

GWINNETT COUNTY



Population

Gwinnett County has a population size of 975,353 citizens [1]. 25.7% of these citizens are under the age of 18 and 11.5% of the population are 65 and older [1]. 16% of the population are living in poverty and 5.6% are living with a disability [1].

DEMOGRAPHICS

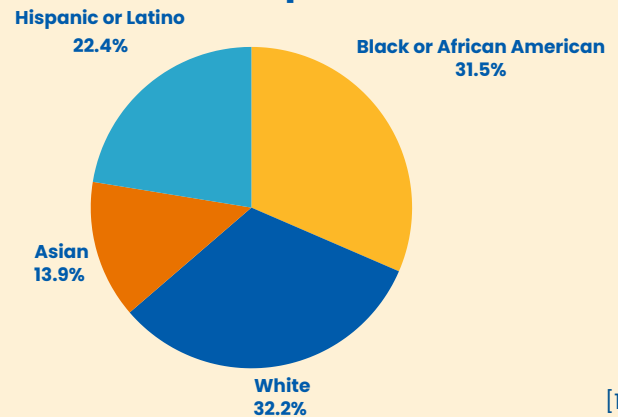
Income

The median household income for Gwinnett is \$75,021 [1]. Out of all Gwinnett households, there is a wealth disparity between racial groups as white households earn an average of \$94,606 while black households make \$70,007 [2]. This exposes the lack of financial mobility in communities of color.

Composition

7.1% of households in Gwinnett county are receiving SNAP benefits and 19.4% of the population ages birth to 4 years of age are receiving WIC benefits [3]. 22% of children are living in single parent households [3]. 92.2% of households have a high speed internet connection [1].

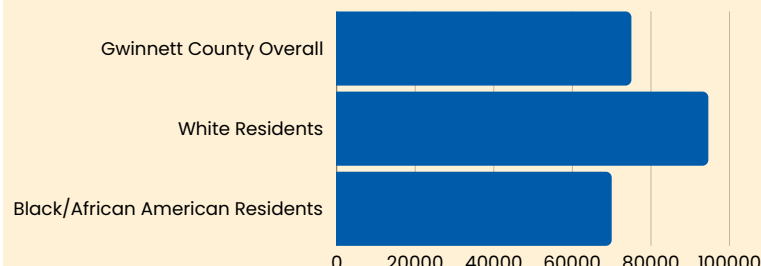
Racial Composition



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Average Household Income

On Average white households are making \$24,599 more than black households.



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HEALTH

When looking at access to care, **16% of Gwinnett citizens are uninsured** and the county is ranked **6th in health outcomes in the state**** [4,5]. Overall, Gwinnett has the **lowest rate of ER visits** in the service area [6].

In Gwinnett County, there were 1,185 emergency room visits for disorders related to drug use [6]. The drug overdose mortality rate was 17.7*, **lower than the state rate** of 24.5*, and the opioid death rate for the county was 15* [6]. Gwinnett also has the **lowest Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD) mortality death rate** and the **lowest major cardiovascular disease death rate** in the service area, both significantly lower than the state's respective rates [6].

The provider care ratios across specialties are as follows: for every 1,523 persons there is 1 primary care physician, for every 1,589 persons there is one dental care provider, for every 744 persons there is 1 mental health provider [7]. These ratios are the **best in the service area and better than the state's ratios** [7].



HOUSING

When examining housing needs **16% of Gwinnett county is experiencing severe housing problems** [9]. **14% of the population are experiencing severe housing cost burden**, spending 50% or more of their monthly income to suffice their housing needs [9,10].

There are 78 public housing units that are 99% occupied and housing 149 people [9]. As for section 8 housing, there are 535 units with 91% of them occupied and housing 968 people [9]. In Gwinnett 67% of people own their home [2]. The rental market is classified as **high opportunity and high demand** and the median rental price is \$1,594 [11,1].

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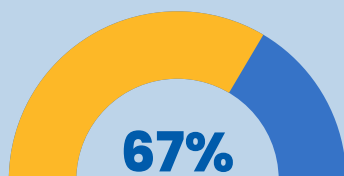


Gwinnet has a higher percentage of homeowners than average for Georgia.

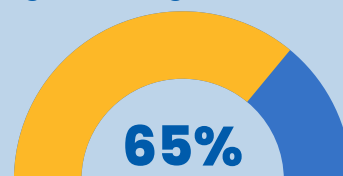
Gwinnett Homeowners

Georgia

Georgia Average Homeowners



VS



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EDUCATION

In the domain of education, 88% of Gwinnett County has completed high school and 66% of the population has completed some college [12]. Among high school graduates, 49.2% were eligible for the HOPE scholarship, and the **graduation rate was 86.1%** [13].

Gwinnett county has better school attendance rates than the state [13]. 38.5% of students had 6-15 absences and 19.9% of students had more than 15 absences [13]. Studies show missing more than 4 days of school can negatively impact student's grades [12]. On the Georgia Milestones English Language Arts Assessment, 25.5% of third graders scored proficient learner or above, meaning a **quarter of students are reading on par with their grade level or better** [3].

49% of school-aged children are enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program [5]. There are 115 childcare centers and the average Gwinnett household with children spends **26% of their monthly income on childcare expenses** [5].

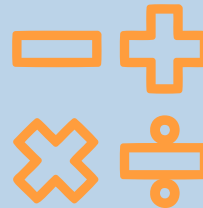


2 OUT OF 4 GWINNETT COUNTY CHILDREN RELY ON THE FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM [3]



3.2

Average 3rd grade reading performance level on a 4.0 scale



3.2

Average 3rd grade math performance level on a 4.0 scale

CIVIC VITALITY

Civic Vitality is the way a community organizes and addresses social needs.

Looking at civic engagement, 65% of the population are registered to vote and 57% are active voters, the **second lowest voting participation in the service area** [2]. In the 2020 U.S religious census, Gwinnett had 629 congregations with 49.6% of the population adherents [14].

56% of workers in Gwinnett have a long commute and **74% drive alone to work** [2]. There are **1,200 non-profit organizations** providing services in Gwinnett county [15].



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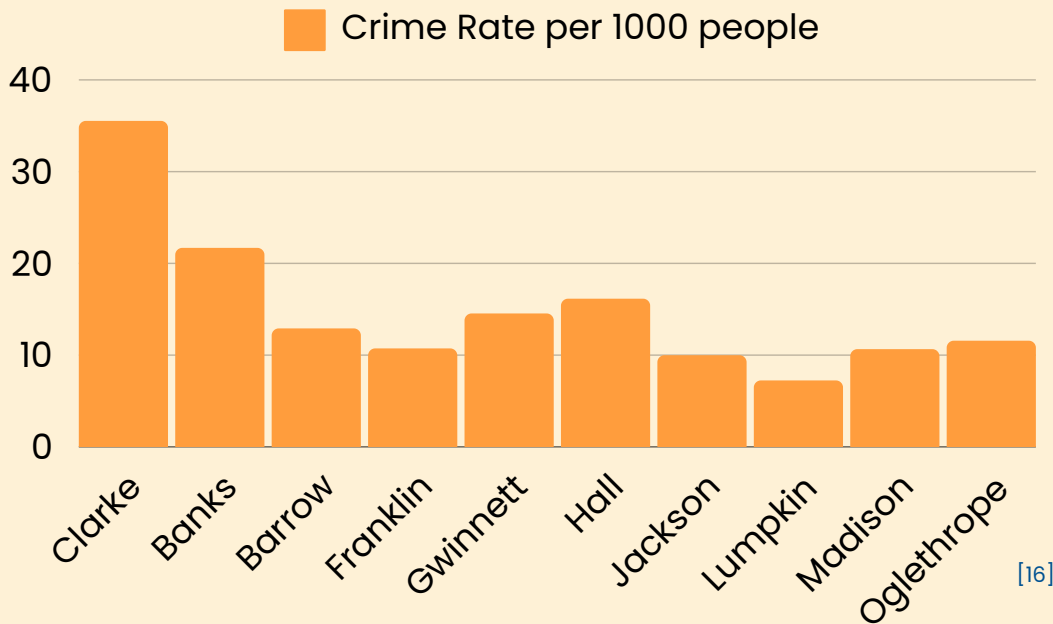
Driving alone and having long commutes can be indicators of loneliness, health outcomes and local employment opportunities [5]

SAFETY

The overall crime rate in the county is 14.54 crimes per 1,000 people which is **lower than the state average** [16].

Gwinnett County has a motor vehicle crash death rate of 9*, which is half the state rate[17]. Gwinnett has the **lowest firearm fatality rate** in the Jackson EMC service areas at 10* [5]. The rates for arson, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and aggravated assault are all **lower than the state average** [16]. The **rate of sexual assault was slightly higher** in Gwinnett county at 41.2* compared to the state rate of 36.7*.

The reported cases of **human trafficking are the highest in Gwinnett** for the service area with 70 reported cases [16]. However, Gwinnett has the **lowest rate for children with a substantiated incident of child abuse** and/or neglect at less than 1 per 1,000 children [18].



Gwinnett County has the fourth highest crime rate in the Jackson EMC Service Area

PURPOSE

The purpose of these county one-pagers is to provide a snapshot of county demographics across five domains: health, housing, education, civic vitality, and safety.

It is our hope that this information will guide philanthropic efforts to help address needs of the counties within their service area.

APPENDIX

Domain	Data Source
Demographics	Census [1], American Community Survey [2], Kids Count Data [3]
Health	Small Area Health Insurance Estimates [4], County Health Rankings [5], OASIS [6], Health Provider Shortage Area (AHRQ) [7], National Center for Health Statistics [8]
Housing	Housing & Urban Development [9], Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) [10], Eviction Lab [11], American Community Survey
Education	Georgia Department of Education [12], Governor's Office Student Achievement [13], Kid's Count Data
Civic Vitality	American Community Survey, U.S Religious Census [14], Georgia Secretary of State [15]
Safety	Georgia Bureau of Investigation [16], Department of Transportation [17], Department of Family & Children Services [18], OASIS, American Community Survey,
Special Notes	* = Rate per 100,000 **= Details on how County Health Rankings are calculated can be found at countyhealthrankings.org