

# Columbus-Muscogee County

## Demographic Summary

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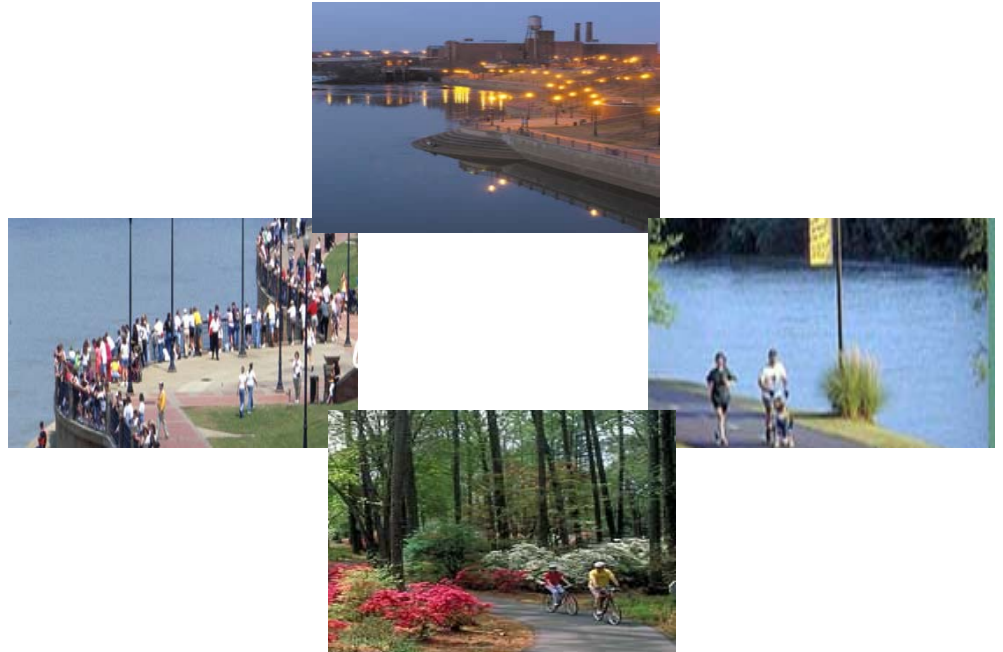
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In August 2001, the US Census Bureau released the 2000 Census Population and Housing data covering topics such as age, gender, and race of Muscogee County residents. It also provides information on local family status, homeownership, and total dwelling units. This overview highlights the demographic trends of Columbus-Muscogee County. It serves as a primary source of data for evaluating the growing needs of our community.

More detailed statistics of these and other cities and counties can be found at the US Census Bureau website at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) under the **American Factfinder**.

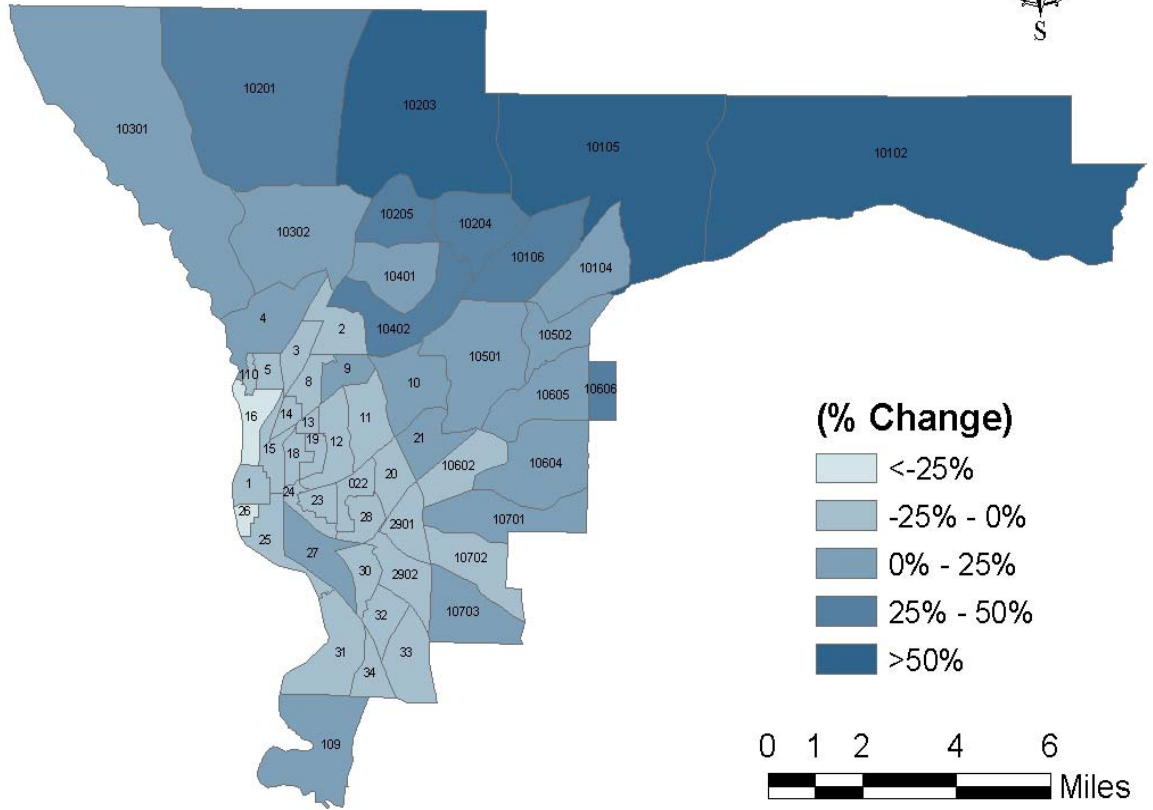
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# POPULATION CHANGE

- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population of Muscogee County increased almost 4% between 1990 and 2000.
- The city population grew by 7,602 people.
- More than 7,000 people moved into Muscogee County in the 1990's.

**MUSCOGEE COUNTY, 2000**  
Population Change 1990-2000



**(% Change)**

- <-25%
- 25% - 0%
- 0% - 25%
- 25% - 50%
- >50%

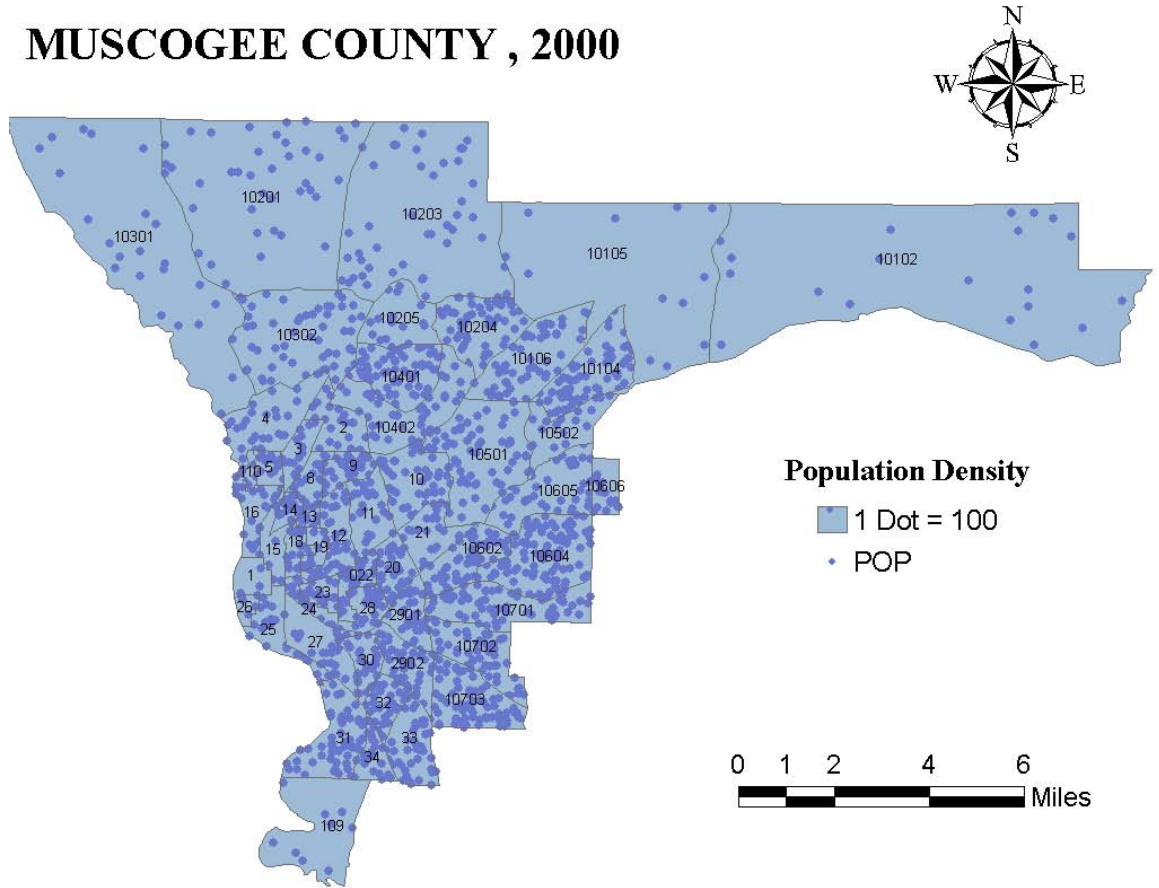


Population	1980	1990	2000	% Change 1990--2000
<b>Muscogee County</b>	170,108	179,278	186,291	3.76

# HOUSING DENSITY

- During the '90s, the gain in the number of housing units paralleled the gain in the number of households. Housing units grew by 7.4%, and households by 6%.
- In 1990, rentals accounted for 43% of all housing units. In 2000, this number slightly fell to 40%. Homeownership increased from 50% in 1990 to 52% in 2000.
- Vacant properties represented 8.4% of all housing units in 2000. This amount is 1.3% higher than the 1990 vacancy rate of 7.1.

## MUSCOGEE COUNTY, 2000

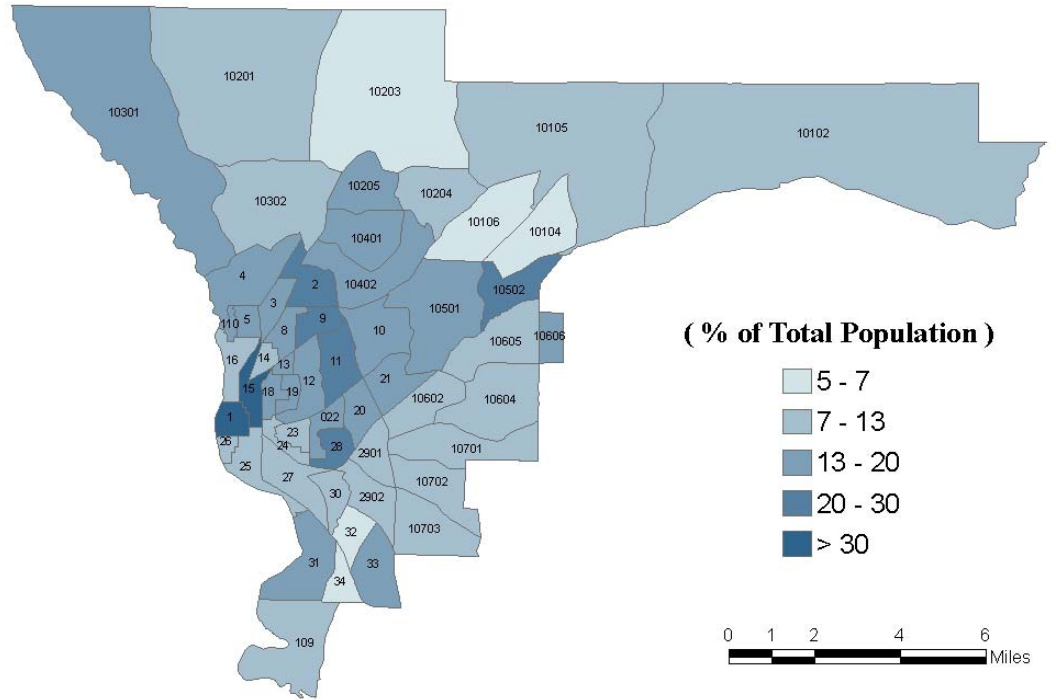


	<b>% Change</b>			
<b>Housing Density</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1990 - 2000</b>
<b>Total Housing Units</b>	63,565	70,902	76,182	7.4
<b>Owner-Occupied Units</b>	33,553	35,476	39,350	11.0
<b>Renter-Occupied Units</b>	25,302	30,382	30,469	0.3
<b>Vacant Housing Units</b>	4,691	5,044	6,363	26.1
<b>Vacancy Rate</b>	7.4	7.1	8.4	

# AGE

- The school age population, ages 5-19 years, increased 6% between 1990 and 2000.
- The young adult population, ages 25-34 years, declined by 5,261 during the '90s. The youngest adults, ages 20-24, showed a small lose, decreasing -0.6%.
- The Baby Boomer population was responsible for a 39% increase in the 45-54 age group during the '90s. In 1990, people age 45-54 comprised 9.1% of the total population. By 2000, this age group grew to a 12% share.
- The senior citizen population 75 years and over showed the next largest percentage increase with 26.2% between 1990 and 2000.
- The median age population of Muscogee County dropped from 33.0 years in 1990 to 32.6 in 2000.

**MUSCOGEE COUNTY , 2000**  
**Elderly Population**  
**( 65 Years and Over )**

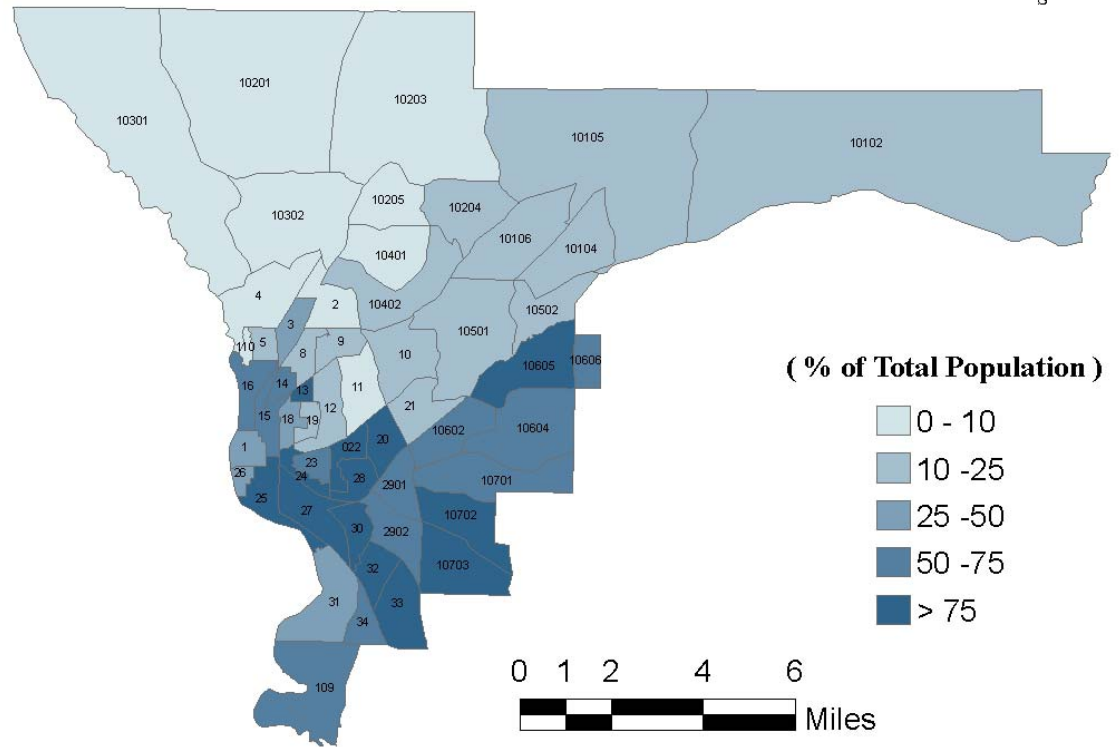


Muscogee County	Age			% Change
	1980	1990	2000	1990 - 2000
<b>Under 5 years</b>	13,358	14,711	13,682	-7
<b>5 to 9 years</b>	13,067	13,628	14,275	4.7
<b>10 to 14 years</b>	13,172	12,414	13,601	9.6
<b>15 to 19 years</b>	18,290	14,632	15,296	4.5
<b>20 to 24 years</b>	18,193	15,481	15,385	-0.6
<b>25 to 34 years</b>	28,171	32,412	27,151	-16.2
<b>35 to 44 years</b>	17,516	24,885	28,295	13.7
<b>45 to 54 years</b>	17,596	16,381	22,751	38.9
<b>55 to 64 years</b>	15,070	15,364	14,038	-8.6
<b>65 to 74 years</b>	9,830	11,729	12,172	3.8
<b>75 to 84 years</b>	4,059	6,061	7,249	19.6
<b>85 years and over</b>	1,112	1,580	2,396	51.6

# RACE:

- In 2000, the Black or African American population in Muscogee County represented 43.7% of the total population.
- The percentage of the White population in Muscogee County continued to fall, from 58.9% in the '90s, to 50.4% in 2000.
- The Native American population saw a considerable population change of 25.8% from 1990 to 2000.

## MUSCOGEE COUNTY, 2000 Black or African American Population

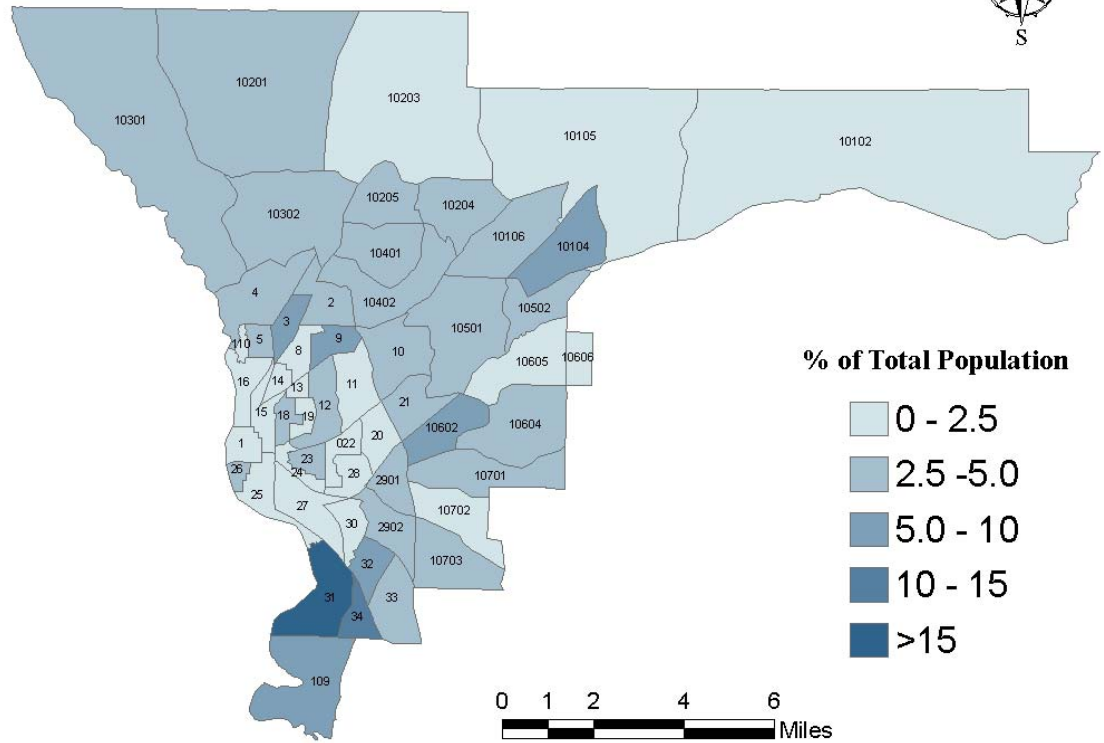


Race	1980	1990	2000	% Change 1990 - 2000
<b>White</b>	107,477	105,762	93,936	-11.2
Share of total population	63.4	59.0	50.4	
<b>Black</b>	57,981	68,161	81,488	19.6
Share of total population	34.2	38.0	43.7	
<b>American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut</b>	503	569	716	25.8
Share of total population	0.3	0.3	0.4	

## RACE:

- The Asian and Pacific Islander population increased from 1.4% of the total population in 1990 to 1.7% of the total population in 2000. The Asian population grew 27.1% between 1990-2000.
- “Other” race category and those who classified themselves as more than two races represented 3.8% of the total population, a large change 208.3% between 1990 (2,276 of total population) – 2000 (7,017 of total population).
- The Hispanic population saw an enormous increase of 58.1% between 1990 and 2000. The Hispanic population represents the third largest racial group. They account for 4.5% of the total population.

### MUSCOGEE COUNTY, 2000 Persons of Hispanic Origin

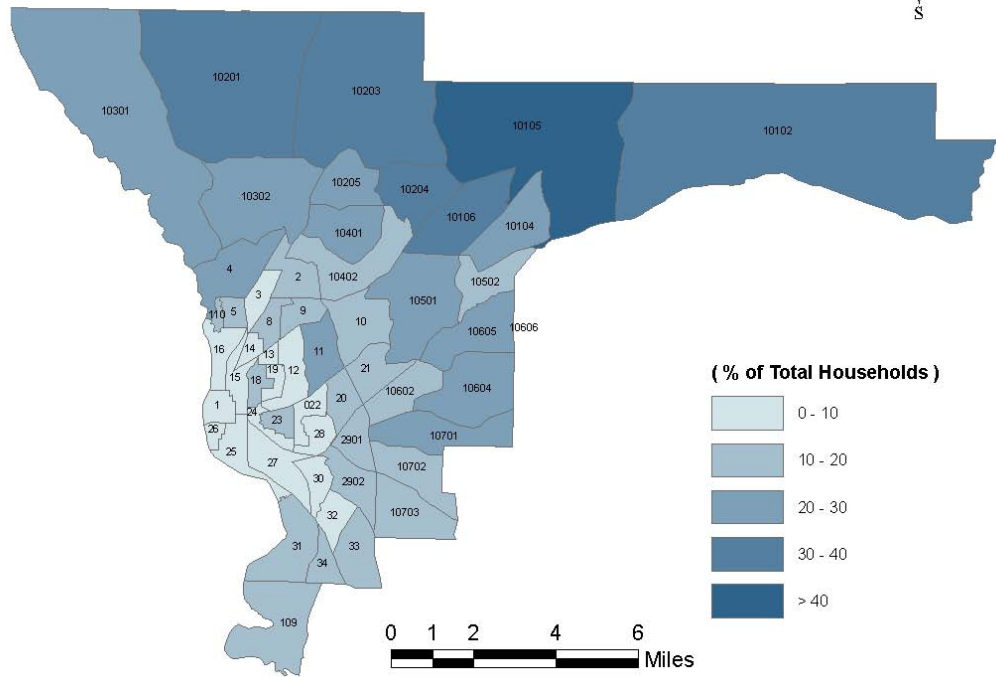


Race	1980	1990	2000	% Change 1990 - 2000
<b>Asian or Pacific Islander</b>	1,991	2,465	3,134	27.1
Share of Population	1.2	1.4	1.7	
<b>Other race</b>	1,482	2,276	7,017	208.3
Share of total population	0.9	1.3	3.8	
<b>Hispanic Origin</b>	3,733	5,294	8,372	58.1
Share of total population	2.2	3.0	4.5	

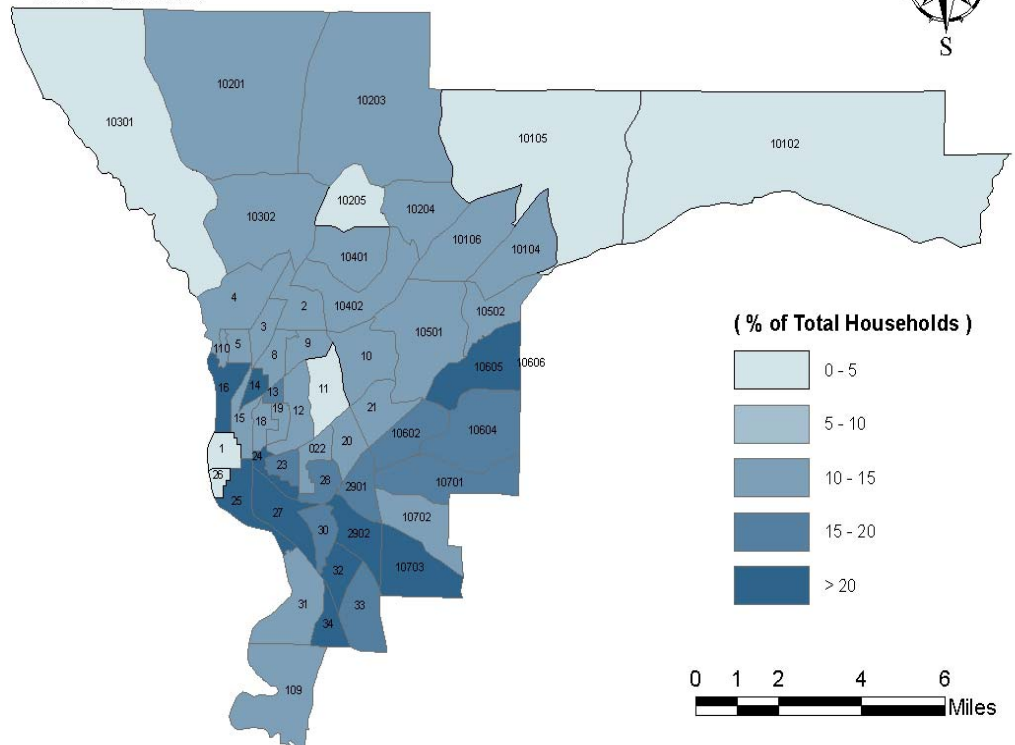
# FAMILY STRUCTURE

- The total number of households in Muscogee County increased, while the average household size continued to decline. The average household size of Muscogee County was 2.54 in 2000. The national average was 2.59, a drop from 2.82 in 1990.
- In 2000, family households held a 68.3% share of the Muscogee County total. Families lost ground significantly in Muscogee County since 1980 when the share was 76.1% of all households.
- The proportion of married couple households to the total number of households continued to decline. In 1980, married couples held a 58.3% share. By 2000, this dropped to 44.6%.
- In Muscogee County, 20.6% of households were married couples with children, lower than the national average of 23.5%.

**MUSCOGEE COUNTY, 2000**  
**Married Couple Households**  
**with Children**



**MUSCOGEE COUNTY, 2000**  
**Single Parent Households**  
**with Children**



## FAMILY STRUCTURE

	1980	1990	2000	% Change 1990 - 2000
<b>Total Households</b>	58,898	65,858	69,869	6.09
<b>Average Household size</b>	2.76	2.82	2.54	
<b>Family Households</b>	44,833	47,235	47,678	0.94
Share of total households (%)	76.1%	71.7%	68.2%	
<b>Married Couples</b>	34,359	28,018	31,758	13.35
Share of total households (%)	58.3%	42.5%	45.4%	
<b>Married Couples with Children under 18 Years</b>	17,862	16,075	14,943	-7.04
Share of total households (%)	30.3%	24.4%	21.4%	
<b>Single Parent Families with children under 18 years</b>	N/A	7,746	9,510	22.77
Share of total households (%)	N/A	11.8%	13.6%	
<b>Female Householder, no husband present with children under 18 years</b>	N/A	6,751	7,950	17.76
Share of total households (%)	N/A	10.3%	11.4%	
<b>Male Householders, no wife present with children under 18 years</b>	N/A	995	1,560	56.78
Share of total households (%)	N/A	1.5%	2.2%	
<b>Non-family Households</b>	14,065	18,623	21,891	17.55
Share of total households (%)		28.3%	31.3%	
<b>Householder Living Alone</b>	12,526	16,128	18,637	15.56
Share of total households (%)		24.5%	26.7%	

## GENDER

■ Muscogee County's male increased by 3,494 during the 1990s. The number of women grew by 3,519. In 2000, the gender balance was 48.6% male and 51.4% female. The national split is 50.9% female, 49.1% male. There are approximately 95 males for every 100 females.

	1980	1990	2000	% Change 1990 - 2000
<b>Female</b>	82,376	92,135	95,674	3.8
<b>Male</b>	87,065	87,123	90,617	4.0