Washington County Community Profile

10th in order of county creation
Feb. 25, 1784

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Washington 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
Washington County

2016 Median Age
Washington Co. = 40.1 yrs.
GA = 36.5 yrs.

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

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<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>20.0</td>
<td>-6.3</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/18)
Population Change: 1930-2010

Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses
Population Change: 2010-2016

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

US = 4.7%
GA = 6.4%
Avg. GA County = 1.0%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/17)
### 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>Avg. County</td>
<td>4,658</td>
<td>2,510</td>
<td>2,127</td>
<td>1.6</td>
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<td>GEORGIA</td>
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<td>399,055</td>
<td>338,202</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**
  - Washington Co.: 10.2
  - Georgia: 12.6

- **Unwed per 100 total births**
  - Washington Co.: 66.5
  - Georgia: 44.7

- **Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19**
  - Washington Co.: 20.3
  - Georgia: 16.1

- **Deaths per 1,000 pop**
  - Washington Co.: 12.4
  - Georgia: 7.9

- ****ITOP per 1,000 females age 10-55**
  - Washington Co.: 8.4
  - Georgia: 9.1

- **Low birth weight per 100 births**
  - Washington Co.: 10.5
  - Georgia: 9.5

- **Infant deaths per 1,000 births**
  - Washington Co.: 9.5
  - Georgia: 7.4

### 2016 Washington Co. Natality Data
- 209 total births, 139 unwed births
- 47 induced terminations
- 24 teen pregnancies
- 18 low birth weight babies

### 2016 Washington Co. Mortality Data
- 254 total deaths
- 1 infant death

*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>Educational Attainment</th>
<th>Washington Co.</th>
<th>Georgia</th>
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<td>Grad or Prof Degree</td>
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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>14.6</td>
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<td>9th-12th no diploma</td>
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<td>18.4</td>
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<tr>
<td>&lt; 9th grade</td>
<td>6.8</td>
<td>40.7</td>
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Percent of Persons Age 25+

Washington Co.
Not completing HS = 21.4%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 12.3%

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

- **Teachers w/Adv Degrees**: Washington Co. 63.7%, Georgia 64.5%
- **HOPE Eligible**: Washington Co. 42.9%, Georgia 55.0%
- **Class '17 Grad Rate**: Washington Co. 80.6%, Georgia 87.9%
- **Students w/Disabilities**: Washington Co. 11.1%, Georgia 11.6%
- **Limited English**: Washington Co. 1.0%, Georgia 8.0%
- **Gifted**: Washington Co. 6.5%, Georgia 11.5%
- **Free/Reduced Lunch**: Washington Co. 62.0%, Georgia 82.0%
- **Absent >15 Days**: Washington Co. 13.3%, Georgia 11.2%
- **Retained in Grade**: Washington Co. 1.4%, Georgia 2.5%
- **HS Dropout Rate**: Washington Co. 1.6%, Georgia 3.8%

Primary data source:
Governor’s Office of Student Achievement

**Washington Co.**
FTE K12 enrollment = 3,030
HS dropouts = 14
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $8,696
### 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>109</td>
<td>72.2</td>
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<td>$26,448</td>
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<td>78</td>
<td>77.8</td>
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<td>83</td>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>$33,549</td>
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<td>79.6</td>
<td>11.6</td>
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Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/17)
Per Capita Income: 2012-2016
Percentage Change

Percentage


Washington Co. Georgia US

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

2016 PCI
Washington Co. = $30,424
Georgia = $42,159
US = $49,246

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/17)
Median Household Income
2016 Model-Based Estimates

WASHINGTON $35,542
BALDWIN $40,683
GLASCOCK $41,412
HANCOCK $30,616
JEFFERSON $33,680
JOHNSON $32,201
WILKINSON $47,309
Avg. GA County $44,018
Georgia $53,468
U. S. $57,617

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/17)
Personal Current Transfer Receipts: 2016
Washington Co. Total = $200,373,000

- Retirement/Disab: 34.1%
- Medicare: 23.1%
- Pub Med Assist: 23.2%
- Supp Sec Inc: 2.2%
- El Tax Cred: 4.4%
- SNAP: 4.2%
- Other Inc Maint: 2.6%
- Unemployment: 0.5%
- Vet Benefits: 3.3%
- Edu/Train Assist: 3.2%
- All Other: 5.0%

Washington County:
- 32.2% of total personal income
- 3.3% change in total transfer receipts 2015-16
- $9,795 per capita transfer receipts

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/17)
Transfer Receipts as a Percentage of Total Personal Income
2010-2016

Percentage

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/17)
### Persons Living Below Poverty Level
#### 2016 Model-Based Estimates

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<th>County</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>All Ages</th>
<th>%</th>
<th>Rank of %</th>
<th>Children Ages 0-17</th>
<th>Number</th>
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<td>WILKINSON</td>
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<td>714</td>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
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<td>30.4</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/17)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level, All Ages
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%

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

![Graph showing unemployment rates from 2008 to 2017 for Washington County, Georgia, and the U.S.](image)

2017 Rates
- Washington Co. = 6.0
- GA = 4.7
- US = 4.4

Avg. GA County = 5.3

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
### Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2016 Averages

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<td>73</td>
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<td>$838</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
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<td>$890</td>
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<td>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</td>
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<td>Wholesale trade</td>
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<td>Retail trade</td>
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<td>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</td>
<td>51</td>
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<td>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</td>
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<th>Avg. GA County</th>
<th>Georgia</th>
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<td>50.2</td>
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<td>Service Providing</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>15.1</td>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/17)
Components of 2017 Property Tax Gross Digest
Washington County

- Residential: 25.0%
- Ag-Preferential-Environ-Conserv: 24.3%
- Commercial: 11.3%
- Public Utility: 7.3%
- Motor Vehicle: 3.4%
- Mobile Home: 1.2%
- Industrial: 25.1%
- Heavy Equipment: 0.01%
- Timber *: 2.4%

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $773,341,880
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $101,216,371
Net M&O Digest = $672,125,509
Value of exempt property = $59,554,011

* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

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

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<tr>
<th>Selected Tax Districts</th>
<th>2017 Millage rates</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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<td>LSE</td>
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County-wide Hospital Bond = 3.000

Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected.
L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational, T=Transportation

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
2016 Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group
Washington Co. Total Value = $52,847,825

- Forestry & Related Products: 28.0%
- Fruits & Nuts: 10.1%
- Livestock & Aquaculture: 20.0%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 3.0%
- Other: 8.1%
- Row & Forage Crops: 29.3%
- Poultry & Eggs: 0.1%
- Vegetables: 0.2%
- Ag Tourism: 1.2%

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.
Residents working in county: 78.1%
Residents working out of county: 21.9%
Residents driving to work alone: 81.1%
Residents carpooling: 12.2%
Residents working at home: 2.2%

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
- < 10 min. = 24.1%
- 60+ min. = 6.0%

Mean travel time to work = 20.6 minutes

Washington Co.
Resident workers 16+ = 7,490

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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