Twiggs County
Community Profile

37th in order of county creation Dec. 14, 1809

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Total Population
Twiggs County

2020 OPB Proj. 11,866
2015 OPB Proj. 11,187
Census 2010 9,023
2000 10,590
1990 9,806
1980 9,354
1970 8,222
1960 7,935
1950 8,308
1940 9,117
1930 8,372

Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses; GA Office of Planning & Budget projections.
Population Composition by Age
Twiggs County

2010 Median Age        Twiggs Co. = 45.0 yrs.    GA = 35.3 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2010 County Population Comparisons

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<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Total Rank</th>
<th>Density per sq.mi.</th>
<th>% Chg. 2000-10</th>
<th>Rank of % Chg.</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/11)
Population Change: 1930-2010

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

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>2000-2009 Numerical Change*</th>
<th>2000-2009 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
<th>2000-2009 # Net Migration</th>
<th>2008-09 1-yr Natural Increase Rate</th>
<th>2008-09 1 yr Net Migration Rate</th>
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<td>Avg. County</td>
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<td>5,340</td>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

**Primary data source:**

U. S. Census Bureau (4/10)
Selected Vital Statistics

2008 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: 12.6 (Twiggs Co.), 15.1 (Georgia)
- Unwed per 100 total births: 58.1 (Twiggs Co.), 45.2 (Georgia)
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: 31.3 (Twiggs Co.), 34.1 (Georgia)
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: 11.6 (Twiggs Co.), 7.2 (Georgia)
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: 8.5 (Twiggs Co.), 14.9 (Georgia)
- Low birth weight per 100 births: 13.6 (Twiggs Co.), 9.6 (Georgia)
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: 10.1 (Twiggs Co.), 8.4 (Georgia)

10-yr. rates 1999-2008

- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: 8.4 (Georgia)

2008 Twiggs Co. Natality Data
- 129 total births, 75 unwed births
- 17 induced terminations
- 21 teen pregnancies
- 19 low birth weight babies

2008 Twiggs Co. Mortality Data
- 119 total deaths
- 1 infant death

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2005-2009
5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey

- Grad or Prof Degree: 9.6% (Twiggs Co.) vs. 3.2% (Georgia)
- Bachelor’s degree: 17.5% (Twiggs Co.) vs. 5.4% (Georgia)
- Associate degree: 13.3% (Twiggs Co.) vs. 5.4% (Georgia)
- Some college, no degree: 19.7% (Twiggs Co.) vs. 13.3% (Georgia)
- HS Grad: 29.7% (Twiggs Co.) vs. 23.7% (Georgia)
- 9th-12th no diploma: 28.0% (Twiggs Co.) vs. 28.0% (Georgia)
- < 9th grade: 11.4% (Twiggs Co.) vs. 6.2% (Georgia)

Twiggs Co.
Not completing HS = 39.4%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 8.6%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2008-09

- Teachers w/adv degrees
  - Georgia: 42.3%
  - Twiggs Co.: 62.7%
  - Total: 80.0%

- College prep certif
  - Georgia: 38.2%
  - Twiggs Co.: 77.7%
  - Total: 83.1%

- HOPE Eligible
  - Georgia: 10.3%
  - Twiggs Co.: 14.8%
  - Total: 38.2%

- Class '09 Grad Rate
  - Georgia: 9.8%
  - Twiggs Co.: 11.6%
  - Total: 80.8%

- Gifted
  - Georgia: 1.6%
  - Twiggs Co.: 9.8%
  - Total: 11.4%

- Special Ed
  - Georgia: 14.8%
  - Twiggs Co.: 10.3%
  - Total: 25.1%

- Econ Disadvantaged
  - Georgia: 56.9%
  - Twiggs Co.: 9.7%
  - Total: 100.0%

- Retained in grade
  - Georgia: 2.5%
  - Twiggs Co.: 3.7%
  - Total: 6.2%

- Absent >15 days
  - Georgia: 11.7%
  - Twiggs Co.: 9.7%
  - Total: 21.4%

- HS Dropout rate
  - Georgia: 2.1%
  - Twiggs Co.: 3.5%
  - Total: 5.6%

Primary data source:
Governor’s Office of Student Achievement

Twiggs Co.
K12 enrollment = 951
# HS dropouts = not disclosed
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $8,855
Per Capita Income: 2005-2009

2009 PCI
Twiggs Co. = $26,678
Georgia = $34,129
US = $39,635

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/11)
Per Capita Income: 2005-2009
Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/11)
## Per Capita Income: 2009

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<th>County</th>
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<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
<th>% Change in PCI 2005-2009</th>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
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<td>83.7</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/11)
Median Household Income
2009 Model-Based Estimates

- **US**: $50,221
- **GEORGIA**: $47,469
- **GA Avg. Co.**: $38,972
- **TWIGGS**: $34,000
- **BIBB**: $37,367
- **BLECKLEY**: $38,610
- **HOUSTON**: $50,733
- **JONES**: $49,618
- **LAURENS**: $36,476
- **WILKINSON**: $34,660

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/10)
Transfer Receipts: 2009
Twiggs Co. Total = $80,068,000

- Retirement/Disab: Twiggs Co. = 34.8%, Georgia = 32.7%
- Medicare: Twiggs Co. = 19.1%, Georgia = 22.2%
- Pub Med Assist: Twiggs Co. = 16.5%, Georgia = 13.7%
- Supp Sec Inc: Twiggs Co. = 3.0%, Georgia = 2.2%
- Family Assist: Twiggs Co. = 0.7%, Georgia = 0.5%
- SNAP: Twiggs Co. = 3.7%, Georgia = 3.8%
- Other Inc Maint: Twiggs Co. = 8.4%, Georgia = 6.6%
- Unemp: Twiggs Co. = 4.6%, Georgia = 6.1%
- Veteran Benefit: Twiggs Co. = 3.7%, Georgia = 3.5%
- All Other: Twiggs Co. = 5.5%, Georgia = 8.7%

 Twiggs Co. $7,919 per capita transfer receipts
29.7% of total personal income
7.0% change in total 2008-09

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/11)
## Persons Living Below Poverty Level
### 2009 Model-Based Estimates

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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
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Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2009 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2009 = $21,954

Georgia
1,585,116 Persons
16.6%

US = 14.3%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/10)
Unemployment Rates

2010 Rates
- Twiggs Co. = 11.5
- GA = 10.2
- US = 9.6

Avg. GA County = 11.1

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
## Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2010 Averages

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<tr>
<th>Twiggs 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 GOVERNMENT</td>
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<td>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</td>
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Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2010

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Components of 2010 Property Tax Gross Digest
Twiggs County

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<td>Timber *</td>
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<td>Industrial Timber</td>
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40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $312,707,439
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $91,210,822
Net M&O Digest = $221,496,617
Value of exempt property = $7,814,177

* 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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<th>County</th>
<th>2010 County-wide Millage*</th>
<th>2009 Taxes Levied* ($000)</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 7/2011</th>
<th>LOST Type* as of 7/2011</th>
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*Countywide includes 0.250 state millage.
*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
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2009
Twiggs Co. Total Value = $14,890,906

- Row-Forage crops: 39.3%
- Livestock: 10.5%
- Other: 17.2%
- Fruits-Nuts-Veges: 1.4%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 0.7%
- Forestry: 31.1%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (5/10)
Retail Sales Analysis: 2008
Twiggs Co. Total Retail Sales = $24,391,000

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.

Commuting to Work: 2005-2009
5 Yr. Average – American Community Survey

Resident workers 16+ = 3,420
Residents working in county = 720
Residents working out of county = 2,700

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
< 20 min. = 33.2%
20-44 min. = 44.8%
45+ min. = 22.0%

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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