

# The State of Georgia Families

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Listed below are some brief facts about family life, health, economics, children, and housing in Georgia.

## Family Life

Healthy families make healthy communities.

- 150,804 babies were born in 2007.
- 14,351 low-birth weight babies were born in 2007.
- 49.8% of households in 2000 included children under age 18.
- 10.13% of the population was 65 years of age and older in 2008.

## Nutrition and Health

Healthy eating and exercise help to reduce the risk of chronic disease.

- 16,075 deaths were due to heart disease in 2007.
- 14,846 deaths were due to cancer in 2007.
- 64.7% of adult Georgians are obese or overweight. (2008)
- 9.9% of children 18 & under have no health insurance (2008).

## Children and Parents

Children need involved adults who care about them.

- 26.8% of the population was under 18 years of age in 2008.
- 30,600 cases of child abuse were investigated in 2008.

- In 2007, all parents worked outside the home in 63.5% of families with children under age 6.
- 36% of children under 18 lived in families headed by a single parent (2004).

## Adolescents

Adolescents need opportunities to develop leadership and autonomy.

- 75.4% of teens graduated on time from public high schools in 2008.
- 15,251 births were to unwed teens in 2007.

## Family Economics

Managing financial resources increases family stability.

- Median household income was \$42,433 in 2008.
- Georgia's bankruptcy rate is one of the highest in the U.S. There were 62,802 bankruptcy filings in Georgia in 2008.

## Housing

Affordable homeownership and home maintenance can help prevent household hazards and neighborhood blight.

- The 2009 housing wage in Georgia was \$14.66 per hour. Housing wage is the amount a full-time worker must earn to afford a 2-bedroom house.

## The State of *Ben Hill County* Families

### Family Life

- 352 babies were born in 2007.
- 55 were low-birth weight babies.
- 47.9% of households included children under age 18 in 2000.
- 13.27% of the population was 65 years of age and older in 2008.

### Nutrition and Health

- 38 deaths were due to heart disease in 2007.
- 43 deaths were due to cancer.

### Children and Parents

- 27.54% of the population was under 18 years of age in 2008.
- 91 cases of child abuse were investigated in 2008.
- In 2000, all parents worked outside the home in 64.6% of families with children under age 6.

### Adolescents

- 65.9% of teens graduated on time from high school in 2008.
- 61 births were to unwed teens in 2007.

### Family Economics

- Median household income was \$27,100 in 2008.
- There were 167 bankruptcy filings in 2008.

### Housing

- The 2009 housing wage was \$10.31 per hour.