

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

	HEARD CO.	GEORGIA TOTAL	Avg. Co. in GA
<u>AGRICULTURE</u>			
Total Farm Gate Value of production, 2008	\$67,409,451	\$11,922,405,911	\$74,983,685
Total Farm Gate Value per farm	\$360,478	\$249,183	\$238,628
Total Farm Gate value per acre of farm land	\$2,856	\$1,175	\$1,463
Poultry/eggs value	\$59,960,353	\$5,651,535,758	\$35,544,250
Row/forage crops value	\$305,183	\$2,009,762,474	\$12,640,016
Livestock/aquaculture value	\$3,387,279	\$1,263,728,965	\$7,947,981
Forestry & products value	\$2,116,630	\$570,838,261	\$3,590,178
Vegetables value	\$25,000	\$849,037,686	\$5,339,860
Ornamental horticulture value	\$566,930	\$695,986,551	\$4,377,274
Fruits & nuts value	\$0	\$267,729,337	\$1,683,832
Other income value	\$1,048,077	\$613,786,879	\$3,860,295
Farm production expenses, 2007	\$25,266,000	\$5,999,216,000	\$37,730,918
Net farm proprietor's income, 2007	\$7,312,000	\$1,240,892,000	\$7,804,352
Number of farms, 2007	187	47,846	301
% change in number of farms, 2002-2007	-10.5	-3.0	-1.2
Land in farms, acres, 2007	23,599	10,150,539	63,840
% of farmers working 200+ days off farm, 2007	44.4	39.9	40.1
Average farm size in acres, 2007	126	212	225
Harvested cropland, acres, 2007	2,499	3,390,437	21,324
Acres of irrigated farm land, 2008	0	1,446,754	9,099
<u>CRIME</u>			
Index crimes reported, 2008	227	418,025	2,646
Index crime rate per 100,000	1,978.0	4,315.9	3,025.7
Arrests for index crimes, 2008	84	107,241	710
% juvenile arrests	11.9	22.3	17.1
Arrest rate per 100,000	732.0	1,107.2	878.1
Juvenile commitment rate per 1,000 (age 10-16), FY2009	2.15	2.96	2.22
State prison inmates' home county, 2009	61	53,163	303
% incarcerated for violent/sex crimes	57.4	59.3	57.0
Probationers county of conviction, 2009	189	159,258	985
<u>ECONOMICS</u>			
Deposits in financial institutions, 2009	\$95,026,000	\$198,546,005,000	\$1,248,717,013
Bankruptcy filings per 1,000 population, 2008	6.9	6.5	6.3
Gross tax digest 40% value of assessed property, 2008	\$499,903,471	\$338,247,553,569**	\$2,127,343,104**
Taxes levied, 2008	\$9,935,585	\$8,975,713,109	\$56,451,026
Millage rate, county-wide, 2008	23.41	--	30.49
Total lottery sales, FY2009	\$4,141,825	\$3,662,866,404	\$23,036,896
Per capita lottery sales	\$361	\$378	\$440
Median household income, 2008 model-based estimate	\$39,864	\$50,834	\$41,186
Persons below poverty level, 2008 model-based estimate	1,891	1,388,959	8,736
% of all persons	16.7	14.7	19.1
% of children 0-17	24.5	20.2	26.7
Families living below poverty level, % in 1999	10.5	9.9	13.5
Per capita income, 2007	\$23,452	\$33,499	\$26,299
Total personal income, 2007	\$266,527,000	\$319,018,383,000	\$2,006,404,925
Transfer receipts, 2007	\$60,685,000	\$43,595,241,000	\$274,183,906
Transfer receipts as a % of total personal income	22.8	13.7	23.1
Per capita transfer receipts	\$5,340	\$4,578	\$5,770
Total retail sales, 2008	\$26,691,000	\$152,968,024,000	\$962,063,044
Pull factor (1 = average)	0.18	1.00	0.87
<u>EDUCATION--Public School Systems, (County Systems only) 2007-08</u>			
Total FTE enrollment	2,086	1,609,681	9,362
% Black	10.1	39.5	36.2
% White	84.7	44.5	54.5
% Hispanic	1.8	9.8	5.8
% Asian	0.2	2.9	1.0
% students absent > 15 days	15.2	9.5	10
% economically disadvantaged	58.5	51.0	60
% of students retained in grade	3.5	4.1	4.3
% students in gifted program	5.5	9.0	6.6
% students with disabilities	10	11	12
General Fund Expenditures per pupil	\$8,052	\$8,428	\$8,301
Number of high school dropouts (grades 9-12)	30	18,960	106
High school dropout rate per 100 enrolled	4.3	3.6	4.2
Total graduates	125	83517	491
% of grads with college prep. diploma	51.2	75.4	61.8
Class of 2008 percent completion	81.2	75.4	72.7
% of teachers with advanced degrees	58.3	57.6	58.2
Total recipients of HOPE Scholarships, FY2009	247	217,978	1,368
HOPE \$ awards	\$428,391	\$522,917,080	\$3,275,482

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<u>EDUCATION--Highest Level Completed (Age 25+) 2000</u>			
% NOT completing high school	34.0	21.4	29.3
% high school graduate (includes GED)	41.7	28.7	34.9
% some college and/or associate degree	17.0	25.6	21.8
% Bachelor's degree	5.2	16.0	8.9
% Graduate or professional degree	2.1	8.3	5.1
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>			
Date of county creation	Dec. 22, 1830	--	--
Total direct Federal government expenditures, FY2008	\$60,771,981	\$74,164,642,401	\$425,664,325
% Defense spending	0.6	19.1	8.3
Total registered voters as of 11/4/08	6,304	5,198,971	32,698
% registered voting for President in 2008 General Election	67.0	75.5	74.4
<u>HEALTH</u>			
Disability, % age 21-64, 2000	22.3	19.9	23.8
Disability, % age 65+, 2000	50.8	47.5	50.7
Licensed child day care facilities, 2009	3	3,097	
General hospitals, 2007	--	149	
General nursing homes, SFY08	1	354	
STD rate per 100,000 pop., 2008	261.4	633.4	596.9
Medicare payments, 2007	\$13,909,000	\$10,105,248,000	\$63,555,019
Total practicing physicians, 2006	1	18,422	116
Persons per physician ratio	11,246.0	494.5	1,581.7
<u>HOUSING / HOUSEHOLDS</u>			
Private residential units authorized for construction, 2008	13	35,519	223
Value of construction	\$1,746,774	\$4,956,641,616	\$31,173,847
Total housing units, 2008 estimate	4,874	4,026,082	25,321.3
% change 2000-08	8.0	22.7	15.5
Housing unit density per sq. mi. of land area	16.5	69.5	79.7
% mobile homes of total housing units, 2000	38.5	12.0	25.5
% owner-occupied of total housing units, 2000	77.4	67.5	73.9
Median value of owner-occupied units, 2000	\$72,900	\$111,200	\$81,599
Total families, 2000	3,042	2,111,647	13,281
% with own children <18	50.1	49.8	47.3
% married couples	77.0	73.3	73.4
% female householder, no husband present	16.1	20.6	20.7
% female h/holder, no husband, w/children <18	9.2	12.2	11.9
Total households, 2000	4,043	3,006,369	18,908
# persons per household	2.70	2.65	2.64
<u>LABOR</u>			
Civilian labor force, 2008	4,972	4,847,650	30,488
Average annual unemployment rate, 2008	7.5	6.2	6.9
Average # of business establishments, 2008	153	276,063	1,572
Average monthly employment, 2008	2,962	4,029,673	24,656
Average weekly wage, all industries, 2008	\$885	\$819	\$589
Residents' mean travel time to work in minutes, 2000	37.5	27.7	26.4
% of residents working outside of county, 2000	68.5	41.5	45.5
% of residents who drove alone to work, 2000	72.7	77.5	77.1
% change in residents who drove alone, 1990-2000	27.1	24.8	26.0
% of workforce coming into county from elsewhere, 2000	36.6	41.8	33.1
<u>NATURAL RESOURCES</u>			
Total area in square miles, 2000 Census	301.1	59,424.8	373.7
Rank of size, 1=highest (1-159)	99	--	--
Acres of forestland, 2008	135,688	24,825,352	156,134
Forestland as a % of land use area	74.4	65.3	64.1
Net volume of live trees on timberland, cubic ft., 2008	188,978,700	39,499,721,725	248,425,923
Water withdrawals (gallons per day), 2005	65,890,000	5,471,470,000	34,411,761
Public use per capita in gallons per day	129.0	157.9	173.7
Water use for irrigation (millions of gal/day)	0.00	751.64	5
Hazardous waste sites, 2009	0	533	3
Toxic chemical releases (pounds per year), 2008	--	104,580,923	658,000
<u>POPULATION</u>			
Metropolitan county in 2009?	YES	--	--
Total, 2008 estimate	11,476	9,685,744	60,917
Rank of population size, 1=highest (1-159)	118	--	--
% change in total, 2000-08	4.2	18.3	11.2
Rank of % change in total, 2000-08	103	--	--
Growth rate by natural increase, 1 yr. 2007-08	3.8	8.3	5.3
Growth rate by net migration, 1 yr. 2007-08	6.0	8.7	5.9
% change in total population, 1930-2008	26.1	233.0	214.8
Rank of % change, 1=highest (1-159)	105	--	--

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Persons per square mile, 2008 estimate	38.8	167.3	192.4
Rank of population density, 1=highest (1-159)	105	--	--
% urban, 2000	0.0	71.7	36.4
% rural, 2000	100.0	28.3	63.6
Total, 2010 Trend (Center for Agribusiness) rev 3/09	11,640	10,050,139	63,208
Total, 2015 projection (GA Office of Planning & Budget)	12,051	10,961,128	68,938
% Black alone, 2008 estimate	10.8	30.0	28.1
% White alone, 2008 estimate	87.7	65.4	69.7
% Other races alone, 2008 estimate	0.67	3.31	1.3
% Hispanic/Latino, 2008 estimate	1.7	8.0	5.0
% Age 65 and over, 2008 estimate	11.0	10.1	12.8
Median age, Total, 2008 estimate	36.0	34.9	36.0
Religion--churches/synagogues/mosques/temples, 2000	34	8,962	56
Adherents as % of population	47.5	44.8	43.9
Total civilian veterans, 2009 estimate	711	772,832	4,861
<u>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE</u>			
Child abuse cases investigated, 2008	58	30,600	192
% of child abuse cases substantiated	62.1	53.3	58.4
Substantiated child maltreatment victims, 2008	68	25,949	163
Maltreatment rate per 1,000 children <18	22.4	10.3	15.1
Child Welfare, adoptions, SFY2008	3	1273	8
Food stamp average # of recipients, SFY2008	1,664	987,851	6,213
Food stamp recipients % of population	14.5	10.2	13.8
Medicaid average # of recipients, SFY2008	3,282	2,068,185	13,007
Medicaid recipients % of population	28.6	21.4	27.2
TANF average # of recipients, SFY2008	75	40,609	255
TANF recipients % of population	0.7	0.4	0.5
OASDI (Social Security) recipients % of pop., 12/2008	18.7	13.9	18.4
SSI (Supplemental Security Income) % of pop., 12/2008	3.2	2.2	3.3
<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>			
Total highway mileage (12/31/08), 2009	446.2	117,237.7	737
% unpaved	35.9	24.3	27.9
Daily Vehicle miles traveled (12/31/08), 2009	349,000	297,363,000	1,870,220.1
Registered motor vehicles (as of 9/30//09)	14,154	8,499,469	53,372
Motor vehicle crashes, 2000-2006	1,195	2,320,522	14,594.5
Rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	127.9	306.7	184.4
Motor vehicle crash fatalities, 2000-2006	30	11,435	71.9
Rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	3.2	1.5	1.8
% restraint usage in traffic crashes (age 6 or >), 2006	74.8	80.9	78.8
% restraint usage in traffic crashes (< age 6), 2006	20.7	65.0	59.8
Housing units with no vehicles available, 2000	324	248,546	1,563
<u>VITAL STATISTICS, 2007 (Rate not shown when number of events is >0 and <5)</u>			
Live births, total	131	150,804	948
Live birth rate (per 1,000 population)	11.5	15.8	14.7
Live births to unwed mothers, total	65	65,068	409
% Unwed births of total live births	49.6	43.1	46.7
% Unwed births to teen mothers of all births	21.4	10.1	12.8
Low weight births, total (< 2500 grams)	9	14,351	90
% Low weight of total live births	6.9	9.5	10.0
Induced terminations, total	9	29,415	185
Induced termination rate (per 1,000 fem. age 15-44)	3.7	14.3	--
Teen Pregnancies, total	33	23,285	146
Teen pregnancy rate (per 1,000 fem. age 10-19)	39.8	35.3	40.7
Deaths, total	96	67,753	426
Death rate (per 100,000 population)	843.1	709.8	949.6
Infant deaths, total	0	1,198	8
<u>VITAL STATISTICS, 10-Yr. CUMULATIVE RATES, 1998-2007</u>			
Live birth rate (per 1,000 population)	13.2	15.7	14.4
Live births to unwed mothers rate (per 100 live births)	38.0	39.0	43.2
Low birth weight rate (per 100 live births)	10.2	9.1	9.6
Induced termination rate (per 1,000 females age 15-44)	6.5	14.9	8.4
Teen pregnancy rate (per 1,000 females age 10-19)	37.2	37.6	40.6
Death rate (per 100,000 population)	933.9	747.7	953.2
Infant death rate (per 1,000 live births)	13.0	8.4	9.0
Suicide rate (per 100,000 population)	16.2	10.4	--
Homicide rate (per 100,000 population)	--	7.7	--

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