

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

	WHEELER CO.	GEORGIA TOTAL	Avg. Co. in GA
<u>AGRICULTURE</u>			
Total Farm Gate Value of production, 2007	\$33,495,898	\$11,566,159,994	\$72,743,145
Total Farm Gate Value per farm	\$214,717	\$234,555	\$226,929
Total Farm Gate value per acre of farm land	\$561	\$1,076	\$1,265
Poultry/eggs value	\$4,000	\$5,432,743,528	\$34,168,198
Row/forage crops value	\$8,185,116	\$1,681,026,208	\$10,572,492
Livestock/aquaculture value	\$4,944,345	\$1,334,564,863	\$8,393,490
Forestry & products value	\$8,750,305	\$597,031,464	\$3,754,915
Vegetables value	\$3,575,888	\$894,853,190	\$5,628,007
Ornamental horticulture value	\$4,949,690	\$770,185,915	\$4,843,937
Fruits & nuts value	\$935,000	\$241,603,601	\$1,519,520
Other income value	\$2,151,554	\$614,151,225	\$3,862,586
Farm production expenses, 2006	\$11,781,000	\$5,521,880,000	\$34,728,805
Net farm proprietor's income, 2006	\$5,066,000	\$1,099,755,000	\$6,916,698
Number of farms, 2002	156	49,311	310
% change in number of farms, 1997-2002	-24.3	-0.1	0.9
Land in farms, acres, 2002	59,723	10,744,239	67,574
% of farmers working 200+ days off farm, 2002	42.9	39.8	40.3
Average farm size in acres, 2002	383	218	244
Harvested cropland, acres, 2002	9,389	3,245,784	20,414
Acres of irrigated farm land, 2004	7,843	1,546,756	9,728
<u>CRIME</u>			
Index crimes reported, 2007	75	399,828	2,515
Index crime rate per 100,000	1,098.1	4,189.0	2,742.7
Arrests for index crimes, 2007	29	95,687	602
% juvenile arrests	3.4	21.5	16.5
Arrest rate per 100,000	424.6	1,002.5	782.5
Juvenile commitment rate per 1,000 (age 10-16), FY2008	0.00	3.00	2.39
State prison inmates' home county, 2008	31	52,626	301
% incarcerated for violent/sex crimes	51.6	57.6	56.0
Probationers county of conviction, 2008	74	151,828	933
<u>ECONOMICS</u>			
Deposits in financial institutions, 2008	\$45,589,000	\$197,551,532,000	\$1,242,462,465
Bankruptcy filings per 1,000 population, 2007	5.7	5.4	5.3
Gross tax digest 40% value of assessed property, 2007	\$153,006,242	\$373,343,929,153	\$2,348,075,026
Taxes levied, 2007	\$4,347,745	\$10,610,667,784	\$66,733,760
Millage rate, county-wide, 2007	31.915	--	26.858
Total lottery sales, FY2008	\$1,535,748	\$3,514,014,116	\$22,100,718
Per capita lottery sales	\$225	\$368	\$429
Median household income, 2005 model-based estimate	\$25,946	\$45,564	\$37,147
Persons below poverty level, 2005 model-based estimate	1,596	1,271,409	7,996
% of all persons	30.9	14.5	18.7
% of children 0-17	34.2	20.3	26.1
Families living below poverty level, % in 1999	21.6	9.9	13.5
Per capita income, 2006	\$17,483	\$32,095	\$25,483
Total personal income, 2006	\$119,426,000	\$299,834,187,000	\$1,885,749,604
Transfer receipts, 2006	\$34,618,000	\$40,804,551,000	\$256,632,396
Transfer receipts as a % of total personal income	29.0	13.6	22.5
Per capita transfer receipts	\$5,068	\$4,368	\$5,469
Total retail sales, 2007	\$22,865,000	\$144,522,794,000	\$908,948,390
Pull factor (1 = average)	0.35	1.00	0.87
<u>EDUCATION--Public School Systems, (County/City combined) 2006-07</u>			
Total enrollment	1,010	1,589,839	9,994
% Black	33.0	39.6	36.9
% White	58.6	45.2	54.3
% Hispanic	5.9	9.3	5.6
% Asian	0.1	2.8	1.0
% students absent > 15 days	11.5	10.0	10.7
% qualifying for free/reduced lunch	74.0	50.3	59.2
% of students retained in grade	3.8	4.3	4.6
% students in gifted program	0.0	8.7	6.3
% students with disabilities	14.7	11.7	12.9
General Fund Expenditures per pupil	\$7,709	\$7,816	\$7,748
Number of high school dropouts (grades 9-12)	16	21,100	133
High school dropout rate per 100 enrolled	5.0	4.1	4.9
Total graduates	43	77829	489
% of grads with college prep. diploma	44.2	74.5	61.3
Class of 2007 percent completion	62.3	72.3	69.8
% of teachers with advanced degrees	45.2	56.3	56.9
Total recipients of HOPE Scholarships, FY2008	152	203,035	1,277
HOPE \$ awards	\$187,733	\$454,844,539	\$2,860,657

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<u>EDUCATION--Highest Level Completed (Age 25+) 2000</u>			
% NOT completing high school	32.1	21.4	29.3
% high school graduate (includes GED)	41.8	28.7	34.9
% some college and/or associate degree	18.9	25.6	21.8
% Bachelor's degree	4.4	16.0	8.9
% Graduate or professional degree	2.8	8.3	5.1
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>			
Date of county creation	Nov. 5, 1912	--	--
Total direct Federal government expenditures, FY2006	\$41,512,168	\$64,550,610,284	\$385,865,659
% Defense spending	0.9	18.9	8.0
Total registered voters as of 11/1/08	3,144	5,201,450	32,714
% registered voting for President in 2008 General Election	70.3	75.4	74.3
<u>HEALTH</u>			
Disability, % age 21-64, 2000	30.7	19.9	23.8
Disability, % age 65+, 2000	57.2	47.5	50.7
Licensed child day care facilities, 2008	1	3,043	19
General hospitals, 2006	1	149	1
General nursing homes, SFY07	1	359	2
STD rate per 100,000 pop., 2007	468.5	663.7	624.4
Medicare payments, 2006	\$8,316,000	\$9,445,676,000	\$59,406,767
Total practicing physicians, 2006	2	18,422	116
Persons per physician ratio	3,287.0	494.5	1,581.7
<u>HOUSING / HOUSEHOLDS</u>			
Private residential units authorized for construction, 2007	0	73,165	460
Value of construction	\$0	\$10,438,569,144	\$65,651,378
Total housing units, 2007 estimate	2,480	3,961,474	24,914.9
% change 2000-07	1.3	20.7	28.8
Housing unit density per sq. mi. of land area	8.3	68.4	74.7
% mobile homes of total housing units, 2000	31.9	12.0	25.5
% owner-occupied of total housing units, 2000	77.5	67.5	73.9
Median value of owner-occupied units, 2000	\$49,800	\$111,200	\$81,599
Total families, 2000	1,395	2,111,647	13,281
% with own children <18	47.0	49.8	47.3
% married couples	75.1	73.3	73.4
% female householder, no husband present	18.8	20.6	20.7
% female h/holder, no husband, w/children <18	11.2	12.2	11.9
Total households, 2000	2,011	3,006,369	18,908
# persons per household	2.54	2.65	2.64
<u>LABOR</u>			
Civilian labor force, 2007	2,995	4,814,831	30,282
Average annual unemployment rate, 2007	5.2	4.4	4.9
Average # of business establishments, 2007	95	274,350	1,534
Average monthly employment, 2007	1,400	4,076,363	25,035
Average weekly wage, all industries, 2007	\$522	\$811	\$575
Residents' mean travel time to work in minutes, 2000	29.9	27.7	26.4
% of residents working outside of county, 2000	59.6	41.5	45.5
% of residents who drove alone to work, 2000	69.9	77.5	77.1
% change in residents who drove alone, 1990-2000	6.0	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	300.1	59,424.8	373.7
Rank of size, 1=highest (1-159)	100	--	--
Acres of forestland, 2007	156,443	24,896,839	156,584
Forestland as a % of land use area	81.6	65.5	64.3
Net volume of live trees on timberland, cubic ft., 2007	272,475,222	38,712,292,418	243,473,537
Water withdrawals (gallons per day), 2000	4,950,000	6,486,580,000	40,798,491
Public use per capita in gallons per day	122.6	185.1	189.8
Water use for irrigation (millions of gal/day)	4.34	1,092.16	7
Hazardous waste sites, 2008	0	499	3
Toxic chemical releases (pounds per year), 2006	--	129,964,479	817,387
<u>POPULATION</u>			
Metropolitan county in 2008?	NO	--	--
Total, 2007 estimate	6,830	9,544,750	60,030
Rank of population size, 1=highest (1-159)	146	--	--
% change in total, 2000-07	10.5	16.6	9.9
Rank of % change in total, 2000-07	56	--	--
Growth rate by natural increase, 1 yr. 2006-07	6.9	8.3	5.3
Growth rate by net migration, 1 yr. 2006-07	-6.7	13.3	6.6
% change in total population, 1930-2007	-25.3	228.2	210.0
Rank of % change, 1=highest (1-159)	140	--	--

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Persons per square mile, 2007 estimate	22.9	164.8	189.6
Rank of population density, 1=highest (1-159)	139	--	--
% urban, 2000	0.0	71.7	36.4
% rural, 2000	100.0	28.3	63.6
Total, 2010 Trend (Center for Agribusiness) rev 3/08	7,105	10,105,155	63,554
Total, 2010 projection (GA Office of Planning & Budget)	8,096	9,864,970	62,044
Total, 2015 projection (GA Office of Planning & Budget)	8,964	10,813,573	68,010
% Black alone, 2007 estimate	35.2	30.0	28.1
% White alone, 2007 estimate	63.5	65.6	69.8
% Other races alone, 2007 estimate	0.66	3.24	1.3
% Hispanic/Latino, 2007 estimate	4.3	7.8	4.8
% Age 65 and over, 2007 estimate	11.3	9.9	12.5
Median age, Total, 2007 estimate	36.4	34.7	35.8
Religion--churches/synagogues/mosques/temples, 2000	23	8,962	56
Adherents as % of population	47.5	44.8	43.9
Total civilian veterans, 2008 estimate	550	769,567	4,840
<u>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE</u>			
Child abuse cases investigated, 2007	43	43,766	275
% of child abuse cases substantiated	69.8	45.4	47.4
Substantiated child maltreatment victims, 2007	39	32,951	207
Maltreatment rate per 1,000 children <18	30.3	13.4	19.7
Child Welfare, adoptions, SFY2007	0	1227	8
Food stamp average # of recipients, SFY2007	857	947,146	5,957
Food stamp recipients % of population	12.5	9.9	13.5
Medicaid average # of recipients, SFY2007	1,867	2,177,092	13,692
Medicaid recipients % of population	27.3	22.8	28.3
TANF average # of recipients, SFY2007	34	47,395	298
TANF recipients % of population	0.5	0.5	0.6
OASDI (Social Security) recipients % of pop., 12/2007	15.9	13.7	18.1
SSI (Supplemental Security Income) % of pop., 12/2007	3.7	2.2	3.3
<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>			
Total highway mileage (12/31/07), 2008	415.3	117,536.6	739
% unpaved	44.7	24.4	28.1
Daily Vehicle miles traveled (12/31/07), 2008	277,303	305,327,543	1,920,299.0
Registered motor vehicles (as of 8/31//08)	6,721	8,548,425	53,761
Motor vehicle crashes, 2000-2006	398	2,320,522	14,594.5
Rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	41.3	306.7	184.4
Motor vehicle crash fatalities, 2000-2006	22	11,435	71.9
Rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	2.3	1.5	1.8
% restraint usage in traffic crashes (age 6 or >), 2006	77.5	80.9	78.8
% restraint usage in traffic crashes (< age 6), 2006	83.3	65.0	59.8
Housing units with no vehicles available, 2000	226	248,546	1,563
<u>VITAL STATISTICS, 2006 (Rate not shown when number of events is >0 and <5)</u>			
Live births, total	63	148,403	933
Live birth rate (per 1,000 population)	9.1	15.8	14.6
Live births to unwed mothers, total	32	62,887	396
% Unwed births of total live births	50.8	42.4	46.7
% Unwed births to teen mothers of all births	22.2	10.0	12.3
Low weight births, total (< 2500 grams)	5	14,209	89
% Low weight of total live births	7.9	9.6	10.2
Induced terminations, total	6	27,642	174
Induced termination rate (per 1,000 fem. age 15-44)	5.8	13.5	--
Teen Pregnancies, total	17	22,561	142
Teen pregnancy rate (per 1,000 fem. age 10-19)	46.8	34.5	38.4
Deaths, total	46	67,079	422
Death rate (per 100,000 population)	6.7	7.2	9.2
Infant deaths, total	0	1,198	8
<u>VITAL STATISTICS, 10-Yr. CUMULATIVE RATES, 1997-2006</u>			
Live birth rate (per 1,000 population)	11.3	15.7	14.4
Live births to unwed mothers rate (per 100 live births)	45.5	38.2	42.4
Low birth weight rate (per 100 live births)	7.6	9.0	9.5
Induced termination rate (per 1,000 females age 15-44)	5.3	15.3	8.5
Teen pregnancy rate (per 1,000 females age 10-19)	45.3	38.6	41.3
Death rate (per 100,000 population)	876.3	754.1	953.3
Infant death rate (per 1,000 live births)	5.6	8.4	9.4
Suicide rate (per 100,000 population)	11.0	10.6	--
Homicide rate (per 100,000 population)	--	7.8	--

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