Elbert County Community Profile

13th in order of county creation
December 10, 1790

Prepared for Elbert County Cooperative Extension by the Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development
The University of Georgia • Athens, GA
Total Population
Elbert County

Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses and estimates; GA Office of Planning & Budget projections (2012 series).
Population Composition by Age
Elbert County

2010 Median Age       Elbert Co. = 41.1 yrs.       GA = 35.3 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2010 County Population Comparisons

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<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<th>Density per sq.mi.</th>
<th>% Chg. 2000-10</th>
<th>Rank of % Chg.</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/11)
Population Change: 1930-2010

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Population Change: 2000-2010

- **LOSS**
- **Gain < US**
- **Gain > US but < GA**
- **Gain > GA**
- **Gain > 2x GA**

**Avg. GA County**

- **GA = 18.3%**
- **US = 9.7%**

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/11)
Components of Population Change
Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.
-- data represents zero or rounds to zero

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (4/12)
Selected Vital Statistics

2010 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Elbert Co. 13.3, Georgia 14.4
- Unwed per 100 total births: Elbert Co. 51.3, Georgia 45.1
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Elbert Co. 34.8, Georgia 31.5
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Elbert Co. 10.8, Georgia 7.0
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: Elbert Co. 7.7, Georgia 14.8
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Elbert Co. 9.5, Georgia 9.2
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Elbert Co. 9.0, Georgia 8.2

10-yr. rates 2001-2010

- 2010 Elbert Co. Natality Data: 269 total births, 138 unwed births, 24 induced terminations, 47 teen pregnancies, 25 low birth weight babies
- 2010 Elbert Co. Mortality Data: 217 total deaths, 3 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2006-2010
5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey

Elbert Co.
Not completing HS = 27.0%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 9.6%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2010-11

- Teachers w/adv degrees
  - Georgia: 72.3%
  - Elbert Co.: 65.6%
- College prep certif
  - Georgia: 79.8%
  - Elbert Co.: 48.3%
- HOPE Eligible
  - Georgia: 72.3%
  - Elbert Co.: 48.3%
- Class '11 Grad Rate
  - Georgia: 80.9%
  - Elbert Co.: 69.4%
- Gifted
  - Georgia: 37.2%
  - Elbert Co.: 9.1%
- Special Ed
  - Georgia: 40.2%
  - Elbert Co.: 10.4%
- Econ Disadvantaged
  - Georgia: 57.5%
  - Elbert Co.: 69.4%
- Retained in grade
  - Georgia: 3.7%
  - Elbert Co.: 4.4%
- Absent >15 days
  - Georgia: 8.8%
  - Elbert Co.: 5.0%
- HS Dropout rate
  - Georgia: 3.7%
  - Elbert Co.: 5.0%

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Elbert Co.
K12 enrollment = 3,227
HS dropouts = 55
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $8,663
Per Capita Income: 2006-2010

2010 PCI
Elbert Co. = $28,463
Georgia = $34,747
US = $39,937

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/12)
Per Capita Income: 2006-2010
Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/12)
## Per Capita Income: 2010

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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/12)
Median Household Income
2011 Model-Based Estimates

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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/12)
Transfer Receipts: 2010
Elbert Co. Total = $183,864,000

- Retirement/Disab: 33.8%
- Medicare: 32.1%
- Pub Med Assist: 25.5%
- Medigap: 21.4%
- Medicare: 15.1%
- Supp Sec Inc: 13.5%
- Family Assist: 2.4%
- SNAP: 2.1%
- Other Inc Maint: 4.4%
- Unemp: 7.1%
- Veteran Benefit: 4.9%
- All Other: 8.5%

Elbert Co. $9,139 per capita
transfer receipts

32.1% of total personal income
5.3% change in total 2009-10

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/12)
## Persons Living Below Poverty Level
### 2011 Model-Based Estimates

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<th># of Persons</th>
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Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2011 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2011 = $23,021

Georgia
1,836,715 Persons
19.2%

US = 15.9%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/12)
Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates

2011 Rates
- Elbert Co. = 14.6
- GA = 9.8
- US = 8.9

Avg. GA County = 10.8

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
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<td>Wholesale trade</td>
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<td>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</td>
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<td>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</td>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/12)
Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2011

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<th>Georgia</th>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/12)
Components of 2011 Property Tax Gross Digest
Elbert County

- Residential: 38.2%
- Ag-Preferential-Environ-Conserv: 28.4%
- Commercial: 12.8%
- Industrial: 7.0%
- Motor Vehicle: 6.8%
- Public Utility: 5.6%
- Mobile Home: 0.8%
- Timber: 0.3%

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $644,157,054
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $111,612,906
Net M&O Digest = $532,544,148
Value of exempt property = $247,493,721

* 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>2011 County-wide Millage*</th>
<th>2010 Taxes Levied* ($000)</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 1/1/2013</th>
<th>LOST Type* as of 1/1/2013</th>
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*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. Sales Tax: L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational, T-Transportation

-- Data not available

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2011
Elbert Co. Total Value = $116,144,728

- Poultry-Egg: 87.1%
- Row-Forage crops: 3.0%
- Livestock: 5.6%
- Forestry: 1.3%
- Veges: 0.3%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 2.1%
- Other: 0.5%
- Fruits-Nuts: 0.05%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (12/11)
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.

Primary data sources: Georgia Dept. of Revenue, Sales & Use Tax Unit. Pull factor calculations by Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development.
Commuting to Work: 2006-2010
5 Yr. Average – American Community Survey

Percentage of:

- Residents working in county: 72.4%
- Residents working out of county: 27.6%
- Residents driving to work alone: 81.9%
- Residents carpooling: 13.2%
- Residents working at home: 2.4%

Resident workers 16+ = 8,165
Residents working in county = 5,912
Residents working out of county = 2,253

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
- < 20 min. = 63.5%
- 20-44 min. = 23.7%
- 45+ min. = 12.8%

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

Special Area Report
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To learn more about your county check the “Georgia Statistics System” website:
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