Fannin County Community Profile

107th in order of county creation
January 21, 1854

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Fannin County Total Population

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Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses and estimates; GA Office of Planning & Budget projections (2015 series).
Population Composition by Age
Fannin County

2014 Median Age      Fannin Co. = 50.9 yrs.     GA = 35.9 yrs.

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

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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/15)
Population Change: 2000-2010

Loss
Gain < US
Gain > US but < GA
Gain > GA
Gain > 2x GA

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

2013 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Fannin Co. = 8.2, Georgia = 12.9
- Unwed per 100 total births: Fannin Co. = 27.2, Georgia = 45.4
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Fannin Co. = 14.7, Georgia = 20.2
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Fannin Co. = 14.5, Georgia = 7.5
- **ITOP per 1,000 females age 10-55: Fannin Co. = 2.2, Georgia = 9.3
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Fannin Co. = 8.1, Georgia = 9.5
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Fannin Co. = 5.6, Georgia = 7.7

2013 Fannin Co. Natality Data
- 194 total births, 52 unwed births
- 10 induced terminations
- 18 teen pregnancies
- 12 low birth weight babies

2013 Fannin Co. Mortality Data
- 345 total deaths
- 2 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
**ITOP—Induced Terminations of Pregnancy
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2010-2014
5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey

- Grad or Prof Degree: 5.3% (Fannin Co.), 10.2% (Georgia)
- Bachelor’s degree: 9.4% (Fannin Co.), 17.7% (Georgia)
- Associate degree: 7.9% (Fannin Co.), 6.9% (Georgia)
- Some college, no degree: 11.7% (Fannin Co.), 28.7% (Georgia)
- HS Grad: 39.1% (Fannin Co.), 28.7% (Georgia)
- 9th-12th no diploma: 11.7% (Fannin Co.), 11.7% (Georgia)
- <9th grade: 8.4% (Fannin Co.), 9.5% (Georgia)

Fannin Co.
Not completing HS = 20.1%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 14.7%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2014-15

- Teachers w/adv degrees
  - Fannin Co.: 43.5%
  - Georgia: 66.7%
  - Nation: 77.5%

- HOPE Eligible
  - Fannin Co.: 46.7%
  - Georgia: 43.5%

- Class ’15 Grad Rate
  - Fannin Co.: 92.1%
  - Georgia: 78.8%

- Students w/disabilities
  - Fannin Co.: 11.0%
  - Georgia: 12.4%

- Limited English Proficiency
  - Fannin Co.: 1.0%
  - Georgia: 8.0%

- Gifted
  - Fannin Co.: 6.0%
  - Georgia: 11.5%

- Special Ed
  - Fannin Co.: 11.0%
  - Georgia: 12.4%

- Free/Reduced Lunch
  - Fannin Co.: 62.0%
  - Georgia: 62.0%

- Absent >15 days
  - Fannin Co.: 9.9%
  - Georgia: 11.3%

- Retained in grade
  - Fannin Co.: 2.8%
  - Georgia: 1.4%

- HS Dropout rate
  - Fannin Co.: 3.5%
  - Georgia: 3.5%

Primary data source:
Governor’s Office of Student Achievement

K12 enrollment = 2,929
HS dropouts = 10
2013-14 General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $9,498
### Per Capita Income: 2014

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<th>County</th>
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<th>% Change in PCI 2010-2014</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/15)
Per Capita Income: 2010-2014

Percentage Change

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Per Capita Income: 2010-2014

2014 PCI
Fannin Co. = $30,036
Georgia = $38,980
US = $46,049

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/15)
Median Household Income
2014 Model-Based Estimates

US: $53,657
GEORGIA: $49,240
GA Avg. Co.: $41,210
FANNIN: $37,813
DAWSON: $57,491
GILMER: $40,010
LUMPKIN: $44,653
MURRAY: $40,976
PICKENS: $51,047
UNION: $40,667

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/15)
Personal Current Transfer Receipts: 2014
Fannin Co. Total = $251,083,000

Retirement/Disab: Fannin Co. 44.5%, Georgia 35.0%
Medicare: Fannin Co. 28.1%, Georgia 22.8%
Pub Med Assist: Fannin Co. 11.2%, Georgia 14.4%
Supp Sec Inc: Fannin Co. 1.6%, Georgia 2.3%
El Tax Cred: Fannin Co. 2.6%, Georgia 4.4%
SNAP: Fannin Co. 2.0%, Georgia 4.1%
Other Inc Maint: Fannin Co. 1.2%, Georgia 2.6%
Unemployment: Fannin Co. 0.5%, Georgia 0.8%
Vet Benefits: Fannin Co. 3.8%, Georgia 4.8%
Edu/Train Assist: Fannin Co. 0.9%, Georgia 2.9%
All Other: Fannin Co. 3.7%, Georgia 5.8%

Fannin Co.
$10,571 per capita transfer receipts
35.2% of total personal income
4.8% change in total 2013-14

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/15)
Transfer Receipts as a Percentage of Total Personal Income 2009-2014

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/15)
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Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2014 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2014 = $24,230

Georgia 1,8202,783 Persons
-- 18.4%
US = 15.5%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/15)
Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates

- **Fannin Co.**
- **Georgia**
- **U. S.**

2014 Rates
- Fannin Co. = 7.8
- GA = 7.2
- US = 6.2

Avg. GA County = 8.1

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
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<td>TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING</td>
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<td>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</td>
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Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2014

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<th>Avg. GA County</th>
<th>Georgia</th>
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Components of 2014 Property Tax Gross Digest
Fannin County

- Residential: 72.9%
- Ag-Preferential-Environ-Conserv: 12.2%
- Commercial: 9.1%
- Industrial: 0.5%
- Public Utility: 1.4%
- Motor Vehicle: 3.7%
- Mobile Home: 0.1%
- Heavy Equipment: 0.003%
- Timber*: 0.01%

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $1,497,170,546
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $234,363,141
Net M&O Digest = $1,262,807,405
Value of exempt property = $234,363,141
* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

Primary data source:
GA Dept. of Revenue
Data downloaded 12/15
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<th>2014 County-wide Millage*</th>
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<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 1/1/2016</th>
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*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
2014 Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group
Fannin Co. Total Value = $45,493,866

- Poultry-Egg: 54.0%
- Livestock: 10.7%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 1.5%
- Veges: 2.0%
- Forestry: 0.5%
- Row-Forage crops: 1.4%
- Fruits-Nuts: 12.5%
- Ag Tourism: 17.4%
- Other: 0.1%

Primary data source: UGA Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development
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: 2010-2014
5 Yr. Average – American Community Survey

Percentage of:

- Residents working in county: 68.3%
- Residents working out of county: 31.7%
- Residents driving to work alone: 77.6%
- Residents carpooling: 13.0%
- Residents working at home: 5.0%

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
- < 20 min. = 47.4%
- 45+ min. = 17.5%

Mean travel time to work = 25.4 minutes

Fannin Co.
Resident workers 16+ = 8,164

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau 12/15
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

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