Grady County Community Profile

139th in order of county creation
August 17, 1905

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Total Population
Grady County

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
Grady County

2006 Estimated Median Age
Grady Co. = 35.0 yrs.  GA = 34.6 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
### 2006 County Population Comparisons

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Total Rank</th>
<th>Density per sq.mi. land area</th>
<th>% Chg. 2000-06</th>
<th>Rank of % Chg.</th>
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Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Population Change: 1930-2000

Percentage Change


U.S. Georgia Grady Co.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## Components of Population Change: 2000-2006

### Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Numerical Change</th>
<th># Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
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<th># Net Migration</th>
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<td>Avg. GA Co.</td>
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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

Avg. GA County = 9.1%
GA = 14.4%
US = 6.4%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/07)
Selected Vital Statistics

2005 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop:
  - Grady Co.: 15.8
  - Georgia: 15.5

- Unwed per 100 total births:
  - Grady Co.: 45.1
  - Georgia: 40.7

- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19:
  - Grady Co.: 46.5
  - Georgia: 34.2

- Deaths per 1,000 pop:
  - Grady Co.: 11.1
  - Georgia: 7.2

- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44:
  - Grady Co.: 0.6
  - Georgia: 10.7

- Low birth weight per 100 births:
  - Grady Co.: 10.1
  - Georgia: 8.9

- Infant deaths per 1,000 births:
  - Grady Co.: 11.3
  - Georgia: 8.5

10-yr. rates 1996-2005

- 2005 Grady Co. Natality Data:
  - Total births: 386
  - Unwed births: 174
  - Induced terminations: 4
  - Teen pregnancies: 82
  - Low birth weight babies: 44

- 2005 Grady Co. Mortality Data:
  - Total deaths: 272
  - Infant deaths: 2

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

Grad or Prof Degree
- Grady Co.: 3.8%
- Georgia: 8.3%

Bachelor's degree
- Grady Co.: 6.8%
- Georgia: 16.0%

Associate degree
- Grady Co.: 5.2%
- Georgia: 3.4%

Some college, no degree
- Grady Co.: 20.4%
- Georgia: 15.7%

HS Grad
- Grady Co.: 40.0%
- Georgia: 28.7%

9th-12th no diploma
- Grady Co.: 19.3%
- Georgia: 13.8%

< 9th grade
- Grady Co.: 11.3%
- Georgia: 7.6%

Grady Co.
Not completing HS = 30.6%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 10.6%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2005-06

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<td>Gifted</td>
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<td>HS Dropout rate</td>
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Primary data source: Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Grady Co.
K12 enrollment = 4,260
HS dropouts = 60
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $6,395
Per Capita Income: 2000-2005

2005 PCI
Grady Co. = $22,104
Georgia = $30,914
US = $34,471

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)
Per Capita Income: 2000-2005
Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)
## Per Capita Income: 2005

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<th>County</th>
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<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)
Median Household Income
2004 Model-Based Estimates

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/06)
Transfer Receipts: 2005
Grady Co. Total = $118,831,000

Grady Co.
$4,849 per capita transfer receipts
21.9% of total personal income
5.7% change in total 2004-2005

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)
## Persons Living Below Poverty Level

### 2004 Model-Based Estimates

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Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2004 Model-Based Estimates

5.3 – 11.9%
11.9 – 15.4%
15.4 – 18.2%
18.2 – 21.2%
21.2 – 26.3%

Georgia
1,217,686 persons
13.7%

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family of 4 persons in 2004 = $19,307

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/06)
Unemployment Rates

![Graph showing unemployment rates from 1997 to 2006 for Grady Co., Georgia, and the U.S.]

- **2006 Rates**
  - Grady Co. = 4.0
  - GA = 4.6
  - US = 4.6

- **Avg. GA County** = 5.0

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

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2006
Grady Co. Total Value = $146,629,727

- Ornamental Horticulture: 45.1%
- Row-Forage crops: 16.8%
- Livestock: 6.3%
- Forestry: 3.3%
- Veges: 4.5%
- Poultry-Egg: 17.8%
- Other: 4.9%
- Fruits-Nuts: 1.3%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2006
Grady Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $714,075,920

Residential: Grady Co. - 44.0, GA Avg. Co. - 41.9, GA Total - 54.3
Commercial: Grady Co. - 22.2, GA Avg. Co. - 12.8, GA Total - 22.2
Industrial: Grady Co. - 7.6, GA Avg. Co. - 7.6, GA Total - 7.6
Utility: Grady Co. - 5.3, GA Avg. Co. - 3.6, GA Total - 4.9
Motor Vehicle: Grady Co. - 7.4, GA Avg. Co. - 6.1, GA Total - 7.4
Mobile Home: Grady Co. - 1.7, GA Avg. Co. - 1.2, GA Total - 1.2
Timber: Grady Co. - 0.5, GA Avg. Co. - 0.4, GA Total - 0.4

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
## County Property Tax Digest Comparisons: 2006

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<th>County</th>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
# Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax

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<th>'06 County-wide Millage*</th>
<th>'06 School Millage*</th>
<th>'06 Taxes Levied* ($000)</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 4/07</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: 2006
Grady Co. Total Retail Sales = $164,005,000

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 = 5,580
Residents working out of county = 4,339
Total working in county = 6,758
Workers commuting into county = 1,178

Resident workers 16+ = 9,919
Residents working in county = 5,580
Residents working out of county = 4,339
Total working in county = 6,758
Workers commuting into county = 1,178

Grady County
Mean travel time to work = 24.4 min.
Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.27

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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