

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

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## Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax

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<th>’05 School Millage*</th>
<th>’04 Taxes Levied* ($000)</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: 2005
Worth Co. Total Retail Sales = $182,921,000

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.

Residents working in county = 3,539
Residents working out of county = 5,674
Total working in county = 4,789
Workers commuting into county = 1,250

Percentage of:
- Residents working in county: 38.4%
- Residents working out of county: 61.6%
- Workers coming into county: 26.1%
- Residents driving to work alone: 80.2%
- Residents carpooling: 15.9%
- Residents working at home: 2.0%

Worth County
Mean travel time to work = 24.8 min.
Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.22

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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