



**DATE:** August 24, 2016

**ISSUE SUMMARY: Annual Population Estimates**

**FROM:** Richard Oden, 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 2010 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 2010 average occupancy rates and household sizes adjusted for best available current vacancy information from the United States Postal Service and school enrollment data. The estimates derived from the assessment of building permits are further refined by consideration of birth, death, and migration data from the U.S. Census Bureau. This additional data is used in a demographic accounting equation estimates model that was calibrated by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government. Attached is:

- A proposed resolution adopting the April 1, 2016 estimates.
- A table detailing the calculation of the appropriation due from each political jurisdiction in the year 2017.
- A table detailing the April 1, 2016 estimates and comparing them with data for earlier years.

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

The ARC Board will be asked to adopt population estimates at their August 24 monthly meeting.

## **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, 2016, 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.

	<b>1990 Census</b>	<b>2000 Census</b>	<b>2010 Census</b>	<b>2016 ARC Estimate</b>	<b>Average Annual Change 1990- 2000</b>	<b>Average Annual Change 2000- 2010</b>	<b>Average Change Persons 2010- 2016</b>	<b>Annual 2010-16 Percent</b>
<b>Atlanta Region</b>	2,557,800	3,429,379	4,107,750	<b>4,401,800</b>	87,158	67,837	<b>49,008</b>	1.1
<b>Cherokee</b>	91,000	141,903	214,346	<b>240,100</b>	5,090	7,244	<b>4,292</b>	1.9
<b>Clayton</b>	184,100	236,517	259,424	<b>270,600</b>	5,242	2,291	<b>1,863</b>	0.7
<b>Cobb</b>	453,400	607,751	688,078	<b>737,500</b>	15,435	8,033	<b>8,237</b>	1.2
<b>DeKalb</b>	553,800	665,865	691,893	<b>725,000</b>	11,207	2,603	<b>5,518</b>	0.8
<b>Douglas</b>	71,700	92,174	132,403	<b>139,000</b>	2,047	4,023	<b>1,100</b>	0.8
<b>Fayette</b>	62,800	91,263	106,567	<b>112,300</b>	2,846	1,530	<b>956</b>	0.9
<b>Fulton</b>	670,800	816,006	920,581	<b>985,700</b>	14,521	10,458	<b>10,853</b>	1.1
<b>Gwinnett</b>	356,500	588,448	805,321	<b>877,100</b>	23,195	21,687	<b>11,963</b>	1.4
<b>Henry</b>	59,200	119,341	203,922	<b>223,600</b>	6,014	8,458	<b>3,280</b>	1.5
<b>Rockdale</b>	54,500	70,111	85,215	<b>90,900</b>	1,561	1,510	<b>948</b>	1.1
<b>City of Atlanta</b>	415,200	416,474	420,003	<b>439,600</b>	127	353	<b>3,266</b>	0.8
<b>in DeKalb</b>	35,300	29,775	28,292	<b>29,860</b>	-553	-148	<b>261</b>	0.9
<b>in Fulton</b>	379,900	386,699	391,711	<b>409,740</b>	680	501	<b>3,005</b>	0.8

## Draft for Adoption

# POPULATION ESTIMATE AND APPROPRIATION DUE BY POLITICAL JURISDICTION

<u>Political Subdivision</u>	<u>Estimated Population 4/1/2016</u>	<u>Formula for Fiscal Support of Regional Planning</u>		<u>Appropriation Due for 2017 Budget</u>
<u>Cherokee County</u>	240,100	\$1.00 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$242,100
<u>Clayton County</u>	270,600	\$1.00 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$272,600
<u>Cobb County</u>	737,500	\$1.00 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$739,500
<u>DeKalb County</u>				
City of Atlanta	29,860	\$.40 per capita	\$11,944	
Outside Atlanta	695,140	\$1.00 per capita	\$695,140	
DeKalb County Total			plus \$2,000	\$709,084
<u>Douglas County</u>	139,000	\$1.00 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$141,000
<u>Fayette County</u>	112,300	\$1.00 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$114,300
<u>Fulton County</u>		\$1.00 per capita		
City of Atlanta	409,740	\$.40 per capita	\$163,896	
Outside Atlanta	575,960	\$1.00 per capita	\$575,960	
Fulton County Total			plus \$2,000	\$741,856
<u>Gwinnett County</u>	877,100	\$1.00 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$879,100
<u>Henry County</u>	223,600	\$1.00 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$225,600
<u>Rockdale County</u>	90,900	\$1.00 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$92,900
<u>City of Atlanta</u>	439,600	\$.60 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$265,760
<b>Total</b>	4,401,800			\$4,423,800