

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

	BEN HILL CO.	GEORGIA TOTAL	Avg. Co. in GA
<u>AGRICULTURE</u>			
Total Farm Gate Value of production, 2008	\$48,901,481	\$11,922,405,911	\$74,983,685
Total Farm Gate Value per farm	\$215,425	\$249,183	\$238,628
Total Farm Gate value per acre of farm land	\$654	\$1,175	\$1,463
Poultry/eggs value	\$11,941,504	\$5,651,535,758	\$35,544,250
Row/forage crops value	\$16,454,483	\$2,009,762,474	\$12,640,016
Livestock/aquaculture value	\$5,440,633	\$1,263,728,965	\$7,947,981
Forestry & products value	\$6,235,066	\$570,838,261	\$3,590,178
Vegetables value	\$241,578	\$849,037,686	\$5,339,860
Ornamental horticulture value	\$3,023,536	\$695,986,551	\$4,377,274
Fruits & nuts value	\$2,075,625	\$267,729,337	\$1,683,832
Other income value	\$3,489,057	\$613,786,879	\$3,860,295
Farm production expenses, 2007	\$20,413,000	\$5,999,216,000	\$37,730,918
Net farm proprietor's income, 2007	\$11,541,000	\$1,240,892,000	\$7,804,352
Number of farms, 2007	227	47,846	301
% change in number of farms, 2002-2007	30.5	-3.0	-1.2
Land in farms, acres, 2007	74,739	10,150,539	63,840
% of farmers working 200+ days off farm, 2007	39.2	39.9	40.1
Average farm size in acres, 2007	329	212	225
Harvested cropland, acres, 2007	30,421	3,390,437	21,324
Acres of irrigated farm land, 2008	7,950	1,446,754	9,099
<u>CRIME</u>			
Index crimes reported, 2008	335	418,025	2,646
Index crime rate per 100,000	1,899.6	4,315.9	3,025.7
Arrests for index crimes, 2008	0	107,241	710
% juvenile arrests	--	22.3	17.1
Arrest rate per 100,000	--	1,107.2	878.1
Juvenile commitment rate per 1,000 (age 10-16), FY2009	2.92	2.96	2.22
State prison inmates' home county, 2009	232	53,163	303
% incarcerated for violent/sex crimes	50.0	59.3	57.0
Probationers county of conviction, 2009	604	159,258	985
<u>ECONOMICS</u>			
Deposits in financial institutions, 2009	\$432,937,000	\$198,546,005,000	\$1,248,717,013
Bankruptcy filings per 1,000 population, 2008	9.5	6.5	6.3
Gross tax digest 40% value of assessed property, 2008	\$415,603,200	\$338,247,553,569**	\$2,127,343,104**
Taxes levied, 2008	\$12,089,505	\$8,975,713,109	\$56,451,026
Millage rate, county-wide, 2008	33.42	--	30.49
Total lottery sales, FY2009	\$9,537,529	\$3,662,866,404	\$23,036,896
Per capita lottery sales	\$541	\$378	\$440
Median household income, 2008 model-based estimate	\$31,091	\$50,834	\$41,186
Persons below poverty level, 2008 model-based estimate	3,985	1,388,959	8,736
% of all persons	23.2	14.7	19.1
% of children 0-17	33.7	20.2	26.7
Families living below poverty level, % in 1999	18.7	9.9	13.5
Per capita income, 2007	\$24,455	\$33,499	\$26,299
Total personal income, 2007	\$431,848,000	\$319,018,383,000	\$2,006,404,925
Transfer receipts, 2007	\$130,206,000	\$43,595,241,000	\$274,183,906
Transfer receipts as a % of total personal income	30.2	13.7	23.1
Per capita transfer receipts	\$7,373	\$4,578	\$5,770
Total retail sales, 2008	\$271,020,000	\$152,968,024,000	\$962,063,044
Pull factor (1 = average)	1.43	1.00	0.87
<u>EDUCATION--Public School Systems, (County Systems only) 2007-08</u>			
Total FTE enrollment	3,220	1,609,681	9,362
% Black	43.6	39.5	36.2
% White	46.4	44.5	54.5
% Hispanic	7.8	9.8	5.8
% Asian	0.7	2.9	1.0
% students absent > 15 days	12.0	9.5	10
% economically disadvantaged	70.1	51.0	60
% of students retained in grade	6.4	4.1	4.3
% students in gifted program	6.6	9.0	6.6
% students with disabilities	11	11	12
General Fund Expenditures per pupil	\$8,042	\$8,428	\$8,301
Number of high school dropouts (grades 9-12)	54	18,960	106
High school dropout rate per 100 enrolled	5.7	3.6	4.2
Total graduates	172	83517	491
% of grads with college prep. diploma	50.6	75.4	61.8
Class of 2008 percent completion	65.9	75.4	72.7
% of teachers with advanced degrees	61.6	57.6	58.2
Total recipients of HOPE Scholarships, FY2009	880	217,978	1,368
HOPE \$ awards	\$1,333,188	\$522,917,080	\$3,275,482

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<u>EDUCATION--Highest Level Completed (Age 25+) 2000</u>			
% NOT completing high school	34.2	21.4	29.3
% high school graduate (includes GED)	37.2	28.7	34.9
% some college and/or associate degree	19.1	25.6	21.8
% Bachelor's degree	5.9	16.0	8.9
% Graduate or professional degree	3.7	8.3	5.1
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>			
Date of county creation	Nov. 6, 1906	--	--
Total direct Federal government expenditures, FY2008	\$146,384,908	\$74,164,642,401	\$425,664,325
% Defense spending	2.4	19.1	8.3
Total registered voters as of 11/4/08	8,578	5,198,971	32,698
% registered voting for President in 2008 General Election	70.4	75.5	74.4
<u>HEALTH</u>			
Disability, % age 21-64, 2000	26.0	19.9	23.8
Disability, % age 65+, 2000	56.4	47.5	50.7
Licensed child day care facilities, 2009	5	3,097	
General hospitals, 2007	1	149	
General nursing homes, SFY08	2	354	
STD rate per 100,000 pop., 2008	1151.1	633.4	596.9
Medicare payments, 2007	\$30,695,000	\$10,105,248,000	\$63,555,019
Total practicing physicians, 2006	21	18,422	116
Persons per physician ratio	820.0	494.5	1,581.7
<u>HOUSING / HOUSEHOLDS</u>			
Private residential units authorized for construction, 2008	30	35,519	223
Value of construction	\$3,119,275	\$4,956,641,616	\$31,173,847
Total housing units, 2008 estimate	8,004	4,026,082	25,321.3
% change 2000-08	5.0	22.7	15.5
Housing unit density per sq. mi. of land area	31.8	69.5	79.7
% mobile homes of total housing units, 2000	25.2	12.0	25.5
% owner-occupied of total housing units, 2000	66.7	67.5	73.9
Median value of owner-occupied units, 2000	\$60,700	\$111,200	\$81,599
Total families, 2000	4,629	2,111,647	13,281
% with own children <18	47.9	49.8	47.3
% married couples	68.0	73.3	73.4
% female householder, no husband present	25.1	20.6	20.7
% female h/holder, no husband, w/children <18	15.1	12.2	11.9
Total households, 2000	6,673	3,006,369	18,908
# persons per household	2.57	2.65	2.64
<u>LABOR</u>			
Civilian labor force, 2008	7,595	4,847,650	30,488
Average annual unemployment rate, 2008	10.9	6.2	6.9
Average # of business establishments, 2008	423	276,063	1,572
Average monthly employment, 2008	6,827	4,029,673	24,656
Average weekly wage, all industries, 2008	\$505	\$819	\$589
Residents' mean travel time to work in minutes, 2000	18.3	27.7	26.4
% of residents working outside of county, 2000	21.4	41.5	45.5
% of residents who drove alone to work, 2000	79.0	77.5	77.1
% change in residents who drove alone, 1990-2000	18.8	24.8	26.0
% of workforce coming into county from elsewhere, 2000	30.4	41.8	33.1
<u>NATURAL RESOURCES</u>			
Total area in square miles, 2000 Census	254.0	59,424.8	373.7
Rank of size, 1=highest (1-159)	122	--	--
Acres of forestland, 2008	95,213	24,825,352	156,134
Forestland as a % of land use area	59.2	65.3	64.1
Net volume of live trees on timberland, cubic ft., 2008	157,594,606	39,499,721,725	248,425,923
Water withdrawals (gallons per day), 2005	10,680,000	5,471,470,000	34,411,761
Public use per capita in gallons per day	223.8	157.9	173.7
Water use for irrigation (millions of gal/day)	7.26	751.64	5
Hazardous waste sites, 2009	1	533	3
Toxic chemical releases (pounds per year), 2008	656	104,580,923	658,000
<u>POPULATION</u>			
Metropolitan county in 2009?	NO	--	--
Total, 2008 estimate	17,635	9,685,744	60,917
Rank of population size, 1=highest (1-159)	94	--	--
% change in total, 2000-08	0.9	18.3	11.2
Rank of % change in total, 2000-08	117	--	--
Growth rate by natural increase, 1 yr. 2007-08	6.3	8.3	5.3
Growth rate by net migration, 1 yr. 2007-08	-7.9	8.7	5.9
% change in total population, 1930-2008	35.2	233.0	214.8
Rank of % change, 1=highest (1-159)	101	--	--

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Persons per square mile, 2008 estimate	70.0	167.3	192.4
Rank of population density, 1=highest (1-159)	73	--	--
% urban, 2000	65.2	71.7	36.4
% rural, 2000	34.8	28.3	63.6
Total, 2010 Trend (Center for Agribusiness) rev 3/09	17,661	10,050,139	63,208
Total, 2015 projection (GA Office of Planning & Budget)	17,728	10,961,128	68,938
% Black alone, 2008 estimate	33.1	30.0	28.1
% White alone, 2008 estimate	65.5	65.4	69.7
% Other races alone, 2008 estimate	0.61	3.31	1.3
% Hispanic/Latino, 2008 estimate	7.6	8.0	5.0
% Age 65 and over, 2008 estimate	13.3	10.1	12.8
Median age, Total, 2008 estimate	35.1	34.9	36.0
Religion--churches/synagogues/mosques/temples, 2000	33	8,962	56
Adherents as % of population	58.9	44.8	43.9
Total civilian veterans, 2009 estimate	1,273	772,832	4,861
<u>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE</u>			
Child abuse cases investigated, 2008	91	30,600	192
% of child abuse cases substantiated	39.6	53.3	58.4
Substantiated child maltreatment victims, 2008	51	25,949	163
Maltreatment rate per 1,000 children <18	10.4	10.3	15.1
Child Welfare, adoptions, SFY2008	1	1273	8
Food stamp average # of recipients, SFY2008	3,718	987,851	6,213
Food stamp recipients % of population	21.1	10.2	13.8
Medicaid average # of recipients, SFY2008	6,996	2,068,185	13,007
Medicaid recipients % of population	39.7	21.4	27.2
TANF average # of recipients, SFY2008	135	40,609	255
TANF recipients % of population	0.8	0.4	0.5
OASDI (Social Security) recipients % of pop., 12/2008	20.2	13.9	18.4
SSI (Supplemental Security Income) % of pop., 12/2008	4.5	2.2	3.3
<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>			
Total highway mileage (12/31/08), 2009	509.1	117,237.7	737
% unpaved	39.5	24.3	27.9
Daily Vehicle miles traveled (12/31/08), 2009	860,000	297,363,000	1,870,220.1
Registered motor vehicles (as of 9/30//09)	15,999	8,499,469	53,372
Motor vehicle crashes, 2000-2006	2,270	2,320,522	14,594.5
Rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	175.2	306.7	184.4
Motor vehicle crash fatalities, 2000-2006	16	11,435	71.9
Rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	1.2	1.5	1.8
% restraint usage in traffic crashes (age 6 or >), 2006	71.3	80.9	78.8
% restraint usage in traffic crashes (< age 6), 2006	60.4	65.0	59.8
Housing units with no vehicles available, 2000	848	248,546	1,563
<u>VITAL STATISTICS, 2007 (Rate not shown when number of events is >0 and <5)</u>			
Live births, total	352	150,804	948
Live birth rate (per 1,000 population)	19.9	15.8	14.7
Live births to unwed mothers, total	210	65,068	409
% Unwed births of total live births	59.7	43.1	46.7
% Unwed births to teen mothers of all births	17.3	10.1	12.8
Low weight births, total (< 2500 grams)	55	14,351	90
% Low weight of total live births	15.6	9.5	10.0
Induced terminations, total	14	29,415	185
Induced termination rate (per 1,000 fem. age 15-44)	4.0	14.3	--
Teen Pregnancies, total	76	23,285	146
Teen pregnancy rate (per 1,000 fem. age 10-19)	61.6	35.3	40.7
Deaths, total	182	67,753	426
Death rate (per 100,000 population)	1031.2	709.8	949.6
Infant deaths, total	3	1,198	8
<u>VITAL STATISTICS, 10-Yr. CUMULATIVE RATES, 1998-2007</u>			
Live birth rate (per 1,000 population)	17.5	15.7	14.4
Live births to unwed mothers rate (per 100 live births)	55.4	39.0	43.2
Low birth weight rate (per 100 live births)	15.2	9.1	9.6
Induced termination rate (per 1,000 females age 15-44)	4.6	14.9	8.4
Teen pregnancy rate (per 1,000 females age 10-19)	57.4	37.6	40.6
Death rate (per 100,000 population)	1,207.2	747.7	953.2
Infant death rate (per 1,000 live births)	11.8	8.4	9.0
Suicide rate (per 100,000 population)	9.7	10.4	--
Homicide rate (per 100,000 population)	16.6	7.7	--

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