Brooks County
Community Profile

131st in order of county creation
December 11, 1858

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Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses and estimates; GA Office of Planning & Budget projections (2015 series).
Population Composition by Age
Brooks County

2015 Median Age
Brooks Co. = 42.3 yrs.  GA = 35.3 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
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<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Total Rank</th>
<th>Density per sq.mi. land area</th>
<th>% Chg. 2010-15</th>
<th>Rank of % Chg</th>
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<td>82.7</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/16)
Population Change: 1930-2010

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses
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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<td></td>
<td>Numerical Change*</td>
<td># Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</td>
<td># Net Migration</td>
<td>1-yr Natural Increase Rate</td>
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<td>Avg. County</td>
<td>3,309</td>
<td>1,883</td>
<td>1,368</td>
<td>2.2</td>
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<td>GEORGIA</td>
<td>526,179</td>
<td>299,340</td>
<td>217,464</td>
<td>5.3</td>
<td>6.2</td>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM. Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/16)
Selected Vital Statistics

2014 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: 13.1 (Brooks Co.), 13.0 (Georgia)
- Unwed per 100 total births: 55.9 (Brooks Co.), 45.1 (Georgia)
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: 30.2 (Brooks Co.), 18.6 (Georgia)
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: 14.2 (Brooks Co.), 7.6 (Georgia)
- **ITOP per 1,000 females age 10-55: 0.3 (Brooks Co.), 9.2 (Georgia)
- Low birth weight per 100 births: 10.4 (Brooks Co.), 9.5 (Georgia)
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: 12.0 (Brooks Co.), 7.6 (Georgia)

2014 Brooks Co. Natality Data
202 total births, 113 unwed births
3 induced terminations
25 teen pregnancies
18 low birth weight babies

2014 Brooks Co. Mortality Data
219 total deaths
3 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
**ITOP—Induced Terminations of Pregnancy
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2010-2014
5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey

- Grad or Prof Degree: Brooks Co. 3.1, Georgia 10.2
- Bachelor’s degree: Brooks Co. 8.0, Georgia 17.7
- Associate degree: Brooks Co. 6.1, Georgia 6.9
- Some college, no degree: Brooks Co. 23.0, Georgia 21.1
- HS Grad: Brooks Co. 37.0, Georgia 28.7
- 9th-12th no diploma: Brooks Co. 17.0, Georgia 17.0
- <9th grade: Brooks Co. 5.9, Georgia 5.8

Brooks Co.
Not completing HS = 22.9%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 11.1%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2014-15

- Teachers w/adv degrees: Brooks Co. 43.5%, Georgia 66.7%
- HOPE Eligible: Brooks Co. 33.6%, Georgia 43.5%
- Class '15 Grad Rate: Brooks Co. 78.8%, Georgia 78.8%
- Students w/disabilities: Brooks Co. 11.0%, Georgia 11.5%
- Limited English Proficiency: Brooks Co. 4.0%, Georgia 8.0%
- Gifted: Brooks Co. 3.6%, Georgia 11.5%
- Free/Reduced Lunch: Brooks Co. 99%, Georgia 96.0%
- Absent >15 days: Brooks Co. 13.0%, Georgia 9.9%
- Retained in grade: Brooks Co. 2.8%, Georgia 2.8%
- HS Dropout rate: Brooks Co. 3.5%, Georgia 3.5%

Primary data source: Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Brooks Co.
K12-FTE Enrollment = 2,073
HS Dropouts = 34
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $7,891
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<th>County</th>
<th>PCI</th>
<th>Rank of PCI</th>
<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
<th>% Change in PCI 2010-2014</th>
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<td>BROOKS</td>
<td>$31,408</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>80.6</td>
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<td>COLQUITT</td>
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<td>$36,983</td>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
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<td>84.9</td>
<td>12.9</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/15)
Per Capita Income: 2010-2014

2014 PCI
Brooks Co. = $31,408

Georgia = $38,980
US = $46,049

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/15)
Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/15)
Personal Current Transfer Receipts: 2014
Brooks Co. Total = $148,284,000

- Retirement/Disab: Brooks Co = 34.8, Georgia = 35.0
- Medicare: Brooks Co = 25.1, Georgia = 22.8
- Pub Med Assist: Brooks Co = 14.4, Georgia = 18.4
- Supp Sec Inc: Brooks Co = 3.1, Georgia = 2.3
- El Tax Cred: Brooks Co = 4.4, Georgia = 4.4
- SNAP: Brooks Co = 4.1, Georgia = 4.1
- Other Inc Maint: Brooks Co = 2.2, Georgia = 2.6
- Unemployment: Brooks Co = 0.6, Georgia = 0.8
- Vet Benefits: Brooks Co = 2.9, Georgia = 4.8
- Edu/Train Assist: Brooks Co = 1.0, Georgia = 2.9
- All Other: Brooks Co = 4.2, Georgia = 5.8

30.6% of total personal income
5.2% change in total 2013-14

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/15)
Transfer Receipts as a Percentage of Total Personal Income
2009-2014

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/15)
### Persons Living Below Poverty Level
#### 2014 Model-Based Estimates

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<th># of Persons</th>
<th>% of all Persons</th>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>11,338</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/15)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2014 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2014 = $24,230

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/15)
Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates

2015 Rates
- Brooks Co. = 5.9
- GA = 5.9
- US = 5.3
- Avg. GA County = 6.7

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
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<tr>
<th>Establishment Type</th>
<th>Avg. #</th>
<th>Avg. Monthly Employment</th>
<th>Avg. Wage Weekly</th>
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<td>TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING</td>
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<td>$631</td>
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<td>Ag, forestry, fishing</td>
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<td>525</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>$540</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
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<td>199</td>
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<td>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</td>
<td>183</td>
<td>1564</td>
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<td>Wholesale trade</td>
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<td>Retail trade</td>
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<td>257</td>
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<td>Transportation/Warehousing</td>
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<td>Finance/Insurance</td>
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<td>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</td>
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<td>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</td>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/16)  
* data not disclosed
Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2015

Goods Producing:
- Brooks Co.: 30.0
- Avg. GA County: 22.1
- Georgia: 13.8

Service Providing:
- Brooks Co.: 52.4
- Avg. GA County: 52.3
- Georgia: 70.4

Government:
- Brooks Co.: 22.4
- Avg. GA County: 24.7
- Georgia: 15.4

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/16)
Components of 2014 Property Tax Gross Digest
Brooks County

- Residential: 26.0%
- Heavy Equipment: 0.1%
- Mobile Home: 1.4%
- Motor Vehicle: 5.0%
- Public Utility: 2.8%
- Industrial: 2.8%
- Commercial: 5.6%
- Ag-Preferential-Environ-Conserv: 55.6%

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $605,189,207
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $206,478,457
Net M&O Digest = $398,710,750
Value of exempt property = $45,326,973

* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

Primary data source:
GA Dept. of Revenue
Data downloaded 12/15
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<th>County</th>
<th>2014 County-wide Millage*</th>
<th>2013 Taxes Levied*</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 7/1/2016</th>
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*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
2014 Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group
Brooks Co. Total Value = $210,323,564

Primary data source: UGA Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development
http://farmgate.caes.uga.edu/TotalValueReport.aspx
1% Sales & Use Tax Distributions: 2014
Brooks Co. Total = $999,404

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 Tax Commodity Report, Dec. 2014.
Pull factors calculated.
Commuting to Work: 2010-2014
5 Yr. Average – American Community Survey

Percentage of:

- Residents working in county: 42.9%
- Residents working out of county: 57.1%
- Residents driving to work alone: 80.0%
- Residents carpooling: 10.6%
- Residents working at home: 7.4%

Brooks Co.
Resident workers 16+ = 5,508

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
- < 20 min. = 43.2%
- 45+ min. = 10.9%

Mean travel time to work = 23.3 minutes

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau 12/15
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

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