Polk 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
Polk County

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>65+</th>
<th>45-64</th>
<th>20-44</th>
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2017 Median Age      Polk Co. = 36.9 yrs.      GA = 36.7 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2017 County Population Comparisons

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Total Rank</th>
<th>Density per sq.mi. land area</th>
<th>% Chg. 2010-17</th>
<th>Rank of % Chg.</th>
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<td>48</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/18)
Population Change: 1930-2010

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses
Population Change: 2010-2017

US = 5.5%
GA = 7.6%
Avg. GA County = 1.6%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/18)
### Components of Population Change
Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>4/1/2010-6/30/2017 Numerical Change*</th>
<th>4/1/2010-6/30/2017 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
<th>4/1/2010-6/30/2017 # Net Migration</th>
<th>7/1/2016-6/30/2017 1-yr Natural Increase Rate</th>
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<td>681</td>
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<td>7,511</td>
<td>9,542</td>
<td>5.1</td>
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<td>Avg. County</td>
<td>4,658</td>
<td>2,510</td>
<td>2,127</td>
<td>1.6</td>
<td>4.1</td>
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<td>GEORGIA</td>
<td>740,689</td>
<td>399,055</td>
<td>338,202</td>
<td>4.7</td>
<td>6.5</td>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/18)
Selected Vital Statistics

2016 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Polk Co. 14.1, Georgia 12.6
- Unwed per 100 total births: Polk Co. 51.6, Georgia 44.7
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Polk Co. 26.4, Georgia 16.1
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Polk Co. 12.2, Georgia 7.9
- **ITOP per 1,000 females age 10-55: Polk Co. 5.4, Georgia 9.1
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Polk Co. 9.0, Georgia 9.5
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Polk Co. 6.6, Georgia 7.4

2016 Polk Co. Natality Data
- 587 total births, 303 unwed births
- 62 induced terminations
- 74 teen pregnancies
- 59 low birth weight babies

2016 Polk Co. Mortality Data
- 509 total deaths
- 6 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
**ITOP—Induced Terminations of Pregnancy
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2012-2016
5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey

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<th>Highest Level of Educational Attainment</th>
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<th>Georgia</th>
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<td>Bachelor’s degree</td>
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<td>Associate degree</td>
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<td>Some college, no degree</td>
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<td>HS Grad</td>
<td>37.2</td>
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<td>9th-12th no diploma</td>
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<td>&lt; 9th grade</td>
<td>9.6</td>
<td>11.1</td>
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Polk Co.
Not completing HS = 24.3%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 13.0%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
### Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2016-17

- **Teachers w/Adv Degrees**
  - Polk Co.: 64.5%
  - Georgia: 59.4%

- **HOPE Eligible**
  - Polk Co.: 54.7%
  - Georgia: 42.9%

- **Class '17 Grad Rate**
  - Polk Co.: 80.6%
  - Georgia: 82.3%

- **Students w/Disabilities**
  - Polk Co.: 11.6%
  - Georgia: 13.8%

- **Limited English**
  - Polk Co.: 8.0%
  - Georgia: 8.0%

- **Gifted**
  - Polk Co.: 11.5%
  - Georgia: 7.3%

- **Free/Reduced Lunch**
  - Polk Co.: 83.0%
  - Georgia: 62.0%

- **Absent >15 Days**
  - Polk Co.: 17.2%
  - Georgia: 11.2%

- **Retained in Grade**
  - Polk Co.: 2.8%
  - Georgia: 2.5%

- **HS Dropout Rate**
  - Polk Co.: 4.5%
  - Georgia: 3.8%

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**Primary data source:** Governor’s Office of Student Achievement

**Polk Co.**
- FTE K12 enrollment = 7,431
- HS dropouts = 105
- General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $8,047
### Per Capita Income: 2016

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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 2012-2016</th>
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<td>$30,002</td>
<td>115</td>
<td>71.2</td>
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<td>BARTOW</td>
<td>$35,306</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>83.7</td>
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<td>FLOYD</td>
<td>$36,470</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>86.5</td>
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<td>HARALSON</td>
<td>$32,295</td>
<td>84</td>
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<td>PAULDING</td>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>$33,549</td>
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<td>79.6</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/17)
Per Capita Income: 2012-2016
Percentage Change

Polk Co.
Georgia
US

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/17)
Per Capita Income: 2012-2016

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/17)

2016 PCI
Polk Co. = $30,002
Georgia = $42,159
US = $49,246
Median Household Income
2016 Model-Based Estimates

U.S.: $57,617
Georgia: $53,468
Avg. GA County: $44,018
Polk: $42,470
Bartow: $52,497
Floyd: $46,634
Haralson: $43,196
Paulding: $65,480

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/17)
Personal Current Transfer Receipts: 2016
Polk Co. Total = $396,396,000

- Retirement/Disab: Polk Co. 34.3%, Georgia 35.0%
- Medicare: Polk Co. 26.2%, Georgia 23.2%
- Pub Med Assist: Polk Co. 16.7%, Georgia 13.6%
- Supp Sec Inc: Polk Co. 2.7%, Georgia 2.2%
- EI Tax Cred: Polk Co. 4.2%, Georgia 3.6%
- SNAP: Polk Co. 3.7%, Georgia 3.5%
- Other Inc Maint: Polk Co. 2.6%, Georgia 2.6%
- Unemployment: Polk Co. 0.5%, Georgia 0.4%
- Vet Benefits: Polk Co. 5.1%, Georgia 3.3%
- Edu/Train Assist: Polk Co. 2.6%, Georgia 1.1%
- All Other: Polk Co. 7.6%

Polk County:
- 31.6% of total personal income
- 2.0% change in total transfer receipts 2015-16
- $9,489 per capita transfer receipts

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/17)
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<th>County</th>
<th>All Ages</th>
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<td></td>
<td>Number</td>
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<td>13,373</td>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>10,141</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/17)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2016 Model-Based Estimates

5.7 – 14.9%
14.9 – 18.6%
18.6 – 22.8%
22.8 – 26.7%
26.7 – 39.2%

Georgia
1,612,368 Persons
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16.1%
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US = 14.0%

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2016 = $24,563

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/17)
Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates

2017 Rates
Polk Co. = 5.3   GA = 4.7   US = 4.4
Avg. GA County = 5.3

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
## Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2017 Averages

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<tr>
<th>Polk County</th>
<th>Avg. # Establishments</th>
<th>Avg. Monthly Employment</th>
<th>Avg. Wage Weekly</th>
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<td>3,666</td>
<td>$898</td>
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<td>Ag, forestry, fishing</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>309</td>
<td>$952</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>34</td>
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<td>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</td>
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<td>Wholesale trade</td>
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<td>$640</td>
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<td>Accommodations/Food Svc</td>
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<td>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</td>
<td>45</td>
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<td>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</td>
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<td>11,045</td>
<td>$721</td>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (6/18)
Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2017

Goods Producing:
- Polk Co.: 33.2
- Avg. GA County: 22.2
- Georgia: 14.0

Service Providing:
- Polk Co.: 52.0
- Avg. GA County: 52.9
- Georgia: 70.8

Government:
- Polk Co.: 14.7
- Avg. GA County: 24.3
- Georgia: 14.9

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/17)
Components of 2017 Property Tax Gross Digest
Polk County

- Residential: 46.8%
- Ag-Preferential-Environ-Conser: 14.1%
- Commercial: 16.0%
- Industrial: 11.6%
- Public Utility: 7.8%
- Motor Vehicle: 3.0%
- Mobile Home: 0.5%
- Heavy Equipment: 0.01%
- Timber *: 0.142%

Gross Digest = $1,044,368,259
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $113,550,057
Net M&O Digest = $930,818,202
Value of exempt property = $120,362,245

* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

Primary data source:
GA Dept. of Revenue
Data downloaded 3/18
## Polk Co. Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

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<th>Tax District</th>
<th>2017 Millage rates</th>
<th>County</th>
<th>2016 Taxes Levied*</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 4/1/18</th>
<th>LOST Type* as of 4/1/18</th>
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Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected.
L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational, T=Transportation

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue, Local Government Services
2016 Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group
Polk Co. Total Value = $28,279,509

- Forestry & Related Products: 38.6%
- Fruits-Nuts-Veges: 0.1%
- Livestock & Aquaculture: 22.3%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 14.6%
- Row and Forage Crops: 14.0%
- Poultry and Eggs: 8.6%
- Agritourism: 0.2%
- Other: 1.60%

Primary data source: UGA Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development
http://farmgate.caes.uga.edu
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.

Primary data sources: Georgia Dept. of Revenue, Sales Tax Commodity Report, Calendar Years 2016-2017. Pull factors calculated by CAED.
Commuting to Work: 2012-2016
5 Yr. Average – American Community Survey

Percentage of:

- Residents working in county: 60.7%
- Residents working out of county: 39.3%
- Residents driving to work alone: 86.8%
- Residents carpooling: 8.4%
- Residents working at home: 2.5%

Polk Co.
Resident workers 16+ = 16,374

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
- < 10 min. = 20.4%
- 60+ min. = 9.9%

Mean travel time to work = 26.5 minutes

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/17)
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

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