Total Population
Tift County

Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses & estimate; OPB (State Office of Planning & Budget); CAED (Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development) 3/08.
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Change in proportion 1990-2000:
- < 5: +0.4
- 5-19: +4.4
- 20-44: -2.3
- 45-64: -1.6
- 65+: -0.2

2007 Estimated Median Age
- Tift Co. = 33.4 yrs.
- GA = 34.7 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
# 2007 County Population Comparisons

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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/08)
Population Change: 1930-2000

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## Components of Population Change
### Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source:
U. S. Census Bureau (3/08)

Loss

0 – 7.2%
7.2 – 16.6%
16.6 – 39.0%
39.0 – 61.5%

Avg. GA
County = 9.9%
GA = 16.6%
US = 7.2%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/08)
Selected Vital Statistics

2006 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Tift Co. 17.8, Georgia 14.6
- Unwed per 100 total births: Tift Co. 54.0, Georgia 46.7
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Tift Co. 41.8, Georgia 38.4
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Tift Co. 8.2, Georgia 9.2
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: Tift Co. 2.7, Georgia 8.6
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Tift Co. 11.3, Georgia 9.5
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Tift Co. 9.2, Georgia 9.4

10-yr. rates 1997-2006

- 2006 Tift Co. Natality Data: 741 total births, 400 unwed births, 27 induced terminations, 129 teen pregnancies, 90 low birth weight babies
- 2006 Tift Co. Mortality Data: 342 total deaths, 6 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
Tift Co.
Not completing HS = 32.1%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 15.6%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2006-07

- Teachers w/adv degrees: Tift Co. 50.4%, Georgia 56.3%
- College prep certif: Tift Co. 63.3%, Georgia 75.0%
- HOPE Eligible: Tift Co. 32.4%, Georgia 38.1%
- Class '07 Grad Rate: Tift Co. 63.1%, Georgia 72.3%
- Gifted: Tift Co. 7.5%, Georgia 8.7%
- Special Ed: Tift Co. 12.9%, Georgia 11.7%
- Econ Disadvantaged: Tift Co. 50.0%, Georgia 57.6%
- Retained in grade: Tift Co. 5.2%, Georgia 4.3%
- Absent >15 days: Tift Co. 8.4%, Georgia 10.0%
- HS Dropout rate: Tift Co. 4.1%, Georgia 7.5%

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Tift Co.
K12 enrollment = 7,397
HS dropouts = 176
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $7,033
Per Capita Income: 2001-2006

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/08)

2006 PCI
Tift Co. = $24,733
Georgia = $32,095
US = $36,714

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/08)
Per Capita Income: 2001-2006
Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/08)
## Per Capita Income: 2006

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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/08)
Median Household Income
2007 Model-Based Estimates

US
$50,740

GEORGIA
$49,080

GA Avg. Co.
$40,170

TIFT
$37,335

BERRIEN
$34,460

COLQUITT
$33,024

COOK
$30,607

IRWIN
$33,902

TURNER
$30,582

WORTH
$37,643

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/08)
Transfer Receipts: 2006
Tift Co. Total = $221,100,000

- Retirement/Disab: Tift Co. 32.6%, Georgia 35.1%
- Medicare: Tift Co. 22.1%, Georgia 23.2%
- Pub Med Assist: Tift Co. 18.8%, Georgia 16.8%
- Supp Sec Inc: Tift Co. 2.8%, Georgia 2.5%
- Family Assist: Tift Co. 0.4%, Georgia 0.5%
- Food Stamps: Tift Co. 2.8%, Georgia 2.7%
- Other Inc Maint: Tift Co. 8.9%, Georgia 6.8%
- Unemp: Tift Co. 1.1%, Georgia 1.5%
- Veteran Benefit: Tift Co. 3.2%, Georgia 3.4%
- All Other: Tift Co. 7.3%, Georgia 7.6%

Tift Co. $5,341 per capita transfer receipts
21.6% of total personal income
5.2% change in total 2005-2006

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/08)
## Persons Living Below Poverty Level
### 2007 Model-Based Estimates

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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/08)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2007 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family of 4 persons in 2007 = $21,203

Georgia
1,329,161 persons
14.3%

US = 13.0%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/08)
Unemployment Rates

2007 Rates

Tift Co. = 5.2
GA = 4.4
US = 4.6
Avg. GA County = 4.9

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Business Establishments, Employment and Wages
Tift Co. 2007 Annual Averages, % of Total

2007 Averages
# Establishments = 1,224  Monthly Employment = 19,576  Weekly Wage = $582

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Selected Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2007

- Total GOODS Producing
  - Agriculture: 3.1
  - Construction: 5.4
  - Manufacturing: 12.3

- Total SERVICE Producing
  - Wholesale trade: 5.4
  - Retail trade: 12.8
  - Transp-warehouse: 7.5
  - Information: 2.8
  - Fin/Ins/RE: 4.0
  - Prof-Sci-Tech: 5.4
  - Adm-Waste svc: 1.6
  - Health-Soc Svcs: 9.2
  - Accomo-Food svc: 10.9
  - RE&Rent&Lease: 1.3

- Total GOVERNMENT
  - Tift Co.: 16.5
  - Georgia: 25.2

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2007
Tift Co. Total Value = $164,122,497

- Veges: 61.6%
- Livestock: 4.0%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 8.5%
- Row-Forage crops: 17.3%
- Fruits-Nuts: 0.7%
- Forestry: 2.4%
- Other: 5.2%
- Poultry-Egg: 0.3%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (4/08)
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2007
Tift Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $1,152,851,392

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
## County Property Tax Digest Comparisons: 2007

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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
## Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

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*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. School includes bonds, if any. Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option Sales Tax, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
A “pull factor” of 1.0 means that the county’s sales are what would be expected based upon the number of residents and their relative wealth.

Residents working in county = 14,291
Residents working out of county = 2,621
Total working in county = 21,019
Workers commuting into county = 6,728

Resident workers 16+ = 16,912
Residents working in county = 14,291
Residents working out of county = 2,621
Total working in county = 21,019
Workers commuting into county = 6,728

Tift County
Mean travel time to work = 17.9 min.
Ratio of IN to OUT = 2.57

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

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