Oglethorpe County

Profile

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Total Population
Oglethorpe County

2020 OPB Proj.: 16,708
2015 OPB Proj.: 15,833
2012 Estimate: 14,618
Census 2010: 14,899

1990: 9,763
1980: 8,929
1970: 7,598
1960: 7,926
1950: 9,958
1940: 12,430
1930: 12,927

Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses and estimates; GA Office of Planning & Budget projections (2012 series).
Population Composition by Age
Oglethorpe County

2012 Median Age  Oglethorpe Co. = 41.6 yrs.  GA = 35.7 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2012 County Population Comparisons

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Total Rank</th>
<th>Density per sq.mi. land area</th>
<th>% Chg. 2010-12</th>
<th>Rank of % Chg.</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/13)
Population Change: 1930-2010

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Population Change: 2000-2010

- LOSS
- Gain < US
- Gain > US but < GA
- Gain > GA
- Gain > 2x GA

Avg. GA County = 14.2%
GA = 18.3%
US = 9.7%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/11)
## Components of Population Change
### Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>4/1/2010-7/1/2012 Numerical Change*</th>
<th>4/1/2010-7/1/2012 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
<th>4/1/2010-7/1/2012 # Net Migration</th>
<th>7/1/2011-7/1/2012 1-yr Natural Increase Rate</th>
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<td>90,782</td>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/13)
Selected Vital Statistics

2011 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Oglethorpe Co. 10.0, Georgia 13.5
- Unwed per 100 total births: Oglethorpe Co. 42.9, Georgia 45.1
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Oglethorpe Co. 16.4, Georgia 25.5
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Oglethorpe Co. 9.1, Georgia 7.2
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: Oglethorpe Co. 5.4, Georgia 14.7
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Oglethorpe Co. 8.0, Georgia 9.4
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Oglethorpe Co. 6.7, Georgia 7.9

10-yr. rates 2002-2011

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Oglethorpe Co. 147, Georgia 163
- Unwed per 100 total births: Oglethorpe Co. 55, Georgia 57
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Oglethorpe Co. 25, Georgia 27
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Oglethorpe Co. 10, Georgia 9
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: Oglethorpe Co. 5, Georgia 15
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Oglethorpe Co. 8, Georgia 9
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Oglethorpe Co. 6, Georgia 7

2011 Oglethorpe Co. Natality Data
- 147 total births, 63 unwed births
- 5 induced terminations
- 15 teen pregnancies
- 4 low birth weight babies

2011 Oglethorpe Co. Mortality Data
- 133 total deaths
- 1 infant death

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2007-2011
5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey

- Grad or Prof Degree: 20.5% (Oglethorpe Co.), 22.0% (Georgia)
- Bachelor’s degree: 17.7% (Oglethorpe Co.), 17.7% (Georgia)
- Associate degree: 6.6% (Oglethorpe Co.), 6.6% (Georgia)
- Some college, no degree: 20.5% (Oglethorpe Co.), 22.0% (Georgia)
- HS Grad: 29.4% (Oglethorpe Co.), 32.6% (Georgia)
- 9th-12th no diploma: 18.1% (Oglethorpe Co.), 18.1% (Georgia)
- < 9th grade: 5.8% (Oglethorpe Co.), 5.9% (Georgia)

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Oglethorpe Co.
Not completing HS = 23.9%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 14.8%
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2010-11

- Teachers w/adv degrees
  - Georgia: 66.7%
  - Oglethorpe Co.: 65.6%

- College prep certif
  - Georgia: 79.8%
  - Oglethorpe Co.: 79.8%

- HOPE Eligible
  - Georgia: 69.8%
  - Oglethorpe Co.: 69.8%

- Class '11 Grad Rate
  - Georgia: 80.9%
  - Oglethorpe Co.: 80.9%

- Gifted
  - Georgia: 10.4%
  - Oglethorpe Co.: 10.4%

- Special Ed
  - Georgia: 12.3%
  - Oglethorpe Co.: 12.3%

- Econ Disadvantaged
  - Georgia: 56.5%
  - Oglethorpe Co.: 57.5%

- Retained in grade
  - Georgia: 4.9%
  - Oglethorpe Co.: 3.6%

- Absent >15 days
  - Georgia: 10.6%
  - Oglethorpe Co.: 8.8%

- HS Dropout rate
  - Georgia: 2.8%
  - Oglethorpe Co.: 3.7%

Primary data source:
Governor’s Office of Student Achievement

Oglethorpe Co.
K12 enrollment = 2,350
HS dropouts = 21
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $8,227
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<th>County</th>
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<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
<th>% Change in PCI 2007-2011</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/13)
Per Capita Income: 2007-2011
Percentage Change

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Per Capita Income: 2007-2011

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/13)
Transfer Receipts: 2011
Oglethorpe Co. Total = $95,086,000

- Retirement/Disab: 38.5%
- Medicare: 18.4%
- Pub Med Assist: 15.1%
- Supp Sec Inc: 2.6%
- Family Assist: 0.5%
- SNAP: 4.7%
- Other Inc Maint: 7.8%
- Unemp: 4.1%
- Veteran Benefit: 3.8%
- All Other: 8.6%

Oglethorpe Co. $6,475 per capita transfer receipts
21.1% of total personal income
4.4% change in total 2010-11

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/13)
Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/12)
### Persons Living Below Poverty Level
2011 Model-Based Estimates

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<th>County</th>
<th># of Persons</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/12)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2011 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2011 = $23,021

Georgia
1,836,715 Persons
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19.2%
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US = 15.9%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/12)
Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates

2012 Rates

- Oglethorpe Co. = 6.7
- GA = 9.0
- US = 8.1

Avg. GA County = 10.1

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2012 Averages

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<tr>
<th>Oglethorpe County</th>
<th>Avg. # Establishments</th>
<th>Avg. Monthly Employment</th>
<th>Avg. Wage Weekly</th>
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<td>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</td>
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<td>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</td>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/13)
Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2012

**Primary data source:** GA Dept. of Labor (7/13)
Components of 2012 Property Tax Gross Digest
Oglethorpe County

Residential 38.0%
Ag-PREFERENTIAL-ENVIRON-CONSERV 46.7%
Commercial 3.9%
Motor Vehicle 6.7%
Public Utility 2.4%
Industrial 0.9%
Mobile Home 0.6%
Timber * 0.8%

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $507,939,231
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $117,336,380
Net M&O Digest = $390,602,851
Tax Exempt property = $23,331,324

* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

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

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>2012 County-wide Millage*</th>
<th>2011 Taxes Levied* ($000)</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 7/1/2013</th>
<th>LOST Type* as of 7/1/2013</th>
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*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational, T=Transportation

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2011
Oglethorpe Co. Total Value = $249,181,793

- Poultry-Egg: 70.5%
- Ornaments-Horticulture: 0.4%
- Fruits-Nuts: 0.02%
- Forestry: 2.0%
- Livestock: 24.5%
- Row-Forage crops: 2.2%
- Other: 0.3%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (1/13)
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.

Primary data sources: Georgia Dept. of Revenue, Sales & Use Tax Unit. Pull factors calculated.
Commuting to Work: 2007-2011
5 Yr. Average – American Community Survey

Percentage of:
- Residents working in county: 28.8%
- Residents working out of county: 71.2%
- Residents driving to work alone: 75.1%
- Residents carpooling: 17.2%
- Residents working at home: 5.9%

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
- < 20 min. = 34.6%
- 20-44 min. = 52.4%
- 45+ min. = 12.9%

Mean travel time to work = 26.4 minutes

Resident workers 16+ = 6,126
Residents working in county = 1,764
Residents working out of county = 4,326

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

Special Area Report
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