

Georgia Poverty and Hunger Data 2007

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State Demographic Data:¹

Population:	9,363,941
% of children under 18	26 %
% population over 65	9.6%
Unemployment rate	4.7%
Median Household Income:	\$51,000

Poverty Data:²

Current federal guidelines for poverty threshold are delineated by family size. Poverty threshold for a family of three in FY 2006 is \$16,600.

% Georgians living in poverty	14.4%;	1,348,407 persons
% children in poverty	20.2%;	491,794 children
% senior citizens in poverty	12.4%	111,468 seniors
% children in single parent households in poverty	35 %	

Food Insecurity:³

% of food insecure Georgia households, 2005	12.4%
# of households that are very low food secure	174,000
% of households that are very low food secure	5.1%

TANF (Temporary Asst. for Needy Families)⁴

Maximum monthly cash benefit for family of 3	\$280.00 (22% of poverty)
Monthly average benefit per person	\$112.51
Monthly average families	82,370
Monthly average adults	13,761
Monthly average children	68,609

¹ US Census Bureau, U.S. *Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates, American Community Survey Profile 2005*. US Census- <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/States/13000>, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count 2007

² Ibid. Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count 2007

³ Food Research and Action Center, State of the States, 2006.

⁴ Georgia Dept. of Human Resources, Div. Of Family and Children Services, "*Descriptive Data: FY 2006.*" and FRAC, State of the States, 2006

Food Stamps⁵

Average monthly participation, households	386,192
Average monthly participation, persons	946,812
Average monthly benefit per person	\$96.67
Proportion of eligible persons participating	67%
% participants living in a household with earnings	40%

School Meal programs⁶

Average daily student participation, breakfast	498,575
Free & reduced price	395,422
Average daily student participation, lunch	1,249,174
Free & reduced price	741,916
Rank among states, service to low income students	9th
Average daily participation, Summer Meals	96,003
Free & reduced price	37,660

WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children)⁷

Total participants, avg. month	276,053
% change last 10 years	23.4%
Average monthly benefit per person	\$37.26

Working Poor Data⁸

State minimum wage	\$5.85
Income level at which families begin paying taxes: <i>For two parent families of 4-</i>	\$15,900
% of working poor families who receive TANF	57%

Housing Cost⁹

FY 2007 Fair Market Rent in Atlanta area for a 2 bedroom apt., monthly	\$779.00
Hours Minimum Wage worker must Work to afford FMR apartment	133 hours/week
Housing Wage in Atlanta, GA for 2 bedroom	\$18.15/hour/FTE

⁵ Ibid. and FRAC, *State of the States*, 2006.

⁶ FRAC, *State of the States*, 2006; USDA/Food and Nutrition Service, 2006

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid. Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, US Census, *Poverty in America*, op. cit.

⁹ www.hud.gov, 2007