

# The State of Georgia Families

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

## Family Life

Healthy families make healthy communities.

- 148,403 babies were born in 2006.
- 14,209 low-birth weight babies were born in 2006.
- 49.8% of households in 2000 included children under age 18.
- 9.88% of the population was 65 years of age and older in 2007.

## Nutrition and Health

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

- 16,258 deaths were due to heart disease in 2006.
- 14,322 deaths were due to cancer in 2006.
- 61.7% of adult Georgians are obese or overweight.
- 12% of children 18 & under have no health insurance (2005).

## Children and Parents

Children need involved adults who care about them.

- 26.5% of the population was under 18 years of age in 2007.
- 43,766 cases of child abuse were investigated in 2007.
- 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.
- 36% of children under 18 lived in families headed by a single parent (2004).

## Adolescents

Adolescents need opportunities to develop leadership and autonomy.

- 72.3% of teens graduated on time from public high schools in 2007.
- 14,544 births were to unwed teens in 2006.
- 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 household income was \$45,564 in 2005.
- Georgia's bankruptcy rate is one of the highest in the U.S. There were 51,070 bankruptcy filings in Georgia in 2007.

## Housing

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

- The 2008 housing wage in Georgia was \$13.98 per hour. Housing wage is the amount a full-time worker must earn to afford a 2-bedroom house.

## The State of *Dawson County* Families

### Family Life

- 250 babies were born in 2006.
- 17 were low-birth weight babies.
- 43.7% of households included children under age 18 in 2000.
- 11.19% of the population was 65 years of age and older in 2007.

### Nutrition and Health

- 41 deaths were due to heart disease in 2006.
- 47 deaths were due to cancer.

### Children and Parents

- 25.31% of the population was under 18 years of age in 2007.
- 107 cases of child abuse were investigated in 2007.
- In 2000, all parents worked outside the home in 60.7% of families with children under age 6.
- In 2000, 31.7% of grandparents living in the same household with a grandchild were responsible for the child's care.

### Adolescents

- 78.3% of teens graduated on time from high school in 2007.
- 9 births were to unwed teens in 2006.

### Family Economics

- Median household income was \$47,925 in 2005.
- There were 93 bankruptcy filings in 2007.

### Housing

- The 2008 housing wage was \$15.85 per hour.