American Community Survey: Meeting the Needs of Georgians

Data for Decisionmakers
UGA’s Vinson Institute

• Public service and outreach unit at the University of Georgia
• Named for Congressman Carl Vinson, who served 1915-1965
• Research, assistance and training in support of state and local governments in Georgia
Georgia’s Growing Population
1.5 million Increase 2000-2010

Apportionment of the U.S. House of Representatives
Based on the 2010 Census

Change from 2000 to 2010
- State gaining 4 seats in the House
- State gaining 2 seats in the House
- State gaining 1 seat in the House
- No change
- State losing 1 seat in the House
- State losing 2 seats in the House

Total U.S. Representatives: 435
Number appearing reapportioned
Seats of U.S. Representatives

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Georgia’s Uneven Population Growth, 2000-2009

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates
Increasing Diversity and Challenges

- 9.4% of residents are foreign born
- 5.6% speak English less than “very well”
- 19.1% have no health insurance coverage
- 36.1% of homeowners’ housing costs exceed 30% of their income
- 14.6% of housing units are vacant

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009
ACS Keeps Up With the Changes
Georgia’s Family Connection

• Network of government and nonprofits in all 159 counties
• Established in 1991 by then Governor Zell Miller
• Local leaders improving the quality of life for families by encouraging efficient coordination of community programs
ACS Supplies Key Indicators

- Teens who are high school dropouts (ages 16-19)
- Teen dropouts not working
- Children living in single-parent families
- Children living in families where no parent is in the labor force
- Adult education levels
- Unemployment in families with children
- Affordable housing
- Children in poverty and low-income families
ACS Provides Narratives to Help Local Groups Visualize

The Educational Attainment of People in Tift County, Georgia in 2005-2009

- Graduate or professional degree: 7%
- Bachelor's degree: 9%
- Associate's degree: 8%
- Some college, no degree: 21%
- High school diploma or equivalency: 31%
- Less than high school diploma: 25%

Source: American Community Survey, 2005-2009
## Teens who are high school dropouts - ACS (Number) – 2006

**Data Provided by:** Family Connection Partnership

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**Scale:** 809 - 3,840

**Definitions:** Numerator: Number of youth ages 16 to 19 who are not enrolled in school and not high school graduates. Denominator: Number of youth ages 16 to 19. Rate calculation: 100 times the numerator divided by the denominator.

**Data Source:** 2005 American Community Survey, Table C14005.
• In 2020 more than 1.5 million Georgians will be aged 65 and older
• Growing older population will affect every facet of community life, including housing, transportation, employment, health care, social services and education
• 2008, Georgia Legislature passed Senate Bill 341 Project 2020: Georgia for a Lifetime
• Georgia Council on Aging charged to “address the needs of the expanding aging population”
Georgia, when compared to other states in the nation, has relatively high rates of disability. Close to 30 percent of the 65-74 population has a disability and almost 60 percent of the 75+ population is living with a disability. Chronic disease and disability can be some of the biggest drivers of healthcare cost and largest determinants of quality of life.

Disability Rates and Type by Age, Georgia

Source: American Community Survey, 2008
Georgia Division of Aging Services

DHS

- Partnering with VA to serve veterans of all ages at risk of nursing home placement
- Provide home- and community-based health care services
- ACS data enable Division of Aging Services to allocate resources and better plan for delivery of services
Veteran Service-Connected Disability

Source: ACS//Public Use Microdata Sample/2008
Georgia Veterans - Service Era

Source: ACS//Public Use Microdata Sample/2008