

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

	CHEROKEE CO.	GEORGIA TOTAL	Avg. Co. in GA
<u>AGRICULTURE</u>			
Total Farm Gate Value of production, 2008	\$66,658,093	\$11,922,405,911	\$74,983,685
Total Farm Gate Value per farm	\$147,474	\$249,183	\$238,628
Total Farm Gate value per acre of farm land	\$2,848	\$1,175	\$1,463
Poultry/eggs value	\$36,105,788	\$5,651,535,758	\$35,544,250
Row/forage crops value	\$534,650	\$2,009,762,474	\$12,640,016
Livestock/aquaculture value	\$14,525,775	\$1,263,728,965	\$7,947,981
Forestry & products value	\$317,310	\$570,838,261	\$3,590,178
Vegetables value	\$142,550	\$849,037,686	\$5,339,860
Ornamental horticulture value	\$13,063,427	\$695,986,551	\$4,377,274
Fruits & nuts value	\$88,450	\$267,729,337	\$1,683,832
Other income value	\$1,880,143	\$613,786,879	\$3,860,295
Farm production expenses, 2007	\$60,146,000	\$5,999,216,000	\$37,730,918
Net farm proprietor's income, 2007	\$17,655,000	\$1,240,892,000	\$7,804,352
Number of farms, 2007	452	47,846	301
% change in number of farms, 2002-2007	-25.4	-3.0	-1.2
Land in farms, acres, 2007	23,409	10,150,539	63,840
% of farmers working 200+ days off farm, 2007	35.0	39.9	40.1
Average farm size in acres, 2007	52	212	225
Harvested cropland, acres, 2007	3,950	3,390,437	21,324
Acres of irrigated farm land, 2008	967	1,446,754	9,099
<u>CRIME</u>			
Index crimes reported, 2008	2,707	418,025	2,646
Index crime rate per 100,000	1,285.8	4,315.9	3,025.7
Arrests for index crimes, 2008	1,161	107,241	710
% juvenile arrests	12.4	22.3	17.1
Arrest rate per 100,000	551.5	1,107.2	878.1
Juvenile commitment rate per 1,000 (age 10-16), FY2009	0.88	2.96	2.22
State prison inmates' home county, 2009	395	53,163	303
% incarcerated for violent/sex crimes	56.7	59.3	57.0
Probationers county of conviction, 2009	2,511	159,258	985
<u>ECONOMICS</u>			
Deposits in financial institutions, 2009	\$3,139,443,000	\$198,546,005,000	\$1,248,717,013
Bankruptcy filings per 1,000 population, 2008	5.9	6.5	6.3
Gross tax digest 40% value of assessed property, 2008	\$9,205,864,576	\$338,247,553,569**	\$2,127,343,104**
Taxes levied, 2008	\$220,296,605	\$8,975,713,109	\$56,451,026
Millage rate, county-wide, 2008	29.03	--	30.49
Total lottery sales, FY2009	\$45,775,648	\$3,662,866,404	\$23,036,896
Per capita lottery sales	\$217	\$378	\$440
Median household income, 2008 model-based estimate	\$68,627	\$50,834	\$41,186
Persons below poverty level, 2008 model-based estimate	13,912	1,388,959	8,736
% of all persons	6.7	14.7	19.1
% of children 0-17	8.7	20.2	26.7
Families living below poverty level, % in 1999	3.5	9.9	13.5
Per capita income, 2007	\$34,818	\$33,499	\$26,299
Total personal income, 2007	\$7,091,346,000	\$319,018,383,000	\$2,006,404,925
Transfer receipts, 2007	\$627,899,000	\$43,595,241,000	\$274,183,906
Transfer receipts as a % of total personal income	8.9	13.7	23.1
Per capita transfer receipts	\$3,083	\$4,578	\$5,770
Total retail sales, 2008	\$3,197,137,000	\$152,968,024,000	\$962,063,044
Pull factor (1 = average)	0.74	1.00	0.87
<u>EDUCATION--Public School Systems, (County Systems only) 2007-08</u>			
Total FTE enrollment	35,924	1,609,681	9,362
% Black	7.3	39.5	36.2
% White	76.9	44.5	54.5
% Hispanic	11.0	9.8	5.8
% Asian	1.5	2.9	1.0
% students absent > 15 days	5.6	9.5	10
% economically disadvantaged	21.5	51.0	60
% of students retained in grade	4.8	4.1	4.3
% students in gifted program	12.9	9.0	6.6
% students with disabilities	11	11	12
General Fund Expenditures per pupil	\$8,560	\$8,428	\$8,301
Number of high school dropouts (grades 9-12)	511	18,960	106
High school dropout rate per 100 enrolled	4.7	3.6	4.2
Total graduates	1889	83517	491
% of grads with college prep. diploma	80.7	75.4	61.8
Class of 2008 percent completion	80.3	75.4	72.7
% of teachers with advanced degrees	58.2	57.6	58.2
Total recipients of HOPE Scholarships, FY2009	4,200	217,978	1,368
HOPE \$ awards	\$11,935,867	\$522,917,080	\$3,275,482

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<u>EDUCATION--Highest Level Completed (Age 25+) 2000</u>			
% NOT completing high school	15.6	21.4	29.3
% high school graduate (includes GED)	27.3	28.7	34.9
% some college and/or associate degree	30.2	25.6	21.8
% Bachelor's degree	19.6	16.0	8.9
% Graduate or professional degree	7.3	8.3	5.1
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>			
Date of county creation	Dec. 26, 1831	--	--
Total direct Federal government expenditures, FY2008	\$516,153,239	\$74,164,642,401	\$425,664,325
% Defense spending	4.4	19.1	8.3
Total registered voters as of 11/4/08	119,358	5,198,971	32,698
% registered voting for President in 2008 General Election	78.5	75.5	74.4
<u>HEALTH</u>			
Disability, % age 21-64, 2000	14.2	19.9	23.8
Disability, % age 65+, 2000	42.7	47.5	50.7
Licensed child day care facilities, 2009	47	3,097	
General hospitals, 2007	1	149	
General nursing homes, SFY08	3	354	
STD rate per 100,000 pop., 2008	183.3	633.4	596.9
Medicare payments, 2007	\$149,316,000	\$10,105,248,000	\$63,555,019
Total practicing physicians, 2006	184	18,422	116
Persons per physician ratio	995.2	494.5	1,581.7
<u>HOUSING / HOUSEHOLDS</u>			
Private residential units authorized for construction, 2008	912	35,519	223
Value of construction	\$150,852,362	\$4,956,641,616	\$31,173,847
Total housing units, 2008 estimate	80,869	4,026,082	25,321.3
% change 2000-08	55.7	22.7	15.5
Housing unit density per sq. mi. of land area	190.9	69.5	79.7
% mobile homes of total housing units, 2000	7.8	12.0	25.5
% owner-occupied of total housing units, 2000	83.9	67.5	73.9
Median value of owner-occupied units, 2000	\$139,900	\$111,200	\$81,599
Total families, 2000	39,194	2,111,647	13,281
% with own children <18	52.3	49.8	47.3
% married couples	84.8	73.3	73.4
% female householder, no husband present	10.5	20.6	20.7
% female h/holder, no husband, w/children <18	6.3	12.2	11.9
Total households, 2000	49,495	3,006,369	18,908
# persons per household	2.85	2.65	2.64
<u>LABOR</u>			
Civilian labor force, 2008	110,276	4,847,650	30,488
Average annual unemployment rate, 2008	5.3	6.2	6.9
Average # of business establishments, 2008	5,354	276,063	1,572
Average monthly employment, 2008	46,965	4,029,673	24,656
Average weekly wage, all industries, 2008	\$652	\$819	\$589
Residents' mean travel time to work in minutes, 2000	34.4	27.7	26.4
% of residents working outside of county, 2000	64.6	41.5	45.5
% of residents who drove alone to work, 2000	81.2	77.5	77.1
% change in residents who drove alone, 1990-2000	61.0	24.8	26.0
% of workforce coming into county from elsewhere, 2000	35.6	41.8	33.1
<u>NATURAL RESOURCES</u>			
Total area in square miles, 2000 Census	434.0	59,424.8	373.7
Rank of size, 1=highest (1-159)	51	--	--
Acres of forestland, 2008	157,779	24,825,352	156,134
Forestland as a % of land use area	57.4	65.3	64.1
Net volume of live trees on timberland, cubic ft., 2008	377,592,917	39,499,721,725	248,425,923
Water withdrawals (gallons per day), 2005	29,350,000	5,471,470,000	34,411,761
Public use per capita in gallons per day	164.2	157.9	173.7
Water use for irrigation (millions of gal/day)	2.38	751.64	5
Hazardous waste sites, 2009	4	533	3
Toxic chemical releases (pounds per year), 2008	33,890	104,580,923	658,000
<u>POPULATION</u>			
Metropolitan county in 2009?	YES	--	--
Total, 2008 estimate	210,529	9,685,744	60,917
Rank of population size, 1=highest (1-159)	7	--	--
% change in total, 2000-08	48.4	18.3	11.2
Rank of % change in total, 2000-08	6	--	--
Growth rate by natural increase, 1 yr. 2007-08	11.9	8.3	5.3
Growth rate by net migration, 1 yr. 2007-08	21.5	8.7	5.9
% change in total population, 1930-2008	952.5	233.0	214.8
Rank of % change, 1=highest (1-159)	13	--	--

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Persons per square mile, 2008 estimate	496.9	167.3	192.4
Rank of population density, 1=highest (1-159)	16	--	--
% urban, 2000	74.8	71.7	36.4
% rural, 2000	25.2	28.3	63.6
Total, 2010 Trend (Center for Agribusiness) rev 3/09	226,776	10,050,139	63,208
Total, 2015 projection (GA Office of Planning & Budget)	267,395	10,961,128	68,938
% Black alone, 2008 estimate	6.1	30.0	28.1
% White alone, 2008 estimate	90.3	65.4	69.7
% Other races alone, 2008 estimate	2.31	3.31	1.3
% Hispanic/Latino, 2008 estimate	9.1	8.0	5.0
% Age 65 and over, 2008 estimate	7.7	10.1	12.8
Median age, Total, 2008 estimate	33.4	34.9	36.0
Religion--churches/synagogues/mosques/temples, 2000	95	8,962	56
Adherents as % of population	37.4	44.8	43.9
Total civilian veterans, 2009 estimate	15,642	772,832	4,861
<u>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE</u>			
Child abuse cases investigated, 2008	439	30,600	192
% of child abuse cases substantiated	69.2	53.3	58.4
Substantiated child maltreatment victims, 2008	468	25,949	163
Maltreatment rate per 1,000 children <18	7.9	10.3	15.1
Child Welfare, adoptions, SFY2008	31	1273	8
Food stamp average # of recipients, SFY2008	5,007	987,851	6,213
Food stamp recipients % of population	2.4	10.2	13.8
Medicaid average # of recipients, SFY2008	22,749	2,068,185	13,007
Medicaid recipients % of population	10.8	21.4	27.2
TANF average # of recipients, SFY2008	171	40,609	255
TANF recipients % of population	0.1	0.4	0.5
OASDI (Social Security) recipients % of pop., 12/2008	11.3	13.9	18.4
SSI (Supplemental Security Income) % of pop., 12/2008	0.6	2.2	3.3
<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>			
Total highway mileage (12/31/08), 2009	1,341.1	117,237.7	737
% unpaved	2.6	24.3	27.9
Daily Vehicle miles traveled (12/31/08), 2009	5,214,000	297,363,000	1,870,220.1
Registered motor vehicles (as of 9/30//09)	197,328	8,499,469	53,372
Motor vehicle crashes, 2000-2006	33,227	2,320,522	14,594.5
Rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	273.2	306.7	184.4
Motor vehicle crash fatalities, 2000-2006	158	11,435	71.9
Rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	1.3	1.5	1.8
% restraint usage in traffic crashes (age 6 or >), 2006	93.1	80.9	78.8
% restraint usage in traffic crashes (< age 6), 2006	72.2	65.0	59.8
Housing units with no vehicles available, 2000	1,456	248,546	1,563
<u>VITAL STATISTICS, 2007 (Rate not shown when number of events is >0 and <5)</u>			
Live births, total	3,297	150,804	948
Live birth rate (per 1,000 population)	16.1	15.8	14.7
Live births to unwed mothers, total	758	65,068	409
% Unwed births of total live births	23.0	43.1	46.7
% Unwed births to teen mothers of all births	4.9	10.1	12.8
Low weight births, total (< 2500 grams)	225	14,351	90
% Low weight of total live births	6.8	9.5	10.0
Induced terminations, total	359	29,415	185
Induced termination rate (per 1,000 fem. age 15-44)	8.1	14.3	--
Teen Pregnancies, total	286	23,285	146
Teen pregnancy rate (per 1,000 fem. age 10-19)	20.2	35.3	40.7
Deaths, total	1,003	67,753	426
Death rate (per 100,000 population)	490.8	709.8	949.6
Infant deaths, total	16	1,198	8
<u>VITAL STATISTICS, 10-Yr. CUMULATIVE RATES, 1998-2007</u>			
Live birth rate (per 1,000 population)	17.1	15.7	14.4
Live births to unwed mothers rate (per 100 live births)	19.1	39.0	43.2
Low birth weight rate (per 100 live births)	6.9	9.1	9.6
Induced termination rate (per 1,000 females age 15-44)	9.3	14.9	8.4
Teen pregnancy rate (per 1,000 females age 10-19)	23.8	37.6	40.6
Death rate (per 100,000 population)	526.6	747.7	953.2
Infant death rate (per 1,000 live births)	4.6	8.4	9.0
Suicide rate (per 100,000 population)	10.1	10.4	--
Homicide rate (per 100,000 population)	2.4	7.7	--

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