Upson County
Community Profile

59th in order of county creation
December 15, 1824

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

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2013 Median Age
Upson Co. = 41.5 yrs.  GA = 35.9 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2014 County Population Comparisons

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<th>Density per sq.mi. land area</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/15)
Population Change: 1930-2010

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Population Change: 2000-2010

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/11)

Avg. GA County = 14.2%
GA = 18.3%
US = 9.7%
## Components of Population Change

### Natural Increase & Net Migration

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<td>Avg. GA County</td>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source:
U. S. Census Bureau (3/15)
Selected Vital Statistics

2012 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Upson Co. 12.5, Georgia 13.1
- Unwed per 100 total births: Upson Co. 55, Georgia 45.0
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Upson Co. 40.2, Georgia 22.4
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Upson Co. 13.1, Georgia 7.3
- **ITOP per 1,000 females age 10-55: Upson Co. 6.4, Georgia 9.5
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Upson Co. 10.6, Georgia 9.4
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Upson Co. 8.6, Georgia 7.9

2012 Upson Co. Natality Data
- 332 total births, 183 unwed births
- 44 induced terminations
- 70 teen pregnancies
- 36 low birth weight babies

2012 Upson Co. Mortality Data
- 350 total deaths
- 3 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
**ITOP—Induced Terminations of Pregnancy
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2009-2013
5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey

Grad or Prof Degree
- Upson Co.: 5.2
- Georgia: 10.2

Bachelor’s degree
- Upson Co.: 6.2
- Georgia: 17.7

Associate degree
- Upson Co.: 5.1
- Georgia: 6.9

Some college, no degree
- Upson Co.: 5.1
- Georgia: 24.0

HS Grad
- Upson Co.: 5.8
- Georgia: 28.7

9th-12th no diploma
- Upson Co.: 7.2
- Georgia: 15.1

<9th grade
- Upson Co.: 5.8
- Georgia: 9.5

Upson Co.
Not completing HS = 22.4%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 11.4%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2013-14

Teachers w/adv degrees
Upson Co.: 64.1, Georgia: 68.0

HOPE Eligible
Upson Co.: 45.5, Georgia: 46.0

Class '14 Grad Rate
Upson Co.: 69.8, Georgia: 72.5

Students w/disabilities
Upson Co.: 11.9, Georgia: 10.8

Limited English Proficiency
Upson Co.: 1.0, Georgia: 7.0

Gifted
Upson Co.: 6.0, Georgia: 11.4

Special Ed
Upson Co.: 11.9, Georgia: 10.8

Free/Reduced Lunch
Upson Co.: 62.0, Georgia: 70.0

Absent >15 days
Upson Co.: 8.5, Georgia: 8.2

HS Dropout rate
Upson Co.: 3.6, Georgia: 3.7

Primary data source:
Governor’s Office of Student Achievement

Upson Co.
K12 enrollment = 4,212
HS dropouts = 49
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $7,455
## Per Capita Income: 2013

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<th>County</th>
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<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
<th>% Change in PCI 2009-2013</th>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/15)
Per Capita Income: 2009-2013
Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/15)
2013 PCI
Upson Co. = $30,252
Georgia = $37,845
US = $44,765

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/15)
Median Household Income
2013 Model-Based Estimates

- US: $52,250
- GEORGIA: $47,765
- GA Avg. Co.: $40,594
- UPSON: $34,709
- CRAWFORD: $43,392
- LAMAR: $40,915
- MERIWETHER: $34,962
- MONROE: $54,793
- PIKE: $52,393
- TALBOT: $33,168
- TAYLOR: $30,538

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/14)
Personal Current Transfer Receipts: 2013
Upson Co. Total = $254,905,000

Percentage

- Retirement/Disab: Upson Co. 36.7%, Georgia 35.0%
- Medicare: Upson Co. 24.2%, Georgia 22.7%
- Pub Med Assist: Upson Co. 16.0%
- Supp Sec Inc: Upson Co. 2.9%, Georgia 2.4%
- EI Tax Cred: Upson Co. 4.0%
- SNAP: Upson Co. 5.1%
- Other Inc Maint: Upson Co. 2.7%
- Unemployment: Upson Co. 2.0%
- Vet Benefits: Upson Co. 3.4%
- Edu/Train Assist: Upson Co. 1.4%
- All Other: Upson Co. 4.4%

$9,595 per capita transfer receipts
31.7% of total personal income
2.6% change in total 2012-13

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/15)
Transfer Receipts as a Percentage of Total Personal Income 2008-2013

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/15)
### Persons Living Below Poverty Level
#### 2013 Model-Based Estimates

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Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/14)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2013 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2013 = $23,834

Georgia
1,849,944 Persons
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19.0%

US = 15.8%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/14)
## Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2013 Averages

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<td><strong>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</strong></td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</strong></td>
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Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2013

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<th>Georgia</th>
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Components of 2013 Property Tax Gross Digest
Upson County

- Ag-Preferential-Environ-Conserv: 21.8%
- Residential: 35.4%
- Heavy Equipment: 0.002%
- Timber *: 0.3%
- Mobile Home: 0.4%
- Motor Vehicle: 7.7%
- Public Utility: 4.0%
- Commercial: 14.1%
- Industrial: 16.3%

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $728,538,187
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $116,165,530
Net M&O Digest = $612,372,657
Value of exempt property = $51,366,991

* 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>2013 County-wide Millage*</th>
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<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 7/1/2015</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
2013 Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group
Upson Co. Total Value = $38,255,201

- Poultry-Egg: 48.5%
- Livestock: 20.5%
- Forestry: 14.3%
- Row-Forage crops: 6.5%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 3.4%
- Fruits-Nuts-Veges: 0.7%
- Ag Tourism: 4.2%
- Other: 2.0%

Primary data source: UGA Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development
http://farmgate.caes.uga.edu/TotalValueReport.aspx data downloaded 1/13/15
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: 2009-2013
5 Yr. Average – American Community Survey

Percentage of:

- Residents working in county: 66.7%
- Residents working out of county: 32.8%
- Residents driving to work alone: 79.2%
- Residents carpooling: 15.4%
- Residents working at home: 1.7%

Upson Co.
Resident workers 16+ = 9,910

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
- < 20 min. = 61.9%
- 45+ min. = 16.2%

Mean travel time to work = 22 minutes

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau 12/14
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

Special Area Report
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