Macon County

Community Profile

91st in order of county creation
December 14, 1837

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

2010 Median Age: Macon Co. = 38.2 yrs.   GA = 35.3 yrs.

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

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<tr>
<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

Avg. GA County = 14.2%
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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<td>Avg. GA Co.</td>
<td>802</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>297</td>
<td>3.1</td>
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<td>79,524</td>
<td>47,182</td>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

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

2009 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Macon Co. 11.8, Georgia 14.4
- Unwed per 100 total births: Macon Co. 56.1, Georgia 45.1
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Macon Co. 42.5, Georgia 31.5
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Macon Co. 11.7, Georgia 7.0
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: Macon Co. 14.2, Georgia 14.8
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Macon Co. 13.5, Georgia 9.2
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Macon Co. 8.8, Georgia 8.2

10-yr. rates 2000-2009

- 2009 Macon Co. Natality Data: 157 total births, 88 unwed births, 31 induced terminations, 39 teen pregnancies, 22 low birth weight babies
- 2009 Macon Co. Mortality Data: 156 total deaths, 3 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2005-2009
Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey

Grad or Prof Degree
Bachelor's degree
Associate degree
Some college, no degree
HS Grad
9th-12th no diploma
< 9th grade

Macon Co.
Not completing HS = 32.0%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 12.7%

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

- Teachers w/adv degrees: Georgia 55.7%, Macon Co. 56.3%
- College prep certif: Georgia 65.6%, Macon Co. 79.8%
- HOPE Eligible: Georgia 26.7%, Macon Co. 40.2%
- Class '11 Grad Rate: Georgia 63.9%, Macon Co. 67.5%
- Gifted: Macon Co. 3.4%, Georgia 10.4%
- Special Ed: Macon Co. 12.0%, Georgia 10.4%
- Eligible for Free/Red Lunch: Macon Co. 57.0%, Georgia 82.0%
- Retained in grade: Macon Co. 3.6%, Georgia 10.4%
- Absent >15 days: Macon Co. 12.3%, Georgia 8.8%
- HS Dropout rate: Macon Co. 0.9%, Georgia 3.7%

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Macon Co.
K12 enrollment = 1,712
H S dropouts = N/A
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $8,494
Per Capita Income: 2006-2010

2010 PCI
Macon Co. = $21,993
Georgia = $34,747
US = $39,937

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

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<th>County</th>
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<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
<th>% Change in PCI 2006-2010</th>
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<td>$21,993</td>
<td>149</td>
<td>63.3</td>
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<td>TAYLOR</td>
<td>$24,967</td>
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<td>71.9</td>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>$28,786</td>
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<td>82.8</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/12)
Median Household Income
2010 Model-Based Estimates

US: $50,221
GEORGIA: $46,252
GA Avg. Co.: $39,196
MACON: $27,324
CRAWFORD: $41,593
DOOLY: $32,216
HOUSTON: $54,977
SCHLEY: $37,761
SUMTER: $31,871
TAYLOR: $30,748

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (11/11)
Transfer Receipts: 2010
Macon Co. Total = $113,869,000

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<td>Retirement/Disab</td>
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<td>Supp Sec Inc</td>
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<td>Family Assist</td>
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<td>Unemp</td>
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<td>Veteran Benefit</td>
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<td>All Other</td>
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Macon Co.
$7,769 per capita
35.3% of total personal income
6.5% change in total 2009-10

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/12)
## Persons Living Below Poverty Level
### 2010 Model-Based Estimates

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<th>County</th>
<th># of Persons</th>
<th>% of all Persons</th>
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<td>2,365</td>
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<td>877</td>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>10,679</td>
<td>18.0</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (11/11)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2010 Model-Based Estimates

6.7 – 12.7%
12.7 – 19.8%
19.8 – 25.2%
25.2 – 30.6%
30.6 – 38.1%

Georgia
1,698,004 Persons
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18.0%
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US = 15.3%

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2010 = $21,954

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (11/11)
Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates

2011 Rates
- Macon Co. = 14.7
- GA = 9.8
- US = 8.9

Avg. GA County = 10.8

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
<table>
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<tr>
<th>Macon County</th>
<th>Avg. # Establishments</th>
<th>Avg. Monthly Employment</th>
<th>Avg. Wage Weekly</th>
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<td>TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>1,154</td>
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<td>Ag, forestry, fishing</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>237</td>
<td>$538</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
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<td>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</td>
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<td>Wholesale trade</td>
<td>13</td>
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<td>Retail trade</td>
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<td>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</td>
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<td>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</td>
<td>240</td>
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<td>$608</td>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/11)
Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2010

- **Macon Co.**
  - Goods Producing: 13.9
  - Service Providing: 29.4
  - Government: 17.8

- **Avg. GA County**
  - Goods Producing: 21.9
  - Service Providing: 50.7
  - Government: 27.3

- **Georgia**
  - Goods Producing: 34.1
  - Service Providing: 68.0
  - Government: 70.0

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/11)
Components of 2010 Property Tax Gross Digest
Macon County

- Residential: 19.7%
- Timber*: 0.6%
- Mobile Home: 0.5%
- Motor Vehicle: 5.2%
- Public Utility: 6.2%
- Industrial: 14.8%
- Commercial: 9.0%
- Ag-Preferential-Environmental Conservation: 44.0%

40% Assessment Value of Property
- Gross Digest = $427,893,566
- Homestead & Property Exemptions = $109,811,321
- Net M&O Digest = $318,082,245
- Value of exempt property = $44,772,000

* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
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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 7/2012</th>
<th>LOST Type* as of 7/2012</th>
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*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. 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: 2010

Macon Co. Total Value = $248,475,943

- Poultry-Egg: 47.6%
- Livestock: 18.8%
- Row-Forage crops: 16.3%
- Forestry: 10%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 4.1%
- Fruits-Nuts: 7.7%
- Veges: 1.2%
- Other: 3.3%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (12/11)
Retail Sales Analysis: 2008
Macon Co. Total Retail Sales = $125,323,000

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.

Resident workers 16+ = 4,280
Residents working in county = 2,396
Residents working out of county = 1,884

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
< 20 min. = 48.6%
20-44 min. = 37.3%
45+ min. = 14.1%
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

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