Habersham County
Community Profile

46th in order of county creation
December 15, 1818

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

Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses & estimate; OPB (State Office of Planning & Budget); CAED (Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development) 3/08.
Population Composition by Age
Habersham County

2007 Estimated Median Age
Habersham Co. = 35.8 yrs.
GA = 34.7 yrs.

Change in proportion 1990-2000

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2007 County Population Comparisons

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<th>Density per sq.mi.</th>
<th>% Chg. 2000-07</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/08)
Population Change: 1930-2000

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

## Natural Increase & Net Migration

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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/08)

Loss
0 – 7.2% 7.2 – 16.6%
16.6 – 39.0%
39.0 – 61.5%

Avg. GA
County = 9.9%
GA = 16.6%
US = 7.2%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/08)
Selected Vital Statistics

2006 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Habersham Co. = 14.6, Georgia = 14.6
- Unwed per 100 total births: Habersham Co. = 31.4, Georgia = 46.7
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Habersham Co. = 36.6, Georgia = 38.4
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Habersham Co. = 7.4, Georgia = 9.2
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: Habersham Co. = 6.9, Georgia = 8.6
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Habersham Co. = 7.3, Georgia = 9.5
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Habersham Co. = 6.6, Georgia = 9.4

10-yr. rates 1997-2006

2006 Habersham Co. Natality Data
- 599 total births, 188 unwed births
- 38 induced terminations
- 88 teen pregnancies
- 55 low birth weight babies

2006 Habersham Co. Mortality Data
- 303 total deaths
- 4 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
Habersham Co.
Not completing HS = 29.1%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 15.8%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2006-07

- Teachers w/adv degrees: Habersham Co. = 56.3%, Georgia = 75.4%
- College prep certif: Habersham Co. = 75.4%, Georgia = 75.0%
- HOPE Eligible: Habersham Co. = 48.9%, Georgia = 70.9%
- Class '07 Grad Rate: Habersham Co. = 70.9%, Georgia = 72.3%
- Gifted: Habersham Co. = 5.8%, Georgia = 8.7%
- Special Ed: Habersham Co. = 14.6%, Georgia = 11.7%
- Econ Disadvantaged: Habersham Co. = 46.0%, Georgia = 50.0%
- Retained in grade: Habersham Co. = 2.1%, Georgia = 4.3%
- Absent >15 days: Habersham Co. = 7.7%, Georgia = 10.0%
- HS Dropout rate: Habersham Co. = 4.7%, Georgia = 4.1%

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Habersham Co.
K12 enrollment = 6,495
HS dropouts = 88
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $8,374
Per Capita Income: 2001-2006

2006 PCI
Habersham Co. = $24,801
Georgia = $32,095
US = $36,714

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/08)
Per Capita Income: 2001-2006
Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/08)
## Per Capita Income: 2006

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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/08)
Transfer Receipts: 2006
Habersham Co. Total = $203,229,000

Habersham Co.
$4,969 per capita transfer receipts

20.0% of total personal income
10.2% change in total 2005-2006

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/08)
## Persons Living Below Poverty Level
### 2005 Model-Based Estimates

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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (1/08)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2005 Model-Based Estimates

4.3 – 12.6%
12.6 – 16.5%
16.5 – 20.8%
20.8 – 24.5%
24.5 – 33.0%

Georgia
1,271,409 persons
14.5%

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family of 4 persons in 2005 = $19,971

US = 13.3%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (1/08)
Unemployment Rates

2007 Rates
- Habersham Co. = 4.0
- GA = 4.4
- US = 4.6

Avg. GA County = 4.9

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Business Establishments, Employment and Wages
Habersham Co. 2007 Annual Averages, % of Total

Goods Producing | Service Producing | Government

Agriculture, Mining, Construction, Manufacturing
Retail-Wholesale Trade, Transportation-Warehousing, Information, Finance-Insurance-Real Estate, Professional-SciTech Serv., Admin-Waste Serv., Health-Social Serv., Accommodation-Food Serv., & others
Federal, State, Local

2007 Averages

# Estab. = 925  Monthly Employment = 14,259  Weekly Wage = $570

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Employment Comparisons by Major Sectors: 2007

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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2007
Habersham Co. Total Value = $298,739,545

- Livestock: 4.2%
- Row-Forage crops: 0.9%
- Veges-Fruits-Nuts: 0.6%
- Forestry: 0.3%
- Poultry-Egg: 90.7%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 1.6%
- Other: 1.5%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (4/08)
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2007
Habershham Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $1.422 Billion

Residential: 42.4% of Habershams Co., 58.6% of GA Avg. Co., 54.9% of GA Total
Ag/Pref/Environ: 14.6% of Habershams Co., 23.8% of GA Avg. Co., 22.2% of GA Total
Commercial: 10.9% of Habershams Co., 12.7% of GA Avg. Co., 22.2% of GA Total
Industrial: 4.8% of Habershams Co., 7.0% of GA Avg. Co., 6.3% of GA Total
Utility: 3.4% of Habershams Co., 5.0% of GA Avg. Co., 3.2% of GA Total
Motor Vehicle: 6.7% of Habershams Co., 7.2% of GA Avg. Co., 6.0% of GA Total
Mobile Home: 1.0% of Habershams Co., 1.1% of GA Avg. Co., 0.3% of GA Total
Timber: 0.9% of Habershams Co., 0.1% of GA Avg. Co., 0.0% of GA Total

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
## County Property Tax Digest Comparisons: 2007

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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
## Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

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*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. School includes bonds, if any. Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option Sales Tax, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational, O=Other Local Option

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 = 11,308
Residents working out of county = 5,174
Total working in county = 15,492
Workers commuting into county = 4,184

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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