

ATLANTA, GA

(Atlanta–Sandy Springs–Marietta, GA MSA)

COUNTIES

Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Jasper, Lamar, Meriwether, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Rockdale, Spalding, Walton

Ranking: Total Score = 55.2; Rank = 18

STRENGTHS/ADVANTAGES

- Lower percent currently smoking
- Lower percent of days when physical health was not good during the past 30 days
- Lower percent of days when mental health was not good during the past 30 days
- Lower percent with asthma
- Lower percent with angina or coronary heart disease
- Lower death rate for diabetes
- More golf courses per capita
- More park units per capita
- More recreation centers per capita
- More swimming pools per capita
- More tennis courts per capita

OPPORTUNITIES/CHALLENGES

- Higher percent unemployed
- Lower percent of city land area as parkland
- Fewer acres of parkland per capita
- Fewer farmers' markets per capita
- Lower percent using public transportation to work
- Lower percent bicycling or walking to work
- Fewer ball diamonds per capita
- Fewer dog parks per capita
- Fewer park playgrounds per capita
- Lower level of state requirement for Physical Education classes
- Lower number of primary health care providers per capita

DESCRIPTION OF ATLANTA–SANDY SPRINGS–MARIETTA, GA MSA

	Atlanta MSA	U.S. Value	MSA Average	MSA Range
Population	5,475,213	307,006,550	3,325,885	1,123,804 – 19,069,796
Percent less than 18 years old	27.0%	24.3%	24.6%	20.2% – 29.4%
Percent 18 to 64 years old	64.4%	62.8%	63.6%	60.5% – 66.9%
Percent 65 years old and older	8.6%	12.9%	11.8%	7.9% – 17.2%
Percent male	49.4%	49.3%	49.2%	48.1% – 51.1%
Percent high school graduate or higher	86.9%	85.3%	86.7%	77.6% – 92.5%
Percent White	57.8%	74.8%	72.3%	49.8% – 88.6%
Percent Black or African American	31.5%	12.4%	15.0%	1.7% – 44.5%
Percent Asian	4.3%	4.5%	5.1%	1.2% – 30.2%
Percent Other Race	6.3%	8.3%	7.6%	1.9% – 24.5%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	10.0%	15.8%	15.1%	1.2% – 53.4%
Percent unemployed	11.6%	9.9%	9.8%	6.4% – 16.3%
Median household income	\$55,464	\$50,221	\$55,331	\$43,633 – \$85,168
Percent of households below poverty level	10.3%	10.5%	9.5%	4.9% – 15.1%
Violent crime rate/100,000*	439.7	429.4		
Percent with disability	9.2%	12.0%	11.0%	7.4% – 14.5%

*Due to differences in jurisdictional definitions and reporting, the FBI recommends that these rates not be compared across areas

ACSM AMERICAN FITNESS INDEX™ COMPONENTS

Personal Health Indicators – Score = 64.7; Rank = 16

	Atlanta MSA	U.S. Value	MSA Average	MSA Range
Health Behaviors				
Percent any physical activity or exercise in the last 30 days	77.8%	76.2%	77.2%	70.4% – 85.9%
Percent physically active at least moderately	46.2%	51.0%	48.7%	36.4% – 58.1%
Percent eating 5+ servings of fruits/vegetables per day	25.9%	23.4%	24.4%	15.8% – 30.0%
Percent currently smoking	14.6%	17.9%	17.0%	8.8% – 25.3%
Chronic Health Problems				
Percent obese	25.1%	26.9%	25.9%	18.1% – 34.3%
Percent in excellent or very good health	57.0%	56.0%	56.8%	46.4% – 66.6%
Any days when physical health was not good during the past 30 days	29.9%	35.5%	35.3%	29.5% – 40.3%
Any days when mental health was not good during the past 30 days	27.6%	33.7%	34.4%	23.8% – 41.9%
Percent with asthma	6.5%	8.8%	8.3%	4.5% – 11.9%
Percent with angina or coronary heart disease	2.5%	3.8%	3.6%	2.4% – 5.6%
Percent with diabetes	7.9%	8.3%	8.3%	5.4% – 11.6%
Death rate/100,000 for cardiovascular disease	196.1	206.7	201.0	131.7 – 268.6
Death rate/100,000 for diabetes	15.2	22.5	21.9	9.9 – 31.4
Health Care				
Percent with health insurance	82.3%	85.6%	86.3%	77.3% – 94.4%

Community/Environmental Indicators – Score = 46.4; Rank = 32

(note: most of these data were available only for the main city in the MSA)

	Atlanta	MSA Average	Range of all Cities
Built Environment			
Parkland as percent of city land area	4.6%	10.6%	2.5% – 25.3%
Acres of parkland/1,000	7.2	18.9	2.3 – 94.1
Farmers' markets/1,000,000	3.5	14.8	1.0 – 41.0
Percent using public transportation to work	3.7%	4.3%	0.4% – 30.5%
Percent bicycling or walking to work	1.6%	2.8%	1.2% – 6.7%
Recreational Facilities			
Ball diamonds/10,000	1.5	2.0	0.3 – 5.7
Dog parks/10,000	0.4	0.9	0.0 – 5.7
Park playgrounds/10,000	2.0	2.3	0.9 – 4.8
Golf courses/100,000	1.1	1.0	0.0 – 5.0
Park units/10,000	6.6	4.2	1.2 – 10.9
Recreation centers/20,000	1.3	1.1	0.1 – 2.6
Swimming pools/100,000	4.1	3.1	0.6 – 9.2
Tennis courts/10,000	3.3	2.1	0.8 – 6.9
Park-related expenditures per capita	\$101	\$101.5	\$12.0 – \$259.0
Level of state requirement for Physical Education classes**	2	2.5	0 – 3
Number of primary health care providers per 100,000	68.9	93.2	46.8 – 133.7

**3 = required at three levels: high school, middle school and elementary school; 2= required at two levels; 1= required at only one level