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<th>Thomas County Community Profile</th>
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67th in order of county creation  
December 23, 1825

Prepared for Thomas County Cooperative Extension  
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The University of Georgia • Athens, GA
Thomas County Total Population

2030 OPB Proj.: 49,596
2020 OPB Proj.: 47,067
2016 Estimate: 45,248
2010 Est. Base: 44,719
2000: 42,737
1990: 38,986
1980: 38,098
1970: 34,515
1960: 34,319
1950: 33,932
1940: 31,289
1930: 32,612

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

2016 Median Age
Thomas Co. = 39.9 yrs.  GA = 36.5 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2016 County Population Comparisons

<table>
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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. 2010-16</th>
<th>Rank of % Chg.</th>
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<td>THOMAS</td>
<td>45,248</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>91.1</td>
<td>1.2</td>
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<td>BROOKS</td>
<td>15,687</td>
<td>107</td>
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<td>COLQUITT</td>
<td>45,708</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>99.2</td>
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<td>24,808</td>
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<td>62.6</td>
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<td>MITCHELL</td>
<td>22,459</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>44.5</td>
<td>-4.4</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (4/17)
Population Change: 1930-2010

Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses
Population Change: 2010-2016

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

- **US = 4.7%**
- **GA = 6.4%**
- **Avg. GA County = 1.0%**

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/17)
## Components of Population Change
### Natural Increase & Net Migration*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>4/1/2010-6/30/2016 Numerical Change*</th>
<th>4/1/2010-6/30/2016 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
<th>4/1/2010-6/30/2016 # Net Migration</th>
<th>7/1/2015-6/30/2016 1-yr Natural Increase Rate</th>
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<td>529</td>
<td>546</td>
<td>-37</td>
<td>1.9</td>
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<td>-635</td>
<td>74</td>
<td>-737</td>
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<td>COLQUITT</td>
<td>211</td>
<td>1,421</td>
<td>-1,202</td>
<td>3.7</td>
<td>-4.9</td>
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<td>GRADY</td>
<td>-204</td>
<td>639</td>
<td>-842</td>
<td>2.7</td>
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<td>MITCHELL</td>
<td>-1,039</td>
<td>251</td>
<td>-1,374</td>
<td>0.3</td>
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<td>Avg. County</td>
<td>3,910</td>
<td>2,192</td>
<td>1,656</td>
<td>1.5</td>
<td>0.7</td>
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<tr>
<td>GEORGIA</td>
<td>621,691</td>
<td>348,541</td>
<td>263,358</td>
<td>4.8</td>
<td>5.9</td>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (4/17)
Selected Vital Statistics

2015 Rates

- **Total births per 1,000 pop**
  - Thomas Co.: 12.1
  - Georgia: 12.9

- **Unwed per 100 total births**
  - Thomas Co.: 57.1
  - Georgia: 45.1

- **Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19**
  - Thomas Co.: 19.3
  - Georgia: 16.9

- **Deaths per 1,000 pop**
  - Thomas Co.: 10.8
  - Georgia: 7.8

- ****ITOP per 1,000 females age 10-55**
  - Thomas Co.: 0.5
  - Georgia: 9.1

- **Low birth weight per 100 births**
  - Thomas Co.: 10.7
  - Georgia: 9.5

- **Infant deaths per 1,000 births**
  - Thomas Co.: 7.7
  - Georgia: 7.4

2015 Thomas Co. Natality Data
546 total births, 312 unwed births
2 induced terminations
56 teen pregnancies
48 low birth weight babies

2015 Thomas Co. Mortality Data
488 total deaths
6 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
**ITOP—Induced Terminations of Pregnancy**
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2011-2015
5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey

Percent of Persons Age 25+

Thomas Co.
Not completing HS = 18.9%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 19.2%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected County Public School Statistics
School Year 2015-16

- Teachers w/ Adv Degrees: Thomas Co. 51.7%, Georgia 65.5%
- HOPE Eligible: Thomas Co. 36.6%, Georgia 43.0%
- Class '16 Grad Rate: Thomas Co. 86.4%, Georgia 79.4%
- Students w/ Disabilities: Thomas Co. 15.6%, Georgia 11.2%
- Limited English: Thomas Co. 2.0%, Georgia 8.0%
- Gifted: Thomas Co. 6.9%, Georgia 11.5%
- Free/Reduced Lunch: Thomas Co. 77.0%, Georgia 62.0%
- Absent >15 Days: Thomas Co. 11.3%, Georgia 10.1%
- Retained in Grade: Thomas Co. 2.9%, Georgia 2.6%
- HS Dropout Rate: Thomas Co. 0.2%, Georgia 3.6%

Primary data source: Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Thomas Co.
FTE K12 enrollment = 5,467
HS dropouts = too few students to disclose
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $7,811
## Per Capita Income: 2015

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<th>County</th>
<th>PCI</th>
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<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
<th>% Change in PCI 2011-2015</th>
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<td>THOMAS</td>
<td>$38,574</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>95.7</td>
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<td>BROOKS</td>
<td>$32,246</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>80.0</td>
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<td>COLQUITT</td>
<td>$29,603</td>
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<td>GRADY</td>
<td>$30,885</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>76.6</td>
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<td>MITCHELL</td>
<td>$32,983</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>81.8</td>
<td>18.4</td>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>$32,346</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>80.3</td>
<td>10.2</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)
Per Capita Income: 2011-2015

Percentage Change


Percentage

-2.0 0.0 2.0 4.0 6.0

Thomas Co.
Georgia
US

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)
2015 PCI
Thomas Co. = $38,574

Georgia = $40,306
US = $48,112

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)
Personal Current Transfer Receipts: 2015
Thomas Co. Total = $449,385,000

- Retirement/Disab: 34.0%
- Medicare: 23.6%
- Pub Med Assist: 13.7%
- Supp Sec Inc: 3.1%
- El Tax Cred: 3.8%
- SNAP: 3.9%
- Other Inc Maint: 2.6%
- Unemployment: 0.4%
- Vet Benefits: 3.6%
- Edu/Train Assist: 2.2%
- All Other: 4.8%

Thomas County:
- 25.9% of total personal income
- 4.3% change in total transfer receipts 2014-15
- $9,972 per capita transfer receipts

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)
Transfer Receipts as a Percentage of Total Personal Income
2010-2015

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)
### Persons Living Below Poverty Level
#### 2015 Model-Based Estimates

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<th># of Persons</th>
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<td>10,851</td>
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<td>GRADY</td>
<td>7,309</td>
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<td>MITCHELL</td>
<td>5,698</td>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>10,729</td>
<td>21.9</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (1/17)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2015 Model-Based Estimates

- 6.3 – 15.3%
- 15.3 – 20.3%
- 20.3 – 24.1%
- 24.1 – 27.5%
- 27.5 – 42.0%

Georgia
1,705,831 Persons
17.2%
US = 14.7%

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2015 = $24,257

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (1/17)
Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates

Rate per 100 in Labor Force

2016 Rates

Thomas Co. = 6.4  GA = 5.4  US = 4.9
Avg. GA County = 6.1

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
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<tr>
<th>Establishment Type</th>
<th>Avg. # Establishments</th>
<th>Avg. Monthly Employment</th>
<th>Avg. Wage Weekly</th>
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<td>TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING</td>
<td>273</td>
<td>4,133</td>
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<td>Ag, forestry, fishing</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>367</td>
<td>$590</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
<td>133</td>
<td>459</td>
<td>$727</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>3,011</td>
<td>$1,166</td>
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<td>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</td>
<td>1,130</td>
<td>13,684</td>
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<td>Wholesale trade</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>901</td>
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<td>Retail trade</td>
<td>242</td>
<td>2,263</td>
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<td>Transp/Warehousing</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>184</td>
<td>$801</td>
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<td>Finance/Insurance</td>
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<td>670</td>
<td>$1,021</td>
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<td>Professional/SciTech</td>
<td>101</td>
<td>419</td>
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<td>Admin/Suppt/WasteMgmt/Remediation</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>2,834</td>
<td>$561</td>
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<td>Health care/Soc Svcs</td>
<td>146</td>
<td>3,476</td>
<td>$1,009</td>
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<td>Accommodations/Food Svc</td>
<td>106</td>
<td>1,624</td>
<td>$269</td>
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<tr>
<td>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>3,227</td>
<td>$720</td>
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<td>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</td>
<td>1,518</td>
<td>21,094</td>
<td>$775</td>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/17)

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<th>Thomas Co.</th>
<th>Avg. GA County</th>
<th>Georgia</th>
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<td>Goods Producing</td>
<td>19.6</td>
<td>22.3</td>
<td>13.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Service Providing</td>
<td>52.4</td>
<td>64.9</td>
<td>70.6</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>15.3</td>
<td>24.5</td>
<td>15.1</td>
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Primary data source:  GA Dept. of Labor (7/17)
Components of 2016 Property Tax Gross Digest
Thomas County

- Residential: 38.9%
- Commercial: 22.7%
- Industrial: 6.4%
- Public Utility: 1.5%
- Motor Vehicle: 2.9%
- Mobile Home: 0.9%
- Heavy Equipment: 0.013%
- Timber: 0.258%
- Ag-Preferential-Environ-Conserv: 26.4%

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $1,762,922,017
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $278,836,695
Net M&O Digest = $1,484,085,322
Value of exempt property = $279,379,824

* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

Primary data source:
GA Dept. of Revenue
Data downloaded 7/17
## Thomas Co. Millage Rates

### Tax Districts with 2016 Millage Rates

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<th>Rate</th>
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<td>Boston</td>
<td>13.023</td>
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<tr>
<td>Coolidge</td>
<td>12.261</td>
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<tr>
<td>Co Incorporated</td>
<td>9.21</td>
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<tr>
<td>Co Unincorporated</td>
<td>7.845</td>
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<td>CoWide Emerg Svcs</td>
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<td>Fire Dist 1</td>
<td>3.195</td>
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<td>Fire Dist 2</td>
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<td>Fire Dist 3</td>
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<td>Pavo</td>
<td>12.400</td>
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<td>Thomasville Schools</td>
<td>17.869</td>
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<td>Meigs</td>
<td>15.000</td>
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<td>Ochlocknee</td>
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<td>Pavo</td>
<td>12.400</td>
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<td>Thomas Co. Schools</td>
<td>14.524</td>
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## Taxes Levied & Sales Tax Rates

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>2016 Taxes Levied*</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 10/1/2017</th>
<th>LOST Type* as of 10/2017</th>
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<td>THOMAS</td>
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<td>$28,780,693</td>
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Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
2015 Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group
Thomas Co. Total Value = $97,792,152

Row & Forage crops 32.7%
Livestock 43.9%
Forestry 3.7%
Vegetables 1.5%
Ornamental Horticulture 4.7%
Fruits & Nuts 5.88%
Ag Tourism & Other Inc 7.8%

Primary data source: UGA Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development
http://farmgate.caes.uga.edu/TotalValueReport.aspx
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.
Residents working in county: 79.5%
Residents working out of county: 20.5%
Residents driving to work alone: 80.0%
Residents carpooling: 13.6%
Residents working at home: 2.6%

Thomas Co.
Resident workers 16+ = 16,829

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
< 10 min. = 18.1%
60+ min. = 6.2%

Mean travel time to work = 20.4 minutes

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (1/17)
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

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