

# Fulton County Board of Health Epidemiology Report

COVID-19 Cases - 5/28/2021

#### **SUMMARY**

- As of May 28, 2021, Fulton County has recorded 83,290 confirmed cases and 15,157 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 28, 2021, Fulton County has recorded 1,317 confirmed COVID-19 deaths. 103 deaths are currently under review by GA DPH to confirm cause of death.
- By city, new confirmed COVID-19 case rates range from 21.5 per 100,000 persons (Johns Creek) to 195.6 per 100,000 persons (Union City). [Fulton County Diagnoses Rates (per 100,000 persons): Cumulative 7577.5; Incidence 59.3]. 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, 4.9% required hospitalization and 1.3% died.
- Of all PCR testing done in Fulton County between May 9 and May 23, the percent positivity rate was 2.7%.

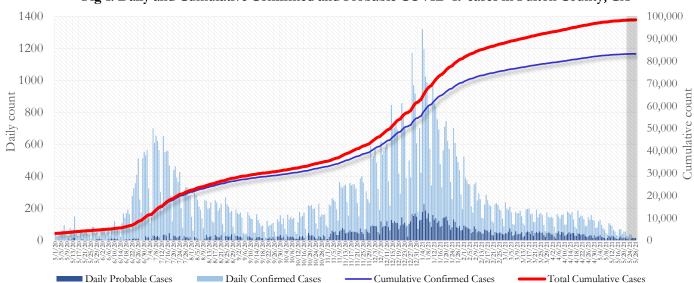


Fig 1. Daily and Cumulative Confirmed and Probable COVID-19 cases in Fulton County, GA

Counts shown reflect the number of cases as of 9:00 am on 5/28/21 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.

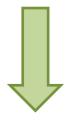
#### **DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 CASES BY REGION**

New cases: 45% of the new COVID-19 cases in the past 2 weeks occurred in Atlanta while 19% and 36% occurred in the Northern and Southern regions of the county respectively.

Fulton Region	% Cumulative	% New	
	count	cases*	
Atlanta	42.7%	44.5%	
North <sup>1</sup>	33.7%	18.6%	
South <sup>2</sup>	20.2%	35.7%	
Unincorporated/Unknown	3.4%	1.2%	

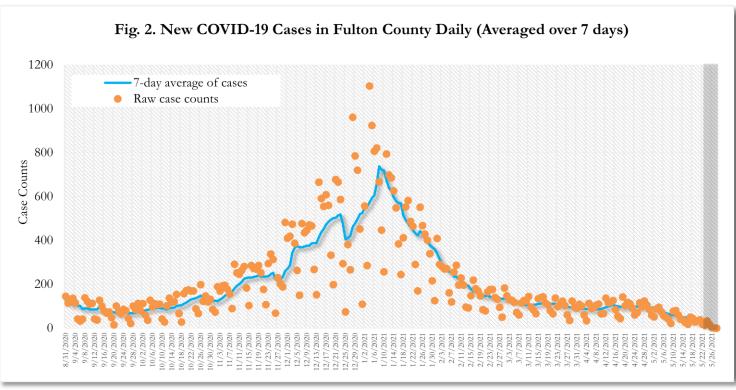
<sup>1</sup>Includes all Fulton County cities north of Atlanta (Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Roswell, Sandy Springs,)  $|^2$ Includes all cities south of Atlanta (Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Palmetto, South Fulton, and Union City) \*New cases: Cases diagnosed in the past 2 weeks only (between 5/8/21 - 5/21/21).

In the recent two week reporting period (5/8-5/21), there were fewer new cases of COVID-19 in Fulton County than the previous two weeks (4/24-5/7).

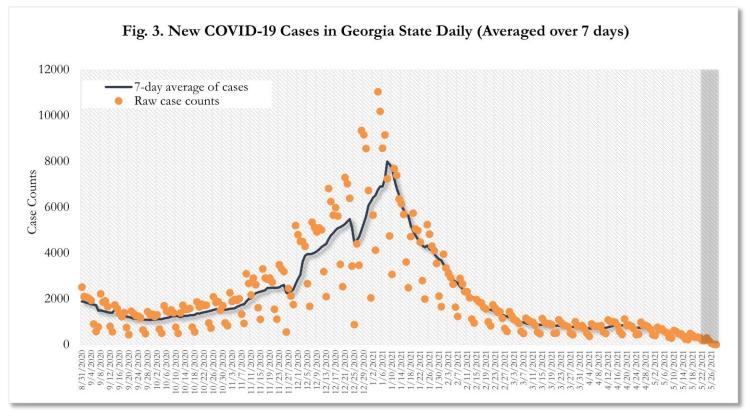


\*Delayed a week to account for testing results turnaround time.

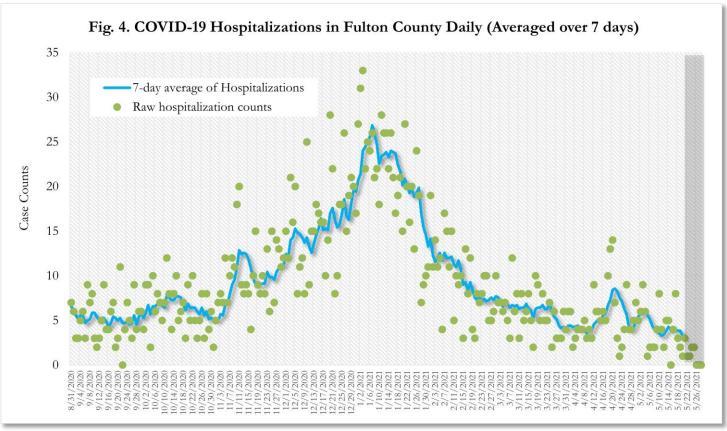
## TRENDS IN COVID-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS (7-DAY MOVING AVE.)



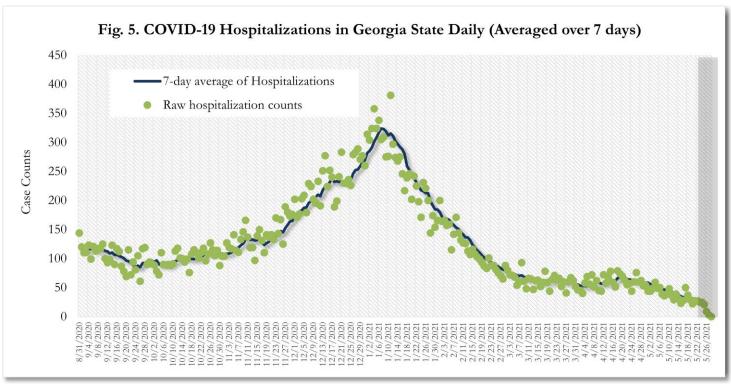
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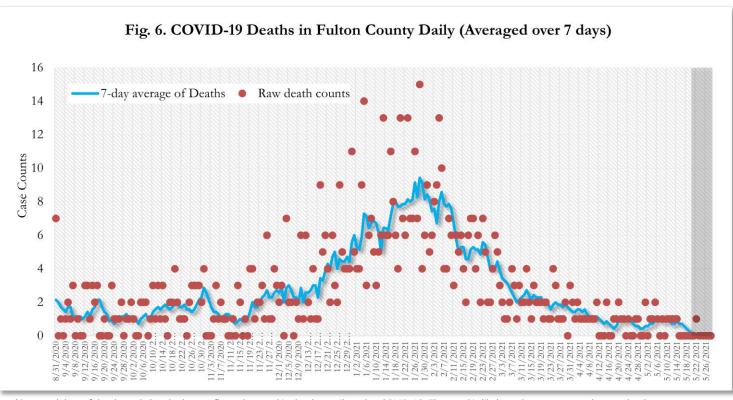
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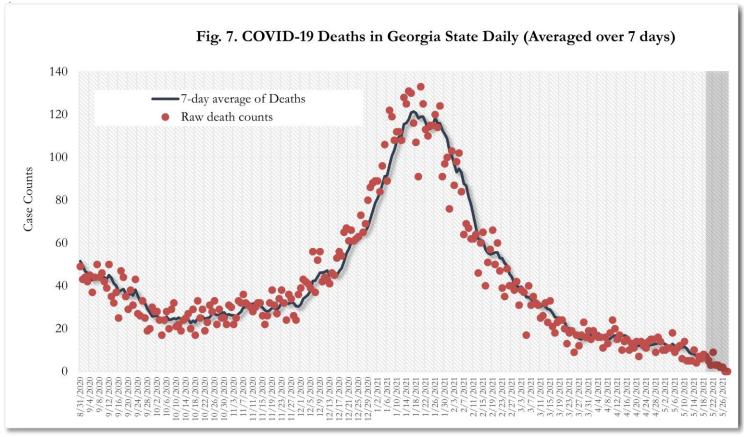
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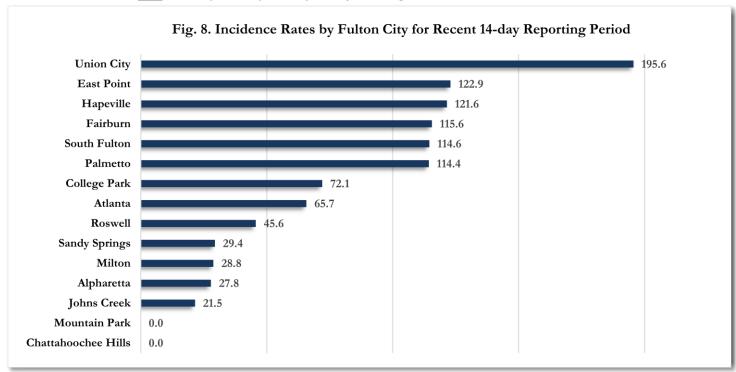


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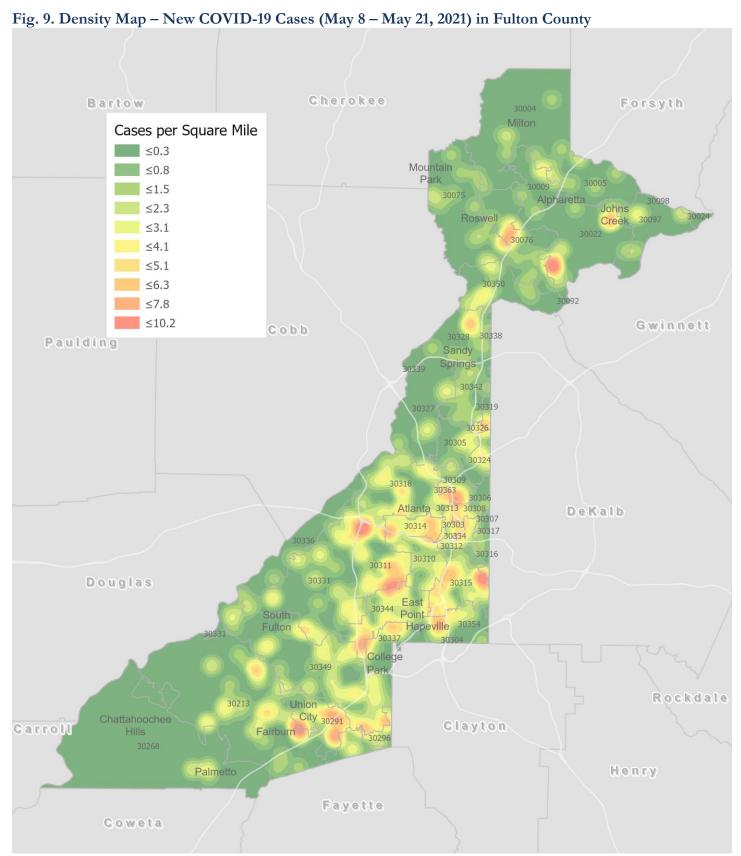
#### **COVID-19 CASE COUNTS AND RATES BY CITY**

	Recent 14-day reporting period <sup>1</sup>	Preceding 14-day reporting period	% Change from preceding 14 days (%) <sup>2</sup>	Incidence Rate <sup>3</sup>
	5/8-5/21	4/24-5/7		
Alpharetta	18	56	↓ 67.9%	27.8
Atlanta	290	520	↓ 44.2%	65.7
Chattahoochee Hills	0	0	-	0.0
College Park	10	17	↓ 41.2%	72.1
East Point	43	75	↓ 42.7%	122.9
Fairburn	17	16	↑ 6.3%	115.6
Hapeville	<10	<10	-	121.6
Johns Creek	18	33	↓ 45.5%	21.5
Milton	11	27	↓ 59.3%	28.8
Mountain Park	0	<10	-	0.0
Palmetto	<10	<10	-	114.4
Roswell	43	79	↓ 45.6%	45.6
Sandy Springs	31	95	↓ 67.4%	29.4
South Fulton	109	214	↓ 49.1%	114.6
Union City	41	42	↓ 2.4%	195.6
Unknown	7	10	-	-

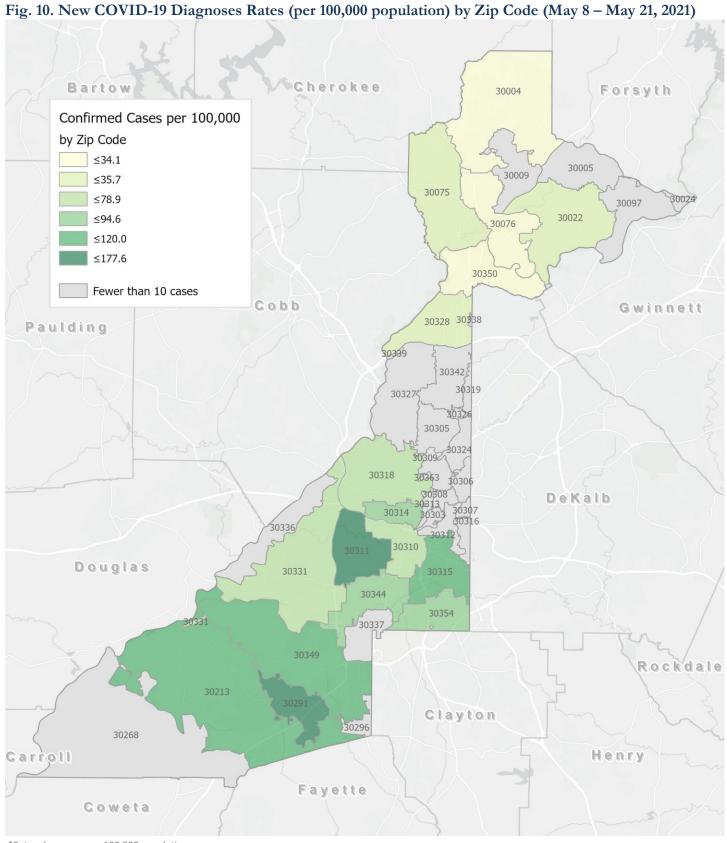
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<sup>\*</sup>Rates shown are per 100,000 persons | All data shown are preliminary and are subject to change as testing results get updated.



<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 8<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

<sup>\*</sup>Rates shown are per 100,000 populations.

# COVID-19 NEW CASE¹ COUNTS BY ZIP CODE

Zip Code	Recent 14- day reporting period (5/8-5/21)	Previous 14-day reporting period (4/24-5/7)	% Change between reporting periods <sup>2</sup>	
All Fulton	654 1203		↓ 45.6%	
30004	15	30	↓ 50.0%	
30005	<10	21	↓ 85.7%	
30009	<10	12	J 41.7%	
30022	26	43	↓ 39.5%	
30023	0	0	-	
30024	<10	0	-	
30075	18	36	↓ 50.0%	
30076	17	46	↓ 63.0%	
30080	0	0	-	
30097	<10	<10	-	
30098	0	0	-	
30135	0	0	_	
30138	0	0	-	
30139	0	0	-	
30213	47	88	↓ 46.6%	
30268	<10	<10	-	
30291	41	35	<b>↑</b> 17.1%	
30296	<10	15	↓ 86.7%	
30301	0	<10	↓ 100.0%	
30303	<10	<10	-	
30305	<10	24	↓ 66.7%	
30306	<10	<10	-	
30307	0	<10	↓ 100.0%	
30308	<10	15	↓ 66.7%	
30309	<10	24	↓ 62.5%	
30310	19	34	↓ 44.1%	
30311	52	67	↓ 22.4%	
30312	10	28	↓ 64.3%	
30313	<10	10	↓ 10.0%	
30314	22	46	↓ 52.2%	
30315	45	42	↑ 7.1%	
30316	<10	<10	-	
30318	37	80	↓ 53.8%	
30319	<10	<10	-	
30321	0	0	-	
30324	<10	37	↓ 78.4%	
30326	<10	<10	-	
30327	<10	13	↓ 46.2%	
30328	12	32	↓ 62.5%	
30331	47	107	↓ 56.1%	
30334	<10	0	-	
30336	<10	<10	-	
30337	10	12	↓ 16.7%	

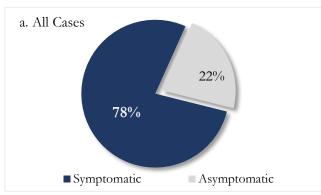
Zip Code	Recent 14- day reporting period (5/8-5/21)	Previous 14-day reporting period (4/24-5/7)	% Change between reporting periods
30338	0	0	-
30339	<10	<10	-
30340	0	0	-
30341	0	0	-
30342	10	21	↓ 52.4%
30344	37	68	↓ 45.6%
30345	0	0	-
30349	62	89	↓ 30.3%
30350	<10	38	↓ 76.3%
30354	15	23	↓ 34.8%
30358	0	0	-
30363	<10	<10	_
30374	<10	0	-
30606	0	0	-
31131	0	0	-
31150	0	0	-
Unknown	<10	<10	-

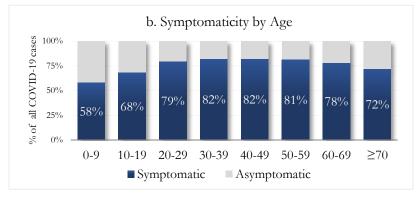
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#### REPORTING SYMPTOMS AMONG PERSONS WITH COVID-19 IN FULTON

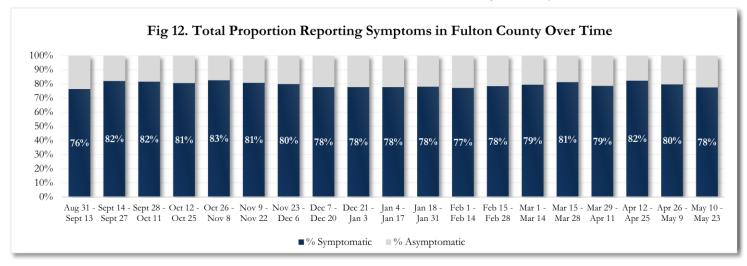
People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms reported include: cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, congestion, 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) <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html</a>

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

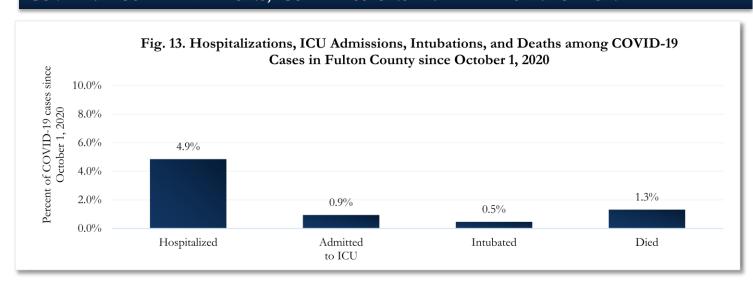




\*\*\*COVID-19 cases who have been case interviewed or had medical charts reviewed as of 5/28/21 only. n = 54,774 \*\*\*



#### COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS, ICU ADMISSIONS AND DEATHS IN FULTON



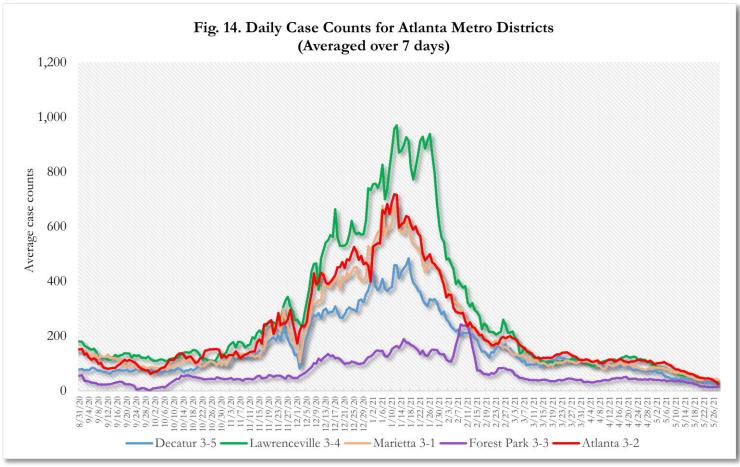
# DEMOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTIONS – COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS

**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 24 – May 21, 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	83290		1761		1317		16	
Female	43907	52.7%	961	54.6%	623	47.3%	<10	50.0%
Male	38965	46.8%	795	45.1%	694	52.7%	<10	50.0%
Unknown*	418	<1%	<10	<1%	0	-	0	-
0-9	3103	3.7%	139	7.9%	0	-	0	-
10-19	8640	10.4%	247	14.0%	<10	<1%	0	-
20-29	18759	22.5%	350	19.9%	<10	<1%	0	-
30-39	15998	19.2%	371	21.1%	26	2.0%	0	-
40-49	12720	15.3%	275	15.6%	39	3.0%	0	-
50-59	11330	13.6%	198	11.2%	117	8.9%	<10	31.3%
60-69	6621	7.9%	100	5.7%	240	18.2%	<10	18.8%
>70	6010	7.2%	79	4.5%	889	67.5%	<10	50.0%
Unknown*	109	<1%	<10	<1%	0	-	0	-
Asian, NH	3030	3.6%	52	3.0%	22	1.7%	0	-
Black, NH	34350	41.2%	1104	62.7%	814	61.8%	13	81.3%
White, NH	27174	32.6%	234	13.3%	421	32.0%	<10	18.8%
Hispanic, all races	8577	10.3%	132	7.5%	55	4.2%	0	-
Other, NH	3696	4.4%	35	2.0%	<10	<1%	0	-
Unknown*	6463	7.8%	204	11.6%	0	-	0	-

<sup>\*</sup>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



<sup>\*</sup>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 OK Kennesaw Barrow Gwinnett Marietta Lawrenceville Paulding ~0conee Chamblee Walton DeKalb Villa Fulton Douglasville Douglas South Rockdale Covington Riverdale Morrow Morgan Fairburn Clayton Newton Carroll Palmetto Jonesboro Henry Fayette **Health Districts** Cases per Square Mile ≤ 0.4 Jasper ≤ 1.2 ts ≤ 2 3-4 Spalding ≤ 3 3-1 3-5 ≤ 4.1 ≤ 5.2 ≤ 6.6 ≤ 8.3 Trou Monroe Pike ≤ 10.7 Jones ≤ 16.7

Fig. 15. COVID-19 Cases in Fulton County and Surrounding Districts (May 8 – May 21, 2021)

# The following data are updated every two weeks.

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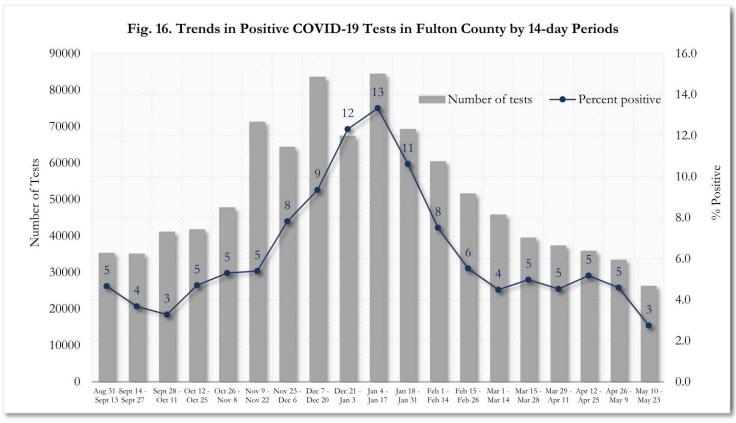
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These data are generated using a fixed start date and counted forward in 14-day intervals. Using these time blocks allows for the stability in trends over time and accounts for delays in reporting lab results.

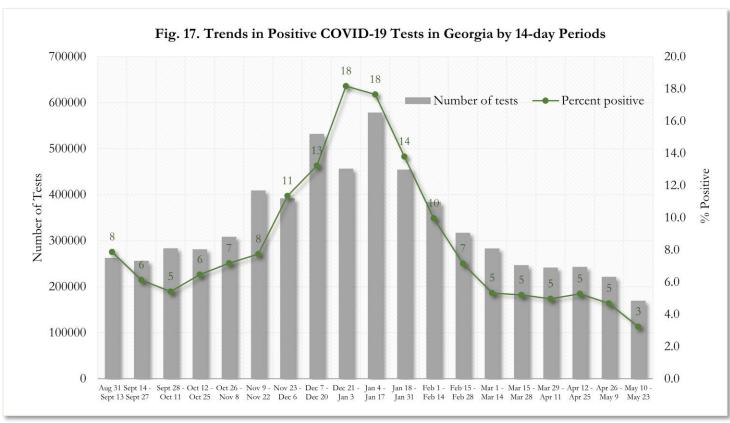
In the interest of keeping the reports concise and useful, the cumulative counts updated on a monthly basis can now be viewed between updates at the Fulton County Board of Health website <a href="here.">here.</a>

Please visit the Georgia Department of Public Health Daily Status Report <a href="here">here</a> for cumulative daily counts.

# COVID-19 TESTING AND POSITIVITY IN FULTON COUNTY AND GEORGIA

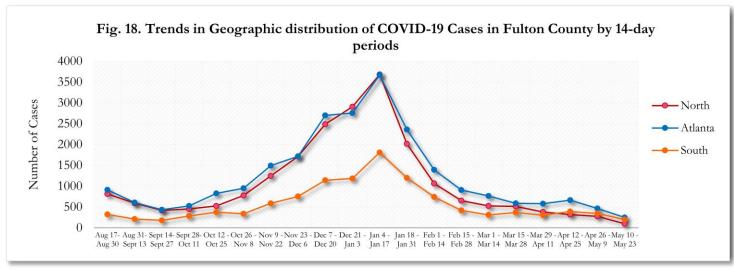


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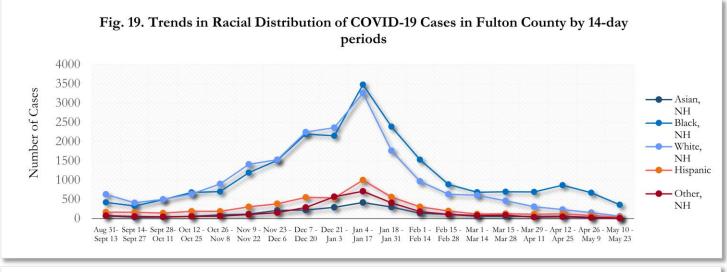
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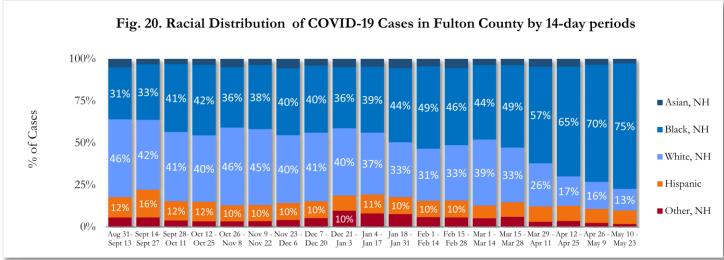
## TRENDS IN COVID-19 CASES AMONG DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS (14 DAY PERIODS)



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

<sup>\*</sup>South - Includes all Fulton cities south of Atlanta (Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Palmetto, South Fulton, and Union City)

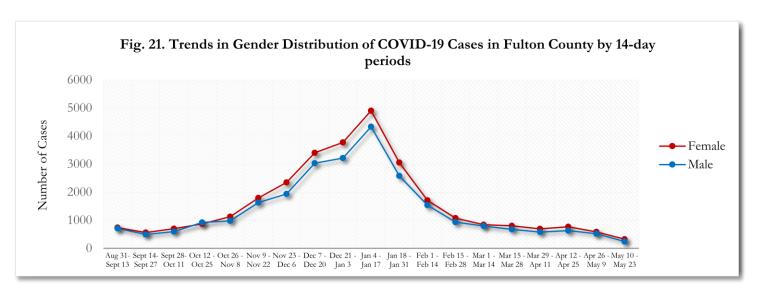


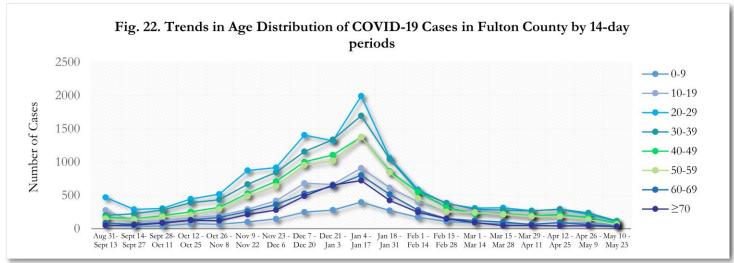


About 8% of all Fulton County COVID cases are missing data on patient race and ethnicity and in the past two weeks, about 15% of cases are missing this data.

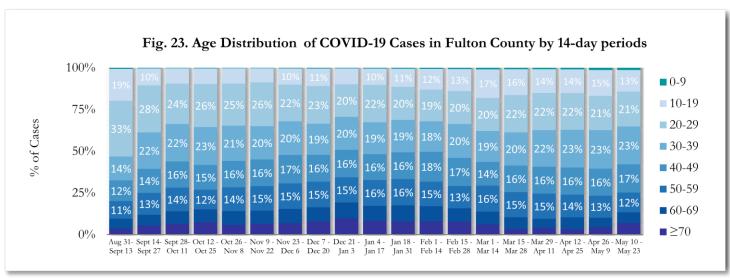
Percentages do not include the missing data.

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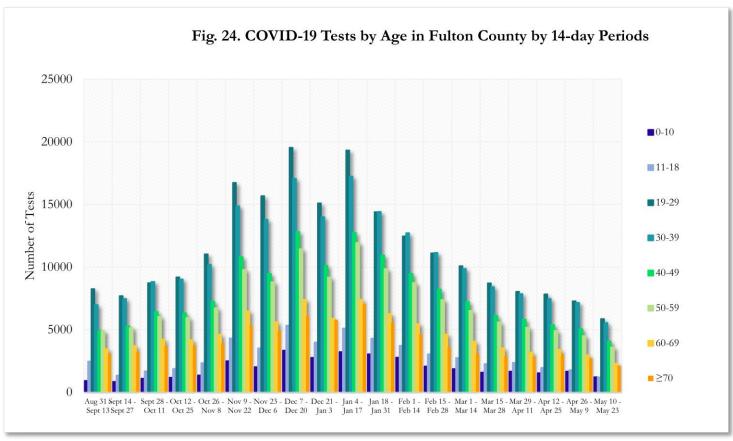


In the most recent two weeks, 20-29 year olds and 30-39 year olds accounted for the majority of new cases.

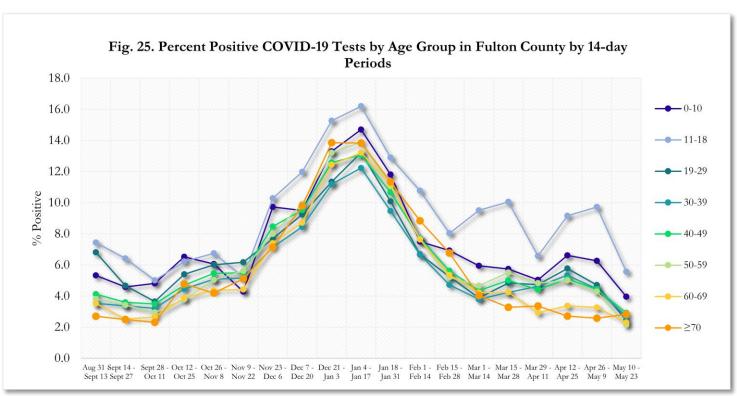


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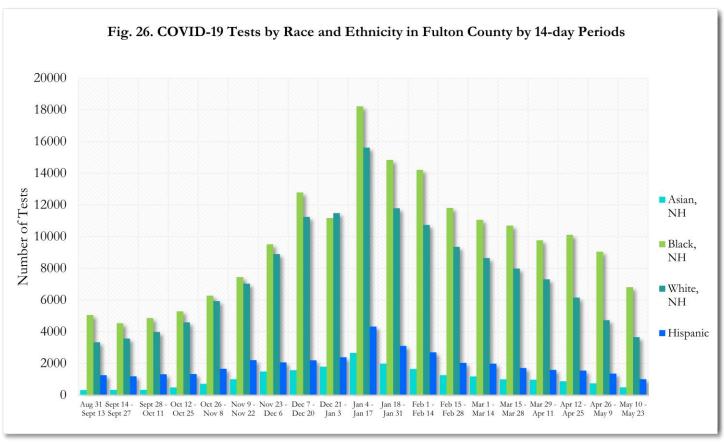
# COVID-19 TESTING AND POSITIVITY IN FULTON COUNTY BY AGE AND RACE



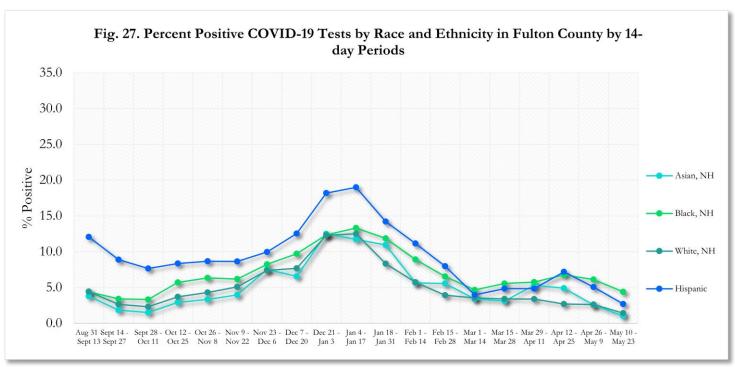
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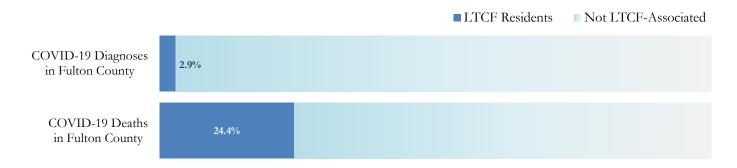
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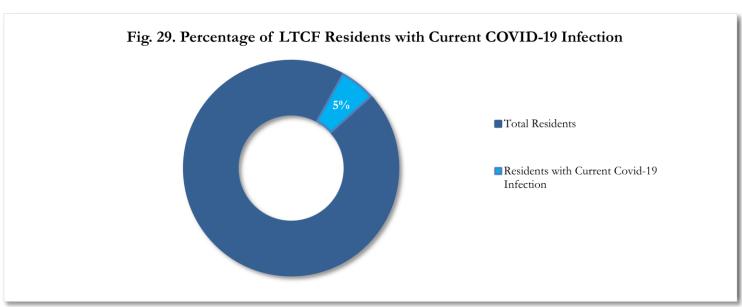
#### COVID-19 IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES IN FULTON COUNTY

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) <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html</a>

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



### **CURRENT COVID-19 POSITIVITY:**



<sup>\*</sup>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 = 4,402