



Tan represents ARC's "core" counties in the Regional Development Center (RDC) planning area. The blue represents the "external" 10 counties that, with the "core" 10, make up ARC's extended planning area for air quality purposes.

These demographic profiles...

- Include a host of demographic and planning information for each county of ARC's 20-county planning area as well as the City of Atlanta
- Also includes information on 13, 16 and 20 counties, depending on the nature of the data.
- Are updated periodically.



Population Trends

	1970	1980	1990	2000	2008	2009	Net Change 2000-2009	% Change 2000-2009
Cherokee	31,059	51,699	90,204	141,903	203,000	205,900	63,997	45.1%
Clayton	98,126	150,357	182,052	236,517	281,400	281,900	45,383	19.2%
Cobb	196,793	297,718	447,745	607,751	674,200	676,800	69,049	11.4%
DeKalb	415,387	483,024	545,837	665,865	727,600	731,200	65,335	9.8%
Douglas	28,659	54,573	71,120	92,174	127,800	128,800	36,626	39.7%
Fayette	11,364	29,043	62,415	91,263	106,000	106,700	15,437	16.9%
Fulton	605,210	589,904	648,951	816,006	951,500	957,900	141,894	17.4%
Gwinnett	72,349	166,815	352,910	588,448	752,800	757,300	168,852	28.7%
Henry	23,724	36,309	58,741	119,341	190,700	192,800	73,459	61.6%
Rockdale	18,152	36,570	54,091	70,111	84,600	85,000	14,889	21.2%
City of Atlanta	495,039	424,922	415,200	416,474	477,300	480,700	64,226	15.4%
"Core" 10-co Total	1,500,823	1,896,012	2,514,066	3,429,379	4,099,600	4,124,300	694,921	20.3%
Barrow	16,859	21,354	29,721	46,144	65,300	66,400	20,256	43.9%
Bartow	32,911	40,760	55,915	76,019	92,800	94,300	18,281	24.0%
Carroll	45,404	56,346	71,422	87,268	109,400	111,300	24,032	27.5%
Coweta	32,310	39,268	53,853	89,215	116,800	119,600	30,385	34.1%
Forsyth	16,928	27,958	44,083	98,407	164,100	172,700	74,293	75.5%
Hall	59,405	75,649	95,434	139,277	172,700	175,400	36,123	25.9%
Newton	26,282	34,666	41,808	62,001	96,800	97,000	34,999	56.4%
Paulding	17,520	26,110	41,611	81,678	124,000	128,400	46,722	57.2%
Spalding	39,514	47,899	54,457	58,417	65,300	65,700	7,283	12.5%
Walton	23,404	31,211	38,586	60,687	77,900	78,700	18,013	29.7%
"External" 10 Total	310,537	401,221	526,890	799,113	1,085,100	1,109,500	310,387	38.8%

Source: ARC

Cherokee County's population...

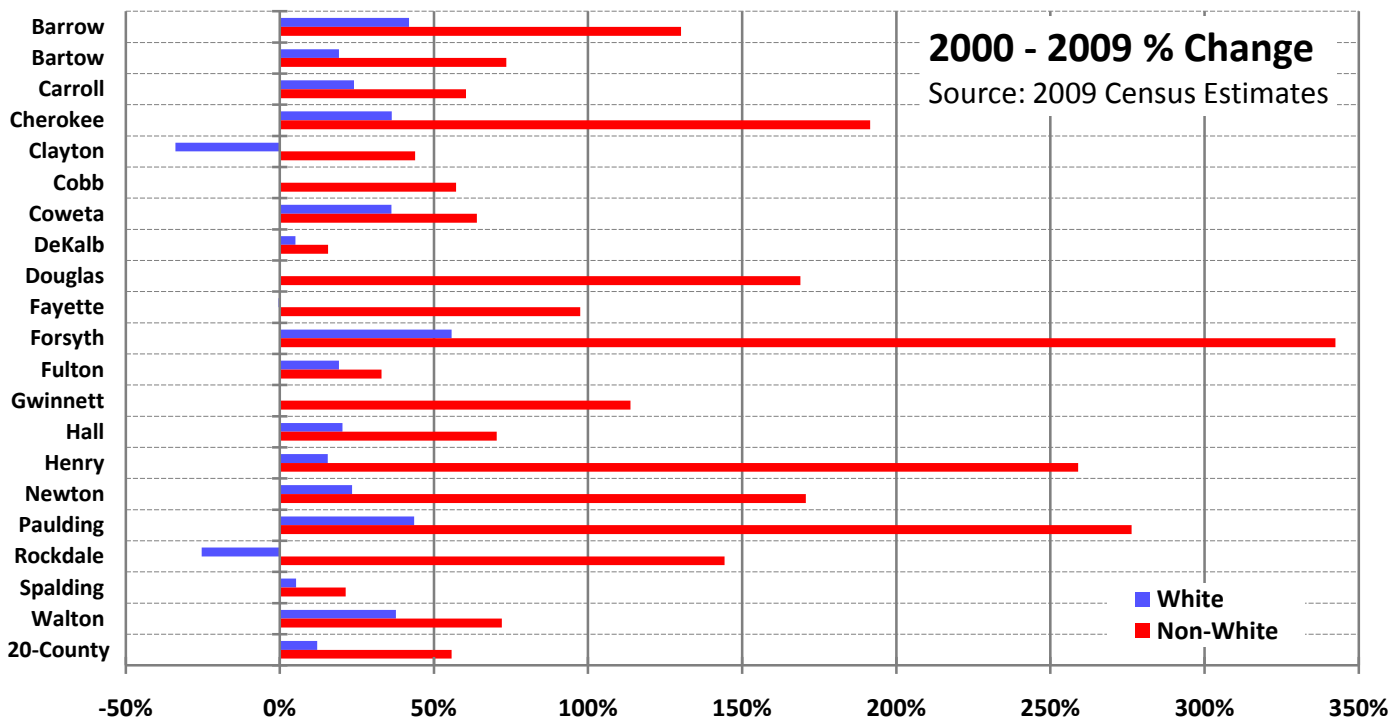
Is approximately **5%** of the "core" 10-county Atlanta region population in 2009, but has captured **9.2% of the core's growth** since 2000.

- Has increased by **45%** since 2000, the **second highest growth rate** (Henry County is first) in the 10-county Atlanta region, and is the **fifth highest growth rate** in the 20-county area.
- Is the **third least diverse county in the 20-county area**, with non-whites making up a **little less than 19.8%** of the total population. Bartow is the least diverse with 18.9% of its population being non-white. Across the 20-county area, non-whites make about 50% of the population (*Source: U.S. Census*). It is **rapidly diversifying, however**. While the **White population increased by 36.3%** since 2000, the **non-white population increased by 191.5 percent**. (*Source: U.S. Census*)
- At **.76 persons per acres**, is the least dense county in the 10-county region.



Diversity Trends

	White Population				Non-White Population			
	Pop		Change		Pop		Change	
	2000	2009	#	%	2000	2009	#	%
Barrow	38,598	54,786	16,188	41.9%	7,546	17,372	9,826	130.2%
Bartow	65,735	78,371	12,636	19.2%	10,284	17,846	7,562	73.5%
Carroll	69,387	86,090	16,703	24.1%	17,881	28,688	10,807	60.4%
Cherokee	127,929	174,352	46,423	36.3%	13,974	40,732	26,758	191.5%
Clayton	83,078	54,985	(28,093)	-33.8%	153,439	220,787	67,348	43.9%
Cobb	420,424	420,255	(169)	0.0%	187,327	294,437	107,110	57.2%
Coweta	68,961	93,904	24,943	36.2%	20,254	33,207	12,953	64.0%
DeKalb	216,757	227,742	10,985	5.1%	449,300	519,532	70,232	15.6%
Douglas	70,179	70,374	195	0.3%	22,065	59,329	37,264	168.9%
Fayette	74,991	74,659	(332)	-0.4%	16,272	32,129	15,857	97.4%
Forsyth	90,981	141,659	50,678	55.7%	7,426	32,861	25,435	342.5%
Fulton	372,435	443,886	71,451	19.2%	443,386	589,870	146,484	33.0%
Gwinnett	396,301	397,435	1,134	0.3%	192,147	410,732	218,585	113.8%
Hall	99,138	119,314	20,176	20.4%	40,177	68,429	28,252	70.3%
Henry	95,729	110,586	14,857	15.5%	23,615	84,784	61,169	259.0%
Newton	46,093	56,892	10,799	23.4%	15,908	43,052	27,144	170.6%
Paulding	73,225	105,104	31,879	43.5%	8,383	31,551	23,168	276.4%
Rockdale	51,105	38,136	(12,969)	-25.4%	19,006	46,433	27,427	144.3%
Spalding	38,480	40,503	2,023	5.3%	19,937	24,205	4,268	21.4%
Walton	49,779	68,543	18,764	37.7%	10,908	18,768	7,860	72.1%
20-County Total	2,549,305	2,857,576	308,271	12.1%	1,679,235	2,614,744	935,509	55.7%





Diversity Trends

	African-American			
	Pop		Change	
	2000	2009	#	%
Barrow	4,475	8,341	3,866	86.4%
Bartow	6,578	9,604	3,026	46.0%
Carroll	14,228	20,278	6,050	42.5%
Cherokee	3,519	12,981	9,462	268.9%
Clayton	121,440	168,288	46,848	38.6%
Cobb	114,127	165,885	51,758	45.4%
Coweta	15,966	22,185	6,219	39.0%
DeKalb	361,869	395,542	33,673	9.3%
Douglas	17,047	46,296	29,249	171.6%
Fayette	10,446	21,336	10,890	104.3%
Forsyth	428	6,457	6,029	1408.6%
Fulton	362,371	439,553	77,182	21.3%
Gwinnett	77,703	173,436	95,733	123.2%
Hall	9,926	12,150	2,224	22.4%
Henry	17,507	65,896	48,389	276.4%
Newton	13,740	36,716	22,976	167.2%
Paulding	5,653	21,691	16,038	283.7%
Rockdale	12,730	34,562	21,832	171.5%
Spalding	18,108	20,916	2,808	15.5%
Walton	8,720	13,862	5,142	59.0%
20-County Total	1,196,581	1,695,975	499,394	41.7%

	Asian			
	Pop		Change	
	2000	2009	#	%
Barrow	1,057	2,187	1,130	106.9%
Bartow	389	746	357	91.8%
Carroll	536	877	341	63.6%
Cherokee	1,157	4,208	3,051	263.7%
Clayton	10,830	13,573	2,743	25.3%
Cobb	18,923	29,609	10,686	56.5%
Coweta	626	1,627	1,001	159.9%
DeKalb	27,152	30,986	3,834	14.1%
Douglas	1,110	2,081	971	87.5%
Fayette	2,228	4,167	1,939	87.0%
Forsyth	773	8,900	8,127	1051.4%
Fulton	25,122	44,538	19,416	77.3%
Gwinnett	43,096	76,768	33,672	78.1%
Hall	1,852	3,268	1,416	76.5%
Henry	2,117	5,609	3,492	165.0%
Newton	452	1,135	683	151.1%
Paulding	346	1,329	983	284.1%
Rockdale	1,367	1,830	463	33.9%
Spalding	393	618	225	57.3%
Walton	425	1,047	622	146.4%
20-County Total	139,951	235,103	95,152	68.0%

	Hispanic			
	Pop		Change	
	2000	2009	#	%
Barrow	1,460	5,819	4,359	298.6%
Bartow	2,524	6,176	3,652	144.7%
Carroll	2,243	6,061	3,818	170.2%
Cherokee	7,695	20,221	12,526	162.8%
Clayton	17,728	33,760	16,032	90.4%
Cobb	46,964	85,517	38,553	82.1%
Coweta	2,797	7,823	5,026	179.7%
DeKalb	52,545	81,433	28,888	55.0%
Douglas	2,640	8,496	5,856	221.8%
Fayette	2,582	4,904	2,322	89.9%
Forsyth	5,477	15,341	9,864	180.1%
Fulton	48,053	89,829	41,776	86.9%
Gwinnett	64,137	145,268	81,131	126.5%
Hall	27,244	51,007	23,763	87.2%
Henry	2,696	9,995	7,299	270.7%
Newton	1,157	3,893	2,736	236.5%
Paulding	1,398	6,427	5,029	359.7%
Rockdale	4,182	8,689	4,507	107.8%
Spalding	947	1,891	944	99.7%
Walton	1,163	2,861	1,698	146.0%
20-County Total	295,632	595,411	299,779	101.4%



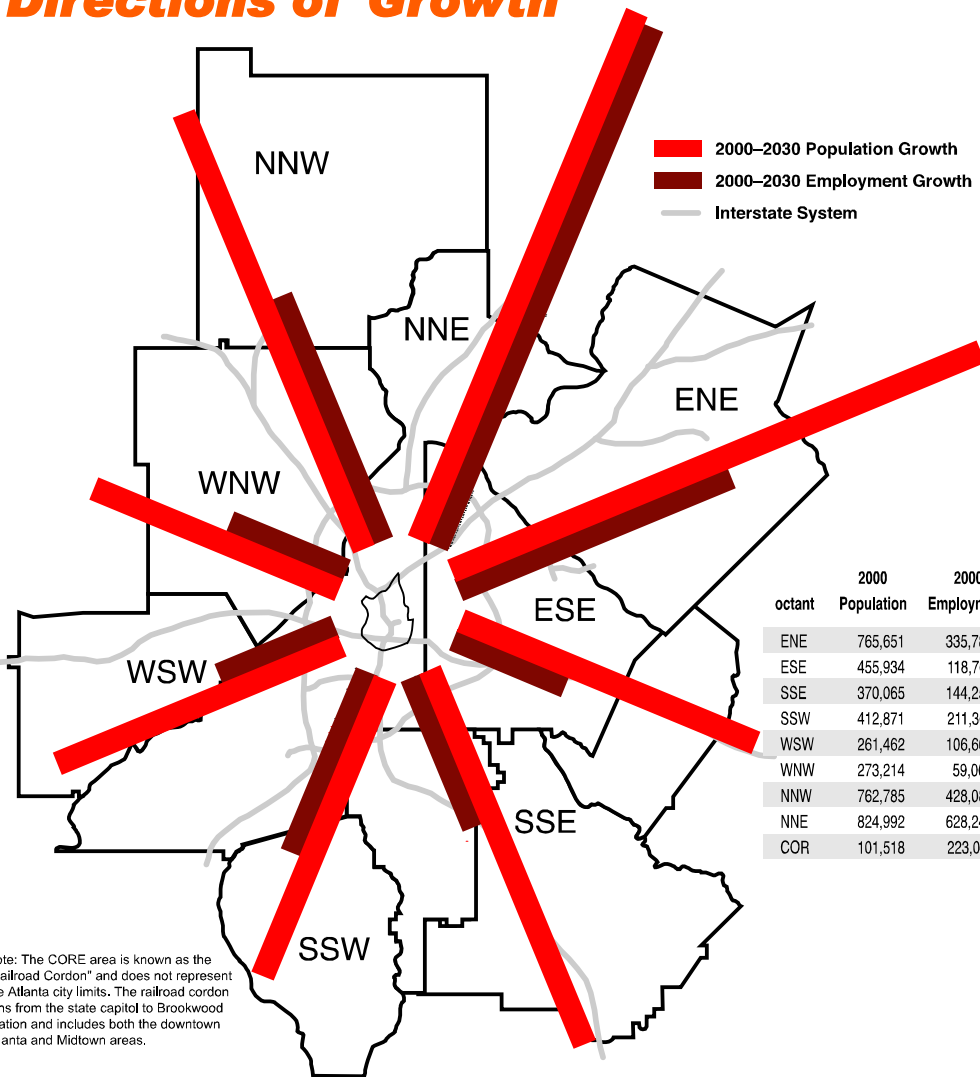
General Demographics and Forecasts

2006 Population (ARC Estimate):	63,100
2030 Forecast (ARC Forecast):	113,494
Expected growth =	50,394

	Population			
	2000	2030	Total Change	Percent Change
"Core" 10-Counties				
Cherokee	141,903	355,854	213,951	150.8%
Clayton	236,517	299,916	63,399	26.8%
Cobb	607,751	763,889	156,138	25.7%
DeKalb	665,865	819,073	153,208	23.0%
Douglas	92,174	218,551	126,377	137.1%
Fayette	91,263	160,860	69,597	76.3%
Fulton	816,006	1,145,902	329,896	40.4%
Gwinnett	588,448	988,694	400,246	68.0%
Henry	119,341	369,611	250,270	209.7%
Rockdale	70,111	139,184	69,073	98.5%
City of Atlanta	421,453	602,783	181,330	43.0%
10-County Region	3,429,379	5,261,534	1,832,155	53.4%
"External" 10-Counties				
Barrow	46,144	113,494	67,350	146.0%
Bartow	76,019	134,409	58,390	76.8%
Carroll	87,268	163,979	76,711	87.9%
Coweta	89,215	205,303	116,088	130.1%
Forsyth	98,407	273,501	175,094	177.9%
Hall	139,277	242,077	102,800	73.8%
Newton	62,001	159,700	97,699	157.6%
Paulding	81,678	221,839	140,161	171.6%
Spalding	58,417	82,938	24,521	42.0%
Walton	60,687	113,426	52,739	86.9%
Total 20-County Area	4,228,492	6,972,200	2,743,708	64.9%



Directions of Growth



octant	2000 Population	2000 Employment	2030 Population	2030 Employment	2000-2030 pop change	2000-2030 emp change
ENE	765,651	335,786	1,237,969	578,650	472,318	242,864
ESE	455,934	118,769	719,039	218,541	263,105	99,772
SSE	370,065	144,252	704,482	277,821	334,417	133,569
SSW	412,871	211,364	677,649	373,036	264,778	161,672
WSW	261,462	106,669	515,841	210,047	254,379	103,378
WNW	273,214	59,003	491,792	162,846	218,578	103,843
NNW	762,785	428,083	1,151,682	646,938	388,897	218,855
NNE	824,992	628,243	1,295,252	1,092,404	470,260	464,161
COR	101,518	223,031	178,542	288,613	77,024	65,582

Note: The CORE area is known as the "Railroad Cordon" and does not represent the Atlanta city limits. The railroad cordon runs from the state capitol to Brookwood Station and includes both the downtown Atlanta and Midtown areas.

The direction of growth in the region is changing...

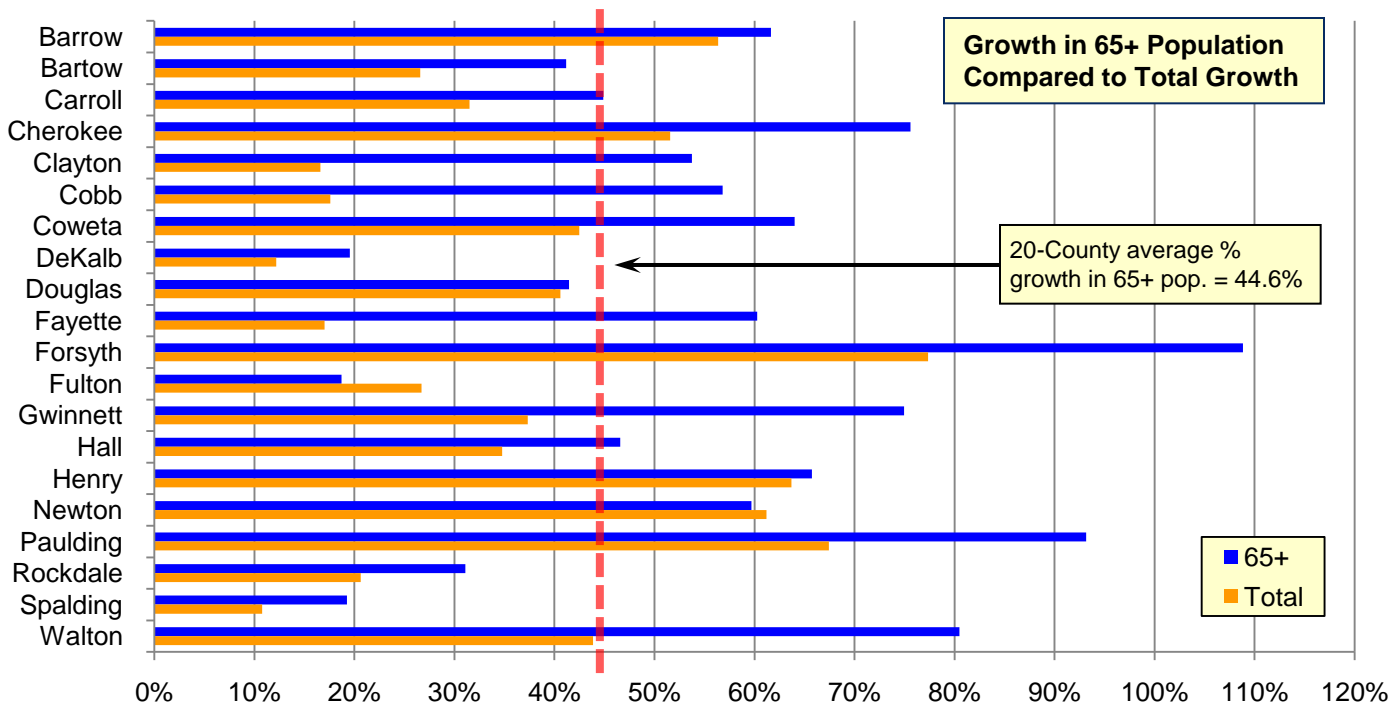
- In the previous two decades the northern portion of the region captured **70 percent of the region's growth**
- Since 2000, **41 percent of all new growth** occurred south of I-20



Older Adults

	65+ Population		Change	
	2000	2009	#	%
Cherokee	9,353	16,425	7,072	75.6%
Clayton	13,923	21,408	7,485	53.8%
Cobb	42,036	65,913	23,877	56.8%
DeKalb	53,224	63,618	10,394	19.5%
Douglas	6,958	9,842	2,884	41.4%
Fayette	8,104	12,988	4,884	60.3%
Fulton	68,990	81,901	12,911	18.7%
Gwinnett	31,599	55,288	23,689	75.0%
Henry	8,824	14,625	5,801	65.7%
Rockdale	6,456	8,464	2,008	31.1%
"Core 10"	249,467	350,472	101,005	40.5%
Barrow	4,181	6,759	2,578	61.7%
Bartow	7,168	10,118	2,950	41.2%
Carroll	8,711	12,622	3,911	44.9%
Coweta	7,571	12,418	4,847	64.0%
Forsyth	6,940	14,494	7,554	108.8%
Hall	13,067	19,154	6,087	46.6%
Newton	6,129	9,787	3,658	59.7%
Paulding	4,824	9,318	4,494	93.2%
Spalding	6,838	8,155	1,317	19.3%
Walton	5,840	10,540	4,700	80.5%
"External" 10	71,269	113,365	42,096	59.1%
20-Co. Total	320,736	463,837	143,101	44.6%

Source: 2009 Census Bureau Estimates





Housing Trends

Housing Units – 2000-2009

County	Total Housing Units			Single-Family (SF) Units			Multi-Family (MF) Units		
	2009 Housing	2000 Housing	Total Units	2009 SF Units	2000 SF Units	SF Change	2009 MF	2000 MF Units	MF Change
Cherokee	80,472	51,937	28,535	67,452	45,144	22,308	9,477	2,733	6,744
Clayton	107,461	86,461	21,000	70,954	57,265	13,689	32,822	25,327	7,495
Cobb	280,476	237,522	42,954	198,700	172,359	26,341	76,911	59,986	16,925
DeKalb	302,644	261,231	41,413	184,601	170,026	14,575	117,116	90,256	26,860
Douglas	50,959	34,825	16,134	41,765	27,550	14,215	6,625	4,515	2,110
Fayette	39,728	32,726	7,002	35,270	28,909	6,361	3,193	2,462	731
Fulton	439,923	348,632	91,291	239,454	196,508	42,946	198,720	150,516	48,204
Gwinnett	285,625	209,682	75,943	220,642	161,896	58,746	60,165	42,766	17,399
Henry	73,816	43,166	30,650	63,955	36,881	27,074	7,017	3,148	3,869
Rockdale	32,400	25,082	7,318	27,222	20,978	6,244	4,156	3,031	1,125
"Core" 10	1,693,504	1,331,264	362,240	1,150,015	917,516	232,499	516,202	384,740	131,462
% of 20-county	79.83%	81.68%	73.72%	76.48%	79.31%	67.03%	93.83%	94.81%	91.06%
Barrow	25,646	17,304	8,342	21,383	13,586	7,797	993	858	135
Bartow	36,914	28,751	8,163	28,155	21,101	7,054	2,505	2,120	385
Carroll	45,030	34,067	10,963	32,632	24,516	8,116	5,755	3,377	2,378
Coweta	45,960	33,182	12,778	39,494	28,176	11,318	4,232	2,773	1,459
Forsyth	65,807	36,505	29,302	58,747	32,102	26,645	3,271	614	2,657
Hall	66,463	51,046	15,417	50,777	37,900	12,877	7,608	5,174	2,434
Newton	37,384	23,033	14,351	33,047	19,683	13,364	2,257	1,328	929
Paulding	48,139	29,274	18,865	42,787	25,752	17,035	2,797	967	1,830
Spalding	26,843	23,001	3,842	20,984	17,710	3,274	3,364	2,864	500
Walton	29,607	22,500	7,107	25,720	18,838	6,882	1,184	980	204
"External" 10	427,793	298,663	129,130	353,726	239,364	114,362	33,966	21,055	12,911
% of 20-county	20.17%	18.32%	26.28%	23.52%	20.69%	32.97%	6.17%	5.19%	8.94%
20 Co. Total	2,121,297	1,629,927	491,370	1,503,741	1,156,880	346,861	550,168	405,795	144,373

Source: ARC

Cherokee County's housing...

- Growth rate of **55%** since 2000 is more than double the "core" 10-counties' rate of growth at 27%.
- Growth rate is **second in the 10-county region**, slower only than fast-growing Henry.
- Is **overwhelmingly single-family at 83.8% of all units**, with multi-family at 11.8%. Only Fayette (89%) and Henry (87%) have a greater single-family share than does Cherokee in the "core" 10 counties. When compared to the "external" 10 counties
- **Average sales price of both new and existing homes are** slightly higher than the average 20-county average price (see next page).



Housing Trends

Home Prices

County	New Homes				Existing Homes			
	2009 Price	% Change (from 2008)	2009 Sales	% Change (from 2008)	2009 Price	% Change (from 2008)	2009 Sales	% Change (from 2008)
Barrow	\$145,400	-9.97%	217	-47.84%	\$100,100	-15.88%	753	7.73%
Bartow	\$149,900	-14.29%	165	-33.47%	\$100,000	-18.03%	858	-0.23%
Carroll	\$142,700	-10.76%	158	-45.33%	\$99,900	-19.97%	1036	4.96%
Cherokee	\$232,062	-1.23%	846	-34.16%	\$160,000	-5.94%	2170	5.49%
Clayton	\$130,000	-17.88%	409	-39.32%	\$36,500	-39.07%	3770	18.22%
Cobb	\$256,900	-6.58%	1365	-24.67%	\$158,400	-8.93%	7026	-1.38%
Coweta	\$224,427	1.81%	443	-36.89%	\$136,824	-8.78%	1192	3.03%
Dekalb	\$213,985	-8.55%	846	-44.01%	\$86,000	-33.85%	8488	1.39%
Douglas	\$197,500	-15.12%	327	-37.48%	\$95,000	-19.51%	1500	13.46%
Fayette	\$348,500	-7.19%	132	-41.07%	\$219,900	-5.62%	970	0.73%
Forsyth	\$257,480	-12.16%	1073	-40.98%	\$225,000	-8.16%	1707	-6.36%
Fulton	\$215,000	-4.77%	2705	-32.94%	\$115,000	-17.86%	12419	-3.62%
Gwinnett	\$205,900	-12.35%	1797	-37.30%	\$134,000	-16.25%	8619	10.83%
Hall	\$230,000	-13.70%	369	-40.58%	\$122,500	-14.34%	1215	8.97%
Henry	\$189,650	-4.34%	596	-38.87%	\$107,100	-18.80%	2255	4.88%
Newton	\$164,991	-12.60%	226	-41.15%	\$80,000	-27.21%	1182	11.09%
Paulding	\$160,000	-15.98%	537	-42.51%	\$96,850	-18.61%	1859	16.70%
Rockdale	\$245,000	-9.23%	105	-61.82%	\$101,950	-21.58%	834	13.01%
Spalding	\$193,977	-7.59%	158	-27.52%	\$65,000	-12.40%	453	-24.88%
Walton	\$182,000	-22.67%	169	-43.67%	\$108,000	-21.85%	801	22.10%



Housing Trends

Regional Building Permit Activity

	2000 Units			2006 Units			2007 Units			2008 Units			2009 Units		
	Single-Family	Multi-Family	Total	Single-Family	Multi-Family	Total	Single-Family	Multi-Family	Total	Single-Family	Multi-Family	Total	Single-Family	Multi-Family	Total
Cherokee	2,882	894	3,776	3,276	232	3,508	2,212	19	2,231	908	4	912	407	0	407
Clayton	2,323	1,024	3,347	2,216	14	2,230	1,238	16	1,254	403	0	403	85	8	93
Cobb	5,455	1,187	6,642	3,354	1,172	4,526	1,901	1,044	2,945	727	341	1,068	409	141	550
DeKalb	4,266	1,879	6,145	3,076	1,479	4,555	2,122	2,790	4,912	768	3,053	3,821	295	28	323
Douglas	890	11	901	1,863	0	1,863	912	4	916	278	306	584	141	0	141
Fayette	938	0	938	634	0	634	355	145	500	142	5	147	75	0	75
Fulton	3,446	6,175	9,621	9,336	9,153	18,489	4,552	8,311	12,863	2,211	2,456	4,667	775	754	1,529
Gwinnett	8,852	3,520	12,372	7,770	1,110	8,880	4,278	130	4,408	1,363	596	1,959	617	102	719
Henry	3,401	729	4,130	2,543	60	2,603	1,652	766	2,418	479	258	737	243	4	247
Rockdale	454	312	766	985	24	1,009	602	6	608	152	2	154	59	8	67
Atlanta	803	5,016	5,819	1,842	8,937	10,779	1,247	8,050	9,297	502	1,868	2,370	169	750	919
"Core" Total	32,907	15,731	48,638	35,053	13,244	48,297	21,071	21,281	42,352	7,431	7,021	14,452	3,106	1,045	4,151
Barrow	855	0	855	1,142	0	1,142	860	0	860	283	0	283	79	0	79
Bartow	1,222	133	1,355	1,003	50	1,053	572	34	606	351	9	360	128	0	128
Carroll	1,650	206	1,856	1,357	8	1,365	637	0	637	279	0	279	76	0	76
Coweta	1,240	39	1,279	1,795	12	1,807	1,120	298	1,418	503	0	503	314	0	314
Forsyth	3,181	208	3,389	4,183	587	4,770	2,877	0	2,877	1,259	219	1,478	825	0	825
Hall	1,633	488	2,121	1,394	121	1,515	1,283	44	1,327	416	322	738	237	2	239
Newton	1,496	422	1,918	1,678	0	1,678	956	0	956	189	0	189	54	0	54
Paulding	2,171	674	2,845	3,238	128	3,366	1,887	6	1,893	710	3	713	317	0	317
Spalding	422	8	430	511	51	562	283	18	301	197	0	197	191	0	191
Walton	1,195	46	1,241	1,321	58	1,379	730	76	806	182	3	185	61	64	125
"External" Total	15,065	2,224	17,289	17,622	1,015	18,637	11,205	476	11,681	4,369	556	4,925	2,282	66	2,348
20-Co Total	47,972	17,955	65,927	52,675	14,259	66,934	32,276	21,757	54,033	11,800	7,577	19,377	5,388	1,111	6,499

Source: US Census Bureau. Hall County data is from SOCDS database

Current trends include...

- Cherokee's 2008 permit activity is down 55% from 2009.
- Less than **0 multi-family units** were permitted in 2008 in Cherokee. In the "core" 10 counties, approximately **25%** of the units permitted in 2008 were for multi-family.



Land Development Trends

COUNTY	Developable Land Remaining						Annual Rate Converted		
	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007	2008	2001-2003	2005-2007	2007-2008
Carroll*	na	na	na	246,662	244,920	244,269	na	871	651
Bartow*	na	na	na	230,251	228,343	226,839	na	954	1,504
Coweta*	209,811	207,089	202,487	190,067	187,403	185,735	2,301	1,332	1,668
Cherokee	197,212	192,469	185,382	173,391	170,175	168,120	3,544	1,608	2,055
Hall*	na	na	na	165,321	161,639	160,752	na	1,841	887
Walton*	na	na	na	150,404	148,362	147,329	na	1,021	1,033
Paulding*	152,887	148,673	142,546	132,794	129,055	127,869	3,064	1,869	1,186
Newton*	na	na	na	112,251	111,377	110,157	na	437	1,220
Fulton	135,841	130,479	122,270	107,875	104,386	101,976	4,105	1,744	2,410
Henry	133,710	127,612	116,840	104,838	101,698	98,534	5,386	1,570	3,164
Spalding*	na	na	na	86,847	85,249	84,107	na	799	1,142
Barrow*	na	na	na	69,722	68,496	67,565	na	613	931
Gwinnett	108,413	94,998	85,432	73,423	68,829	66,387	4,783	2,297	2,442
Forsyth*	88,942	85,245	81,004	69,655	67,001	65,924	2,121	1,327	1,077
Douglas	79,178	76,790	70,750	65,209	63,400	62,765	3,020	905	635
Fayette	65,358	63,537	59,873	54,683	52,714	51,918	1,832	984	796
Rockdale	47,954	47,204	44,496	41,428	40,997	39,895	1,354	215	1,102
Cobb	53,620	48,099	43,715	36,635	35,099	34,774	2,192	768	325
DeKalb	37,663	34,573	31,551	28,866	27,686	26,628	1,511	590	1,058
Clayton	28,136	26,169	22,645	18,488	17,641	17,167	1,762	424	474
Total	1,338,727	1,282,937	1,208,991	2,158,810	2,114,470	2,088,709	36,973	22,170	25,761

* Represent the External 10 Counties. Those counties without an asterisk are collectively called the "core" 10 Counties.

Source: ARC's 2009LandPro

Data for the additional seven counties in ARC's 20-county planning area are not available prior to 2005.

Developable lands are those classified as either agricultural or forested.



Employment Trends

ARC Employment Estimates 2000 - 2009

					2008 - 2009		2006 - 2009		2000 - 2009	
	2000	2006	2008	2009	Net Change	% Change	Net Change	% Change	Net Change	% Change
Fulton	730,900	716,137	727,740	687,142	-40,598	-5.6%	-28,995	-4.0%	-43,758	-6.0%
Cobb	313,800	321,111	326,951	311,082	-15,869	-4.9%	-10,029	-3.1%	-2,718	-0.9%
Gwinnett	291,900	322,628	322,771	295,315	-27,456	-8.5%	-27,313	-8.5%	3,415	1.2%
DeKalb	346,900	303,829	307,116	293,702	-13,414	-4.4%	-10,127	-3.3%	-53,198	-15.3%
Clayton	135,900	127,304	120,613	114,760	-5,853	-4.9%	-12,544	-9.9%	-21,140	-15.6%
Henry	32,900	47,398	49,986	45,619	-4,367	-8.7%	-1,779	-3.8%	12,719	38.7%
Cherokee	35,750	49,861	47,561	44,242	-3,319	-7.0%	-5,619	-11.3%	8,492	23.8%
Douglas	33,700	40,153	40,698	38,036	-2,662	-6.5%	-2,117	-5.3%	4,336	12.9%
Fayette	35,100	40,645	39,677	36,362	-3,315	-8.4%	-4,283	-10.5%	1,262	3.6%
Rockdale	34,600	34,437	31,980	29,154	-2,826	-8.8%	-5,283	-15.3%	-5,446	-15.7%
"Core" 10 County Total	1,991,450	2,003,503	2,015,093	1,895,414	-119,679	-5.9%	-108,089	-5.4%	-96,036	-4.8%
Hall	63,600	73,272	74,536	68,261	-6,275	-8.4%	-5,011	-6.8%	4,661	7.3%
Forsyth	35,450	59,523	61,542	59,202	-2,340	-3.8%	-321	-0.5%	23,752	67.0%
Carroll	31,400	36,075	38,704	36,663	-2,041	-5.3%	588	1.6%	5,263	16.8%
Bartow	29,400	36,294	33,516	31,368	-2,148	-6.4%	-4,926	-13.6%	1,968	6.7%
Coweta	27,600	32,463	33,220	30,578	-2,642	-8.0%	-1,885	-5.8%	2,978	10.8%
Spalding	21,800	23,209	22,482	20,981	-1,501	-6.7%	-2,228	-9.6%	-819	-3.8%
Newton	17,500	22,262	21,386	20,864	-522	-2.4%	-1,398	-6.3%	3,364	19.2%
Paulding	12,500	20,539	21,236	20,005	-1,231	-5.8%	-534	-2.6%	7,505	60.0%
Walton	13,350	20,346	18,604	17,621	-983	-5.3%	-2,725	-13.4%	4,271	32.0%
Barrow	11,150	16,117	15,508	14,866	-642	-4.1%	-1,251	-7.8%	3,716	33.3%
"External" 10 County Total	263,750	340,100	340,734	320,409	-20,325	-6.0%	-19,691	-5.8%	56,659	21.5%
20-County Total	2,255,200	2,343,603	2,355,827	2,215,823	-140,004	-5.9%	-127,780	-5.5%	-39,377	-1.7%

Source: ARC

Cherokee employment...

- Had approximately **2.3 percent** of the total 10-county Atlanta region employment in 2009.
- Had the **second largest percent increase** in the "core" 10-counties between 2000 and 2009, up 23.8% but had the 4th highest percentage loss from 2006 to 2009 in the "core," down 11.3%.
- Will more than triple by 2030, adding nearly 86,000 jobs between 2000 and 2030. (See next page)



Employment Trends

ARC Employment Forecasts 2000 - 2030

	2000	2030	Total Change	% Change
Cherokee	35,750	121,699	85,949	240.4%
Clayton	135,900	168,726	32,826	24.2%
Cobb	313,800	448,821	135,021	43.0%
DeKalb	346,900	431,013	84,113	24.2%
Douglas	33,700	82,925	49,225	146.1%
Fayette	35,100	88,018	52,918	150.8%
Fulton	730,900	1,046,985	316,085	43.2%
Gwinnett	291,900	516,001	224,101	76.8%
Henry	32,900	122,843	89,943	273.4%
Rockdale	34,600	59,273	24,673	71.3%
City of Atlanta	437,195	534,073	96,878	22.2%
10-County Region	1,991,450	3,086,304	1,094,854	55.0%
Barrow	11,150	44,524	33,374	299.3%
Bartow	29,400	68,570	39,170	133.2%
Carroll	31,400	75,408	44,008	140.2%
Coweta	27,600	71,180	43,580	157.9%
Forsyth	35,450	133,953	98,503	277.9%
Hall	63,600	146,250	82,650	130.0%
Newton	17,500	49,942	32,442	185.4%
Paulding	12,500	63,832	51,332	410.7%
Spalding	21,800	43,649	21,849	100.2%
Walton	13,350	65,455	52,105	390.3%
Total 20-County Area	2,255,200	3,849,067	1,593,867	70.7%



Employment Trends

ARC 2009 Employment Estimates - Detail

	2006 Jobs		2008 Jobs		2009 Jobs		Highest Paying		Lowest Paying	
	Top-5 Sectors	Bottom-5 Sectors	Top-5 Sectors	Bottom-5 Sectors	Top-5 Sectors	Bottom-5 Sectors	06-09 Change	% Change	06-09 Change	% Change
Cherokee	6,661	23,950	6,786	22,289	5,955	22,240	-706	-10.60%	-1,710	-7.14%
Clayton	12,785	39,627	11,601	39,611	10,252	37,889	-2,533	-19.81%	-1,738	-4.39%
Cobb	83,738	129,909	84,448	131,260	81,636	125,523	-2,102	-2.51%	-4,386	-3.38%
DeKalb	69,744	109,986	66,191	118,364	65,556	110,519	-4,188	-6.00%	533	0.48%
Douglas	4,061	20,174	3,815	20,705	3,741	18,800	-320	-7.88%	-1,374	-6.81%
Fayette	6,049	17,467	6,255	16,449	5,820	15,218	-229	-3.79%	-2,249	-12.88%
Fulton	233,923	231,465	232,830	243,321	221,759	225,308	-12,164	-5.20%	-6,157	-2.66%
Gwinnett	86,493	133,091	88,222	131,676	81,422	119,519	-5,071	-5.86%	-13,572	-10.20%
Henry	5,309	21,930	6,229	25,674	5,433	22,931	124	2.34%	1,001	4.56%
Rockdale	4,486	14,185	4,175	13,615	3,941	12,269	-545	-12.15%	-1,916	-13.51%
"Core" Total	513,249	741,784	510,552	762,964	485,515	710,216	-27,734	-5.40%	-31,568	-4.26%
Barrow	2,891	6,315	1,978	6,950	1,834	6,786	-1,057	-36.56%	471	7.46%
Bartow	3,499	13,100	3,917	12,207	3,526	11,005	27	0.77%	-2,095	-15.99%
Carroll	3,838	13,631	4,385	14,366	4,069	14,137	231	6.02%	506	3.71%
Coweta	3,643	13,504	3,357	14,855	2,999	14,348	-644	-17.68%	844	6.25%
Forsyth	12,238	21,263	13,559	21,749	13,193	22,553	955	7.80%	1,290	6.07%
Hall	8,689	24,714	9,607	25,727	8,493	22,866	-196	-2.26%	-1,848	-7.48%
Newton	1,934	8,451	1,834	8,339	1,774	7,844	-160	-8.27%	-607	-7.18%
Paulding	2,074	10,624	1,618	10,994	1,582	11,150	-492	-23.72%	526	4.95%
Spalding	2,103	9,557	2,080	9,055	1,885	8,613	-218	-10.37%	-944	-9.88%
Walton	2,266	8,298	1,882	7,634	1,837	7,819	-429	-18.93%	-479	-5.77%
"External" Total	43,175	129,457	44,217	131,876	41,192	127,121	-1,983	-4.59%	-2,336	-1.80%
20-Co. Total	556,424	871,241	554,769	894,840	526,707	837,337	-29,717	-5.34%	-33,904	-3.89%

Source: ARC

Cherokee employment...

- As a percentage of total jobs, **Cherokee has the second-highest percentage of jobs coming from the five-lowest paying sectors in the 20-county area**, behind only Paulding.
- Has 13.5% of its jobs coming from the five highest-paying sectors, which is roughly half of the "core" 10-counties' share.
- Experienced a **10.6% loss rate** between 2006 and 2009 in high-paying jobs, **nearly twice** the "core" 10-counties' loss. This was also seventh highest percent loss in the 20-county area.

The five highest-paying job sectors in metro Atlanta, according to the Census Bureau's Quarterly Workforce Indicators programs, are (based on 2nd quarter, 2006): 1. Information (\$5,790 monthly), 2. Finance (\$5,627 monthly), 3. Professional, Technical and Business Services (\$5,559), 4. Wholesale Trade (\$5,450) and 5. Management of Companies (\$5,232). The five lowest-paying job sectors in metro Atlanta, according to the Census Bureau's Quarterly Workforce Indicators programs, are (based on 2nd quarter, 2006): 1. Accommodation and Food Services (\$1,499 monthly), 2. Arts, Entertainment and Recreation (\$2,369 monthly), 3. Retail Trade (\$2,440), 4. Administrative Support/Waste Mgmt. (\$2,879) and 5. Educational Services (\$3,151).



Transportation Trends

Where Cherokee Residents are Employed

County Where Employed	Number	Percent
Fulton	21,898	24.1%
Cobb	21,657	23.9%
Cherokee	20,578	22.7%
Gwinnett	5,498	6.1%
DeKalb	4,768	5.3%
Forsyth	3,463	3.8%
Clayton	1,342	1.5%
Bartow	1,292	1.4%
Pickens	922	1.0%
Paulding	565	0.6%
All Other Locations	8,806	9.7%
Total Jobs:	90,789	100%

Where Workers In Cherokee Reside

County Of Residence	Number	Percent
Cherokee	20,578	42.7%
Cobb	6,964	14.4%
Fulton	2,919	6.1%
Pickens	1,984	4.1%
Gwinnett	1,743	3.6%
Bartow	1,660	3.4%
DeKalb	1,282	2.7%
Forsyth	1,215	2.5%
Paulding	799	1.7%
Hall	609	1.3%
All Other Locations	8,446	17.5%
Total Jobs:	48,199	100%

