

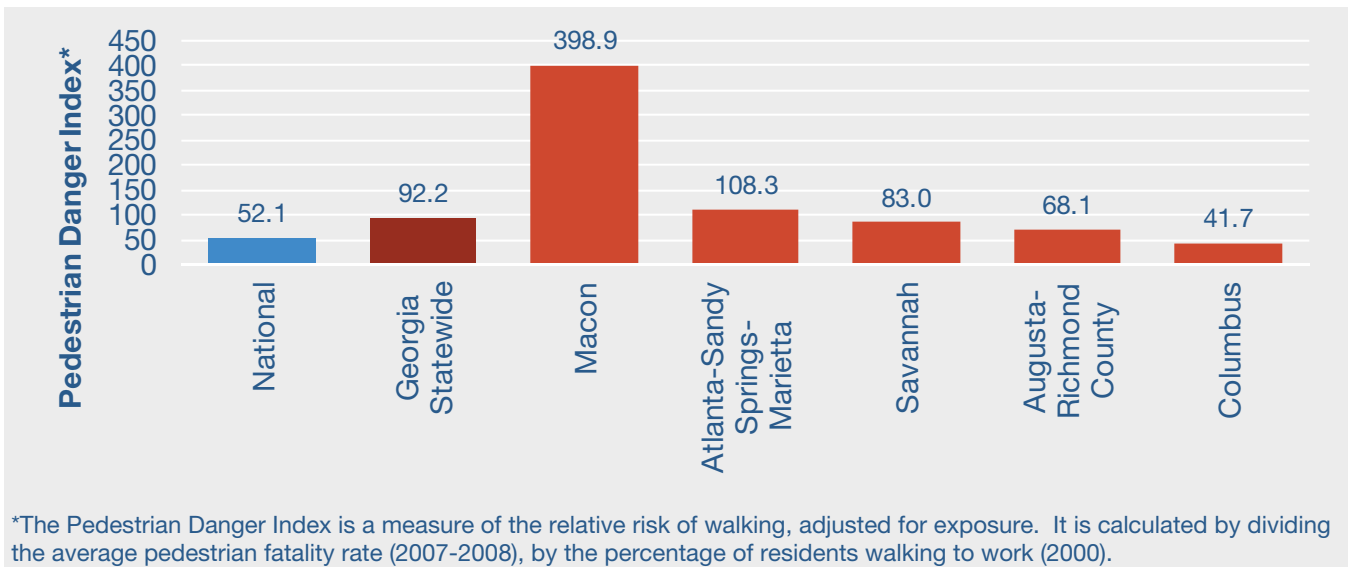
Georgia

Walking on streets designed more for speeding cars than for people on foot can be deadly. More than 4,500 Americans died last year while crossing the street, walking to school, going to a bus stop, or strolling to the grocery store. But *not* walking is equally as hazardous. Partly out of traffic safety fears, people are walking less these days, with serious consequences for our weight and health. The CDC reports that two-thirds of Americans are now overweight or obese.

The good news is that communities that choose to change road policies and invest in safer designs see fewer deaths and injuries, even as they make their neighborhoods more livable and invite more people to walk and bicycle. Though growing in number, these places are still the exception rather than the rule.



The Risk of Walking in Selected Georgia Metro Areas



Total traffic deaths that were pedestrians

11.8%
US AVERAGE

9.7%
GEORGIA

Pedestrian fatalities per 100,000 people

1.53
US AVERAGE

1.58
GEORGIA

Georgia Metropolitan Areas Ranked by the Danger to Pedestrians

Rank	Metro Area	Population (2008)	Pedestrian Danger Index	Pedestrian Fatalities (2007-2008)	% of Total Traffic Deaths that Were Pedestrians	Avg. Annual Fed. \$ Spent on Bike/Ped per Person
1	Macon	230,777	398.9	22	20.6%	\$0.00
2	Brunswick	102,850	260.1	9	15.0%	\$0.29
3	Rome	95,980	221.3	6	16.7%	\$0.00
4	Albany	164,919	118.2	7	13.7%	\$0.00
5	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta	5,376,285	108.3	146	11.6%	\$2.39
6	Dalton	134,139	88.2	3	5.8%	\$0.00
7	Savannah	334,353	83.0	13	12.5%	\$0.00
8	Chattanooga	518,441	78.6	12	7.2%	\$1.67
9	Augusta-Richmond County	534,218	68.1	19	8.5%	\$1.46
10	Warner Robins	133,161	66.0	2	8.7%	\$0.75
11	Gainesville	184,814	63.9	3	5.8%	\$1.52
12	Athens-Clarke County	189,264	51.7	6	10.5%	\$0.21
13	Columbus	287,653	41.7	12	12.0%	\$0.57
14	Valdosta	133,348	32.2	2	4.2%	\$0.37
15	Hinesville-Fort Stewart	69,943	24.4	2	6.7%	\$0.00

Federal Funds Spent on Pedestrian Projects in Georgia (FY2005-FY2008)

Total Federal Transportation Funds Available in Georgia

\$4.04
Billion

Portion of Federal Funds Spent on Pedestrian Projects

1.7%

Amount Spent per Person on Pedestrian Facilities and Safety

\$1.78