Clayton County Community Profile

Clayton County was the 127th county to be created in the United States, on November 30, 1858. The Clayton County Courthouse stands as a testament to the county's history and legacy.

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Photo: Ed Jackson
Clayton County Total Population

- 2030 OPB Proj.: 302,823
- 2020 OPB Proj.: 282,488
- 2016 Estimate: 279,462
- 2010 Est. Base: 259,470
- 2000: 236,517
- 1990: 182,052
- 1980: 150,357
- 1970: 98,043
- 1960: 46,365
- 1950: 22,872
- 1940: 11,655
- 1930: 10,260

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

2015 Median Age  Clayton Co. = 32.6 yrs.  GA = 35.3 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2016 County Population Comparisons

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Rank</th>
<th>Density per sq.mi.</th>
<th>% Chg. 2010-16</th>
<th>Rank of % Chg.</th>
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<td>DeKALB</td>
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<td>2,428.5</td>
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<td>355.4</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (4/17)
Population Change: 1930-2010

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses
Population Change: 2010-2015

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

Avg. GA County = 0.8%
GA = 5.4%
US = 4.1%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (1/17)
## Components of Population Change

### Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>4/1/2010-6/30/2016 Numerical Change*</th>
<th>4/1/2010-6/30/2016 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
<th>4/1/2010-6/30/2016 # Net Migration</th>
<th>7/1/2015-6/30/2016 1-yr Natural Increase Rate</th>
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<td>19,992</td>
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<td>3,419</td>
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<td>FULTON</td>
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<td>60,303</td>
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<td>HENRY</td>
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<td>SPALDING</td>
<td>733</td>
<td>751</td>
<td>-149</td>
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<td>Avg. County</td>
<td>3,910</td>
<td>2,192</td>
<td>1,656</td>
<td>1.5</td>
<td>0.7</td>
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<td>GEORGIA</td>
<td>621,691</td>
<td>348,541</td>
<td>263,358</td>
<td>4.8</td>
<td>5.9</td>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (4/17)
Selected Vital Statistics

2015 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: 15.8 (Clayton Co.), 12.9 (Georgia)
- Unwed per 100 total births: 67.6 (Clayton Co.), 45.1 (Georgia)
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: 20.9 (Clayton Co.), 16.9 (Georgia)
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: 6.1 (Clayton Co.), 7.8 (Georgia)
- **ITOP per 1,000 females age 10-55: 14.5 (Clayton Co.), 9.1 (Georgia)
- Low birth weight per 100 births: 10.8 (Clayton Co.), 9.5 (Georgia)
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: 7.9 (Clayton Co.), 7.4 (Georgia)

2015 Clayton Co. Natality Data
- 4,341 total births, 2,931 unwed births
- 1,114 induced terminations
- 429 teen pregnancies
- 512 low birth weight babies

2015 Clayton Co. Mortality Data
- 1,167 total deaths
- 35 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS

**ITOP—Induced Terminations of Pregnancy
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2011-2015
5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey

Clayton Co.
Not completing HS = 17.5%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 18.3%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2015-16

- Teachers w/ Adv Degrees
  - Clayton Co.: 64.9%
  - Georgia: 65.5%

- HOPE Eligible
  - Clayton Co.: 25.6%
  - Georgia: 43.0%

- Class '16 Grad Rate
  - Clayton Co.: 79.4%
  - Georgia: 69.1%

- Students w/ Disabilities
  - Clayton Co.: 10.1%
  - Georgia: 11.2%

- Limited English
  - Clayton Co.: 11.5%
  - Georgia: 12.0%

- Gifted
  - Clayton Co.: 5.0%
  - Georgia: 11.5%

- Free/Reduced Lunch
  - Clayton Co.: 99.0%
  - Georgia: 62.0%

- Absent >15 Days
  - Clayton Co.: 12.2%
  - Georgia: 10.1%

- Retained in Grade
  - Clayton Co.: 2.9%
  - Georgia: 2.6%

- HS Dropout Rate
  - Clayton Co.: 5.5%
  - Georgia: 3.6%

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Clayton Co.
K-12 FTE enrollment = 53,262
HS dropouts = 948
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $7,238
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<th>County</th>
<th>PCI</th>
<th>Rank of PCI</th>
<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
<th>% Change in PCI 2011-2015</th>
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<td>$26,025</td>
<td>143</td>
<td>64.6</td>
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<td>$42,819</td>
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<td>FULTON</td>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>$32,346</td>
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<td>80.3</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)
Per Capita Income: 2011-2015
Percentage Change

Clayton Co.
Georgia
US

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)
Per Capita Income: 2011-2015

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)

- **2015 PCI**
  - Clayton Co. = $26,025
  - Georgia = $40,306
  - US = $48,112

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)
Median Household Income
2015 Model-Based Estimates

- **U. S.** $55,775
- **Avg. GA County** $42,510
- **CLAYTON** $41,731
- **DEKALB** $53,994
- **FAYETTE** $80,588
- **FULTON** $59,911
- **HENRY** $65,437
- **SPALDING** $41,250
Personal Current Transfer Receipts: 2015
Clayton Co. Total = $1,848,150,000

Clayton County:
- 25.9% of total personal income
- 4.9% change in total transfer receipts 2014-15
- $6,746 per capita transfer receipts

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)
Transfer Receipts as a Percentage of Total Personal Income
2010-2015

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)
### Persons Living Below Poverty Level
#### 2015 Model-Based Estimates

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<th># of Persons</th>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>10,729</td>
<td>21.9</td>
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*Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (1/17)*
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2015 Model-Based Estimates

6.3 – 15.3%
15.3 – 20.3%
20.3 – 24.1%
24.1 – 27.5%
27.5 – 42.0%

Georgia
1,705,831
Persons

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17.2%

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2015 = $24,257

Georgia
1,705,831
Persons

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17.2%

US = 14.7%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (1/17)
Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates

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<th>U.S.</th>
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<td>4.0</td>
<td>5.2</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>6.6</td>
<td>7.4</td>
<td>4.0</td>
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2016 Rates: Clayton Co. = 6.6  GA = 5.4  US = 4.9
Avg. GA County = 6.1

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
## Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2015 Averages

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<tr>
<th>Clayton County</th>
<th>Avg. # Establishments</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>Ag, forestry, fishing</td>
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<td>*</td>
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<tr>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>251</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>125</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</strong></td>
<td>3,666</td>
<td>94,855</td>
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<td>Wholesale trade</td>
<td>267</td>
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<td>Retail trade</td>
<td>730</td>
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<td>Transportation/Warehousing</td>
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<td>Professional/Scientific/Tech</td>
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<td>1,407</td>
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<td>Health care/Soc Svcs</td>
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<td>Accommodations/Food Svc</td>
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<td>10,783</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</strong></td>
<td>153</td>
<td>15,187</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</strong></td>
<td>4,425</td>
<td>117,416</td>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/16)  
* data not disclosed
Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2015

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<th>Clayton Co.</th>
<th>Avg. GA County</th>
<th>Georgia</th>
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<td>Goods Producing</td>
<td>6.1</td>
<td>22.1</td>
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<td>Service Providing</td>
<td>80.8</td>
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<td>Government</td>
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<td>24.7</td>
<td>15.4</td>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/16)
Components of 2015 Property Tax Gross Digest
Clayton County

- Residential: 34.3%
- Commercial: 38.8%
- Industrial: 11.3%
- Public Utility: 11.1%
- Motor Vehicle: 3.9%
- Mobile Home: 0.2%
- Heavy Equipment: 0.01%
- Timber*: 0.0001%
- Ag-Preferential-Environ-Conserv: 0.4%

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $7,081,779,858
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $914,285,812
Net M&O Digest = $6,167,494,046
Value of exempt property = $3,698,605,934

* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

Primary data source:
GA Dept. of Revenue
Data downloaded 7/16
### Clayton Co. Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

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<td>COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT</td>
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<td>COUNTY INCORPORATED</td>
<td>15.862</td>
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<td>FOREST PARK</td>
<td>14.743</td>
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<td>JONESBORO</td>
<td>1.500</td>
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<td>LAKE CITY</td>
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<td>LOVEJOY</td>
<td>6.779</td>
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<th>County</th>
<th>2015 Taxes Levied*</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 4/1/2017</th>
<th>LOST Type* as of 4/2017</th>
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<td>$248,893,729</td>
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<td>HENRY</td>
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<td>SPALDING</td>
<td>$55,715,708</td>
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Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option, H=Homestead, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational, T=Transportation, M=MARTA

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue

No Bonds
2015 Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group
Clayton Co. Total Value = $47,922,878

- Livestock: 6.6%
- Row-Forage crops: 0.3%
- Forestry: 0.5%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 86.0%
- Fruits-Nuts: 0.2%
- Ag Tourism & Other: 6.5%

Primary data source: UGA Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development
http://farmgate.caes.uga.edu/TotalValueReport.aspx
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 in county: 35.0%
Residents working out of county: 65.0%
Residents driving to work alone: 78.3%
Residents carpooling: 13.5%
Residents working at home: 2.3%

Clayton Co.
Resident workers 16+ = 110,146

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
< 10 min. = 6.2%
60+ min. = 10.0%

Mean travel time to work = 30 minutes

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (1/17)
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

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