

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.

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Family Life

- 370 babies were born in 2007.
- 41 were low-birth weight babies.
- 43.2% of households included children under age 18 in 2000.
- 14.46% of the population was 65 years of age and older in 2008.

Nutrition and Health

- 68 deaths were due to heart disease in 2007.
- 40 deaths were due to cancer.

Children and Parents

- 24.55% of the population was under 18 years of age in 2008.
- 51 cases of child abuse were investigated in 2008.
- In 2000, all parents worked outside the home in 58% of families with children under age 6.

Adolescents

- 64.0% of teens graduated on time from high school in 2008.
- 51 births were to unwed teens in 2007.

Family Economics

- Median household income was \$31,870 in 2008.
- There were 160 bankruptcy filings in 2008.

Housing

- The 2009 housing wage was \$10.75 per hour.