



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GA - USA

Athens-Clarke County Facts At-A-Glance

Population

Athens-Clarke County (ACC).....116,714
Athens-Clarke MSA.....193,317
GA DOL

Climate

(Annual Average)
July High.....90.2°_F
January Low32.9°_F
Rainfall.....47.8"
Snowfall.....2.6"

Land Area

(Square Miles)
Athens-Clarke County.....119.2
Persons979
U.S. Census

Wealth

Median Family Income: (2000) \$41,607
Median Household Income: (2010) \$34,000
Per Capita Personal Income: (2010) \$25,309
GA DOL

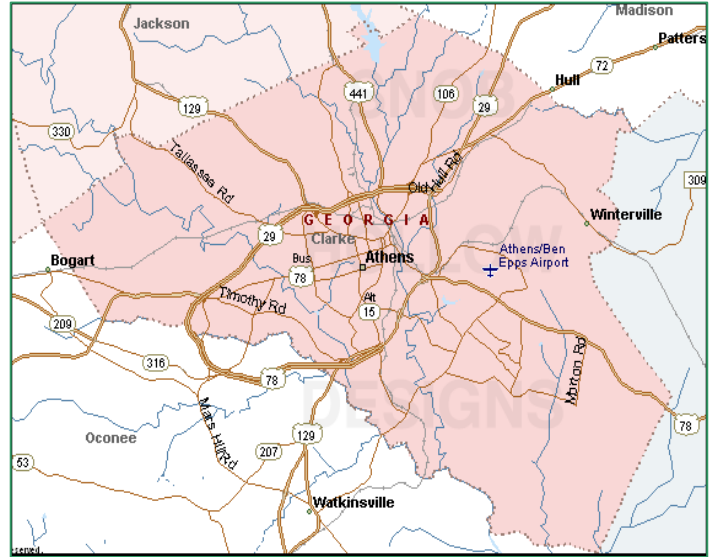
Tax Structure

State Sales Tax: 4%
Local Sales Tax: 3%
Millage Rate: 33.90

Taxes are computed at 40% of the fair market value of both real and tangible personal property

Major Employers

10,000 University of Georgia
3,000 Athens Regional Medical Center
1,520 Athens-Clarke County Government
1,400 St. Mary's Health Care
1,300 Clarke County School District
500 Dial America (Telemarketing)
480 Power Partners (Electrical)
480 Baldor Dodge Reliance (Manufacturing)
460 Carrier Transicold (Manufacturing)



Higher Education

University of Georgia (UGA): 34,000+ Students
Athens Technical College: 7,200 Athens Students
Piedmont College: 2,800 Athens/Demorest
Gainesville State: 2,300 Students/Watkinsville

UGA Research Engine

- Annual \$230 Million R&D Expenditures
- Strong Life Science, Biomedical, Plant Breeding, Nanotechnology, Engineering, Drug Discovery, and Genomics Programs

Healthcare

Athens Regional Medical Center (ARMC): 350 beds
St. Mary's Hospital: 200 beds
University of Georgia – Georgia Health Sciences
University of Georgia – College of Public Health
Athens Technical College – Life Sciences



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Utilities

- Electricity: Georgia Power, Walton & Jackson EMC
- Telecom: Charter, AT&T, etc.
- Water: Athens-Clarke County
 - Capacity: 36 mgd
 - Average: 14 mgd
 - Excess: 22 mgd
- North Oconee Waste Water Treatment
 - Capacity: 14 mgd Athens Industrial Park
 - Average: 7.1 mgd
 - Excess: 6.9 mgd
- Middle Oconee Waste Water Treatment
 - Capacity: 10 mgd Atlanta Highway
 - Average: 4.6 mgd
 - Excess: 5.4 mgd
- Natural Gas: Atlanta Gas Light
(Leading Provider - Deregulation)

Labor Force

- Athens-Clarke County: 63,278
- ACC Area: 166,235
(Clarke, Barrow, Jackson, Madison, Oconee, Oglethorpe)

Unemployment Rate

- Athens-Clarke County: 6.8%
- ACC Area: 6.5%
(Clarke, Barrow, Jackson, Madison, Oconee, Oglethorpe)
- State: 8.9%
GA DOL

Wages

(Average. Georgia is a Right to Work State)

- Hourly: \$18.68
- Weekly: \$747
- Annual: \$38,884
- Annual Georgia: \$46,020
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Education & Training

- Career Academy – College-Level Courses, HS
- Quick Start – State Will Bear Cost of Training New Employees
- Job Training Partnership Act – Provides Training of labor force to an employer’s Specific needs
- Georgia Work Ready Program – Over 3,046 Certified Work Ready Employees

Airports

- Athens-Ben Epps:*
 - 2/20 Runway: 4,000 x 100 ft./1,219 x 30 meters
 - 9/27 Runway: 5,522 x 100 ft./1,683 x 30 meters
- Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport:* 79 miles
- Greenville-Spartanburg International, SC:* 110 miles

Highways

- U.S. Highways 29/78/129/441
- GA Highway 316
- 23 miles from Interstate 85
- 30 miles from Interstate 20
- 68 miles from Interstate 75

Rail

- CSX, Norfolk Southern, Shortline – The Athens Line (TAL)

Ports

(Drive time)

- Savannah, GA: 4 hrs. 15 min.
- Brunswick, GA: 5 hrs. 15 min.
- Charleston, SC: 4 hrs. 45 min.
- Jacksonville, FL: 5 hrs. 45 min.

Distance to Major Markets

(Miles)

- Atlanta, GA - 70
- Macon, GA - 90
- Port of Savannah, GA - 234
- Port of Brunswick, GA - 293
- Port of Charleston, SC - 269
- Charlotte, NC - 201
- Jacksonville, FL - 302
- Birmingham, AL - 216

Incentives

- IRB’s through the Development Authorities of ACC
- Quick Start through Athens Technical College
- 100% Freeport Tax Exemption
- State Incentives: One-Stop Permitting in Georgia, Application Pre-Screening - Georgia Dept. of Labor, Tier 2 County, Opportunity Zones, Tax Credits for Jobs, Retraining, Childcare, Research & Development, State Port Activity Job Tax & Investment, State Headquarters Tax Credit, Manufacturing Machinery & Computer Sales Tax Exemption
- Local incentives are available according to jobs created and investment in community