



# Georgia 2030

## Population Projections

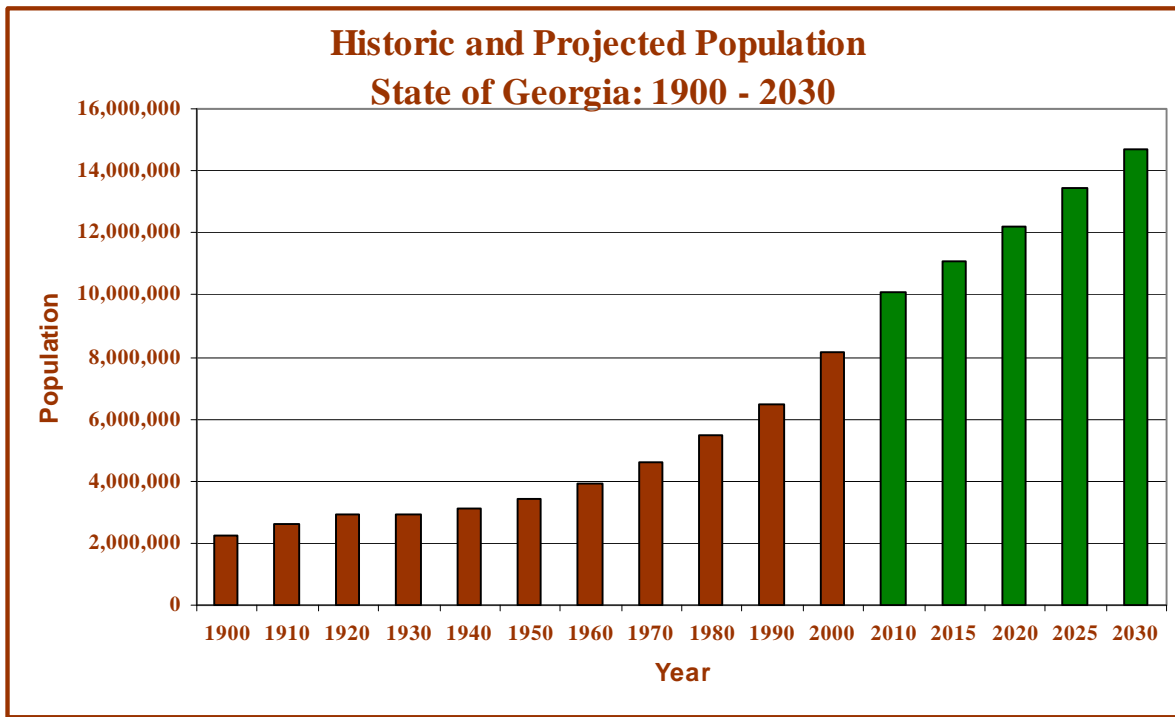


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## Georgia Population Projections 2010-2030

Over the next two decades, between 2010 and 2030, the state's population is projected to grow by an additional 4.6 million people. According to the current projection, Georgia's population will increase 46%, from 10.1 to 14.7 million people by the year 2030. Although the growth rate for each decade of this period (21%) is lower than the very rapid growth experienced during the 1990s, it is similar to the pace of growth posted during the most recent decade (2000-2009).



### Factors Driving Growth

Population change occurs due to natural increase (number of births minus number of deaths) and net migration (people moving into the area minus people moving out). Net migration is the leading contributor to population growth in all but one of the southeastern states. In Alabama, between 2000 and 2009, more than half of the growth (53%) resulted from natural increase, compared to 42% in Georgia. Domestic migration is a primary source of Georgia's population growth. During the period from 2000 to 2009, more than half a million domestic migrants (567,135) and more than a quarter-million international migrants (281,998) moved to Georgia.

Net migration will continue to be the driving force for Georgia's population growth in the next two decades. During the early part of this 20 year period, the percentage of growth

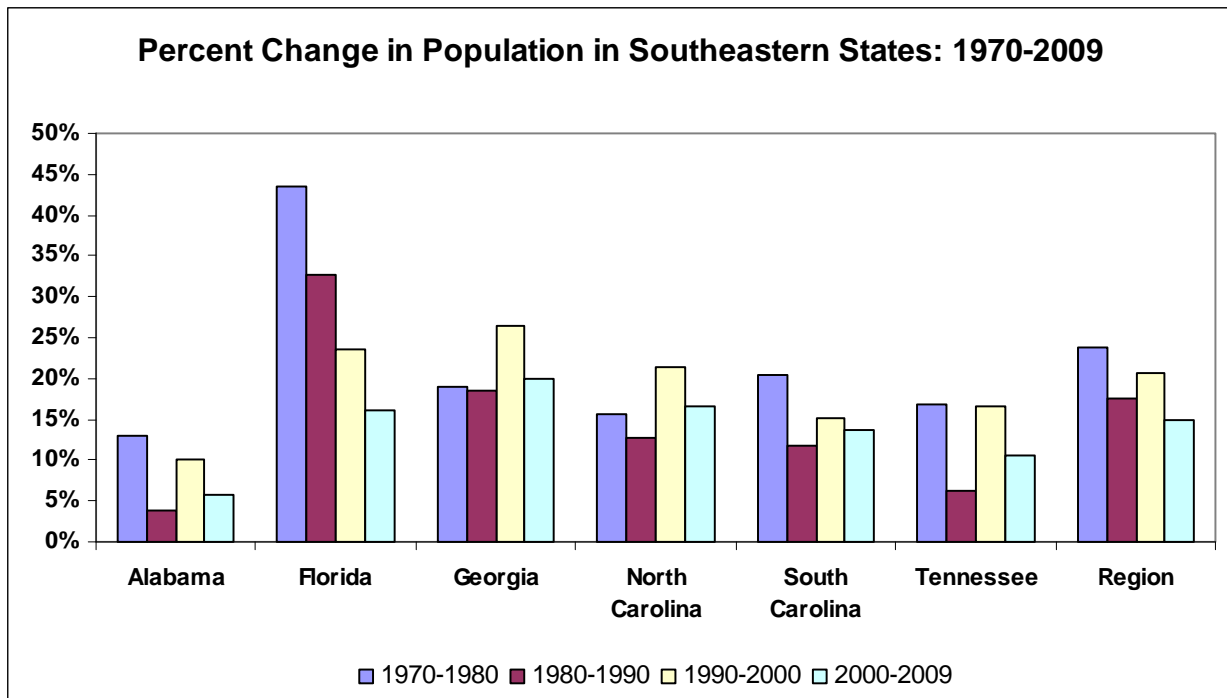
resulting from net migration is projected to be just below 60% and then increase to approximately 63% by the end of this time frame.

### Growth in Southeastern United States Since 1970

The population in the Southeastern United States more than doubled between 1970 and 2009, from 26.4 million to 53.3 million. Florida, with 18.5 million residents, is the most populous state in the region, followed by Georgia (9.8 million), North Carolina (9.4 million), Tennessee (6.3 million), Alabama (4.7 million), and South Carolina (4.6 million).

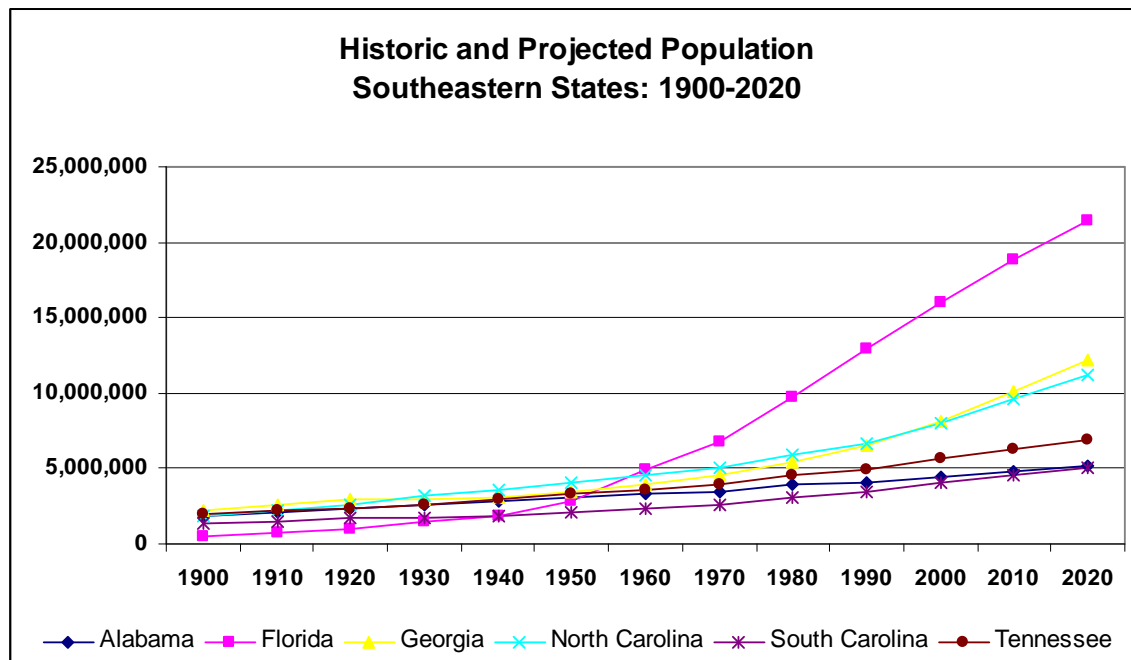
Although population in the Southeastern region has increased rapidly since 1970, the growth rate has fluctuated; the fastest growth occurred during the 1970s and 1990s, while slower increases were registered during the 1980s and the period between 2000 and 2009. Although Florida has ranked first or second in population growth during each decade since 1970, it has experienced a slowing in the rate of growth. Georgia has led the region in population growth since 1990.

The Southeastern region has experienced rapid growth, with four of the six southeastern states among the ten fastest growing in the country. Georgia ranked 4<sup>th</sup> among the 50 states, followed by North Carolina (8<sup>th</sup>), Florida (9<sup>th</sup>), and South Carolina (10<sup>th</sup>). The remaining two states experienced slower growth, ranking 16<sup>th</sup> (Tennessee) and 30<sup>th</sup> (Alabama).



## Southeastern United States Projected Growth

States in the Southeastern region are projecting continued population growth over the next ten years, from 54 million in 2010 to 61.9 million in 2020. Georgia is projecting the fastest-paced growth (21%), followed by North Carolina (18%), Florida (13%), South Carolina (10%), Tennessee (10%), and Alabama (8.5%). In four of these states (Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina) the growth rates for the coming decade represents a slowing of the pace of growth compared to the period between 2000 and 2010. Tennessee, on the other hand, projects a similar growth rate during the next decade, while Alabama is projecting a slight increase.

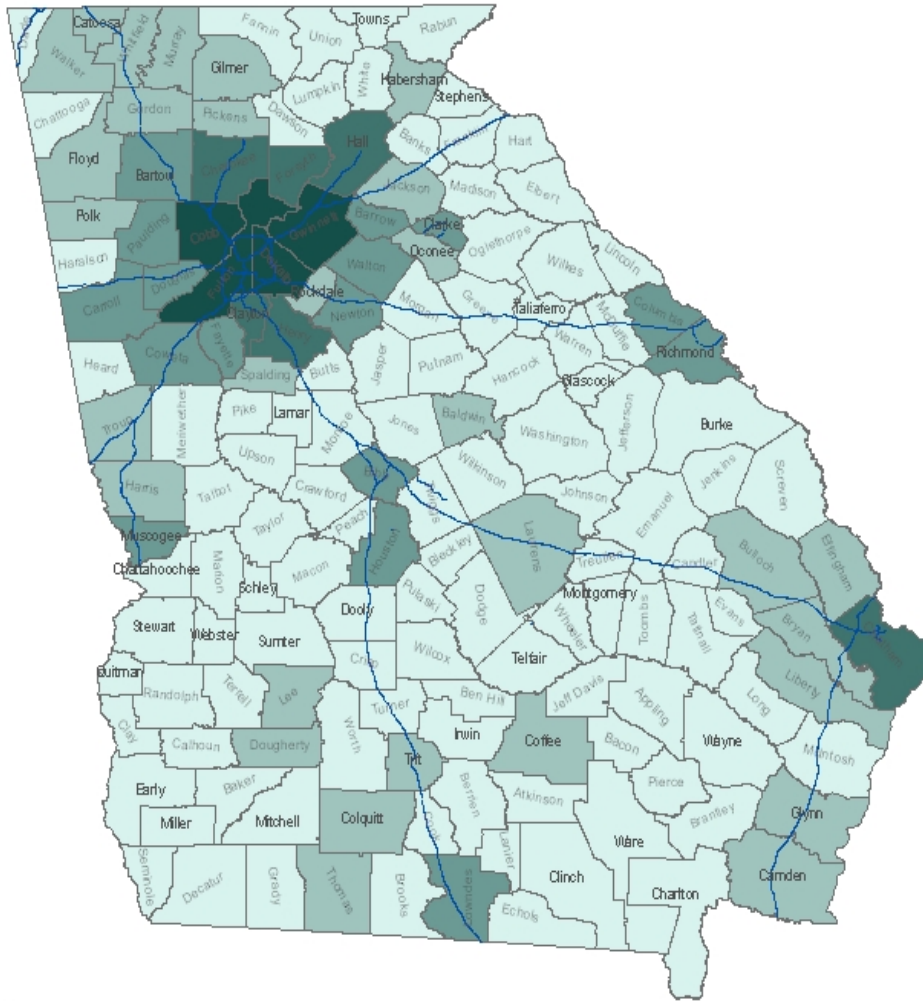


## Geographic Distribution of Georgia's Population

The Atlanta metropolitan area will remain the most densely populated portion of the state; with two out of five (43%) Georgians projected to be living in the 10 county Atlanta Regional Commission area by 2030. The northern and coastal areas of the state are projected to experience fast paced growth between 2010 and 2030. In addition, all regions of the state and almost every county are expected to grow in the next 20 years. The following two maps show:

1. Georgia's total population by county in 2030; and
2. The average annual change in Georgia counties from 2010 – 2030.

# Projected Population Georgia Counties: 2030



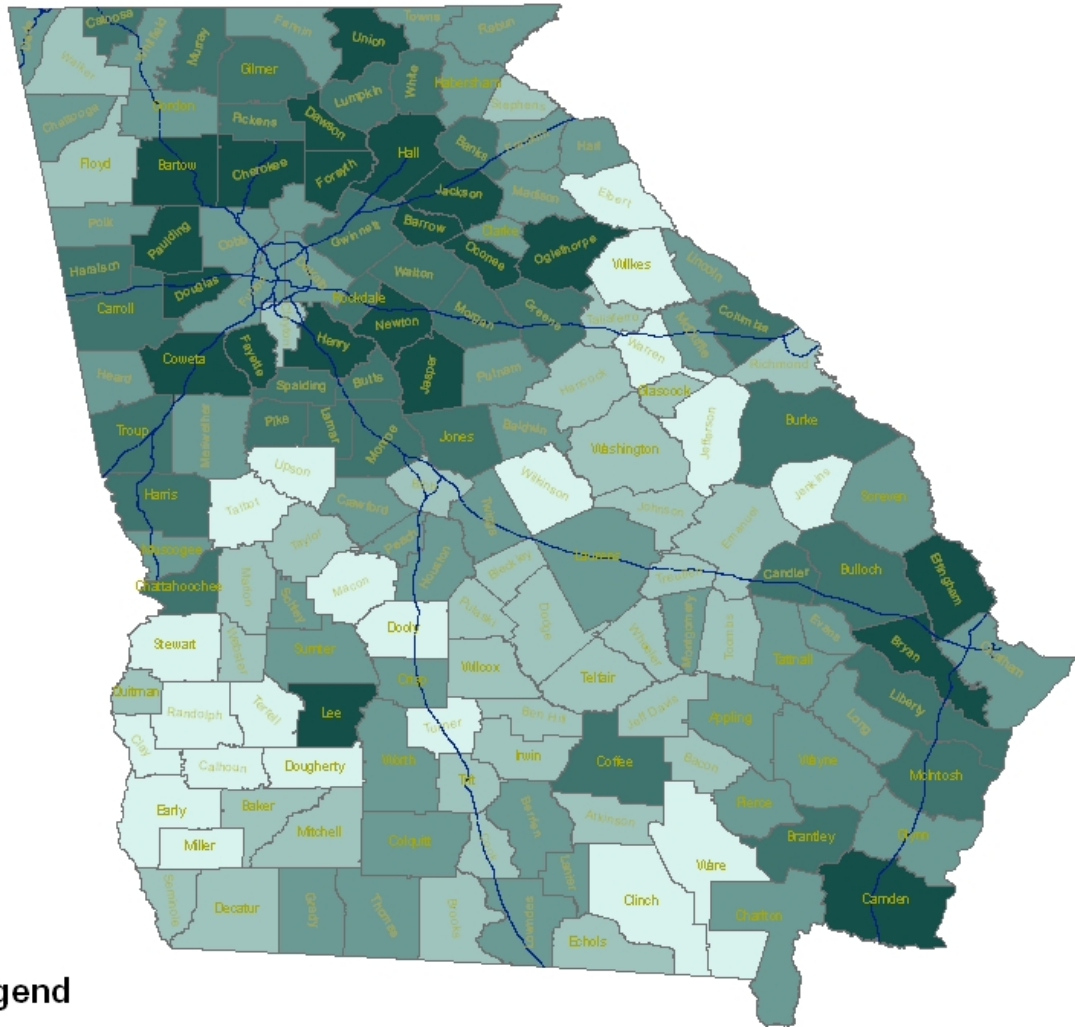
## Legend

— Interstate

### Population

- 2,092 - 49,269
- 49,270 - 134,561
- 134,562 - 275,726
- 275,727 - 415,826
- 415,827 - 1,356,515

# Average Annual Change in Population Georgia Counties: 2010 - 2030



## Legend

### Average Annual Change

- 0.5% - 0.4%
- 0.5% - 1%
- 1.1% - 1.9%
- 2% - 2.8%
- 2.9% - 3.9%
- Interstates

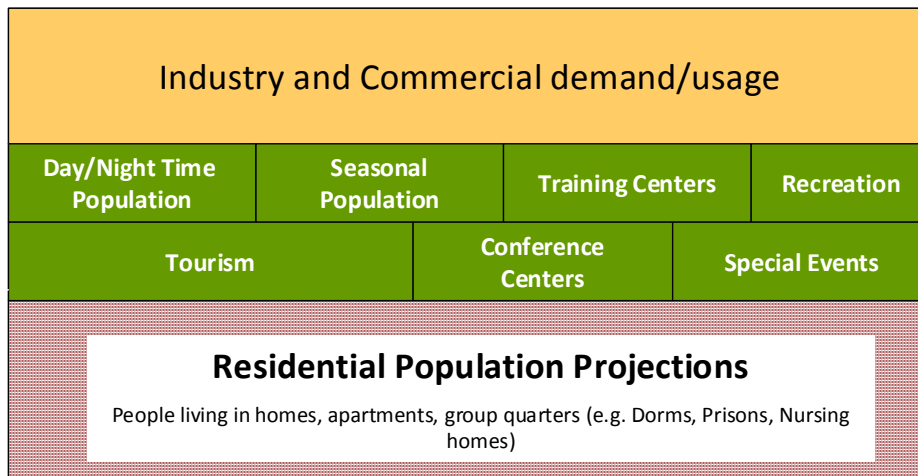
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## Why the Office of Planning and Budget Prepares Projections

The Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) is charged in state law (OCGA 45-12-171) with the responsibility for preparing, maintaining, and furnishing official demographic data for the state. These projections replace the 2004 OPB projections.

The state population projections are used for a variety of state planning purposes such as transportation planning, certificate of need, library funding, and water planning. The population projections produced by OPB are residential population projections, which provide a foundation for assessing future infrastructure and service needs. Residential population projections are defined as a projection of the population as it would be counted by a future decennial census, meaning a projection of the number of people living in homes, apartments, and group quarters (e.g. prisons, dormitories, and nursing homes).

The U.S. Census counts people at their usual place of residence or the place where they live and sleep most of the time. When planning for infrastructure, such as roads and water demand, planners will take into account other demand factors beyond resident population. These factors include users such as tourists, seasonal residents, training facilities, and the day-time population. Planners also will make adjustments for commercial and industrial demands. These considerations, rather than affecting the resident population, will be reflected in adjustments that planners make to determine the potential total future demand on the infrastructure.



## Projections and the 2010 Census

The Office of Planning and Budget will need to review the current projections after Census 2010 count data is available. Moreover, migration data from the 2005-2010 period will also be available in the near future. Consequently, OPB may make revisions to the projections as needed based on the new information.

## State of Georgia: Population Projections 2010 to 2030

County	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Appling	18,437	19,640	20,766	21,896	23,043
Atkinson	8,301	8,606	8,890	9,122	9,377
Bacon	10,652	11,215	11,746	12,282	12,795
Baker	3,831	4,016	4,146	4,240	4,289
Baldwin	47,858	51,125	54,384	57,682	60,988
Banks	17,589	19,961	22,512	25,407	28,208
Barrow	75,713	90,162	107,798	128,994	151,417
Bartow	100,712	117,543	136,635	158,780	183,447
Ben Hill	17,987	18,965	19,938	20,921	21,878
Berrien	17,497	18,725	19,936	21,206	22,303
Bibb	156,678	161,301	166,118	170,910	175,447
Bleckley	13,001	13,760	14,501	15,181	15,820
Brantley	16,184	18,326	20,469	22,785	25,097
Brooks	16,637	17,184	17,641	18,027	18,333
Bryan	33,326	38,984	45,272	52,466	59,534
Bulloch	70,872	78,958	88,071	98,387	109,034
Burke	23,576	26,341	28,989	31,744	34,630
Butts	25,857	29,897	34,274	39,210	44,811
Calhoun	6,309	6,390	6,477	6,580	6,673
Camden	50,515	59,766	70,548	83,431	96,743
Candler	11,074	12,561	14,216	16,112	18,241
Carroll	120,019	136,867	155,641	176,821	198,891
Catoosa	65,773	74,174	83,222	93,176	104,242
Charlton	11,183	12,228	13,230	14,248	15,120
Chatham	257,402	273,756	290,615	307,576	324,098
Chattahoochee	15,641	20,395	21,182	22,447	23,617
Chattooga	27,335	28,997	30,773	32,657	34,557
Cherokee	225,766	264,285	309,150	360,734	415,826
Clarke	117,485	123,967	131,257	139,121	147,373
Clay	3,223	3,200	3,150	3,077	3,006
Clayton	278,738	290,965	304,633	318,950	331,028
Clinch	7,084	7,143	7,168	7,119	7,072
Cobb	720,496	779,807	845,458	917,603	981,054
Coffee	42,194	47,324	52,825	59,026	65,233
Colquitt	46,778	50,966	55,209	59,730	64,076
Columbia	117,121	134,593	153,346	174,038	193,983
Cook	16,911	17,642	18,295	18,892	19,438
Coweta	131,214	152,688	177,161	204,934	234,257
Crawford	12,924	14,282	15,594	16,948	18,257
Crisp	22,615	24,003	25,383	26,751	28,335
Dade	16,587	17,925	19,234	20,632	21,836



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Dawson	23,673	28,251	33,359	39,231	45,368
Decatur	29,392	31,001	32,523	34,023	35,523
DeKalb	760,651	819,193	885,607	960,283	1,025,225
Dodge	20,458	21,406	22,367	23,395	24,218
Dooly	11,600	11,775	11,965	12,184	12,431
Dougherty	95,986	96,656	97,171	97,389	97,509
Douglas	136,938	159,765	186,427	216,756	250,413
Early	11,643	11,575	11,515	11,465	11,433
Echols	4,144	4,353	4,530	4,689	4,831
Effingham	56,177	67,492	80,563	96,094	112,062
Elbert	20,589	20,906	21,136	21,312	21,427
Emanuel	23,141	23,858	24,623	25,492	26,424
Evans	12,004	13,045	14,052	15,075	16,103
Fannin	23,490	25,867	28,189	30,612	33,134
Fayette	112,859	132,165	153,081	176,421	202,787
Floyd	97,696	102,613	107,598	112,799	118,161
Forsyth	183,268	221,128	264,630	314,941	372,952
Franklin	22,346	23,963	25,829	27,920	29,901
Fulton	1,047,216	1,114,788	1,192,726	1,273,988	1,356,515
Gilmer	30,095	34,636	39,743	45,592	52,242
Glascocock	2,854	2,952	3,029	3,091	3,135
Glynn	78,627	85,890	93,461	101,441	109,771
Gordon	54,925	60,375	66,191	72,509	79,377
Grady	25,914	28,133	30,321	32,632	34,841
Greene	16,360	18,640	20,971	23,499	26,134
Gwinnett	825,818	910,677	1,006,914	1,113,479	1,208,392
Habersham	44,553	48,026	51,850	56,126	60,261
Hall	197,394	232,285	273,490	322,126	379,301
Hancock	9,538	9,884	10,132	10,337	10,562
Haralson	30,062	33,270	36,779	40,666	44,436
Harris	31,178	35,888	41,001	46,656	52,606
Hart	25,063	27,320	29,645	32,120	34,687
Heard	11,898	13,171	14,407	15,679	17,033
Henry	206,987	247,235	293,903	347,964	407,649
Houston	137,958	149,875	162,609	176,199	189,897
Irwin	10,342	10,628	10,891	11,133	11,339
Jackson	66,250	77,528	90,713	105,954	123,728
Jasper	14,731	17,344	20,237	23,572	27,065
Jeff Davis	13,676	14,060	14,422	14,766	15,079
Jefferson	16,414	16,400	16,259	16,028	15,713
Jenkins	8,556	8,574	8,558	8,514	8,458
Johnson	9,698	9,979	10,272	10,555	10,849

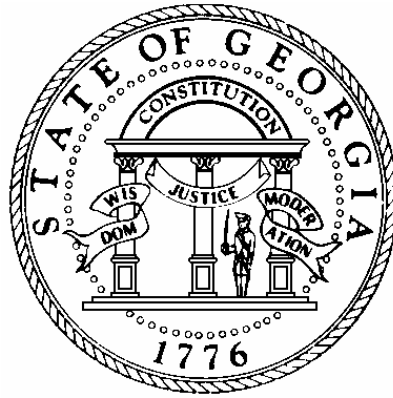
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Jones	28,931	32,905	37,004	41,534	45,743
Lamar	17,621	19,473	21,392	23,474	25,727
Lanier	8,601	9,414	10,314	11,282	12,217
Laurens	49,125	52,801	56,383	60,060	63,812
Lee	36,047	42,385	49,517	57,737	65,602
Liberty	61,940	71,937	78,740	86,448	93,821
Lincoln	8,289	9,060	9,733	10,356	10,931
Long	11,893	13,089	14,386	15,744	17,171
Lowndes	108,542	119,055	130,607	143,138	156,650
Lumpkin	28,463	32,119	36,132	40,618	45,482
Macon	13,568	13,816	13,986	14,124	14,227
Madison	29,111	31,847	34,796	38,014	41,029
Marion	7,088	7,480	7,782	8,035	8,250
McDuffie	22,448	24,499	26,403	28,312	30,205
McIntosh	12,061	13,982	16,039	18,375	20,686
Meriwether	23,398	25,235	27,039	28,896	30,713
Miller	6,214	6,284	6,267	6,209	6,124
Mitchell	24,481	25,632	26,623	27,534	28,372
Monroe	26,537	30,251	34,204	38,586	43,094
Montgomery	9,172	9,910	10,611	11,331	11,961
Morgan	19,432	22,019	24,787	27,832	31,090
Murray	42,243	48,665	55,671	63,527	72,794
Muscogee	191,259	204,495	218,254	232,645	247,474
Newton	107,048	129,789	157,414	191,000	227,537
Oconee	34,503	41,010	48,233	56,412	65,828
Oglethorpe	14,940	17,601	20,620	24,127	28,081
Paulding	143,722	169,702	200,653	236,668	275,726
Peach	27,635	29,962	32,514	35,299	37,974
Pickens	33,000	37,817	43,200	49,334	55,669
Pierce	18,704	19,963	21,190	22,443	23,563
Pike	18,620	21,409	24,535	28,147	31,630
Polk	43,228	46,462	49,787	53,360	57,178
Pulaski	9,997	10,639	11,213	11,728	12,210
Putnam	21,092	23,023	24,855	26,738	28,705
Quitman	2,747	2,838	2,929	3,002	3,094
Rabun	17,053	18,657	20,338	22,114	23,909
Randolph	7,131	7,062	6,866	6,638	6,392
Richmond	201,897	209,633	217,244	224,620	231,476
Rockdale	87,153	97,728	109,019	121,159	134,287
Schley	4,394	4,700	4,998	5,282	5,552
Screven	15,480	16,657	17,819	19,036	20,036
Seminole	9,228	9,661	9,973	10,211	10,454

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Spalding	66,203	72,950	80,296	88,300	96,851
Stephens	25,794	26,729	27,616	28,471	29,273
Stewart	4,624	4,583	4,510	4,420	4,339
Sumter	33,063	35,314	37,536	39,877	42,306
Talbot	6,487	6,714	6,843	6,907	6,979
Taliaferro	1,881	1,955	2,016	2,063	2,092
Tattnall	24,230	26,418	28,706	31,142	33,706
Taylor	8,838	9,113	9,403	9,689	9,982
Telfair	13,529	13,925	14,360	14,808	15,241
Terrell	10,238	10,204	10,051	9,863	9,673
Thomas	47,066	50,680	54,499	58,508	62,663
Tift	43,421	45,648	47,936	50,197	52,406
Toombs	28,858	30,628	32,189	33,576	35,059
Towns	11,386	12,193	13,088	14,051	15,066
Treutlen	7,189	7,558	7,973	8,433	8,811
Troup	66,608	73,505	81,046	89,442	97,191
Turner	9,215	9,270	9,334	9,420	9,512
Twiggs	10,434	11,187	11,866	12,547	13,041
Union	23,014	28,177	34,207	41,486	49,269
Upson	27,761	28,495	29,077	29,543	29,908
Walker	66,190	69,994	73,835	77,810	81,254
Walton	91,068	103,882	118,742	135,756	153,053
Ware	35,899	35,782	35,811	35,884	35,974
Warren	5,871	6,051	6,166	6,248	6,335
Washington	21,372	22,477	23,326	24,000	24,588
Wayne	30,275	32,190	34,061	35,946	37,861
Webster	2,192	2,316	2,412	2,486	2,531
Wheeler	7,039	7,454	7,869	8,271	8,652
White	26,704	30,629	34,900	39,784	44,854
Whitfield	96,900	105,163	114,157	123,979	134,561
Wilcox	8,878	9,278	9,655	10,015	10,350
Wilkes	10,295	10,448	10,587	10,729	10,865
Wilkinson	10,077	10,255	10,352	10,406	10,482
Worth	21,808	23,585	25,215	26,854	28,323
<b>State Total</b>	<b>10,069,700</b>	<b>11,076,619</b>	<b>12,189,252</b>	<b>13,426,590</b>	<b>14,687,906</b>

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