

Fulton County *2008 Annual Report*



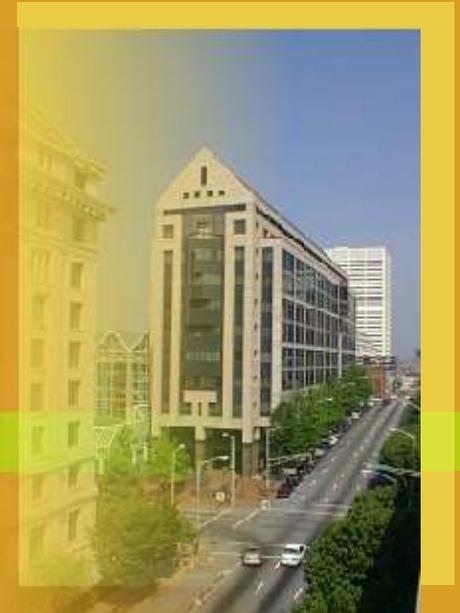
Our Story of
Service





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Greetings from the County Manager



FULTON COUNTY



There is no doubt that 2008 was a notable year locally, nationally and internationally. As Georgia's largest county, Fulton County has been at the epicenter of change and progress in this state.

By many different measures, Fulton County is a prosperous and growing county. We continue to attract tens of thousands of new residents each year, due to the opportunities available to our residents and the quality and diversity of communities within Fulton County.

After my first year of service with Fulton County Government, I am proud of the contributions made to improve the lives of residents of this County.

Among the many initiatives undertaken day-to-day, several stand out:

A record number of registered voters, particularly among younger voters, and the highest ever rate of voter participation

Completion of a major revaluation of commercial properties

Launching of a countywide Customer Service campaign

Adoption of a \$275 million Library Bond Referendum

Zachary Williams

Opening of the Southwest Arts Center Performing Arts Theater and Gallery

Opening of the Youth Employment Service Center

Opening of the New Beginnings Neighborhood Senior Center in Fairburn

Notably, these services are delivered in a cost effective manner that balances the need for services with a need to carefully manage taxpayer dollars. Fulton County has continued its excellent record of financial health, even in the midst of a national economic downturn.

We are pleased to present the highlights in this report, and look forward to continued outstanding service in 2009.



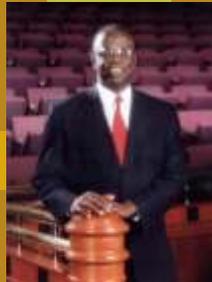
Zachary L. Williams
County Manager, Fulton County

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners

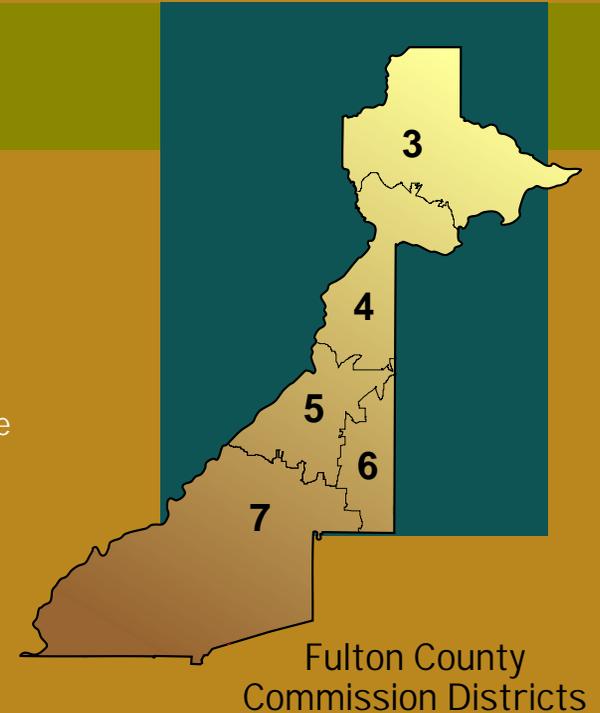
Fulton County is governed by a 7-member Board of Commissioners. Fulton County is a County Manager system of Government in which the County Manager is responsible for the overall administration of all County departments as the combined organization implements the policies of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners



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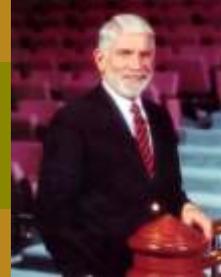




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Financial Overview

Fulton County has a strong record of financial strength and careful fiscal management. Despite challenging economic conditions around the nation in 2008, which had an effect on local government revenues, Fulton County finished the year with a \$59.7 million reserve. Fulton County goes into 2009 with a structurally balanced budget and a commitment to careful management of resources.

More than 70% of Fulton County's revenue comes from property taxes. In 2008, Fulton County completed a major commercial revaluation project to bring commercial properties in line with their actual values.



Services Overview

Countywide services, available to all Fulton County residents, are funded through the General Fund. These include services mandated by State law as well as services needed to provide for the health, safety and well-being of County residents.

Countywide services include:

Health & Wellness

Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities,
Addictive Diseases

Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System

Human Services

Justice System

Registration & Elections

Arts

Tax Assessors

Tax Commissioner

Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency
Management Agency



In addition, residents in unincorporated Fulton County, located in South Fulton, receive municipal-type services funded through the South Fulton Tax District. These services include:

Police

Fire

Parks & Recreation

Environment & Community Development



Our Story of Service



Our Vision

Fulton County is an organization that simultaneously delivers quality programs and services, outstanding customer value, and sound financial performance.

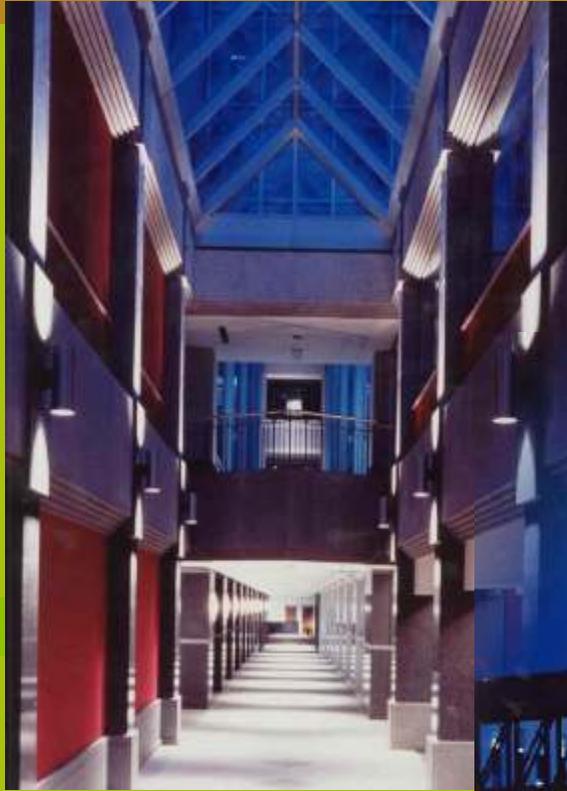
Our Values

- Prevention & Proactivity
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Service Excellence
- Equity
- Ethics



The Business of Government

Fulton County's central mission in protecting and serving its residents is strengthened by its strong business values, primarily a commitment to providing services with maximum efficiency and effectiveness. This commitment is showcased through world-class service to residents and businesses in Fulton County.



In May 2008, Fulton County launched the Customer Connection customer service campaign. As part of this program, a new feedback program was implemented, and all employees began mandatory training in customer service standards.

In 2008, the Fulton County Purchasing Department launched Online Bidding for Quotes, which allows procurements under \$50,000 to be submitted by potential bidders online in a secure environment.

The Fulton County Finance Department received a AAA credit rating for short-term lending, and an overall AA credit rating.





Accreditations - Excellence in Service

The Public Works Department's Water Services Division maintained international accreditation from the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation.

The Purchasing Department received the Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award (3 year re-accreditation) from the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing.

The Medical Examiner is one of 50 Medical Examiner's Offices in the United States to hold accreditation from the National Association of Medical Examiners. Additionally, the Medical Examiner is one of only 37 Medical Examiner offices in the United States to hold the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education for its accredited forensic pathology fellowship training program.



Fulton County Medical Examiner's Center

Serving A New Generation

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners has expressed a particular interest in and commitment to meeting the needs of the county's youngest residents. Realizing that an early investment of resources in young people can make a difference between success and failure, departments and programs throughout the County make service to youth a top priority.



Bowen Homes Community Day

In June 2008, the Fulton County Office of Workforce Development opened the doors of the Youth Employment Service Center. With a mission of providing employment support services to Fulton County residents ages 16 to 21, the Youth Employment Service Center provides job search assistance, on-site GED training, skills assessment, job-readiness and life skills training, on-site hiring opportunities, and much more.

The Fulton County Juvenile Court, in collaboration with the Juvenile Justice Fund, received a \$2.5 million dollar grant to fund the expansion of the Court's Family Drug Court Program.

The Juvenile Justice Fund received \$120,000 from the Humana Foundation and the Home Depot Foundation to renovate space to create a Permanency Center. Permanency planning was mandated for all states in the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980. The policy is to either form a plan to eventually return foster children to their biological homes, or terminate parental rights and place the child for adoption. Construction on the center is expected to be completed in February 2009.

In August 2008, more than 500 children received free school supplies and family services at Bowen Homes Community Day.

Helping M. With Family Transition

In 2005, Fulton County launched the "Transforming the Lives of Children" (TLC) program to provide early intervention for pre-K classes throughout Fulton County.

A four-year old boy, M., and his parents are among the families who have benefitted from the TLC program in 2008. After a Pre-K teacher contacted the TLC program with concerns about M.'s aggressive behavior, TLC identified major stressors in the boy's life, including his parents' divorce and a change in schools. Program staff served as an information bridge between home and the classroom.

M.'s teacher began to see that the boy was hurting inside and acting out of emotional pain. TLC made recommendations to both the parents and the teacher to help M. with the transitions in his life. After four months, TLC staff returned to observe M.'s behavior and saw a completely different child: happy, cooperative, and in control of his emotions.

Research has shown that children who receive early intervention for emotional and behavioral needs have a greater chance of long-term success. The TLC program has been recognized as a model for addressing the needs of young children.



Juvenile Court Clothing Closet



North Fulton 4H Friends



Safe Kids Community Event

Serving Our Pioneers

Fulton County's programs for older adults have been nationally recognized for their quality and innovation. Thousands of residents age 55 and over attend the four multipurpose Senior Facilities and 15 neighborhood senior facilities.

In February 2008, the New Beginnings Neighborhood Senior Center opened its doors in Fairburn. This facility replaced an older facility in the same community.

The Board of Commissioners allocated an additional \$400,000 in 2008 to provide home repair assistance to low-income seniors, to allow them to age in place.

Program offerings were expanded to offer more evening and early morning classes and activities for "baby boomers" who are still in the workforce.



New Beginnings Senior Center



Fancy Ladies



North Fulton Senior Center Golden Games Medalists



Benson Center New Years Eve Party

Darnell Senior Center Participants



James Arnold Finds Healing at Fulton Senior Center

Mr. James Arnold, 79, began attending the H.J.C. Bowden Senior Multipurpose Facility in the spring of 2008. Diabetes had resulted in the amputation of his right leg, and his entire demeanor seemed to be one of defeat.

The Facility Manager continued to build a relationship with Mr. Arnold and learned that he had been very athletic in his youth, and had traveled through Europe playing basketball. Losing his leg had been tremendously traumatic for him. Staff at the Bowden Center encouraged Mr. Arnold to keep coming back and to become a facility volunteer. Gradually, Mr. Arnold began to emerge from his deep depression. He healed physically as well, graduating to a prosthetic leg.

Mr. Arnold now attends the Bowden Facility nearly every day, and walks with only a slight limp. He volunteers regularly with Adult Day Care participants and shares the gift of his beautiful voice.

Like Mr. Arnold, hundreds of seniors find fellowship and therapeutic activities at Fulton County Senior Centers each day.



James Arnold



Mardi Gras at Mills Senior Center



Bowden Senior Center Line Dancers

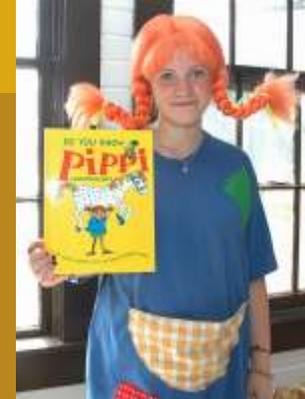
Libraries Offer Education for All

The Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System is the largest in the state, with 34 libraries and a collection of more than 2.5 million items. Last year patrons made over 3.7 million visits to our libraries.

During the November 4, 2008 General Election, Fulton County voters overwhelmingly voted "Yes" on a \$275 million bond referendum that will significantly enhance their public libraries. The bonds will provide funding for 8 new libraries, expansion of 2 libraries and renovation of 23 libraries.

Total circulation in the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System increased by 13% in 2008. Library visits increased 7% and computer use increased 9%. Participation in the library system's GED testing was up 22% and, because of this initiative, 182 individuals received their GED in 2008, up 17% from 2007.

Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System and Zoo Atlanta began a partnership where all library card holders may check out a Zoo Pass, entitling up to a family of four to visit the zoo for free once per year.



Library Volunteer



Game Day at Perry Library



Northside Library

Clara's Story of Success

The library system offers a vast array of classes, programs and events to the public, all free of charge. Literacy efforts are extremely important to the mission of the library and include adult literacy tutoring, GED prep courses, English as a second language, Spanish language series and a wide variety of computer classes.

Clara Thompson is just one of the great success stories. She has been learning to read with her tutor, Martine Talbert, for over two years. By learning to read with the library's adult literacy program, Ms. Thompson achieved her goals of owning a home, voting for the first time and getting her learner's permit to drive. Ms. Talbert calls her a true inspiration.



Clara Thompson and her tutor,
Martine Talbert



Making masks at Hapeville Library



Being creative at the Fancy Nancy
Soiree at the Northside Library



East Atlanta Library

Achievements in the Arts

Southwest Arts Center



As the cultural center of Georgia and the Southeast, Fulton County's support of the arts is well known throughout the region. During 2008, Fulton County marked a number of landmark achievements in the arts including:

Dedication of the Southwest Arts Center Performing Arts Theater and Gallery. In November 2008, the newest jewel in Fulton County's crown of arts centers opened its doors. The new facility includes a 375-seat performing arts theater.

The 20th Anniversary of the National Black Arts Festival. Founded as a Fulton County Arts Council program in 1988, the festival has grown into an international celebration of the arts and culture of persons of the African Diaspora.

Groundbreaking for the new 5,000 seat Wolf Creek Amphitheater in South Fulton.

The 15th Anniversary of Fulton County's public arts program. Fulton County's commitment to the arts includes an allocation of 1% of all capital projects for public art.

North Fulton Encore Park Verizon Amphitheatre - Fulton County provided \$1 million in capital funding in the initial stages of this 12,000-seat venue, which opened in May 2008 in northern Fulton County.



Beginning Ballet Class



Youth Painting Class

Art-at-Work: Christopher's Story

In 1995, the Fulton County Arts Council established Art-at-Work, an arts education and job training program serving at-risk youth, ages 14 to 16. Students in the program have a unique opportunity to participate in unique opportunities to express their creativity through sequential art instruction.

In 2004, Douglas High School freshman Christopher P. entered this program as an arts apprentice and later became a youth arts instructor. During his time in the program, Christopher became more and more engaged in other activities that lay a groundwork for his future...including two years as a Fulton County Youth Commissioner.

In March 2008, Christopher received the prestigious and highly competitive Gates Millennium Scholarship. Christopher entered the Savannah College of Art and Design in the fall of 2008 and is well on his way to achieving his dream of working as an artist and educator, with the skills learned during the Art-at-Work program as a strong foundation for his future.



Christopher, Gates Millennium Scholarship winner



Everyone has fun at

the Abernathy Arts Center



Wellness for Body & Mind

For Fulton County, providing for the health and wellbeing of its residents is a top priority. The Departments of Health & Wellness, Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities/Addictive Diseases and Human Services provide a wealth of services to improve the physical and behavioral health of residents.

Fulton County continued its strong commitment to public health with funding of \$80 million to Grady Health System for indigent care services. Fulton County is the largest government funding source for Grady in the State of Georgia.

The Department of Human Services partnered with the Department of Health & Wellness to hold "Vote n' Vax" events at three Advance Voting sites. Residents were able to get vaccinations against influenza and pneumonia, while also exercising their right to vote.

2008 marked the first full year of participation in the Sickness Prevention Achieved by Regional Collaboration (SPARC) program. SPARC brings together a host of local service providers throughout Fulton County in order to provide a "one-stop shop" for sickness prevention. The goal is to improve access to preventive services and increase the number of individuals, particularly older adults, who obtain flu shots, pneumonia vaccinations, mammograms and other screenings each year.

The Department of Health and Wellness launched the "Live Healthy Fulton!" campaign to encourage all Fulton County residents to take charge of their health. The campaign is designed to raise awareness and provide education about the prevention of chronic diseases and the promotion of healthy behaviors, offering programs that residents can readily take part in. The campaign reminds all residents to "Feel Better, Look Better, Be Better" by getting regular checkups, eating healthy meals, being active, quitting smoking, controlling asthma, managing stress, reducing cancer risks and ensuring the safety of all children.



"Live Healthy Fulton!" campaign



Receiving Services at North Fulton Health Center



Randy's Story

54-year-old Randy is the father of two. He took his first drink of alcohol at the age of six. For most of his adult life, Randy has been homeless, in and out of treatment programs, addicted to alcohol, and dealing with severe depression and other behavioral health issues. In November 2008, Randy entered the Fulton County Dual Addictive Disease intensive outpatient program for adults suffering from mental illness and addiction. This program has changed a man who thought the world had given up on him.

Randy has not seen the inside of a hospital in more than a year. He is residing at Fulton County's Jefferson Place Transitional Housing Facility and, most importantly, he is not drinking and he is continuing his path to recovery.

In 2008, The Fulton County Department of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities & Addictive Diseases has assisted 930 people in Fulton County with resources to help establish good mental health.



Protecting Our Environment

Chaste Tree in Blossom



As part of its overall commitment to resource management, Fulton County took part in several key environmental initiatives in 2008:



Flint River Rat

In March, Fulton County Government participated in "Earth Hour 2008," a worldwide energy conservation event coordinated by the World Wildlife Fund.

After examining the commute habits and needs of the Fulton County Workforce, the Board of Commissioners approved a new Flex Options Personnel Policy to encourage departments to implement flex schedules, compressed work weeks, tele-working and other measures to reduce the County's carbon footprint while maintaining an outstanding level of service to residents.

Renovations made to the Fulton County Jail, as part of an overhaul of the facility's mechanical, elevator and plumbing infrastructure, reduced electrical consumption by 15.25% and water consumption by 32.3%.

The Water Services Division of Public Works engaged in a robust environmental education program, training approximately 300 volunteers in the Adopt-A-Stream Program, providing water conservation, water quality and pollution prevention education to approximately 3,000 students and teachers, and reaching 15,000 residents through a variety of environmental awareness events.

Fishing on the Chattahoochee River



Beautiful South Fulton County



Weekend River Clean-Up



Master Gardener Shares Love of Growing

Rebecca Pinckney of Sandy Springs got an early lesson in gardening. As a child in Florida she watched her father and grandfather work plowing a field behind a pair of mules, each and every spring.

Rebecca carried that memory as she developed her own love of making things grow, eventually becoming a Fulton County Master Gardener. This program for dedicated gardeners, coordinated by the Cooperative Extension Service, requires 50 hours of volunteer service and intensive training. Rebecca spends several hours each day in her own flower gardening efforts, and provides advice to other gardeners in the community.

Rebecca is also an active participant in the Cooperative Extension Service's Riverside Farmers Market in North Fulton, where she sells flowers grown in her garden, along with herbs and homemade sachets. She is also proud of a blue ribbon won at the Market for her apple pie.

The Master Gardener program is a great way for residents with "green thumbs" to give back to the beauty and protection of the environment.

Making History with the 2008 Election

Around the nation, voters came out in force to exercise their Constitutional rights during the November 4, 2008 General Election.

The Fulton County Department of Registration & Elections received 238,552 voter registration applications in 2008, setting a new record. The number of voter registrations was a 42% increase over 2004. Fulton County's total number of registered voters is 619,518 (including inactive voters).



A force of 2,904 poll workers - supported by more than 200 assigned Fulton County employees - was deployed to execute the massive logistics involved in the operations of over 300 voting precincts.

During the early in-person absentee voting period, 150,771 people cast their ballots, 37% of total votes cast. This signified the largest turnout in voter history during in-person absentee voting.

During the November 4 General Election, a total of 405,628 voters cast their ballots, also setting a new record.



An Unforgettable Year





Ms. Ann Nixon Cooper

Among the hundreds of thousands of Fulton County voters, and the millions voters around the nation, Ann Nixon Cooper stands out from the crowd. When Ms. Cooper registered to vote in 1941, it is unlikely that she imagined that in 2008, at age 106, she would become a symbol for a resurgence in voter enthusiasm when she came to the Fulton County Government Center to cast her ballot, with her story featured on major news networks. It is even more unlikely that Ms. Cooper could have imagined becoming a key figure in President Barack Obama's acceptance speech the night of November 4, 2008:



"This election had many firsts and many stories that will be told for generations. But one that's on my mind tonight is about a woman who cast her ballot in Atlanta. She's a lot like the millions of others who stood in line to make their voice heard in this election except for one thing - Ann Nixon Cooper is 106 years old."

Ms. Cooper, now 107 years old, will continue to stand out as an example of Fulton County residents' commitment to participation in the electoral process.

Innovation in Justice

The Fulton County court system includes the Superior Court, State Court, Magistrate Court, Probate Court and Juvenile Court. These are the busiest court systems in the Southeastern United States, handling thousands of cases from routine family matters to complex business cases, as well as criminal cases.



The State Court's Jail Diversion Program (Magistrate Treatment Diversion Court) served 283 defendants. This program reduces recidivism by linking clients with housing programs, mental health and substance abuse treatment, re-establishing Social Security benefits, re-uniting defendants with their families, and providing linkages to other community services. Only eight percent of the defendants returned to the Fulton County jail while participating in the program.

Mental Health Court: Since the inception of the program, more than 1,700 citizens were diverted to the Treatment Diversion Program as an alternative to incarceration. This program works in conjunction primarily with State Court.

In August, the Superior Mental Health Court of Fulton County began to provide mental health treatment services to individuals charged with felony offenses.

The Department of Juvenile Justice Family Drug Court graduated 16 individuals who participated in the court program for a minimum of 24 months.

The District Attorney developed two new crime prevention programs, The Teen Court and Project Turnaround, and established a new Community Prosecution Office in South Fulton County.

The Superior Court Judges held a series of Town Hall meetings to educate citizens on the services of the Court. A Court Ambassadors Program was implemented that uses trained volunteers to provide visitors to the courthouse with information.

How Wallace Ponder Became a "Forever Dad"



The Fulton County Juvenile Court's National Adoption Day 2008 provided 30 children with "Forever Families" and Wallace Ponder's three 'new' sons were among them. Ponder is a single father who originally thought that a single African American male would never be considered as an adoptive parent; however, his newly adopted sons, eight-year-old Demeco, ten-year-old Quentin and twelve-year-old Wallace

At age 43, Ponder says that he has had more satisfaction as a parent than he has had in his entire life. He wants the community to know that there is a great need for loving foster and adoptive parents. As he puts it, "Children return your love tenfold." Ponder says his three boys have returned his love "a thousand fold."



South Fulton Services

Services in unincorporated South Fulton emphasize public safety and quality of life for residents in the area where Fulton County also serves as a municipal government. Key 2008 achievements in unincorporated South Fulton include:

Bulk Waste Amnesty Day for residents of Unincorporated Fulton County



Upgraded 45 signalized intersections in South Fulton County with state-of-the-art signal cabinets, controllers, and conflict monitors. The intersections are along Fulton Industrial Boulevard, Flat Shoals Road, Roosevelt Highway and Old National Highway corridors.

Held two Bulk Waste Amnesty Days to allow residents to dispose of large items without penalty.

Formed a new Crime Suppression Unit to reduce incidents of burglary.

More than 500 residents attended the South Fulton Festival, highlighting the full spectrum of quality services available to residents in unincorporated Fulton.

Unveiled new Fulton County Police car design, beginning the process of updating the Police Department fleet for maximum effectiveness.



New Fulton County Cruiser

The Parks & Recreation department installed new playgrounds at Welcome All, Old National and Cedar Grove parks, a new soccer field at Cedar Grove Park. The department also created a new parks security program allowing 24-hour online monitoring of parks locations by the Fulton County Police Department. Interior and exterior upgrades were completed at Creel Park, Welcome All Park, and Cliftondale Community Center.



Soccer in the park

The Fire Department maintained an average response time of 6 minutes and 42 seconds for 2008. In addition to serving fire calls, the Community Risk Reduction unit reached 12,897 students in 2008.

Fulton County provides fire and rescue services to residents of unincorporated South Fulton County

All In A Day's Work

On July 13, 2008, Fulton County Fire Department responded to a fire at a residence. In rescuing an unconscious victim, Fire Captain Dwight Bohler encountered difficulty moving the individual over a railing in front of a window and re-entered the structure to help get the victim to safety.

In addition, the firefighters learned of a toddler within the home. Firefighter Michael Ardister entered the structure and conducted a search, finally finding the child in the middle of a bed. He successfully brought the child outside of the structure to waiting paramedics, who successfully stabilized him. As Captain Bohler and Firefighter Ardister conducted their rescue efforts, Firefighter David Bailey continued to control the fire to ensure the safety of his colleagues and the fire victims. Typically additional responders would have been called in, but the fire moved more quickly than anticipated and these three "everyday heroes" pulled together for the safety of the family.

Every day, families can rely on Fulton County firefighters to provide quick response and use their skills and training to protect lives and property.



A Stormy Spring



In emergency situations, the Atlanta-Fulton Emergency Management Agency is the lead agency for coordinating multi-jurisdictional response to natural or manmade disasters. This agency was called into action twice in 2008.

On Friday, March 14, 2008, at approximately 9:28 p.m., an unusual EF2-rated tornado touched down in the downtown Atlanta neighborhoods of Vine City, making its way across Cabbagetown and East Atlanta, in a path that was six miles long and 200 yards wide.

The Atlanta-Fulton Emergency Management Agency swiftly activated the Emergency Operations Center. Public safety personnel and cleanup crews from the City of Atlanta and Fulton County set to work. Fulton County's Helene S. Mills Senior Multipurpose Facility, in the Old Fourth Ward neighborhood, became a temporary shelter for seniors

whose homes in a nearby senior living high rise had been damaged. Department of Health & Wellness nurses and staff attended to the needs of those seniors who had been evacuated from their homes. County agencies continued to perform outreach to residents who had been affected, coordinating closely with state, federal and volunteer agencies.

The Atlanta-Fulton Emergency Management Agency is on constant alert to coordinate emergency response in any area of Fulton County.





On Mother's Day, May 11, 2008, a second major storm knocked down trees and power lines in unincorporated South Fulton. Crews were once again mobilized to clear debris and attend to residents' needs.



Special Achievements

The Purchasing Department received the Achievement in Excellence in Procurement Award 2008 from the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing for the 10th consecutive year.

The Superior Court's on-site domestic relations mediation program was designated in October 2008 as a "best practices" program by the Georgia Council of Court Administrators.

Health Coordinator Karen Russell, from the Department of Health & Wellness, received the 2008 BRAVO Award from Amerigroup Community Care.

SCLC/Women's Organizational Movement for Equality Now, Inc. Outstanding Service to Domestic Violence "Pampering for Peace Program."

The Human Services' Department's Office of Workforce Development received the Outstanding Employment and Training Services to Youth Award from The Atlanta Job Corp.

The Human Services' Department's Office of Workforce Development received the Leadership Among Community Based Organizations Award in the Area of Employment and Training from Community Concerns, Inc.

The Human Services' Department's Office of Workforce Development was recognized for 2008 Best Practices Workforce Area from the National Workforce Association

The Fulton County Arts Council's Tour de 29 - A Festival of Cities was recognized by the National Association of Counties with the 2008 Arts and Culture Award.



Tour de 29

The Finance Department received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 20th consecutive year as well as the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officer's Association of the United States and Canada.

The Public Works Department's Big Creek, Johns Creek and Cauley Creek Water Reclamation Facilities received Platinum Awards from the Georgia Association of Environmental Professionals.

The Public Works Department's Little River, Little Bear and Camp Creek Water Reclamation Facilities received Gold Awards from the Georgia Association of Environmental Professionals.

The Public Works Departments' Water Services Division received the Public Education Program Award from Georgia Association of Water Professionals, in recognition of service for a water utility with an exemplary public education program that promotes understanding of the water and wastewater industry and the importance of protecting water resources.



Cauley Creek Water Reclamation Facility

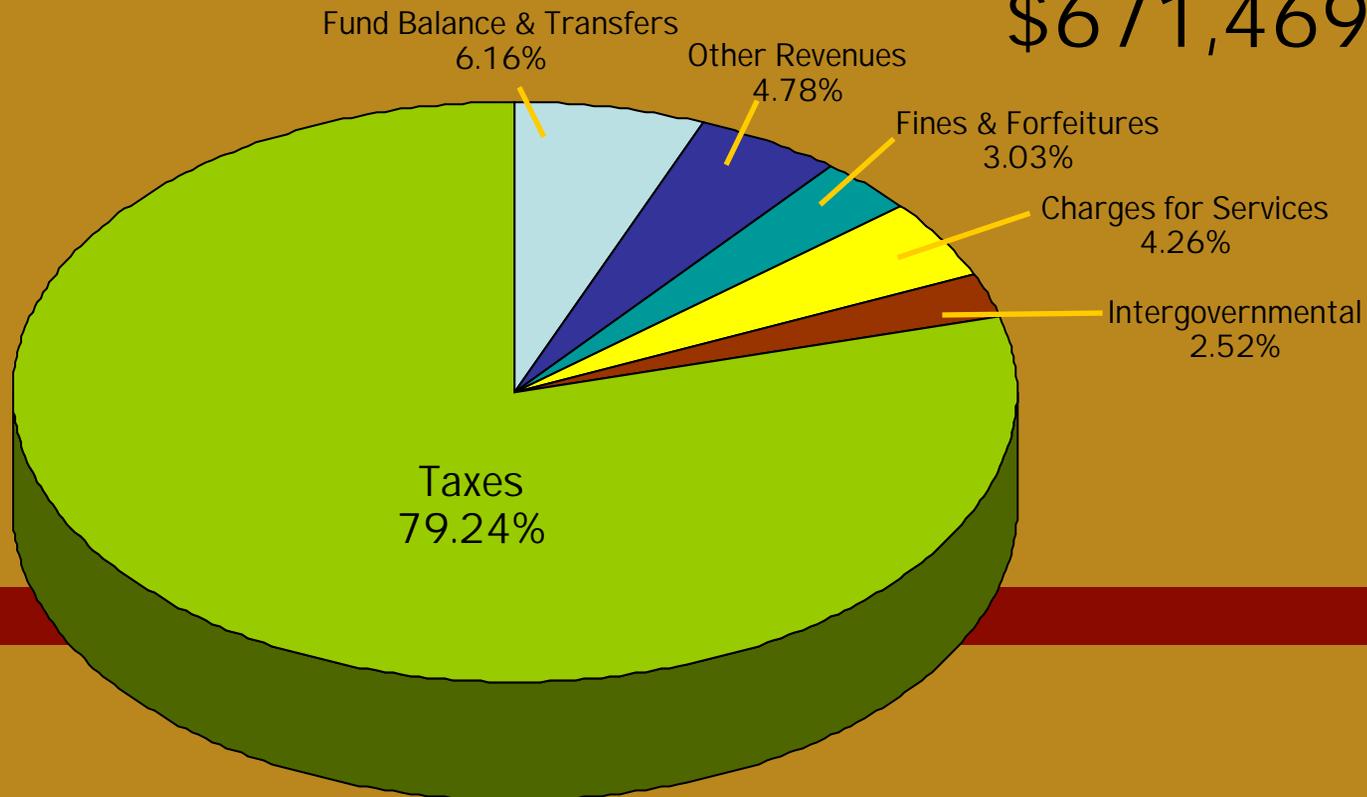
The Vote & Vax program was recognized as a Best Practice by SPARC, the organization that originated the Sickness Prevention Achieved by Regional Collaboration (SPARC) program.



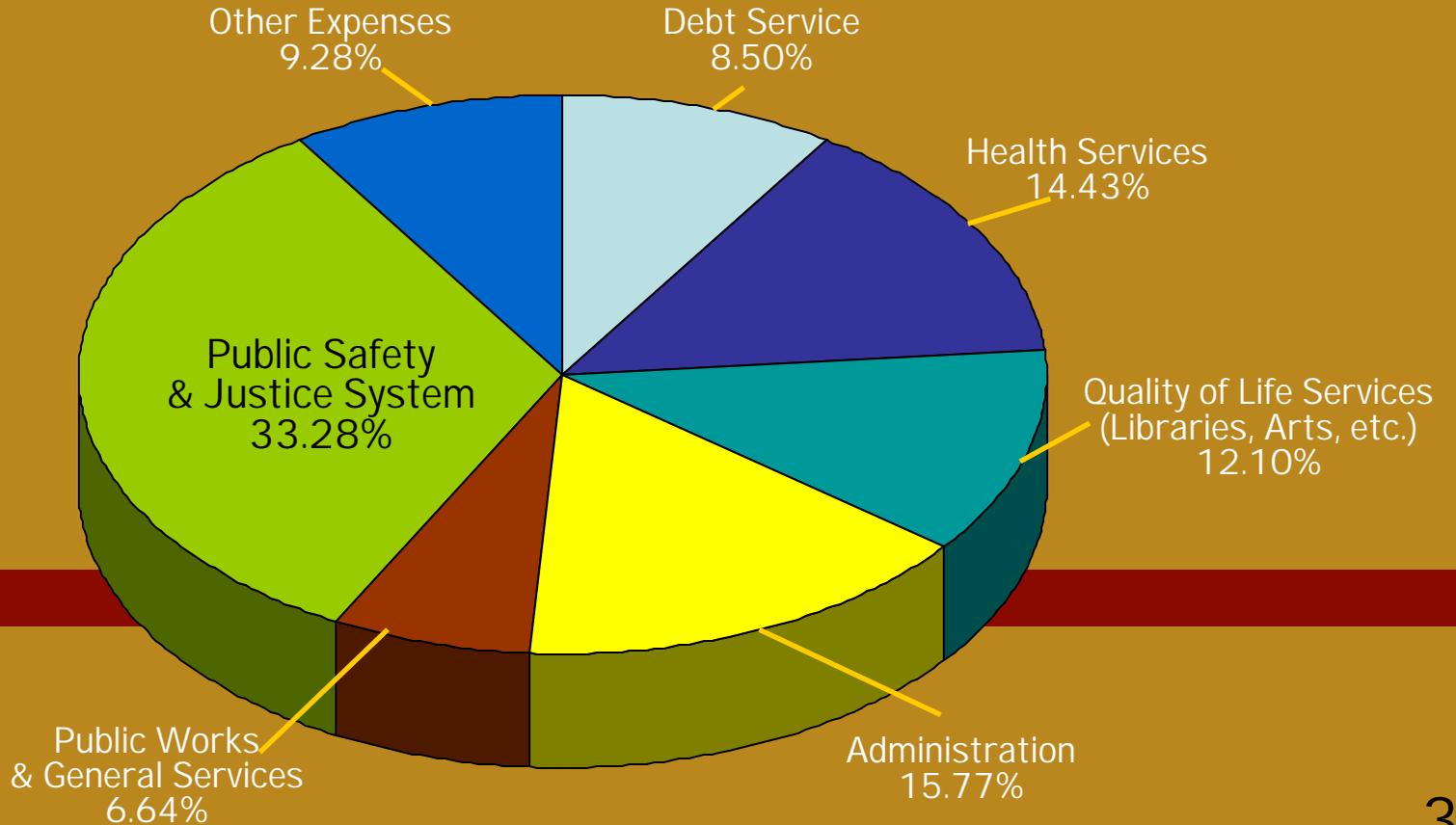
A Water Services "Clean Up Day" with students in Fulton County

2008 General Fund Revenue

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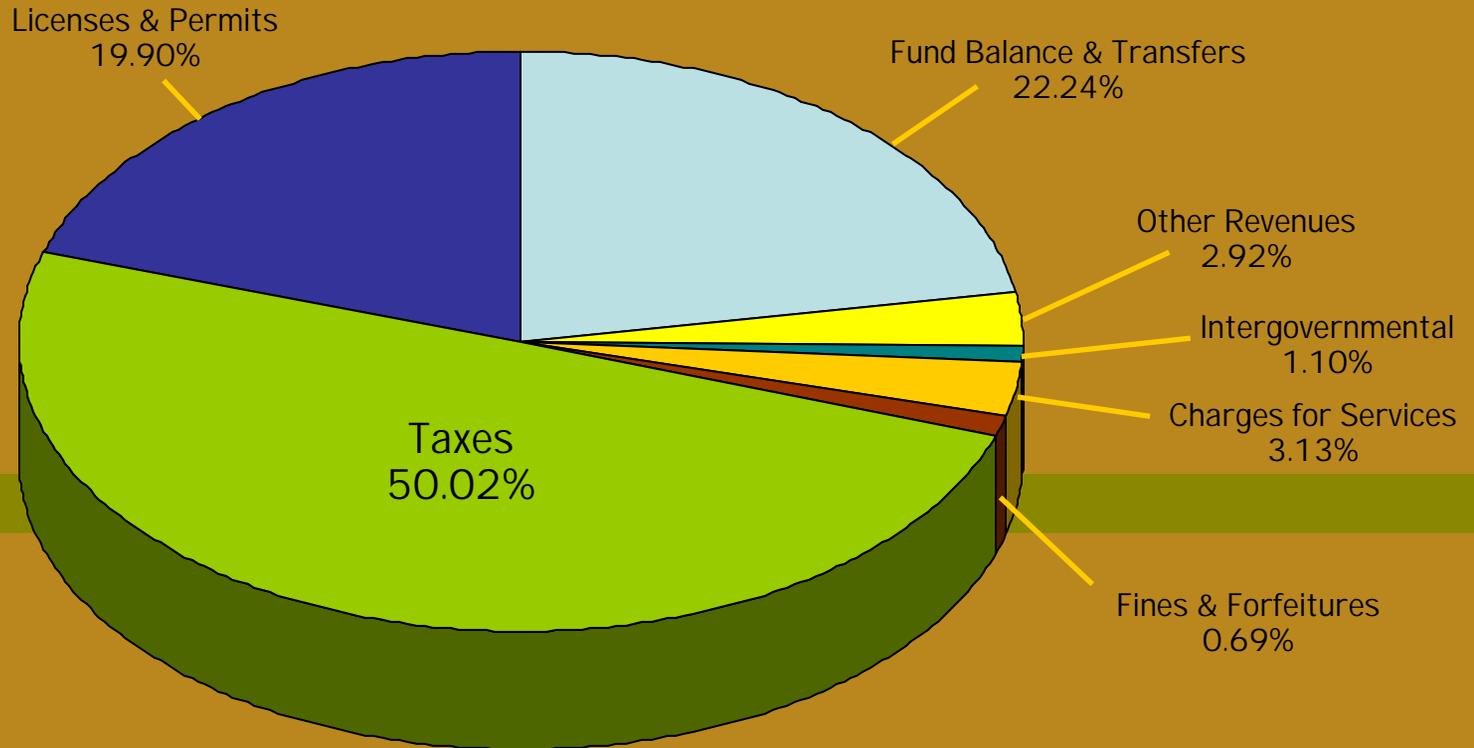


General Fund Expenditures

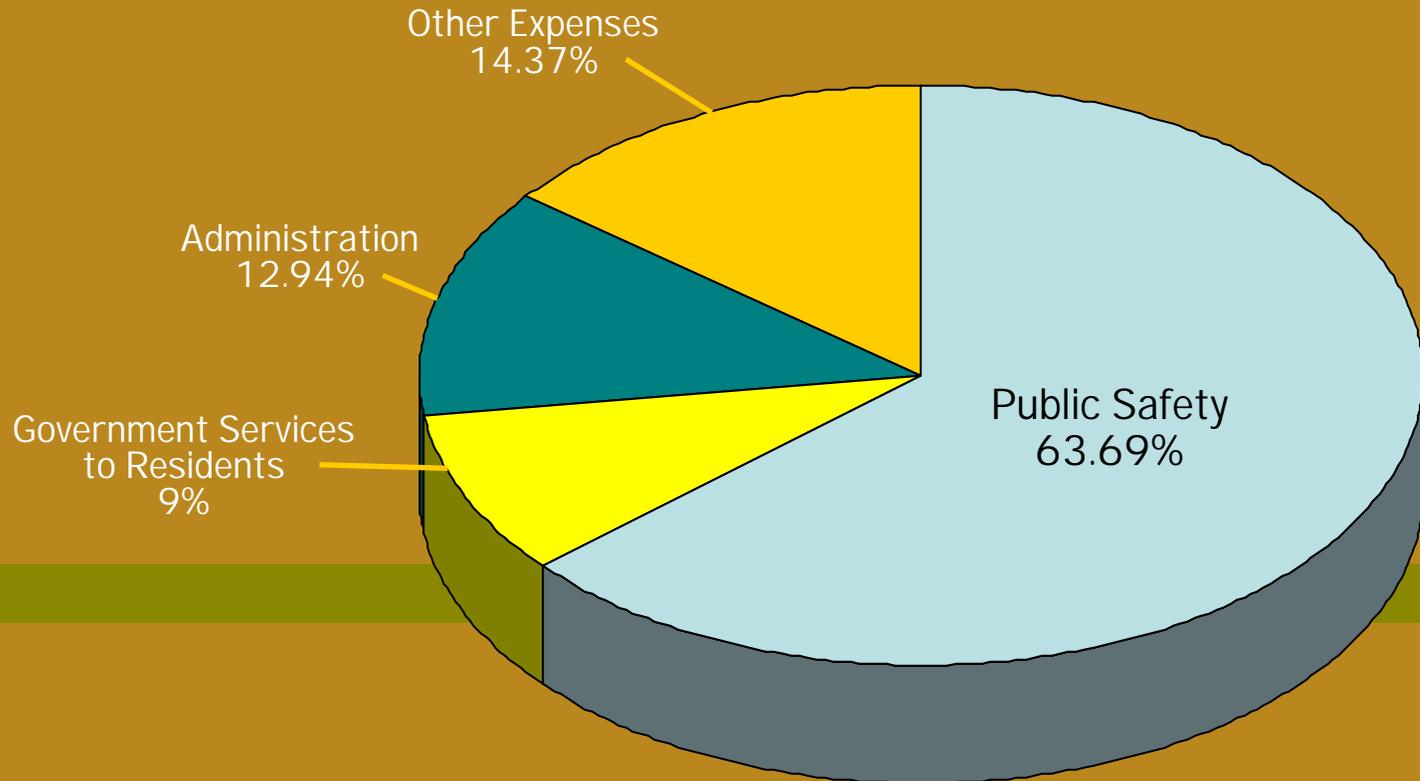


2008 South Fulton Tax District Fund Revenue

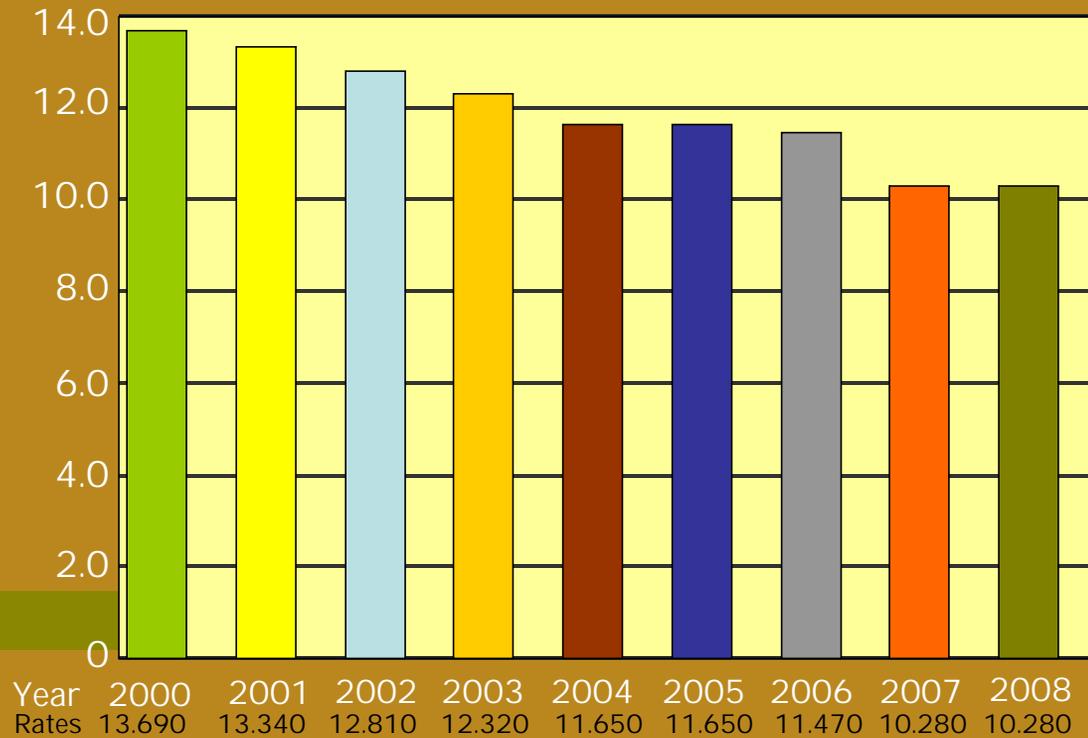
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2008 South Fulton Tax District Expenditures

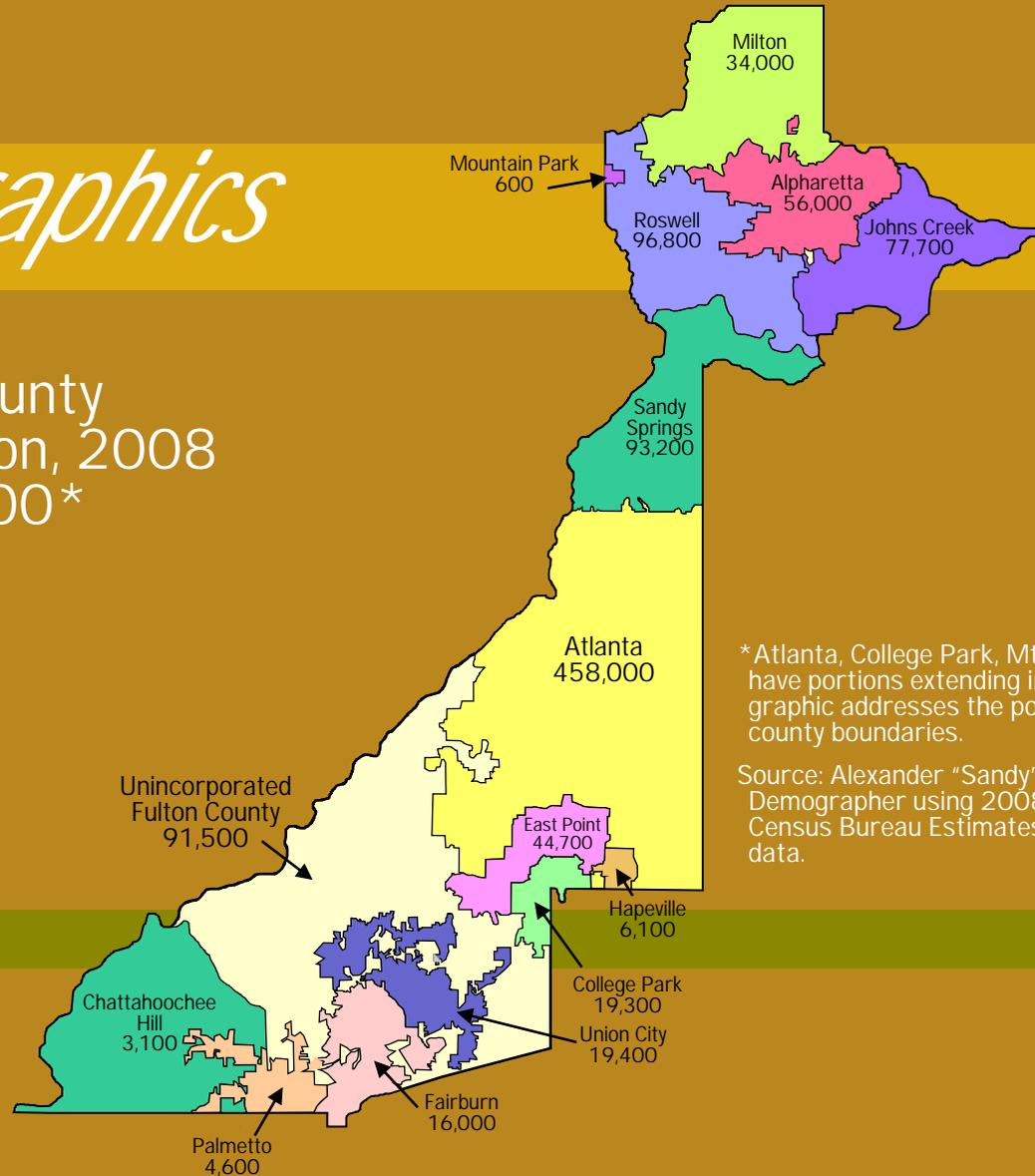


Fulton County Millage Rate History



Demographics

Fulton County
Total Population, 2008
1,021,000*



* Atlanta, College Park, Mt. Park and Palmetto have portions extending into other counties. This graphic addresses the population within the county boundaries.

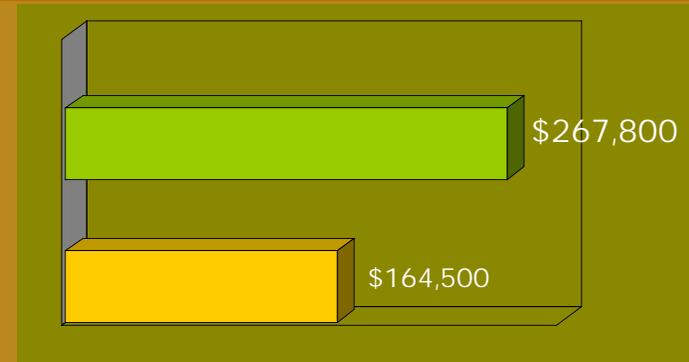
Source: Alexander "Sandy" Speer, County Demographer using 2008 Tax Digest records, Census Bureau Estimates and other available data.

Demographic Comparisons between Fulton County and the State of Georgia

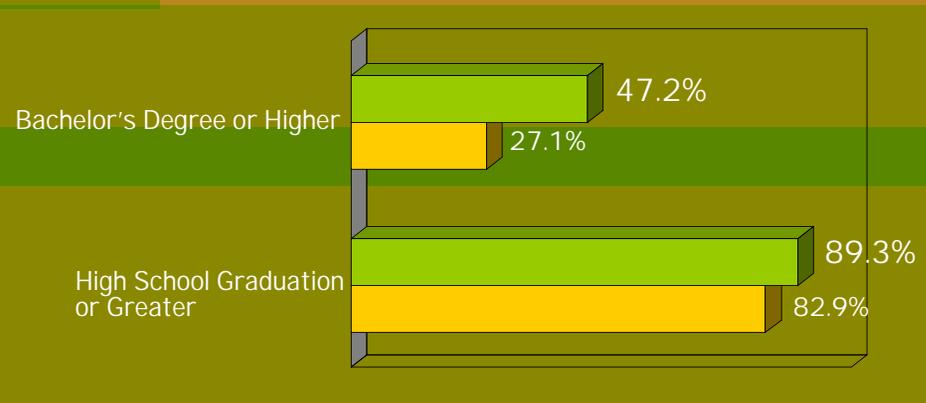
Households, Families & Income Comparisons, 2007



Housing Value Comparisons, 2007



Educational Attainment Comparisons, 2007



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At your service...

Aging Services
404-730-6000

Animal Services
404-794-0358

Arts Council
404-612-5780

Board of Commissioners
404-612-8200

County Manager
404-612-8320

Customer Service
404-612-4000

District Attorney
404-730-4980

Health & Wellness
404-730-1211

Human Services
404-730-7944

Library
404-730-7100

Marshal
404-730-4451

Probate Court
404-730-4640

Personnel
404-613-6700

Purchasing
404-612-5800

Sheriff
404-612-5100

State Court
404-730-4245

Superior Court
404-730-4518

Superior Court Clerk
404-730-5300

Tax Assessor
404-612-6440
www.fultonassessor.org

Tax Commissioner
404-730-6100
www.fultoncountytaxes.org

Voter Registration
404-730-7072

Water Bills
404-730-6830

Unincorporated Fulton

Code Enforcement - TELL Line
404-612-TELL (8355)

Police
404-730-5700

Fire
404-612-5700

Environment & Community Development
404-730-7800

Parks & Recreation
404-612-4058

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