Elbert County Community Profile

13th in order of county creation
December 10, 1790

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Total Population
Elbert County

- 2015 CAED Trend: 20,548
- 2010 CAED Trend: 20,509
- 2008 Estimate: 20,494
- 2000: 20,511
- 1990: 18,949
- 1980: 18,758
- 1970: 17,262
- 1960: 17,835
- 1950: 18,585
- 1940: 19,618
- 1930: 18,485

Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses & estimate; CAED TREND revised 3/09 (Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development).
Population Composition by Age
Elbert County

2008 Estimated Median Age
Elbert Co. = 38.9 yrs.
GA = 34.9 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2008 County Population Comparisons

<table>
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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<th>Density per sq.mi. land area</th>
<th>% Chg. 2000-08</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/09)
Population Change: 1930-2000

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau decennial censuses
## Components of Population Change
### Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>2000-2008 Numerical Change*</th>
<th>2000-2008 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
<th>2000-2008 # Net Migration</th>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/09)
Population Change: 2000-2008

- LOSS
- 0 – 8.0%
- 8.0 – 18.3%
- 18.3 – 36%
- 36 – 70.8%

Avg. GA
County = 11.2%
GA = 18.3%
US = 8.0%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/09)
Selected Vital Statistics

2007 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Elbert Co. 12.7, Georgia 15.8
- Unwed per 100 total births: Elbert Co. 52.2, Georgia 43.8
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Elbert Co. 38.9, Georgia 35.3
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Elbert Co. 11.6, Georgia 7.1
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: Elbert Co. 8.7, Georgia 14.9
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Elbert Co. 9.9, Georgia 9.1
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Elbert Co. 8.4, Georgia 8.4

10-yr. rates 1998-2007

2007 Elbert Co. Natality Data
- 261 total births, 130 unwed births
- 28 induced terminations
- 51 teen pregnancies
- 24 low birth weight babies

2007 Elbert Co. Mortality Data
- 238 total deaths
- 3 infant deaths

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

Elbert Co.
Not completing HS = 32.8%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 9.8%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2007-08

- Teachers with advanced degrees: Elbert Co. = 57.6%, Georgia = 56.3%
- College prep certified: Elbert Co. = 75.4%, Georgia = 75.4%
- HS Dropout rate: Elbert Co. = 3.6%, Georgia = 7.0%
- Absent >15 days: Elbert Co. = 11.4%, Georgia = 9.5%
- Retained in grade: Elbert Co. = 4.8%, Georgia = 4.1%
- Econ Disadvantaged: Elbert Co. = 51.0%, Georgia = 60.2%
- Class '08 Grad Rate: Elbert Co. = 61.8%

Primary data source:
Governor’s Office of Student Achievement

Elbert Co.
K12 enrollment = 3,358
HS dropouts = 78
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $8,851
Per Capita Income: 2002-2007

2007 PCI
Elbert Co. = $25,717
Georgia = $33,499
US = $38,615

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/09)
Per Capita Income: 2002-2007
Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/09)
### Per Capita Income: 2007

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<th>% Change in PCI 2002-2007</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/09)
Median Household Income
2008 Model-Based Estimates

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (11/09)
Transfer Receipts: 2007
Elbert Co. Total = $141,178,000

Elbert Co. $6,880 per capita transfer receipts
26.8% of total personal income
6.6% change in total 2006-2007

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/09)
### Persons Living Below Poverty Level
#### 2008 Model-Based Estimates

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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (11/09)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2008 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2008 = $22,025

Georgia
1,388,959 persons
14.7%

US = 13.2%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (11/09)
Unemployment Rates

2008 Rates
Elbert Co. = 8.6  GA = 6.2  US = 5.8
Avg. GA County = 6.9

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Business Establishments, Employment and Wages
Elbert Co. 2008 Annual Averages, % of Total

- Estab
- Emp
- Wages

Goods Producing: Agriculture, Mining, Construction, Manufacturing
Service Providing: Retail-Wholesale Trade, Transportation-Warehousing, Information, Finance-Insurance-Real Estate, Professional-SciTech Serv., Admin-Waste Serv., Health-Social Serv., Accommodation-Food Serv., & others
Government: Federal, State, Local

2008 Averages
# Establishments = 584  Monthly Employment = 6,761  Weekly Wage = $556

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Selected Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2008

- Total GOODS Producing: 39.1
- Agriculture: 0.0
- Construction: 2.7
- Manufacturing: 33.7
- Total SERVICE Providing: 66.6
- Wholesale trade: 16.0
- Retail trade: 10.1
- Transp-warehous: 5.1
- Information: 7.0
- Fin/Ins/RE: 5.4
- Prof-Sci-Tech: 9.0
- Adm-Waste svc: 11.5
- Health-Soc Svcs: 1.4
- Accomo-Food svc: 4.0
- RE&Rent&Lease: 2.7
- Total GOVERNMENT: 22.8

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (zero may indicate no employment in sector, or undisclosed data.)
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2008
Elbert Co. Total Value = $113,107,805

- Poultry-Egg: 86.1%
- Livestock: 5.6%
- Row-Forage crops: 2.7%
- Forestry: 1.3%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 3.2%
- Veges-Fruits-Nuts: 0.1%
- Other: 1.13%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (5/09)
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2008
Elbert Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $639,833,568

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue (preliminary avg. and total)
## County Property Tax Digest Comparisons: 2008

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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue (preliminary avg. and total)
## Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

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<th>'08 County-wide Millage*</th>
<th>'08 School Millage*</th>
<th>'08 Taxes Levied* ($000)</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 10/09</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

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
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 = 6,238
Residents working out of county = 2,338
Total working in county = 7,762
Workers commuting into county = 1,524

Elbert County
Mean travel time to work = 21.2 min.
Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.65

Resident workers 16+ = 8,576
Residents working in county = 6,238
Residents working out of county = 2,338
Total working in county = 7,762
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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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