Monroe County Community Profile

50th in order of county creation
May 15, 1821

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The University of Georgia • Athens, GA
Total Population
Monroe County

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<th>Population</th>
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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
Monroe County

2005 Estimated Median Age
Monroe Co. = 36.9 yrs.  GA = 34.0 yrs.

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

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

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Components of Population Change: 2000-2005
Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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<th>Numerical Change</th>
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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: 2000-2005

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

2004 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Monroe Co. 11.1, Georgia 15.7
- Unwed per 100 total births: Monroe Co. 42.9, Georgia 39.2
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Monroe Co. 29.5, Georgia 34.7
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Monroe Co. 8.8, Georgia 7.4
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: Monroe Co. 12.5, Georgia 16.2
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Monroe Co. 10.2, Georgia 8.8
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Monroe Co. 9.9, Georgia 8.7

10-yr. rates 1995-2004

2004 Monroe Co. Natality Data
- 259 total births, 111 unwed births
- 61 induced terminations
- 49 teen pregnancies
- 21 low birth weight babies

2004 Monroe Co. Mortality Data
- 207 total deaths
- 1 infant deaths

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

Monroe Co.
Not completing HS = 22.3%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 17.1%

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

Teachers w/adv degrees
- Monroe Co.: 52.2%
- Georgia: 53.6%

College prep certif
- Monroe Co.: 68.2%
- Georgia: 73.8%

Class '05 Grad Rate
- Monroe Co.: 64.0%
- Georgia: 69.6%

Gifted
- Monroe Co.: 6.7%
- Georgia: 8.4%

Special Ed
- Monroe Co.: 12.1%
- Georgia: 15.5%

Free/Reduc lunch
- Monroe Co.: 49.1%
- Georgia: 47.9%

Retained in grade
- Monroe Co.: 4.4%
- Georgia: 4.4%

Absent >15 days
- Monroe Co.: 9.4%
- Georgia: 10.6%

HS Dropout rate
- Monroe Co.: 5.0%
- Georgia: 5.0%

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Monroe Co.
K12 enrollment = 3,625
HS dropouts = 60
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $6,979
Per Capita Income: 1999-2004

2004 PCI
Monroe Co. = $26,350
Georgia = $29,782
US = $33,050

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


Percentage

Monroe Co. Georgia US

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

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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.: $34,932
MONROE: $43,082
BIBB: $35,252
BUTTS: $39,076
CRAWFORD: $38,342
JASPER: $39,651
JONES: $43,712
LAMAR: $36,305

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau
Transfer Receipts: 2004
Monroe Co. Total = $100,006,000

- Retirement/Disab: Monroe Co. 40.3%, Georgia 34.8%
- Medicare: Monroe Co. 20.0%, Georgia 18.4%
- Pub Med Assist: Monroe Co. 21.0%, Georgia 19.8%
- Supp Sec Inc: Monroe Co. 1.9%, Georgia 2.6%
- Family Assist: Monroe Co. 0.5%, Georgia 0.8%
- Food Stamps: Monroe Co. 2.3%, Georgia 2.7%
- Other Inc Maint: Monroe Co. 5.5%, Georgia 5.7%
- Unemp: Monroe Co. 1.5%, Georgia 1.9%
- Veteran Benefit: Monroe Co. 2.3%, Georgia 3.3%
- All Other: Monroe Co. 6.4%, Georgia 8.4%

Monroe Co.
$4,272 per capita transfer receipts
16.2% of total personal income
8.8% 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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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%

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

US = 12.5%

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

Monroe Co. = 4.9  GA = 5.3  US = 5.1

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

Estab
Emp
Wages

Agriculture  Whlsle trade  Construction  Manufacturing
Finance/Insur  Health svc  Retail trade  Transp-warehouse
Govt  All Other  Prof-Sci-Tech Svc  Admin-waste svc
Accom/Food Svc  All other svc

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

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2005
Monroe Co. Total Value = $46,317,271

- Livestock: 17.9%
- Forestry: 17.9%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 2.8%
- Fruits-Nuts: 1.4%
- Row-Forage crops: 2.0%
- Poultry-Egg: 61.0%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2005

Monroe Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $1,762,101,542

- Residential: Monroe Co. = 22.9, GA Avg. Co. = 41.5, GA Total = 53.2
- Ag/Pref/Environ: Monroe Co. = 8.1, GA Avg. Co. = 6.4, GA Total = 21.7
- Commercial: Monroe Co. = 4.6, GA Avg. Co. = 13.3, GA Total = 22.2
- Industrial: Monroe Co. = 0.1, GA Avg. Co. = 7.9, GA Total = 7.1
- Utility: Monroe Co. = 5.4, GA Avg. Co. = 3.7, GA Total = 3.7
- Motor Vehicle: Monroe Co. = 3.6, GA Avg. Co. = 8.4, GA Total = 8.4
- Mobile Home: Monroe Co. = 0.5, GA Avg. Co. = 1.3, GA Total = 0.4
- Timber: Monroe Co. = 0.2, GA Avg. Co. = 1.1, GA Total = 0.3

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
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 = 4,116
Residents working out of county = 6,200
Total working in county = 6,491
Workers commuting into county = 2,375

Monroe County
Mean travel time to work = 27.6 min.
Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.38
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

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