Athens-Clarke County By the Numbers

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

Geography
- Approximately 122 square miles in area
- 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
Clarke County created as 25th county in Georgia and the site of UGA selected

1801
Town of Athens chartered

1806
Clarke County and the City of Athens governments unified on January 14

1991

Demographics (2019 Census estimates, unless noted)

Population, including students (2020)......127,315
UGA enrollment (Athens only, Fall 2021)......38,091
Median age in years............................................28.0
Median household income.................................$38,311
High school graduates (ages 25+)......................87.9%
Bachelor’s degree or higher (ages 25+)...............44.0%
Persons below poverty level................................29.9%
Unemployment (GA Dept. of Labor, Nov. 2021)....2.1%

Employment

Largest employers (estimates, Jan. 2022)
Figures may include part-time employees
10,800 – 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

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
- 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)
- 25 Most Giving Cities in the U.S. (Travelocity, 2016)

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 2022.
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.

Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Budget
• Runs July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022
• $274.6 million total budget for all funds
• The General Fund supports the majority of basic government services

General Fund Expenditures
- 21% General Government
- 8% Judicial
- 42% Public Safety
- 11% Public Works
- 6% Culture & Recreation
- 2% Housing & Development
- 4% Independent Agencies
- 2% Transfers & Debt Service
- 4% Capital

General Fund Revenues
- 50% Property Taxes
- 17% Sales Taxes
- 15% Other Tax
- 8% Charges for Services
- 1% Fines & Forfeitures
- 4% All Other Revenues
- 4% Use of Fund Balance (for capital)

Average General Fund cost per ACC resident for local government services (FY22):

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<td>Transfers to Other Funds &amp; Debt Services</td>
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Average overall cost per resident:
- $1,126 annually
- $93.83 monthly
- $3.08 daily

Property Taxes
For a $225,000 home in 2021 (Note: only an estimate – other exemptions possible)

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Total
- $2,696.00

Millage Rate (FY22)

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With homestead exemption

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Total
- $3,033.00

Sales Tax: 8%

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Employees
- 43 departments / offices / courts
- 1,744 (FY22) full-time positions
- 13.2 (FY22) employees per 1000 residents

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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)