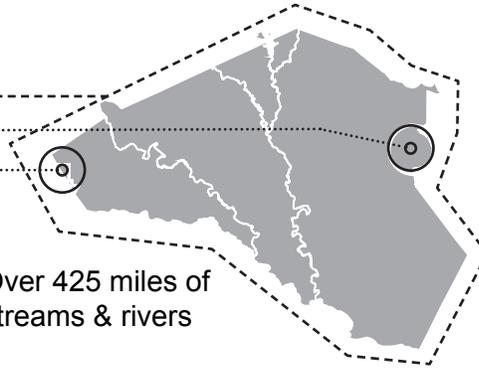


Athens-Clarke County By the Numbers

Incorporated Areas

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



Geography

70 70 miles northeast of Atlanta

425 Over 425 miles of streams & rivers

122 mi²

Approximately 122 square miles in area

159th

Smallest of Georgia's 159 counties

History

- **40** nationally-registered historical sites
- **16** districts on National Register of Historic Places
- **12** local historic districts
- **41** 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

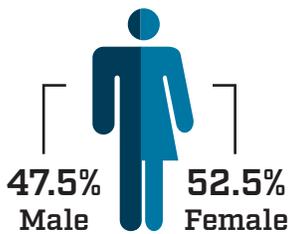
1806

Town of Athens chartered

1991

Clarke County and the City of Athens unified on January 14

Demographics [2010 Census data, unless noted]



Racial Makeup [2014 est.]

- White – 56.0%
- Black – 27.7%
- Asian – 4.4%
- Other – 1.1%
- Hispanic or Latino – 10.8% (*may be any race*)

5th

Most populous of Georgia's 535 cities

19th

Most populous of Georgia's 159 counties

Population, including students (2014 est.).... **120,938**

UGA Athens only enrollment (Spring 2016)..... **34,895**

Median age in years **26.2**

Median household income **\$33,060**

High school graduates (ages 25+) **85.1%**

Bachelor's degree (ages 25+) **39.5%**

Persons below poverty level..... **36.7%**

Unemployment (GA Dept. of Labor, Nov. 2015) **5.1%**

Employment

Largest employers

- 9,800 – University of Georgia
- 3,500 – Athens Regional Health System
- 2,800 – Clarke County School District
- 1,800 – Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
- 1,600 – Athens-Clarke County Unified Government
- 1,500 – Caterpillar
- 1,000 – St. Mary's Health Care System

- GA Entrepreneur-Friendly Community
- GA Certified Work-Ready Community
- Small Best Places for Business & Careers (#1 in GA, #51 in United States) by Forbes.com (June 2011)

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: 6 secondary & elementary
- Higher education: The University of Georgia, Athens Technical College, Piedmont College

Accolades

- 25 Best Places to Retire in 2015 (*Forbes*, 2015)
- America's Prettiest Towns (*Forbes.com*, 2013)
- Coolest Small Cities in America (*GQ*, 2010)
- One of a Dozen Distinctive Destinations (National Trust for Historic Preservation, 2009)
- "#1 College Music Scene that Rocks" (*Rolling Stone*, February 2003)

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 February 2016.

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.

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, Treatment & Accountability Court, and Veteran's Court

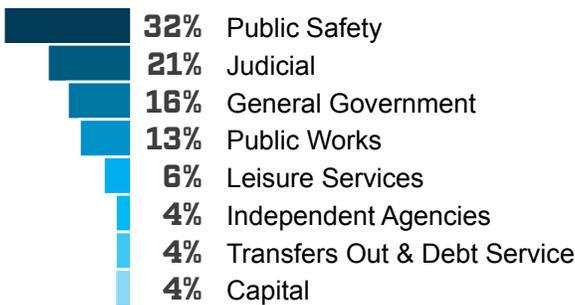


Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) Budget

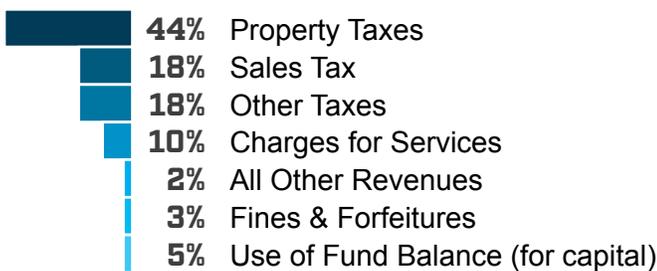
- Runs July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016
- \$202.1 million total budget for all funds
- The General Fund supports the majority of basic government services

\$113.3 million
[General Fund]

General Fund Expenditures



General Fund Revenues



Average General Fund cost per ACC resident for local government services (FY16):

- \$306** Public Safety
- \$207** Judicial Services
- \$151** General Government
- \$131** Public Works
- \$62** Leisure Services
- \$41** Independent Agencies
- \$41** Capital Projects
- \$43** Transfers to Other Funds & Debt Services

\$982
per resident
annually

\$81.83
per resident
monthly

\$2.69
per resident
daily

Property Taxes

\$150,000 home in 2016
(estimated – other exemptions may be possible)

Millage Rate (FY16) (property tax rates)	
20.00	School
13.95	ACC
.00	State
33.95	Total

	With homestead exemption	No exemptions
ACC	\$1,006.40	\$1,207.68
School	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
State	\$	\$
LOST credit	-\$308.90	-\$370.68
Total	\$1,697.50	\$2,037.00

Employees

- 42 departments / offices / courts
- 1,619 (FY16) full-time positions
- 13.4 (FY16) employees per 1000 residents



- 35%** Public Works
- 33%** Public Safety
- 19%** Judicial
- 9%** General Government
- 5%** Leisure Services

Sales Tax: 7%

- 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)

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