About Gwinnett County

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**Current Population of Gwinnett County:**
877,922 (2014 estimate)

*Source: US Census Bureau, State & County QuickFacts [http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/13/13135.html](http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/13/13135.html)*

**Geography**

- Approximately 30 miles northeast of Atlanta
- County seat: Lawrenceville, GA
- 437 square miles
- Adjacent counties: Barrow, DeKalb, Forsyth, Fulton, Hall, Jackson, Rockdale, and Walton
- 80 percent of the U. S. population is within a two-hour flight
- Gateway to metro Atlanta from north and northeast via I-85 and I-985
- Easy access to University of Georgia (at Athens) via University Parkway/GA Highway 316
- Minutes from scenic Lake Lanier
- Home to 16 municipalities.

**History**

- Created in 1818 by state legislature
- Some of the land had been part of Jackson County
- The rest was frontier land ceded to the state by the Creek Indians
- Named for Button Gwinnett, signer of the Declaration of Independence