**Atlanta Metro**

The Atlanta Metro area is a large region that has been identified by the Census Bureau in the United States as the "Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area". This particular region is considered to be the single most populated metro designated region within the United States. Amazingly, this metropolitan region consists of an area of twenty eight different counties in the northern region of the State of Georgia. In the year of 2009, this metro area was said to have nearly six million residents total. In this Atlanta city guide, you will learn many important facts pertaining to this area in the Southeast region of the United States.   
  
The Atlanta region is said to sit on eight thousand three hundred seventy six square miles total. In evaluating this area to other land areas, it is said to be as large as the entire State of Massachusetts. The metro area covers many different counties. This could be, in part, due to the fact that Georgia ranks second highest in the United States as far as the number of counties present. This is likely why the Atlanta Metro is considered to be the largest within the United States. Throughout the rest of this guide, you will learn what counties are part of the area and a little information on the most populated of these counties. The following represents the counties, starting with the most populated and ending with the least populated:   
  
• Fulton• Gwinnett• DeKalb• Cobb• Clayton• Cherokee• Henry• Hall• Forsyth• Paulding• Douglas• Bartow• Coweta• Carroll• Fayette• Newton• Walton• Rockdale• Barrow• Spalding• Polk• Chambers• Pickens• Haralson• Upson• Butts• Meriwether• Dawson• Putnam• Pike• Lamar• Jasper• Heard

As you can see, there are several different areas that are considered to be a large part of Atlanta Metro. The following represents information pertaining to the most populated counties within this region:

Fulton County

Fulton County is the largest in the Atlanta Metro area. Due to the fact that it has so many residents, it recently became the first county in the entire state to gain one million residents. This area was designated as Fulton once the Western region of the DeKalb County was broken down in the year of 1853. This county is known to have one of the largest public libraries in the entire State of Georgia. This library is referred to as the "Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System".   
  
Gwinnett County

Gwinnett County is considered to be the second largest Atlanta Metro County as far as population is concerned. It was officially designated as a county on the 15th day of December in the year of 1818. It received its name after the man named Button Gwinnett. This individual signed the document known as the "United States Declaration of Independence" as a representative of the State of Georgia. This county also has the largest education system in the entire State of Georgia. It has been established that there are at least one hundred thirty different educational establishments located in this particular county.

DeKalb County

DeKalb County is the third largest county located within the Atlanta Metro area. Fulton County rests on the border of this particular county and it is said to have a total of ten percent of the City of Atlanta included in the land mass of the county. This county received a special recognition known for "Green Communities". The county is consistently striving for measures to take that will allow everyone the ability to preserve important natural resources. Examples of these resources include energy, water conservation and fuel preservation. This particular county was established in the year of 1822.

Cobb County

The fourth largest county located in the Atlanta Metro region is Cobb County. The largest city within this county is that called Marietta. This county was established on the 3rd day of December in the year of 1832. The group that designated county status for Cobb County was referred to as the "Georgia General Assembly". Cobb has received recognition as being one of the top one hundred wealthiest counties throughout the United States. Based on statistical data pulled from various educational facilities in the area, Cobb County is considered to be the "most educated" county within the entire State of Georgia.   
  
The Atlanta Metro area is considered to be the largest metropolitan area within the United States. It consists of an amazing twenty eight counties total. The commercial, business, industrial, and education system of the metro region is said to be among the most varied and productive within the United States. It does not matter if you live in or around Atlanta Metro, or simply visit this metropolitan area, you will find a wide array of activities to pursue - whether they relate to education, business, or are recreational in nature.