

Fulton County Board of Health Epidemiology Report

COVID-19 Cases - 3/26/2021

SUMMARY

- As of March 26, 2021, Fulton County has recorded 77,727 confirmed cases and 13,349 probable cases of COVID-19.
- Figure 1 shows both confirmed and probable case counts but the ensuing tables and figures use data from **confirmed cases** only.
- As of March 26, 2021, Fulton County has recorded 1,172 confirmed COVID-19 deaths. 124 deaths are currently under review by GA DPH to confirm cause of death.
- By city, new confirmed COVID-19 case rates range from 45.6 per 100,000 persons (Hapeville) to 320.0 per 100,000 persons (Mountain Park). [Fulton County Diagnoses Rates (per 100,000 persons): Cumulative 7071.4; Incidence –151.1]. See map showing incident case rate by ZIP code on Pg.12.
- Among all confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Fulton County since August 1, 4.2% required hospitalization and 1.3% died.
- Of all PCR testing done in Fulton County between March 1 and March 14, the percent positivity rate was 4.4%.

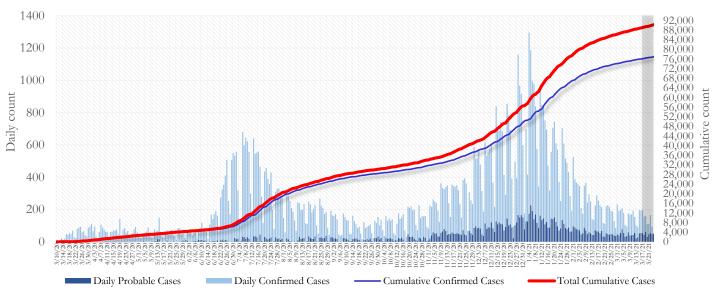


Fig 1. Daily and Cumulative Confirmed and Probable COVID-19 cases in Fulton County, GA

Counts shown reflect the number of cases as of 9:00 pm on 3/25/21 using the date of first positive sample collection. Where date of sample collection was not available or missing, the date of report creation in GA SENDSS was used instead. The Georgia Department of Health defines a confirmed cases as someone with a positive molecular test, also known as PCR. A probable case is defined as a positive antigen test, though probable cases are still considered positive cases and individuals who tested positive through an antigen test should follow all DPH isolation and quarantine guidance. **Note:** Delays in data reporting may cause changes in data counts, particularly in the shaded portion. Data throughout this report are preliminary and subject to ongoing data cleaning processes, and thus are subject to change.

THE FOLLOWING ANALYSES (PAGES 1-19) ARE USING DATA ON CONFIRMED CASES ONLY.

DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 CASES BY REGION

New cases: 41% of the new COVID-19 cases in the past 2 weeks occurred in Atlanta while 35% and 20% occurred in the Northern and Southern regions of the county respectively.

Fulton Region	% Cumulative	% New	
	count	cases*	
Atlanta	42.5%	40.8%	
North ¹	34.2%	34.8%	
South ²	19.7%	20.0%	
Unincorporated/Unknown	3.7%	4.4%	

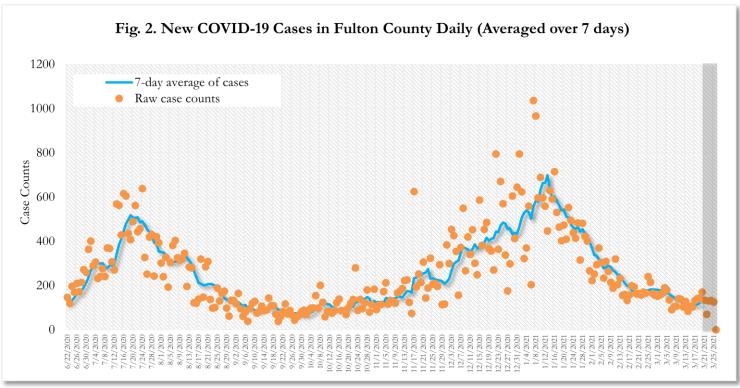
¹Includes all Fulton County cities north of Atlanta (Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Roswell, Sandy Springs,) | ²Includes all cities south of Atlanta (Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Palmetto, South Fulton, and Union City) *New cases: Cases diagnosed in the past 2 weeks only (between 3/6/21 – 3/19/21).

In the recent two week reporting period (3/6-3/19), there were fewer new cases of COVID-19 in Fulton County than the previous two weeks (2/20-3/5).

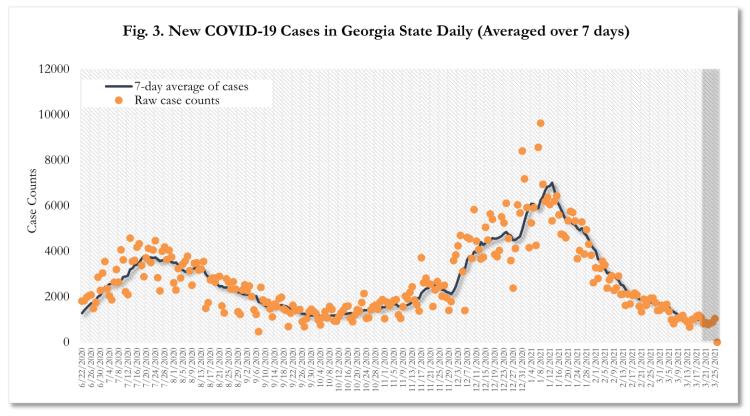


*Delayed a week to account for testing results turnaround time.

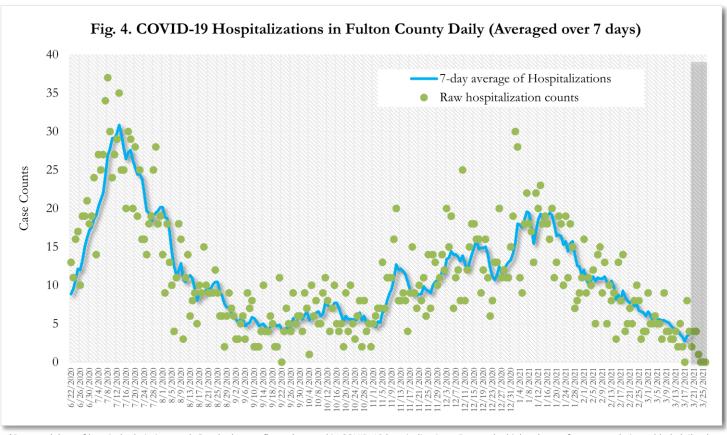
TRENDS IN COVID-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS (7-DAY MOVING AVE.)



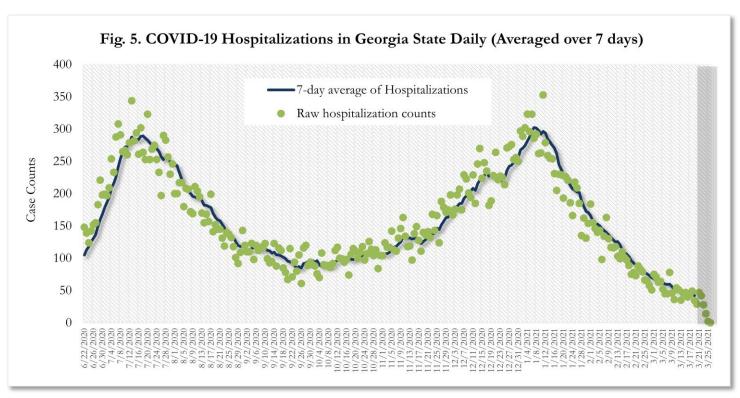
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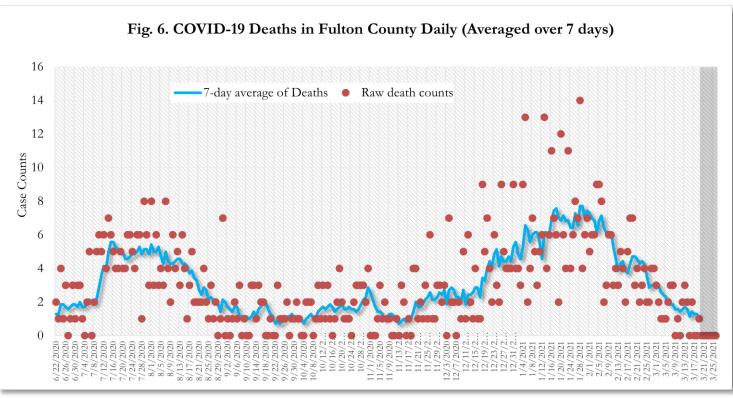
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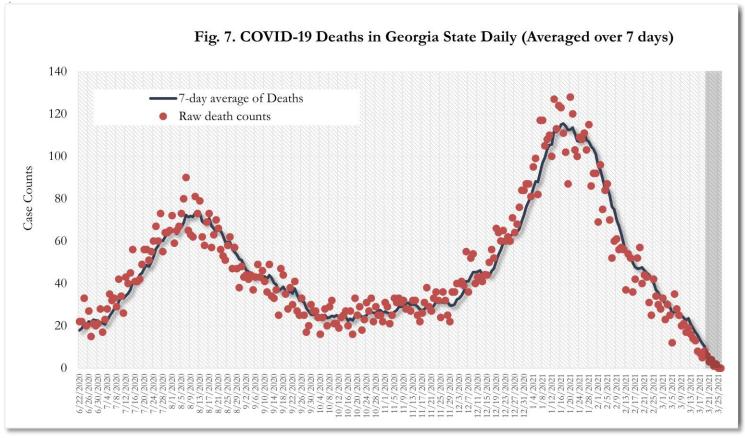
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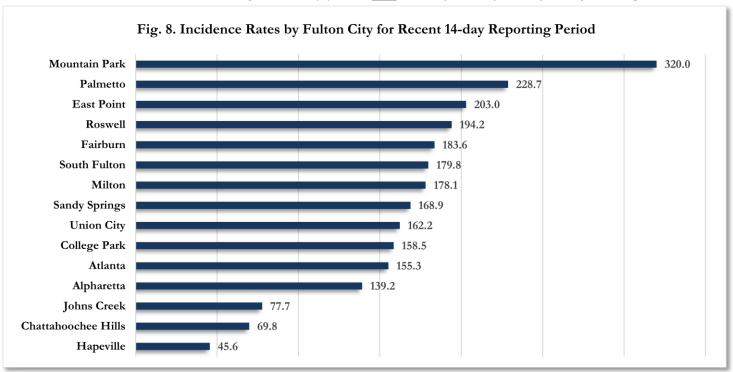


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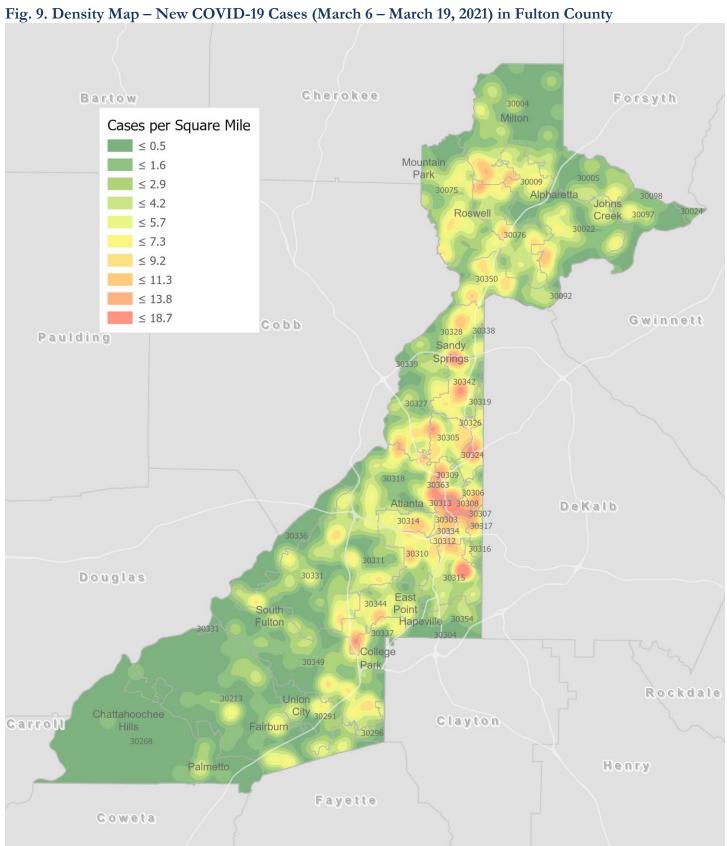
COVID-19 CASE COUNTS AND RATES BY CITY

	Recent 14-day reporting period ¹	Preceding 14-day reporting period	% Change from preceding 14 days (%) ²	Incidence Rate ³
	3/3-3/16	2/17-3/2		
Alpharetta	90	96	↓ 6.3%	139.2
Atlanta	685	843	↓ 18.7%	155.3
Chattahoochee Hills	<10	<10	↓ 66.7%	69.8
College Park	22	33	↓ 33.3%	158.5
East Point	71	60	↑ 18.3%	203.0
Fairburn	27	27	-	183.6
Hapeville	<10	<10	↓ 62.5%	45.6
Johns Creek	65	96	↓ 32.3%	77.7
Milton	68	72	↓ 5.6%	178.1
Mountain Park	<10	-	-	320.04
Palmetto	10	15	↓ 33.3%	228.7
Roswell	183	128	↑ 43.0%	194.2
Sandy Springs	178	187	↓ 4.8%	168.9
South Fulton	171	202	↓ 15.3%	179.8
Union City	34	42	↓ 19.0%	162.2
Unknown	50	40	-	-

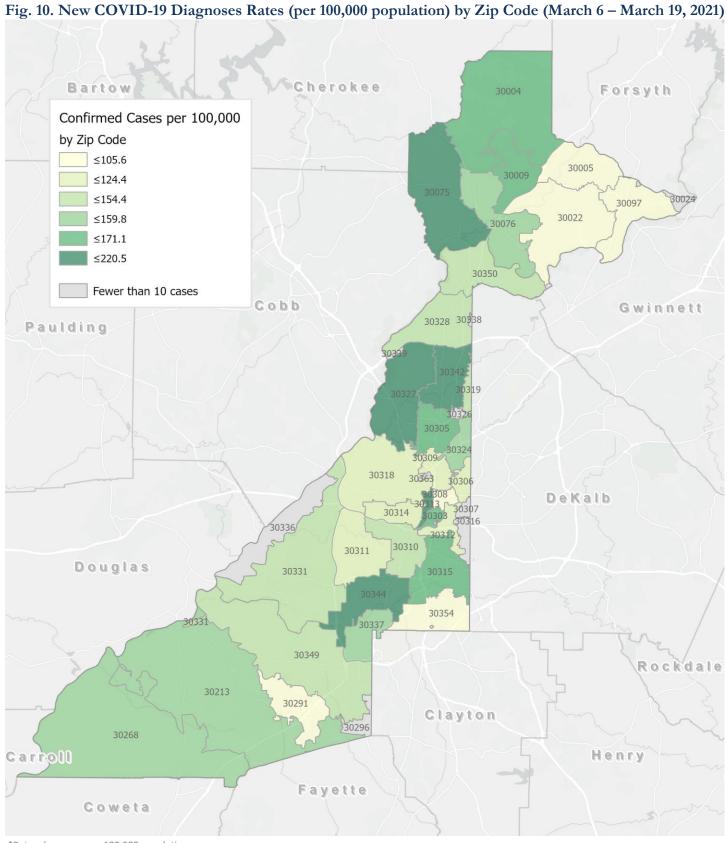
*New cases: Cases diagnosed in most recent 14 days (based on reported dates of positive sample collection). To allow for lag in reporting results of new diagnoses from samples collected in the most recent week, data used for incident diagnoses analyses were moved back by one week. *% change: These reflect the percentage increase or decrease in new diagnoses between the 14 days preceding the most recent 7 days and the 14 days preceding that. *3(Incidence) Rate: Rate of new diagnoses in the last 14 day period preceding the immediate past week.**Data cleaning (either during case interviews or address geo-coding) may lead to reassignment of few cases from one territory to another based on their corrected addresses. These may appear as "decreases" when compared to the previous counts. These do not reflect errors in the data collection or analysis process but only reflect the minor day-to-day fluctuations in case counts that arise in an evolving public health database like COVID's. *Incidence rate is skewed high due to small population.. Note: All data reported are preliminary and subject to change.



^{*}Rates shown are per 100,000 persons | All data shown are preliminary and are subject to change as testing results get updated.



New COVID-19 cases: Cases diagnosed in most recent 14 days (based on reported dates of positive sample collection). To allow for lag in reporting results of positive cases from samples collected in the immediate past 7 days, data used for incident diagnoses analyses are moved back by one week. Map reflects new COVID-19 cases diagnosed between Mar 6th and Mar 19th, 2021 across Fulton County, excluding LTCF cases.



New COVID-19 cases: Cases diagnosed in most recent 14 days (based on reported dates of positive sample collection). To allow for lag in reporting results of positive cases from samples collected in the immediate past7 days, data used for incident diagnoses analyses are moved back by one week. Data used excludes outbreak-related cases at long-term care facilities and map shown reflects only the new non-LTCF cases diagnosed between the dates shown in map title. See page 12 for zip code break down table.

^{*}Rates shown are per 100,000 populations.

COVID-19 NEW CASE¹ COUNTS BY ZIP CODE

Zip Code	Recent 14- day reporting period (3/6 – 3/19)	Previous 14-day reporting period (2/20-3/5)	% Change between reporting periods ²
All Fulton	1661	1855	↓ 10.5%
30004	92	99	↓ 7.1%
30005	34	39	↓ 12.8%
30009	35	30	↑ 16.7%
30022	67	99	↓ 32.3%
30023	0	0	-
30024	0	<10	↓ 100.0%
30075	88	62	† 41.9%
30076	89	56	↑ 58.9%
30080	0	0	-
30097	18	17	↑ 5.9%
30098	0	0	-
30135	0	0	_
30138	0	0	_
30139	0	0	_
30213	68	68	_
30268	14	18	↓ 22.2%
30291	32	44	↓ 27.3%
30296	<10	<10	-
30301	<10	0	-
30303	13	<10	↑ 62.5%
30305	50	45	† 11.1%
30306	21	18	16.7%
30307	<10	<10	-
30308	25	37	↓ 32.4%
30309	41	74	↓ 44.6%
30310	42	63	↓ 33.3%
30311	46	57	↓ 19.3%
30312	41	48	↓ 14.6%
30313	24	21	↑ 14.3%
30314	31	37	↓ 16.2%
30315	58	90	↓ 35.6%
30316	16	21	↓ 23.8%
30318	82	137	↓ 40.1%
30319	15	<10	↑ 200.0%
30321	<10	0	-
30324	45	32	↑ 40.6%
30326	<10	11	↓ 45.5%
30327	58	46	↑ 26.1%
30328	60	63	↓ 4.8%
30331	98	87	↑ 12.6%
30334	<10	0	-
30336	<10	<10	-
30337	21	27	↓ 22.2%

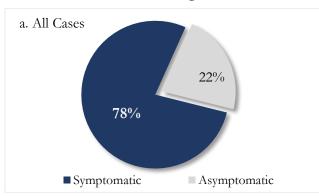
Zip Code	Recent 14- day reporting period (3/6-3/19)	Previous 14-day reporting period (2/20-3/5)	% Change between reporting periods
30338	<10	<10	_
30339	<10	<10	-
30340	0	0	-
30341	0	0	-
30342	68	74	↓ 8.1%
30344	68	54	↑ 25.9%
30345	0	0	-
30349	87	128	↓ 32.0%
30350	56	69	↓ 18.8%
30354	12	22	↓ 45.5%
30358	0	0	-
30363	<10	<10	_
30374	0	0	-
30606	0	0	-
31131	0	0	-
31150	0	0	-
Unknown	12	18	-

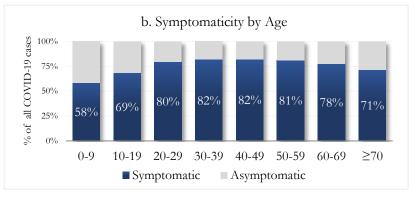
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REPORTING SYMPTOMS AMONG PERSONS WITH COVID-19 IN FULTON

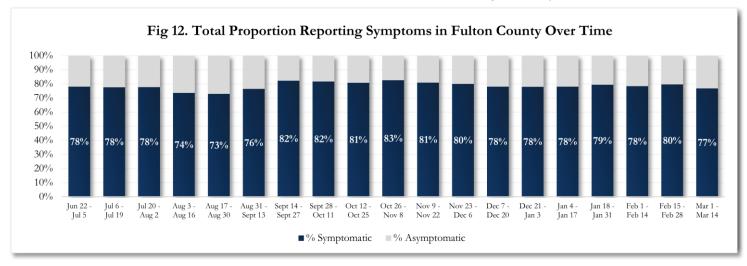
People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms reported include: cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, congestion, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, or new loss of taste or smell – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html

Fig. 11a & b. Total Proportion Reporting Symptoms in Fulton

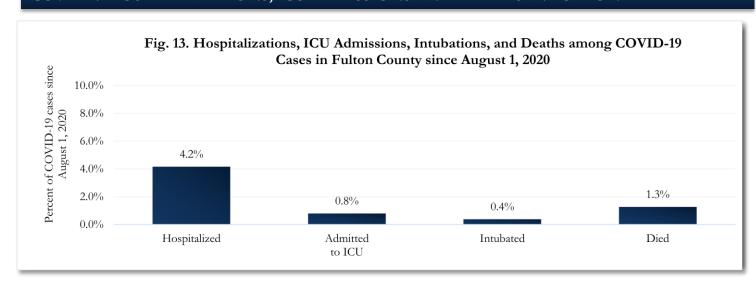




COVID-19 cases who have been case interviewed or had medical charts reviewed as of 3/26/21 only. n = 46,483



COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS, ICU ADMISSIONS AND DEATHS IN FULTON



DEMOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTIONS - COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS

A. Distribution of COVID-19 cases by gender, age, and race in Fulton County by Fulton Region in the past 28 days (2/20-3/19)

	North Fulton Cities ¹	Atlanta	South Fulton Cities ²	Unknown City	All Fulton
	Count (%)	Count (%)	Count (%)	Count (%)	Count (%)
Total COVID-19 cases	1111	1462	687	109	3369
Gender: Female	583 (52%)	736 (50%)	379 (55%)	55 (50%)	1753 (52%)
Male	526 (47%)	714 (49%)	304 (44%)	49 (45%)	1593 (47%)
Unknown*	<10	12 (1%)	<10	<10	23 (<1%)
Age: 0-9	57 (5%)	65 (4%)	43 (6%)	<10	171 (5%)
10-19	271 (24%)	175 (12%)	89 (13%)	<10	542 (16%)
20-29	150 (14%)	361 (25%)	99 (14%)	21 (19%)	631 (19%)
30-39	166 (15%)	305 (21%)	126 (18%)	26 (24%)	623 (18%)
40-49	192 (17%)	188 (13%)	111 (16%)	15 (14%)	506 (15%)
50-59	159 (14%)	169 (12%)	119 (17%)	15 (14%)	462 (14%)
60-69	75 (7%)	95 (6%)	64 (9%)	12 (11%)	246 (7%)
≥70	41 (4%)	101 (7%)	33 (5%)	<10	181 (5%)
Unknown*	<10	<10	<10	<10	7 (<1%)
Race: Asian, NH	79 (7%)	29 (2%)	<10	<10	115 (3%)
Black, NH	156 (14%)	585 (40%)	513 (75%)	33 (30%)	1287 (38%)
White, NH	490 (44%)	411 (28%)	33 (5%)	43 (39%)	977 (29%)
Hispanic	122 (11%)	94 (6%)	44 (6%)	<10	268 (8%)
Other, NH	77 (7%)	83 (6%)	19 (3%)	<10	184 (5%)
Unknown*	187 (17%)	260 (18%)	74 (11%)	17 (16%)	538 (16%)

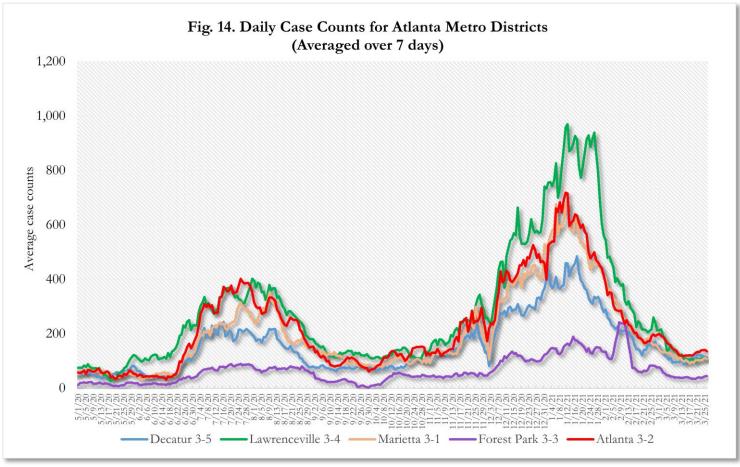
^{*}Unknown includes cases not yet interviewed. 28 days delayed by seven to account for lag in reporting lab results. ¹Includes all Fulton County cities north of Atlanta (Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Roswell, Sandy Springs). ²Includes all cities south of Atlanta (Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Palmetto, South Fulton, and Union City)

B. Distribution of COVID-19 deaths by gender, age, and race in Fulton County in the past 28 days (2/20 - 3/19)

	Count of New Deaths	% of New Deaths
Total COVID-19 deaths	55	
Gender: Female	29	53%
Male	26	47%
Unknown	_	-
Age: ≤ 29	-	-
30-39	<10	2%
40-49	<10	4%
50-59	<10	9%
60-69	11	20%
≥70	36	65%
Unknown	<10	<1%
Race: Asian, NH	<10	2%
Black, NH	37	67%
White, NH	14	25%
Hispanic	<10	5%
Other, NH	_	-
Unknown	_	-

This table was previously showing deaths among those who have tested positive in the past 28 days, but is now showing <u>ALL</u> persons who had a positive PCR test result for Covid-19 and there is evidence that COVID-19 was the cause of death or a significant contributor to their death in the past 28 days).

COVID-19 CASE TRENDS IN FULTON AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS



^{*}Graph shows the average number of cases calculated from the daily cumulative case counts in the metro Atlanta districts. Increases in daily cumulative case counts may include cases diagnosed earlier during the pandemic but were only recently reported to the state as cases diagnosed belonging to these districts.

Hall Forsyth Cherokee Bartow Jackson ∕olk′ Barrow Gwinnett Marietta Lawrenceville Paulding Cobb €conee Pov Spr Chamblee Lilburn Clarkston Stone Walton Decatur DeKalb Villa Fulton Douglasville Douglas Rockdale Union Riverdale Morrow Morgan Clayton Newton Carroll Palmetto Jonesboro Henry Fayette **Health Districts** Cases per Square Mile ≤ 0.7 ≤ 2.4 Jasper ts ≤ 4.4 3-4 Spalding ≤ 6.3 3-1 3-5 ≤ 8.8 ≤ 11.7 ≤ 16.3 ≤ 26.8 Trou Monroe Pike ≤ 43.4 Jones ≤ 62.2

Fig. 15. COVID-19 Cases in Fulton County and Surrounding Districts (March 3 – March 16, 2021)

The following data are updated every two weeks.

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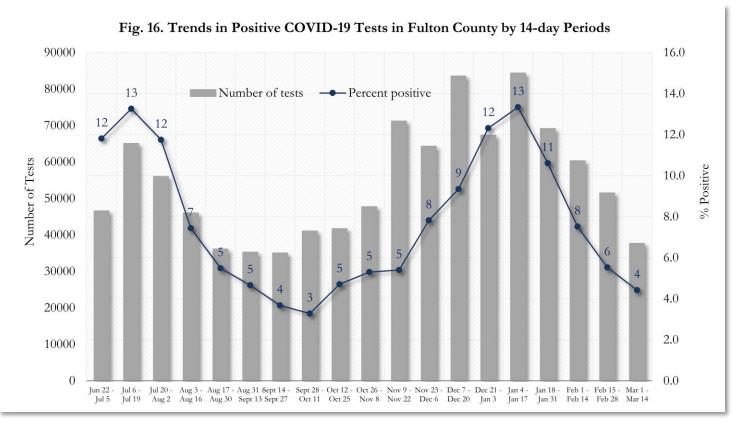
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These data are generated using a fixed start date and counted forward in 14-day intervals. Using these time blocks allows for the stability in trends over time and accounts for delays in reporting lab results.

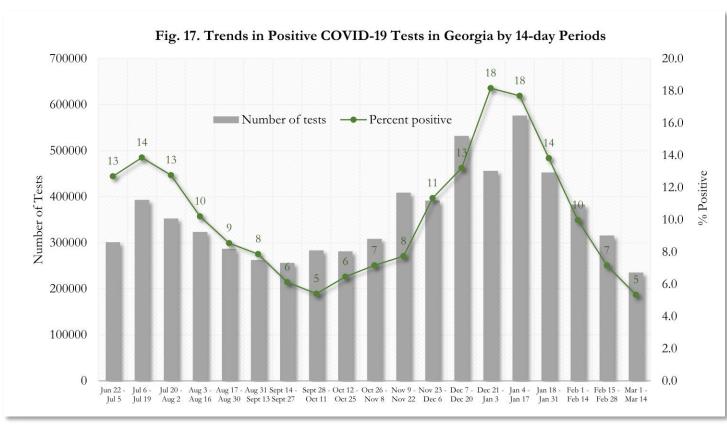
In the interest of keeping the reports concise and useful, the cumulative counts updated on a monthly basis can now be viewed between updates at the Fulton County Board of Health website here.

Please visit the Georgia Department of Public Health Daily Status Report here for cumulative daily counts.

COVID-19 TESTING AND POSITIVITY IN FULTON COUNTY AND GEORGIA

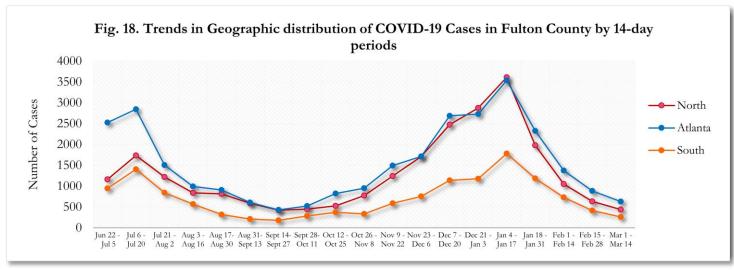


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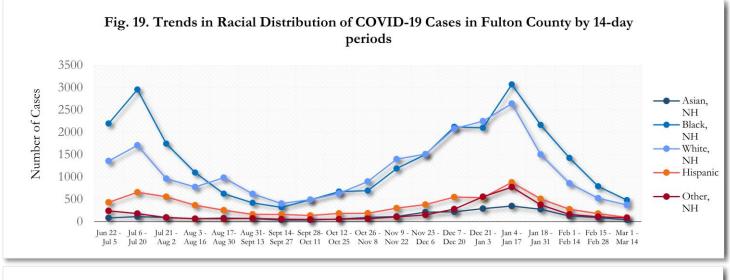
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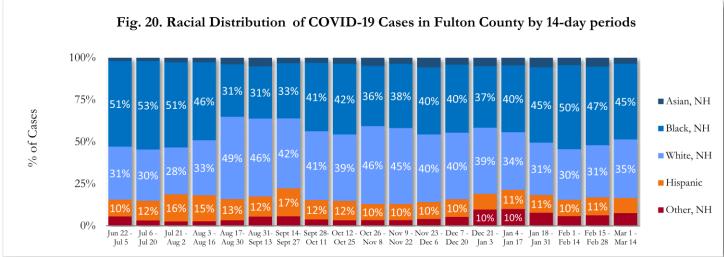
TRENDS IN COVID-19 CASES AMONG DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS (14 DAY PERIODS)



In the past two weeks, the city of Atlanta has accounted for the majority of new cases.

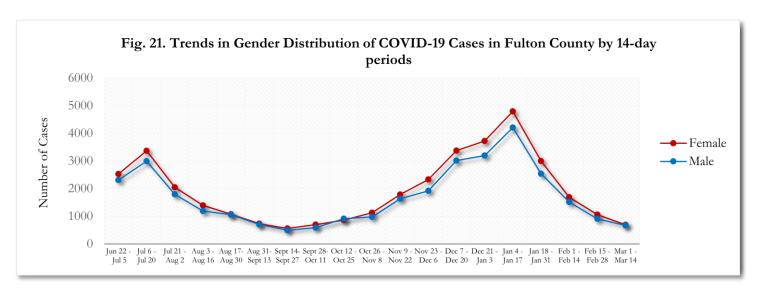
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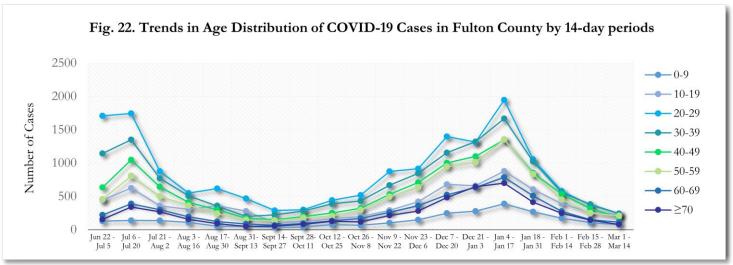




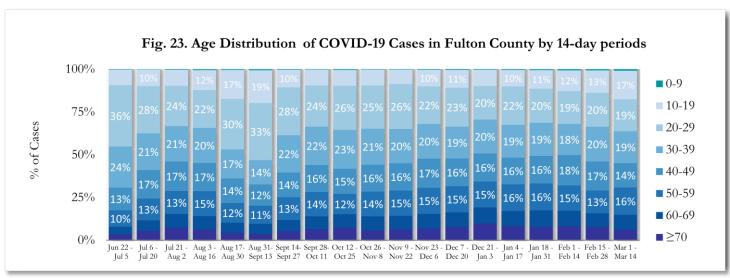
About 13% of all Fulton County COVID cases are missing data on patient race and ethnicity and in the past two weeks, about 22% of cases are missing this data.

^{*}North -Includes all Fulton cities north of Atlanta (Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Roswell, Sandy Springs)



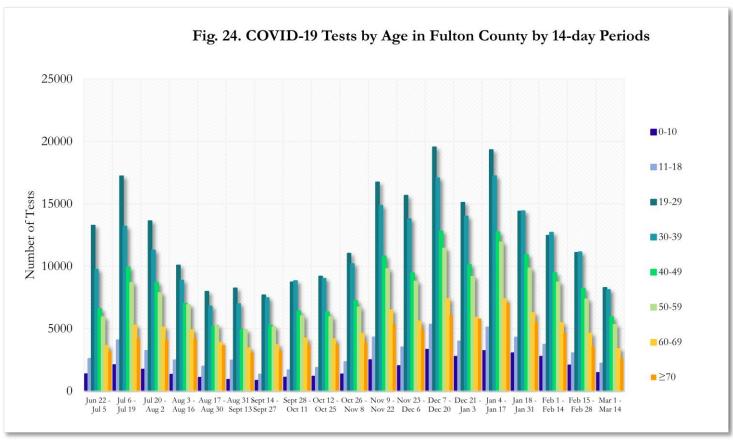


In the most recent two weeks, 20-29 year olds and 30-39 year olds accounted for the majority of new cases.

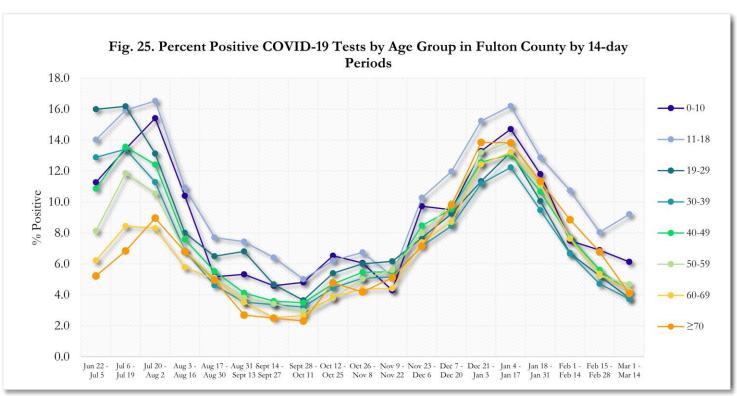


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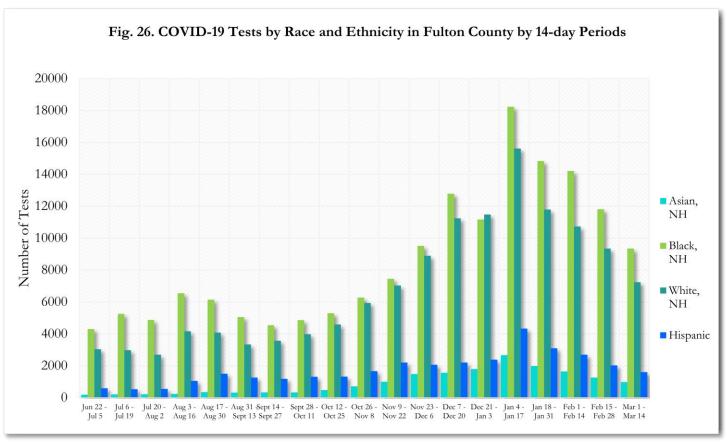
COVID-19 TESTING AND POSITIVITY IN FULTON COUNTY BY AGE AND RACE



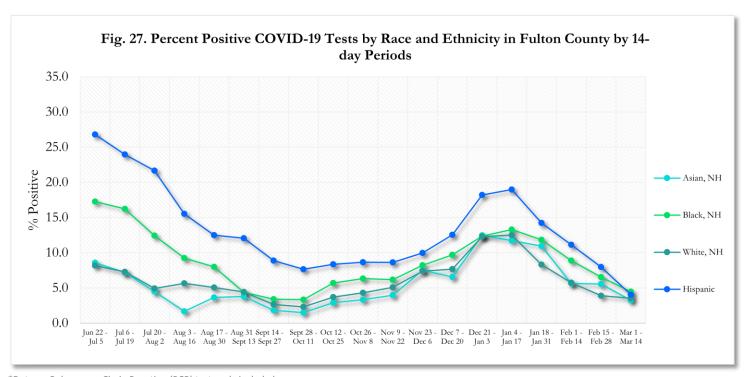
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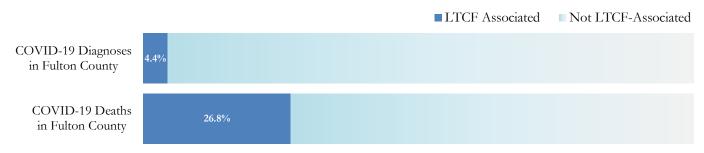
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COVID-19 IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES IN FULTON COUNTY

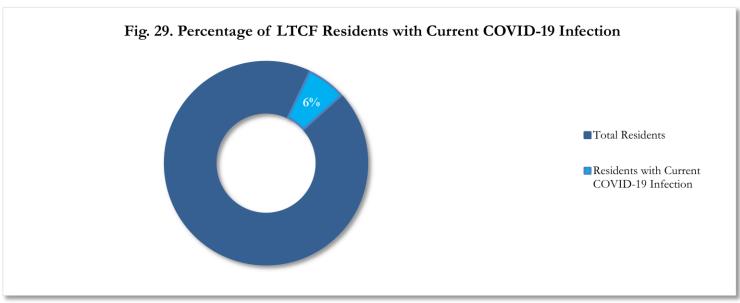
Older persons (aged 65 years and older) and persons who live in nursing homes or other long-term care facilities seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19. Extra precautions are recommended for individuals within this risk groups – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC 2020) https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html

Fig. 28. Cumulative COVID-19 Diagnoses and Deaths in Fulton County Associated with Long-Term Care Facilities



LTCF → Long-term Care Facility (Incudes residents and Staff)

CURRENT COVID-19 POSITIVITY:



^{*}This data comes from facilities self-reporting to DPH and is thus subject to change as more facilities report or provide updated counts. Current total resident count = 4,183