Fannin County Community Profile

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107th in order of county creation
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Total Population
Fannin County

2015 CAED Trend: 25,087
2010 CAED Trend: 23,324
2008 Estimate: 22,618
2000: 19,798
1990: 15,992
1980: 14,748
1970: 13,357
1960: 13,620
1950: 15,192
1940: 14,752
1930: 12,969

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
Fannin County

2008 Estimated Median Age
Fannin Co. = 41.6 yrs.
GA = 34.9 yrs.

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

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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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* 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: 10.6 (Fannin Co) vs. 15.8 (Georgia)
- Unwed per 100 total births: 28.3 (Fannin Co) vs. 43.8 (Georgia)
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: 39.5 (Fannin Co) vs. 35.3 (Georgia)
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: 10.3 (Fannin Co) vs. 7.1 (Georgia)
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: 4.8 (Fannin Co) vs. 14.9 (Georgia)
- Low birth weight per 100 births: 8.2 (Fannin Co) vs. 9.1 (Georgia)
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: 9.1 (Fannin Co) vs. 8.4 (Georgia)

10-yr. rates 1998-2007

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2007 Fannin Co. Natality Data
- 239 total births, 62 unwed births
- 22 induced terminations
- 47 teen pregnancies
- 21 low birth weight babies

2007 Fannin Co. Mortality Data
- 233 total deaths
- 2 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
Fannin Co.
Not completing HS = 29.1%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 10.4%
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2007-08

- Teachers w/adv degrees: Fannin Co. 71.6%, Georgia 57.6%
- College prep certif: Fannin Co. 75.4%, Georgia 75.4%
- HOPE Eligible: Fannin Co. 82.6%, Georgia 75.4%
- Class '08 Grad Rate: Fannin Co. 75.4%, Georgia 75.4%
- Gifted: Fannin Co. 3.2%, Georgia 9.0%
- Special Ed: Fannin Co. 14.0%, Georgia 11.2%
- Econ Disadvantaged: Fannin Co. 48.1%, Georgia 51.0%
- Retained in grade: Fannin Co. 2.4%, Georgia 4.1%
- Absent >15 days: Fannin Co. 12.8%, Georgia 9.5%
- HS Dropout rate: Fannin Co. 1.3%, Georgia 3.6%

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Fannin Co.
K12 enrollment = 3,179
HS dropouts = 13
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $8,905
Per Capita Income: 2002-2007

2007 PCI
Fannin Co. = $26,060
Georgia = $33,499
US = $38,615

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

Percentage


Fannin Co. Georgia US

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/09)
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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
Fannin Co. Total = $163,940,000

Fannin Co. $7,285 per capita transfer receipts
28.0% of total personal income
8.0% 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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Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2008 Model-Based Estimates

Georgia
1,388,959 persons
14.7%

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

US = 13.2%

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

2008 Rates

Fannin Co. = 6.3  
GA = 6.2  
US = 5.8

Avg. GA County = 6.9

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

2008 Averages

# Establishments = 602   Monthly Employment = 5,427   Weekly Wage = $519

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

- Agriculture: 0.6%
- Construction: 5.1%
- Manufacturing: 4.7%
- Total GOODS Producing: 16.0%
- Wholesale trade: 5.4%
- Retail trade: 11.5%
- Transp-warehouse: 4.0%
- Information: 3.7%
- Fin/Ins/RE: 3.9%
- Prof-Sci-Tech: 5.7%
- Adm-Waste svc: 6.8%
- Health-Soc Svcs: 9.5%
- Accom-Food svc: 11.3%
- RE&Rent&Lease: 8.7%
- Total SERVICE Providing: 66.6%
- Total GOODS: 11.7%
- Total SERVICE: 69.8%
- GOVERNMENT: 17.1%

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (zero may indicate no employment in sector, or undisclosed data.)
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2008
Fannin Co. Total Value = $32,279,107

- Poultry-Egg 68.9%
- Livestock 12.8%
- Row-Forage crops 1.0%
- Other 5.8%
- Fruits-Nuts 9.3%
- Ornamental Horticulture 1.6%
- Veges 0.6%
- Forestry 0.1%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (5/09)
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2008
Fannin Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $1,267,735,977

- Residential: 72.3%
  - Fannin Co.: 42.4%
  - GA Avg. Co.: 8.2%
  - GA Total: 24.5%

- Ag/Pref/Environ: 11.6%
  - Fannin Co.: 8.2%
  - GA Avg. Co.: 8.2%
  - GA Total: 24.5%

- Commercial: 12.6%
  - Fannin Co.: 12.6%
  - GA Avg. Co.: 8.2%
  - GA Total: 20.3%

- Industrial: 0.5%
  - Fannin Co.: 0.5%
  - GA Avg. Co.: 6.9%
  - GA Total: 6.7%

- Utility: 1.4%
  - Fannin Co.: 1.4%
  - GA Avg. Co.: 4.8%
  - GA Total: 3.2%

- Motor Vehicle: 5.8%
  - Fannin Co.: 5.8%
  - GA Avg. Co.: 7.1%
  - GA Total: 6.3%

- Mobile Home: 0.1%
  - Fannin Co.: 0.1%
  - GA Avg. Co.: 1.0%
  - GA Total: 0.4%

- Timber: 0.7%
  - Fannin Co.: 0.7%
  - GA Avg. Co.: 0.0%
  - GA Total: 0.14%

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

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## Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

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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.

Commuting to Work: 2000

Percentage of:

- Residents working in county: 59.7%
- Residents working out of county: 40.3%
- Workers coming into county: 24.2%
- Residents driving to work alone: 76.5%
- Residents carpooling: 17.8%
- Residents working at home: 3.2%

Fannin County
Mean travel time to work = 31.8 min.
Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.47

Resident workers 16+ = 8,105
Residents working in county = 4,837
Residents working out of county = 3,268
Total working in county = 6,380
Workers commuting into county = 1,543

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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