Tift County Community Profile

141st in order of county creation
August 17, 1905

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Total Population
Tift County

2010 Trend CAED: 43,480
2010 Proj. OPB: 42,261
2006 Est.: 41,685
2000: 38,407
1990: 34,998
1980: 32,862
1970: 27,288
1960: 23,487
1950: 22,645
1940: 18,599
1930: 16,068

Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses & estimate; CAED (Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development); OPB (State Office of Planning & Budget).
Population Composition by Age
Tift County

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2006 Estimated Median Age
Tift Co. = 33.4 yrs.    GA = 34.6 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2006 County Population Comparisons

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Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Population Change: 1930-2000

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## Components of Population Change: 2000-2006
### Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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<th>Numerical Change</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau

* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM. Average annual estimates of annual rates per 1,000 population

Loss
0 – 6.4%
6.4 – 14.4%
14.4 – 34%
34 – 53.4%

Avg. GA
County = 9.1%
GA = 14.4%
US = 6.4%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/07)
Selected Vital Statistics

2005 Rates

Total births per 1,000 pop
Tift Co.: 16.5, Georgia: 15.5

Unwed per 100 total births
Tift Co.: 40.7, Georgia: 53.3

Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19
Tift Co.: 34.2, Georgia: 52.3

Deaths per 1,000 pop
Tift Co.: 8.7, Georgia: 7.2

Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44
Tift Co.: 1.9, Georgia: 10.7

Low birth weight per 100 births
Tift Co.: 11.2, Georgia: 8.9

Infant deaths per 1,000 births
Tift Co.: 10.2, Georgia: 8.5

10-yr. rates 1996-2005

2005 Tift Co. Natality Data
672 total births, 358 unwed births
17 induced terminations
156 teen pregnancies
89 low birth weight babies

2005 Tift Co. Mortality Data
356 total deaths
6 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health
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 2005-06

- Teachers w/adv degrees: Tift Co. 49.1%, Georgia 55.2%
- College prep certif: Tift Co. 66.7%, Georgia 73.9%
- Class '06 Grad Rate: Tift Co. 70.8%, Georgia 70.8%
- Gifted: Tift Co. 7.8%, Georgia 8.6%
- Special Ed: Tift Co. 12.2%, Georgia 11.9%
- Free/Reduc lunch: Tift Co. 49.8%, Georgia 61.1%
- Retained in grade: Tift Co. 4.3%, Georgia 4.3%
- Absent >15 days: Tift Co. 8.8%, Georgia 9.8%
- HS Dropout rate: Tift Co. 4.7%, Georgia 7.9%

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Tift Co.
K12 enrollment = 7,431
HS dropouts = 179
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $6,202
Per Capita Income: 2000-2005

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)

2005 PCI
Tift Co. = $24,589
Georgia = $30,914
US = $34,471
Per Capita Income: 2000-2005

Percentage Change

Tift Co.  Georgia  US

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)
### Per Capita Income: 2005

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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)
Median Household Income
2004 Model-Based Estimates

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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/06)
Transfer Receipts: 2005
Tift Co. Total = $210,010,000

Tift Co.
$5,156 per capita transfer receipts
21.0% of total personal income
7.2% change in total 2004-2005

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)
### Persons Living Below Poverty Level
#### 2004 Model-Based Estimates

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**Primary data source:** U. S. Census Bureau (12/06)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2004 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family of four persons in 2004 = $19,307

Georgia 1,217,686 persons 13.7%

US = 12.7%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/06)
Unemployment Rates

2006 Rates
- Tift Co. = 5.1
- GA = 4.6
- US = 4.6

Avg. GA County = 5.0

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Business Establishments, Employment and Wages
Tift County 2006 Annual Averages, % of Total

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2006

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2006
Tift Co. Total Value = $153,492,579

- Veges: 61.0%
- Livestock: 4.4%
- Forestry: 2.2%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 9.4%
- Row-Forage crops: 16.5%
- Other: 5.3%
- Fruits-Nuts: 0.8%
- Poultry-Egg: 0.3%
- Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2006
Tift Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $1,141,860,627

- Residential: 35.9% of Tift Co., 41.9% of GA Avg. Co., 54.3% of GA Total
- Ag/Pref/Environ: 11.9% of Tift Co., 22.5% of GA Total
- Commercial: 12.8% of Tift Co., 23.5% of GA Total
- Industrial: 7.6% of Tift Co., 15.4% of GA Total
- Utility: 3.0% of Tift Co., 5.3% of GA Total
- Motor Vehicle: 9.1% of Tift Co., 7.4% of GA Total
- Mobile Home: 1.2% of Tift Co., 1.2% of GA Total
- Timber: 0.2% of Tift Co., 0.2% of GA Total

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
## County Property Tax Digest Comparisons: 2006

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## Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax

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<th>'06 School Millage*</th>
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*All tax districts are assessed an additional .250 state millage. 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.

Commute to Work: 2000

Percentage of:

- Residents working in county: 84.5%
- Residents working out of county: 15.5%
- Workers coming into county: 32.0%
- Residents driving to work alone: 77.3%
- Residents carpooling: 16.2%
- Residents working at home: 1.6%

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

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

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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