McDuffie County
Community Profile

134th in order of county creation
October 18, 1870

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McDuffie County Total Population

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

2014 Median Age
McDuffie Co. = 39.2 yrs.    GA = 35.9 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
### 2015 County Population Comparisons

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Total Rank</th>
<th>Density per sq.mi.</th>
<th>% Chg. 2010-15</th>
<th>Rank of % Chg.</th>
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<td>McDUFFIE</td>
<td>21,540</td>
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<td>83.7</td>
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<td>496.6</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/16)
Population Change: 1930-2010

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses
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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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>4/1/2010-6/30/2015 Numerical Change*</th>
<th>4/1/2010-6/30/2015 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
<th>4/1/2010-6/30/2015 # Net Migration</th>
<th>7/1/2014-6/30/2015 1-yr Natural Increase Rate</th>
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<td>Avg. County</td>
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<td>GEORGIA</td>
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<td>299,340</td>
<td>217,464</td>
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<td>6.2</td>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/16)
2014 McDuffie Co. Natality Data
290 total births, 170 unwed births
60 induced terminations
38 teen pregnancies
26 low birth weight babies

2014 McDuffie Co. Mortality Data
217 total deaths
1 infant death

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
- McDuffie Co.: 5.6%
- Georgia: 10.2%

Bachelor's degree
- McDuffie Co.: 9.7%
- Georgia: 17.7%

Associate degree
- McDuffie Co.: 6%
- Georgia: 6.9%

Some college, no degree
- McDuffie Co.: 17.4%
- Georgia: 21.1%

HS Grad
- McDuffie Co.: 28.7%
- Georgia: 35.2%

9th-12th no diploma
- McDuffie Co.: 17.5%
- Georgia: 17.5%

< 9th grade
- McDuffie Co.: 8.5%
- Georgia: 5.8%

McDuffie Co.
Not completing HS = 26.0%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 15.3%

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

- Teachers w/adv degrees: McDuffie Co. 67.3%, Georgia 66.7%
- HOPE Eligible: McDuffie Co. 45.5%, Georgia 43.5%
- Class '15 Grad Rate: McDuffie Co. 83.0%, Georgia 78.8%
- Students w/disabilities: McDuffie Co. 12.1%, Georgia 11.0%
- Limited English: McDuffie Co. 2.0%, Georgia 8.0%
- Gifted: McDuffie Co. 5.3%, Georgia 11.5%
- Free/Reduced Lunch: McDuffie Co. 62.0%, Georgia 75.0%
- Absent >15 days: McDuffie Co. 12.4%, Georgia 9.9%
- Retained in grade: McDuffie Co. 5.1%, Georgia 2.8%
- HS Dropout rate: McDuffie Co. 2.9%, Georgia 3.5%

Primary data source: Governor's Office of Student Achievement

K12 enrollment = 4,129
HS dropouts = 36
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $7,964
## Per Capita Income: 2014

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>PCI</th>
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<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
<th>% Change in PCI 2010-2014</th>
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<td>$32,120</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>82.4</td>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>$32,146</td>
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<td>84.9</td>
<td>12.9</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/15)
Per Capita Income: 2010-2014
Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/15)
Per Capita Income: 2010-2014

2014 PCI
McDuffie Co. = $32,120
Georgia = $38,980
US = $46,049

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

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/15)
Personal Current Transfer Receipts: 2014
McDuffie Co. Total = $200,272,000

- Retirement/Disability: $33,535,143, McDuffie Co: 33.5%, Georgia: 35.0%
- Medicare: $23,114,285, McDuffie Co: 23.1%, Georgia: 22.8%
- Public Medical Assistance: $18,088,571, McDuffie Co: 18.0%, Georgia: 14.4%
- Supplementary Security Income: $3,071,785, McDuffie Co: 3.1%, Georgia: 2.3%
- Earned Income Tax Credit: $4,623,328, McDuffie Co: 4.6%, Georgia: 4.4%
- SNAP: $4,785,714, McDuffie Co: 4.7%, Georgia: 4.1%
- Other Income Maintenance: $2,621,785, McDuffie Co: 2.6%, Georgia: 2.6%
- Unemployment: $0.7 million, McDuffie Co: 0.7%, Georgia: 0.8%
- Veterans Benefits: $4,321,785, McDuffie Co: 4.3%, Georgia: 4.8%
- Education/Training Assistance: $1,021,785, McDuffie Co: 1.0%, Georgia: 2.9%
- All Other: $4,557,857, McDuffie Co: 4.5%, Georgia: 5.8%

$9,372 per capita transfer receipts
34.4% of total personal income
4.9% change in total 2013-14

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/15)
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<th>County</th>
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<th>% of all Persons</th>
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<td>2,617</td>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>11,338</td>
<td>22.8</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/15)
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
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18.4%

US = 15.5%

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

2015 Rates
- McDuffie Co. = 8.2
- GA = 5.9
- US = 5.3

Avg. GA County = 6.7

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
### Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2014 Averages

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>McDuffie County</th>
<th>Avg. #</th>
<th>Avg. Monthly Employment</th>
<th>Avg. Wage Weekly</th>
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<td><strong>TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING</strong></td>
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<td>2,146</td>
<td>$743</td>
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<td><strong>Ag, forestry, fishing</strong></td>
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<td>311</td>
<td>$658</td>
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<td><strong>Construction</strong></td>
<td>46</td>
<td>307</td>
<td>$658</td>
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<td><strong>Manufacturing</strong></td>
<td>27</td>
<td>1,516</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Wholesale trade</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Retail trade</strong></td>
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<td>916</td>
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<td><strong>Transp/Warehousing</strong></td>
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<td>$846</td>
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<td><strong>Finance/Insurance</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Admin/Suppt/WasteMgmt/Remediation</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Health care/Soc Svcs</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Accommodations/Food Svc</strong></td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</strong></td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</strong></td>
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<td>7,193</td>
<td>$640</td>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/15)
Employment Comparisons by Industry Group:  2014

**Goods Producing**
- McDuffie Co.: 29.8
- Avg. GA County: 22.3
- Georgia: 13.6

**Service Providing**
- McDuffie Co.: 52.0
- Avg. GA County: 52.1
- Georgia: 70.1

**Government**
- McDuffie Co.: 17.9
- Avg. GA County: 25.3
- Georgia: 15.8

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/15)
Components of 2014 Property Tax Gross Digest
McDuffie County

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $680,475,089
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $109,215,501
Net M&O Digest = $571,259,588
Value of exempt property = $65,573,400

* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

Primary data source:
GA Dept. of Revenue
Data downloaded 12/15
## Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

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<th>County</th>
<th>2014 County-wide Millage*</th>
<th>2013 Taxes Levied*</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 4/1/2016</th>
<th>LOST Type* as of 4/1/2016</th>
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*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational, T=Transportation

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
2014 Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group
McDuffie Co. Total Value = $50,765,463

- Ornemental Horticulture: 68.3%
- Livestock: 18.4%
- Forestry: 7.1%
- Other: 1.2%
- Ag Tourism: 0.7%
- Fruits-Nuts: 0.7%
- Row-Forage crops: 3.6%

Primary data source: UGA Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development
http://farmgate.caes.uga.edu/TotalValueReport.aspx
1% Sales & Use Tax Distributions: 2014
McDuffie Co. Total = $3,329,777

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

Resident workers 16+ = 7,964

- Residents working in county: 52.7%
- Residents working out of county: 47.3%
- Residents driving to work alone: 84.2%
- Residents carpooling: 9.1%
- Residents working at home: 2.4%

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
- < 20 min. = 48.1%
- 45+ min. = 17.6%

Mean travel time to work = 27.1 minutes

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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