Total Population
Early County

2010 CAED Trend: 11,682
2010 OPB Proj.: 11,978
2007 Estimate: 11,836
2000: 12,354
1990: 11,854
1980: 13,158
1970: 12,682
1960: 13,151
1950: 17,413
1940: 18,679
1930: 18,273

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

Change in proportion 1990-2000

-0.2  +3.1  -1.3  -1.1  -0.6

2006 Estimated Median Age
Early Co. = 36.3 yrs.  GA = 34.6 yrs.

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

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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/08)
Population Change: 1930-2000

Percentage Change

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**: 14.4, 14.6
- **Unwed per 100 total births**: 71.3
- **Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19**: 39.8, 38.4
- **Deaths per 1,000 pop**: 10.9, 9.2
- **Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44**: 3.9, 8.6
- **Low birth weight per 100 births**: 13.4, 9.5
- **Infant deaths per 1,000 births**: 11.1, 9.4

10-yr. rates 1997-2006

**2006 Early Co. Natality Data**
- 174 total births, 124 unwed births
- 9 induced terminations
- 36 teen pregnancies
- 39 low birth weight babies

**2006 Early Co. Mortality Data**
- 131 total deaths
- 2 infant deaths

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

Early Co.
Not completing HS = 31.6%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 12.6%

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

- Teachers w/adv degrees: Early Co. 56.3, Georgia 75.0
- College prep certif: Early Co. 56.1, Georgia 72.3
- HOPE Eligible: Early Co. 32.4, Georgia 38.1
- Class '07 Grad Rate: Early Co. 68.5, Georgia 72.1
- Gifted: Early Co. 9.1, Georgia 8.7
- Special Ed: Early Co. 13.4, Georgia 11.7
- Econ Disadvantaged: Early Co. 50.0, Georgia 72.1
- Retained in grade: Early Co. 4.3, Georgia 6.5
- Absent >15 days: Early Co. 10.8, Georgia 10.0
- HS Dropout rate: Early Co. 4.5, Georgia 4.1

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Early Co.
K12 enrollment = 2,372
HS dropouts = 36
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $7,724
Per Capita Income: 2001-2006

2006 PCI
Early Co. = $26,052
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)
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/08)
Median Household Income
2005 Model-Based Estimates

- US: $46,242
- GEORGIA: $45,564
- GA Avg. Co.: $37,147
- EARLY: $29,114
- BAKER: $29,610
- CALHOUN: $26,022
- CLAY: $23,456
- DECATUR: $29,805
- MILLER: $29,093
- SEMINOLE: $30,893

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (1/08)
Transfer Receipts: 2006
Early Co. Total = $78,272,000

- Retirement/Disab: 35.1%
- Medicare: 23.2%
- Pub Med Assist: 21.1%
- Supp Sec Inc: 4.1%
- Family Assist: 0.9%
- Food Stamps: 4.6%
- Other Inc Maint: 6.8%
- Unemp: 1.5%
- Veteran Benefit: 3.4%
- All Other: 7.6%

Early Co.
$6,534 per capita transfer receipts
25.1% of total personal income
1.4% 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
Early Co. = 5.5  GA = 4.4  US = 4.6
Avg. GA County = 4.9

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Business Establishments, Employment and Wages
Early County 2006 Annual Averages, % of Total

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2006

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2007
Early Co. Total Value = $88,973,708

- Row-Forage crops 62.4%
- Livestock 8.4%
- Ornamental Horticulture 2.5%
- Forestry 7.2%
- Fruits-Nuts 0.2%
- Poultry-Egg 1.7%
- Other 17.7%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (4/08)
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2007
Early Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $520,103,332

- Residential: Early Co. = 19.6%, GA Avg. Co. = 42.4%, GA Total = 54.9%
- Ag/Pref/Environ: Early Co. = 6.8%, GA Avg. Co. = 23.8%, GA Total = 39.0%
- Commercial: Early Co. = 6.6%, GA Avg. Co. = 12.7%, GA Total = 22.2%
- Industrial: Early Co. = 7.0%, GA Avg. Co. = 6.3%, GA Total = 22.1%
- Utility: Early Co. = 3.6%, GA Avg. Co. = 5.0%, GA Total = 3.2%
- Motor Vehicle: Early Co. = 6.5%, GA Avg. Co. = 7.2%
- Mobile Home: Early Co. = 1.3%, GA Avg. Co. = 1.1%
- Timber: Early Co. = 1.2%, GA Avg. Co. = 0.9%

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

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*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

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
Retail Sales Analysis: 2006
Early Co. Total Retail Sales = $165,137,000

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.

Commute to Work: 2000

Percentage of:

- Residents working in county: 70.1%
- Residents working out of county: 29.9%
- Workers coming into county: 32.6%
- Residents driving to work alone: 72.1%
- Residents carpooling: 20.4%
- Residents working at home: 2.6%

Early County
Mean travel time to work = 22.8 min.
Ratio of IN to OUT = 1.13

Resident workers 16+ = 4,818
Residents working in county = 3,379
Residents working out of county = 1,439
Total working in county = 5,012
Workers commuting into county = 1,633

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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