Total Population
Gilmer County

Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses & estimate; CAED (Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development); OPB (State Office of Planning & Budget).
Population Composition by Age
Gilmer County

2006 Estimated Median Age
Gilmer Co. = 36.6 yrs.
GA = 34.6 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2006 County Population Comparisons

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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau
Population Change: 1930-2000

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# Components of Population Change: 2000-2006

## Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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<th>Numerical Change</th>
<th># Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM. Average annual estimates of annual rates per 1,000 population.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/07)

Average GA County = 9.1%
GA = 14.4%
US = 6.4%
Selected Vital Statistics

2006 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Gilmer Co. 15.6, Georgia 14.6
- Unwed per 100 total births: Gilmer Co. 29.2, Georgia 46.7
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Gilmer Co. 38.4, Georgia 43.7
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Gilmer Co. 8.4, Georgia 9.2
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: Gilmer Co. 5.0, Georgia 8.6
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Gilmer Co. 8.4, Georgia 9.5
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Gilmer Co. 9.5, Georgia 9.4

10-yr. rates 1997-2006

- 2006 Gilmer Co. Natality Data: 439 total births, 128 unwed births, 22 induced terminations, 68 teen pregnancies, 34 low birth weight babies
- 2006 Gilmer Co. Mortality Data: 238 total deaths, 4 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2000

- Grad or Prof Degree: Gilmer Co. = 3.5%, Georgia = 5.2%
- Bachelor’s degree: Gilmer Co. = 5.0%, Georgia = 7.9%
- Associate degree: Gilmer Co. = 3.5%, Georgia = 3.5%
- Some college, no degree: Gilmer Co. = 7.6%, Georgia = 16.3%
- HS Grad: Gilmer Co. = 16.3%, Georgia = 28.7%
- 9th-12th no diploma: Gilmer Co. = 13.8%, Georgia = 19.8%
- <9th grade: Gilmer Co. = 7.6%, Georgia = 14.2%

Gilmer Co.
Not completing HS = 34.0%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 12.9%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2005-06

- Teachers w/adv degrees
  - Gilmer Co.: 62.2%
  - Georgia: 55.2%

- College prep certif
  - Gilmer Co.: 73.9%
  - Georgia: 70.8%

- Class '06 Grad Rate
  - Gilmer Co.: 73.9%
  - Georgia: 70.8%

- Gifted
  - Gilmer Co.: 6.5%
  - Georgia: 8.6%

- Special Ed
  - Gilmer Co.: 10.7%
  - Georgia: 11.9%

- Free/Reduc lunch
  - Gilmer Co.: 51.2%
  - Georgia: 49.8%

- Retained in grade
  - Gilmer Co.: 2.6%
  - Georgia: 4.3%

- Absent >15 days
  - Gilmer Co.: 10.8%
  - Georgia: 9.8%

- HS Dropout rate
  - Gilmer Co.: 2.9%
  - Georgia: 4.7%

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Gilmer Co.
K12 enrollment = 4,193
HS dropouts = 36
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $6,888
Per Capita Income: 2000-2005

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)

2005 PCI
Gilmer Co. = $23,660
Georgia = $30,914
US = $34,471
Per Capita Income: 2000-2005

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)
## Per Capita Income: 2005

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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)
Median Household Income
2005 Model-Based Estimates

US: $46,242
GEORGIA: $45,564
GA Avg. Co.: $37,147
GILMER: $37,302
DAWSON: $47,925
FANNIN: $35,057
GORDON: $38,718
LUMPKIN: $41,204
MURRAY: $37,792
PICKENS: $47,697

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (1/08)
Transfer Receipts: 2005
Gilmer Co. Total = $144,371,000

- Retirement/Disab 38.6%
- Medicare 35.0%
- Pub Med Assist 26.3%
- Supp Sec Inc 20.5%
- Family Assist 18.1%
- Food Stamps 20.3%
- Other Inc Maint 18.1%
- Unemp 14.3%
- Veteran Benefit 13.1%
- All Other 6.8%

Gilmer Co. $5,279 per capita transfer receipts
22.3% of total personal income
2.5% change in total 2004-2005

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)
## Persons Living Below Poverty Level

### 2005 Model-Based Estimates

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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (1/08)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2005 Model-Based Estimates

4.3 – 12.6%
12.6 – 16.5%
16.5 – 20.8%
20.8 – 24.5%
24.5 – 33.0%

Georgia
1,271,409 persons
14.5%

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family of 4 persons in 2005 = $19,971

US = 13.3%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (1/08)
Unemployment Rates

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
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Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2006

- Total GOODS Producing: 37.6
  - Agriculture: 0.0
  - Construction: 5.4
  - Manufacturing: 31.0
- Total SERVICE Producing: 47.1
  - Wholesale trade: 1.5
  - Retail trade: 14.2
  - Finance-Ins: 3.9
  - Transp-warehouse: 2.9
  - Information: 5.4
  - Prof-Sci-Tech: 5.2
  - Adm-Waste svc: 1.9
  - Health-Soc Svcs: 7.1
  - Accomo-Food svc: 8.5
  - All other svcs: 7.4
  - Total GOVERNMENT: 15.2

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2006
Gilmer Co. Total Value = $189,581,262

- Poultry-Egg: 93.7%
- Livestock: 3.4%
- Row-Forage crops: 0.6%
- Forestry: 0.3%
- Horticulture: 0.4%
- Ornamental: 0.3%
- Fruits-Nuts-Veges: 1.2%
- Other Income: 0.3%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2006
Gilmer Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $1,326,051,110

- Residential: 55.8% (55.8% of GA Avg. Co. = 41.9%)
- Ag/Pref/Environ: 54.3% (24.5% of GA Avg. Co. = 10.0%)
- Commercial: 22.2% (12.8% of GA Avg. Co. = 22.5%)
- Industrial: 7.6% (6.6% of GA Avg. Co. = 6.6%)
- Utility: 5.3% (3.6% of GA Avg. Co. = 2.0%)
- Motor Vehicle: 7.4% (6.1% of GA Avg. Co. = 4.9%)
- Mobile Home: 1.2% (0.4% of GA Avg. Co. = 0.7%)
- Timber-100%: 1.1% (0.2% of GA Avg. Co. = 0.1%)

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
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*All tax districts are assessed an additional .250 state millage. Taxes Levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option Sales Tax, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational

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A “pull factor” of 1.0 means that the county’s sales are what would be expected based upon the number of residents and their relative wealth.

Residents working in county = 6,324
Residents working out of county = 3,889
Total working in county = 8,032
Workers commuting into county = 1,708

Resident workers 16+ = 10,213

Gilmer County
Mean travel time to work = 31.1 min.
Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.44

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

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