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“Cobb County’s Sunbelt Success Story Confronts the Future,” Grassroots column by Charles Davidson, a staff writer for *EconSouth*

Discussion questions

1. What new development is planned to open in Cobb County, Georgia, in 2017? How much will the county invest in the project? How much do critics say the public will have to pay for the project?
2. How many visitors are expected to come to Cobb County as a result of the project? What increased costs are expected?
3. How does Cobb County rate in terms of employment in Georgia? What factors contributed to the growth of the area?
4. How does Atlanta’s infamous traffic affect the Cobb County area? How have changes in demographics shifted the area’s population?
5. How does Cobb County rank in terms of poverty and median income compared to the rest of Georgia? How did the recession affect the area’s economy?
6. What positive factors contribute to keeping Cobb County’s economy sound?

Related links

[“Braves Begin Work on Stadium outside Downtown Atlanta, to Mixed Reaction,”](#) Mike Tierney, NYTimes.com, September 17, 2014

This article gives a background on the decision to move the Braves’ stadium and how it has been viewed by the community.

[Cobb County, Georgia, FRED Economic Data,](#) Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

[Cobb County government](#)

[Cobb County Office of Economic Development](#)

[Cobb County Quick Facts](#) from the U.S. Census

[New Atlanta Braves Stadium,](#) ajc.com

This site features the latest on the stadium construction and has an archive of *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* articles on the topic.