Stephens County
Community Profile

143rd in order of county creation
August 18, 1905

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

2010 Trend CAED: 25,134
2010 Proj. OPB: 25,739
2006 Est.: 25,143
2000: 25,435
1990: 23,257
1980: 21,763
1970: 20,331
1960: 18,391
1950: 16,647
1940: 12,972
1930: 11,740

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
Stephens County

2006 Estimated Median Age
Stephens Co. = 38.5 yrs.  GA = 34.6 yrs.

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

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<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<th>Density per sq.mi. land area</th>
<th>% Chg. 2000-06</th>
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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: 2000-2006
### 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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<td>606,673</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

LOSS

0 – 6.4%
6.4 – 14.4%
14.4 – 34%
34 – 53.4%

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

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/07)
2005 Stephens Co. Natality Data
353 total births, 127 unwed births
34 induced terminations
62 teen pregnancies
30 low birth weight babies

2005 Stephens Co. Mortality Data
298 total deaths
4 infant deaths

Selected Vital Statistics

- **Total births per 1,000 pop**: Stephens Co. 14.1, Georgia 15.5
- **Unwed per 100 total births**: Stephens Co. 36.0, Georgia 40.7
- **Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19**: Stephens Co. 36.4, Georgia 34.2
- **Deaths per 1,000 pop**: Stephens Co. 11.9, Georgia 7.2
- **Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44**: Stephens Co. 4.9, Georgia 10.7
- **Low birth weight per 100 births**: Stephens Co. 9.3, Georgia 8.9
- **Infant deaths per 1,000 births**: Stephens Co. 6.5, Georgia 8.5

10-yr. rates 1996-2005

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

- Grad or Prof Degree: Stephens Co.: 4.7%, Georgia: 8.3%
- Bachelor's degree: Stephens Co.: 9.4%, Georgia: 16.0%
- Associate degree: Stephens Co.: 3.4%, Georgia: 5.2%
- Some college, no degree: Stephens Co.: 17.8%, Georgia: 20.4%
- HS Grad: Stephens Co.: 35.9%, Georgia: 28.7%
- 9th-12th no diploma: Stephens Co.: 17.5%, Georgia: 13.8%
- < 9th grade: Stephens Co.: 11.4%, Georgia: 7.6%

Stephens Co.
Not completing HS = 28.9%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 14.1%

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

Teachers w/adv degrees
- Stephens Co.: 55.2%
- Georgia: 63.6%

College prep certif
- Stephens Co.: 67.0%
- Georgia: 73.9%

Class '05 Grad Rate
- Stephens Co.: 70.8%
- Georgia: 70.8%

Gifted
- Stephens Co.: 9.4%
- Georgia: 8.6%

Special Ed
- Stephens Co.: 13.7%
- Georgia: 11.9%

Free/Reduc lunch
- Stephens Co.: 49.1%
- Georgia: 49.8%

Retained in grade
- Stephens Co.: 4.4%
- Georgia: 4.3%

Absent >15 days
- Stephens Co.: 7.5%
- Georgia: 9.8%

HS Dropout rate
- Stephens Co.: 6.2%
- Georgia: 4.7%

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Stephens Co.
K12 enrollment = 4,206
HS dropouts = 85
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $7,357
Per Capita Income: 2000-2005

2005 PCI
Stephens Co. = $25,409
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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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)
Median Household Income
2004 Model-Based Estimates

- US: $44,334
- GEORGIA: $42,679
- GA Avg. Co.: $35,708
- STEPHENS: $31,638
- BANKS: $40,754
- FRANKLIN: $33,595
- HABERSHAM: $38,407
- HART: $33,801
- RABUN: $35,441
- WHITE: $38,380

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/06)
Transfer Receipts: 2005
Stephens Co. Total = $156,079,000

- Retirement/Disab: 38.6%
- Medicare: 35.0%
- Pub Med Assist: 20.5%
- Supp Sec Inc: 23.6%
- Family Assist: 18.6%
- Food Stamps: 20.3%
- Other Inc Maint: 18.6%
- Unemp: 5.0%
- Veteran Benefit: 6.8%
- All Other: 5.3%

Stephens Co.
$6,232 per capita
24.5% of total personal income
3.8% 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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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/06)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2004 Model-Based Estimates

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

Georgia
1,217,686 persons
13.7%

US = 12.7%

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

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

2006 Rates
- Stephens Co. = 5.0
- GA = 4.6
- US = 4.6

Avg. GA County = 5.0

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

- **Total GOODS Producing**
  - Agriculture: 0.0
  - Construction: 5.0
  - Manufacturing: 11.1
  - Total: 17.4
  - Stephens Co.: 28.9

- **Total SERVICE Producing**
  - Wholesale trade: 3.9
  - Retail trade: 13.1
  - Finance-Ins: 5.4
  - Total: 11.7
  - Stephens Co.: 51.5

- **Total GOVERNMENT**
  - Stephens Co.: 19.4

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2006
Stephens Co. Total Value = $55,450,304

- Poultry-Egg: 78.4%
- Livestock: 18.9%
- Row-Forage crops: 1.3%
- Forestry: 0.8%
- Veges-Fruits-Nuts: 0.2%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 0.2%
- Other: 0.3%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2006

Stephens Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $772,335,359

Residential: 55.5%
Ag/Pref/Environ: 54.3%
Commercial: 22.5%
Industrial: 13.9%
Utility: 3.6%
Motor Vehicle: 7.4%
Mobile Home: 1.2%
Timber: 0.1%

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

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# 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>
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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
Stephens Co. Total Retail Sales = $370,758,000

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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.

Primary data sources: Demographics USA, County Edition, 2006; calculations by Center for Agribusiness.
Commuting to Work: 2000

- Residents working in county: 76.7%
- Residents working out of county: 23.3%
- Workers coming into county: 20.7%
- Residents driving to work alone: 82.3%
- Residents carpooling: 12.8%
- Residents working at home: 1.7%

Stephens County
Mean travel time to work = 20.7 min.
Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.86

Resident workers 16+ = 11,795
Residents working in county = 9,045
Residents working out of county = 2,750
Total working in county = 11,399
Workers commuting into county = 2,354

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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