

# Toombs County, Georgia

Located in 185 miles southeast of Atlanta.

## Population Latest data available

Year	County	GA (millions)	U.S. (millions)
2011	27,434	9.8	311
2010	27,303	9.7	309
2009	27,959	9.8	307

## Per Capita Income

Year	County	GA	U.S.
2011	\$30,934	\$35,979	\$41,560
2010	\$29,998	\$34,531	\$39,791
2009	\$29,590	\$33,887	\$38,637

## Education

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS: 5 county public schools with teachers, students in 2011; 2 private schools with students in 2013; 4 city public schools with teachers, students in 2009. 4 city public schools with 160 teachers, 2292 students and 153 high school graduates in 2002.

### HIGHER EDUCATION:

Technical College: Southeastern Technical College at Swainsboro (35 miles) with 700 students; Southeastern Technical College at Vidalia (local) with students.

4-yr: Brewton-Parker College at Mount Vernon (13 miles) with 1,269 students; East Georgia State College at Swainsboro (35 miles) with 2,944 students; South Georgia State College at Douglas (50 miles) with 3,059 students; Georgia Southern University at Statesboro (53 miles) with 20,574 students.

## Local Taxes

PROPERTY: Property taxes are determined by tax rates and assessment ratios which vary by location and state. A realistic method to compare property taxes from different locations is to use the 'effective tax rate'. Effective tax rates combine city, county, school, and state tax rates into one convenient figure – the annual tax for each \$1,000 of property at its fair market value. This rate applies to all property – land, buildings, equipment and inventory. Certain property is exempt from local property tax. Above within city rate is for Vidalia. Lyons effective rate is \$9.23. Rate for portion of Vidalia in Montgomery County is \$10.91. 2013 Effective Rate for properties located outside of the city:

SALES: City and county have 4% local sales tax in addition to the 4% state sales tax.

## Incentives/Exemptions

INVENTORY (Freeport): *Freeport* is the general term used for the exemption of ad valorem tax on inventories as defined by Georgia law. The law offers manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and warehouse operations an attractive inventory tax exemption on three classes of property.

Toombs County, Vidalia and Lyons exempt 100% on all classes of certain business inventory from property taxation.

JOB TAX CREDIT: Tier: 1, Amount: \$3,000 as of 2013

Tier refers to the economic well-being of a county. For more information go to <http://www.dca.state.ga.us/economic/TaxCredits/programs/taxcredit.asp>

JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Yes



## Municipal Services

**FIRE PROTECTION:** Vidalia has 2 fire stations, 4 fire trucks, 12 full-time and 10 volunteer personnel. Fire Classification 5. Lyons has 2 fire stations, 5 fire trucks, and 3 full-time and 22 volunteer personnel. Fire insurance classification 6. 6 county volunteer departments with 111 active volunteers.

**ZONING:** Vidalia has zoning ordinance and subdivision design standards. Lyons has planning and zoning board.

## Transportation

**COMMERCIAL AIRPORT:** Savannah Airport (90 miles) service by ASA, AirTran, COExpress, Delta, Pinnacle, United Express, US Airways, US Airways Express.

**GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT:** Savannah Airport (90 miles) with a 9,000 feet concrete runway, aircraft tiedown, airframe & power plant repair, hangar, lighted runway, VOR, ILS, NDB, RNAV, TACAN; Vidalia Airport (local) with a 6,000 feet concrete runway, aircraft tiedown, airframe & power plant repair, hangar, lighted runway, NDB, and Unicom radio and VASI.

**WATER:**

Navigable River: Savannah River (9 foot channel depth) with public barge dock at Savannah (90 miles).

Seaport: Savannah Seaport (90 miles) with maintained channel depth of 42 feet.

## Utilities

**ELECTRICITY:** A part of Georgia's modern integrated electrical transmission system, Toombs County has excellent ability to supply industrial demands. Compared to 47% for the U.S., coal accounts for 84% of fuel used by the state's power generating plants. This assures long-term continuity. If demand exceeds 900kw, any supplier can step in and offer service.

**NATURAL GAS:** Supplied by Georgia Natural Gas and available in industrial quantities on an interruptible basis.

**WATER:** Vidalia plant capacity: 3,500,000 gal/day. Consumption: 2,042,000 gal/day average. Elevated storage capacity: 700,000 gal. Source: 3 deep wells. Pumping capacity: 3,800 gal/min. The water is fluoridated but not filtered. Lyons plant capacity: 2,800,000 gal. Consumption: 700,000 gal/day avg. Source: 2 deep wells. Water is chlorinated and fluoridated.

**SEWER:** Vidalia plant capacity: 3,600,000 gal/day. Plant load: 2,100,000 gal/day. New advanced treatment plant. Secondary treatment plant. Lyons plant capacity: 1,340,000 gal/day. Plant load: 900,000 gal/day.