



DATE: August 9, 2023

ISSUE SUMMARY: Annual Population Estimates

FROM: Kerry Armstrong, Chair, ARC Board

IMPORTANCE:

The Atlanta Regional Commission annually produces population estimates for major jurisdictions in the Atlanta Region. These estimates are the basis for assessing dues funding the Atlanta Regional Commission for the following year. Under the law establishing the Atlanta Regional Commission, the estimates and dues calculation must be adopted by the Commission before the end of August.

METHODOLOGY

The foundation for these population estimates is the 2020 United States Census. Counts of housing units are updated to April 1 of the estimate year based on prior year building permit data and previous year estimates. The updated permit trends are translated into population change based on observed 2020 average occupancy rates and household sizes. As part of the resolution are:

- A table detailing the April 1, 2023 estimates and comparing them with data for earlier years.
- A table detailing the calculation of the appropriation due from each political jurisdiction in the year 2024.

ACTION REQUIRED:

The ARC Board will be asked to adopt population estimates at their August 9 meeting.



A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE ANNUAL POPULATION ESTIMATES AND APPROVING THE OPERATING FUNDS DUE

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Commission is a Metropolitan Area Planning and Development Commission created pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-8-80, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, under Subsection (b) of Georgia Code Section 50-8-101, as amended, the Atlanta Regional Commission is required to prepare annual estimates of the population of each county within the Area and the City of Atlanta as the basis for determining the operating funds which each county and the City of Atlanta will provide the Commission in the calendar year next following the year in which the estimates were made; and

WHEREAS, Subsection (c) of Georgia Code Section 50-8-101 requires that after the first day of April but before the first day of September of each year the Atlanta Regional Commission shall make the necessary population estimates and compute the amount due from the governing body of each political subdivision in accordance with a formula set forth in Subsection (b) of Georgia Code Section 50-8-101 and certify such population estimates and other data to each such governing body; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Atlanta Regional Commission has prepared population estimates based on the analysis of a variety of social and economic measures and calculated the amount due from the governing body of each political subdivision as set forth in the attached table;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission hereby certifies the April 1, 2023 population estimates and approves the computations set forth in the attached tables which establish the operating funds due to the commission.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Atlanta Regional Commission on August 9, 2023.

Charissa White-Fulks, ARC Executive Assistant/Assistant Board Secretary

					Average	Average		
	2000	2010	2020	2023	Annual	Annual	Average Annual	
	Census	Census	Census	ARC	Change	Change	Change 2020-2023	
				Estimate	00-10	10-20	Persons	Percent
Atlanta Region	3,527,779	4,283,261	4,967,514	5,158,374	75,548	68,425	63,620	1.3
Cherokee	141,903	214,346	266,620	286,960	7,244	5,227	6,780	2.5
Clayton	236,517	259,424	297,595	303,315	2,291	3,817	1,907	0.6
Cobb	607,751	688,078	766,149	785,349	8,033	7,807	6,400	0.8
DeKalb	665,865	691,893	764,382	779,442	2,603	7,249	5,020	0.7
Douglas	92,174	132,403	144,237	150,697	4,023	1,183	2,153	1.5
Fayette	91,263	106,567	119,194	124,284	1,530	1,263	1,697	1.4
Forsyth	98,400	175,511	251,283	270,833	7,711	7,577	6,517	2.5
Fulton	816,006	920,581	1,066,710	1,105,670	10,458	14,613	12,987	1.2
Gwinnett	588,448	805,321	957,062	997,212	21,687	15,174	13,383	1.4
Henry	119,341	203,922	240,712	257,802	8,458	3,679	5,697	2.3
Rockdale	70,111	85,215	93,570	96,810	1,510	836	1,080	1.1
City of Atlanta	416,474	420,003	498,715	521,315	353	7,871	7,533	1.5
in DeKalb	29,775	28,292	40,020	41,840	-148	1,173	607	1.5
in Fulton	386,699	391,711	458,695	479,475	501	6,698	6,927	1.5

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**POPULATION ESTIMATE AND APPROPRIATION
DUE BY POLITICAL JURISDICTION**

<u>Political Subdivision</u>	<u>Estimated Population 4/1/2023</u>	<u>Formula for Fiscal Support of Regional Planning</u>		<u>Appropriation Due for 2024 Budget</u>
<u>Cherokee County</u>	286,960	\$1.20 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$346,352
<u>Clayton County</u>	303,315	\$1.20 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$365,978
<u>Cobb County</u>	785,349	\$1.20 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$944,419
<u>DeKalb County</u>				
City of Atlanta	41,840	\$.48 per capita	\$20,083	
Outside Atlanta	737,602	\$1.20 per capita	\$885,122	
DeKalb County Total			plus \$2,000	\$907,206
<u>Douglas County</u>	150,697	\$1.20 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$182,836
<u>Fayette County</u>	124,284	\$1.20 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$151,141
<u>Forsyth County</u>	270,833	\$1.20 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$327,000
<u>Fulton County</u>				
City of Atlanta	479,475	\$.48 per capita	\$230,148	
Outside Atlanta	626,195	\$1.20 per capita	\$751,434	
Fulton County Total			plus \$2,000	\$983,582
<u>Gwinnett County</u>	997,212	\$1.20 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$1,198,654
<u>Henry County</u>	257,802	\$1.20 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$311,362
<u>Rockdale County</u>	96,810	\$1.20 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$118,172
<u>City of Atlanta</u>	521,315	\$.72 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$377,347
Total	5,158,374			\$6,214,049