Oconee County Community Profile

137th in order of county creation
February 25, 1875

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Total Population
Oconee County

2015 CAED Trend: 37,342
2010 CAED Trend: 33,684
2008 Estimate: 32,221
2000: 26,225
1990: 17,618
1980: 12,427
1970: 7,915
1960: 6,304
1950: 7,009
1940: 7,576
1930: 8,082

Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses & estimate; CAED TREND revised 3/09 (Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development).
Population Composition by Age
Oconee County


Change in proportion 1990-2000
- 0.7  + 5.9  - 6.5  + 2.4  - 0.9

2008 Estimated Median Age
Oconee Co. = 36.4 yrs.  GA = 34.9 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2008 County Population Comparisons

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<th>Density per sq. mi. of land area</th>
<th>% Chg. 2000-08</th>
<th>Rank of % Chg.</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/09)
Population Change: 1930-2000

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

### Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>2000-2008 Numerical Change*</th>
<th>2000-2008 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
<th>2000-2008 # Net Migration</th>
<th>2007-08 1-yr Natural Increase Rate</th>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source:
U. S. Census Bureau (3/09)
Population Change: 2000-2008

- LOSS
- 0 – 7.2%
- 7.2 – 18.3%
- 18.3 – 36%
- 36 – 70.8%

Avg. GA
County = 11.2%
GA = 18.3%
US = 7.2%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/09)
Selected Vital Statistics

2007 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop
  - Oconee Co.: 12.8
  - Georgia: 15.8

- Unwed per 100 total births
  - Oconee Co.: 22.7
  - Georgia: 43.8

- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19
  - Oconee Co.: 10.5
  - Georgia: 35.3

- Deaths per 1,000 pop
  - Oconee Co.: 5.8
  - Georgia: 7.1

- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44
  - Oconee Co.: 6.3
  - Georgia: 14.9

- Low birth weight per 100 births
  - Oconee Co.: 6.7
  - Georgia: 9.1

- Infant deaths per 1,000 births
  - Oconee Co.: 6.2
  - Georgia: 8.4

10-yr. rates 1998-2007

2007 Oconee Co. Natality Data
- 401 total births, 91 unwed births
- 46 induced terminations
- 25 teen pregnancies
- 23 low birth weight babies

2007 Oconee Co. Mortality Data
- 182 total deaths
- 2 infant deaths

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

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<td>&lt;9th grade</td>
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Oconee Co.  
Not completing HS = 13.3%  
With a bachelor’s + degree = 39.8%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2007-08

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Oconee Co.
K12 enrollment = 6,378
HS dropouts = 30
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $8,288
Per Capita Income: 2002-2007

2007 PCI
Oconee Co. = $42,463
Georgia = $33,499
US = $38,615

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/09)
Per Capita Income: 2002-2007

Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/09)
### Per Capita Income: 2007

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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/09)
Median Household Income
2007 Model-Based Estimates

US: $50,740
GEORGIA: $49,080
GA Avg. Co.: $40,170
OCONEE: $70,872
BARROW: $51,283
CLARKE: $36,158
GREENE: $38,835
MORGAN: $47,245
OGLETHORPE: $43,514
WALTON: $53,022

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/08)
Transfer Receipts: 2007
Oconee Co. Total = $111,664,000

Oconee Co. $3,576 per capita transfer receipts
8.4% of total personal income
10.8% change in total 2006-2007

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/09)
## Persons Living Below Poverty Level

### 2007 Model-Based Estimates

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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/08)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2007 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family of 4 persons in 2007 = $21,203

Georgia
1,329,161 persons
14.3%

US = 13.0%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/08)
**Annual Average Unemployment Rates**

2008 Rates  
Oconee=4.0  
GA=6.2  
US=5.8  
Avg. GA Co.=6.9

Preliminary for month of July 2009  
Oconee=6.5  
GA=10.6  
US=9.4

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Business Establishments, Employment and Wages
Oconee Co. 2008 Annual Averages, % of Total

- **Estab**: 19.9 (Goods Producing), 72.7 (Service Providing), 4.0 (Government)
- **Emp**: 15.2 (Goods Producing), 66.1 (Service Providing), 18.5 (Government)
- **Wages**: 17.1 (Goods Producing), 64.6 (Service Providing), 18.0 (Government)

**Goods Producing**
- Agriculture, Mining, Construction, Manufacturing

**Service Providing**
- Retail-Wholesale Trade, Transportation-Warehousing, Information, Finance-Insurance-Real Estate, Professional-SciTech Serv., Admin-Waste Serv., Health-Social Serv., Accommodation-Food Serv., & others

**Government**
- Federal, State, Local

2008 Averages
- # Establishments = 1,024
- Monthly Employment = 9,099
- Weekly Wage = $611

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Selected Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2008

- Total GOODS Producing: 15.2
  - Agriculture: 0.7
  - Construction: 7.7
  - Manufacturing: 6.8
  - Total GOODS Producing: 66.6

- Total SERVICE Providing: 10.1
  - Wholesale trade: 4.3
  - Retail trade: 5.4
  - Transp-warehouse: 0.6
  - Information: 4.0
  - Fin/Ins/RE: 2.7
  - Prof-Sci-Tech: 3.2
  - Adm-Waste svc: 6.0
  - Health-Soc Svcs: 6.8
  - Accom-Food svc: 8.1
  - RE&Rent&Lease: 2.1
  - Total SERVICE Providing: 66.1

- Total GOVERNMENT: 18.5
  - Oconee Co.: 17.1

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (zero may indicate no employment in sector, or undisclosed data.)
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2008
Oconee Co. Total Value = $117,687,008

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (5/09)
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2008
Oconee Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $2,005,895,254

- Residential: 57.2% (Oconee Co.), 42.4% (GA Avg. Co.), 54.8% (GA Total)
- Ag/Pref/Environ: 24.5% (Oconee Co.), 22.9% (GA Avg. Co.), 24.4% (GA Total)
- Commercial: 20.3% (Oconee Co.), 12.6% (GA Avg. Co.), 10.8% (GA Total)
- Industrial: 6.7% (Oconee Co.), 6.9% (GA Avg. Co.), 7.8% (GA Total)
- Utility: 3.2% (Oconee Co.), 4.8% (GA Avg. Co.), 5.2% (GA Total)
- Motor Vehicle: 6.3% (Oconee Co.), 7.1% (GA Avg. Co.), 7.7% (GA Total)
- Mobile Home: 0.4% (Oconee Co.), 1.0% (GA Avg. Co.), 1.2% (GA Total)
- Timber: 0.14% (Oconee Co.), 0.7% (GA Avg. Co.), 0.9% (GA Total)

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue (preliminary avg. and total)
## County Property Tax Digest Comparisons: 2008

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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue (preliminary avg. and total)
### Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

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<th>'08 School Millage*</th>
<th>'07 Taxes Levied* ($000)</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 7/09</th>
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*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. School includes bonds, if any. Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. Sales Tax: 4% State not included; L=Local Option, H=Homestead, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational, O=Other Local Option, 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 = 3,630
Residents working out of county = 9,273
Total working in county = 6,957
Workers commuting into county = 3,327

Oconee County
Mean travel time to work = 25 min.
Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.36

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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