Tift County
Community Profile

141st in order of county creation
August 17, 1905

Prepared for Tift County Cooperative Extension by the Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development
The University of Georgia • Athens, GA
Total Population
Tift County

2015 CAED Trend: 45,701
2010 CAED Trend: 43,367
2008 Estimate: 42,434
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 TREND revised 3/09 (Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development).
Population Composition by Age
Tift County

2008 Estimated Median Age
Tift Co. = 33.2 yrs.    GA = 34.9 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/09)
Population Change: 1930-2000

- U.S.
- Georgia
- Tift Co.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau decennial censuses
## Components of Population Change

**Natural Increase & Net Migration**

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<th>Area</th>
<th>2000-2008 Numerical Change*</th>
<th>2000-2008 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source:
U. S. Census Bureau (3/09)
Population Change: 2000-2008

- LOSS
- 0 – 8.0%
- 8.0 – 18.3%
- 18.3 – 36%
- 36 – 70.8%

Avg. GA
- County = 11.2%
- GA = 18.3%
- US = 8.0%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/09)
Selected Vital Statistics

2007 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Tift Co. 16.8, Georgia 15.8
- Unwed per 100 total births: Tift Co. 52.6, Georgia 43.8
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Tift Co. 45.9, Georgia 35.3
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Tift Co. 8.4, Georgia 7.1
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: Tift Co. 2.5, Georgia 14.9
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Tift Co. 11.4, Georgia 9.1
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Tift Co. 8.2, Georgia 8.4

10-yr. rates 1998-2007

- 2007 Tift Co. Natality Data: 701 total births, 367 unwed births, 16 induced terminations, 140 teen pregnancies, 79 low birth weight babies
- 2007 Tift Co. Mortality Data: 350 total deaths, 6 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2000

- Grad or Prof Degree
  - Tift Co.: 6.4%
  - Georgia: 8.3%

- Bachelor’s degree
  - Tift Co.: 9.2%
  - Georgia: 16.0%

- Associate degree
  - Tift Co.: 6.3%
  - Georgia: 5.2%

- Some college, no degree
  - Tift Co.: 15.6%
  - Georgia: 20.4%

- HS Grad
  - Tift Co.: 30.3%
  - Georgia: 28.7%

- 9th-12th no diploma
  - Tift Co.: 11.7%
  - Georgia: 20.4%

- <9th grade
  - Tift Co.: 7.6%
  - Georgia: 11.7%

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 2007-08

Primary data source:
Governor’s Office of Student Achievement

Tift Co.
K12 enrollment = 7,400
HS dropouts = 94
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $7,361
Per Capita Income: 2002-2007

2007 PCI
Tift Co. = $25,168
Georgia = $33,499
US = $38,615

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/09)
Per Capita Income: 2002-2007
Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/09)
## Per Capita Income: 2007

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Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/09)
Median Household Income
2008 Model-Based Estimates

- US: $52,029
- GEORGIA: $50,834
- GA Avg. Co.: $41,186
- TIFT: $37,438
- BERRIEN: $34,718
- COLQUITT: $34,038
- COOK: $34,674
- IRWIN: $34,199
- TURNER: $29,745
- WORTH: $37,353

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (11/09)
Transfer Receipts: 2007
Tift Co. Total = $234,861,000

Retirement/Disab
Medicare
Pub Med Assist
Supp Sec Inc
Family Assist
Food Stamps
Other Inc Maint
Unemp
Veteran Benefit
All Other

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/09)
### Persons Living Below Poverty Level
#### 2008 Model-Based Estimates

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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (11/09)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2008 Model-Based Estimates

4.7 – 13.7%
13.7 – 17.8%
17.8 – 21.1%
21.1 – 24.8%
24.8 – 35.2%

Georgia 1,388,959 persons
14.7%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (11/09)
Unemployment Rates

2008 Rates
- Tift Co. = 7.0
- GA = 6.2
- US = 5.8
- Avg. GA County = 6.9

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Business Establishments, Employment and Wages
Tift Co. 2008 Annual Averages, % of Total

2008 Averages
# Establishments = 1,232  Monthly Employment = 19,028  Weekly Wage = $602

Primary data source:  GA Dept. of Labor
Selected Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2008

- Total GOODS Producing: 16.5%
  - Agriculture: 2.8%
  - Construction: 3.6%
  - Manufacturing: 10.2%
- Total SERVICE Providing: 57.0%
  - Wholesale trade: 6.9%
  - Retail trade: 13.2%
  - Transp-warehouse: 6.8%
  - Information: 0.9%
  - Fin/Ins/RE: 2.1%
  - Prof-Sci-Tech: 2.9%
  - Adm-Waste svc: 1.4%
  - Health-Soc Svcs: 6.8%
  - Accom-Food svc: 11.4%
  - RE&Rent&Lease: 1.4%
  - Total GOVERNMENT: 17.1%

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (zero may indicate no employment in sector, or undisclosed data.)
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2008
Tift Co. Total Value = $169,121,978

- Veges: 62.7%
- Row-Forage crops: 20.0%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 5.1%
- Livestock: 3.2%
- Forestry: 2.8%
- Poultry-Egg: 0.3%
- Other: 5.3%
- Fruits-Nuts: 0.6%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (5/09)
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2008
Tift Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $1,161,515,120

- Residential: $37.8M (42.4% of GA Total: $54.8M)
- Ag/Pref/Environ: $11.7M (24.5% of GA Total: $24.5M)
- Commercial: $12.6M (20.3% of GA Total: $20.3M)
- Industrial: $6.9M (11.7% of GA Total: $11.7M)
- Utility: $4.8M (3.1% of GA Total: $3.1M)
- Motor Vehicle: $7.1M (9.9% of GA Total: $9.9M)
- Mobile Home: $1.0M (1.0% of GA Total: $1.0M)
- Timber: $0.7M (0.2% of GA Total: $0.2M)

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue (preliminary avg. and total)
## County Property Tax Digest Comparisons: 2008

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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue (preliminary avg. and total)
# 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. Sales Tax: 4% State not included; L=Local Option, 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

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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