

Profile of DeKalb County

The racial and ethnic diversity of DeKalb County has increased over the past years. The changing trends and growth have impacted population characteristics such as health care, income, education, culture, crime and other factors.

POPULATION

The following table shows select demographic characteristics for DeKalb County.

Total 2007 estimate	737,093
% change in total 2000-2007	+10.7
% Black alone, 2007 estimate	54.6
% White alone, 2007 estimate	34.2
% Asian alone, 2007 estimate	4.2
% American Indian and Alaska Native	0.4
% Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1
% Hispanic/Latino, 2007 estimate	10.1
% Foreign born	16.6
% Speak language other than English at home (> 5 years old)	17.6
% Age 65 and over, 2007 estimate	8.4
Median age, Total, 2007 estimate	35.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey; The 2009 Georgia County Guide.

Between 2000 and 2007:

- DeKalb's population increased from 665,865 to 737,093.
- There was a 42 percent increase among the Hispanic population. In 2007 6.6 percent of Hispanics classified themselves as Mexican.
- The median age of the total population increased from 32.3 to 35.9 years.

In 2007:

- Fifty-one percent of DeKalb County residents were female and 49 percent were male.
- Twenty-four percent were under the age of 18.
- Blacks represented 54.6 percent of the population and highly populated the southern part of the county.
- Four percent of individuals identified themselves as Asian. In 2007 the highest percentages of Asians were Asian Indian (29%), Vietnamese (29%), Chinese (13%) and Korean (12%).

HEALTH

The following table shows select health characteristics of DeKalb County.

General hospital*, 2006	6
General nursing homes* (State Fiscal Year 2007)	16
Total practicing physicians, 2006	2,234
Persons per physician ratio, 2006	322
Medicaid average # of recipients (State Fiscal Year 2007)	161,101
Medicaid recipients % of population	21.9
Medicare payments, 2006	\$595,612,000

Source: The 2009 Georgia County Guide.

Note: State Fiscal Year refers to the 12-month period by which Georgia keeps its financial records (July-June).

*Does not include federal, state operated, private psychiatric or special hospitals or nursing homes.

- In 2006, there was one physician for every 322 residents compared to Gwinnett County (one per 789 residents) and Fulton County (one per 240 residents).

ECONOMICS

The following table shows select economic characteristics of DeKalb County.

Median household income, 2007	\$51,706
Per capita income, 2007 estimate	\$28,666
Families living below poverty level, % in 2007	10.5
Persons below poverty, 2007	103,193
Bankruptcy filings per 1,000 population, 2007	6.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey; The 2009 Georgia County Guide.

In 2007:

- Fourteen percent of people were living in poverty.
- About 10 percent of all DeKalb's families, and 22 percent of families with a female householder and no husband present, were living below the poverty level.
- Median household income increased from \$45,123 in 2003.
- Bankruptcy filings decreased from 10.8 per 1,000 in 2003.

EDUCATION

The following table shows select education characteristics of DeKalb County.

Total enrollment	101,079
% qualifying for free/reduced price lunch	63.7
% students with disabilities	9.4
High school dropout rate per 100 enrolled	1.7
Class of 2007 percent completion (freshman to senior)	72.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey, The 2009 Georgia County Guide.

- During the 2006-2007 school year, 63.7 percent of over 101,000 students enrolled in DeKalb's public schools qualified for free or reduced price lunch.
- Of the students who entered ninth grade in 2003, 72.5 percent were in the graduating class four years later.
- The high school dropout rate decreased from 6.3 in 2003 to 1.7 in 2007.
- The percent completion from freshman to senior increased from 60.3 in 2003 to 72.5 in 2007.

HOUSING

The following table shows select housing characteristics for DeKalb County.

Table 5: DeKalb County housing profile	
Total housing units, 2007 estimates	306,106
% change 2000-2007	+17.2
Total families, 2007 estimates	159,536
% with children < 18	29.0
% married couples	37.3
% female householder, no husband present	17.0
% female householder, no husband, w/children < 18	10.5
Total households, 2007 estimates	270,369
# persons per household	2.67

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey; The 2009 Georgia County Guide.

In 2007:

- There were over 270,000 households with an average of 2.67 persons per household.
- Of the 159,536 estimated families in DeKalb, 37.3 percent were married couples.

HOUSEHOLDS

The following table shows select household characteristics for DeKalb County.

Table 6: DeKalb County households profile	
Total households, 2007 estimate	270,369
Unmarried-partner households	15,710
Male householder and male partner	2,490
Male householder and female partner	6,140
Female householder and female partner	1,602
Female householder and male partner	5,478
All other households	254,659

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey.

Note: The U.S. Census Bureau defines an unmarried-partner household as a household in which the householder and his or her partner, a non-related person who holds a close personal relationship with householder, are not legally married or participating in a common law marriage.

From 2000 to 2007:

- DeKalb saw an 8 percent increase in the total number of unmarried-partner households.
- There was a 32 percent increase in male householders living with male partners and a three percent increase in female householders living with female partners.
- Male partners living with female householders decreased 15 percent.

LABOR

The following table shows select labor characteristics for DeKalb County.

Table 7: DeKalb County labor profile	
Residents' average travel time to work in minutes, 2007 estimate	31.4
% of residents working outside of county, 2000	56.0
% of workforce coming in to county from elsewhere, 2000	52.3

Source: The 2009 Georgia County Guide.

In 2007:

- 72 percent of DeKalb County workers drove to work alone.
- Over half of all residents worked outside the county.
- The average time to commute one-way was 31.4 minutes.

CRIME

The following table shows select crime characteristics for DeKalb County.

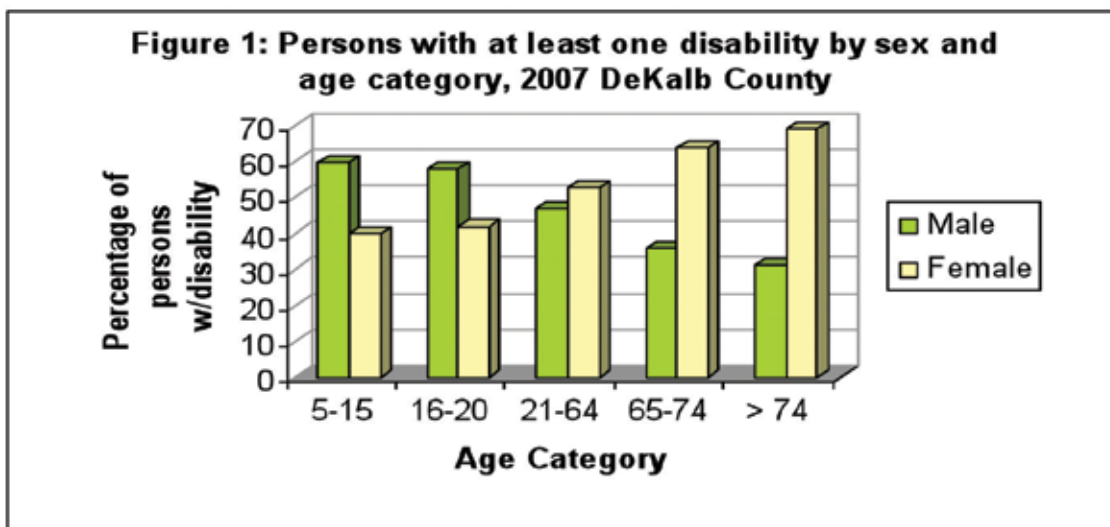
Table 8: DeKalb County crime profile	
Index Crimes reported, 2007	44,099
Arrests for Index Crimes, 2007	7,409
Percent juvenile arrests	28.7
% incarcerated for violent/sex crimes	70.7

Source: The 2009 Georgia County Guide.

In 2007:

- A total of 44,099 Index Crimes were reported, of which 5,345 were violent crimes (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) and 38,754 were property crimes (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft).
- A total of 7,409 individuals were arrested for these Index Crimes and 28.7 percent of those arrested were juveniles (age 17 and under).
- Over 70 percent of persons in state prison (2,593 people) were incarcerated for violent/sex crimes.

DISABILITY



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey.

In 2007:

- A total of 84,887 people in DeKalb lived with at least one disability.
- There were more males between the ages of 5 and 20 with disabilities than females (Figure 1).