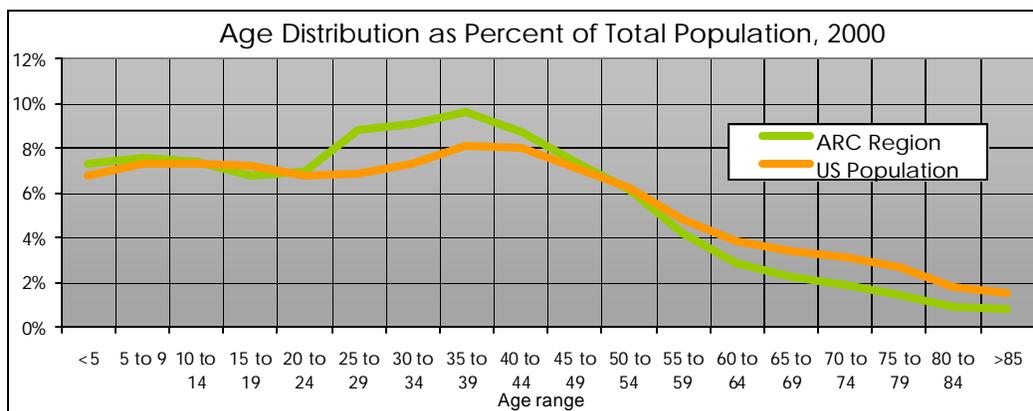
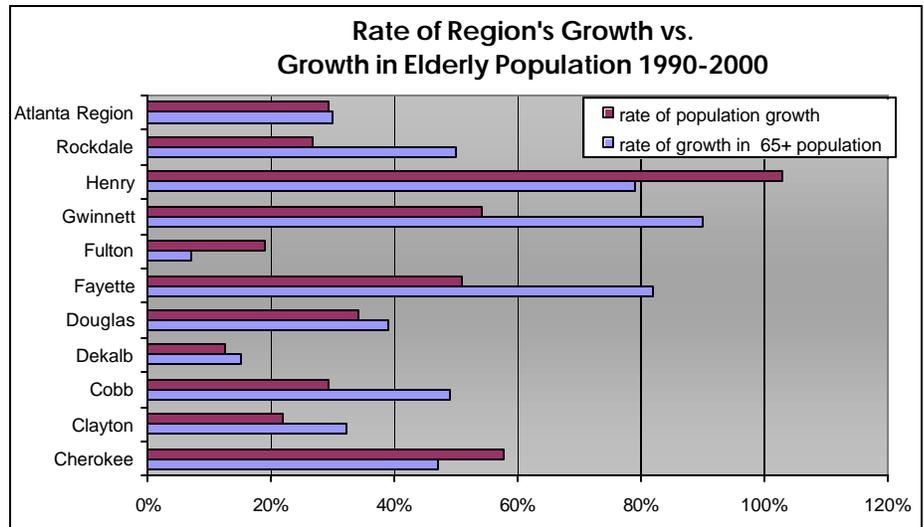


# OLDER ADULTS IN THE ATLANTA REGION

## GROWTH:

The older adult population in the Atlanta Region has grown over the last decade at a rate slightly higher than the general population. Between 1990 and 2000, the 65+ population in the region increased by 30%. In 6 out of the Region's 10 counties, growth in the older adult population exceeded growth in the general population<sup>1</sup>.



Atlanta's population is younger than the US population. The median age in the Atlanta Region is 32, whereas the median age in the United States is 35.3.

## GENERAL:

- 15% of the population living in the Atlanta Region is 55 and older.
- 7% of the Region's population is age 65 or older.
- Of those over the age of 65, 11% are over 85 years old.
- 77% of older adults are white.
- 20% are black.
- 2% are Asian.
- The remaining 1% includes: Pacific Islander, Native American and others.

## **Older Adult Population by County, 2000**

COUNTY	Total population	Total 65+ population	% of population 65+	Total 85+ population	% of population 85+	% of 65+ population that is 85+
Cherokee	141,903	9,349	6.59%	890	0.63%	9.52%
Clayton	236,517	13,840	5.85%	1,024	0.43%	7.40%
Cobb	607,751	42,218	6.95%	4,018	0.66%	9.52%
DeKalb	665,865	53,881	8.09%	6,339	0.95%	11.76%
Douglas	92,174	7,003	7.60%	616	0.67%	8.80%
Fayette	91,263	8,224	9.01%	727	0.80%	8.84%
Fulton	816,006	69,623	8.53%	9,582	1.17%	13.76%
Gwinnett	588,448	29,430	5.00%	9,233	1.57%	31.37%
Henry	119,341	8,777	7.35%	803	0.67%	9.15%
Rockdale	70,111	6,058	8.64%	624	0.89%	10.30%
ARC Region	3,429,379	248,403	7.24%	33,856	0.99%	13.63%