107th in order of county creation
January 21, 1854

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Total Population
Fannin County

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

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<th>Year</th>
<th>65+</th>
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Change in proportion 2000-2009:
- 65+: +2.4
- 45-64: +2.6
- 20-44: +0.3
- 5-19: -4.3
- <5: -0.9

2009 Estimated Median Age:
- Fannin Co. = 46.5 yrs.
- GA = 34.7 yrs.

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

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

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<th>2000-2009 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
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Primary data source:
U. S. Census Bureau (3/10)

* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Loss: 0 – 9.1%
9.1 – 20.1%
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: 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

- 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, 1 infant deaths

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

Fannin Co.
Not completing HS = 29.1%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 10.4%

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

- Teachers w/adv degrees: Georgia 59.5%, Fannin Co. 72.9%
- College prep certif: Georgia 49.2%, Fannin Co. 75.7%
- HOPE Eligible: Georgia 38.0%, Fannin Co. 49.5%
- Class '09 Grad Rate: Georgia 85.3%, Fannin Co. 78.9%
- Gifted: Georgia 4.4%, Fannin Co. 9.3%
- Special Ed: Georgia 15.7%, Fannin Co. 10.6%
- Econ Disadvantaged: Georgia 56.1%, Fannin Co. 53.9%
- Retained in grade: Georgia 2.0%, Fannin Co. 3.8%
- Absent >15 days: Georgia 11.9%, Fannin Co. 8.7%
- HS Dropout rate: Georgia 1.9%, Fannin Co. 3.8%

K12 enrollment = 3,134
HS dropouts = 19
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $8,761

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

2008 PCI
Fannin Co. = $28,141

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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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/10)
Transfer Receipts: 2008
Fannin Co. Total = $183,216,000

- Retirement/Disab: 41.1%
- Medicare: 29.0%
- Pub Med Assist: 15.5%
- Supp Sec Inc: 2.2%
- Family Assist: 0.4%
- Food Stamps: 1.0%
- Other Inc Maint: 6.8%
- Unemp: 2.6%
- Veteran Benefit: 3.4%
- All Other: 10.0%

Fannin Co. transfer receipts $8,071 per capita
29.4% of total personal income
10.4% 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

Georgia
1,585,116
Persons
16.6%

US = 14.3%

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

- Fannin Co.
- Georgia
- U.S.

2009 Rates
Fannin Co. = 10.1
GA = 9.6
US = 9.3
Avg. GA County = 10.5

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

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (8/10)
Components of 2009 Property Tax Gross Digest
Fannin County

Mobile Home 0.1%
Motor Vehicle 5.5%
Public Utility 1.8%
Industrial 0.5%
Commercial 8.2%
Ag-Preferential-Environ-Conserv 11.7%

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $1,319,413,862
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $170,923,462
Net M&O Digest = $1,148,490,400
Value of exempt property = $108,190,982
* 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>’09 County-wide Millage*</th>
<th>’09 School Millage*</th>
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<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 1/11</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
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2009
Fannin Co. Total Value = $32,431,600

- Poultry-Egg: 70.8%
- Row-Forage crops: 1.0%
- Livestock: 10.0%
- Other: 6.3%
- Fruits-Nuts: 9.5%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 1.6%
- Veges: 0.8%
- Forestry: 0.03%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (5/10)
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 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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