

Fulton County Board of Health Epidemiology Report

COVID-19 Cases - 5/21/2021

SUMMARY

- As of May 21, 2021, Fulton County has recorded 83,107 confirmed cases and 15,098 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 May 21, 2021, Fulton County has recorded 1,298 confirmed COVID-19 deaths. 113 deaths are currently under review by GA DPH to confirm cause of death.
- By city, new confirmed COVID-19 case rates range from 23.9 per 100,000 persons (Johns Creek) to 190.8 per 100,000 persons (Union City). [Fulton County Diagnoses Rates (per 100,000 persons): Cumulative 7560.8; Incidence 86.2]. See map showing incident case rate by ZIP code on Pg.7.
- Among all confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Fulton County since Oct. 1, 4.7% required hospitalization and 1.3% died.
- Of all PCR testing done in Fulton County between April 26 and May 9, the percent positivity rate was 4.7%.

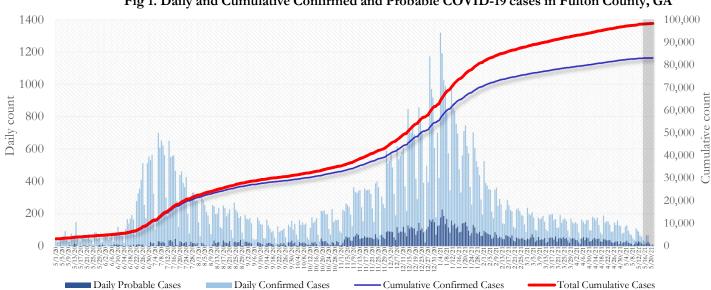


Fig 1. Daily and Cumulative Confirmed and Probable COVID-19 cases in Fulton County, GA

Counts shown reflect the number of cases as of 9:00 am on 5/21/21 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: 44% of the new COVID-19 cases in the past 2 weeks occurred in Atlanta while 22% and 32% occurred in the Northern and Southern regions of the county respectively.

Fulton Region	% Cumulative	% New	
Tulton Region	count	cases*	
Atlanta	42.6%	43.7%	
North ¹	33.8%	21.5%	
South ²	20.1%	32.0%	
Unincorporated/Unknown	3.5%	2.8%	

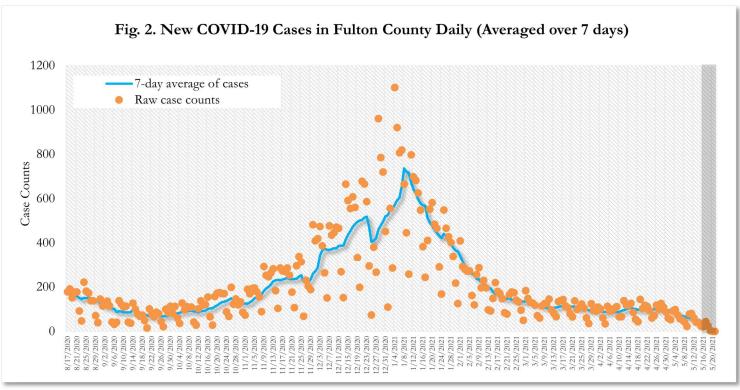
¹Includes all Fulton County cities north of Atlanta (Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Roswell, Sandy Springs,) | ²Includes all cities south of Atlanta (Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Palmetto, South Fulton, and Union City) *New cases: Cases diagnosed in the past 2 weeks only (between 5/1/21 - 5/14/21).

In the recent two week reporting period (5/1-5/14), there were fewer new cases of COVID-19 in Fulton County than the previous two weeks (4/17-4/30).

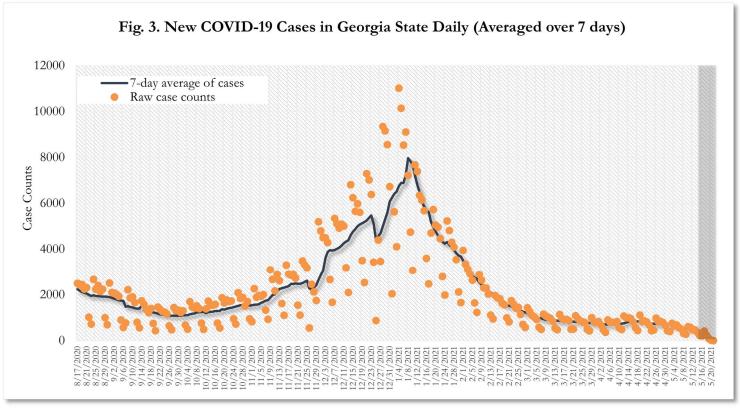


*Delayed a week to account for testing results turnaround time.

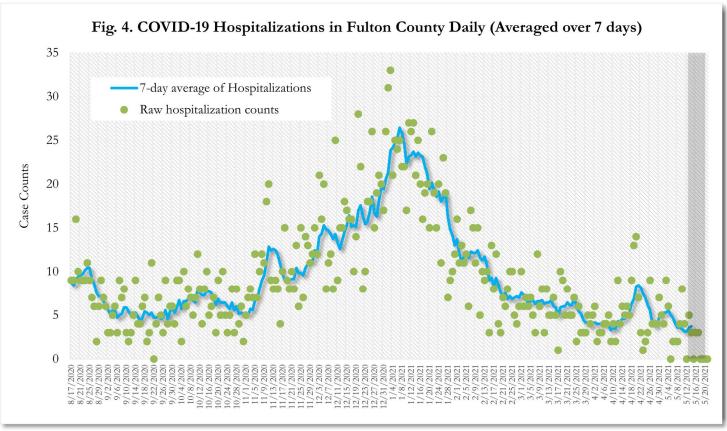
TRENDS IN COVID-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS (7-DAY MOVING AVE.)



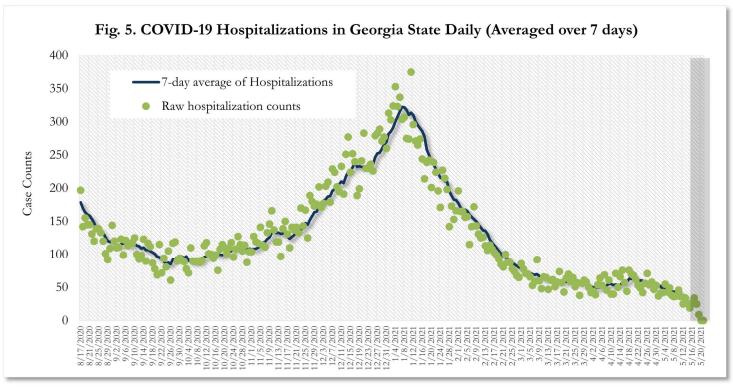
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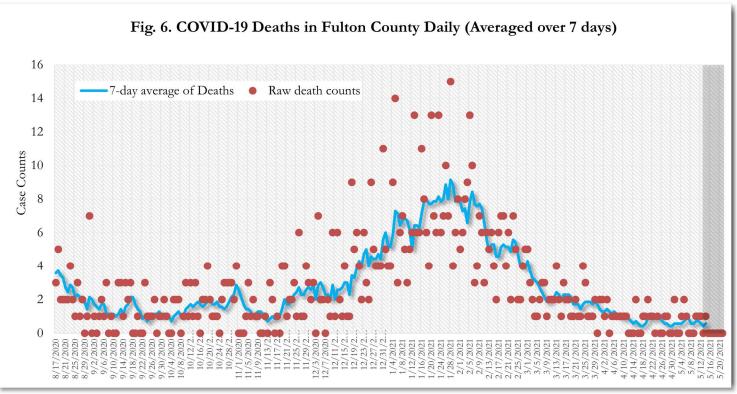
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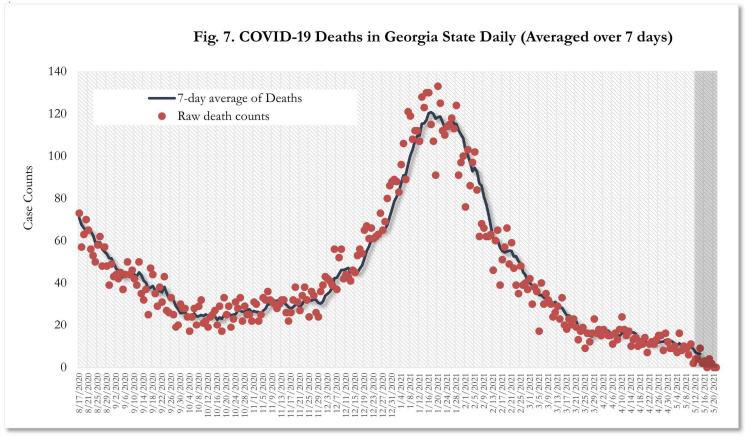
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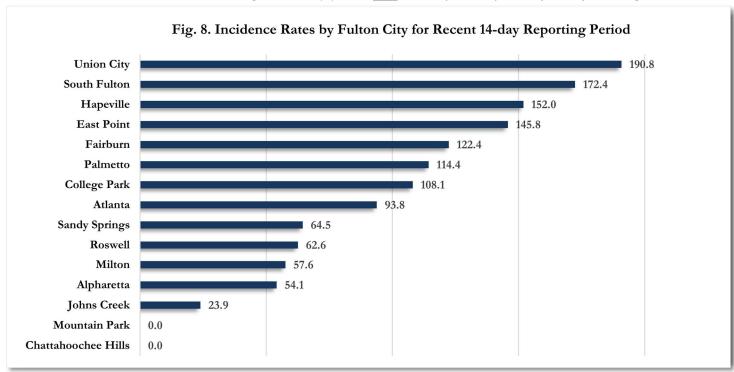


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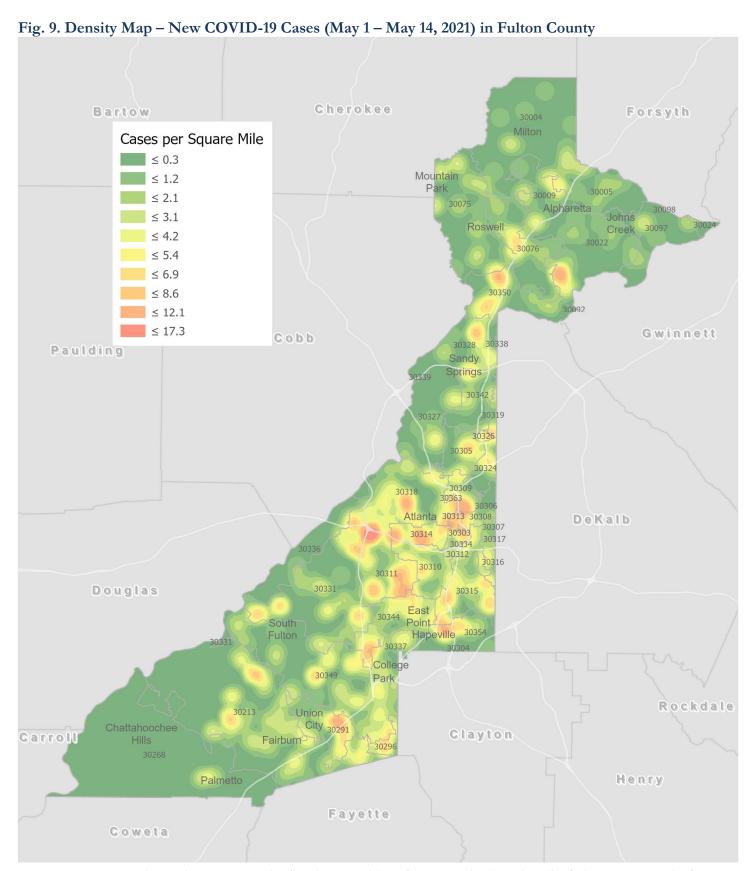
COVID-19 CASE COUNTS AND RATES BY CITY

	Recent 14-day reporting period ¹	Preceding 14-day reporting period	% Change from preceding 14 days (%) ²	Incidence Rate ³
	5/1-5/14	4/17-4/30		
Alpharetta	35	69	↓ 49.3%	54.1
Atlanta	414	597	↓ 30.7%	93.8
Chattahoochee Hills	0	<10	-	0.0
College Park	15	18	↓ 16.7%	108.1
East Point	51	81	↓ 37.0%	145.8
Fairburn	18	16	↑ 12.5%	122.4
Hapeville	10	<10	↑ 25.0%	152.0
Johns Creek	20	49	↓ 59.2%	23.9
Milton	22	28	↓ 21.4%	57.6
Mountain Park	0	<10	-	0.0
Palmetto	<10	10	↓ 50.0%	114.4
Roswell	59	76	↓ 22.4%	62.6
Sandy Springs	68	104	↓ 34.6%	64.5
South Fulton	164	227	↓ 27.8%	172.4
Union City	40	41	↓ 2.4%	190.8
Unknown	27	29	-	-

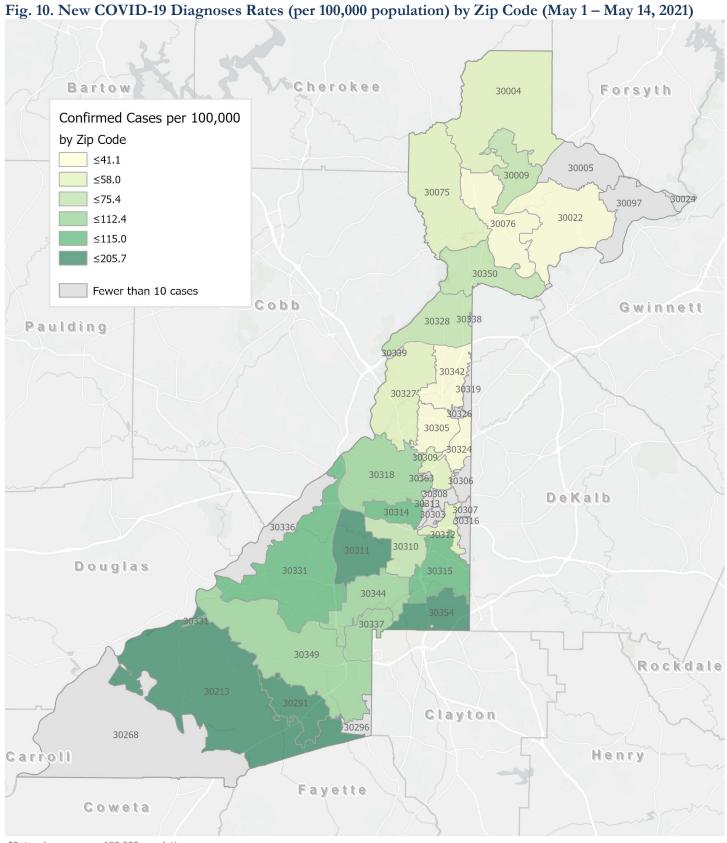
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^{*}Rates shown are per 100,000 persons | All data shown are preliminary and are subject to change as testing results get updated.



<u>New COVID-19 cases:</u> 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 May 1^{st} and May 14^{th} , 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 (5/1-5/14)	Previous 14-day reporting period (4/17-4/30)	% Change between reporting periods ²	
All Fulton	948 1356		↓ 30.1%	
30004	28	29	↓ 3.4%	
30005	12	42	↓ 71.4%	
30009	14	14	-	
30022	32	55	↓ 41.8%	
30023	0	0	-	
30024	<10	<10	-	
30075	28	34	↓ 17.6%	
30076	22	47	↓ 53.2%	
30080	0	0	-	
30097	<10	<10	-	
30098	0	0	-	
30135	0	0	-	
30138	0	0	-	
30139	0	0	-	
30213	75	70	↑ 7.1%	
30268	<10	13	↓ 61.5%	
30291	38	31	↑ 22.6%	
30296	12	11	↑ 9.1%	
30301	0	<10	↓ 100.0%	
30303	<10	<10	-	
30305	12	29	↓ 58.6%	
30306	<10	12	↓ 58.3%	
30307	<10	<10	-	
30308	<10	27	↓ 77.8%	
30309	16	28	↓ 42.9%	
30310	25	41	↓ 39.0%	
30311 30312	75 15	67 34	↑ 11.9% ↓ 55.9%	
30312	<10	11	↓ 33.9 %	
30313	30	59	↓ 49.2%	
30315	41	62	↓ 43.276	
30316	<10	<10	-	
30318	73	68	↑ 7.4%	
30319	<10	<10	-	
30321	0	0	-	
30324	15	50	↓ 70.0%	
30326	<10	11	↓ 27.3%	
30327	12	13	↓ 7.7%	
30328	23	39	↓ 41.0%	
30331	79	119	↓ 33.6%	
30334	<10	<10	-	
30336	<10	<10	-	
30337	10	17	↓ 41.2%	

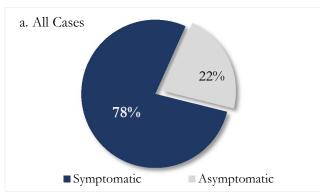
Zip Code	Recent 14- day reporting period (5/1- 5/14)	Previous 14-day reporting period (4/17-4/30)	% Change between reporting periods
30338	0	0	-
30339	<10	<10	-
30340	0	0	-
30341	<10	0	-
30342	14	26	↓ 46.2%
30344	44	74	↓ 40.5%
30345	0	0	-
30349	75	110	↓ 31.8%
30350	28	39	↓ 28.2%
30354	22	19	↑ 15.8%
30358	0	0	-
30363	<10	<10	_
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31131	0	0	-
31150	0	0	-
Unknown	<10	<10	-

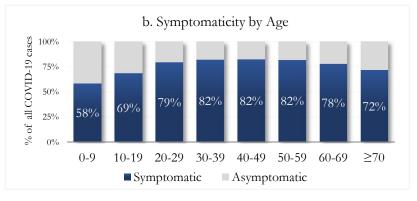
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REPORTING SYMPTOMS AMONG PERSONS WITH COVID-19 IN FULTON

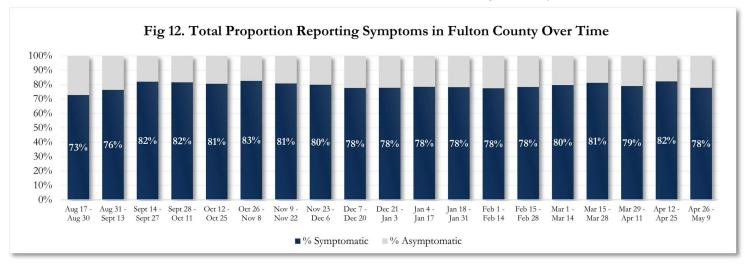
People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms reported include: cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, congestion, 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

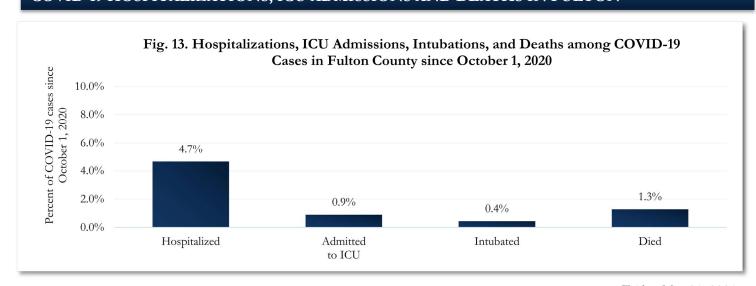




***COVID-19 cases who have been case interviewed or had medical charts reviewed as of 5/21/21 only. n = 54,044 ***



COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS, ICU ADMISSIONS AND DEATHS IN FULTON



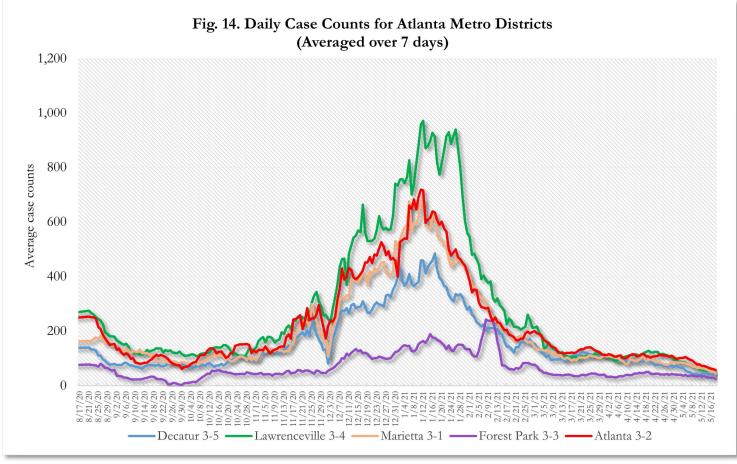
DEMOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTIONS – COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS

Table A - Cumulative and recent confirmed COVID-19 case and death counts by gender, age, and race/ethnicity in Fulton County, Georgia. Past 28 day period refers to April 17 – May 14, 2021

	Total Confirmed Cases	% of Total Cases	Confirmed Cases past 28 days	% of Confirmed Cases past 28 days	Total Confirmed Deaths	% of Total Deaths	Confirmed Deaths past 28 days	% of Confirmed Deaths past 28 days
TOTAL	83107		2220		1298		19	
Female	43767	52.7%	1196	53.9%	610	47.0%	10	52.6%
Male	38899	46.8%	1018	45.9%	688	53.0%	<10	47.4%
Unknown*	441	<1%	<10	<1%	0	-	0	-
0-9	3083	3.7%	162	7.3%	0	-	0	-
10-19	8626	10.4%	319	14.4%	<10	<1%	0	-
20-29	18705	22.5%	430	19.4%	<10	<1%	0	-
30-39	15976	19.2%	486	21.9%	24	1.8%	<10	5.3%
40-49	12690	15.3%	335	15.1%	39	3.0%	0	-
50-59	11309	13.6%	263	11.8%	113	8.7%	<10	21.1%
60-69	6610	8.0%	129	5.8%	236	18.2%	<10	15.8%
>70	5999	7.2%	92	4.1%	880	67.8%	11	57.9%
Unknown*	109	<1%	<10	<1%	0	-	0	-
Asian, NH	2995	3.6%	85	3.8%	21	1.6%	0	-
Black, NH	34043	41.0%	1357	61.1%	803	61.9%	16	84.2%
White, NH	26930	32.4%	314	14.1%	415	32.0%	<10	15.8%
Hispanic, all races	8514	10.2%	163	7.3%	55	4.2%	0	-
Other, NH	3768	4.5%	50	2.3%	<10	<1%	0	-
Unknown*	6857	8.3%	251	11.3%	0	-	0	-

^{*}Unknown includes cases not yet interviewed. 28 days delayed by seven to account for lag in reporting lab results. Deaths refer to all 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.

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 POIK Barrow Gwinnett Marietta Lawrenceville Paulding Cobb Oconee Walton Decatur DeKalb Fulton Douglas Conyers Rockdale Covington Riverdale Morrow Morgan Clayton Newton Carroll Palmetto Henry Fayette Health Districts Cases per Square Mile ≤ 0.4 ≤ 1.3 Jasper ts ≤ 2.3 3-4 Spalding ≤ 3.4 3-1 3-5 ≤ 4.6 ≤ 6 ≤ 7.7 ≤ 9.8 Trou Monroe Pike ≤ 13.5 Jones ≤ 22.3

Fig. 15. COVID-19 Cases in Fulton County and Surrounding Districts (May 1 – May 14, 2021)

The following data are updated every two weeks.

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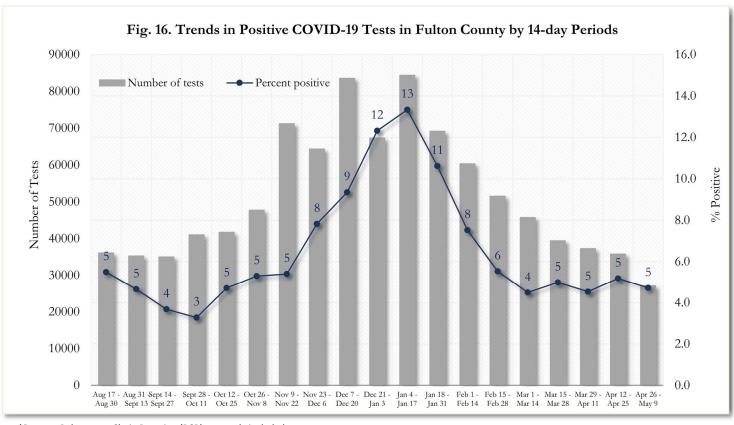
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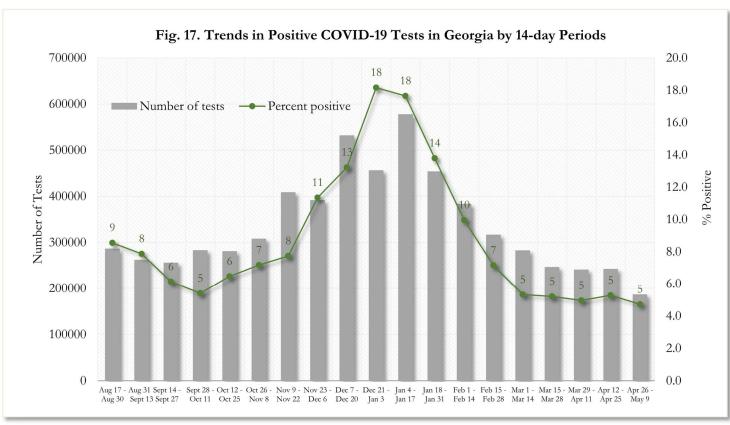
In the interest of keeping the reports concise and useful, the cumulative counts updated on a monthly basis can now be viewed between updates at the Fulton County Board of Health website here.

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

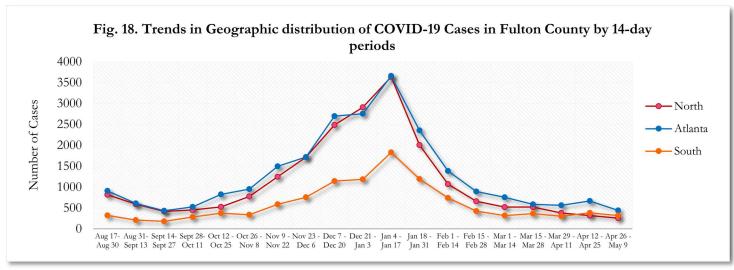


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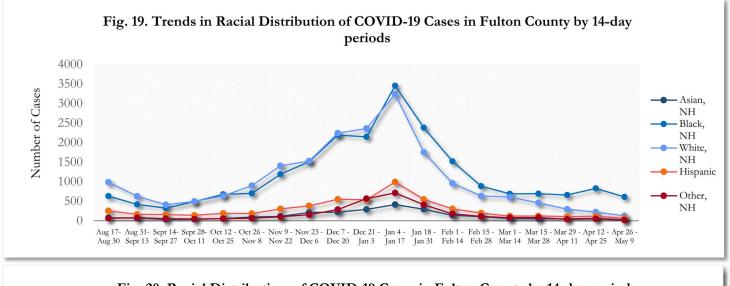
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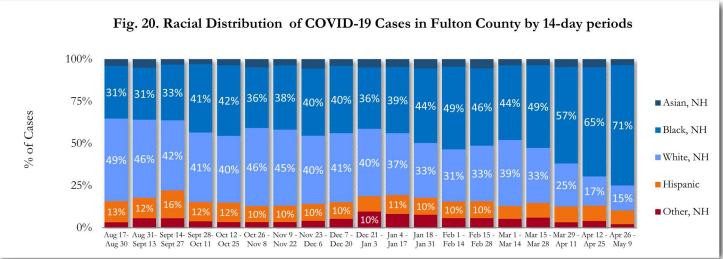
TRENDS IN COVID-19 CASES AMONG DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS (14 DAY PERIODS)



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

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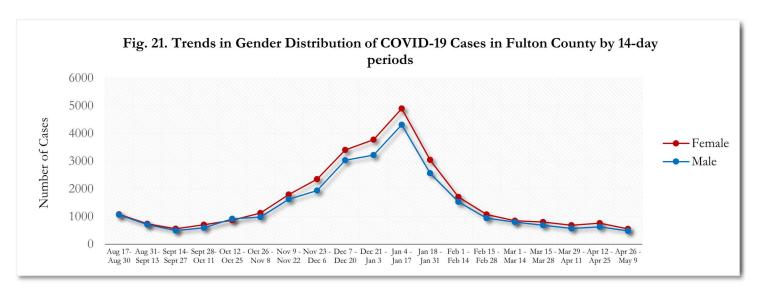


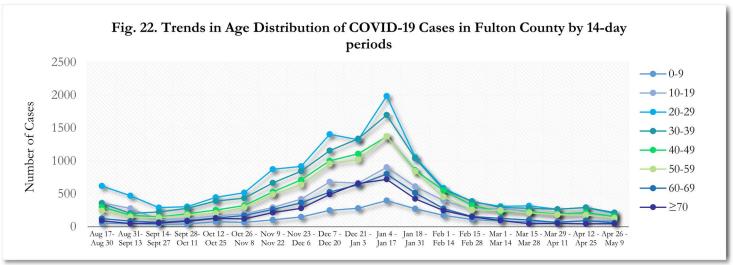


About 9% of all Fulton County COVID cases are missing data on patient race and ethnicity and in the past two weeks, about 18% of cases are missing this data.

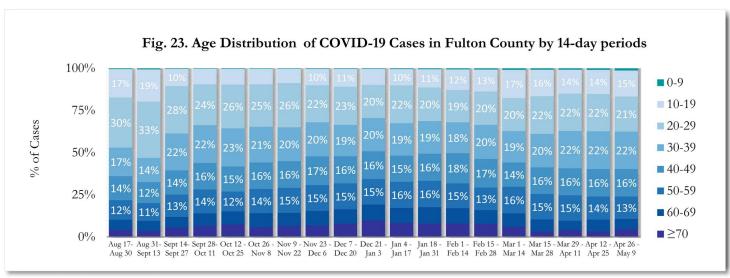
Percentages do not include the missing data.

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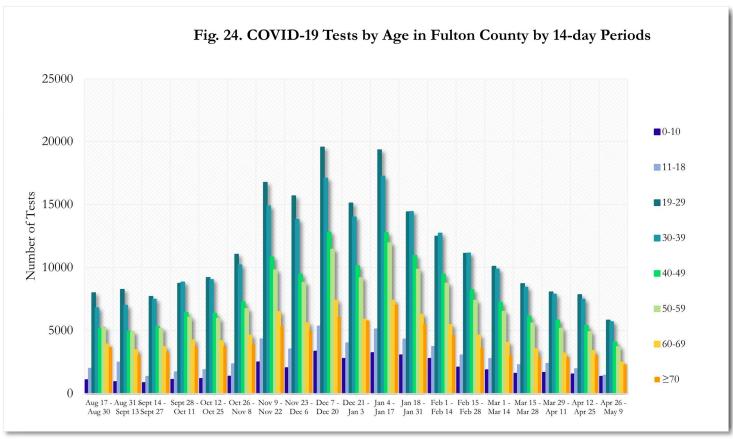


In the most recent two weeks, 20-29 year olds and 30-39 year olds accounted for the majority of new cases.

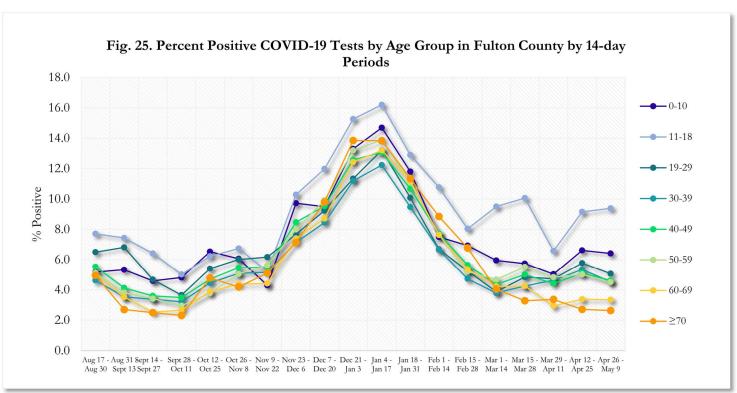


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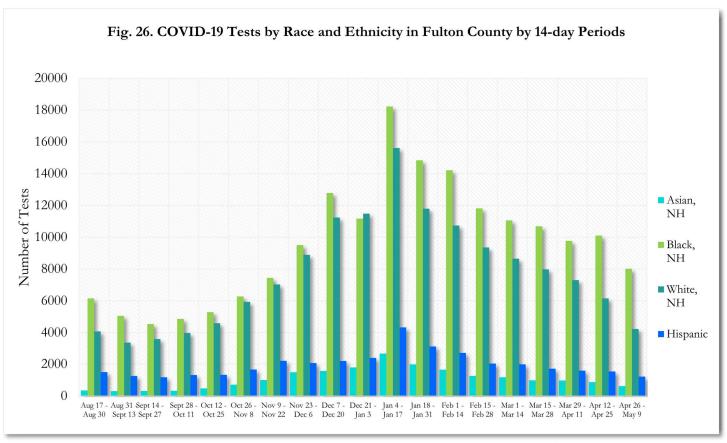
COVID-19 TESTING AND POSITIVITY IN FULTON COUNTY BY AGE AND RACE



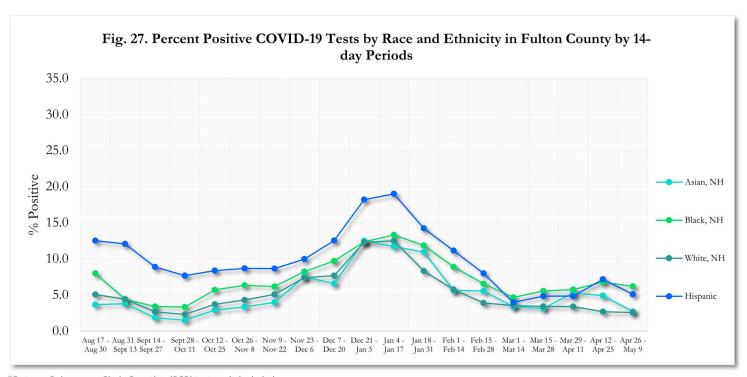
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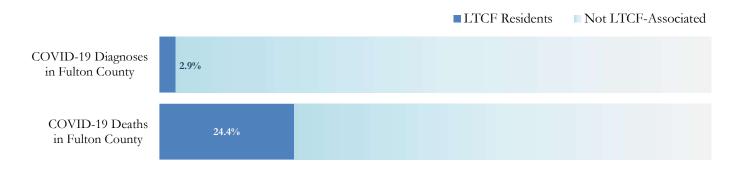
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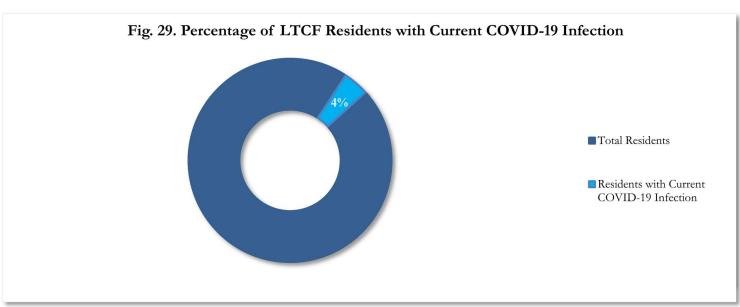
COVID-19 IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES IN FULTON COUNTY

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



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 = 4,338