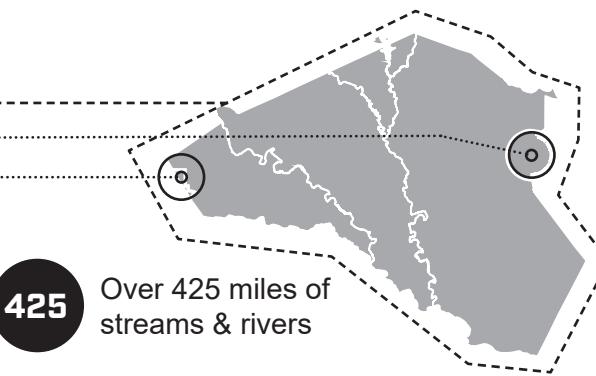


Athens-Clarke County By the Numbers

Incorporated Areas

- 1 Athens-Clarke County
- 2 City of Winterville
- 3 City of Bogart (partial)



70

70 miles northeast of Atlanta

425

Over 425 miles of streams & rivers

Geography

122 mi²

Approximately 122 square miles in area

159th

Smallest of Georgia's 159 counties

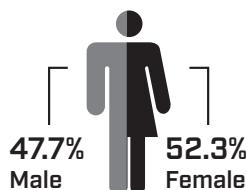
History

- 44 nationally-registered historical sites
- 16 districts on National Register of Historic Places
- 16 local historic districts
- 44 individual local historic landmarks
- Athens named for Greek center of learning
- Clarke County named for Revolutionary War General Elijah Clarke

1785
1801
1806
1991

University of Georgia (UGA) chartered
Clarke County created as 25th county in Georgia and the site of UGA selected
Town of Athens chartered
Clarke County and the City of Athens governments unified on January 14

Demographics (2021 Census ACS estimates, unless noted)



Racial Makeup

- White – 55.6%
- Black – 24.6%
- Asian – 3.9%
- Other (one race) – 6.1%
- Other (2+ races) – 9.3%
- Hispanic or Latino – 11.2%
- (may be any race above)

6th

Most populous of Georgia's 537 cities/towns

19th

Most populous of Georgia's 159 counties

Population, including students	128,711
UGA enrollment (Athens only, Fall 2022)	38,699
Median age in years	29.3
Median household income	\$50,447
High school graduates (ages 25+)	89.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher (ages 25+)	49.1%
Persons below poverty level	20.7%
Unemployment (GA Dept. of Labor, Dec. 2022)	2.6%

Employment

Largest employers (estimates, Dec. 2022)

Figures may include part-time employees

- 11,541 – University of Georgia
- 3,300 – Piedmont Athens Regional
- 2,350 – Clarke County School District
- 1,863 – St. Mary's Health Care System
- 1,728 – Athens-Clarke County Unified Government (FY21)
- 1,500 – Caterpillar
- 1,300 – Pilgrim's Pride Corporation

- GA Entrepreneur-Friendly Community
- GA Certified Work-Ready Community
- #8 - Best-Performing Small Cities 2018 index of 201 U.S. metros for economic growth (Milken Institute)

Education

- Clarke County School District is separate from the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government
- 9 elected to the Board of Education
- Public schools: 15 Pre-K sites, 14 elementary, 4 middle, 3 high
- Private schools: 7 secondary & elementary
- Higher education: The University of Georgia, Athens Technical College, Piedmont University

Accolades

- Best Places to Travel in 2023 (Forbes Advisor)
- South's Best College Town (*Southern Living*, 2022)
- Top 100 Best Places to Live in 2020 (#32 nationally, #1 in Georgia, Livability)
- Coolest Small Towns in America (Discoverer, 2020)
- Best Places to Retire in 2019 (Forbes)
- Prettiest Town in Georgia (The Daily Meal, 2017)

Athens-Clarke County Unified Government

Mission: Athens-Clarke County, an open and responsive government, facilitating a positive environment for individuals to obtain a high quality of life and local organizations to achieve success by providing innovative, high quality services and responsible stewardship of the community's resources, to benefit current and future generations. (Adopted November 4, 1997)



Legislative

Elected Mayor and 10 elected Commissioners. Each citizen has two directly-elected local representatives.



Executive

Day-to-day operations are overseen by a Manager appointed by the Mayor and Commission and two Assistant Managers.

Judicial

- Magistrate Court
- Juvenile Court
- Municipal Court
- Probate Court
- State Court
- Superior Court (circuit includes Oconee County)
- Accountability courts: DUI/Drug Court, Felony Drug Court, Family Treatment Court, Parental Accountability Court, Treatment & Accountability Court, and Veterans Court

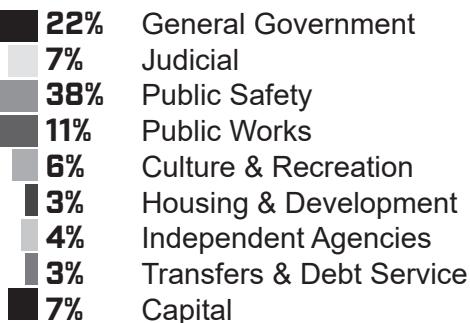


Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Budget

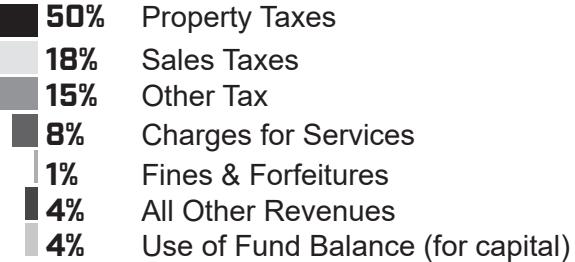
- Runs July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- \$287.7 million total budget for all funds
- The General Fund supports the majority of basic government services

**\$166.4 million
[General Fund]**

General Fund Expenditures

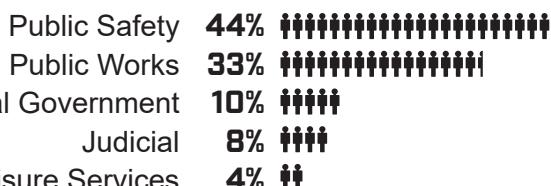


General Fund Revenues



Employees

- 43 departments / offices / courts
- 1,769 (FY23) full-time positions
- 13.4 (FY23) employees per 1000 residents



Average General Fund cost per ACC resident for local government services (FY23):

\$ 478	Public Safety
\$ 87	Judicial Services
\$ 281	General Government
\$ 133	Public Works
\$ 71	Culture & Recreation
\$ 39	Housing & Development
\$ 50	Independent Agencies
\$ 86	Capital Projects
\$ 37	Transfers to Other Funds & Debt Services

Average overall cost per resident

\$1,262	\$105.17	\$3.46
annually	monthly	daily

Property Taxes

For a \$250,000 home in 2023 (Note: only an estimate – other exemptions possible)

Millage Rate (FY23)

<i>[property tax rates]</i>	
18.80	School district
13.10	Unified Government
31.90	Total

With homestead exemption

ACC	\$1,348.20	\$1,797.60
School	\$1,692.00	\$1,880.00
State	\$0	\$0
LOST credit (see below)	-\$365.70	-\$487.60
Total	\$2,674.50	\$3190.00

Sales Tax: 8%

- 4% State of Georgia
- 1% SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)
- 1% LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) - ACC General Fund credit on property taxes
- 1% E-SPLOST (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)
- 1% TSPLOST (Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)