



The Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Population Projections

The Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) is charged in state law (O.C.G.A. 45-12-171) with the responsibility for preparing, maintaining, and furnishing official demographic data for the state.

The state population projections are used for a variety of state planning purposes such as transportation planning, certificate of need, library funding, and water planning. The population projections produced by OPB are residential population projections, which provide a foundation for assessing future infrastructure and service needs. Residential population projections are defined as a projection of the population as it would be counted by a future decennial census, meaning a projection of the number of people living in homes, apartments, and group quarters (e.g. prisons, dormitories, and nursing homes).

OPB has updated the state and county population projections for the years 2012 through 2030. This new set of projections was generated using data from the 2010 Census information. The projections were prepared using the standard cohort component demographic methodology. This method relies on historical fertility, migration and age data.

OPB provides annualized projections for the state and by county for the years 2012 through 2020, as well as projections in five year increments by county for 2015 through 2030.

If you have any questions about the population projections please contact Meaghan Ryan, (404) 656-3800 or Meaghan.Ryan@opb.georgia.gov.

Request for Population Projections:

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