

Commissioner Questions February 26 2014

Q. How much has the population in Union County increased since the 2010 census?

A. The 2010 census figures for Union County were 21,256 and the 2012 population estimate was 21,451. For the time period April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2012 that is a 0.4% increase.

Q. What is the size of Union County?

A. Land area in square miles is 321.93 sq. miles. The actual acreage is 210,546 acres.

Persons per square mile are 66.3.

Q. How many acres in Union County are owned by the government?

A. The USFS owns 97,935.19 acres.

TVA owns 829 Acres + Lake Nottely adds another 4180 acres.

State of Georgia (Vogel) owns 96 acres.

So the total acreage owned by other government agencies protected from ever being developed is 103,040 which makes up about 48% of the county land mass.

Q. How much were the lottery sales in Union County last year?

A. We don't have last years' numbers yet but we do have the 2012 Lottery sales. The total dollars expended in Union County, according to the Georgia County Guide, for the purchase of lottery tickets, was \$6,948,990. That is equal to \$329 per person, (man, woman and child in Union County, which is an unbelievable number.

Q. What were total property taxes collected in 2012 for the county government only (not including the school)?

A. To date, the total collected on the 2012 county government only property taxes is \$5,975,858.57. Yes, you are correct if you did some quick mental calculations. There was almost a million dollars more collected in this county from Lottery ticket sales than for the collection of county government property taxes !!!

Q. What are some other statistics about Union County?

A. If you are interested in viewing some of the stats for Union County you can go to this website:

<http://quickfacts.census.gov>.

	<u>Union</u>	<u>State</u>
• Persons 65 years and over, %, 2012	29.5%	11.5%
• Foreign born persons, %, 2008-2012	2.2%	9.7%
• Language other than English spoken at home, %, age 5+ 2008-2012	5.5%	13.1%
• HS graduate or higher, % of persons age 25+, 2008-2012	83.8%	84.4%
• Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons age 25+, 2008-2012	20.6%	27.8%
• Persons per household, 2008-2012	2.25	2.7
• Homeownership rate, 2008-2012	77.1%	66.0%
• Per capita money income in past 12 months (2012 dollars)	\$23,334	\$25,309
• Median household income, 2008-2012	\$42,125	\$49,604
• Persons below poverty level*, percent, 2008-2012	17.4%	17.4%