



DATE: August 25, 2021

ISSUE SUMMARY: Annual Population Estimates

FROM: Felicia Moore, Chair, Community Resources Committee

IMPORTANCE:

The Atlanta Regional Commission annually produces population estimates for major jurisdictions in the Atlanta Region. These estimates are the basis for assessing dues 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. Attached are:

- A proposed resolution adopting the April 1, 2021 estimates.
- A table detailing the April 1, 2021 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 2022.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approval

RESOLUTION BY THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION APPROVING ANNUAL POPULATION ESTIMATES

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 approves the April 1, 2021 population estimates and computations set forth in the attached tables and authorizes the Director to certify them to the governing bodies as required by law.

					Average	Average		
	2000	2010	2020	2021	Annual	Annual	Average Annual	
	Census	Census	Census	ARC	Change	Change	Change 2020-2021	
				Estimate	00-10	10-20	Persons	Percent
Atlanta Region	3,527,779	4,283,261	4,967,514	5,026,704	75,548	68,425	59,190	1.2
Cherokee	141,903	214,346	266,620	272,950	7,244	5,227	6,330	2.4
Clayton	236,517	259,424	297,595	300,085	2,291	3,817	2,490	0.8
Cobb	607,751	688,078	766,149	772,349	8,033	7,807	6,200	0.8
DeKalb	665,865	691,893	764,382	769,592	2,603	7,249	5,210	0.7
Douglas	92,174	132,403	144,237	146,237	4,023	1,183	2,000	1.4
Fayette	91,263	106,567	119,194	120,684	1,530	1,263	1,490	1.3
Forsyth	98,400	175,511	251,283	258,413	7,711	7,577	7,130	2.8
Fulton	816,006	920,581	1,066,710	1,075,970	10,458	14,613	9,260	0.9
Gwinnett	588,448	805,321	957,062	970,242	21,687	15,174	13,180	1.4
Henry	119,341	203,922	240,712	245,902	8,458	3,679	5,190	2.2
Rockdale	70,111	85,215	93,570	94,280	1,510	836	710	0.8
City of Atlanta	416,474	420,003	498,715	501,945	353	7,871	3,230	0.6
in DeKalb	29,775	28,292	40,020	40,280	-148	1,173	260	0.6
in Fulton	386,699	391,711	458,695	461,665	501	6,698	2,970	0.6

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

<u>Political Subdivision</u>	<u>Estimated Population 4/1/2021</u>	<u>Formula for Fiscal Support of Regional Planning</u>		<u>Appropriation Due for 2022 Budget</u>
<u>Cherokee County</u>	272,950	\$1.10 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$302,245
<u>Clayton County</u>	300,085	\$1.10 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$332,094
<u>Cobb County</u>	772,349	\$1.10 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$851,584
<u>DeKalb County</u>				
City of Atlanta	40,280	\$.44 per capita	\$17,723	
Outside Atlanta	729,312	\$1.10 per capita	\$802,243	
DeKalb County Total			plus \$2,000	\$821,966
<u>Douglas County</u>	146,237	\$1.10 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$162,861
<u>Fayette County</u>	120,684	\$1.10 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$134,752
<u>Forsyth County</u>	258,413	\$1.10 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$286,254
<u>Fulton County</u>		\$1.10 per capita		\$2,000
City of Atlanta	461,665	\$.44 per capita	\$203,133	
Outside Atlanta	614,305	\$1.10 per capita	\$675,736	
Fulton County Total			plus \$2,000	\$880,868
<u>Gwinnett County</u>	970,242	\$1.10 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$1,069,266
<u>Henry County</u>	245,902	\$1.10 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$272,492
<u>Rockdale County</u>	94,280	\$1.10 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$105,708
<u>City of Atlanta</u>	501,945	\$.66 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$333,284
Total	5,026,704			\$5,555,374