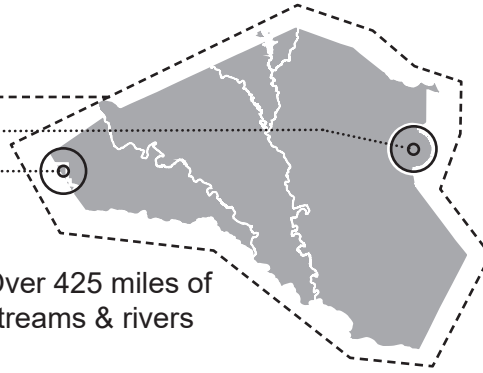


# Athens-Clarke County By the Numbers

## Incorporated Areas

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



## Geography

**122 mi<sup>2</sup>** Approximately 122 square miles in area

**159th** Smallest of Georgia's 159 counties

**70** 70 miles northeast of Atlanta

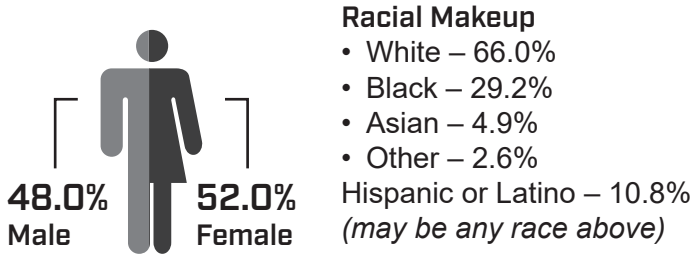
**425** Over 425 miles of streams & rivers

## History

- **44** nationally-registered historical sites
- **16** districts on National Register of Historic Places
- **15** 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** University of Georgia (UGA) chartered
- 1801** Clarke County created as 25th county in Georgia and the site of UGA selected
- 1806** Town of Athens chartered
- 1991** Clarke County and the City of Athens governments unified on January 14

## Demographics (2013-2018 Census data, unless noted)



**Racial Makeup**

- White – 66.0%
- Black – 29.2%
- Asian – 4.9%
- Other – 2.6%
- Hispanic or Latino – 10.8% (may be any race above)

**6th** Most populous of Georgia's 539 cities/towns

**19th** Most populous of Georgia's 159 counties

Population, including students (2018 est.)	<b>126,000</b>
UGA Athens only enrollment (Fall 2019)	<b>37,311</b>
Median age in years	<b>27.6</b>
Median household income	<b>\$36,637</b>
High school graduates (ages 25+)	<b>87.0%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher (ages 25+)	<b>42.7%</b>
Persons below poverty level	<b>31.6%</b>
Unemployment (GA Dept. of Labor, Nov. 2019)	<b>2.6%</b>

## ✂ Employment

### Largest employers (Dec. 2019)

- 10,856 – University of Georgia
- 3,300 – Piedmont Athens Regional
- 2,289 – Clarke County School District
- 1,691 – Athens-Clarke County Unified Government (FY20)
- 1,600 – Caterpillar
- 1,425 – Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
- 1,200 – St. Mary's Health Care System

- 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 College

## 🏆 Accolades

- 2018 Live, Work, Play Award for Large Cities (Georgia Municipal Association & *Georgia Trend*)
- Best Places to Retire in 2018 (*Forbes*)
- South's Best Food Cities 2018 (*Southern Living*)
- America's Coolest Southern Towns (Jetsetter, 2017)
- 12 Best Music Towns in the Nation (Expedia, 2017)
- Prettiest Town in Georgia (The Daily Meal, 2017)

Information from UGA, the Georgia County Guide, GA Department of Community Affairs, U.S. Census Bureau, GA Department of Labor & ACC Unified Government departments. Updated January 2020.

# 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 Dependency Treatment Court, Parental Accountability Court, Treatment & Accountability Court, and Veterans Court

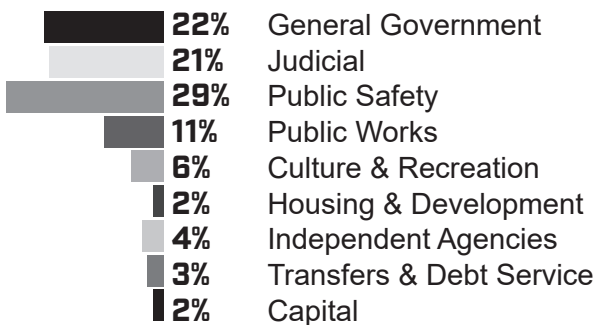


## Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Budget

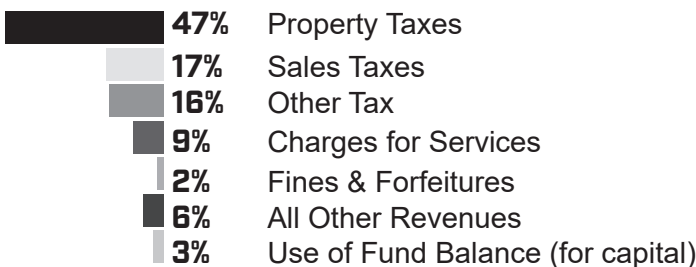
- Runs July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020
- \$249 million total budget for all funds
- The General Fund supports the majority of basic government services

**\$140.2 million**  
[General Fund]

### General Fund Expenditures



### General Fund Revenues



## Employees

- 43 departments / offices / courts
- 1,691 [FY20] full-time positions
- 13.3 [FY20] employees per 1000 residents



- 33% Public Safety
- 34% Public Works
- 4% Leisure Services
- 9% General Government
- 20% Judicial

## Average General Fund cost per ACC resident for local government services (FY20):

- \$ 315 Public Safety
- \$ 226 Judicial Services
- \$ 245 General Government
- \$ 126 Public Works
- \$ 63 Culture & Recreation
- \$ 26 Housing & Development
- \$ 44 Independent Agencies
- \$ 18 Capital Projects
- \$ 39 Transfers to Other Funds & Debt Services

**Average overall cost per resident**

\$1,101 annually	\$91.75 monthly	\$3.02 daily
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## Property Taxes

For a \$200,000 home in 2020 *(Note: only an estimate – other exemptions possible)*

## Millage Rate [FY19]

<i>(property tax rates)</i>	
20.00	School district
13.95	Unified Government
33.95	Total

	<i>With homestead exemption</i>	<i>No exemptions</i>
ACC	\$1,357.51	\$1,551.44
School	\$1,400.00	\$1,600.00
State	\$0	\$0
LOST credit <i>(see below)</i>	-\$381.01	-\$435.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,376.50</b>	<b>\$2,716.00</b>

## 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 (Educational Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)
- 1% TSPLOST (Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)