

# LUMPKIN COUNTY



## Population

In 2023, Lumpkin County had a population of approximately 34,796 residents [1]. Among the population, 16.8% were under the age of 18 years old and 18.6% were over the age of 65 [1].

## DEMOGRAPHICS

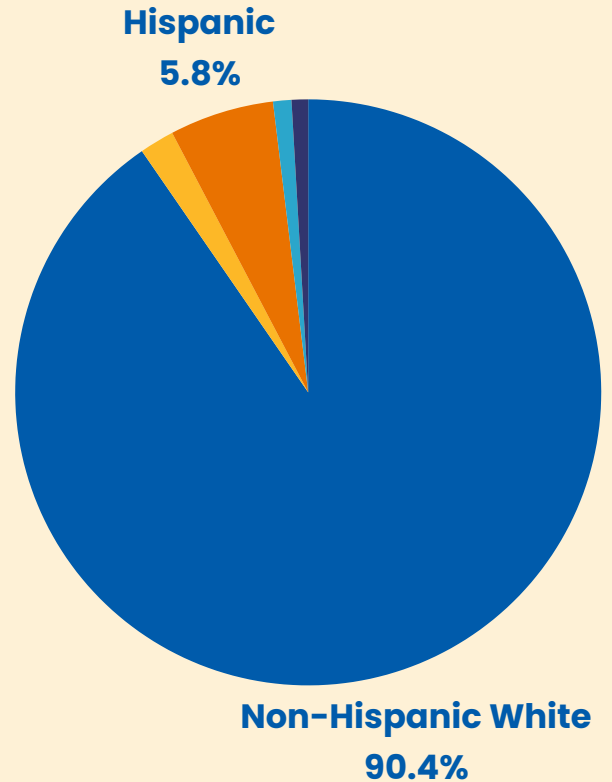
### Income

The median household income for the residents of Lumpkin county was \$67,592 [1]. 11% of Lumpkin county is experiencing food insecurity and 12.1% are in poverty [2].

### Composition

When looking at family composition data showed that 13% of children in Lumpkin live in single-parent households [2]. There were 335 children enrolled in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, aged from birth to 4 years old and 8.2% of households in Lumpkin are receiving SNAP/Food Stamps [3]. 88.8% of households have a high speed internet connection[1].

### Racial Composition



[1]

# HEALTH

When looking at access to care, **20% of the population in Lumpkin is uninsured** [4]. **There is a substantial lack of health providers in the county** [5]. The access to providers per person is as follows: there is one primary care physician for every 3,108 persons, one dentist for every 4,285 persons, and one mental health provider for every 1,071 persons [5].

There were 11 deaths due to drug overdose in 2022, and **accidental poisonings including drug overdoses were the leading cause of premature death\*\*** in Lumpkin[6]. The opioid death rate in Lumpkin, 17.2\*, is similar to the state average, 18.1\* [6]. The ER visit rate for disorders related to drug use in Lumpkin county is 347.7\*, which is slightly higher than the Georgia state average of 319\* [6]. The rate of deaths attributable to **major cardiovascular disease** is 321.9\*, **20% higher** than the state average[6]. The ER visit rate for mental health disorders is 652.4\*, compared to the state at 598\* [6]. The rate of **lung cancer deaths is more than twice the state average**, and 4% more of the population in Lumpkin are smokers compared to the state [6,3].

**37<sup>th</sup>**

OUT OF 159 GEORGIA COUNTIES FOR HEALTH OUTCOMES\*\*\* [7]

**20%**

OF THE POPULATION ARE UNINSURED [4]

**121**

ER VISITS RELATED TO DRUG USE [6]

**10**

BIRTHS PER 1000 WOMEN AGED 15-19 [8]

# HOUSING

In Lumpkin County, **15% are experiencing severe housing problems** [9]. Of those, **13% are severely cost burdened**, defined as spending 50% or more of their income on housing by HUD standards [9, 10].

There are 30 public housing subsidized units in the county and 77% of these units are currently occupied [9]. These units house 42 people [9]. The average household income for those in public housing is \$21,482, only a **third of the average Lumpkin county resident's income** [9,1]. The median rent in the county is \$1055 and the **rental market** is considered **high opportunity and low activity**[11].

**1 IN 7**

of Lumpkin county households are experiencing severe housing problems



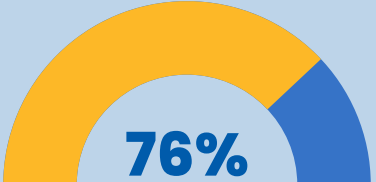
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**Lumpkin county has a higher percentage of homeowners than the state**

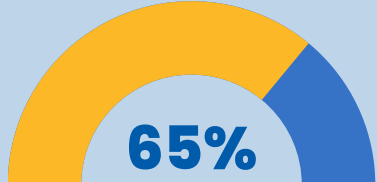
Lumpkin County Homeowners

average.

Georgia Average Homeowners



**VS**



[2]

# EDUCATION

88% of residents have completed high school and 60% have completed some college [12]. Among high school graduates, 58.14% were eligible for the HOPE Scholarship in the last year and the graduation rate was 98.7% [13].

There is a **high prevalence of absences in the school systems** with 48.4% of students having acquired between 6-15 absences within the year and 20.3% acquiring over 15 days absent from school [3]. **Studies show missing more than 4 days of school can negatively impact student's grades** [12]. On the Georgia Milestones English Language Arts Assessment, 53.6% of third graders scored proficient learner or above, meaning over **half are reading on par with their grade level or better** [3].

Childcare costs pose a cost burden for Lumpkin county households with **20% of monthly income spent on child care** [7]. There are currently 19 childcare centers available in the area and 46% of eligible children are enrolled in a pre-k program [7].

**1 OUT OF 2 LUMPKIN COUNTY CHILDREN RELY ON THE FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM**

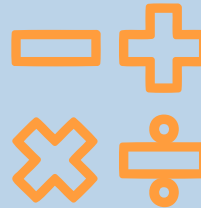


[3]



**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

[7]

# CIVIC VITALITY

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

There are 14 social organizations in Lumpkin county with a rate 4.1 for every 10,000 residents [14]. Participation in the census stands at 64.1% of the population [2]. 71% of the population is registered to vote and **64% are active voters** [2].

In the community, there are **262 non-profit organizations** [15]. In the 2020 census there were 33 religious congregations reported in the area with a 25.9% adherence [16].



**83%**

of Lumpkin county drive alone to work



**44%**

of Lumpkin county have long commutes

[2]

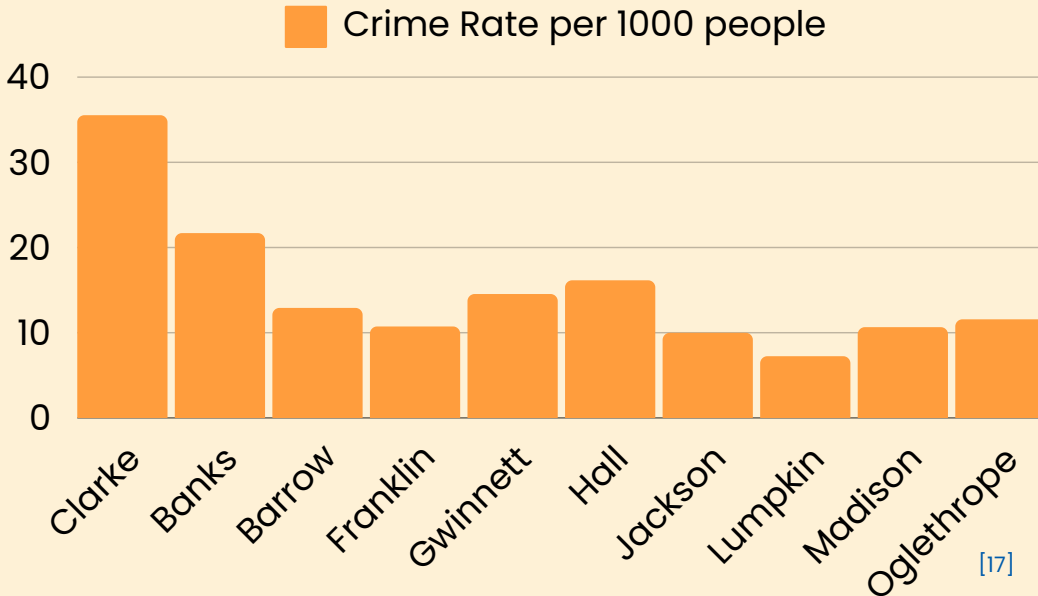
**Driving alone and having long commutes can be indicators of loneliness, health outcomes and local employment opportunities [7]**

# SAFETY

The **overall crime rate** in the county is 7.24 crimes per 1,000 people which is **less than half the state average** [17].

The motor vehicle death rate is 17.2\*, which is similar to the state average of 17.6\* and there were no pedestrian fatalities [18]. Lumpkin county has a **firearm fatality rate of 29\***, nearly twice the state average of 16\* [7]. The rates of sexual assault, burglary, larceny, aggravated assault, and robbery are all **lower** than the state averages [17]. The **human trafficking rate**, specifically involuntary servitude, is **2.8\*** compared to the Georgia's average of 0.3\* [17].

There were 11 suicides, **twice as many suicides as the previous year**, along with 2 homicides in the past year [6]. For every 1,000 children in Lumpkin county, 4 are estimated to experience a substantiated incident of abuse or neglect [19].



**Lumpkin County has the lowest crime rate in the Jackson EMC Service Area**

[17]

# 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], Health Provider Shortage Area (AHRQ) [5], OASIS [6], County Health Rankings [7], National Center for Health Statistics [8]
Housing	Housing & Urban Development [9], Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) [10], Eviction Lab [11]
Education	Georgia Department of Education [12], Governor's Office Student Achievement [13], Kid's Count Data
Civic Vitality	American Community Survey, County Business Patterns [14] Georgia Secretary of State [15], U.S Religious Census [16],
Safety	Georgia Bureau of Investigation [17], Department of Transportation [18], Department of Family & Children Services [19], OASIS, American Community Survey
Special Notes	<p>* = Rate per 100,000</p> <p>**= Based on percentage of years of potential life lost, more information on how this is calculated can be found on OASIS</p> <p>***= Details on how County Health Rankings are calculated can be found at <a href="http://countyhealthrankings.org">countyhealthrankings.org</a></p>