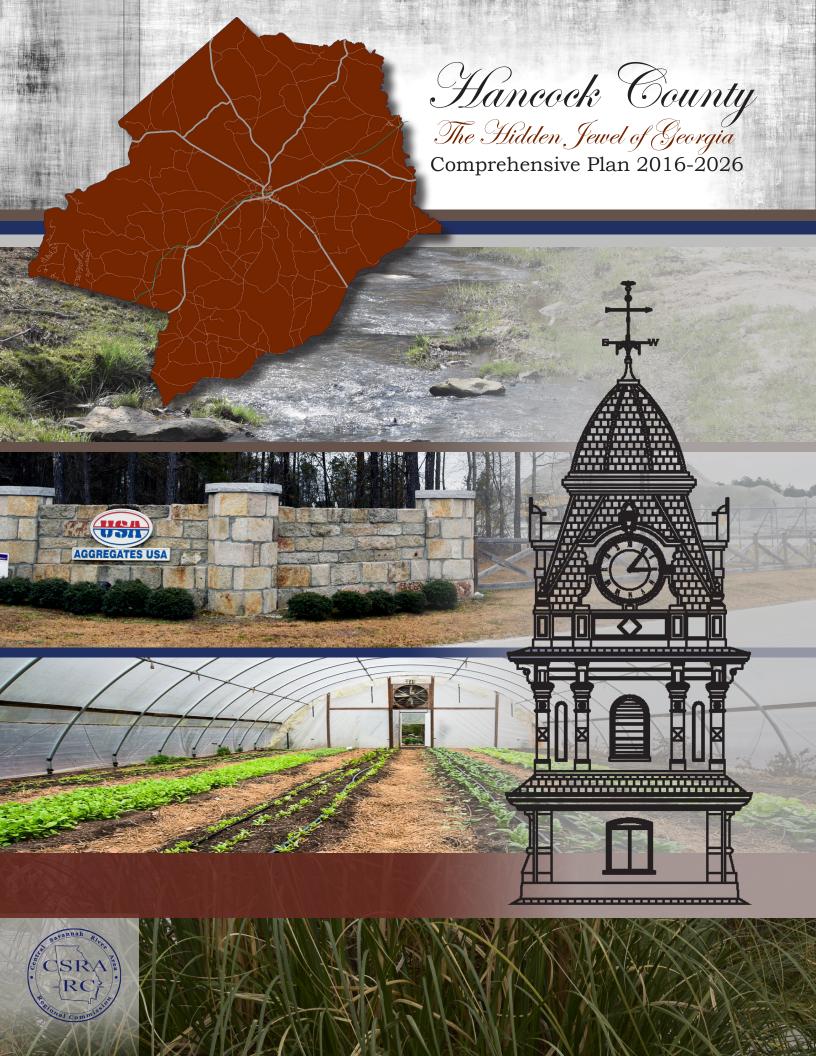
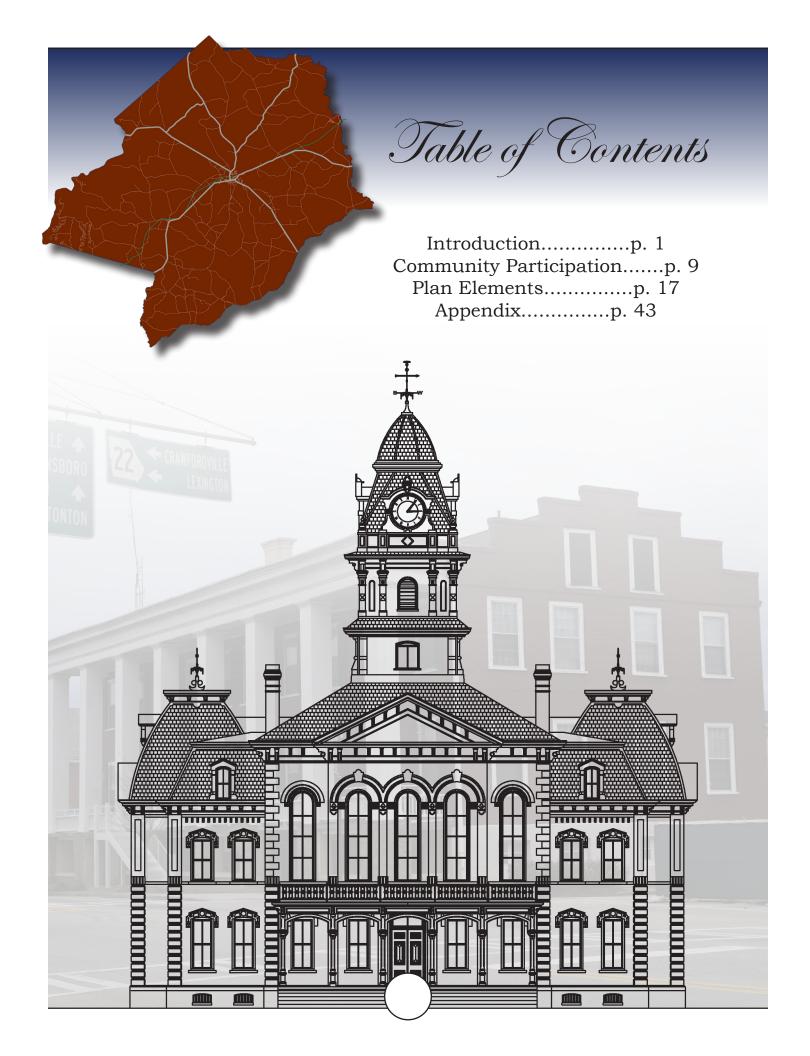
APPENDIX B

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT TRENDS COMMUNITY INFORMATION





The one thing about Hancock County I like most is the rural hometown atmosphere. -Anonymous Property Owner and Business Owner

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Communities around the world, large and small, all experience change at various points in their existence, whether it be geographic, economic, demographic. The long-term viability of municipalities is affected by these changes. It is critical to recognize that the effects of change are different for communities that can anticipate, plan for and accommodate it. Communities that fail to plan can face negative consequences that could have been prevented or mitigated with proper planning. Community stabilization and quality growth begin with a consistent and locally generated vision and a plan of implementation that can spark economic opportunity and social cohesiveness in any given town, city, county, or region.

The comprehensive plan serves the following functions:

- It lays out a desired future.
- It guides how that future is to be achieved.
- It formulates a coordinated long-term planning program.

The plan document also addresses issues regarding housing, economic development, community facilities, natural and cultural resources, and land use in a coordinated manner and serves as a guide for how:

- Land will be developed
- Housing will be improved
- · Businesses will be attracted and retained
- Resources will be expanded and protected

In conjunction with the county's Service Delivery Strategy (see p. 4), the comprehensive plan document becomes a powerful resource for elected and appointed officials as they deliberate development issues and convey policy to their respective citizenry.









HANCOCK/SPARTA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

1993-2013

SUBMITTED:

APRIL, 1993

APPROVED: JUNE, 1993

PREPARED BY: PRECISION PLANNING, INC. 400 PIKE BOULEVARD P.O. BOX 2210

PRIOR PLANS

The comprehensive plan is a living document that should be updated as the community it describes changes. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) requires 10-year updates of the plan and 5-year updates of the community work program portion of the plan to ensure community needs are met.

The Hancock County Comprehensive Plan 1993-2003 was prepared by Precision Planning. The ten year update was deferred, and the most recent shortterm work program was created in 2011 by the CSRA Regional Commission (CSRA-RC).

SERVICE DELIVERY **STRATEGY**

The state of Georgia's "Service Delivery Strategy Act" (O.C.G.A 36-70) was adopted in 1997 by the Georgia General Assembly. It required all Georgia counties and incorporated municipalities to adopt a joint "service delivery strategy" document by July 1, 1990. The service delivery strategy document is an action plan supported by appropriate ordinances and intergovernmental agreements, for providing local government services and resolving land use conflicts within a county.

Short-Term Work Program Update 2012-2016 Hancock County Board of Commissioners Adam Jackson, Vice Chairman Hancock County Planning and Development Department Prepared by

Hancock County

The purpose of this Act - and the service delivery strategy document - is for local governments to examine public services, identify overlap or gaps in service provisions, and develop a better approach to allocating the delivery and funding of these services among local governments and other authorities within each county.

The Hancock County Service Delivery Strategy has been updated as a part of this process.



The CSRA-RC is the county's selected planning coordinator for the Hancock County Comprehensive Plan 2016-2026. This document has been prepared to exceed the minimum requirements of Georgia Department of Community Affairs' 2014 Minimum Standards and Procedures For Local Comprehensive Planning which were became effective in March 2014.

The Comprehensive Plan includes the following state-required and elective components:

- Community Goals
- Needs and Opportunities
- Community Work Program
- Community Involvement Overview
- Economic Development Element
- Land Use Element
- Housing Element
- Natural and Cultural Resources Element
- Community Facilities Element

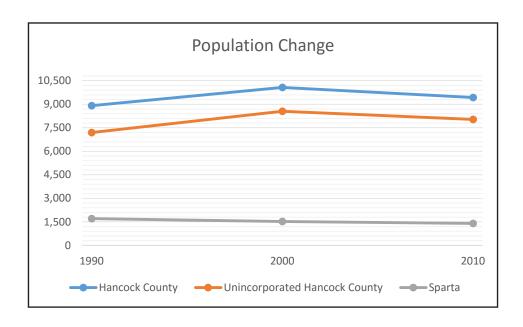
All state-required comprehensive planning components and additional elective elements listed are distributed throughout the Hancock County Comprehensive Plan in different sections. *Figure 1.1* illustrates the location of each of the components in the comprehensive plan in relation to the structure of this document.

Figure 1.1: Plan Components

Component	Section/Chapter
Community Goals	Community Participation
Needs and Opportunities	Community Participation
Community Work Program	Plan Elements - The Work Program activities are separated into the element subsections with which they correspond, and are accompanied by the report of accomplishments from the previous plan.
Community Involvement Overview	Community Participation
Economic Development	Plan Elements
Land Use	Plan Elements
Cultural and Natural Resources	Plan Elements
Community Facilities	Plan Elements
Housing	Plan Elements



Data



Number of Housing Units 2000-2013

Number of Units	2000	2013	Change	Percent Change
Hancock County	4,287	5,290	1,003	23.4%
Sparta	737	791	54	7.3%

2000 and 2013 Labor Force Participation and Unemployment Rates, Hancock County

Hancock County	2000	% of Labor Force	2009-2013 ACS	ACS Margin of Error	% of Labor Force	Change	% Change
opulation 16 and Older	7,905	100.0%	7,852	+/-39	100.0%	-53	-0.7%
otal in Labor Force	3,405	43.1%	2,937	+/-300	37.4%	-468	-13.7%
Civilian Labor Force	3,396	43.0%	2,937	+/-300	37.4%	-459	-13.5%
Employed	2,931	37.1%	2,390	+/-297	30.4%	-541	-18.5%
Unemployed	465	5.9%	547	+/-168	7.0%	82	17.6%
Armed Forces	9	0.1%	0	+/-19	0.0%	-9	-100.0%
Not in labor force	4,500	56.9%	4,915	+/-300	62.6%	415	9.2%



Data

Median Rent Hancock County, Sparta, and Georgia						
2000 2013 Margin of Error \$ Change in Rent Rent Rent						
Hancock County	\$277	\$666	+/-94	\$389	140.4%	
Sparta	\$222	\$397	+/-179	\$175	78.8%	
Georgia	\$613	\$860	+/-3	\$247	40.3%	

Housing Types

Hancock County							
Housing Type	2000 (Census	2013 ACS				
	Number	% of Total	Number	Change	% Change		
Total	4,287	100%	5,290	+/-62	100.0%	1,003	23.4%
Single Units (Detached)	2,439	56.9%	3,129	+/-234	59.1%	690	28.3%
Single Units (Attached)	55	1.3%	16	+/-22	0.3%	-39	-70.9%
Double Units	78	1.8%	47	+/-48	0.9%	-31	-39.7%
3 to 9 Units	39	0.9%	71	*	1.3%	32	82.1%
10 to 19 Units	6	0.1%	47	+/-40	0.9%	41	683.3%
20 or More	71	1.7%	103	+/-49	1.9%	32	45.1%
Mobile Homes or Trailers	1,542	36.0%	1,877	+/-231	35.5%	335	21.7%

Location of Employment

	2000 Census	2013 ACS
Worked in Georgia	2,864	2,295
Worked Outside of Georgia	17	2
Worked in Hancock County	1,042	780
Worked Outside of Hancock County	1,822	1,515
Percent Worked in Georgia	99.4%	99.9%
Percent Worked Outside Georgia	0.6%	0.1%
Percent Worked in Hancock County	36.2%	34.0%
Percent Worked Outside Hancock County	63.2%	66.0%



Data

G	Georgia Department of Education - School Enro	ollment
FTE Enrollme	nt by Grade Level(PK-12) - Fiscal Year 2000-3	Data Report
	0 (FTE 2000-3)	'
670-Hancock	County	
System ID	School Name	Total
670	0288 -Hancock Central High School	878
670	0188 -Lewis Elementary School	662
670	4050 -Southwest Elementary School	192
670	System Total for Hancock County	1732
Georgia Depa	artment of Education	
FTE Enrollme	nt by Grade Level(PK-12) - Fiscal Year 2010-3	Data Report
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670-Hancock	County	
System ID	School Name	Total
670	0288 -Hancock Central High School	413
670	0106 -Hancock Central Middle School	262
670	0188 -Lewis Elementary School	544
670	System Total for Hancock County	1219
Georgia Depa	artment of Education	
	nt by Grade Level(PK-12) - Fiscal Year 2015-3	Data Report
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670-Hancock	County	
System ID	School Name	Total
	0288 -Hancock Central High School	280
	0106 -Hancock Central Middle School	225
	0188 -Lewis Elementary School	465
670	System Total for Hancock County	970

Educational Attainment for Adults 25 Years and Older						
Hancock County	2000	Percent of Adult (25+) Population	2013 ACS	ACS Margin of Error	Percent of Adult (25+) Population	
Total Population	10,076	100%	9,233	*	*	
Population 25 and Older	6,618	100%	6,557	+/-132	100%	
Less than 9th Grade	960	15%	478	+/-1.7	7%	
9th to 12th Grade No Diploma	1,539	23%	1,115	+/-2.7	17%	
High School Graduate (& Equivalency)	2,281	34%	2,859	+/-41.7	44%	
Some College	1,037	16%	1,115	+/-3.7	17%	
Associates Degree	155	2%	348	+/-2.2	5%	
Bachelor's Degree	411	6%	466	+/-1.8	7%	
Graduate Degree	235	4%	177	+/-1.1	3%	



Housing

In Hancock County, residential land use represents the second largest category of land use. Housing types and condition vary across the county. Housing conditions within a community provide insight into its economic and social health. Both new housing development and renovated existing housing are present in a vibrant community. Converserly, high vacancy rates, large quantities of deteriorated housing, and lack of new development are indicators of population decline, stagnant growth, and potentially low quality of life. Providing safe, adequate, affordable housing for residents is a priority for Hancock county. This section of the plan examines the housing mix, occupancy, age of housing stock, and values in the county.



HOUSING MIX

Between the year 2000 and the year 2013, the number of housing units in Hancock County increased 23 percent, from 4,287 to 5,290. Most of these units are located in unincorporated areas of the county. There are two major home types in Hancock County: single family detached and mobile homes, comprising 59 percent and 36 percent of housing units respectively. Although multifamily is a very small portion of the housing stock (5 percent), larger developments of multifamily units have increased over the last decade. There is a lack of comprehensive information on the quality of housing county-wide; performing a housing study is one way of gathering this information.

OCCUPANCY

Overall housing occupancy has suffered a significant decline between 2000 and 2013. In 2013, 48 percent of housing units were vacant. This represents a significant increase since 2000, when only 25 percent of units were vacant. When comparing owner-occupied versus renter units, the county is overwhelmingly occupied by homeowners with 77 percent. Stakeholders are concerned about the number of vacant, dilapidated properties the county, but the county does not have an ordinance to address them.

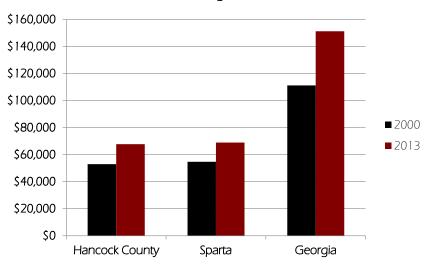
Figure 3.4: Housing Occupancy, Hancock Co.

Year	2000		2013	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Housing Units	4,287	100.0%	5,290	100.0%
Occupied Housing Units	3,237	75.5%	2,742	51.8%
Vacant Housing Units	1,050	24.5%	2,548	48.2%
Owner Occupied Housing Units	2,473	76.4%	2,130	77.7%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	764	23.6%	612	22.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) & 2009-13 American Community Survey







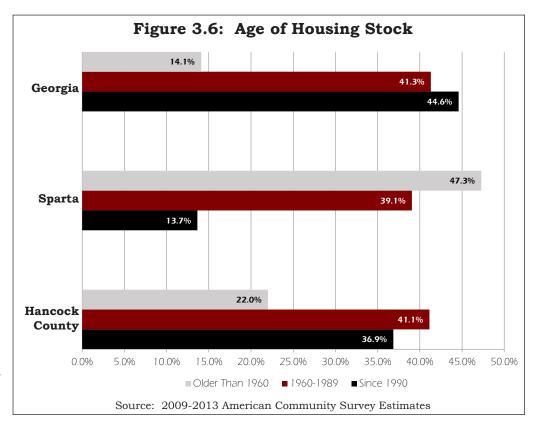
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Summary File 3 and 2009-2013 American Community Survey

HOME VALUE AND RENT

Home values increased roughly 28 percent over the study period of 2000-2013. Data from the 2013 ACS reveals that median value reached \$67,800 in Hancock County. Although this value is significantly lower than the state value of \$151,300, one must remember that large metropolitan areas like Atlanta contribute to the overall number. Just as home values have risen, so have rents. Median rents in the county rose nearly \$400, from \$277 in 2000 to \$666 in 2013. The 2013 value remains lower than that of the state, which was \$860.

AGE OF HOUSING

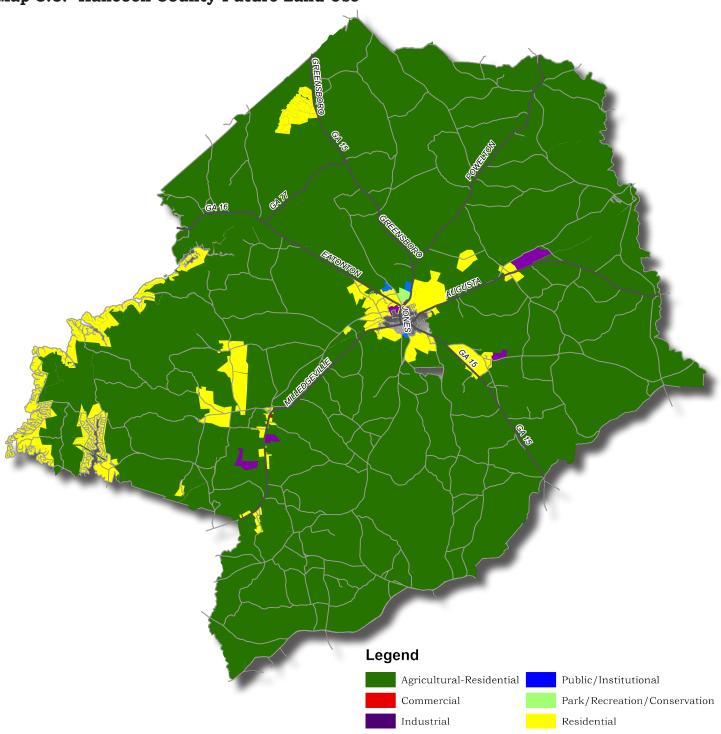
Between 1970 and 2010. there was a steady growth of roughly 900-1,000 new units in Hancock County per decade. As Figure 3.6 reveals, 63 percent of units were built prior to 1990. As will be discussed later, there is a significant number of historic homes and National Register eligible properties in the County. Protection and rehab of these properties is important for several reasons including safety, historic preservation and economic development. Based on community input, a portion of the nonhistoric housing units also require rehab. Developing partnerships with agencies



like USDA Rural Development, applying for grants, and utilizing historic tax credit funding to assist homeowners with rehab should be explored.



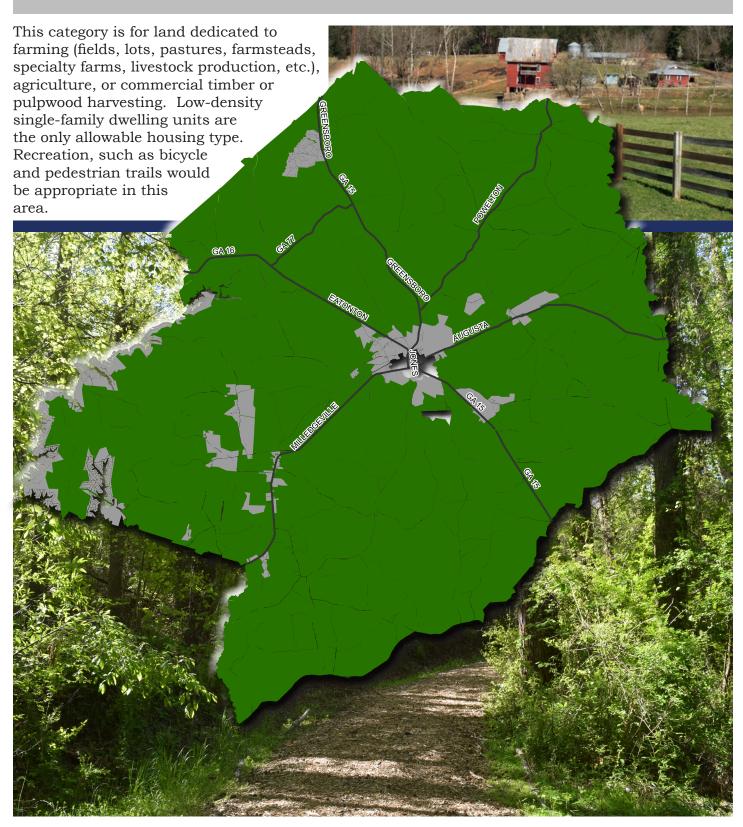
Map 3.6: Hancock County Future Land Use





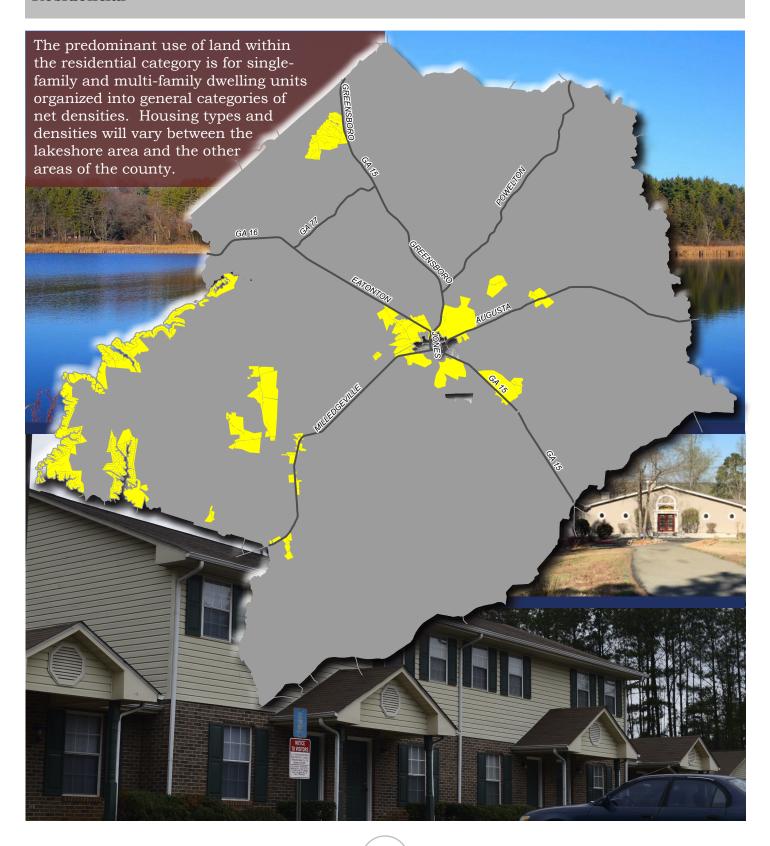


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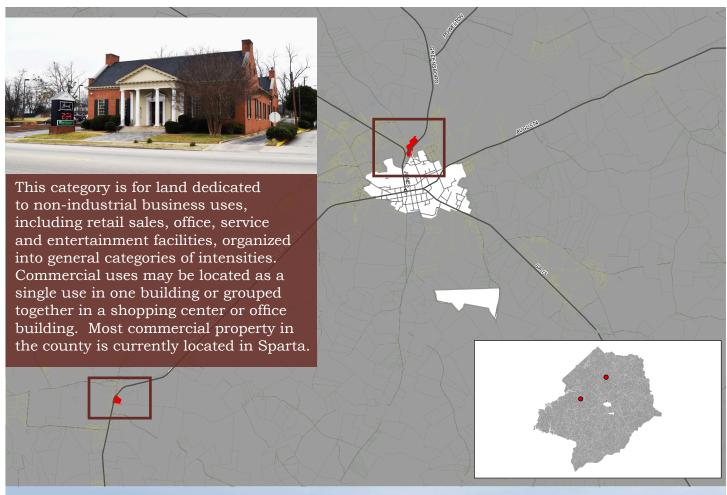
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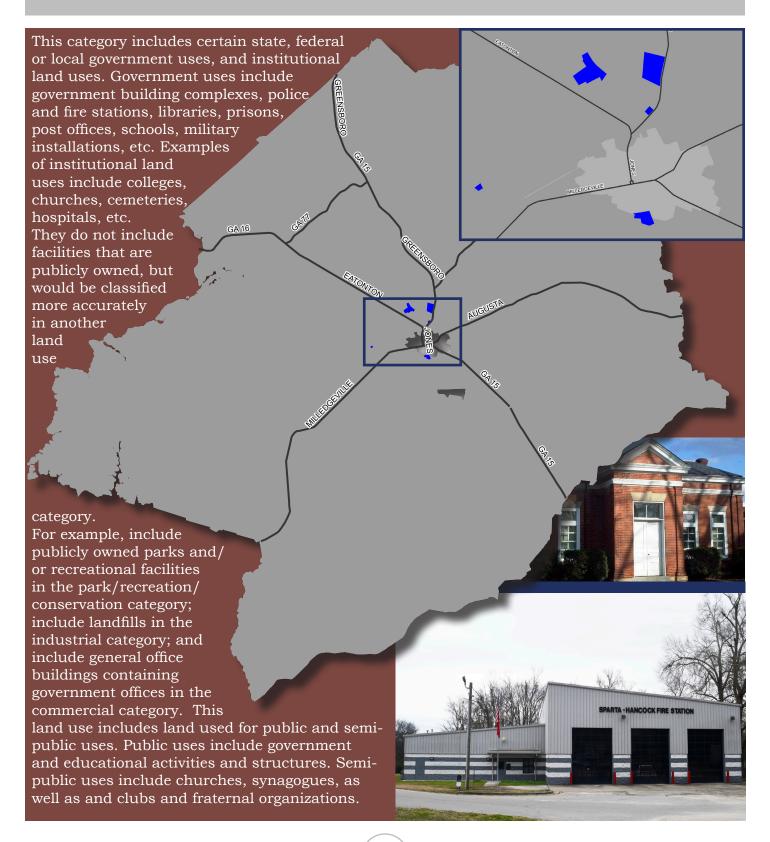
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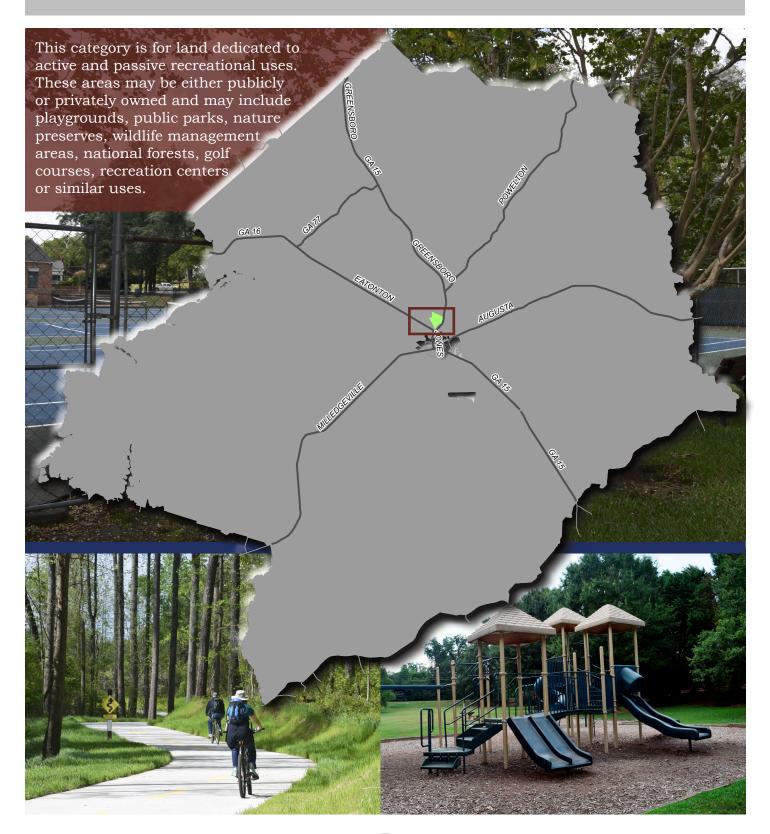
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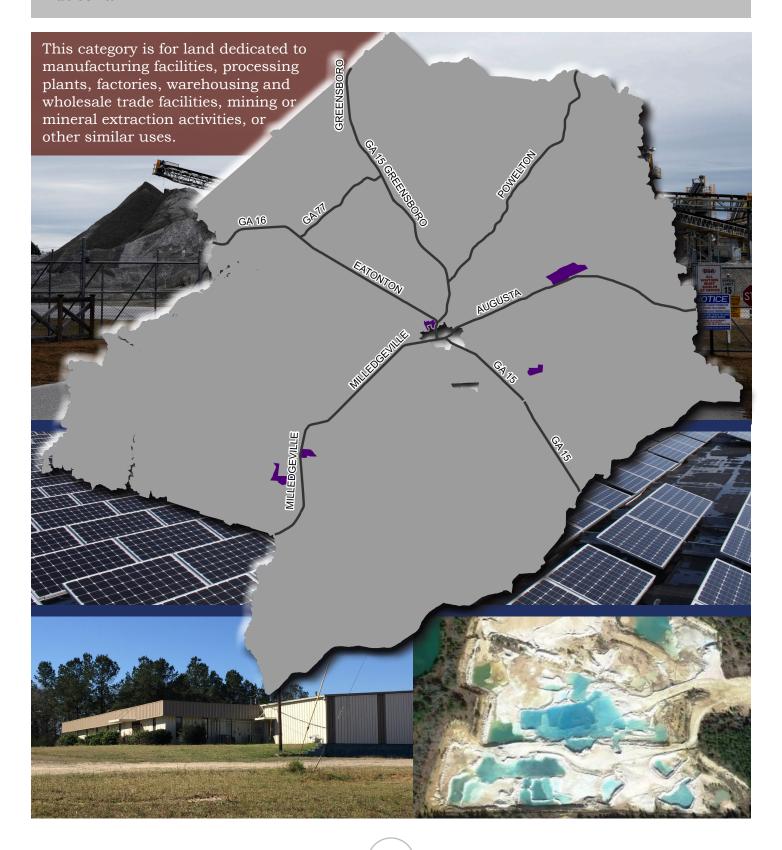


Park/Recreation/Conservation





Industrial





Hancock

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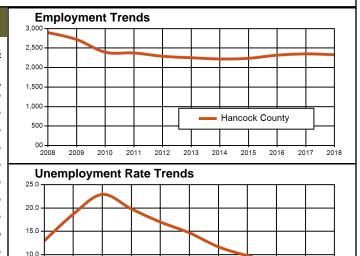
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2018 ANNUAL AVERAGES

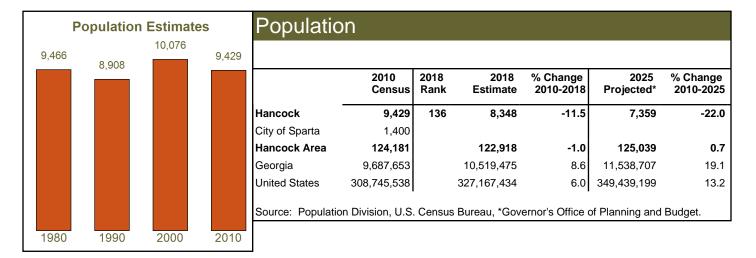
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Hancock	2,479	2,330	149	6.0%
Baldwin	17,286	16,415	871	5.0%
Glascock	1,295	1,241	54	4.2%
Greene	6,994	6,697	297	4.2%
Putnam	8,223	7,815	408	5.0%
Taliaferro	585	555	30	5.1%
Warren	2,748	2,611	137	5.0%
Washington	7,157	6,799	358	5.0%
Hancock Area	46,767	44,463	2,304	4.9%
Georgia	5,107,656	4,906,411	201,245	3.9%
United States	162,075,000	155,761,000	6,314,000	3.9%

Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



2010



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Industry Mix - 3rd Quarter of 2018

	Hancock			Hancock Area				
	NUMBER	EMPLOY	MENT	WEEKLY	NUMBER	EMPLOY	MENT	WEEKLY
INDUSTRY	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE
Goods-Producing	6	421	28.2	789	346	6,763	18.2	885
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1	*	*	*	52	788	2.1	725
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	*	*	*	14	330	0.9	1,111
Construction	3	*	*	*	195	1,884	5.1	761
Manufacturing	1	*	*	*	85	3,759	10.1	960
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	1	*	*	*	9	644	1.7	974
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	3	378	1.0	918
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	4	616	1.7	1,236
Printing and Related Support Activities	0	0	0.0	0	5	18	0.0	528
Miscellaneous	0	0	0.0	0	6	8	0.0	408
Fabricated Metal Product	0	0	0.0	0	6	328	0.9	722
Chemical	0	0	0.0	0	7	215	0.6	1,100
Furniture and Related Product	0	0	0.0	0	8	41	0.1	677
Food	0	0	0.0	0	10	63	0.2	490
Wood Product	0	0	0.0	0	15	929	2.5	882
Service-Providing	51	340	22.8	577	1,773	19,790	53.2	592
Utilities	1	*	*	*	11	177	0.5	1,470
Wholesale Trade	1	*	*	*	83	905	2.4	1,064
Retail Trade	19	91	6.1	409	412	4,626	12.4	489
Transportation and Warehousing	1	*	*	*	59	1,082	2.9	820
Information	1	*			22	186	0.5	620
Finance and Insurance	3	38	2.5	1,039	131	864	2.3	990
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	3	7	0.5	464	84	255	0.7	598
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	2	*	*	*	143	572	1.5	891
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	6	383	1.0	1,358
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	3	*	*	*	100	1,427	3.8	574
Educational Services	1	*	*	*	17	351	0.9	528
Health Care and Social Assistance	8	133	8.9	587	226	3,649	9.8	632
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	0	0	0.0	0	29	312	0.8	452
Accommodation and Food Services	4	23	1.5	168	197	4,221	11.3	310
Other Services (except Public Administration)	4	5	0.3	347	165	685	1.8	533
Unclassified - industry not assigned	5	7	0.5	188	88	95	0.3	699
Total - Private Sector	62	768	51.4	690	2,119	26,553	71.3	667
Total - Government	13	726	48.6	645	230	10,682	28.7	701
Federal Government	1	15	1.0	807	34	258	0.7	987
State Government	9	*	*	*	110	5,268	14.1	737
Local Government	3	405	27.1	602	86	5,156	13.8	650
ALL INDUSTRIES	75	1,494	100.0	668	2,349	37,232	100.0	676
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					279,283	4,439,368		993

Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System(NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding. All figures are 3rd Quarter of 2018.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

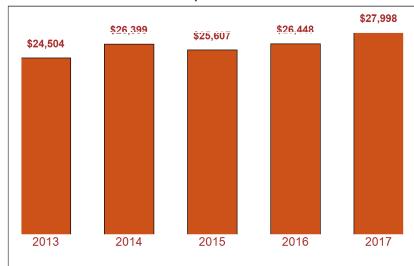
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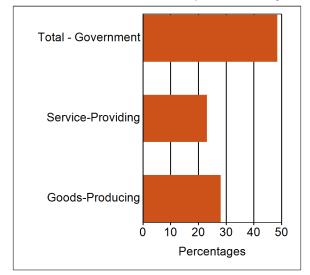
Hancock Per Capita Income

Hancock Industry Mix 2018

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.





Top Ten Largest Employers - 2018*

Hancock

Ameris Bank

Bank of Hancock County Crm Of Sparta, LLC

Dollar General

Georgia Department of Corrections

John Hancock Academy

Linton Solutions, LLC

Sandys IGA

SGD Manufacturing, Inc.

Sparta Health Care, LLC

*Note:

Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2018. Employers are listed alphabetically by

area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Hancock Area

	COUNTY
A.W. Holdings, LLC	Baldwin
Daniel RP Management, LLC	Greene
Geo Corrections & Detention, Inc.	Baldwin
Georgia College & State University	Baldwin
Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Baldwin
Georgia Military College	Baldwin
Kelsey Hayes Company	Warren
Ritz-Carlton Hotel	Greene
Triumph Aerostructures, LLC	Baldwin
Walmart	Baldwin

Education of the Labor Force

Hancock Area

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT					
	OF TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	8.7%	5.2%	4.9%	6.0%	8.0%	18.7%
Some High School	15.7%	20.1%	17.0%	13.7%	13.8%	16.5%
High School Grad/GED	37.1%	29.6%	38.6%	42.7%	40.4%	31.3%
Some College	20.0%	38.3%	21.1%	17.1%	16.1%	13.2%
College Grad 2 Yr	4.8%	3.5%	6.4%	6.3%	4.6%	3.8%
College Grad 4 Yr	8.6%	3.1%	8.4%	10.2%	10.0%	9.2%
Post Graduate Studies	5.1%	0.2%	3.6%	4.0%	7.1%	7.3%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. The "Some College" category represents workers with less than two years of college and no degree.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

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High School Graduates - 2018

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Baldwin	276		276
Glascock	49		49
Greene	111		111
Hancock	70		70
Putnam	150		150
Taliaferro	14		14
Warren	35		35
Washington	188		188
Hancock Area	893		893



Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

* Private schools data is not available for 2018 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

Colleges and Universities

Hancock Area

Greene

Greene County Campus (Satellite campus of Athens Technical College) www.athenstech.edu/

<u>Putnam</u>

Putnam County Center (Satellite campus of Central Georgia Technical www.centralgatech.edu

College)

Baldwin

Georgia College & State University www.gcsu.edu

Georgia Military College (Milledgeville Campus) www.gmc.edu/index.cms

<u>Washington</u>

Georgia Military College (Sandersville Campus) www.gmc.edu/about-gmc/sandersville.cms

Oconee Fall Line Technical College www.oftc.edu
Transportation Center (Satellite campus of Oconee Fall Line Technical www.oftc.edu

College)

Hancock

Hancock County Center (Satellite campus of Oconee Fall Line Technical www.oftc.edu

College)

Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

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Technical College Graduates - 2018*

PROGRAMS		GRADUA	ATES	PERCENT CI	PERCENT CHANGE		
	2016	2017	2018	2016-2017	2017-2018		
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	59	44	20	-25.4	-54.5		
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	24	20	17	-16.7	-15.0		
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	7	36	44	414.3	22.2		
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	6	8	2	33.3	-75.0		
Business Administration and Management, General	14	15	17	7.1	13.3		
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	53	84	56	58.5	-33.3		
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	26	15	24	-42.3	60.0		
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	19	29	35	52.6	20.7		
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	21	15	11	-28.6	-26.7		
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	1	8	4	700.0	-50.0		
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	39	65	66	66.7	1.5		
Diesel Mechanics Technology/Technician°	18	16	22	-11.1	37.5		
Early Childhood Education and Teaching°	14	22	8	57.1	-63.6		
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General	1	2	4	100.0	100.0		
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	19	1	5	-94.7	400.0		
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services°	7	16	20	128.6	25.0		
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/°	51	30	25	-41.2	-16.7		
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	19	26	25	36.8	-3.8		
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	44	30	33	-31.8	10.0		
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	5	6	8	20.0	33.3		
Medical/Clinical Assistant	22	16	17	-27.3	6.3		
Medium/Heavy Vehicle and Truck Technology/Technician°	23	18	27	-21.7	50.0		
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	19	9	6	-52.6	-33.3		
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	22	46	105	109.1	128.3		
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	7	11	8	57.1	-27.3		
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	11	12	8	9.1	-33.3		
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	12	9	15	-25.0	66.7		
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	99	105	89	6.1	-15.2		
Welding Technology/Welder°	93	148	193	59.1	30.4		

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates(°) are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

*Data shown represents Annual 2016, 2017, and 2018.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

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Career Center(s)

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Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	145	+9
Land in farms (acres)	38,777	+21
Average size of farm (acres)	267	+11
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	4,393,000	-3
Government payments	134,000	-19
Farm-related income	914,000	+350
Total farm production expenses	4,517,000	(Z)
Net cash farm income	924,000	+146
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	30,295	-11
Government payments		
(average per farm receiving)	4,801	-30
Farm-related income	21,764	+157
Total farm production expenses	31,155	-8
Net cash farm income	6,371	+125

(**Z**) Percent of state agriculture sales

Type (%)
30
d products 70
Use (%) a
15
19
56
11
1% of land in farms
es (% of farms)
4
-
8
3

Farms by Value of Sales	S		Farms by Size		
	Number	Percent of Total a		Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	53	37	1 to 9 acres	5	3
\$2,500 to \$4,999	13	9	10 to 49 acres	24	17
\$5,000 to \$9,999	21	14	50 to 179 acres	56	39
\$10,000 to \$24,999	26	18	180 to 499 acres	39	27
\$25,000 to \$49,999	19	13	500 to 999 acres	16	11
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6	4	1,000 + acres	5	3
\$100,000 or more	7	5			

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Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

Total	Sales (\$1,000) 4,393	Rank in State ^b 134	Counties Producing Item 159	Rank in U.S. ^b 2,869	Counties Producing Item 3,077
Iotai	4,393	134	155	2,009	3,077
Crops	1,305	129	159	2,774	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	-	-	148	-	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	25	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	90	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	57	157	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	377	69	158	748	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	(D)	138	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	64	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	259	133	155	2,552	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	3,088	118	159	2,624	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	110	158	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,287	77	158	2,330	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	32	64	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	82	129	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	6	119	153	2,439	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	55	46	145	1,759	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	38	54	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	14	56	141	1,423	2,878

Total Producers °	228	Percent of farms that:		Top Crops in Acres d	
Sex Male Female	162 66	Have internet access	74	Forage (hay/haylage), all Pecans, all Grapes Nursery stock crops	3,496 (D) (D) (D)
Age <35 35 – 64 65 and older	3 105 120	Farm organically	1	Vegetables harvested, all	17
Race American Indian/Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander White More than one race	1 - 53 - 171 3	Sell directly to consumers Hire farm labor	5 34	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017) Broilers and other meat-type chickens Cattle and calves Goats Hogs and pigs	(D) 4,310 277 (D)
Other characteristics Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin With military service New and beginning farmers	2 43 51	Are family farms	98	Horses and ponies Layers Pullets Sheep and lambs Turkeys	60 224 (D) 39

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^b Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^c Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e Position below the line does not indicate rank.

⁽D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.