Upson County Community Profile

59th in order of county creation
December 15, 1824

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

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

2013 Median Age
Upson Co. = 41.5 yrs.
GA = 35.9 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2014 County Population Comparisons

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<th>% Chg. 2010-14</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/15)
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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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source:
U. S. Census Bureau (3/15)
Selected Vital Statistics

2012 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop
  - Upson Co.: 12.5
  - Georgia: 13.1

- Unwed per 100 total births
  - Upson Co.: 55.1
  - Georgia: 45.0

- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19
  - Upson Co.: 40.2
  - Georgia: 22.4

- Deaths per 1,000 pop
  - Upson Co.: 13.1
  - Georgia: 7.3

- **ITOP per 1,000 females age 10-55
  - Upson Co.: 6.4
  - Georgia: 9.5

- Low birth weight per 100 births
  - Upson Co.: 10.6
  - Georgia: 9.4

- Infant deaths per 1,000 births
  - Upson Co.: 8.6
  - Georgia: 7.9

2012 Upson Co. Natality Data
- 332 total births, 183 unwed births
- 44 induced terminations
- 70 teen pregnancies
- 36 low birth weight babies

2012 Upson Co. Mortality Data
- 350 total deaths
- 3 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
**ITOP—Induced Terminations of Pregnancy
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2009-2013
5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey

Grad or Prof Degree: 5.2% (Upson Co.) vs. 10.2% (Georgia)
Bachelor’s degree: 6.2% (Upson Co.) vs. 17.7% (Georgia)
Associate degree: 5.1% (Upson Co.) vs. 6.9% (Georgia)
Some college, no degree: 24.0% (Upson Co.) vs. 21.1% (Georgia)
HS Grad: 28.7% (Upson Co.) vs. 37.1% (Georgia)
9th-12th no diploma: 15.1% (Upson Co.) vs. 9.5% (Georgia)
<9th grade: 7.2% (Upson Co.) vs. 5.8% (Georgia)

Upson Co.
Not completing HS = 22.4%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 11.4%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2013-14

- Teachers w/adv degrees: Upson Co. 64.1%, Georgia 68.0%
- HOPE Eligible: Upson Co. 45.5%, Georgia 46.0%
- Class '14 Grad Rate: Upson Co. 69.8%, Georgia 72.5%
- Students w/disabilities: Upson Co. 11.9%, Georgia 10.8%
- Limited English Proficiency: Upson Co. 1.0%, Georgia 7.0%
- Gifted: Upson Co. 11.4%, Georgia 6.0%
- Special Ed: Upson Co. 11.9%, Georgia 10.8%
- Free/Reduced Lunch: Upson Co. 62.0%, Georgia 70.0%
- Absent >15 days: Upson Co. 8.5%, Georgia 8.2%
- HS Dropout rate: Upson Co. 3.6%, Georgia 3.7%

Primary data source: Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Upson Co.
K12 enrollment = 4,212
HS dropouts = 49
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $7,455
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/15)
Per Capita Income: 2009-2013
Percentage Change

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Per Capita Income: 2009-2013

2013 PCI
Upson Co. = $30,252
Georgia = $37,845
US = $44,765

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/15)
Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/14)
Personal Current Transfer Receipts: 2013
Upson Co. Total = $254,905,000

- Retirement/Disab: 36.7%
- Medicare: 24.2%
- Pub Med Assist: 16.0%
- Supp Sec Inc: 14.1%
- EI Tax Cred: 5.1%
- SNAP: 4.7%
- Other Inc Maint: 2.7%
- Unemployment: 1.6%
- Vet Benefits: 3.4%
- Edu/Train Assist: 1.4%
- All Other: 4.4%

31.7% of total personal income
Upson Co. $9,595 per capita
2.6% change in total 2012-13

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/15)
## Persons Living Below Poverty Level
### 2013 Model-Based Estimates

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Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2013 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2013 = $23,834

Georgia
1,849,944 Persons
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19.0%

US = 15.8%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/14)
Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates

2014 Rates
- Upson Co. = 9.2
- GA = 7.2
- US = 6.2

Avg. GA County = 8.1

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
# Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2013 Averages

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*Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (6/14)*
Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2013

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Components of 2013 Property Tax Gross Digest
Upson County

- Residential: 35.4%
- Ag-PREFERENTIAL-ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION: 21.8%
- Commercial: 14.1%
- Industrial: 16.3%
- Heavy Equipment: 0.002%
- Timber*: 0.3%
- Mobile Home: 0.4%
- Motor Vehicle: 7.7%
- Public Utility: 4.0%

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $728,538,187
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $116,165,530
Net M&O Digest = $612,372,657
Value of exempt property = $51,366,991

* 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>2013 County-wide Millage*</th>
<th>2013 Taxes Levied*</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 7/1/2015</th>
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*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational, T=Transportation

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
2013 Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group
Upson Co. Total Value = $38,255,201

Primary data source: UGA Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development
http://farmgate.caes.uga.edu/TotalValueReport.aspx data downloaded 1/13/15
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: 2009-2013
5 Yr. Average – American Community Survey

Percentage of:

- Residents working in county: 66.7%
- Residents working out of county: 32.8%
- Residents driving to work alone: 79.2%
- Residents carpooling: 15.4%
- Residents working at home: 1.7%

Upson Co.
Resident workers 16+ = 9,910

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
- < 20 min. = 61.9%
- 45+ min. = 16.2%

Mean travel time to work = 22 minutes

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau 12/14
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

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To learn more about your county check the “Georgia Statistics System” website:
www.georgiastats.uga.edu