

# DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

MERIWETHER CO.

GEORGIA TOTAL

Avg. Co. in GA

## **AGRICULTURE**

Total Farm Gate Value of production, 2009	\$35,587,019	\$11,256,734,510	\$70,797,072
Total Farm Gate Value per farm	\$81,435	\$235,270	\$226,164
Total Farm Gate value per acre of farm land	\$437	\$1,109	\$1,398
Poultry/eggs value	\$0	\$5,186,128,879	\$32,617,163
Row/forage crops value	\$1,418,200	\$1,881,292,056	\$11,832,026
Livestock/aquaculture value	\$12,563,997	\$1,161,452,882	\$7,304,735
Forestry & products value	\$2,514,872	\$498,947,853	\$3,138,037
Vegetables value	\$146,063	\$915,632,787	\$5,758,697
Ornamental horticulture value	\$10,251,433	\$698,621,712	\$4,393,847
Fruits & nuts value	\$6,029,660	\$366,299,671	\$2,303,772
Other income value	\$2,662,795	\$548,358,671	\$3,448,797
Farm production expenses, 2008	\$17,522,000	\$6,756,783,000	\$42,495,491
Net farm proprietor's income, 2008	\$3,221,000	\$1,810,911,000	\$11,389,377
Number of farms, 2007	437	47,846	301
% change in number of farms, 2002-2007	28.9	-3.0	-1.2
Land in farms, acres, 2007	81,489	10,150,539	63,840
% of farmers working 200+ days off farm, 2007	33.2	39.9	40.1
Average farm size in acres, 2007	186	212	225
Harvested cropland, acres, 2007	11,603	3,390,437	21,324
Acres of irrigated farm land, 2008	400	1,446,754	9,099

## **CRIME**

Index crimes reported, 2009	730	387,315	2,451
Index crime rate per 100,000	3,204.1	3,940.4	2,798.9
Arrests for index crimes, 2009	215	104,784	616
% juvenile arrests	18.1	20.6	16.9
Arrest rate per 100,000	943.7	1,066.0	845.0
Juvenile commitment rate per 1,000 (age 10-16), FY2010	1.14	2.72	2.09
State prison inmates' home county, 2010	212	52,254	300
% incarcerated for violent/sex crimes	58.0	60.9	58.2
Probationers county of conviction, 2010	450	161,796	984

## **ECONOMICS**

Commercial Bank/Thrift/Savings Deposits, 2010	\$259,660,000	\$180,859,140,000	\$1,137,478,868
Bankruptcy filings per 1,000 population, 2009	6.5	7.8	7.3
Gross tax digest 40% value of assessed property, 2009	\$789,167,488	\$396,863,562,880	\$2,527,793,394
Taxes levied, 2008	\$17,085,645	\$11,038,315,107	\$69,423,365
Millage rate, county-wide, 2010	30.64	--	27.57
Total lottery sales, FY2010	\$12,705,017	\$3,645,709,808	\$22,928,993
Per capita lottery sales	\$558	\$371	\$437
Median household income, 2009 model-based estimate	\$34,861	\$47,469	\$38,972
Persons below poverty level, 2009 model-based estimate	4,469	1,585,116	9,969
% of all persons	20.0	16.6	21.0
% of children 0-17	32.2	22.7	29.1
Families living below poverty level, % in 1999	13.6	9.9	13.5
Per capita income, 2008	\$24,846	\$34,849	\$28,543
Total personal income, 2008	\$569,749,000	\$337,960,830,000	\$2,125,539,811
Transfer receipts, 2008	\$160,457,000	\$49,444,641,000	\$310,972,585
Transfer receipts as a % of total personal income	29.2	15.0	24.5
Per capita transfer receipts	\$6,997	\$5,099	\$6,398
Total retail sales, 2008	\$122,459,000	\$152,968,024,000	\$962,063,044
Pull factor (1 = average)	0.43	1.00	0.87

## **EDUCATION--Public School Systems, (County Systems only) 2008-09**

Total FTE enrollment	3,232	1,615,066	9,379
% Black	56.9	39.1	35.9
% White	39.3	44.1	54.2
% Hispanic	1.4	10.2	6.1
% Asian	0.4	3.1	1.1
% students absent > 15 days	6.5	8.7	10
% economically disadvantaged	99.9	53.9	64
% of students retained in grade	5.1	3.8	4.1
% students in Gifted program	1.5	9.3	6.9
% students in Special Ed program	18.1	10.6	11.5
% students with disabilities	19.1	12.0	13.0
General Fund Expenditures per pupil (FTE)	\$8,811	\$8,321	\$8,221
Number of high school dropouts (grades 9-12)	28	19,752	--
High school dropout rate per 100 enrolled	2.7	3.8	3.7
Total graduates	193	88003	523
% of grads with college prep. diploma	65.8	75.7	61.6
Class of 2009 percent completion	72.6	78.9	77.0
% of teachers with advanced degrees	50.8	59.2	59.5
Total recipients of HOPE Scholarships, FY2010	133	116,894	697
HOPE \$ awards	\$505,194	\$453,268,039	\$2,836,072

**Source:** 2011 Georgia County Guide, Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development, UGA, Athens, GA. 706-542-8938 or 706-542-0760. www.caed.uga.edu - Georgia Statistics System. 2/11

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<b><u>EDUCATION--Highest Level Completed (Age 25+) 2000</u></b>			
% NOT completing high school	34.2	21.4	29.3
% high school graduate (includes GED)	35.7	28.7	34.9
% some college and/or associate degree	19.3	25.6	21.8
% Bachelor's degree	6.5	16.0	8.9
% Graduate or professional degree	4.3	8.3	5.1
<b><u>GOVERNMENT</u></b>			
Date of county creation	Dec. 14, 1827	--	--
Total direct Federal government expenditures, FY2009	\$184,116,130	\$83,917,402,655	\$487,081,558
% Defense spending	3.4	19.6	8.3
Total registered voters as of 11/01/10	12,659	5,033,307	31,656
% registered voting for Governor in 2010 General Election	50.2	51.2	50.9
<b><u>HEALTH</u></b>			
Disability, % age 21-64, 2000	27.5	19.9	23.8
Disability, % age 65+, 2000	55.5	47.5	50.7
Licensed child day care facilities, 2010	8	3,156	20
General hospitals, 2009	1	148	1
General nursing homes, SFY09	2	357	2
STD rate per 100,000 population, total, 2009	469.6	576.2	529.0
Medicare payments, 2008	\$34,942,000	\$11,411,956,000	\$71,773,308
Total practicing physicians, 2008	22	19,046	120
Persons per physician ratio	1,035.8	500.6	1,570.5
<b><u>HOUSING / HOUSEHOLDS</u></b>			
Private residential units authorized for construction, 2009	32	18,392	116
Value of construction	\$4,969,752	\$2,631,366,738	\$16,549,476
Total housing units, 2009 estimate	10,558	4,062,400	25,549.7
% change 2000-09	14.6	23.8	32.0
Housing unit density per sq. mi. of land area	21.0	70.2	76.5
% mobile homes of total housing units, 2000	22.8	12.0	25.5
% owner-occupied of total housing units, 2000	74.2	67.5	73.9
Median value of owner-occupied units, 2000	\$66,300	\$111,200	\$81,599
Total families, 2000	6,012	2,111,647	13,281
% with own children <18	43.2	49.8	47.3
% married couples	67.2	73.3	73.4
% female householder, no husband present	25.3	20.6	20.7
% female h/holder, no husband, w/children <18	12.3	12.2	11.9
Total households, 2000	8,248	3,006,369	18,908
# persons per household	2.68	2.65	2.64
<b><u>LABOR</u></b>			
Civilian labor force, 2009	9,571	4,838,259	29,993
Average annual unemployment rate, 2009	13.1	9.4	10.5
Average # of business establishments, 2009	373	271,509	1,544
Average monthly employment, 2009	4,668	3,798,106	23,234
Average weekly wage, all industries, 2009	\$551	\$824	\$593
Residents' mean travel time to work in minutes, 2000	31.2	27.7	26.4
% of residents working outside of county, 2000	53.7	41.5	45.5
% of residents who drove alone to work, 2000	76.5	77.5	77.1
% change in residents who drove alone, 1990-2000	14.0	24.8	26.0
% of workforce coming into county from elsewhere, 2000	36.9	41.8	33.1
<b><u>NATURAL RESOURCES</u></b>			
Total area in square miles, 2000 Census	505.3	59,424.8	373.7
Rank of size, 1=highest (1-159)	28	--	--
Acres of accessible forestland, 2009	261,213	24,805,669	156,010
Forestland as a % of land use area	80.6	66.9	65.3
Net volume of live trees on timberland, cubic ft., 2009	378,483,254	39,898,878,874	250,936,345
Water withdrawals (gallons per day), 2005	3,580,000	5,471,470,000	34,411,761
Public use per capita in gallons per day	142.9	157.9	173.7
Water use for irrigation (millions of gal/day)	0.78	751.64	4.73
Hazardous waste sites, 2010	2	560	4
Toxic chemical releases (pounds per year), 2009	41,611	79,853,811	502,225
<b><u>POPULATION</u></b>			
Metropolitan county in 2009?	YES	--	--
Total, 2009 estimate	22,783	9,829,211	61,819
Rank of population size, 1=highest (1-159)	80	--	--
% change in total, 2000-09	1.1	20.1	12.0
Rank of % change in total	119	--	--
Growth rate by natural increase, 1 yr. 2008-09	1.0	7.8	4.8
Growth rate by net migration, 1 yr. 2008-09	-7.3	5.5	1.0
% change in total population, 1930-2009	1.5	237.9	219.3
Rank of % change, 1=highest (1-159)	117	--	--

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Persons per square mile, 2009 estimate	45.3	169.7	195.1
Rank of population density, 1=highest (1-159)	96		--
% urban, 2000	17.1	71.7	36.4
% rural, 2000	82.9	28.3	63.6
Total, 2015 projection (GA Office of Planning & Budget)	25,235	11,076,619	69,664
Total, 2020 projection (GA Office of Planning & Budget)	27,039	12,189,252	76,662
% Black alone, 2009 estimate	39.8	30.2	28.1
% White alone, 2009 estimate	58.6	65.0	69.6
% Other races alone, 2009 estimate	0.74	3.42	1.3
% Two or more races combined, 2009 estimate	0.83	1.33	1.0
% Hispanic/Latino, 2009 estimate	1.3	8.3	5.3
% Age 65 and over, 2009 estimate	15.0	10.3	13.0
Median age, Total, 2009 estimate	39.6	34.7	37.0
Religion--churches/synagogues/mosques/temples, 2000	53	8,962	56
Adherents as % of population	45.3	44.8	43.9
Total civilian veterans, 2010 estimate	1,659	773,858	4,867
<b><u>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE</u></b>			
Child abuse cases investigated, 2009	63	26,407	166
% of cases substantiated	61.9	55.1	58.5
Substantiated child maltreatment victims, 2009	65	22,657	142
Maltreatment rate per 1,000 children <18	11.8	8.8	13.2
Child Welfare, adoptions, SFY2009	7	1401	9
Food stamp average # of recipients, SFY2009	4,407	1,202,181	7,561
Food stamp recipients % of population	19.3	12.2	16.2
Medicaid average # of recipients, SFY2009	6,587	2,079,134	13,076
Medicaid recipients % of population	28.9	21.2	26.5
TANF average # of recipients, SFY2009	118	38,824	244
TANF recipients % of population	0.5	0.4	0.5
OASDI (Social Security) recipients % of population, 12/2009	21.1	14.4	19.1
SSI (Supplemental Security Income) % of population, 12/2009	4.0	2.2	3.3
<b><u>TRANSPORTATION</u></b>			
Total highway mileage, 2009	833.5	117,453.4	739
% unpaved	28.6	24.1	27.7
Daily Vehicle Miles traveled, 2009	878,000	298,892,000	1,879,811.3
Registered motor vehicles (as of 6/30/10)	25,819	8,499,638	53,455
Motor vehicle crashes, 2008	391	306,367	1,927
Rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	120.6	282.3	184.8
Motor vehicle crash injuries, 2008	218	115,797	728
Motor vehicle crash fatalities, 2008	6	1508	9
Age 4 & under in traffic crashes, 2008	20	18347	--
% restrained	95	98	--
Housing units with no vehicles available, 2000	903	248,546	1,563
<b><u>VITAL STATISTICS, Natality</u></b>			
Live births, total, 2008	309	146,464	921
Live births per 1,000 population, total, 2008	13.5	15.1	14.0
Live births per 1,000 population, total, 1999-2008	14.3	15.7	14.4
Unwed live births, total, 2008	187	66,177	416
Unwed live births per 100 live births, total, 2008	60.5	45.2	49.0
Unwed live births per 100 live births, total, 1999-2008	57.1	39.9	44.0
Low weight births (< 2500 grams), total, 2008	28	14,014	88
Low weight births per 100 live births, total, 2008	9.1	9.6	10.3
Low weight births per 100 live births, total, 1999-2008	10.3	9.2	9.7
Induced terminations, total, 2008	62	32,066	202
Induced terminations, total, 1999-2008	501	295,491	1,858
Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44, total, 1999-2008	10.9	14.9	8.4
Teen Pregnancies, total, 2008	77	22,652	142
Teen pregnancies per 1,000 females age 10-19, total, 2008	51.2	34.1	38.2
Teen pregnancies per 1,000 females age 10-19, total, 1999-2008	46.4	36.6	39.9
<b><u>VITAL STATISTICS, Mortality**</u></b>			
Deaths, total, 2007	240	67,753	426
Deaths per 100,000 population, total, 2007	1055.0	709.8	949.6
Deaths per 100,000 population, total, 1998-2007	1,132.7	747.7	953.2
Infant deaths, total, 2007	3	1,198	8
Infant deaths per 1,000 live births, total, 1998-2007	6.8	8.4	--
Suicides per 100,000 population, total, 1998-2007	12.8	10.4	--
Homicides per 100,000 population, total, 1998-2007	6.6	7.7	--

-- Data not available or data tabulation not appropriate.

\*\*Mortality data for 2008 not available at press time.