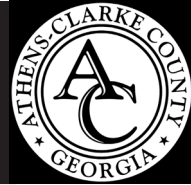


Athens-Clarke County By the Numbers



Incorporated Areas

- Athens-Clarke County
- City of Winterville
- City of Bogart (partial)

Geography

- Approximately 122 square miles
- Smallest area of Georgia's 159 counties
- Approximately 65 miles NE of Atlanta
- Over 425 miles of streams and rivers

History

- University of Georgia (UGA) chartered in 1785
- Clarke County created from Jackson County in 1801 as the 25th county created in Georgia and named for Revolutionary War Gen. Elijah Clarke
- Town of Athens chartered in 1806 and named for Greek city of learning
- Clarke County and City of Athens unified on January 14, 1991, becoming the 2nd consolidated government in Georgia and 28th in the nation
- 38 nationally registered sites and 15 nationally designated districts on the National Register of Historic Places and 9 local historic districts and 41 individual local historic landmarks

Demographics (2006 Census est. unless noted)

- Population: 112,787 (includes students)
- UGA enrollment: 32,938 (Fall 2007)
- 18th most populous county in Georgia
- 11.1% population increase (Apr. 2000 - July 2006)
- Median age: 24.7 years old
- Racial makeup:
 - White - 69.7%
 - Black - 26.4%
 - Asian - 3.6%
 - Other - .3%
 - Hispanic or Latino - 8.6% (not identified as a separate race in Census data)
- Gender (2005):
 - Male - 48.8%
 - Female - 51.2%
- High school graduates (ages 25+): 81% (2000)
- Bachelor's degree (ages 25+): 39.8% (2000)
- Persons below poverty (all ages): 19.7% (2004)
- Median household income: \$29,751 (2004)
- Unemployment: 3.7% (GA Dept. of Labor - Dec. 2007)

ACC Unified Government

- Mission statement: "Athens-Clarke County, an open and responsive government, facilitating a positive environment for individuals to obtain a high quality of life and local organizations to achieve success by providing innovative, high quality services and responsible stewardship of the community's resources, to benefit current and future generations." (*Adopted November 4, 1997*)
- *Legislative*: Elected Mayor and 10 elected Commissioners from 8 geographical districts and 2 super-districts that cover districts 1-4 and 5-8, giving each citizen 3 directly-elected local representatives.
- *Executive*: Day to day operations are overseen by a Manager appointed by the Mayor and Commission
- *Judicial*: Athens-Clarke County houses Magistrate, Juvenile, Municipal, Probate, State, and Superior Courts. The Superior Court covers the Western Judicial Circuit, which also includes Oconee County. Superior Court also has a Felony Drug Court and State Court has a Drug/DUI Court.
- ACC departments/offices: 38
- Fiscal Year 2008 (FY08) is the operating period from July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008
- General Fund Expenditures (FY08): \$105.5 million
 - Public Safety - 34%
 - Judicial - 18%
 - Public Works - 13%
 - General Government - 15%
 - Leisure Services - 7%
 - Capital - 6%
 - Independent Agencies - 4%
 - Transfers Out & Debt Service - 3%
- General Fund Revenues (FY08): \$105.5 million
 - Property Taxes - 41%
 - Sales Tax - 20%
 - Other Taxes - 18%
 - Charges for Services - 8%
 - All Other Revenues - 5%
 - Use of Fund Balance (for capital) - 5%
 - Fines & Forfeitures - 3%
- Millage rate: 12.80 (2007 ACC government rate only), a decrease of 3.15 since 1993

- On average, each ACC resident will pay \$955 for General Fund local government services in FY08
- Per capita expenditures (FY08)
 - \$316 - Public Safety
 - \$175 - Judicial Services
 - \$147 - General Government
 - \$121 - Public Works
 - \$ 70 - Leisure Services
 - \$ 56 - Capital Projects
 - \$ 40 - Independent Agencies
 - \$ 29 - Transfers to Other Funds & Debt Services
 - \$955 - Total (*difference due to rounding*)
- Total FY08 Budget (all funds): \$213 million
- ACC government positions: 1528 (FY08)
- ACC employees per 1000 residents: 13.8 (FY08)
- Main Web site: www.athensclarkecounty.com
- Television: ACTV Cable Channel 7

Departments (FY08 estimates unless noted)

- Athens Transit System The Bus riders: 1.61 million
- Fire safety rating - ISO: 2/9. Less than 0.7% of U.S. communities have Class 2 rating.
- Building permits issued: 1,682
- Total construction inspections performed: 22,000
- Real estate parcels appraised: 41,500
- Televised Mayor & Commission meetings: 73 hours & 44 minutes (2007 - not counting breaks)
- Leisure Services facilities visitors serviced: 1.1 million
- Business certificates issued: 5,675
- Active registered voters: 44,690 (Jan. 1, 2008)
- Alcohol licenses issued: 315
- Calls received by 911: 133,000
- Potable water produced: 6 billion gallons
- Recyclable materials received: 14,073 tons (2007)
- Roadway ACC maintains: approx. 700 miles (2007)

Education

- The Clarke County School District is separate from the Unified Government
- 9 elected to the Board of Education
- Public schools: 13 elementary, 4 middle, 3 high
- Private schools: 7
- Higher education: The University of Georgia, Athens Technical College, U.S. Navy Supply Corps School, and 3 other higher institution campuses

Employment

- Largest employers (2006): University of Georgia, Athens Regional Medical Center, Clarke County School System, Pilgrims Pride, ACC Unified Government, St. Mary's Health Care System, Merial Limited, Gold Kist, Inc. (acquired by Pilgrims Pride in 2007), and Wal-Mart Associates Inc.
- Named an Entrepreneur-Friendly Community by the GA Dept. of Economic Development (2007)
- Named #1 Small Market Best City for Relocating Families by *Worldwide ERC* with *Primacy Relocation* and *Sperling's BestPlaces* (2005 & 2006).

Other Figures

- Sales tax (2007): 7%
 - 4% - State of Georgia
 - 1% - SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)
 - 1% - LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) - ACC General Fund credit on property taxes
 - 1% - ELOST (Educational Local Option Sales Tax)
- Homeownership rate: 40.2%
- Owner-occupied housing value (median): \$111,300
- Property taxes for \$150,000 home in 2007 (estimated - other exemptions may be possible):

	<i>With homestead exemption</i>	<i>No exemptions</i>
ACC -	\$ 935.00	\$1,122.00
School -	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
State -	\$ 14.50	\$ 15.00
LOST credit -	\$ -295.00	\$ -354.00
HTRC credit -	\$ -264.40	\$ 0.00
Total -	\$1,390.10	\$1,983.60

Accolades

- One of the "50 Best Places to Live" (*Men's Journal*, 2003 & 2005)
- "#1 College Music Scene that Rocks" (*Rolling Stone*, February 2003)
- Top 25 Mid-Sized City Arts Destination (*American Style*, 2002-2007)

Miscellaneous

- Sister cities: Cortona, Italy (1978), Kamianets-Podilsky, Ukraine (2003)
- Official tree: Gingko (1964)
- Official flower: Iris (1964)

Information from the *Georgia County Guide*, GA Department of Community Affairs, U.S. Census Bureau, GA Department of Labor, and ACC Unified Government Departments. Updated 1/16/08.

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