

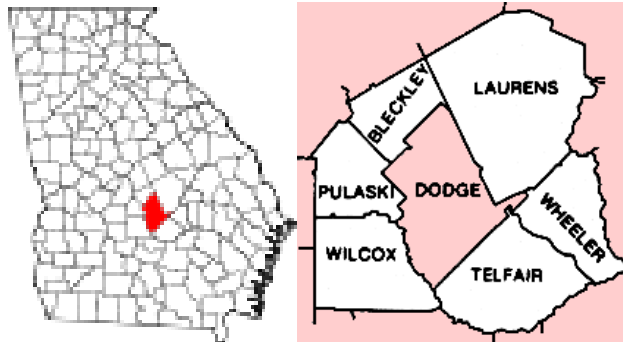
DODGE COUNTY HOSPITAL EASTMAN, GEORGIA

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Ranked number 5 for small Hospitals by Georgia Trend magazine, Dodge County Hospital is an acute care facility and the hub for all medical services for Dodge and surrounding counties. This ranking is based on 40 quality-related indicators including patient satisfaction, quality of care, efficiency, and value of services provided. With a population of approximately 22 thousand (in Dodge alone), and approximately 19% of the population below the poverty line*, we are critical to those who do not have the ability to travel to larger cities and hospitals for care. Dodge County Hospital is a not-for-profit hospital governed by a 9 member authority board and accredited by DNV. In the last year we were able to shoulder the burden of over 1.2 Million dollars in indigent care and almost 4 million in bad debt write off.

Why should Dodge County Hospital matter to you? We are located approximately 60 miles from Macon, 30 miles from Dublin and 135 miles from Atlanta. If you travel along U.S. Highways 23 and 341 or Georgia Highways 46, 87 or 117, you may pass right through Eastman which is where Dodge County Hospital lies. Should you have an accident somewhere along these country roads and farm land, you may need the lifesaving services of our hospital. Dodge County Hospital serves all 503 square miles of Dodge County which encompass the cities/towns of Chauncey, Milan, Chester, Rhine, and Eastman.



Adjoining Counties are Bleckley, Laurens, Wheeler, Telfair, Pulaski and Wilcox. Of these counties Wheeler, Telfair and Wilcox no longer have hospitals.

Dodge County Hospital is a standalone facility that employs 290 employees. We manage our resources frugally while maintaining high quality healthcare. Despite the economic challenges we manage to have the latest technologies. Unlike most county ran facilities we do not receive any money from our county except a SPLOST tax. Our hospital as it stands today was founded in the middle of a Pecan Grove in 1963. We are licensed for 94 beds. We have a 6 bed Intensive Care Unit, an 11 bed Emergency Department, 32 bed Medical Surgical Unit, and a 10 bed Geriatric Psychiatric Unit.

We also have an Obstetric Unit where we deliver approximately 130 babies a year.

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Most small rural hospitals are eliminating their OB services in response to high malpractice premiums, lack of availability of competent staff and poor reimbursement. We view this as a critical service for the patients we serve. Having the nearest facility to deliver babies 30min to an hour away can make the difference between life and death for the mothers and babies in Dodge County, regardless of whether they plan to deliver here or not. We are here if they have an emergent delivery.

Medicare and Medicaid make up 70% of our patients, where we get reimbursed only 82 cents of our cost per dollar. Self-pay make up an additional 7%. In our Emergency Department an even higher percentage are self-pay at 19% with the vast majority of these not paying their bill at all.

We provide emergency care to several prisons in our catchment. When a prisoner has to leave the prison to receive services only available in a hospital, they must be accompanied by two guards. By having Dodge County Hospital available to them, it saves taxpayer money as the two guards must travel and stay with the prisoner for treatment.

The racial makeup of the county was 66.8% white, 29.8% black or African American, 0.5% Asian, 0.3% American Indian, 0.1% Pacific Islander, 1.6% from other races, and 1.0% from two or more races. Those of Hispanic or Latino origin made up 3.4% of the population.* 2010 census

Telfair County which borders Dodge County had to close their hospital; therefore we serve their community as well. The 2010 census data shows that they have a 12.3 Hispanic, and 36.5% black with a per capita income of approximately \$13K with a poverty rate of 23.3%.*

We employ the second largest number of employees in the county and are the number one employer for salaries in the county. Dodge County Hospital is vital to the health and welfare for over 25,000 people in rural Georgia. We have the largest economic impact in the county of any other business.

The Heart of Georgia Regional Airport is located three miles east of Eastman. It is the second busiest takeoff and landing airport in Georgia with an average of 2800 per month. The flight school is a major asset for Georgia and without Dodge County Hospital would be prone to moving to another city. Middle Georgia State College Georgia Aviation campus teaches all aspects of aviation from control tower, maintenance, sheet metal, piloting, and other aviation related skills. Having a hospital is vital to keeping this campus in Eastman.

We are optimistic about our hospital's future for several reasons: the Hospital Authority Board, Medical Staff, and the county support the sustainability of Dodge County Hospital. We have very little debt and have the latest smart technology equipment, a near capacity geriatric psychiatric unit and well trained staff with committed physicians. With your support, we will be able to not only keep our doors open but thrive into the future.

Thank you in advance for any monies you may designate for Dodge County Hospital. We would love to have a member of your team come and tour our facility. The three of us have given the maximum out of our own tax dollars and would be most appreciative of any you could designate to our hospital.

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