Twiggs County
Community Profile

37th in order of county creation
December 14, 1809

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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
Twiggs County

2016 Median Age
Twiggs Co. = 47.3 yrs.
GA = 36.5 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
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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. 2010-17</th>
<th>Rank of % Chg.</th>
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<td>131</td>
<td>20.0</td>
<td>-6.3</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/18)
Population Change: 1930-2010

Percentage Change

U.S.
Georgia
Twiggs Co.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses
Population Change: 2010-2017

Loss

Gain < US

Gain > US but < GA

Gain > GA

Gain > 2x GA

US = 5.5%

GA = 7.6%

Avg. GA County = 1.6%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/18)
## Components of Population Change
### Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>4/1/2010-6/30/2017 Numerical Change*</th>
<th>4/1/2010-6/30/2017 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
<th>4/1/2010-6/30/2017 # Net Migration</th>
<th>7/1/2016-6/30/2017 1-yr Natural Increase Rate</th>
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<td>Avg. County</td>
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<td>2,510</td>
<td>2,127</td>
<td>1.6</td>
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<td>GEORGIA</td>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/18)
Selected Vital Statistics

2016 Rates

Total births per 1,000 pop
- Twiggs Co.: 12.2
- Georgia: 12.6

Unwed per 100 total births
- Twiggs Co.: 61.0
- Georgia: 44.7

Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19
- Twiggs Co.: 27.3
- Georgia: 16.1

Deaths per 1,000 pop
- Twiggs Co.: 12.4
- Georgia: 7.9

**ITOP per 1,000 females age 10-55
- Twiggs Co.: 5.3
- Georgia: 9.1

Low birth weight per 100 births
- Twiggs Co.: 11.3
- Georgia: 9.5

Infant deaths per 1,000 births
- Twiggs Co.: 8.9
- Georgia: 7.4

10-yr. rates 2007-2016

2016 Twiggs Co. Natality Data
100 total births, 61 unwed births
8 induced terminations
11 teen pregnancies
9 low birth weight babies

2016 Twiggs Co. Mortality Data
101 total deaths
1 infant death

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
**ITOP—Induced Terminations of Pregnancy
highest level of educational attainment: 2012-2016
5 yr. avg. – american community survey

% of persons age 25+
twiggs co.

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<th>Educational Attainment</th>
<th>Twiggs Co.</th>
<th>Georgia</th>
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<td>Grad or Prof Degree</td>
<td>5.2%</td>
<td>11.1%</td>
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<td>Bachelor's degree</td>
<td>6.4%</td>
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<td>Associate degree</td>
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<td>Some college, no degree</td>
<td>17.1%</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<td>HS Grad</td>
<td>35.9%</td>
<td>28.1%</td>
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<td>9th-12th no diploma</td>
<td>22.2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>&lt; 9th grade</td>
<td>8.6%</td>
<td>5.2%</td>
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Twiggs Co.
Not completing HS = 30.8%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 11.6%

primary data source: u.s. census bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2016-17

- Teachers w/Adv Degrees: Twiggs Co. 47.5%, Georgia 64.5%
- HOPE Eligible: Twiggs Co. 42.4%, Georgia 42.9%
- Class '17 Grad Rate: Twiggs Co. 11.2%, Georgia 80.6%, Georgia 90.0%
- Students w/Disabilities: Twiggs Co. 14.7%, Georgia 11.6%
- Limited English: Twiggs Co. 0.0%, Georgia 8.0%
- Gifted: Twiggs Co. 11.5%, Georgia 11.5%
- Free/Reduced Lunch: Twiggs Co. 62.0%
-Absent >15 Days: Twiggs Co. 12.6%, Georgia 11.2%
- Retained in Grade: Twiggs Co. 2.5%, Georgia 3.8%
- HS Dropout Rate: Twiggs Co. 3.8%

Dropouts, retained students, gifted—too few students to disclose data

Primary data source: Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Twiggs Co.
FTE K12 enrollment = 808
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $10,550
### Per Capita Income: 2016

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>PCI</th>
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<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
<th>% Change in PCI 2012-2016</th>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>$33,549</td>
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<td>79.6</td>
<td>11.6</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/17)
Per Capita Income: 2012-2016
Percentage Change

Percentage

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/17)
Per Capita Income: 2012-2016

2016 PCI
- Twiggs Co. = $35,665
- Georgia = $42,159
- US = $49,246

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/17)
Personal Current Transfer Receipts: 2016
Twiggs Co. Total = $97,110,000

Twiggs County:
- 33.3% of total personal income
- 2.6% change in total transfer receipts 2015-16
- $11,885 per capita transfer receipts

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/17)
Transfer Receipts as a Percentage of Total Personal Income
2010-2016

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/17)
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<th>County</th>
<th>All Ages</th>
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<td></td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>Rank of %</td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>%</td>
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<td>WILKINSON</td>
<td>1,875</td>
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<td>714</td>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
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<td>20.7</td>
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<td>3,598</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/17)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2016 Model-Based Estimates

5.7 – 14.9%
14.9 – 18.6%
18.6 – 22.8%
22.8 – 26.7%
26.7 – 39.2%

Georgia
1,612,368 Persons
16.1%
US = 14.0%

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2016 = $24,563

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/17)
Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates

2017 Rates

Twiggs Co. = 7.6
GA = 4.7
US = 4.4
Avg. GA County = 5.3

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
<table>
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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 GOODS PRODUCING</td>
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<td>Ag, forestry, fishing</td>
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<td>36</td>
<td>$711</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
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<td>Mining</td>
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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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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/17)  
* Industry data not disclosed

- **Goods Producing**
  - Twiggs Co.: 14.5
  - Avg. GA County: 22.3
  - Georgia: 13.9

- **Service Providing**
  - Twiggs Co.: 69.0
  - Avg. GA County: 52.4
  - Georgia: 70.6

- **Government**
  - Twiggs Co.: 16.3
  - Avg. GA County: 24.5
  - Georgia: 15.1

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/17)
Components of 2017 Property Tax Gross Digest
Twiggs County

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $343,624,403
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $94,237,918
Net M&O Digest = $249,386,485
Value of exempt property = $8,537,202
* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

Primary data source:
GA Dept. of Revenue
Data downloaded 3/18
## Twiggs Co. Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

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<tr>
<th>Tax District</th>
<th>2017 Millage rates</th>
<th>2016 Taxes Levied*</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 4/1/18</th>
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Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. 
L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational, T=Transportation

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
2016 Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group
Twiggs Co. Total Value = $20,141,011

- Forestry and Related Products: 35.3%
- Fruits and Nuts: 0.6%
- Row and Forage Crops: 37.9%
- Livestock and Aquaculture: 8.3%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 0.9%
- Poultry and Eggs: 0.1%
- Agritourism: 0.5%
- Vegetables: 0.2%
- Other: 16.18%

Primary data source: UGA Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development
http://farmgate.caes.uga.edu
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, Calendar Years 2016-2017. Pull factors calculated by CAED.
Residents working in county: 17.2%
Residents working out of county: 82.8%
Residents driving to work alone: 85.4%
Residents carpooling: 9.2%
Residents working at home: 2.8%

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
- < 10 min.: 3.8%
- 60+ min.: 7.2%

Mean travel time to work = 31.3 minutes

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/17)
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

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