

The State of Georgia Families

2007

Listed below are some brief facts about family life, health, economics, children, and housing in Georgia.

Family Life

Healthy families make healthy communities.

- 138,561 babies were born in 2004.
- 12,886 low-birth weight babies were born in 2004.
- 49.8% of households in 2000 included children under age 18.
- 9.6% of the population was over 65 years of age in 2005.

Nutrition and Health

Healthy eating and exercise help to reduce the risk of chronic disease.

- 16,551 deaths were due to heart disease in 2004.
- 14,294 deaths were due to cancer in 2004.
- 59% of adult Georgians are obese or overweight.

Children and Parents

Children need involved adults who care about them.

- 26.04% of the population was under 18 years of age in 2005.
- 67,259 cases of child abuse were investigated in 2005.
- In 2005, all parents worked outside the home in 61% of families with children under age 6.
- In 2000, 47.6% of grandparents living in the same household with a grandchild were responsible for the child's care.

Adolescents

Adolescents need opportunities to develop leadership and autonomy.

- 69.4% of teens graduated on time from public high schools in 2005.
- 13,198 births were to unwed teens in 2004.
- 33% of households with children ages 6-17 did not have Internet access at home in 2003.

Family Economics

Managing financial resources increases family stability.

- Median family income was \$58,203 in 2006.
- Georgia's bankruptcy rate is the 10th highest in the U.S. There were 82,462 bankruptcy filings in Georgia in 2005.

Housing

Affordable homeownership and maintenance can prevent household hazards and neighborhood blight.

- 5% of homes were built before 1940.
- The 2006 housing wage in Georgia was \$13.05 per hour. Housing wage is the amount a full-time worker must earn to afford a 2-bedroom house.

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Family Life

- 289 babies were born in 2004.
- 29 were low-birth weight babies.
- 44.4% of households included children under age 18 in 2000.
- 15.17% of the population was over 65 years of age in 2005.

Nutrition and Health

- 55 deaths were due to heart disease in 2004.
- 54 deaths were due to cancer.

Children and Parents

- 23.87% of the population was under 18 years of age in 2005.
- 156 cases of child abuse were investigated in 2005.
- In 2000, all parents worked outside the home in 55.8% of families with children under age 6.
- In 2000, 51.1% of grandparents living in the same household with a grandchild were responsible for the child's care.

Adolescents

- 56.1% of teens graduated on time from high school in 2005.
- 36 births were to unwed teens in 2004.

Family Economics

- Median family income was \$39,600 in 2006.
- There were 151 bankruptcy filings in 2005.

Housing

- The 2006 housing wage was \$9.15 per hour.