Harris County Community Profile

72nd in order of county creation
December 14, 1827

Prepared for Harris County Cooperative Extension
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The University of Georgia • Athens, GA
Total Population
Harris County

2015 CAED Trend: 34,164
2010 CAED Trend: 30,795
2008 Estimate: 29,447
2000: 23,695
1990: 17,788
1980: 15,464
1970: 11,520
1960: 11,167
1950: 11,265
1940: 11,428
1930: 11,140

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
Harris County

2008 Estimated Median Age
Harris Co. = 37.8 yrs.  GA = 34.9 yrs.

Change in proportion 1990-2000
- 1.4  + 5.5  - 3.8  + 0.2  - 0.5

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

Percentage Change

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

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<th>2000-2008 Numerical Change*</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: Harris Co. 11.6, Georgia 15.8
- Unwed per 100 total births: Harris Co. 28.6, Georgia 43.8
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Harris Co. 21.9, Georgia 35.3
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Harris Co. 8.1, Georgia 7.1
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: Harris Co. 9.1, Georgia 14.9
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Harris Co. 9.4, Georgia 9.1
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Harris Co. 7.0, Georgia 8.4

10-yr. rates 1998-2007

2007 Harris Co. Natality Data
338 total births, 95 unwed births
44 induced terminations
42 teen pregnancies
47 low birth weight babies

2007 Harris Co. Mortality Data
235 total deaths
1 infant death

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

- Grad or Prof Degree: Harris Co. 7.3%, Georgia 8.3%
- Bachelor’s degree: Harris Co. 13.8%, Georgia 16.0%
- Associate degree: Harris Co. 5.9%, Georgia 5.2%
- Some college, no degree: Harris Co. 20.4%, Georgia 22.5%
- HS Grad: Harris Co. 29.4%, Georgia 28.7%
- 9th-12th no diploma: Harris Co. 13.8%, Georgia 13.8%
- <9th grade: Harris Co. 7.3%, Georgia 7.6%

Harris Co.
Not completing HS = 21.0%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 21.1%

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

- Teachers w/adv degrees
- College prep certif
- HOPE Eligible
- Class '08 Grad Rate
- Gifted
- Special Ed
- Econ Disadvantaged
- Retained in grade
- Absent >15 days
- HS Dropout rate

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Harris Co.
K12 enrollment = 4,730
HS dropouts = 40
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $8,514
Per Capita Income: 2002-2007

2007 PCI
Harris Co. = $38,609
Georgia = $33,499
US = $38,615

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

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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
Harris Co. Total = $127,947,000

- Retirement/Disab: Harris Co.: 45.2%, Georgia: 35.3%
- Medicare: Harris Co.: 18.3%, Georgia: 23.2%
- Pub Med Assist: Harris Co.: 10.8%, Georgia: 16.6%
- Supp Sec Inc: Harris Co.: 1.5%, Georgia: 2.4%
- Family Assist: Harris Co.: 0.3%, Georgia: 0.5%
- Food Stamps: Harris Co.: 1.3%, Georgia: 2.6%
- Other Inc Maint: Harris Co.: 6.0%, Georgia: 7.0%
- Unemp: Harris Co.: 1.2%, Georgia: 1.6%
- Veteran Benefit: Harris Co.: 3.4%, Georgia: 7.2%
- All Other: Harris Co.: 8.3%, Georgia: 7.3%

Harris Co. per capita transfer receipts: $4,410
11.4% of total personal income
8.5% 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

4.7 – 13.7%
13.7 – 17.8%
17.8 – 21.1%
21.1 – 24.8%
24.8 – 35.2%

Georgia
1,388,959 persons
14.7%

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

- Harris Co. = 4.7
- GA = 6.2
- US = 5.8
- Avg. GA County = 6.9

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

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Emp

Wages

Goods Producing | Service Providing | Government

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

2008 Averages

# Establishments = 479  Monthly Employment = 3,993  Weekly Wage = $510

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

- Total GOODS Producing:
  - Agriculture: Harris Co. 1.0, Georgia 0.6
  - Construction: Harris Co. 5.1, Georgia 12.5
  - Manufacturing: Harris Co. 3.8, Georgia 10.1

- Total SERVICE Providing:
  - Wholesale trade: Harris Co. 2.1, Georgia 5.4
  - Retail trade: Harris Co. 3.1, Georgia 4.0
  - Transp-warehouse: Harris Co. 0.0, Georgia 2.7
  - Information: Harris Co. 1.8, Georgia 3.9
  - Fin/Ins/RE: Harris Co. 2.1, Georgia 5.7
  - Prof-Sci-Tech: Harris Co. 3.6, Georgia 6.8
  - Adm-Waste svc: Harris Co. 4.8, Georgia 9.5
  - Health-Soc Svcs: Harris Co. 8.7, Georgia 17.1
  - Accomo-Food svc: Harris Co. 0.8, Georgia 1.5
  - RE&Rent&Lease: Harris Co. 20.6, Georgia 29.7

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (zero may indicate no employment in sector, or undisclosed data.)
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2008
Harris Co. Total Value = $17,936,456

- Livestock 21.8%
- Ornamental Horticulture 27.8%
- Forestry 23.0%
- Veges 4.8%
- Row-Forage crops 9.5%
- Other 10.7%
- Fruits-Nuts 2.4%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (5/09)
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2008
Harris Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $1,444,317,342

- Residential: 57.4%
  - Harris Co.: 42.4%
  - GA Avg. Co.: 24.5%
  - GA Total: 25.3%

- Ag/Pref/Environ: 54.8%
  - Harris Co.: 25.3%
  - GA Avg. Co.: 12.6%
  - GA Total: 3.3%

- Commercial: 20.3%
  - Harris Co.: 6.9%
  - GA Avg. Co.: 4.8%
  - GA Total: 1.0%

- Industrial: 6.7%
  - Harris Co.: 6.1%
  - GA Avg. Co.: 3.2%

- Utility: 6.1%
  - Harris Co.: 6.5%
  - GA Avg. Co.: 7.1%

- Motor Vehicle: 6.3%
  - Harris Co.: 6.5%
  - GA Avg. Co.: 7.1%

- Mobile Home: 0.4%

- Timber: 0.14%

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

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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, O=Other Local Option

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 = 2,867
Residents working out of county = 8,944
Total working in county = 5,334
Workers commuting into county = 2,467

Resident workers 16+ = 11,811
Residents working in county = 2,867
Residents working out of county = 8,944
Total working in county = 5,334
Workers commuting into county = 2,467

Harris County
Mean travel time to work = 29.9 min.
Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.23

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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