

Bleckley County, Georgia

Located 125 miles southeast of Atlanta.



Population			Latest data available	
Year	County	GA (millions)	U.S. (millions)	
2007	12,306	9.5	304	
2005	12,141	9.1	296	
2004	12,047	8.8	296	

Per Capita Income			
Year	County	GA	U.S.
2006	\$25,299	\$32,095	\$36,714
2005	\$24,467	\$30,914	\$34,471
2004	\$24,174	\$29,782	\$33,050



Education

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS: 4 county public schools with 160 teachers, 2,339 students, and 119 high school graduates in 2005. New high school under construction.

HIGHER EDUCATION:

Technical College: Central Georgia at Macon (40 miles) with 5,025 students; Heart of Georgia at Dublin (17 miles) with 1,900 students.

2-yr: Middle Georgia College at Cochran (local) with 2,035 students.

4-yr: Fort Valley State University at Fort Valley (37 miles) with 2,456 students.

Local Taxes

PROPERTY: Property taxes are determined by tax rates and assessment ratios which vary by location. The only realistic way to compare property taxes from different locations is to use 'effective tax rates' (tax rate multiplied by assessment ratio). Effective tax rates combine city, county, school, and state tax rates into one convenient figure -- the annual tax for each \$1000 of property at its fair market value. This rate applies to all property: land, buildings, machinery, equipment, and inventory.

Effective Rates:

City	Year	Within City	Outside City
Cochran	2007	\$14.54	\$10.62

SALES: City and county have 3% 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.

Freeport: None

JOB TAX CREDIT: Tier: 2, Amount: \$2,500 as of 2009

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: City and county are consolidated with 4 full-time and 60 volunteer personnel. Protection outside city limits. Fire insurance classification 6 in city and 6/9 outside.

ZONING: City has zoning ordinance.

Transportation

COMMERCIAL AIRPORT: Macon Airport (40 miles) service by ASA.

GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT: Cochran Airport (2 miles) with a 3,200 feet bituminous runway, aircraft tiedown, airframe & power plant repair, hangar, lighted runway. (upgrading to 5,000 ft. runway); Macon Airport (40 miles) with a 6,500 feet bituminous runway, aircraft tiedown, airframe & power plant repair, fuel, hangar, lighted runway, charter & rental service, VOR, ILS, navigational aids.

RAIL: Norfolk Southern piggyback - Macon (40 miles); Norfolk Southern rail - Cochran (local).

WATER:

Navigable River: Chattahoochee River (9 foot channel depth) with public barge dock at Columbus (113 miles).

Seaport: Savannah Seaport (146 miles) with maintained channel depth of 42 feet.

Utilities

ELECTRICITY: A part of Georgia's modern integrated electrical transmission system, Bleckley 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 city.

WATER: Plant capacity: 2,500,000 gal/day. Consumption: 750,000 gal/day average, 1,400,000 maximum. Storage capacity: 760,000 gal. elevated, 30,000 ground. Source: 4 deep wells. Pumping capacity: 2,050 gal/min.

SEWER: Plant Capacity: 1,000,000 gal/day; Plant Load: 500,000 gal/day; Secondary treatment plant.

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