GEORGIA
The Peach State

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Census estimates indicate that the US increased its population from 2000-2007 from 281.4 to 301.6 million, an increase of 20.2 million.

GA = 16.6%
4th highest growth rate in US
US = 7.2%
Avg state = 6.9%
GA 9th largest state by population size

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau 12/2707
Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
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Leadership and Knowledge

- *Empower Leaders to Lead*
  Perception is reality? Accountability?

- *Statistics don’t lie, BUT liars use statistics!* What’s relevant? Average vs. average county, percent change vs. totals, **SO WHAT**!

- Not everything of interest can be measured, and not everything that can be measured is of interest!

- How much do you know about Georgia, your district, or your county?
Go to www.caed.uga.edu and click on “Georgia Statistics System” in left menu panel.

Find published reports by clicking on “Publications”
Welcome to the Georgia Statistics System

This website will customize the statistics, maps, and graphs that you want from the latest data sources from the Georgia County Guide and the Farmgate Value Report. The site's purpose is to facilitate economic development by improving the information base available to decision-makers in local government, schools, and businesses. This is a service of the Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Georgia.

Select the type of analysis you need:

1. County-by-county analysis accesses a base of 1,600 variables. (Updated June, 2007)
2. Year-by-year analysis for selected variables for up to 50 years, for all counties and the state.

Click on “demographic” and “agricultural” to print or view county/state fact sheets.

Here are links to data in prepared reports:

Demographic and agricultural county/state profiles with selected data from the 2007 Georgia County Guide and the 2006 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report.
Municipalities with population and county locator.
Maps of Georgia's metropolitan areas, micropolitan areas, and combined metro areas.
The number of Georgia’s MSAs increased from 7 to 15 after Census 2000 while the number of counties within these areas rose from 42 to 70. Of 3,141 US counties, 1,092 are in 363 MSAs which contain about 83% of the total US population. The average US State has 22 metro counties.

Total counties in:
US = 3,141  
Avg US state = 63  
GA = 159

Primary data source  
U.S. Census Bureau as of 12/06

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
From 2000-2007, Georgia increased its population by 1,357,934, the 4th fastest growing numerically of any US state.

2007 Avg. State = 403,606
Total Population: 2007

Northwest
Avg. Co. 154,424
Total 6,022,530

Southwest
Avg. Co. 22,163
Total 908,664

Southeast
Avg. Co. 28,883
Total 1,126,447

Northeast
Avg. Co. 37,178
Total 1,487,109

Georgia
Avg. Co. = 60,030
Total = 9,544,750

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA

Northeast
Avg. Co. 14.1%
Total 16.3%

Southwest
Avg. Co. 1.8%
Total 5.5%

Southeast
Avg. Co. 6.9%
Total 7.9%

Northwest
Avg. Co. 16.9%
Total 20.4%

GA Avg. Co. 9.9%
GA Total 16.6%

US 7.2%  Q4

Primary data source:
U.S. Census Bureau

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness &
Economic Development, UGA
Until 1960, natural increase (an excess of births over deaths) accounted for virtually all of Georgia's growth. Georgia is expected to rank 4th among 50 states in the number of persons gained through net internal migration during the 30-yr. period of 1995 and 2025.

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Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau 3/07

Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM. Average annual estimates of annual rates per 1,000 population.

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Georgia Population Composition by Age

2006 Estimated Median Age
US = 36.4 yrs.
GA = 34.6 yrs.
Avg GA Co = 35.6 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Percentage of Youth Ages 0-17: 2006

Northwest
Avg. Co. 26.1%
Total 26.6%

Southwest
Avg. Co. 25.8%
Total 26.4%

Southeast
Avg. Co. 25.9%
Total 26.1%

Northeast
Avg. Co. 23.3%
Total 24.5%

Georgia
Avg Co. 25.3%
Total 26.2%

US = 24.6%

Primary data source:
U.S. Census Bureau

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Number of Youth Ages 0-17: 2006

Northwest
Avg. Co. 40,275
Total 1,570,734

Southwest
Avg. Co. 5,800
Total 237,789

Southeast
Avg. Co. 7,451
Total 290,601

Northeast
Avg. Co. 8,897
Total 355,896

Georgia
Avg. Co. 15,440
Total 2,455,020

US 73.7 million

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA

- **Families w/children**
  - 1980: 53.7%
  - 1990: 50.2%
  - 2000: 49.8%

- **Husband-wife**
  - 1980: 79.8%
  - 1990: 76.3%
  - 2000: 73.3%

- **Husband-wife-children**
  - 1980: 42.3%
  - 1990: 37.7%
  - 2000: 34.7%

- **Fem Hd-No husband**
  - 1980: 16.9%
  - 1990: 18.7%
  - 2000: 20.6%

- **Fem Hd-No Husband-children**
  - 1980: 10.2%
  - 1990: 10.7%
  - 2000: 12.2%

**Total Families**
- 1980 = 1,426,645
- 1990 = 1,713,072
- 2000 = 2,111,647

*Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau*

*Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA*
Female/Male Head Families, No Husband/Wife Present, w/Related Children <18: 2000

Northwest
Avg. Co. 15.3%
Total 17.0%

Southwest
Avg. Co. 21.4%
Total 21.4%

Northeast
Avg. Co. 14.8%
Total 15.7%

Southeast
Avg. Co. 18.9%
Total 18.9%

Georgia
Avg. Co. 17.6%
Total 17.5%

US = 15.4%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2005-06

- **Teachers w/adv degrees**: Avg GA Co 56.0, Georgia 55.2
- **College prep certif**: Avg GA Co 60.0, Georgia 73.9
- **Class '05 Grad Rate**: Avg GA Co 68.8, Georgia 70.8
- **Gifted**: Avg GA Co 6.4, Georgia 8.6
- **Special Ed**: Avg GA Co 13.1, Georgia 11.9
- **Free/Reduc lunch**: Avg GA Co 49.8, Georgia 61.5
- **Retained in grade**: Avg GA Co 4.3, Georgia 4.3
- **Absent >15 days**: Avg GA Co 10.1, Georgia 9.8
- **HS Dropout rate**: Avg GA Co 5.3, Georgia 4.7

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

**Georgia**
K12 enrollment = 1,559,828
HS dropouts = 23,371
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $7,046
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2006-07

- Teachers w/adv degrees: 55.2%
- College prep certif: 73.9%
- Class '05 Grad Rate: 70.8%
- Gifted: 8.6%
- Special Ed: 11.9%
- Free/Reduc lunch: 49.8%
- Retained in grade: 4.3%
- Absent >15 days: 9.8%
- HS Dropout rate: 4.7%

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Georgia
K12 enrollment = 1,589,839
HS dropouts = 21,026
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = N/A
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2000

Percent of Persons Age 25+

Grad or Prof Degree
Bachelor's degree
Associate degree
Some college, no degree
HS Grad
9th-12th no diploma
< 9th grade

Primary data source:
U.S. Census Bureau

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NOT Complete HS
Bachelor’s+ degree

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Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Georgia Population by Race and Ethnicity: 2006

- White alone: 65.8%
- Black alone: 29.9%
- Other races alone: 3.2%
- 2 or more races: 1.1%
- Hispanic/Latino: 703,246 persons - 7.5%

Persons of Hispanic Origin may be of any race so are not included in the pie chart.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau 8/07

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Percentage Black Population: 2006

Northwest
Avg. Co. 22.7%
Total  30.9%

Southwest
Avg. Co. 38.5%
Total  37.2%

Northeast
Avg. Co. 19.9%
Total  20.2%

Southeast
Avg. Co. 29.7%
Total  31.4%

Georgia
Avg. Co. 27.8%
Total  29.9%

Avg State 10.4%
US 12.8%

Primary data source:
U.S. Census Bureau

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Percentage Hispanic Population: 2006

Northwest
Avg. Co. 6.0%
Total 9.0%

Southwest
Avg. Co. 4.2%
Total 4.2%

Georgia
Avg. Co. 4.6%
Total 7.5%
Avg. State 9.3%
US 14.8%

Northeast
Avg. Co. 3.6%
Total 6.3%

Southeast
Avg. Co. 4.6%
Total 4.0%

Avg. State 9.3%
US 14.8%

Primary data source:
U.S. Census Bureau

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Georgia Leading Deaths by Cause: 2006

- Heart Disease: 24.2%
- Cancer: 21.4%
- Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease: 5.7%
- Cerebrovascular Disease: 5.5%
- Diabetes Mellitus: 5.0%
- Influenza/Pneumonia: 4.8%
- Accidents: 4.5%
- Alzheimer’s: 2.7%
- Nephritis/Nephrotic Syndrome/Nephrosis: 2.4%
- Septicemia: 2.1%
- HIV: 1.0%
- Homicide: 1.0%
- Suicide: 1.3%
- All Other: 23.1%

Selected 2006 GA Total Rates per 100,000
- Heart Disease = 173.6
- Cancer = 152.9
- Cerebrovascular Disease (Stroke) = 40.9
- Accidents = 39.2
- Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease = 35.7
- Diabetes Mellitus = 17.4
- Influenza/Pneumonia = 15.5
- Suicide = 9.6
- Homicide = 7.1

Primary data source:
GA Dept. of Public Health
2006 Vital Statistics Report

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Selected Vital Statistics Rates

2006 Georgia Natality Data
- 148,403 total births
- 62,887 unwed births
- 27,642 induced terminations
- 22,561 teen pregnancies
- 14,209 low-birth-weight babies

2006 Georgia Mortality Data
- 67,079 total deaths
- 1,198 infant deaths

Primary data source:
GA Dept. Public Health
OASIS web server

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Scores: A=17, B=40, C=45, D=43, F=14
2.00 AVG

Scores: A=22, B=35, C=34, D=57, F=11
1.99 AVG

Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Economic Vitality Index

US Benchmark 1980

Scores: A=11, B=23, C=80, D=41, F=4
2.00 AVG

US Benchmark 2004

Scores: A=7, B=23, C=63, D=56, F=10
1.81 AVG
Economic Vitality Index

SE Benchmark 1980

Scores: A=11, B=23, C=80, D=41, F=4
2.00 Average

SE Benchmark 2004

Scores: A=8, B=30, C=51, D=60, F=10
1.86 AVG

Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Median Household Income
2005 Model-Based Estimates

US $46,242
GEORGIA $45,564
GA Avg Co $37,147
NE Avg Co $39,453
NW Avg Co $45,672
SE Avg Co $32,744
SW Avg Co $30,976

Primary data source:
U. S. Census Bureau

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Per Capita Income: 2000-2005

2005 PCI
GA Avg Co = $24,592
Georgia Total = $30,914
U.S. = $34,471

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 5/07

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Although Georgia Metro areas continue to have higher per capita incomes than their GA counterparts, the SE, US, and nonmetro areas had considerably higher rates of increase from 2000-2005.

2000-2005 % Change
US = 15.5%   GA Nonmetro = 14.7%
SE = 17.4%   GA Metro = 9.3%
GA= 10.5%   Avg GA Co = 14.7%

Primary data source:
U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 5/07

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Per Capita Income: 2005

Northwest
Avg. Co. $27,525
Total $33,950

Southwest
Avg. Co. $22,949
Total $24,560

Southeast
Avg. Co. $22,319
Total $25,858

Northeast
Avg. Co. $25,634
Total $26,555

Georgia
Avg. Co. $24,592
Total $30,914

Avg State $33,288
US $34,471

Primary data source:
U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis 5/07

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Persons Below Poverty Level: 2005 Model-Based Estimates

Poverty threshold for a family of four = $19,971

Northwest
Total 13.8%
Avg. Co. 12.4%

Southwest
Total 13.6%
Avg. Co. 20.8%

Georgia
Avg. Co. 18.7%
Total 14.5%

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Avg State 12.9%
US 13.3%

Southeast
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Avg. Co. 19.3%

Northeast
Total 15.6%
Avg. Co. 15.2%

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau 1/08
Related Children Ages 0-17 Below Poverty Level
2005 Model-Based Estimates

Northwest
Total 19.1%
Avg. Co. 17.5%

Southwest
Total 33.4%
Avg. Co. 29.8%

Southeast
Total 29.9%
Avg. Co. 26.3%

Northeast
Total 21.8%
Avg. Co. 20.8%

Georgia
Avg. Co. 26.1%
Total 20.3%
Avg State 17.7%
US 18.5%

Primary data source:
U.S. Census Bureau 1/08

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Births to Unmarried Females: 2006

Northwest
Avg. Co. 39.9%
Total 40.2%

Northeast
Avg. Co. 41.6%
Total 40.4%

Southwest
Avg. Co. 57.0%
Total 52.7%

Southeast
Avg. Co. 48.0%
Total 46.6%

Georgia
Avg. Co. 46.7%
Total 42.4%
US 38.5%

Primary data source:
GA Dept. of Public Health

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Transfer Receipts: 2005

Georgia Total Receipts = $38.2 billion

- Retirement/Disab: 35.0%
- Medicare: 20.5%
- Pub Med Assist: 20.0%
- Supp Sec Inc: 2.8%
- Family Assist: 0.6%
- Food Stamps: 2.8%
- Other Inc Maint: 6.8%
- Unemp: 1.4%
- Veteran Benefit: 3.1%
- All Other: 6.8%

GEORGIA

$4,186 per capita transfer receipts
13.5% of total personal income
8.6% change in total 2004-2005

Primary data source:
Bureau of Economic Analysis 5/07

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Avg. GA Co. = 4.9
GA = 4.4
US = 4.6
Avg State = 4.3

2007 Rates

Primary data source:
GA Dept. of Labor

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Employment Comparisons by Major Industrial Sector: 2006

GOODS Producing
- Avg. GA Co.: 26.2
- Georgia: 17.4

SERVICE Producing
- Avg. GA Co.: 48.5
- Georgia: 65.9

GOVERNMENT
- Avg. GA Co.: 24.7
- Georgia: 16.3

Primary data source: GA Dept of Labor
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Georgia Retail Sales by Store Group: 2006

- Health-Personal Care: $6.2 billion
- Bldg Mat-garden equip-supplies: $14.7 billion
- Gas stations: $16.6 billion
- Mot Veh parts/dealers: $27.8 billion
- Furniture-Home Furn-Appliance: $6.7 billion
- Clothing & Accessories: $6.5 billion
- General Merchandise: $16.5 billion
- Food Services-Drinking Places: $13.9 billion
- Food-Beverage Stores: $15.2 billion

Total 2006 Retail Sales = $132.5 billion
Avg. GA County = $833 million

Primary data source:
Demographics USA, County Edition, 2006

Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
2007 Total Farm Gate Value

GA = $11.6 billion
GA Avg. Co. = $72.7 million

Poultry & Eggs
47.0%
Row & Forage Crops
14.5%
Livestock & Aquaculture
11.5%
Ornamental Horticulture
7.7%
Vegetables
5.2%
Fruits & Nuts
5.3%
Forestry & Products
6.7%
Other Income
2.1%
2007 Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group

Georgia Total $11.6 Billion

Row-Forage crops 14.5%
Forestry 11.5%
Livestock 11.3%
Vegetables 7.7%
Ornamental Hort 6.7%
Poultry-Egg 47.0%
Other 5.3%
Fruits-Nuts 2.1%

GA Average County $72.7 Million

Row-Forage crops 15.0%
Livestock 17.8%
Forestry 11.0%
Vegetables 5.2%
Ornamental Hort 11.3%
Fruits-Nuts 2.5%
Other 7.3%
Poultry-Egg 30.0%

Primary data source and graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
2007 Grower Farm Gate Value
(Total Farm Gate Value minus broiler-integrator)

GA = $7.4 billion
2006 = $7.1 billion

Georgia Grower Value
Top 10 Commodities

Broilers 40.8%
Cotton 5.4%
Eggs 4.8%
Timber 4.3%
Beef 3.7%
Peanuts 3.3%
Dairy 2.7%
Greenhouse 2.3%
Container Nursery 1.9%
Rest of Commodities 27.2%
Although there has been a 78% decrease in the number of farms over these years, the average farm size has grown by 110%.

Primary data source: U.S. Census of Agriculture
Graphic by Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Number of Farms: 2002

Northwest
Avg. Co. 334
Total 13,032

Southwest
Avg. Co. 269
Total 11,031

Southeast
Avg. Co. 298
Total 11,621

Northeast
Avg. Co. 341
Total 13,627

Georgia Total 49,311
GA Avg. Co. 310
US 2,128,982
US Avg. State 42,580

Primary data source: U.S. Census of Agriculture

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% of Land in Cropland, Pastureland & Forestland

Primary data sources:
U.S. Census of Agriculture, 2002
Forest Statistics for Georgia, 1997

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Components of Gross Property Tax Digests: 2006
Total of Gross County Digests 40% assessed value = $335.3 Billion

- Residential: 54.3
- Ag/Pref/Environ: 22.5
- Commercial: 22.2
- Industrial: 7.6
- Utility: 5.3
- Motor Vehicle: 7.4
- Mobile Home: 1.2
- Timber: 1.1

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
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