

2021 Population Estimates

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The Highlights

- For the first time, the Atlanta Region's population exceeds 5 million residents (5,026,704)
- The 11-County Atlanta Region added 59,190 new residents between April 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021. This is the slowest annual population growth since 2014, which is to be expected given the economic downturn and pandemic.
- Our newest member, Forsyth County, had the greatest annual percent change in the region at 2.8 percent, followed by Cherokee (2.4%) and Henry (2.2%)
- Gwinnett County paced the region in total population added, up 13,180 new residents.

The Numbers

	2000	2010	2020	2021	Average	Average		
	Census	Census	Census	ARC	Annual	Annual	Average Annual	
				Estimate	Change	Change	Change 2020-2021	
					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

How Did We Do?

24,231: Difference
between ARC's 2020
Estimate and the Official
2020 Census population
of the 10-county region

0.51%: % Difference
between ARC's 2020
Estimate and the Official
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