103rd in order of county creation
December 7, 1853

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Total Population
Hart County

- 2020 OPB Proj.: 29,645
- 2015 OPB Proj.: 27,320
- 2009 Estimate: 24,067
- 2000: 22,997
- 1990: 21,172
- 1980: 18,585
- 1970: 15,814
- 1960: 15,229
- 1950: 14,495
- 1940: 15,512
- 1930: 15,174

Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses & estimate; GA Office of Planning & Budget projections.
Population Composition by Age
Hart County

Change in proportion 2000-2009

2009 Estimated Median Age
Hart Co. = 41.9 yrs.    GA = 34.9 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2009 County Population Comparisons

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Rank</th>
<th>Density per sq. mi.</th>
<th>% Chg. 2000-09</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/09)
Population Change: 1930-2009

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
### Components of Population Change

Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>2000-2009 Numerical Change*</th>
<th>2000-2009 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/10)

Loss

- 0 – 9.1%
- 20.1 – 40.0%
- 40.0 – 77.4%

Avg. GA County = 12.0%
GA = 20.1%
US = 9.1%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/10)
Selected Vital Statistics

2007 Rates
- Total births per 1,000 pop: Hart Co. 13.9, Georgia 15.8
- Unwed per 100 total births: Hart Co. 37.0, Georgia 43.8
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Hart Co. 30.9, Georgia 35.3
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Hart Co. 11.4, Georgia 7.1
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: Hart Co. 5.5, Georgia 14.9
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Hart Co. 9.0, Georgia 9.1
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Hart Co. 7.4, Georgia 8.4

10-yr. rates 1998-2007

2007 Hart Co. Natality Data
- 337 total births, 100 unwed births
- 10 induced terminations
- 44 teen pregnancies
- 20 low birth weight babies

2007 Hart Co. Mortality Data
- 277 total deaths
- 1 infant deaths

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

Grad or Prof Degree

Bachelor's degree

Associate degree

Some college, no degree

HS Grad

9th-12th no diploma

<9th grade

Hart Co.
Not completing HS = 28.9%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 13.5%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2008-09

- Teachers w/ adv degrees: 69.5% (Georgia), 59.5% (Hart Co.)
- College prep certif: 75.7% (Georgia), 64.2% (Hart Co.)
- HOPE Eligible: 47.3% (Georgia), 38.0% (Hart Co.)
- Class '09 Grad Rate: 78.9% (Georgia), 74.5% (Hart Co.)
- Gifted: 11.1% (Georgia), 9.3% (Hart Co.)
- Special Ed: 8.7% (Georgia), 10.6% (Hart Co.)
- Econ Disadvantaged: 55.5% (Georgia), 53.9% (Hart Co.)
- Retained in grade: 4.0% (Georgia), 3.8% (Hart Co.)
- Absent >15 days: 6.2% (Georgia), 8.7% (Hart Co.)
- HS Dropout rate: 3.7% (Georgia), 3.8% (Hart Co.)

Hart Co.
K12 enrollment = 3,499
HS dropouts = 40
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $8,106

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement
Per Capita Income: 2003-2008

Hart Co. = $26,195
Georgia = $34,849
US = $40,166

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/10)
Per Capita Income: 2003-2008
Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/10)
## Per Capita Income: 2008

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<th>County</th>
<th>PCI</th>
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<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/10)
Median Household Income
2009 Model-Based Estimates

- US: $50,221
- GEORGIA: $47,469
- GA Avg. Co.: $38,972
- HART: $35,343
- BANKS: $43,026
- ELBERT: $32,865
- FRANKLIN: $35,021
- MADISON: $40,871
- OGLETHORPE: $41,836
- STEPHENS: $32,426

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/10)
Transfer Receipts: 2008
Hart Co. Total = $165,651,000

- Retirement/Disab: 33.3%
- Medicare: 23.4%
- Pub Med Assist: 15.0%
- Supp Sec Inc: 2.3%
- Family Assist: 0.5%
- Food Stamps: 2.2%
- Other Inc Maint: 5.3%
- Unemp: 1.9%
- Veteran Benefit: 3.4%
- All Other: 6.5%

Hart Co. $6,830 per capita transfer receipts
27.4% of total personal income
10.8% change in total 2007-08

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/10)
## Persons Living Below Poverty Level

### 2009 Model-Based Estimates

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**Primary data source:** U. S. Census Bureau (12/10)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2009 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2009 = $21,954

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/10)
Unemployment Rates

- Hart Co. = 13.0
- GA = 9.6
- US = 9.3

Avg. GA County = 10.5

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (8/10)
Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2009

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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (8/10)
Components of 2008 Property Tax Gross Digest
Hart County

- Residential: 57.6%
- Ag-Preferential-Environ-Conserv: 20.1%
- Heavy Timber *: 0.04%
- Mobile Home: 0.8%
- Motor Vehicle: 5.7%
- Public Utility: 2.8%
- Industrial: 6.3%
- Commercial: 6.7%

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $1,126,000,711
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $141,100,665
Net M&O Digest = $984,900,046
Value of exempt property = $45,348,374
* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
## Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

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<th>County</th>
<th>'09 County-wide Millage*</th>
<th>'09 School Millage*</th>
<th>'08 Taxes Levied* ($000)</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 7/10</th>
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*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. School includes bonds, if any. Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. Sales Tax: 4% State not included; L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational

** 2008 school millage used—2009 unavailable as of 8/25/10

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2009
Hart Co. Total Value = $278,052,903

- Poultry-Egg: 88.4%
- Row-Forage crops: 1.9%
- Livestock: 4.9%
- Forestry: 0.2%
- Veges-Fruits-Nuts: 0.3%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 3.9%
- Other: 0.3%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (5/10)
Retail Sales Analysis: 2008
Hart Co. Total Retail Sales = $174,172,000

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.

Commuting to Work: 2000

Percentage of:
- Residents working in county: 65.9%
- Residents working out of county: 34.1%
- Workers coming into county: 24.0%
- Residents driving to work alone: 78.9%
- Residents carpooling: 15.0%
- Residents working at home: 3.5%

Hart County
Mean travel time to work = 20.7 min.
Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.61

Resident workers 16+ = 10,275
Residents working in county = 6,768
Residents working out of county = 3,507
Total working in county = 8,904
Workers commuting into county = 2,136

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
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