

Climate

Yearly Average.....68.7 degrees
January Average.....49 degrees
June Average.....81 degrees
Average Rainfall.....50 inches annually

Population

Montgomery County	Toombs County
9,060	27,820
Ailey - 541	Lyons - 4,480
Alston - 168	Santa Claus - 247
Higgston - 333	Vidalia - 11,224
Mount Vernon - 2,188	
Tarrytown - 104	Figures based on 2007 Census estimates
Uvalda - 550	

Education

The Toombs and Montgomery County areas have award-winning educational facilities that place high standards on academics. From Pre-K through earning a degree in a post-secondary setting, obtaining an education without commuting too far can easily be achieved.

For grades Pre-K to High School, there are three school systems and one private. Please click on Education under Quick Links to your right for more information.

Colleges:

Brewton-Parker College in Mt. Vernon is a four year liberal arts institution, which offers 38 majors and 25 minors of study in a supportive Christian setting. Founded in 1904, the campus is located in a quiet, rural location, which is an ideal place for study and for interacting with others to form lasting friendships. With an excellent library and five computer labs, graduates of Brewton-Parker leave well prepared to have a positive impact in today's world.

Southeastern Technical College is located in southeast Georgia. Serving Montgomery, Tattnall and Toombs Counties, the college is the primary public advanced educational institution for this tri-county population. Our diverse staff is here to train students in more

than 50 programs. We have campuses in Vidalia and Glennville. Our Adult Literacy programs through the Economic Development Center are located in Vidalia, Glennville and Mt. Vernon.

Health Care

This area is a hub for healthcare including board certified physicians, state of the art physical therapy facilities, dentists, nursing homes, assisted living centers, etc.

Toombs County is the home of Meadows Regional Medical Center. Good health enhances life. So does Meadows Regional Medical Center. You'll find advanced technology, experienced doctors and compassionate care. It's all you'd expect at any hospital with the added benefit of being close to home.

Dental Center of Vidalia is a unique, progressive, state-of-the-art dental facility that is dedicated to offering comprehensive treatment to our patients in a Christian atmosphere. Drs. Rick Kimbrel, Kacy Morris, Stewart Hamilton, and staff have a commitment to quality patient care and continuing education enhanced by technology in order to provide the patient with the best that dentistry has to offer. From the time you arrive you will feel and see the difference.

Economic Development

Economic Development is an activity directed toward improving the overall economic strength of a community and the economic quality of life for all the residents in the area.

There are three basic economic development programs in the Toombs and Montgomery Area:

1) The Chamber's Existing Industry Program, 2) Montgomery County Development Authority and Toombs County Development Authority Attraction-Recruitment Program and 3) Tri-County Regional Entrepreneur Support Team's (Tri-CREST) Start-up Program.

The **Chamber's Existing Industry Program** is designed to foster the retention and cause the expansion of the existing businesses in the community.

The **Montgomery County Development Authority and Toombs County Development Authority Attraction or Recruitment Program**, with the support from the Chamber, is responsible for encouraging new contributory companies to locate in the area. The program is designed to increase the amount and quality of money flowing into the area and to make the economy more consistent through diversifying the types of contributory businesses.

Tri-County Regional Entrepreneur Support Team (Tri-CREST) is our community's start-up program designed to cause the creation of new companies, which have a chance to grow and develop as the years pass

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Transportation

Highways - U.S. Highway 280 and U.S. Highway 1 intersect in Lyons in Toombs County. Both counties are just 15 minutes from Interstate 16.

Rail - Georgia Central Railway in Vidalia, and numerous common carriers, provide local service. Georgia Central interchanges with CSX in Savannah (90 miles), Norfolk Southern in Macon (90 miles) and Dublin (45 miles).

Air - The Vidalia Regional Airport provides air service to the area with a 6,000 foot lighted runway and state-of-the-art avionics. The nearest commercial air service is Savannah (90 miles). Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport is only three hours away, with access to world markets and many daily, nonstop flights.

Water - The nearest navigable river is the Savannah, with a nine foot channel depth and a large public barge dock at Savannah, GA (90 miles). The nearest seaport is also Savannah, with a maintained channel depth of 42 feet.