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Mental Health Behavioral Diseases Third Cause of Death in Fulton County

According to the most recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the major causes of death in Fulton County—cardiovascular diseases and cancers—generally match the national pattern when measured in terms of broad classifications. However, while respiratory diseases rank third—both nationally and in the State of Georgia—the third leading cause of death in Fulton County is mental and behavioral diseases, which include various types of dementia such as Alzheimer's.

A major component of an "Environmental Scan" to be used by the Board of Commissioners as a part of the Fiscal Year 2015 strategic planning process, the "Public Health" focus area also included the following "key public health indicators":

- Fulton has some of the highest rates of HIV and syphilis in the nation.
- Fulton's overall health rating ranks it midway between the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) 10-Core (Metro) Counties, with Fayette "enjoying the most impressive ranking and Clayton the most deficient."

The Report notes that causes of death, the prevalence of diseases and other health conditions do vary wildly within Fulton County. "Accordingly, County-level data often masks disparities that exist within the County." A "health assessment" of the Adamsville Health Center Service Area by the Department of Health and Wellness disclosed the concentration of cardiovascular disease, high-blood pressure and other chronic diseases in Fulton County Districts 4, 5 and 6.

Other findings and "key indicators" of the Scan:

- **Unemployment Rate Increasing for Fulton's Millennials**
  The unemployment rate for the 25-34 year-old demographic (the millennials) is increasing, because the 55-64 year-old population (the younger seniors) is working longer.
- **Population Aging: 20-44 Year-Old Group Declining**
  Younger-working age groups, 20-44 years old, have declined from 43 percent to 39 percent between 2000 and 2013, consistent with the national trend.

Commission District Profiles reveal District 3 "Richest District"

The "Environmental Scan" included "Commission District Profiles." The profiles are a district-by-district breakdown of population and other demographic factors which revealed:

- **District 3**, located in Central Fulton County and including most of the City of Sandy Springs, the northern part of the City of Atlanta, Buckhead and Midtown has the "highest proportion of very high-income households with 18.7 percent of the households having an income over $200,000.

- **District 4**, located entirely within the City of Atlanta including Downtown and much of the western area of the City has the highest proportion of very low-income households with 18.1 percent of the households having an income below $10,000.

- **District 6** has a "roughly normal distribution of incomes" and "with over half of the households having an income in the mid-range between $28,000 and $100,000."

Mighty Moments in the Mighty 6

BELOW: **Bulk Waste Day**: *More than 800 residents dropped off bulky waste items at Creel Park on Bulk Waste Day, Saturday, April 18. The all-day event is designed to help citizens dispose of their bulky waste items, such as recyclables, electronics, and household hazardous waste.*

ABOVE: *Members of the New Life Presbyterian Church located in College Park pose for a photograph after receiving the South Fulton Senior Services' Heartbeat Award in the Group Recipient category. The **24th Annual Volunteer Luncheon Program**, sponsored by South Fulton Senior Services, Inc. was held Friday, April 10, at the Atlanta Airport Marriott hotel in College Park.*

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Children and Young Adult Services **404-612-3726**
Health Services **404-612-1211**
Neighborhood Centers
- West Fulton Behavioral Health Center............................ 404-691-9627
  475 Fairburn Road, SW, Atlanta, GA 30331
- College Park Regional Health Center 404-765-4155
  1920 John Wesley Avenue, College Park, GA 30337
- Adamsville Regional Health Center 404-613-4215
  3700 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SW Atlanta, GA 30331
Other Health Services
- Behavioral (Mental) Health... 404-613-3675
- Developmental Disabilities 404-613-3675

Library, Arts and Culture
- Auburn Avenue Research Library, 101 Auburn Ave. NE 404-730-2130
- Aviation Community Cultural Center,
  3900 Aviation Circle, NW 404-612-8600
- Central Library HQ, One Margaret Mitchell Square........ 404-730-1700
- College Park Library, 3647 Main Street 404-762-4060
- Fairburn Library, 60 Valley View Drive 770-306-3138
- Hapeville Library, 525 King Arnold Street 404-762-4065
- Palmetto Library, 9111 Cascade Palmetto Highway....... 404-613-4075
- South Fulton Library, 4055 Flat Shoals Road, ... 770-306-3092
- Southwest Arts Center, 915 New Hope Road.............. 404-613-3220
- Southwest Library, 3665 Cascade Road SW 404-699-6363
- South Fulton Arts Center, 4645 Butner Road 404-612-3087

Juvenile Court **404-612-4401**

Senior Services **404-613-6000**
- Camp Truitt Senior Center 404-762-4802
  4320 Herschel Road, College Park 30337
- Hapeville Senior Center 404-762-3660
  527 King Arnold Street, Hapeville 30354
- New Beginnings Senior Center..................................... 404-612-8984
  66 Brooks Street, Fairburn 30296
- Palmetto Senior Center.. 770-463-4990
  510 Turner Avenue Palmetto 30268
- Quality Living Services Senior Center 404-699-1686
  4001 Danforth Road Southwest, Atlanta 30331

Multipurpose Facilities
- Harriett G. Darnell Senior Multipurpose Facility.............. 404-699-8580
  677 Fairburn Road, Atlanta 30331
- H.J.C. Bowden Senior Multipurpose Facility................. 404-762-4821
  2885 Church Street, East Point 30344

Municipal Services (unincorporated south Fulton County)
Economic Development... 404-612-1021
Fire Rescue... 404-612-5700
Parks and Recreation 404-612-4058
Police.. 404-612-3001
Zoning 404-612-7800
Public Works 404-612-7400
Transportation 404-612-0520
Code Enforcement .... 404-612-TELL(8355)

COUNTY AGENCIES *Funded but not Operated by Fulton County*
Courts... **404-613-5313**

Grady Health System
- East Point Clinic.. 404-616-2886
  1595 West Cleveland Avenue, East Point 30344

Board of Tax Assessors **404-612-6440**
5600 Stonewall Tell Road, Room 224, College Park, GA 30049

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