Hart County Community Profile

102 in order of county creation
December 7, 1853

Prepared for Hart County Cooperative Extension by the Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development
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Total Population
Hart County

2020 OPB Proj. 26,389
2015 OPB Proj. 25,851
2012 Estimate 25,518
Census 2010 25,213
2000 22,997
1990 19,712
1980 18,585
1970 15,814
1960 15,229
1950 14,495
1940 15,512
1930 15,174

Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses and estimates; GA Office of Planning & Budget projections (2012 series).
Population Composition by Age
Hart County

2012 Median Age  Hart Co. = 43.1 yrs.  GA = 35.7 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2012 County Population Comparisons

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<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<th>Density per sq.mi.</th>
<th>% Chg. 2010-12</th>
<th>Rank of % Chg.</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/13)
Population Change: 1930-2010

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
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>4/1/2010-7/1/2012 Numerical Change*</th>
<th>4/1/2010-7/1/2012 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
<th>4/1/2010-7/1/2012 # Net Migration</th>
<th>7/1/2011-7/1/2012 1-yr Natural Increase Rate</th>
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<td>GEORGIA</td>
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<td>90,782</td>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/13)
**Selected Vital Statistics**

**2011 Rates**

- **Total births per 1,000 pop**
  - Hart Co.: 10.9
  - Georgia: 13.5

- **Unwed per 100 total births**
  - Hart Co.: 42.2
  - Georgia: 45.1

- **Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19**
  - Hart Co.: 22.1
  - Georgia: 25.5

- **Deaths per 1,000 pop**
  - Hart Co.: 11.5
  - Georgia: 7.2

- **Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44**
  - Hart Co.: 4.2
  - Georgia: 4.7

- **Low birth weight per 100 births**
  - Hart Co.: 9.4
  - Georgia: 9.4

- **Infant deaths per 1,000 births**
  - Hart Co.: 7.4
  - Georgia: 7.9

**10-yr. rates 2002-2011**

**2011 Hart Co. Natality Data**
- 275 total births
- 116 unwed births
- 15 induced terminations
- 33 teen pregnancies
- 30 low birth weight babies

**2011 Hart Co. Mortality Data**
- 290 total deaths
- 1 infant death

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2008-2012
5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey

- Grad or Prof Degree: Hart Co. 5.8, Georgia 10.1
- Bachelor’s degree: Hart Co. 9.9, Georgia 17.7
- Associate degree: Hart Co. 6.1, Georgia 6.8
- Some college, no degree: Hart Co. 19.6, Georgia 21.0
- HS Grad: Hart Co. 28.9, Georgia 28.9
- 9th-12th no diploma: Hart Co. 14.2, Georgia 14.2
- < 9th grade: Hart Co. 6.2, Georgia 5.8

Hart Co.
Not completing HS = 20.4%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 15.7%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2010-11

- Teachers w/adv degrees: Georgia 65.6%, Hart Co. 71.8%
- College prep certif: Georgia 54.7%, Hart Co. 79.8%
- HOPE Eligible: Georgia 29.8%, Hart Co. 40.2%
- Class ’11 Grad Rate: Georgia 72.5%, Hart Co. 80.9%
- Gifted: Georgia 10.3%, Hart Co. 10.4%
- Special Ed: Georgia 9.9%, Hart Co. 10.4%
- Econ Disadvantaged: Georgia 57.5%, Hart Co. 60.5%
- Retained in grade: Georgia 3.6%, Hart Co. 1.9%
- Absent >15 days: Georgia 8.8%, Hart Co. 7.4%
- HS Dropout rate: Georgia 3.7%, Hart Co. 1.9%

Primary data source:
Governor’s Office of Student Achievement

Hart Co.
- K12 enrollment = 3,366
- HS dropouts = 21
- General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $7,699
## Per Capita Income: 2011

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<th>County</th>
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<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/13)
Per Capita Income: 2007-2011
Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/13)
Per Capita Income: 2007-2011

2011 PCI
Hart Co. = $26,552
Georgia = $35,979
US = $41,560

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/13)
Transfer Receipts: 2011
Hart Co. Total = $206,475,000

- Retirement/Disab: Hart Co. Total = 32.0% of total, 38.7%
- Medicare: Hart Co. Total = 21.9%, Georgia = 22.7%
- Pub Med Assist: Hart Co. Total = 14.5%
- Supp Sec Inc: Hart Co. Total = 2.2%, Georgia = 2.1%
- Family Assist: Hart Co. Total = 0.5%, Georgia = 0.6%
- SNAP: Hart Co. Total = 4.0%, Georgia = 4.7%
- Other Inc Maint: Hart Co. Total = 6.5%, Georgia = 8.3%
- Unemp: Hart Co. Total = 3.2%, Georgia = 4.1%
- Veteran Benefit: Hart Co. Total = 2.8%, Georgia = 3.8%
- All Other: Hart Co. Total = 5.0%, Georgia = 8.6%

$8,159 per capita transfer receipts
30.7% of total personal income
4.3% change in total 2010-11

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/13)
Median Household Income
2012 Model-Based Estimates

US
$51,371

GEORGIA
$47,125

GA Avg. Co.
$39,549

HART
$36,483

BANKS
$43,102

ELBERT
$33,081

FRANKLIN
$35,150

MADISON
$40,209

OGLETHORPE
$42,992

STEPHENS
$34,384

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/13)
# Persons Living Below Poverty Level
## 2012 Model-Based Estimates

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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/13)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2012 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2012 = $23,492

Georgia
1,852,459 Persons
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19.2%

US = 15.9%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/13)
Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates

2012 Rates
- Hart Co. = 11.0
- GA = 9.0
- US = 8.1

Avg. GA County = 10.1

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
## Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2012 Averages

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<th>Hart County</th>
<th>Avg. #</th>
<th>Avg. Monthly Employment</th>
<th>Avg. Wage Weekly</th>
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<td>TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING</td>
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<td>Ag, forestry, fishing</td>
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<td>101</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
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<td>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</td>
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<td>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</td>
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Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2012

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<th>Avg. GA County</th>
<th>Georgia</th>
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<td>Government</td>
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Components of 2012 Property Tax Gross Digest
Hart County

- Residential: 55.9%
- Heavy Equipment: 0.01%
- Timber*: 0.02%
- Mobile Home: 1.1%
- Motor Vehicle: 6.0%
- Public Utility: 5.1%
- Industrial: 5.3%
- Commercial: 6.9%
- Ag-Preferential-Environ-Conserv: 19.8%

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $1,064,113,821
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $161,957,199
Net M&O Digest = $902,156,622
Value of exempt property = $47,778,630

* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

Primary data source:
GA Dept. of Revenue
## Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

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<th>County</th>
<th>2012 County-wide Millage*</th>
<th>2011 Taxes Levied* ($000)</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 1/1/2014</th>
<th>LOST Type* as of 1/1/2014</th>
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*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational -- not available

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2012
Hart Co. Total Value = $290,361,708

Livestock 49.4%

Row-Forage crops 19.6%

Fruits-Nuts 1.2%

Ornamental Horticulture 22.5%

Veggies 2.7%

Forestry 1.6%

Other 2.8%

Ag Tourism 0.2%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (12/13)
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 & Use Tax Unit. Pull factors calculated.
Commuting to Work: 2008-2012
5 Yr. Average – American Community Survey

Percentage of:

- Residents working in county: 56.2%
- Residents working out of county: 34.7%
- Residents driving to work alone: 84.4%
- Residents carpooling: 9.8%
- Residents working at home: 4.6%

Hart Co.
Resident workers 16+ = 9,441

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
< 20 min. = 53.2%
45+ min. = 16.6%

Mean travel time to work = 23.4 minutes

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

Special Area Report
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