## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE



## Property Tax Administration 2020 Annual Report

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Members of the General Assembly and Others:

This report has been developed by the Department of Revenue for the purpose of fulfilling the Commissioner's responsibility to provide the General Assembly with the impact of Property Tax Administration and continued enactment of laws created by legislation and administered by the Georgia Department of Revenue.

The information contained in this report is provided pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. $\S \S 48-5-349.5,48-5-7.1,48-5-7.4$ and $48-5-7.7$. It is hoped that this document will enhance understanding of Property Tax Administration in Georgia.

The staff of the Local Government Services Division and I look forward to working with you and are available to provide more information or clarification of this report upon request.

Respectfully submitted,


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## Highlights of the Annual Report

## Digest Review

The Revenue Commissioner continues to ensure uniformity and equalization between and within counties using the same procedures enacted in 1992, and in the manner prescribed in Article 5A of Chapter 5 of Title 48.
O.C.G.A. § $48-5-8$ was amended in 2010 so that over five years between 2011 and 2015 the state levy phased out. Beginning in calendar year 2016, the state levy for ad valorem tax purposes is zero.

In 2016, the statutory deadline for submitting the annual property tax digests changed from August $1^{\text {st }}$ to September $1^{\text {st }}$ (See O.C.G.A. § 48-5-205). For 2018, seventy-eight (78) counties submitted their 2018 tax digest by the September $1^{\text {st }}$ deadline. For 2019, seventy-five ( 75 ) out of 159 counties submitted their 2019 digest by the September $1^{\text {st }}$ deadline. The Department continues to encourage counties to achieve compliance with the law governing the digest submission due date.

- Of the 53 counties falling in the 2019 digest review year and which underwent extensive review, no county's ad valorem tax digests failed to meet state standards for approval. None of the 2019 review year digests were subject to the $\$ 5.00$ per parcel penalty.
- Of the other 106 non-review counties examined in 2019, no county's ad valorem tax digest failed to have an acceptable overall average assessment ratio ${ }^{1}$, and no county's digest was rejected.
- Assessed values increased from $\$ 437.2$ billion in 2018 to $\$ 466.8$ billion in 2019 or an $7.0 \%$ increase from the values reported in 2018. The 2019 average millage rate decreased to 28.24 compared to the 2018 average millage rate of 28.34 .
- Several graphs showing the trend of the level of assessment, uniformity, and assessment bias can be found on Figures 1-3 of this report.

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## Performance Review

In 2000, legislation was passed which provides that county governing authorities, by resolution, could request that the Commissioner conduct a performance review of the county board of tax assessors. Upon receipt of such a request, the Commissioner appoints a Performance Review Board consisting of 3 members: 1 member who is an employee of the Department of Revenue and 2 members who serve as county chief appraisers. Once appointed, the Performance Review Board performs a thorough and complete investigation of the board of tax assessors, including the technical competency of appraisal techniques and compliance with state law and regulations, and issues a report of its findings to the governing authority.

Since 2003 the Department has completed Performance Review of 35 county boards of tax assessors. Additional information and a list of the counties where performance reviews have been performed can be found in the section on Performance Reviews of County Boards of Tax Assessors.

## Public Utilities

- The statewide average equalization ratio ${ }^{2}$ for public utility property decreased from $38.97 \%$ in 2019 to $38.71 \%$ for tax year 2020.
- Equalization ratios for seventeen (17) of the 159 counties accepted were proposed at a ratio less than 40\% for tax year 2020.
- Figure 14 reflects the growth in the Public Utility Digest since 2014.
- A chart showing the trend of the state proposed average equalization ratio for public utility property since 2014 can be found beginning on Figure 15 of this report.
- Figure 16 shows the fluctuation in the number of companies centrally assessed annually due to mergers, acquisitions, or companies ceasing to conduct business in Georgia.

[^1]
## Preferential Agricultural Assessment

Since the implementation of Preferential Agricultural Assessment ${ }^{3}$ in 1984, the program continued to grow through tax year 2001. Since that time, the number of taxpayers participating in this special assessment program has steadily declined; a result of the increase in fair market values at the local level and the advantages of Conservation Use Valuation.

Tables 5 and 6 and Figures 17 and 18 depict the impact of Preferential Agricultural Assessment.

## Conservation Use Valuation

Since the implementation of Conservation Use Valuation ${ }^{4}$ in 1992, the number of parcels in this program has risen steadily. The number of parcels enrolled in the program for 2019 is 196,900 representing the elimination of approximately $\$ 9.8$ billion in value and total tax shift of approximately $\$ 270$ million. These values are expected to increase as county boards of tax assessors perform revaluations.

Tables 7 and 8, and Figures 19 and 20 depict the impact of Conservation Use Valuation.

## Forest Land Protection Act of 2008

A new section was added to this report as a result of $68 \%$ of the voters approving Amendment 1 in the 2008 General Election. This amendment to the Constitution, known as the "Georgia Forest Land Protection Act of 2008", provides current use assessment for tracts of forest land consisting of more than 200 acres if the property owner enters a covenant.

One significant difference between this program and the Conservation Use Assessment is the provision for the General Assembly to make an annual appropriation for forest land conservation use assistance grants to counties to offset the revenue shift resulting from properties entered in this program. The grant formula is designed to reimburse local governments for one half of revenue reduction on the first $3 \%$ of digest value and $100 \%$ of the amount of revenue reduction that exceeds $3 \%$ of digest value.

Table 9 shows the number of properties enrolled in this program for 2019; the dollar amount of the revenue shift; and the amounts of grants due to local governments.

[^2]
## Timber Taxation

Timber harvest values reported on the 2019 digests increased from $\$ 624.7$ million in 2018 to $\$ 665.8$ million in 2019, a . $62 \%$ increase in value. The revenue increased $6.0 \%$, from $\$ 17.9$ million to $\$ 19.0$ million.

Timber harvest values and revenue trends can be found on Figures 21 and 22, and Table 10.

## Unclaimed Property

The responsibility for the administration of this program is also handled by the Local Government Services Division. The Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act protects the rights of owners of abandoned property and relieves those holding the property of the continuing responsibility to account for the property. The type of property that is subject to the Unclaimed Property Act consistsof wages, company liquidation proceeds, safe deposit boxes, money orders, uncashed checks, traveler checks, stocks and bonds.

Under the Act, when someone holds property (holder) that belongs to someone else (lost owner) but has lost contact with the owner for a specified period (holding period), that holder must turn over (remit) the property to the State. The State serves as the custodian for any property remitted under the Act allowing the owners or their heirs an opportunity to claim their property in the future.

The information provided includes a five-year history on deposits, locatable deposits, and paid claims.

## Summary

The Department desires to provide the legislature with all information necessary for the proper evaluation of legislative impacts and promulgation of property tax policies. It fully supports the initiatives of the General Assembly in providing tax relief to the elderly, authorizing special assessment programs and exemptions for certain categories of property, homeowner tax relief grants, and increased homestead exemptions that return value to the citizens of Georgia.

## Reporting Requirements

The Commissioner's responsibility for continuing to provide the General Assembly with the impact of property tax administration and continued enactment of laws created by legislation and administered by the Department of Revenue, Local Government Services Division, are as follows:
O.C.G.A. §48-5-342 requires examination of the digest of each county to ensure that all property valuations are reasonably uniform and equalized among the counties and within the counties.
O.C.G.A. § 48-5-349.5 requires a status report on this review process along with the Commissioner's observations regarding the progress of the counties in ad valorem tax administration.
O.C.G.A. § 48-5-7.1 requires submission of a report showing the fiscal impact of the law providing for the preferential assessment of tangible real property devoted to agricultural use. Qualified farm property is assessed at $75 \%$ of assessed value under this program and this reportanalyzes the effect of this program on taxpayers and levying authorities.
O.C.G.A. § 48-5-7.4 requires a report showing the fiscal impact of the law providing for conservation use assessment of certain agricultural properties attendant with this code section. Qualified farm property is assessed at its current use value based upon a table of values established by the Commissioner following specific legal procedures. This report analyzes the adverse fiscal impact, if any, on other taxpayers and levying authorities.
O.C.G.A. § 48-5-7.7 requires a report showing the fiscal impact of the law providing for current use assessment of properties enrolled in the Forest Land Protection Act of 2008 program attendant with this code section. Qualified forest land property is assessed at its current use value based upon a table of values established by the Commissioner following specific legal procedures. This report analyzes the adverse fiscal impact, if any, on other taxpayers and levying authorities.

## Digest Review Procedures

The Commissioner, through the Local Government Services Division, has been given the statutory duty in Article 5A of Chapter 5 of Title 48 to review county tax digests and provide guidance to county boards of tax assessors when adjusting property valuations to ensure uniformity and equalization ${ }^{5}$ of assessments for all property owners.

As directed by the legislature, the Commissioner has adopted a digest review cycle in which each county's tax digest is reviewed extensively to determine the level of assessment, uniformity and equalization in each property class.
O.C.G.A. § 48-5-304 prohibits the Commissioner from approving any digest where the value in dispute exceeds certain stated thresholds or where evidence exists that the county substantially failed to comply with laws regarding valuation of property.

In any given year, one third of the county tax digests undergo extensive statistical testing. Counties which do not meet the criteria as set forth in the statute and regulations, are allowed an opportunity during the three-year cycle to correct any deficiencies by the next review year. The other counties that are not being extensively reviewed are examined for level of assessment to equalize the state levy and public utility assessments. The Commissioner approves a county's digest as being reasonably uniform and equalized if it meets certain standards.

For those digests submitted by counties in their digest review year, the Commissioner completes his review on or before August 1 of the following tax year or within 30 days of the date the ratio study results are provided by the State Auditor. Based upon this review, the Commissioner will approve a digest when it is found to be reasonably uniform and equalized by having met the following state standards:

- The average level of assessment for each class of property meets the mandated state standard of $36 \%$ to $44 \%$;
- The average measure of overall equalization, the coefficient of dispersion ${ }^{5}$, meets the state standard of $15 \%$ or less for residential properties and $20 \%$ or less for all other property classes; and
- The bias ratio, or statistical measure of price related differential ${ }^{6}$, meets the state standard of $95 \%$ to $110 \%$.

[^3]Annually one third of the counties are subject to measuring additional standards of statistical compliance. When measuring this compliance, the Commissioner utilizes information provided by the State Auditor from the sales ratio studies developed for each county. Each county's ratio study measures the statistical standards for level of assessment, uniformity and equalization.

The Commissioner conditionally approves the digest and assesses a penalty of \$5 per taxable parcel of real property if a county's review year digest contains the same or similar deficiencies as the previous review year digest.

The 2019 digest review process was completed as directed in O.C.G.A. § 48-5-343. As noted on Table 1, the review of the 53 counties that fell within the 2019 review year indicated that no counties were deficient, and no county was subject to the $\$ 5$ per parcel penalty for failure to correct prior digest deficiencies.

The review of the 106 non-review year counties resulted in no county being assessed state tax.

Table 1: Review Year Counties Cited for Deficiencies

| COUNTY | Deficiency | \$5 PARCEL <br> PENALTY |
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|  |  |  |
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Table 2: Non-Review Year Counties

## COUNTY

Figure 1: Average Level of Assessment shows the average Median Ratio from 2013 to 2019.


Figure 2: Average Level of Uniformity shows the average level of uniformity, as measured by the Coefficient of Dispersion, and indicates the equality of assessments between individual properties. Case law indicates that this is the most important measure of fairness within a taxing jurisdiction.


Figure 3: Average Level of Assessment Bias shows the average level of assessment bias for the past five years as measured by the Price Related Differential.


## Value and Revenue

Since the implementation of the current digest review procedures, counties have been performing either total or partial revaluations or updates to property valuations to conform to the state standards for acceptable digests. Property values increased from 2001 to 2008 between 6 and 9 percent annually. Assessed values decreased from 2010 to 2013, recovered to 2008 levels by digest year 2017, and continue to increase in digest year 2019.

Figure 4: Total Assessed Value shows the changes in property values since 2009.


Figure 5: Average Millage Rate shows the average millage rate since 2013.


Table 3: 2020 Property Tax Mill Rates shows the unincorporated mill rates that include county, school, fire and special tax district mill rates.

| COUNTY | CY2016 | CY2017 | CY2018 | CY2019 | CY2020 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| APPLING | 27.844 | 27.844 | 27.842 | 27.372 | 26.814 |
| ATKINSON | 32.172 | 32.172 | 32.172 | 32.172 | 32.146 |
| BACON | 28.726 | 28.727 | 28.711 | 28.711 | 28.594 |
| BAKER | 24.841 | 24.586 | 24.411 | 24.411 | 25.372 |
| BALDWIN | 26.910 | 25.510 | 25.510 | 25.510 | 25.430 |
| BANKS | 25.136 | 24.434 | 23.427 | 23.427 | 22.930 |
| BARROW | 30.152 | 29.116 | 30.249 | 29.749 | 29.430 |
| BARTOW | 28.210 | 28.000 | 27.860 | 27.860 | 27.470 |
| BEN HILL | 33.242 | 34.795 | 34.791 | 34.791 | 34.756 |
| BERRIEN | 30.808 | 31.710 | 31.710 | 31.710 | 31.710 |
| BIBB | 34.597 | 37.466 | 39.966 | 20.331 | 20.331 |
| BLECKLEY | 29.414 | 29.386 | 29.119 | 29.169 | 29.117 |
| BRANTLEY | 33.096 | 32.977 | 32.616 | 31.366 | 31.850 |
| BROOKS | 28.997 | 29.206 | 28.712 | 28.319 | 26.772 |
| BRYAN | 24.640 | 24.361 | 25.375 | 25.375 | 24.889 |
| BULLOCH | 22.594 | 22.025 | 21.767 | 21.767 | 20.751 |
| BURKE | 22.520 | 22.372 | 22.294 | 22.294 | 21.917 |
| BUTTS | 31.773 | 30.973 | 30.430 | 29.430 | 30.169 |
| CALHOUN | 31.730 | 31.704 | 34.547 | 34.547 | 36.213 |
| CAMDEN | 30.610 | 30.610 | 30.060 | 29.405 | 33.190 |
| CANDLER | 26.159 | 26.825 | 27.854 | 26.854 | 27.379 |
| CARROLL | 26.350 | 26.340 | 26.259 | 26.259 | 25.666 |
| CATOOSA | 25.987 | 24.706 | 23.905 | 23.905 | 23.140 |
| CHARLTON | 36.420 | 36.400 | 36.080 | 36.080 | 35.610 |
| CHATHAM | 33.304 | 34.314 | 36.564 | 36.485 | 36.375 |
| CHATTAHOOCHEE | 25.655 | 25.653 | 26.250 | 26.250 | 26.319 |
| CHATTOOGA | 25.573 | 29.040 | 27.574 | 27.574 | 27.958 |
| CHEROKEE | 29.113 | 28.812 | 28.588 | 28.415 | 28.415 |
| CLARKE | 33.950 | 33.950 | 33.950 | 33.950 | 33.950 |
| CLAY | 30.325 | 30.346 | 30.373 | 30.373 | 30.369 |
| CLAYTON | 35.691 | 35.691 | 35.596 | 35.596 | 35.089 |
| CLINCH | 33.853 | 33.853 | 33.353 | 28.853 | 33.342 |
| COBB | 28.750 | 28.750 | 30.350 | 30.350 | 30.350 |
| COFFEE | 24.401 | 24.378 | 24.292 | 24.286 | 24.286 |
| COLQUITT | 27.579 | 27.216 | 26.079 | 24.490 | 24.715 |
| COLUMBIA | 26.937 | 27.937 | 27.839 | 27.747 | 27.747 |
| COOK | 28.965 | 28.920 | 28.917 | 28.917 | 28.873 |
| COWETA | 28.555 | 29.310 | 29.320 | 29.270 | 26.502 |
| CRAWFORD | 30.030 | 30.030 | 30.030 | 30.030 | 31.280 |


| COUNTY | CY2016 | CY2017 | CY2018 | CY2019 | CY2020 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| CRISP | 30.711 | 30.724 | 30.623 | 29.476 | 29.698 |
| DADE | 23.900 | 23.993 | 23.807 | 23.807 | 23.337 |
| DAWSON | 23.916 | 23.916 | 23.916 | 23.916 | 23.663 |
| DECATUR | 31.810 | 31.378 | 31.288 | 30.572 | 31.234 |
| DEKALB | 44.190 | 44.090 | 43.990 | 43.890 | 43.890 |
| DODGE | 25.556 | 25.546 | 25.534 | 25.534 | 26.224 |
| DOOLY | 34.459 | 34.459 | 34.459 | 34.459 | 35.404 |
| DOUGHERTY | 40.206 | 40.175 | 43.175 | 43.065 | 42.961 |
| DOUGLAS | 32.267 | 31.718 | 31.113 | 31.113 | 34.163 |
| EARLY | 26.650 | 25.750 | 25.724 | 25.724 | 24.988 |
| ECHOLS | 34.647 | 34.633 | 34.616 | 34.616 | 34.594 |
| EFFINGHAM | 28.638 | 30.118 | 29.695 | 28.171 | 28.021 |
| ELBERT | 29.351 | 31.418 | 29.095 | 26.995 | 27.182 |
| EMANUEL | 28.836 | 28.770 | 28.708 | 29.016 | 29.187 |
| EVANS | 25.679 | 25.273 | 25.889 | 25.640 | 25.463 |
| FANNIN | 36.984 | 15.406 | 15.406 | 15.406 | 14.253 |
| FAYETTE | 29.380 | 28.880 | 29.380 | 29.380 | 29.380 |
| FLOYD | 24.543 | 29.095 | 28.978 | 28.649 | 28.343 |
| JASPER | 30.513 | 30.148 | 30.086 | 30.036 | 30.436 |
| JEFF DAVIS | 27.700 | 27.513 | 34.026 | 33.956 | 33.956 |


| COUNTY | CY2016 | CY2017 | CY2018 | CY2019 | CY2020 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JENKINS | 25.578 | 25.675 | 25.661 | 25.661 | 25.097 |
| JOHNSON | 30.185 | 30.185 | 30.193 | 30.193 | 30.223 |
| JONES | 35.985 | 35.985 | 35.985 | 35.985 | 35.985 |
| LAMAR | 30.308 | 30.311 | 30.472 | 30.472 | 31.657 |
| LANIER | 32.824 | 32.702 | 32.676 | 32.676 | 32.544 |
| LAURENS | 21.874 | 21.848 | 21.868 | 21.868 | 21.827 |
| LEE | 31.916 | 31.916 | 33.703 | 33.703 | 33.098 |
| LIBERTY | 34.469 | 36.266 | 37.045 | 35.501 | 36.501 |
| LINCOLN | 30.165 | 31.165 | 32.165 | 31.165 | 31.134 |
| LONG | 30.778 | 31.795 | 31.792 | 31.792 | 31.771 |
| LOWNDES | 28.135 | 28.063 | 27.605 | 27.322 | 27.041 |
| LUMPKIN | 29.906 | 28.928 | 28.371 | 27.872 | 26.380 |
| MACON | 29.311 | 29.302 | 29.070 | 29.070 | 28.982 |
| MADISON | 28.704 | 31.280 | 31.189 | 30.189 | 30.740 |
| MARION | 23.448 | 23.821 | 23.825 | 23.825 | 23.876 |
| MCDUFFIE | 27.490 | 27.490 | 28.490 | 28.490 | 28.190 |
| MCINTOSH | 26.574 | 26.574 | 26.574 | 25.574 | 28.167 |
| MERIWETHER | 32.924 | 33.932 | 35.144 | 32.574 | 33.497 |
| MILLER | 36.876 | 36.907 | 37.967 | 36.884 | 37.853 |
| MITCHELL | 36.374 | 35.970 | 35.271 | 35.271 | 34.792 |
| MONROE | 27.631 | 29.065 | 29.047 | 29.047 | 28.733 |
| MONTGOMERY | 27.844 | 29.699 | 29.816 | 29.816 | 30.458 |
| MORGAN | 26.458 | 25.907 | 25.569 | 25.569 | 24.789 |
| MURRAY | 22.694 | 24.694 | 24.694 | 24.694 | 24.603 |
| MUSCOGEE | 40.550 | 40.501 | 40.971 | 40.501 | 40.501 |
| NEWTON | 34.333 | 34.333 | 34.333 | 33.441 | 33.596 |
| OCONEE | 23.686 | 23.686 | 23.686 | 23.686 | 23.186 |
| OGLETHORPE | 29.526 | 30.193 | 29.720 | 29.720 | 21.813 |
| PAULDING | 30.237 | 30.549 | 30.128 | 30.129 | 29.700 |
| PEACH | 31.555 | 31.689 | 31.535 | 31.535 | 31.308 |
| PICKENS | 23.930 | 23.553 | 23.376 | 23.176 | 22.443 |
| PIERCE | 27.260 | 27.137 | 27.036 | 27.036 | 26.921 |
| PIKE | 31.801 | 34.273 | 34.558 | 34.558 | 31.659 |
| POLK | 27.212 | 27.212 | 27.555 | 27.555 | 24.089 |
| PULASKI | 28.759 | 28.767 | 28.740 | 28.745 | 28.781 |
| PUTNAM | 22.572 | 22.546 | 24.980 | 24.602 | 24.228 |
| QUITMAN | 31.938 | 31.992 | 31.982 | 31.982 | 33.818 |
| RABUN | 18.852 | 18.800 | 19.604 | 19.604 | 19.396 |
| RANDOLPH | 35.575 | 35.440 | 35.301 | 35.301 | 37.985 |
| RICHMOND | 32.468 | 32.438 | 32.626 | 31.584 | 30.153 |
| ROCKDALE | 45.510 | 45.510 | 45.090 | 45.090 | 42.616 |


| COUNTY | CY2016 | CY2017 | CY2018 | CY2019 | CY2020 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SCHLEY | 31.286 | 31.286 | 31.176 | 31.176 | 33.426 |
| SCREVEN | 29.579 | 29.886 | 30.210 | 29.167 | 29.409 |
| SEMINOLE | 30.459 | 31.779 | 30.871 | 30.871 | 32.932 |
| SPALDING | 37.840 | 37.174 | 38.211 | 37.222 | 36.490 |
| STEPHENS | 31.710 | 32.210 | 31.710 | 31.710 | 31.580 |
| STEWART | 26.648 | 26.662 | 26.664 | 26.664 | 26.673 |
| SUMTER | 31.478 | 31.449 | 31.449 | 31.449 | 31.346 |
| TALBOT | 30.113 | 29.988 | 30.057 | 30.057 | 30.061 |
| TALIAFERRO | 38.583 | 38.596 | 38.502 | 38.502 | 38.446 |
| TATTNALL | 28.372 | 27.723 | 28.205 | 28.205 | 27.174 |
| TAYLOR | 23.960 | 23.790 | 23.480 | 23.480 | 23.725 |
| TELFAIR | 31.858 | 31.991 | 32.173 | 32.173 | 31.809 |
| TERRELL | 29.984 | 29.984 | 29.984 | 29.984 | 30.984 |
| THOMAS | 24.139 | 23.962 | 23.569 | 21.834 | 22.784 |
| TIFT | 30.491 | 30.461 | 30.320 | 30.364 | 30.428 |
| TOOMBS | 23.704 | 23.708 | 23.613 | 22.613 | 24.631 |
| TOWNS | 13.832 | 13.831 | 13.351 | 13.024 | 12.814 |
| TREUTLEN | 25.960 | 26.478 | 26.988 | 26.988 | 26.934 |
| TROUP | 30.160 | 30.160 | 30.159 | 30.160 | 30.160 |
| TURNER | 32.019 | 31.989 | 31.989 | 31.989 | 31.981 |
| TWIGGS | 33.200 | 36.200 | 36.200 | 36.200 | 36.200 |
| UNION | 17.575 | 17.566 | 17.893 | 17.893 | 18.918 |
| UPSON | 34.180 | 33.620 | 30.660 | 30.640 | 28.210 |
| WALKER | 24.469 | 26.460 | 26.457 | 26.457 | 26.691 |
| WALTON | 33.955 | 33.265 | 33.440 | 32.105 | 33.412 |
| WARE | 32.603 | 32.694 | 32.636 | 32.636 | 31.707 |
| WARREN | 32.358 | 30.358 | 30.358 | 30.358 | 31.290 |
| WASHINGTON | 26.836 | 30.328 | 30.195 | 30.133 | 30.216 |
| WAYNE | 29.923 | 30.923 | 35.923 | 35.923 | 34.886 |
| WEBSTER | 26.467 | 26.467 | 26.467 | 26.467 | 26.467 |
| WHEELER | 32.599 | 32.359 | 32.193 | 32.193 | 32.003 |
| WHITE | 27.962 | 27.958 | 28.231 | 28.231 | 28.144 |
| WHITFIELD | 30.317 | 31.523 | 31.506 | 28.068 | 30.506 |
| WILCOX | 33.360 | 33.360 | 33.333 | 33.333 | 33.326 |
| WILKES | 28.911 | 28.426 | 28.175 | 28.175 | 29.657 |
| WILKINSON | 32.082 | 34.440 | 34.440 | 34.440 | 34.440 |
| WORTH | 28.651 | 28.651 | 28.651 | 28.060 | 28.651 |

Property tax continues to be the primary revenue source for local governments. Currently approximately $\$ 13.4$ billion in revenue is collected from property taxes in Georgia. Because Department involvement in the collection of city taxes is limited, the information below does not include taxes levied and collected for municipalities.

Figure 6: Comparison of Total Revenue shows the total revenues collected.


Figure 7: 2019 Percentage of Total Revenue by Tax Type shows the percentage of the total ad valorem taxes levied for state, county and school purposes.

School, 60.69\%


County ,39.31\%

Figure 8: 2019 County Tax Revenue by Property Class shows the amount of tax revenue generated from the various classes of property for county tax purposes.


Figure 9: Five-Year Comparison of County Tax Revenue shows the amount of tax revenue levied for 2019 for county tax purposes and a five-year comparison.


Figure 10: 2019 School Tax Revenue by Property Class shows the amount of tax revenue.


Figure 11: Five-Year Comparison of Total School Tax Revenue shows the amount of tax revenue and a five-year comparison for school tax purposes.


Figure 12: 2019 State Tax Revenue by Property Class

The State has phased out the State's portion of property tax revenues which began to descend in tax year 2011.

Figure 13: Five-Year Comparison of State Tax Revenue shows the amount of revenue and five-year comparison for state tax purposes.


## Performance Reviews of County Boards of Tax Assessors

In 2000 legislation was passed which provides that county governing authorities, by resolution, can request that the Commissioner conduct a Performance Review of the county board of tax assessors. Upon receipt of such a request, the Commissioner appoints a Performance Review Board consisting of 3 members: 1 member who is an employee of the Department of Revenue and 2 members who serve as chief appraisers in counties other than the county being reviewed. Once appointed, the Performance Review Board performs a thorough and complete investigation of the board of tax assessors, including the technical competency of appraisal techniques and compliance with state law and regulations, and issues a report of its findings to the governing authority.

The governing authority may use the results of the Performance Review Report as grounds for removal of any or all members of the board of tax assessors. Since 2000, Bibb, Chatham, Douglas, Fannin, Fulton and Hart counties have pursued removal of members of the board of tax assessors based on the findings of the Performance Review Board.

During the years the Department has been conducting Performance Reviews, it has become evident that county governing authorities most often request Performance Reviews whenever the board of tax assessors has concluded a revaluation of all property within the county, particularly if the tax assessors have not kept taxpayers informed of the expected effect the revaluation will have upon property values.

The findings of the Performance Reviews have varied. Some have determined that counties are in compliance with state law, where the board of tax assessors has been diligent in establishing fair market values in an appropriate manner, are conscientious in following proper appraisal methodology, and work well with taxpayers and other county tax officials. Others have found dysfunctional boards who have established property values with no documentation to support their appraisals, without adherence to proper appeal procedures, and who lack good customer service to taxpayers.

## List of Counties Where Performance Reviews Occurred

| 2020 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2019 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2018 | Treutlen |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2017 | Fulton |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016 | Echols | Hart | Spalding |  |  |  |
| 2015 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2014 | Candler | Wayne |  |  |  |  |
| 2013 | Fannin |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2012 | Floyd | Lincoln |  |  |  |  |
| 2011 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010 | Pierce |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2009 | Camden | Jones | Effingham |  |  |  |
| 2008 | Jefferson |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2007 | Brantley | Crawford | Telfair |  |  |  |
| 2006 | Bibb | Fulton | Habersham | Lamar | Morgan | Whitfield |
| 2005 | Charlton | Gilmer | Ware | Wheeler |  |  |
| 2004 | Dade | Hart | Liberty | Madison |  |  |
| 2003 | Douglas | Johnson | Richmond |  |  |  |

## Public Utilities

O.C.G.A. § 48-2-18 requires the Commissioner to annually propose assessments for public utility property and to ensure that these properties are assessed at the same overall average assessment level as other property in the county. Each utility company is required to annually return their properties indicating location, description, type of property and valuation. The Commissioner's staff inspects these returns to ensure the accuracy of each utility company's declarations and the State Board of Equalization must approve the digest of public utility values and equalization ratios prior to notification to the counties and the public utility companies. The State Board of Equalization at the time the 2019 digest was approved was comprised of Revenue Commissioner David Curry, State Auditor Greg Griffin, and Steve Stancil, Director of the State Properties Commission.

In determining each county's proposed assessed public utility values for 2020 the Commissioner utilized the equalization ratios developed by the State Auditor based on the results of the sales ratio study performed on 2019 tax digest. This method ensures that proposed public utility values are set at the same overall average assessment level as other properties.

Once the State Board of Equalization approved these values, proposed equalization ratios and assessments were issued to the counties and utility companies. Each county board of tax assessors then determined the final assessment of utility properties by either accepting the State's proposed equalization ratio or substituting their own upon issuing assessment notices to the utility companies.

The Department appraised these properties utilizing recognized and publicly available financial reference data to determine the reported net worth of public utility companies in an effort to eliminate bias concerning the actual unit value of each company. These nationally recognized financial sources included Reuters, Standard \& Poor's, Morningstar, and Value Line, making the process less subjective and more transparent.

Figure 14: Change in Public Utility Digest Value shows the digest history since 2014.


Figure 15: Trend of Average Proposed Public Utility Equalization Ratios below shows the trend of the statewide proposed public utility equalization ratios.


Figure 16: Number of Public Utility Companies by Year shows the numbers of companies that are centrally assessed on an annual basis.


Table 4: 2019 Ratios Used to Propose 2020 Public Utility Assessments shows each county's proposed equalization ratio for assessment of the public utility properties.

| Appling | 37.31 | Dade | 39.40 | Jefferson | 40.76 | Richmond | 38.01 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Atkinson | 38.21 | Dawson | 38.90 | Jenkins | 38.64 | Rockdale | 36.58 |
| Bacon | 38.01 | Decatur | 38.00 | Johnson | 39.29 | Schley | 38.02 |
| Baker | 39.65 | Dekalb | 38.27 | Jones | 38.52 | Screven | 40.00 |
| Baldwin | 38.23 | Dodge | 36.26 | Lamar | 37.31 | Seminole | 40.83 |
| Banks | 39.03 | Dooly | 39.72 | Lanier | 40.70 | Spalding | 38.49 |
| Barrow | 38.30 | Dougherty | 40.10 | Laurens | 38.06 | Stephens | 38.40 |
| Bartow | 38.11 | Douglas | 39.07 | Lee | 37.32 | Stewart | 39.10 |
| Ben Hill | 40.39 | Early | 39.46 | Liberty | 38.49 | Sumter | 39.73 |
| Berrien | 38.05 | Echols | 37.78 | Lincoln | 38.06 | Talbot | 38.05 |
| Bibb | 39.38 | Effingham | 38.11 | Long | 38.12 | Taliaferro | 39.07 |
| Bleckley | 37.12 | Elbert | 40.61 | Lowndes | 38.83 | Tattnall | 38.46 |
| Brantley | 38.71 | Emanuel | 40.68 | Lumpkin | 38.81 | Taylor | 39.50 |
| Brooks | 38.09 | Evans | 38.07 | Macon | 38.50 | Telfair | 38.90 |
| Bryan | 39.43 | Fannin | 38.69 | Madison | 38.76 | Terrell | 38.20 |
| Bulloch | 38.56 | Fayette | 39.64 | Marion | 39.16 | Thomas | 38.53 |
| Burke | 38.42 | Floyd | 38.70 | McDuffie | 38.02 | Tift | 38.04 |
| Butts | 38.60 | Forsyth | 38.83 | McIntosh | 40.60 | Toombs | 39.64 |
| Calhoun | 38.52 | Franklin | 38.20 | Meriwether | 40.70 | Towns | 38.26 |
| Camden | 38.38 | Fulton | 38.17 | Miller | 39.28 | Treutlen | 38.94 |
| Candler |  | Gilmer | 39.74 | Mitchell | 38.97 | Troup | 39.34 |
| Carroll | 39.53 | Glascock | 38.29 | Monroe | 39.95 | Turner | 38.21 |
| Catoosa | 38.19 | Glynn | 38.49 | Montgomery | 39.88 | Twiggs | 38.63 |
| Charlton | 38.32 | Gordon | 39.47 | Morgan | 39.87 | Union | 37.57 |
| Chatham | 38.01 | Grady | 38.39 | Murray | 38.46 | Upson | 38.04 |
| Chattahoochee | 38.15 | Greene | 38.24 | Muscogee | 38.86 | Walker | 34.41 |
| Chattooga | 36.70 | Gwinnett | 39.02 | Newton | 38.24 | Walton | 38.52 |
| Cherokee | 38.47 | Habersham | 38.33 | Oconee | 38.32 | Ware | 38.17 |
| Clarke | 38.46 | Hall | 39.61 | Oglethorpe | 39.27 | Warren | 38.46 |
| Clay | 39.99 | Hancock | 39.73 | Paulding | 39.79 | Washington | 39.62 |
| Clayton | 39.49 | Haralson | 38.82 | Peach | 38.08 | Wayne | 38.24 |
| Clinch | 39.06 | Harris | 40.14 | Pickens | 40.14 | Webster | 38.63 |
| Cobb | 39.26 | Hart | 38.11 | Pierce |  | Wheeler | 37.57 |
| Coffee | 38.47 | Heard | 40.86 | Pike | 34.09 | White | 38.14 |
| Colquitt | 38.07 | Henry | 40.12 | Polk | 38.11 | Whitfield | 38.70 |
| Columbia | 40.16 | Houston | 37.02 | Pulaski | 38.63 | Wilcox | 37.08 |
| Cook | 37.70 | Irwin | 38.11 | Putnam | 40.54 | Wilkes | 41.03 |
| Coweta | 37.45 | Jackson | 37.48 | Quitman | 38.07 | Wilkinson | 39.38 |
| Crawford | 39.31 | Jasper | 40.02 | Rabun | 38.92 | Worth | 38.08 |
| Crisp | 39.38 | Jeff Davis | 38.69 | Randolph | 39.50 | Average | 38.71 |

## Preferential Agricultural Assessment

In the 1983 legislative session, O.C.G.A. § 48-5-7.1 was passed establishing preferential assessment of tangible real property devoted to bona fide agricultural purposes. By statute, all real property is assessed at $40 \%$ of fair market value. However, the new legislation provided for a $30 \%$ level of assessment or $75 \%$ of the value at which other taxable real property is assessed. The decrease in the level of assessment creates a tax shift ${ }^{7}$ from those taxpayers taking advantage of this special assessment program to those taxpayers who cannot qualify for special treatment, in the same manner as any exemption for one class of taxpayers shifts the tax burden to another class of property owners.

In making application for preferential assessment, qualifying taxpayers must sign a covenant (contract) agreeing to continuously maintain the property in agricultural pursuits for a period of 10 years. Transfers of ownership are allowed provided the property is transferred to another qualifying entity that agrees to continue the property in agricultural pursuits for the remainder of the covenant period. Otherwise, the covenant has been breached and a penalty imposed. Penalties range from 5 times the tax savings if the breach occurs during the first year of the covenant, to a minimum of 2 times the tax savings if the breach occurs during the tenth year of the covenant.

[^4]Table 5: Preferential Agricultural Assessment Fiscal Impact shows the total number of parcels and the total dollar tax shift, and the percentage change of each category since 1990. The number of parcels that were in the program was highest in 1997 and has been steadily declining since that time.

| Year | Parcels | Percent Change | Total Value Eliminated | Percent Change | Total Tax Shift | Percent Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1990 | 19,947 | - | \$176,780,216 | - | \$4,010,259 | - |
| 1991 | 23,086 | 15.70\% | \$204,261,412 | 15.55\% | \$4,657,783 | 16.10\% |
| 1992 | 23,243 | 0.68\% | \$180,985,796 | -11.40\% | \$4,232,187 | -9.14\% |
| 1993 | 18,388 | -20.89\% | \$145,151,076 | -19.80\% | \$3,542,375 | -16.30\% |
| 1994 | 17,836 | -3.00\% | \$137,170,751 | -5.50\% | \$3,362,403 | -5.08\% |
| 1995 | 22,226 | 24.61\% | \$165,278,063 | 20.49\% | \$4,249,807 | 26.39\% |
| 1996 | 23,501 | 5.74\% | \$174,157,485 | 5.37\% | \$4,410,076 | 3.77\% |
| 1997 | 23,915 | 1.76\% | \$181,350,311 | 4.13\% | \$4,654,542 | 5.54\% |
| 1998 | 23,340 | -2.40\% | \$189,169,970 | 4.31\% | \$4,701,626 | 1.01\% |
| 1999 | 22,634 | -3.02\% | \$191,204,332 | 1.08\% | \$4,760,183 | 1.25\% |
| 2000 | 22,449 | -0.82\% | \$191,352,938 | 0.08\% | \$4,824,066 | 1.34\% |
| 2001 | 20,582 | -8.32\% | \$195,076,035 | 1.95\% | \$5,011,186 | 3.88\% |
| 2002 | 18,302 | -11.02\% | \$182,041,147 | -6.68\% | \$4,768,802 | -4.84\% |
| 2003 | 16,435 | -10.20\% | \$177,696,254 | -2.39\% | \$4,803,802 | 0.73\% |
| 2005 | 13,020 | -3.90\% | \$194,743,119 | 22.80\% | \$4,270,954 | -0.78\% |
| 2006 | 11,168 | -14.22\% | \$193,012,297 | -0.89\% | \$4,175,105 | -2.24\% |
| 2007 | 8,755 | -21.61\% | \$153,927,964 | -20.25\% | \$3,983,907 | -4.58\% |
| 2008 | 7,274 | -16.92\% | \$139,281,934 | -9.51\% | \$3,636,463 | -8.72\% |
| 2009 | 5,742 | -21.06\% | \$104,297,566 | -25.12\% | \$2,725,949 | -25.04\% |
| 2010 | 5,146 | -10.38\% | \$86,250,878 | -17.30\% | \$2,313,513 | -15.13\% |
| 2011 | 4,612 | -10.38\% | \$72,078,892 | -16.43\% | \$1,960,764 | -15.25\% |
| 2012 | 3,988 | -13.53\% | \$61,697,690 | -14.40\% | \$1,691,116 | -13.75\% |
| 2013 | 3,497 | -12.31\% | \$51,398,078 | -16.69\% | \$1,443,467 | -14.64\% |
| 2014 | 2,965 | -15.21\% | \$42,723,510 | -16.88\% | \$1,212,606 | -15.99\% |
| 2015 | 2,680 | -9.61\% | \$37,974,985 | -11.12\% | \$1,082,504 | -10.73\% |
| 2016 | 2,449 | -8.62\% | \$34,457,047 | -9.26\% | \$975,767 | -9.86\% |
| 2017 | 2,343 | -4.33\% | \$33,352,616 | -3.21\% | \$945,489 | -3.10\% |
| 2018 | 2,223 | -5.12\% | \$31,821,786 | -4.59\% | \$906,850 | -4.09\% |
| 2019 | 2,133 | -4.05\% | \$30,275,486 | -4.86\% | \$872,818 | -3.75\% |

Table 6: Preferential Agricultural Assessment for 2019 illustrates a county-by-county breakdown of the preferential agricultural assessment local impact.

| County | Parcel <br> Count | Assessed Value Eliminated | County Tax Shift | School Tax Shift | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Tax Shift } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| APPLING | 891 | 5,857,829 | 74,805 | 82,607 | 157,412 |
| ATKINSON | 49 | 1,038,130 | 18,017 | 15,371 | 33,388 |
| BACON | 36 | 571,007 | 7,799 | 8,559 | 16,358 |
| BAKER | 78 | 2,552,432 | 29,108 | 35,900 | 65,008 |
| BALDWIN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BANKS | 4 | 59,078 | 504 | 857 | 1,361 |
| BARROW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BARTOW | 26 | 168,113 | 1,518 | 3,152 | 4,670 |
| BEN HILL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BERRIEN | 2 | 80,964 | 1,353 | 1,214 | 2,567 |
| BIBB | 2 | 12,444 | 253 | 234 | 487 |
| BLECKLEY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BRANTLEY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BROOKS | 13 | 879,310 | 11,650 | 13,023 | 24,673 |
| BRYAN | 5 | 83,930 | 719 | 1,391 | 2,110 |
| BULLOCH | 5 | 234,177 | 2,771 | 2,116 | 4,887 |
| BURKE | 14 | 330,392 | 1,948 | 4,527 | 6,475 |
| BUTTS | 4 | 180,795 | 2,207 | 2,885 | 5,092 |
| CALHOUN | 16 | 424,990 | 7,516 | 8,361 | 15,877 |
| CAMDEN | 0 | 0 | 1,967 | 1,993 | 3,960 |
| CANDLER | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CARROLL | 14 | 306,896 | 2,418 | 5,524 | 7,942 |
| CATOOSA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CHARLTON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CHATHAM | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CHATTAHOOCHEE | 3 | 34,392 | 298 | 607 | 905 |
| CHATTOOGA | 1 | 9,305 | 150 | 117 | 267 |
| CHEROKEE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CLARKE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CLAY | 1 | 44,530 | 765 | 587 | 1,352 |


| County | Parcel Count | Assessed Value Eliminated | County Tax Shift | School Tax Shift | Total Tax Shift |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CLAYTON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CLINCH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| COBB | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| COFFEE | 47 | 1,100,370 | 8,532 | 17,641 | 26,173 |
| COLQUITT | 1 | 16,594 | 226 | 170 | 396 |
| COLUMBIA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| COOK | 23 | 235,517 | 2,796 | 4,010 | 6,806 |
| COWETA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CRAWFORD | 10 | 157,070 | 2,204 | 2,513 | 4,717 |
| CRISP | 2 | 56,412 | 656 | 944 | 1,600 |
| DADE | 9 | 168,510 | 1,387 | 2,583 | 3,970 |
| DAWSON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DECATUR | 29 | 1,106,864 | 11,473 | 16,956 | 28,429 |
| DEKALB | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DODGE | 2 | 74,892 | 939 | 1,048 | 1,987 |
| DOOLY | 16 | 437,065 | 8,304 | 7,170 | 15,474 |
| DOUGHERTY | 2 | 272,210 | 4,238 | 4,988 | 9,226 |
| DOUGLAS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EARLY | 13 | 434,651 | 4,342 | 6,839 | 11,181 |
| ECHOLS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EFFINGHAM | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ELBERT | 2 | 17,464 | 183 | 278 | 461 |
| EMANUEL | 12 | 253,245 | 2,971 | 3,545 | 6,516 |
| EVANS | 23 | 300,940 | 2,952 | 4,213 | 7,165 |
| FANNIN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FAYETTE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FLOYD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FORSYTH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FRANKLIN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FULTON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GILMER | 9 | 101,640 | 854 | 1,448 | 2,302 |
| GLASCOCK | 4 | 33,253 | 406 | 546 | 952 |
| GLYNN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



| County | Parcel <br> Count | Assessed Value Eliminated | County Tax Shift | School <br> Tax Shift | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Total } \\ \text { Tax Shift } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MCDUFFIE | 1 | 11,603 | 102 | 228 | 330 |
| MCINTOSH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MERIWETHER | 1 | 8,490 | 114 | 160 | 274 |
| MILLER | 5 | 80,009 | 1,325 | 1,625 | 2,950 |
| MITCHELL | 44 | 1,167,771 | 21,739 | 18,693 | 40,432 |
| MONROE | 1 | 5,010 | 67 | 79 | 146 |
| MONTGOMERY | 2 | 8,717 | 130 | 131 | 261 |
| MORGAN | 1 | 17,662 | 192 | 253 | 445 |
| MURRAY | 1 | 3,810 | 35 | 59 | 94 |
| MUSCOGEE | 6 | 95,568 | 1,289 | 2,229 | 3,518 |
| NEWTON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OCONEE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OGLETHORPE | 2 | 32,100 | 224 | 702 | 926 |
| PAULDING | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PEACH | 2 | 110,860 | 1,604 | 1,874 | 3,478 |
| PICKENS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PIERCE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PIKE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| POLK | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PULASKI | 13 | 294,327 | 4,129 | 4,111 | 8,240 |
| PUTNAM | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| QUITMAN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RABUN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RANDOLPH | 44 | 846,823 | 16,262 | 14,968 | 31,230 |
| RICHMOND | 1 | 3,548 | 34 | 70 | 104 |
| ROCKDALE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SCHLEY | 5 | 67,896 | 832 | 1,283 | 2,115 |
| SCREVEN | 80 | 480,273 | 6,467 | 7,501 | 13,968 |
| SEMINOLE | 20 | 964,569 | 15,330 | 15,481 | 30,811 |
| SPALDING | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| STEPHENS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| STEWART | 23 | 261,882 | 3,042 | 3,942 | 6,984 |
| SUMTER | 28 | 200,040 | 2,646 | 3,646 | 6,292 |


| County | Parcel <br> Count | Assessed Value Eliminated | County Tax Shift | School <br> Tax Shift | Total Tax Shift |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TALBOT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TALIAFERRO | 3 | 29,690 | 609 | 534 | 1,143 |
| TATTNALL | 25 | 224,264 | 3,077 | 3,140 | 6,217 |
| TAYLOR | 5 | 96,110 | 824 | 1,494 | 2,318 |
| TELFAIR | 20 | 84,591 | 1,390 | 1,315 | 2,705 |
| TERRELL | 30 | 495,011 | 6,683 | 8,160 | 14,843 |
| THOMAS | 1 | 182,386 | 1,301 | 2,590 | 3,891 |
| TIFT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOOMBS | 27 | 271,318 | 2,340 | 3,714 | 6,054 |
| TOWNS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TREUTLEN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TROUP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TURNER | 9 | 61,963 | 992 | 990 | 1,982 |
| TWIGGS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| UNION | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| UPSON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WALKER | 2 | 75,781 | 744 | 1,319 | 2,063 |
| WALTON | 3 | 56,012 | 611 | 1,171 | 1,782 |
| WARE | 77 | 261,892 | 4,071 | 4,396 | 8,467 |
| WARREN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WASHINGTON | 3 | 17,141 | 165 | 291 | 456 |
| WAYNE | 10 | 159,697 | 2,862 | 2,875 | 5,737 |
| WEBSTER | 1 | 17,790 | 160 | 311 | 471 |
| WHEELER | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WHITE | 1 | 12,747 | 137 | 223 | 360 |
| WHITFIELD | 1 | 13,264 | 117 | 249 | 366 |
| WILCOX | 11 | 245,973 | 4,484 | 3,713 | 8,197 |
| WILKES | 15 | 198,069 | 2,448 | 3,476 | 5,924 |
| WILKINSON | 1 | 14,168 | 205 | 283 | 488 |
| WORTH | 5 | 411,489 | 5,168 | 6,378 | 11,546 |
| TOTAL | 2,133 | 30,275,486 | 402,099 | 470,719 | 872,818 |

Figure 17: Preferential Agricultural Total Tax Dollar below illustrates the amount of revenue shift and value removed as a result of the Preferential Agricultural Assessment program for the last 10 years.


Figure 18: Preferential Agricultural Assessed Value Eliminated below illustrates the amount of revenue shift and value removed as a result of the Preferential Agricultural Assessment program for the last 10 years.


## Conservation Use Valuation

In 1991 the Legislature embraced the "current use" valuation concept by providing for the assessment of certain qualifying properties based on current use value rather than fair market value. The legislation also provided for the Commissioner to annually develop a table of current use values to be used in all counties. The table of current use values is based upon a specific formula which takes into account the amount of income the land is capable of producing when growing certain crops and timber and factors found in market data using only farmer-to-farmer land sales. The data is grouped into nine agricultural districts in Georgia.

Unlike the Preferential Agricultural Assessment Program in which assessments are based on 30\% of fair market value rather than $40 \%$, the valuation of property in Conservation Use Covenants is most significant in the urban areas of north Georgia and other parts of the State where strong residential and commercial development is occurring. As a result, agricultural landowners' tax savings are generally greatest in these transitional areas.

The effect of this special assessment program is a tax shift ${ }^{8}$ from those taxpayers taking advantage of this special assessment program to those taxpayers who cannot qualify for special treatment, just as any exemption for one class of taxpayers shifts the tax burden to other classes of taxpayers. Several reports, graphs, and charts are being included in this report to show the fiscal impact of Conservation Use Valuation.

[^5]Table 7: Conservation Use Fiscal Impact below represents the 10 counties, ranked by total tax shift, most affected by Conservation Use Assessment. The table lists, by county, the number of applications (parcel count), and assessed value eliminated from the digest, amount of tax shift for each of the tax types, and the total tax shift.

| County | Real <br> Parcels | Assessed Value <br> Eliminated | County <br> Tax Shift | School <br> Tax Shift | Total <br> Tax Shift |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cherokee | 1,892 | $264,509,400$ | $1,379,681$ | $5,144,708$ | $\mathbf{6 , 5 2 4 , \mathbf { 3 8 0 }}$ |
| Mitchell | 1,936 | $176,908,222$ | $3,293,323$ | $2,823,686$ | $\mathbf{6 , 1 1 7 , 0 0 0}$ |
| Hall | 2,020 | $257,747,207$ | $1,313,995$ | $4,443,245$ | $\mathbf{5 , 7 5 7 , 2 4 0}$ |
| Jackson | 2,900 | $178,607,612$ | $1,668,827$ | $3,634,903$ | $\mathbf{5 , 3 0 3 , 7 3 0}$ |
| Oconee | 2,066 | $225,328,898$ | $1,514,204$ | $3,717,927$ | $\mathbf{5 , 2 3 2 , 1 3 0}$ |
| Meriwether | 2,515 | $156,385,023$ | $2,093,526$ | $2,948,170$ | $\mathbf{5 , 0 4 1 , 6 9 0}$ |
| Forsyth | 726 | $186,997,408$ | $1,077,292$ | $3,687,215$ | $\mathbf{4 , 7 6 4 , 5 0 0}$ |
| Worth | 2053 | $168,429,587$ | $2,115,476$ | $2,610,659$ | $\mathbf{4 , 7 2 6 , 1 3 0}$ |
| Lumpkin | 1,632 | $160,745,109$ | $1,617,141$ | $2,590,568$ | $\mathbf{4 , 2 0 7 , 7 0 0}$ |
| Brooks | 1,866 | $142,878,086$ | $1,880,605$ | $2,116,167$ | $\mathbf{3 , 9 9 6 , 7 7 0}$ |

Table 8: Conservation Use Valuation Assessment for Tax Year 2019 lists each county and the number of parcels receiving Conservation Use Assessment, the amount of value eliminated from the taxable digest in each county, the tax dollar shift for State, County, School, and the total tax dollar shift.

| County | Real Parcels | Assessed Value Eliminated | County Tax Shift | School <br> Tax Shift | Total Tax Shift |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| APPLING | 121 | 1,625,164 | 20,753 | 22,918 | 43,671 |
| ATKINSON | 930 | 11,499,654 | 199,576 | 170,264 | 369,840 |
| BACON | 1,095 | 33,337,138 | 455,319 | 499,724 | 955,043 |
| BAKER | 375 | 31,702,240 | 361,736 | 445,892 | 807,628 |
| BALDWIN | 918 | 23,776,646 | 234,200 | 371,629 | 605,829 |
| BANKS | 1,911 | 84,884,387 | 724,318 | 1,231,757 | 1,956,075 |
| BARROW | 1,344 | 96,618,268 | 814,574 | 1,787,438 | 2,602,012 |
| BARTOW | 1,338 | 81,186,272 | 738,298 | 1,487,310 | 2,225,608 |
| BEN HILL | 692 | 23,768,142 | 394,100 | 428,754 | 822,854 |
| BERRIEN | 2,002 | 63,063,788 | 1,053,796 | 945,957 | 1,999,753 |
| BIBB | 542 | 20,714,309 | 421,143 | 389,719 | 810,862 |
| BLECKLEY | 852 | 32,726,961 | 487,006 | 467,537 | 954,543 |
| BRANTLEY | 1,068 | 21,210,702 | 297,080 | 352,310 | 649,390 |
| BROOKS | 1,866 | 142,878,086 | 1,880,605 | 2,116,167 | 3,996,772 |
| BRYAN | 316 | 12,163,134 | 104,129 | 201,604 | 305,733 |
| BULLOCH | 2,979 | 95,987,566 | 1,120,093 | 855,522 | 1,975,615 |
| BURKE | 1,700 | 86,717,858 | 511,583 | 1,188,121 | 1,699,704 |
| BUTTS | 1,209 | 69,271,210 | 845,732 | 1,105,569 | 1,951,301 |
| CALHOUN | 554 | 34,071,886 | 602,988 | 670,296 | 1,273,284 |
| CAMDEN | 33 | 1,095,013 | 507,859 | 514,614 | 1,022,473 |
| CANDLER | 1,094 | 46,169,398 | 575,732 | 646,372 | 1,222,104 |
| CARROLL | 2,391 | 84,025,633 | 661,608 | 1,506,076 | 2,167,684 |
| CATOOSA | 623 | 36,635,193 | 237,543 | 619,318 | 856,861 |
| CHARLTON | 796 | 24,439,146 | 450,413 | 420,353 | 870,766 |
| CHATHAM | 165 | 29,183,400 | 336,864 | 551,012 | 887,876 |
| CHATTAHOOCHEE | 107 | 2,190,830 | 18,990 | 38,637 | 57,627 |
| CHATTOOGA | 1,365 | 37,052,772 | 597,748 | 463,736 | 1,061,484 |
| CHEROKEE | 1,892 | 264,509,400 | 1,379,681 | 5,144,708 | 6,524,389 |
| CLARKE | 424 | 29,796,011 | 415,654 | 595,920 | 1,011,574 |
| CLAY | 525 | 14,908,635 | 256,235 | 196,445 | 452,680 |
| CLAYTON | 158 | 11,269,017 | 175,752 | 225,380 | 401,132 |
| CLINCH | 416 | 17,703,575 | 193,907 | 316,894 | 510,801 |
| COBB | 557 | 74,787,506 | 642,425 | 1,393,291 | 2,035,716 |
| COFFEE | 2,647 | 130,080,429 | 1,008,644 | 2,085,449 | 3,094,093 |
| COLQUITT | 2,591 | 135,473,033 | 1,854,881 | 1,388,328 | 3,243,209 |
| COLUMBIA | 4,919 | 87,753,831 | 604,536 | 1,605,895 | 2,210,431 |
| COOK | 1,289 | 61,355,081 | 728,408 | 1,044,570 | 1,772,978 |
| COWETA | 1,900 | 111,236,257 | 736,060 | 2,067,882 | 2,803,942 |


| County | Real Parcels | Assessed Value Eliminated | County Tax Shift | School Tax Shift | Total Tax Shift |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CRAWFORD | 1,053 | 20,794,376 | 291,882 | 332,710 | 624,592 |
| CRISP | 1,023 | 44,292,616 | 515,389 | 740,838 | 1,256,227 |
| DADE | 657 | 26,116,942 | 215,349 | 400,373 | 615,722 |
| DAWSON | 978 | 114,739,208 | 928,125 | 1,810,355 | 2,738,480 |
| DECATUR | 1,776 | 136,089,321 | 1,410,566 | 2,084,752 | 3,495,318 |
| DEKALB | 30 | 1,881,830 | 20,273 | 43,433 | 63,706 |
| DODGE | 1,850 | 35,771,860 | 448,436 | 500,806 | 949,242 |
| DOOLY | 1,582 | 81,823,843 | 1,554,653 | 1,342,238 | 2,896,891 |
| DOUGHERTY | 290 | 22,541,797 | 350,953 | 413,033 | 763,986 |
| DOUGLAS | 379 | 27,356,496 | 279,392 | 567,647 | 847,039 |
| EARLY | 1,560 | 75,773,246 | 756,975 | 1,192,216 | 1,949,191 |
| ECHOLS | 336 | 12,016,787 | 180,096 | 235,950 | 416,046 |
| EFFINGHAM | 2,139 | 112,437,622 | 737,366 | 1,851,623 | 2,588,989 |
| ELBERT | 1,731 | 61,580,261 | 646,957 | 981,158 | 1,628,115 |
| EMANUEL | 2,311 | 59,902,515 | 702,657 | 838,635 | 1,541,292 |
| EVANS | 520 | 19,002,089 | 182,466 | 266,029 | 448,495 |
| FANNIN | 1,760 | 131,275,303 | 516,962 | 1,390,599 | 1,907,561 |
| FAYETTE | 608 | 38,531,104 | 169,229 | 790,697 | 959,926 |
| FLOYD | 2,390 | 80,865,784 | 775,624 | 1,485,952 | 2,261,576 |
| FORSYTH | 726 | 186,997,408 | 1,077,292 | 3,687,215 | 4,764,507 |
| FRANKLIN | 2,620 | 108,054,987 | 1,170,940 | 1,707,269 | 2,878,209 |
| FULTON | 579 | 90,589,810 | 916,678 | 1,557,789 | 2,474,467 |
| GILMER | 2,101 | 119,317,902 | 1,001,998 | 1,700,041 | 2,702,039 |
| GLASCOCK | 579 | 12,035,955 | 147,200 | 197,510 | 344,710 |
| GLYNN | 213 | 17,617,403 | 87,041 | 289,186 | 376,227 |
| GORDON | 2,479 | 118,028,767 | 1,136,735 | 2,245,171 | 3,381,906 |
| GRADY | 2,203 | 94,702,639 | 1,646,879 | 1,287,956 | 2,934,835 |
| GREENE | 1,344 | 68,168,786 | 368,262 | 1,003,376 | 1,371,638 |
| GWINNETT | 674 | 92,689,670 | 668,200 | 1,987,020 | 2,655,220 |
| HABERSHAM | 1,930 | 141,595,684 | 1,655,112 | 1,900,639 | 3,555,751 |
| HALL | 2,020 | 257,747,207 | 1,313,995 | 4,443,245 | 5,757,240 |
| HANCOCK | 1,468 | 60,069,618 | 1,068,518 | 853,950 | 1,922,468 |
| HARALSON | 1,440 | 44,014,031 | 462,147 | 684,298 | 1,146,445 |
| HARRIS | 1,860 | 101,887,585 | 955,518 | 1,758,580 | 2,714,098 |
| HART | 1,836 | 84,419,654 | 497,232 | 1,111,385 | 1,608,617 |
| HEARD | 1,378 | 42,869,399 | 292,498 | 659,160 | 951,658 |
| HENRY | 1,508 | 87,344,035 | 1,103,922 | 2,063,765 | 3,167,687 |
| HOUSTON | 868 | 70,644,340 | 701,852 | 939,358 | 1,641,210 |
| IRWIN | 1,596 | 62,223,271 | 925,136 | 975,785 | 1,900,921 |
| JACKSON | 2,900 | 178,607,612 | 1,668,827 | 3,634,903 | 5,303,730 |
| JASPER | 1,669 | 94,472,784 | 1,456,015 | 1,699,565 | 3,155,580 |


| County | Real Parcels | Assessed Value Eliminated | County Tax Shift | School <br> Tax Shift | Total Tax Shift |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JEFF DAVIS | 1,085 | 23,831,364 | 366,526 | 333,639 | 700,165 |
| JEFFERSON | 1,701 | 56,804,696 | 999,138 | 897,344 | 1,896,482 |
| JENKINS | 976 | 45,650,591 | 556,709 | 704,936 | 1,261,645 |
| JOHNSON | 1,407 | 17,357,939 | 266,844 | 258,060 | 524,904 |
| JONES | 1,312 | 82,819,556 | 1,341,816 | 1,638,833 | 2,980,649 |
| LAMAR | 1,151 | 54,718,911 | 719,937 | 1,016,513 | 1,736,450 |
| LANIER | 659 | 25,740,576 | 407,216 | 434,192 | 841,408 |
| LAURENS | 2,783 | 58,916,329 | 422,725 | 863,927 | 1,286,652 |
| LEE | 600 | 59,057,199 | 832,588 | 1,157,167 | 1,989,755 |
| LIBERTY | 210 | 7,127,161 | 108,984 | 116,586 | 225,570 |
| LINCOLN | 1,045 | 27,342,236 | 308,612 | 546,216 | 854,828 |
| LONG | 594 | 21,872,222 | 343,285 | 351,683 | 694,968 |
| LOWNDES | 1,329 | 83,403,084 | 724,606 | 1,359,491 | 2,084,097 |
| LUMPKIN | 1,632 | 160,745,109 | 1,617,141 | 2,590,568 | 4,207,709 |
| MACON | 1,349 | 51,328,649 | 542,748 | 946,192 | 1,488,940 |
| MADISON | 2,390 | 100,741,240 | 1,321,468 | 1,711,594 | 3,033,062 |
| MARION | 910 | 20,970,780 | 148,599 | 350,610 | 499,209 |
| MCDUFFIE | 1,081 | 58,719,038 | 516,728 | 1,156,178 | 1,672,906 |
| MCINTOSH | 201 | 7,389,850 | 73,093 | 115,895 | 188,988 |
| MERIWETHER | 2,515 | 156,385,023 | 2,093,526 | 2,948,170 | 5,041,696 |
| MILLER | 921 | 39,861,863 | 660,112 | 809,834 | 1,469,946 |
| MITCHELL | 1,936 | 176,908,222 | 3,293,323 | 2,823,686 | 6,117,009 |
| MONROE | 1,602 | 93,917,368 | 1,248,256 | 1,471,591 | 2,719,847 |
| MONTGOMERY | 1,147 | 20,597,988 | 307,260 | 308,631 | 615,891 |
| MORGAN | 1,770 | 118,534,023 | 1,291,428 | 1,694,799 | 2,986,227 |
| MURRAY | 963 | 36,033,484 | 331,369 | 558,617 | 889,986 |
| MUSCOGEE | 139 | 12,192,053 | 152,362 | 284,331 | 436,693 |
| NEWTON | 1,030 | 73,096,171 | 981,682 | 1,446,427 | 2,428,109 |
| OCONEE | 2,066 | 225,328,898 | 1,514,204 | 3,717,927 | 5,232,131 |
| OGLETHORPE | 1,952 | 63,476,424 | 442,388 | 1,387,849 | 1,830,237 |
| PAULDING | 1,521 | 100,875,461 | 835,148 | 1,891,415 | 2,726,563 |
| PEACH | 682 | 50,189,357 | 726,391 | 848,301 | 1,574,692 |
| PICKENS | 675 | 53,453,876 | 415,818 | 811,430 | 1,227,248 |
| PIERCE | 1,530 | 53,874,828 | 584,772 | 876,651 | 1,461,423 |
| PIKE | 1,759 | 71,138,089 | 1,014,571 | 1,441,756 | 2,456,327 |
| POLK | 1,194 | 42,819,825 | 479,197 | 670,730 | 1,149,927 |
| PULASKI | 673 | 12,887,025 | 180,792 | 179,993 | 360,785 |
| PUTNAM | 770 | 44,231,096 | 362,828 | 708,405 | 1,071,233 |
| QUITMAN | 265 | 9,327,440 | 166,691 | 130,454 | 297,145 |
| RABUN | 732 | 61,012,559 | 615,190 | 576,569 | 1,191,759 |
| RANDOLPH | 1,203 | 49,904,371 | 957,034 | 882,110 | 1,839,144 |
| RICHMOND | 242 | 10,036,534 | 97,134 | 198,663 | 295,797 |


| County | Real Parcels | Assessed Value Eliminated | County <br> Tax Shift | School <br> Tax Shift | Total Tax Shift |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ROCKDALE | 388 | 17,198,879 | 347,245 | 424,812 | 772,057 |
| SCHLEY | 593 | 24,667,087 | 302,172 | 465,961 | 768,133 |
| SCREVEN | 1,808 | 56,698,447 | 763,558 | 885,573 | 1,649,131 |
| SEMINOLE | 876 | 74,947,112 | 1,191,134 | 1,202,901 | 2,394,035 |
| SPALDING | 815 | 43,123,787 | 713,052 | 736,425 | 1,449,477 |
| STEPHENS | 774 | 22,517,195 | 335,731 | 378,289 | 714,020 |
| STEWART | 357 | 10,025,967 | 116,452 | 150,901 | 267,353 |
| SUMTER | 1,290 | 56,609,072 | 748,655 | 1,031,644 | 1,780,299 |
| TALBOT | 1,383 | 32,420,754 | 519,024 | 455,576 | 974,600 |
| TALIAFERRO | 660 | 13,360,627 | 274,491 | 240,491 | 514,982 |
| TATTNALL | 1,817 | 47,653,648 | 653,808 | 667,151 | 1,320,959 |
| TAYLOR | 1,341 | 31,818,962 | 272,962 | 494,467 | 767,429 |
| TELFAIR | 1,349 | 32,029,432 | 526,180 | 498,090 | 1,024,270 |
| TERRELL | 1,079 | 39,007,244 | 526,598 | 642,995 | 1,169,593 |
| THOMAS | 1,421 | 153,280,228 | 1,095,130 | 2,175,412 | 3,270,542 |
| TIFT | 1,105 | 58,345,579 | 709,891 | 988,374 | 1,698,265 |
| TOOMBS | 955 | 25,447,461 | 219,433 | 350,741 | 570,174 |
| TOWNS | 507 | 21,936,609 | 111,328 | 164,020 | 275,348 |
| TREUTLEN | 659 | 11,119,593 | 143,610 | 155,674 | 299,284 |
| TROUP | 1,571 | 91,604,338 | 987,770 | 1,726,742 | 2,714,512 |
| TURNER | 1,398 | 46,726,876 | 747,817 | 746,929 | 1,494,746 |
| TWIGGS | 1,093 | 32,370,541 | 634,463 | 537,351 | 1,171,814 |
| UNION | 1,356 | 110,220,649 | 677,196 | 1,293,990 | 1,971,186 |
| UPSON | 1,519 | 45,104,067 | 405,486 | 645,890 | 1,051,376 |
| WALKER | 1,516 | 51,988,017 | 511,665 | 904,206 | 1,415,871 |
| WALTON | 1,325 | 113,166,016 | 1,234,075 | 2,297,025 | 3,531,100 |
| WARE | 1,003 | 26,894,953 | 418,082 | 451,486 | 869,568 |
| WARREN | 792 | 21,642,323 | 280,441 | 398,219 | 678,660 |
| WASHINGTON | 1,567 | 41,341,992 | 398,826 | 702,235 | 1,101,061 |
| WAYNE | 1,843 | 69,920,908 | 1,253,192 | 1,258,576 | 2,511,768 |
| WEBSTER | 508 | 23,831,283 | 214,482 | 416,261 | 630,743 |
| WHEELER | 1,048 | 24,722,439 | 405,162 | 388,414 | 793,576 |
| WHITE | 1,542 | 99,426,736 | 1,068,837 | 1,738,079 | 2,806,916 |
| WHITFIELD | 936 | 38,947,310 | 343,204 | 722,060 | 1,065,264 |
| WILCOX | 1,445 | 17,853,394 | 325,485 | 269,497 | 594,982 |
| WILKES | 1,752 | 50,733,893 | 626,936 | 890,380 | 1,517,316 |
| WILKINSON | 1,086 | 33,765,794 | 487,578 | 675,316 | 1,162,894 |
| Worth | 2,053 | 168,429,587 | 2,115,476 | 2,610,659 | 4,726,135 |
| Total | 196,900 | 9,825,276,425 | 106,732,175 | 163,220,353 | 269,952,528 |

Figure 19: Conservation Use Revenue Shift illustrates the amount of revenue shift and the amount of value removed annually from digests affected by the Conservation Use Valuation program since 2010.


Figure 20: Conservation Use Assessed Value Eliminated below illustrates the amount of revenue shift and the increasing amount of value removed annually from digests affected by the Conservation Use Valuation program since 2010.


## Forest Land Conservation Use

The Georgia Forest Land Protection Act of 2008 provides for current use valuation of property primarily used for the good faith subsistence or commercial production of trees, timber, or other wood and wood fiber products.

The assessment of qualifying properties is based on current use value rather than fair market value. The bill also provided for the Commissioner to annually develop a table of current use values to be used in all counties. It is based upon a legislated formula which takes into account the amount of income the land is capable of producing when growing timber and factors found in market data using comparable sales with and for the same existing use.

This covenant agreement between the taxpayer and the local board of assessors is limited to forest land tracts consisting of more than 200 contiguous acres when owned by an individual or individuals or by any entity registered to do business in Georgia. For tax year 2019 a covenant breach is subject to a penalty in an amount equal to two times the tax savings.

The effect of any special assessment program is a tax shift ${ }^{9}$ from those taxpayers taking advantage of this special assessment program to those taxpayers who cannot qualify for special treatment, just as any exemption for one class of taxpayers shifts the tax burden to other classes of taxpayers. To lessen the fiscal impact on local taxing jurisdictions there is a grant component associated with this program. A grant is paid to the taxing authorities to reimburse up to one half of the first $3 \%$ of revenue loss and $100 \%$ of the revenue loss over 3\% as a result of taxpayers enrolling property in this program. Several reports, graphs, and charts show the fiscal impact of Forest Land Conservation Use Valuation.

[^6]Table 9: Forest Land Conservation Use Valuation Assessment for Tax Year 2019 lists each county and the number of parcels receiving Forest Land Conservation Use Assessment, the amount of value eliminated from the taxable digest in each county, the gross tax dollar shift for State, County, and School, the amount of the reimbursement grant paid to the County and School and the net tax shift for the taxing jurisdictions after the application of the grant. This table does not include amounts paid to municipalities or special taxing districts.

| FOREST LAND PROTECTION ACT OF 2008 (TAX DIGESR YEAR-2019) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COUNTY (CO) NAME | DISTRICT NAME | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FLPA } \\ & 2019 \\ & \text { PARCEL } \\ & \text { COUNT } \end{aligned}$ | FLPA 2019 ACREAGE | FLPA ASSESSED VALUE (JCLASS) | FLPA 2008 ADJUSTED VALUE (FCODE) | FLPA 2019 EXEMPTIONS (SJ-CODE) | ADJUSTED 2019 ASSESSED VALUE REDUCTION | $\begin{gathered} 2019 \\ \text { MILLAGE } \\ \text { RATE } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FLPA } 2019 \\ & \text { GRANT } \\ & \text { CALCULATION } \end{aligned}$ |
| APPLING | CO FIRE DIST | 3 | 1,401.78 | 383,516 | 383,516 | 87,356 | 43,678 | 0.000470 | 20.53 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 383,516 | 383,516 | 87,356 | 43,678 | 0.014102 | 615.95 |
|  | CO UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 383,516 | 383,516 | 87,356 | 43,678 | 0.012770 | 557.77 |
| ATKINSON | SCHOOL | 24 | 27243.55 | 4,755,713 | 4,755,713 | 811,199 | 405,599.5 | 0.014806 | 13,656.96 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 4,755,713 | 4,755,713 | 811,199 | 405,599.5 | 0.017355 | 16,008.25 |
| BACON | SCHOOL | 45 | 14,532.35 | 4,106,806 | 4,387,791 | 1,725,153 | 1,003,069 | 0.014990 | 15,036.00 |
|  | CO UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 4,106,806 | 4,387,791 | 1,725,153 | 1,003,069 | 0.013658 | 13,699.92 |
| BAKER | CO INCORPORATED | 58 | 107,844.69 | 169,160 | 169,160 | 116,024.00 | 107,498.31 | 0.012812 | 1,377.27 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 53,961,282 | 53,961,282 | 34,692,126 | 32,148,831.66 | 0.014065 | 452,173.32 |
|  | CO UNINCORPORATED |  | 287.00 | 53,792,122 | 53,792,122 | 34,576,102 | 32,035,375.52 | 0.011404 | 365,331.42 |
|  | NEWTON |  |  | 169,160 | 169,160 | 116,024 | 58,012 | 0.005248 | 304.45 |
| BALDWIN | SCHOOL | 39 | 13,079.83 | 4,682,040 | 4,682,040 | 2,339,306 | 1,169,653 | 0.015630 | 23,080.89 |
|  | CO UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 4,682,040 | 4,682,040 | 2,339,306 | 1,169,653 | 0.009850 | 14,542.30 |
| BANKS | SCHOOL | 3 | 2,105.78 | 1,199,218 | 1,199,218 | 591,090 | 295,545 | 0.014511 | 12,288.68 |
|  | CO UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 1,199,218 | 1,199,218 | 591,090 | 295,545 | 0.008533 | 7,527.90 |
| BARTOW | SCHOOL | 6 | 3,824.85 | 2,402,788 | 2,402,788 | 1,533,670 | 766,835 | 0.018750 | 14,378.16 |
|  | CO UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 2,402,788 | 2,402,788 | 1,533,670 | 766,835 | 0.009010 | 6,909.18 |
| BEN HILL | SCHOOL | 86 | 31,221.98 | 13,170,736 | 13,170,736 | 6,678,648 | 3,339,324 | 0.018039 | 60,238.07 |
|  | CO UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 13,170,736 | 13,170,736 | 6,678,648 | 3,339,324 | 0.016581 | 55,369.33 |
| BERRIEN | SCHOOL | 55 | 37,955.10 | 15,372,169 | 15,372,169 | 8,223,261 | 4,111,630.5 | 0.015000 | 65,130.65 |
|  | CO UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 15,372,169 | 15,372,169 | 8,223,261 | 4,111,630.5 | 0.016710 | 72,555.54 |
| BIBB | SCHOOL | 24 | 3,660.46 | 2,528,462 | 2,528,462 | 1,771,575 | 885,787.5 | 0.018814 | 16,665.21 |
|  | CO INCORPORATED |  |  | 2,528,462 | 2,528,462 | 1,771,575 | 885,787.5 | 0.020331 | 18,008.95 |
| BLECKLEY | SCHOOL | 31 | 16,777.02 | 6,408,446 | 6,408,446 | 2,614,518 | 1,307,259 | 0.014286 | 18,675.50 |
| BRANTLEY | CO UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 6,408,446 | 6,408,446 | 2,614,518 | 1,307,259 | 0.014883 | 19,455.94 |
|  | CO FIRE DIST WAYNESVILLE | 114 | 120,445.45 | 5,229,149 | 5,229,149 | 2,655,926 | 1,534,600.7 | 0.001250 | 4,220.80 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 31,195,859 | 31,195,859 | 15,622,406 | 11,001,315.29 | 0.016000 | 176,021.04 |


|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 31,195,859 | 31,195,859 | 15,622,406 | 10,850,628.02 | 0.013946 | 151,322.86 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BROOKS | CO WIDE DEVELOPMENT AUTH | 153 | 84,831.96 | 71,996,040 | 71,996,040 | 54,773,297 | 47,674,800.45 | 0.000393 | 28,367.69 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 71,996,040 | 71,996,040 | 54,773,297 | 47,734,604.51 | 0.014811 | 1,070,814.42 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 71,996,040 | 71,996,040 | 54,773,297 | 47,674,800.45 | 0.013149 | 970,739.84 |
| BRYAN | SCHOOL | 57 | 24,441.46 | 8,184,080 | 8,184,080 | 4,184,156 | 2,092,078 | 0.015075 | 39,484.13 |
|  | CO INC \& UNINC |  |  | 8,184,080 | 8,184,080 | 4,184,156 | 2,092,078 | 0.008561 | 22,948.70 |
|  | PEMBROKE | 2 | 439.47 | 196,480 | 196,480 | 114,965 | 57,482.5 | 0.010000 | 774.45 |
| BULLOCH | SCHOOL | 27 | 20,313.11 | 5,134,668 | 5,134,668 | 1,803,792 | 901,896 | 0.009038 | 9337.25 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 5,134,668 | 5,134,668 | 1,803,792 | 901,896 | 0.011833 | 12222.92 |
| BURKE | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED | 184 | 97,294.13 | 39,441,183 | 39,441,183 | 20,582,740 | 10,291,370 | 0.005897 | 72,833.79 |
|  | CO FIRE DISTRICT |  |  | 39,459,776 | 39,459,776 | 20,590,373 | 10,295,186.5 | 0.002696 | 33,300.32 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 39,459,776 | 39,459,776 | 20,590,373 | 10,295,186.5 | 0.013701 | 169,231.38 |
| BUTTS | SCHOOL | 34 | 14,519.17 | 12,364,225 | 12,364,225 | 9,613,197 | 4,806,598.5 | 0.015960 | 103,534.33 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 12,364,225 | 12,364,225 | 9,613,197 | 4,806,598.5 | 0.012209 | 74,261.12 |
| CALHOUN | CO INCORPORATED | $\begin{aligned} & 82 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | 55,853.72 | 91,863 | 91,863 | 52,246 | 46,576.43 | 0.018542 | 1,017.30 |
|  | LEARY |  | 66.87 | 18,799 | 18,799 | 9,860 | 4,930 | 0.013416 | 66.14 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 30,853,346 | 30,853,346 | 19,392,604 | 17,310,702.8 | 0.019673 | 478,123.97 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 30,761,483 | 30,761,483 | 19,340,358 | 17,241,605.01 | 0.017682 | 371,653.24 |
|  | MORGAN |  |  | 73,064 | 73,064 | 42,386 | 21,193 | 0.003096 | 160.58 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CAMDEN | CO UNINC \& INC | 114 | 76,823.36 | 21,556,690 | 21,556,690 | 12,278,327 | 6,139,163.5 | 0.015790 | 98,658.39 |
|  | CO SSD - UNINC 43 |  |  | 16,220,669 | 16,220,669 | 9,710,844 | 6,295,704.58 | 0.001655 | 10,419.39 |
|  | CO SSD - UNINC 40 |  |  | 351,705 | 351,705 | 140,763 | 70,381.5 | 0.001655 | 116.48 |
|  | CO SSD - UNINC 42 |  |  | 1,780,378 | 1,780,378 | 1,022,660 | 511,330 | 0.001655 | 846.25 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 21,556,690 | 21,556,690 | 12,278,327 | 6,139,163.5 | 0.016000 | 99,699.52 |
|  | KINGSLAND |  | 13,567.61 | 3,203,938 | 3,203,938 | 1,404,060 | 702,030 | 0.008000 | 7,553.30 |
| CANDLER | SCHOOL | 37 | 13,972.72 | 5,693,031 | 5,693,031 | 3,377,331 | 1,688,665.5 | 0.014000 | 32,118.59 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 5,693,031 | 5,693,031 | 3,377,331 | 1,688,665.5 | 0.012470 | 29,359.76 |
| CARROLL | SCHOOL | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | 6,992.26 | 4,590,598 | 4,590,598 | 2,901,448 | 1,450,724 | 0.017998 | 26,110.13 |
|  | MT ZION |  | 113.00 | 94,941 | 94,941 | 69,510 | 34,755 | 0.007050 | 245.02 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 4,590,598 | 4,590,598 | 2,901,448 | 1,450,724 | 0.007880 | 11,431.71 |
| CHARLTON | SCHOOL | 56 | 86,816.31 | 23,729,720 | 23,729,720 | 8,121,750 | 4,060,875 | 0.017200 | 174,066.37 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 23,729,720 | 23,729,720 | 8,121,750 | 4,060,875 | 0.018430 | 189,683.70 |
| CHATHAM | CO UNINC \& INC | 18 | 2,374.00 | 5,061,080 | 5,061,080 | 4,727,720 | 2,363,860 | 0.011543 | 28,382.87 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 5,061,080.00 | 5,061,080 | 4,727,720.00 | 2,363,860 | 0.018881 | 44,632.04 |
|  | CO SSD - UNINC |  |  | 3,485,960 | 3,485,960 | 3,366,160 | 1,683,080 | 0.004911 | 8,846.14 |
|  | CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT |  |  | 4,868,680 | 4,868,680 | 4,582,160 | 2,291,080 | 0.001150 | 2,634.74 |
| CHATTAHOOCHEE | SCHOOL | 10 | 6,219.58 | 2,003,519 | 2,003,519 | 680,546 | 340,273 | 0.017636 | 7,418.90 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 2,003,519 | 2,003,519 | 680,546 | 340,273 | 0.008668 | 3,646.24 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CHATTOOGA | SCHOOL | 28 | 13,776.51 | 6,575,288 | 6,575,288 | 3,668,221 | 1,834,110.5 | 0.012595 | 39,418.21 |



| DODGE | CHESTER | 1 | 220.00 | 72,748 | 72,748 | 29,242 | 14,621 | 0.001000 | 14.62 |
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|  | SCHOOL | 114 | 35,843.91 | 11,001,488 | 11,001,488 | 4,469,854 | 2,234,927 | 0.014000 | 90,889.64 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 11,001,488 | 11,001,488 | 4,469,854 | 2,234,927 | 0.012536 | 90,889.64 |
| DOOLY | SCHOOL | $\begin{aligned} & 105 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | 41,271.35 | 17,884,440 | 17,884,440 | 8,568,680 | 4,284,340 | 0.016404 | 70,280.31 |
|  | VIENNA |  | 69.00 | 33,440 | 33,440 | 19,447 | 9,723.5 | 0.013500 | 131.27 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 17,884,440 | 17,884,440 | 8,568,680 | 4,284,340 | 0.019000 | 70,280.31 |
| DOUGHERTY | CO UNINC SPECIAL SVC DIST | 58 | 68,510.06 | 41,458,800 | 41,458,800 | 28,366,059 | 19,802,715.02 | 0.009173 | 181,650.30 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 41,458,800 | 41,458,800 | 28,366,059 | 14,183,029.5 | 0.018323 | 259,875.65 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 41,458,800 | 41,458,800 | 28,366,059 | 14,183,029.5 | 0.015569 | 220,815.59 |
| DOUGLAS | SCHOOL | 2 | 689.10 | 945,040 | 945,040 | 783,267 | 391,633.5 | 0.019650 | 10,345.76 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 945,040 | 945,040 | 783,267 | 391,633.5 | 0.010213 | 5,365.54 |
| EARLY | BLAKELY | 314 | 90,179.65 | 177,078 | 177,078 | 94,630 | 47,315 | 0.004250 | 435.39 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 45,037,210 | 45,037,210 | 26,329,295 | 19,638,776.11 | 0.015734 | 584,499.96 |
|  | ARLINGTON - EARLY |  | 23.20 | 24,461 | 24,461 | 18,839 | 9,419.5 | 0.010584 | 139.45 |
|  | DAMASCUS |  | 386.61 | 209,698 | 209,698 | 127,649 | 63,824.5 | 0.010937 | 1,680.35 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 45,037,210 | 45,037,210 | 26,329,295 | 19,638,776.11 | 0.009990 | 370,750.47 |
| ECHOLS | SCHOOL | 73 | 201,275.71 | 41,054,892 | 41,054,892 | 11,774,818 | 9,910,331.52 | 0.015501 | 153,620.05 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 41,054,892 | 41,054,892 | 11,774,818 | 9,900,759.05 | 0.014987 | 148,382.68 |
| EFFINGHAM | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED | 108 | 55,924.00 | 26,719,002 | 26,719,002 | 18,301,666 | 9,150,833 | 0.006558 | 60,011.16 |
|  | CO WIDE INDUSTRIAL AUTH |  |  | 26,719,002 | 26,719,002 | 18,301,666 | 9,150,833 | 0.002000 | 18,301.67 |
|  | CO WIDE HOSPITAL |  |  | 26,719,002 | 26,719,002 | 18,301,666 | 9,150,833 | 0.001977 | 18,091.20 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 26,719,002 | 26,719,002 | 18,301,666 | 9,150,833 | 0.016468 | 150,695.92 |
| ELBERT | SCHOOL | 30 | 20,986.50 | 11,550,707 | 11,550,707 | 5,255,112 | 2,627,556 | 0.015933 | 63,069.18 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 11,550,707 | 11,550,707 | 5,255,112 | 2,627,556 | 0.010504 | 43,862.46 |
| EMANUEL | SCHOOL | 195 | 101,529.64 | 31,818,119 | 31,818,119 | 13,208,620 | 6,604,310 | 0.014000 | 170,238.52 |
|  | SSD - ADRIAN \#5 |  |  | 22,812 | 22,812 | 13,728 | 6,864 | 0.002286 | 15.69 |
|  | SSD - STILLMORE \#7 |  |  | 96,239 | 96,239 | 53,007 | 26,503.5 | 0.002286 | 60.59 |
|  | CO SSD - UNINC \#1 |  |  | 31,152,045 | 31,152,045 | 12,890,498 | 8,272,559.93 | 0.002286 | 33,120.30 |
|  | ADRIAN | 1 | 41.00 | 22,812 | 22,812 | 13,728 | 6,864 | 0.011000 | 75.50 |
|  | SSD - OAK PARK |  |  | 477,649 | 477,649 | 217,833 | 119,795.07 | 0.002286 | 521.86 |
|  | SWAINSBORO | 1 | 238.81 | 69,374 | 69,374 | 33,554 | 16,777 | 0.019353 | 1,181.78 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 31,818,119 | 31,818,119 | 13,208,620 | 6,604,310 | 0.011730 | 144,934.95 |
| EVANS | SCHOOL | 14 | 6,776.08 | 2,517,960 | 2,517,960 | 1,462,187 | 731,093.5 | 0.014000 | 11,499.09 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 2,517,960 | 2,517,960 | 1,462,187 | 731,093.5 | 0.009532 | 7,974.39 |
| FANNIN | SCHOOL | 4 | 1,198.66 | 1,786,428 | 1,786,428 | 1,457,495 | 728,747.5 | 0.010593 | 10,905.55 |
|  | CO UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 1,786,428 | 1,786,428 | 1,457,495 | 728,747.5 | 0.003938 | 4,055.19 |
| FLOYD | CO UNINC FIRE DISTRICT | 77 | 14,222.00 | 7,539,103 | 7,539,103 | 4,421,295 | 2,210,647.5 | 0.001650 | 4,470.23 |
|  | CO UNINC SOLID WASTE |  |  | 7,539,103 | 7,539,103 | 4,421,295 | 2,210,647.5 | 0.000656 | 1,777.24 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 7,539,279 | 7,539,279 | 4,421,394 | 2,210,697 | 0.018250 | 49,558.30 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 7,539,279 | 7,539,279 | 4,421,394 | 2,210,697 | 0.009480 | 25,684.65 |
| FRANKLIN | SCHOOL | 2 | 549.69 | 188,983 | 188,983 | 15,203 | 7,601.5 | 0.015800 | 5,339.94 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 188,983 | 188,983 | 15,203 | 7,601.5 | 0.010813 | 3,654.47 |


| FULTON | CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS | 45 | 7,653.35 | 18,688,000 | 18,688,000 | 16,079,210 | 12,973,410.48 | 0.010000 | 153,228.98 |
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|  | CO INCORPORATED |  |  | 18,688,000 | 18,688,000 | 16,079,210 | 8,039,605 | 0.009899 | 92,306.56 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 18,688,000 | 18,688,000 | 16,079,210 | 8,039,605 | 0.017796 | 161,892.21 |
| GILMER | SCHOOL | 8 | 6,087.62 | 4,520,440 | 4,520,440 | 2,886,125 | 1,443,062.5 | 0.014248 | 49,428.29 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 4,520,440 | 4,520,440 | 2,886,125 | 1,443,062.5 | 0.006898 | 23,877.87 |
| GLASCOCK | SCHOOL | 53 | 14,757.03 | 4,668,945 | 4,668,945 | 2,134,106 | 1,067,053 | 0.016410 | 81,130.26 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 4,668,945 | 4,668,945 | 2,134,106 | 1,067,053 | 0.012230 | 60,480.00 |
| GLYNN | SCHOOL | 82 | 26,105.20 | 13,737,440 | 13,737,440 | 10,795,521 | 5,397,760.5 | 0.016157 | 100,788.14 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 13,737,440 | 13,737,440 | 10,795,521 | 5,397,760.5 | 0.004863 | 43,335.04 |
| GORDON | SCHOOL | 9 | 5,584.28 | 3,359,500 | 3,359,500 | 2,114,039 | 1,057,019.5 | 0.019172 | 26,486.24 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 3,359,500 | 3,359,500 | 2,114,039 | 1,057,019.5 | 0.009631 | 13,305.29 |
| GRADY | SCHOOL | 56 | 34,683.00 | 19,397,969 | 19,397,969 | 12,545,691 | 6,272,845.5 | 0.013600 | 102,361.44 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 19,397,969 | 19,397,969 | 12,545,691 | 6,272,845.5 | 0.017390 | 117,638.57 |
| GREENE | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED | 166 | 46,078.76 | 28,756,633 | 28,756,633 | 18,981,097 | 9,490,548.5 | 0.005375 | 154,665.19 |
|  | CO FIRE - WALKER CHURCH |  |  | 427,720 | 427,720 | 324,224 | 162,112 | 0.000677 | 292.94 |
|  | CO FIRE - LIBERTY |  |  | 1,088,160 | 1,088,160 | 684,717 | 342,358.5 | 0.000752 | 389.99 |
|  | CO FIRE - OLD <br> SALEM |  |  | 4,981,960 | 4,981,960 | 4,544,690 | 2,272,345 | 0.000894 | 10,471.90 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 28,756,633 | 28,756,633 | 18,981,097 | 9,490,548.5 | 0.014719 | 421,821.56 |
| HABERSHAM | CO WIDE HOSPITAL | 8 | 892.17 | 1,894,328 | 1,894,328 | 1,628,164 | 814,082 | 0.001138 | 926.43 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 1,894,328 | 1,894,328 | 1,628,164 | 814,082 | 0.013423 | 14,397.35 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 1,894,328 | 1,894,328 | 1,628,164 | 814,082 | 0.011689 | 12,329.31 |
| HALL | CO UNINC FIRE DISTRICT | 3 | 6,538.65 | 7,266,400 | 7,266,400 | 5,296,294 | 2,648,147 | 0.002650 | 8,916.26 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 7,266,400 | 7,266,400 | 5,296,294 | 2,648,147 | 0.017550 | 60,891.93 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 7,266,400 | 7,266,400 | 5,296,294 | 2,648,147 | 0.005098 | 17,895.63 |
| HANCOCK | SCHOOL | 229 | 74,079.77 | 34,282,494 | 34,282,494 | 18,246,052 | 12,644,892.25 | 0.014216 | 179,759.79 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 34,282,494 | 34,282,494 | 18,246,052 | 12,577,415.3 | 0.017788 | 223,727.06 |
| HARALSON | SCHOOL | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 66 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $23,980.77$ <br> 241.00 | 11,618,871 | 11,618,871 | 6,679,788 | 3,339,894 | 0.015607 | 97,345.61 |
|  | TALLAPOOSA |  |  | 207,594 | 207,594 | 162,275 | 81,137.5 | 0.007190 | 1,127.08 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 11,618,871 | 11,618,871 | 6,679,788 | 3,339,894 | 0.010500 | 66,271.40 |
| HARRIS | SHILOH | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 154 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 104.96 | 140,592 | 140,592 | 121,408 | 60,704 | 0.005500 | 419.58 |
|  | SCHOOL |  | 61,571.92 | 38,391,566 | 38,391,566 | 26,928,401 | 13,464,200.5 | 0.017260 | 596,810.47 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 38,391,566 | 38,391,566 | 26,928,401 | 13,464,200.5 | 0.009380 | 596,810.47 |
| HEARD | SCHOOL | 65 | 32,134.52 | 15,491,218 | 15,491,218 | 7,761,088 | 3,880,544 | 0.015376 | 133,840.88 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 15,491,218 | 15,491,218 | 7,761,088 | 3,880,544 | 0.006823 | 58,842.06 |
| HENRY | SCHOOL | $3$ |  $1,071.42$ <br>   | 1,103,240 | 1,103,240 | 824,080 | 412,040 | 0.020000 | 8,240.80 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 1,103,240 | 1,103,240 | 824,080 | 412,040 | 0.012733 | 5,246.51 |
| HOUSTON | CO FIRE DISTRICT | 55 |  | 14,598,890 | 14,598,890 | 9,008,769 | 4,504,384.5 | 0.001177 | 7,863.41 |




|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 23,789,681 | 23,789,681 | 17,849,931 | 8,924,965.5 | 0.010895 | 676,370.64 |
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| MURRAY | SCHOOL | 11 | 4,263.00 | 1,957,680 | 1,957,680 | 1,013,453 | 506,726.5 | 0.015500 | 17,488.80 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 1,957,680 | 1,957,680 | 1,013,453 | 506,726.5 | 0.009194 | 10,373.68 |
| MUSCOGEE | SCHOOL | 1 | 140.50 | 134,057 | 134,057 | 101,786 | 50,893 | 0.023321 | 1,186.88 |
| NEWTON | SOCIAL CIRCLE | 1 | 217.78 | 370,720 | 370,720 | 325,266 | 162,633 | 0.007900 | 1,284.80 |
|  | IND SCHOOL SOCIAL CIRCLE |  |  | 370,720 | 370,720 | 325,266 | 162,633 | 0.019278 | 3,135.24 |
|  | CO FIRE DISTRICT |  |  | 9,987,480 | 9,987,480 | 8,180,318 | 4,090,159 | 0.000892 | 4,269.41 |
|  | SCHOOL | 14 | 8,714.45 | 9,987,480 | 9,987,480 | 8,180,318 | 4,090,159 | 0.019788 | 95,553.37 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 10,358,200.00 | 10,358,200.00 | 8,505,584.00 | 4,252,792.00 | 0.013430 | 66,559.45 |
| OCONEE | SCHOOL | 2 | 335.00 | 250,556 | 250,556 | 143,790 | 71,895 | 0.016500 | 4,015.78 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 250,556 | 250,556 | 143,790 | 71,895 | 0.006686 | 1,582.21 |
| OGLETHORPE | SCHOOL | 172 | 54,016.89 | 29,661,290 | 29,661,290 | 13,313,971 | 6,656,985.5 | 0.018884 | 225,294.09 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 29,661,290 | 29,661,290 | 13,313,971 | 6,656,985.5 | 0.006964 | 92,228.62 |
| PAULDING | SCHOOL | 7 | 2,760.66 | 3,502,800 | 3,502,800 | 2,922,450 | 1,461,225 | 0.018750 | 69,244.71 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 3,502,800 | 3,502,800 | 2,922,450 | 1,461,225 | 0.006079 | 22,308.80 |
| PEACH | SCHOOL | 8 | 2,619.34 | 2,033,680 | 2,033,680 | 1,540,302 | 770,151 | 0.016902 | 13,017.09 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 2,033,680 | 2,033,680 | 1,540,302 | 770,151 | 0.014473 | 11,146.40 |
| PICKENS | SCHOOL | 17 | 8,781.00 | 13,517,030 | 13,517,030 | 10,851,990 | 5,425,995 | 0.015180 | 98,110.75 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 13,517,030 | 13,517,030 | 10,851,990 | 5,425,995 | 0.007779 | 50,224.36 |
| PIERCE | SCHOOL | 32 | 20,871.72 | 5,392,088 | 5,392,088 | 1,865,604 | 932,802 | 0.016272 | 20,625.29 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 5,392,088 | 5,392,088 | 1,865,604 | 932,802 | 0.010836 | 12,916.68 |
| PIKE | MOLENA | 1 | . 72 | 1,852 | 1,852 | 1,606 | 803 | 0.008000 | 6.42 |
|  | SCHOOL | 28 | 10,543.65 | 8,181,173 | 8,181,173 | 5,825,824 | 2,912,912 | 0.018665 | 63,290.28 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 8,181,173 | 8,181,173 | 5,825,824 | 2,912,912 | 0.014262 | 48,354.76 |
| POLK | SCHOOL | 28 | 12,17 | 5,635,704 | 5,635,704 | 2,815,743 | 1,407,871.5 | 0.015664 | 27,171.15 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 5,635,704 | 5,635,704 | 2,815,743 | 1,407,871.5 | 0.011191 | 19,393.47 |
| PULASKI | CO FIRE DIST - UNINC | 24 | 12,647.46 | 3,929,313 | 3,929,313 | 1,480,224 | 740,112 | 0.000749 | 899.28 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 3,929,313 | 3,929,313 | 1,480,224 | 740,112 | 0.013967 | 16,766.28 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 3,929,313 | 3,929,313 | 1,480,224 | 740,112 | 0.014029 | 16,841.77 |
| PUTNAM | EATONTON | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 14 \\ & 142 \end{aligned}$ | 1,922.14 | 1,632,508 | 1,632,508 | 1,238,955 | 619,477.5 | 0.009994 | 6,822.79 |
|  | SCHOOL |  | 37,714.44 | 26,641,249 | 26,641,249 | 18,831,940 | 9,415,970 | 0.016016 | 247,877.07 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 26,641,249 | 26,641,249 | 18,831,940 | 9,415,970 | 0.008203 | 126,962.13 |
| QUITMAN | SCHOOL | 130 | 60,567.85 | 22,961,638 | 22,961,638 | 12,773,972 | 11,598,948.16 | 0.013986 | 311,100.47 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 22,961,638 | 22,961,638 | 12,773,972 | 11,480,355.31 | 0.015884 | 351,412.06 |
| RANDOLPH | CO INCORPORATED | $\begin{aligned} & 156 \\ & 5 \end{aligned}$ | 65,863.74 | 20,601 | 20,601 | 7,558 | 5,430.47 | 0.018707 | 332.59 |
|  | CUTHBERT |  | 68.67 | 20,601 | 20,601 | 7,558 | 3,779 | 0.009750 | 36.85 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 22,485,818 | 22,485,818 | 10,979,775 | 8,072,711.58 | 0.017676 | 312,484.61 |


|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 22,465,217 | 22,465,217 | 10,972,217 | 7,883,601.91 | 0.017507 | 280,939.61 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RICHMOND | SCHOOL | 15 | 12,090.25 | 4,483,701 | 4,483,701 | 1,691,127 | 845,563.5 | 0.019794 | 28,708.08 |
|  | CO WIDE CAPITAL OUTLAY |  |  | 4,483,701 | 4,483,701 | 1,691,127 | 845,563.5 | 0.000772 | 1,118.81 |
|  | CO FIRE - BLYTHE |  |  | 27,400 | 27,400 | 22,632 | 11,316 | 0.003300 | 37.34 |
|  | CO FIRE - UNINC |  |  | 4,456,301 | 4,456,301 | 1,668,495 | 834,247.5 | 0.002112 | 3,046.16 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 4,483,701 | 4,483,701 | 1,691,127 | 845,563.5 | 0.009678 | 14,079.92 |
| SCHLEY | SCHOOL | 72 | 28,656.20 | 13,682,779 | 13,682,779 | 7,819,080 | 6,062,482.26 | 0.016601 | 100,643.27 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 13,682,779 | 13,682,779 | 7,819,080 | 6,049,764.03 | 0.012250 | 74,109.61 |
| SCREVEN | CO WIDE INDUSTRIAL AUTH | 271 | 119,868.15 | 40,364,030 | 40,364,030 | 17,753,266 | 11,582,949.14 | 0.000774 | 23,436.56 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 40,364,030 | 40,364,030 | 17,753,266 | 11,637,232.23 | 0.015619 | 471,137.14 |
|  | ROCKY FORD | 2 | 298.45 | 121,480 | 121,480 | 48,125 | 24,062.5 | 0.005000 | 120.31 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 40,364,030 | 40,364,030 | 17,753,266 | 11,637,232.23 | 0.013467 | 405,372.62 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SEMINOLE | CO WIDE LIBRARY FEES | 33 | 17,728.70 | 15,082,519 | 15,082,519 | 11,432,814 | 7,096,361.38 | 0.000743 | 7,187.58 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 15,082,519 | 15,082,519 | 11,432,814 | 7,244,302.28 | 0.016050 | 167,449.83 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 15,082,519 | 15,082,519 | 11,432,814 | 7,179,798.17 | 0.015893 | 155,877.97 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SPALDING | CO FIRE - UNINC | 13 | 967.12 | 911,361 | 911,361 | 676,006 | 338,003 | 0.003610 | 1,220.19 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 911,361 | 911,361 | 676,006 | 338,003 | 0.017077 | 5,772.08 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 911,361 | 911,361 | 676,006 | 338,003 | 0.016535 | 5,588.88 |
| STEPHENS | SCHOOL | 1 | 1,236.18 | 620,994 | 620,994 | 262,382 | 131,191 | 0.016800 | 3,721.54 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 620,994 | 620,994 | 262,382 | 131,191 | 0.014910 | 3,302.87 |
| STEWART | SCHOOL | 322 | 172,388.76 | 46,239,148 | 46,239,148 | 14,694,868 | 11,879,530.18 | 0.015051 | 231,859.07 |
|  | CO UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 46,239,148 | 46,239,148 | 14,694,868 | 11,865,189.32 | 0.011615 | 178,762.51 |
| SUMTER | SCHOOL | 124 | 51,917.73 | 23,983,160 | 23,983,160 | 12,113,891 | 6,056,945.5 | 0.018224 | 134,051.47 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 23,983,160 | 23,983,160 | 12,113,891 | 6,056,945.5 | 0.013225 | 97,280.00 |
| TALBOT | SCHOOL | $\begin{aligned} & 226 \\ & 1 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 72,058.48 | 25,182,297 | 25,182,297 | 9,878,375 | 6,626,366.83 | 0.014052 | 230,869.85 |
|  | GENEVA |  | 20.83 | 7,967 | 7,967 | 3,159 | 1,579.5 | 0.006000 | 9.48 |
|  | JUNCTION CITY | 4 | 273.73 | 117,867 | 117,867 | 60,710 | 30,355 | 0.002210 | 301.35 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 25,182,297 | 25,182,297 | 9,878,375 | 6,626,366.83 | 0.016009 | 262,255.10 |
| TALIAFERRO | SCHOOL | 167 | 52,700.23 | 20,378,760 | 20,378,760 | 9,855,725 | 8,783,631.2 | 0.018000 | 420,979.84 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 20,223,760 | 20,223,760 | 9,768,289 | 8,687,696.23 | 0.020502 | 476,133.04 |
|  | CO INCORPORATED |  |  | 155,000 | 155,000 | 87,436 | 77,763.61 | 0.021726 | 1,782.46 |
| TATTNALL | MANASSAS | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 59 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | 47.00 | 15,472 | 15,472 | 2,481 | 1,240.5 | 0.002549 | 9.24 |
|  | SCHOOL |  | 35,659.21 | 10,041,404 | 10,041,404 | 4,723,952 | 2,361,976 | 0.014000 | 52,591.36 |
|  | GLENNVILLE |  | 32.40 | 18,452 | 18,452 | 11,934 | 5,967 | 0.007967 | 66.69 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 10,041,404 | 10,041,404 | 4,723,952 | 2,361,976 | 0.013720 | 53,132.33 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TAYLOR | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED | 107 | 36,019.26 | 12,650,137 | 12,650,137 | 4,591,046 | 2,295,523 | 0.008570 | 82,470.79 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 12,650,137 | 12,650,137 | 4,591,046 | 2,295,523 | 0.015540 | 161,139.89 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TELFAIR | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED | 156 | 61,700.79 | 18,465,033 | 18,465,033 | 7,663,357 | 3,831,678.5 | 0.016428 | 96,731.52 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 18,465,033 | 18,465,033 | 7,663,357 | 3,831,678.5 | 0.015551 | 92,088.74 |
| TERRELL | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED | 125 | 32,867.02 | 13,647,940 | 13,647,940 | 6,777,870 | 3,388,935 | 0.013500 | 55,335.46 |



|  | SCHOOL | 194 | 97,954.31 | 35,565,320 | 35,565,320 | 15,305,248 | 7,652,624 | 0.016986 | 414,921.35 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 35,565,320 | 35,565,320 | 15,305,248 | 7,652,624 | 0.009647 | 234,830.58 |
| WAYNE | SCHOOL | 212 | 160,765.32 | 74,619,718 | 74,619,718 | 49,970,247 | 39,723,608.07 | 0.018000 | 841,609.30 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 74,619,718 | 74,619,718 | 49,970,247 | 38,301,642.21 | 0.017923 | 814,158.52 |
| WEBSTER | SCHOOL | 105 | 43,280.71 | 18,705,397 | 18,705,397 | 9,384,483 | 7,822,846.21 | 0.016959 | 255,769.26 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 18,705,397 | 18,705,397 | 9,384,483 | 7,822,846.21 | 0.009000 | 13,570.33 |
| WHEELER | SCHOOL | 73 | 38,444.75 | 12,380,920 | 12,380,920 | 5,770,591 | 3,558,708.83 | 0.015711 | 84,957.97 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 12,380,920 | 12,380,920 | 5,770,591 | 3,529,079.11 | 0.016351 | 88,534.86 |
| WHITFIELD | SCHOOL | 2 | 1,174.80 | 1,008,747 | 1,008,747 | 690,226 | 345,113 | 0.018756 | 9,684.99 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 1,008,747 | 1,008,747 | 690,226 | 345,113 | 0.008812 | 4,773.91 |
| WILCOX | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED | 83 | 34,287.14 | 10,300,685 | 10,300,685 | 3,118,146 | 1,559,073 | 0.018231 | 28,423.46 |
|  | SCHOOL |  |  | 10,300,685 | 10,300,685 | 3,118,146 | 1,559,073 | 0.015095 | 23,534.21 |
| WILKES | TIGNALL | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 200 \end{aligned}$ | 60.04 | 27,942 | 27,942 | 7,167 | 3,583.5 | 0.010655 | 38.18 |
|  | SCHOOL |  | 75,772.23 | 34,277,826 | 34,277,826 | 10,757,361 | 5,382,782.59 | 0.017550 | 287,923.62 |
|  | CO INCORPORATED |  |  | 27,942 | 27,942 | 7,167 | 3,583.5 | 0.012598 | 237.84 |
|  | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 34,249,884 | 34,249,884 | 10,750,194 | 5,375,097 | 0.012351 | 202,824.44 |
| WILKINSON | MCINTYRE | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 80 \end{aligned}$ | 44.00 | 15,979 | 15,979 | 10,767 | 5,383.5 | 0.005720 | 30.79 |
|  | SCHOOL |  | 52,517.51 | 16,186,178 | 16,186,178 | 7,652,943 | 3,826,471.5 | 0.020000 | 76,529.43 |
|  | CO UNINC \& INC |  |  | 16,186,178 | 16,186,178 | 7,652,943 | 3,826,471.5 | 0.014440 | 55,254.25 |
| WORTH | CO <br> UNINCORPORATED |  |  | 58,115,064 | 58,115,064 | 40,517,300 | 32,313,396.86 | 0.012560 | 405,856.26 |
|  | SCHOOL | 62 |  | 58,115,064 | 58,115,064 | 40,517,300 | 32,333,418.89 | 0.015500 | 501,167.99 |
|  | CO WIDE INDUSTRIAL AUTH |  | 83,389.55 | 58,115,064 | 58,115,064 | 40,517,300 | 32,222,745.68 | 0.000591 | 19,043.64 |
|  | TOTAL | 11764 | 5631025.07 |  |  |  |  |  | 43,564,687.34 |

## Taxation of Standing Timber

For ad valorem tax purposes standing timber is taxed only once following its harvest or sale at 100 percent of fair market value. It is subject to taxation even if the land underneath is exempt unless taxation has been prohibited by federal law or treaty.

Standing timber is defined to include softwood and hardwood pulpwood, chip and saw logs, saw timber, poles, posts, and fuel wood. Standing timber does not include orchard trees, ornamental or Christmas trees, byproducts of harvesting (bark or stumps), and fuel wood harvested by the owner which is used exclusively for heating the owner's home. The taxation of standing timber is triggered at the time of the "sale" of standing timber for harvesting separate and apart from the underlying land. Timber is not taxed if it is included in a simultaneous sale of a tract of land and the timber thereon.

Figure 21: Statewide Timber Values shows the trend in value and revenue since 2013.


Figure 22: County and School Revenue from Timber shows the trend in value and revenue since 2013.


Table 10: 2018 Timber Revenue Reported on 2019 Tax Digests shows the timber revenue that was reported on the 2019 tax digests.

| County | Acres | Assessed Value | County <br> Revenue | School <br> Revenue | Total <br> Revenue |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Appling | 9,898 | $14,015,445$ | $\$ 178,977$ | $\$ 197,646$ | $\$ 376,623$ |
| Atkinson | 10,761 | $5,691,634$ | $\$ 98,778$ | $\$ 84,270$ | $\$ 183,048$ |
| Bacon | 9,594 | $4,841,089$ | $\$ 66,120$ | $\$ 72,568$ | $\$ 138,688$ |
| Baker | 79,610 | $4,517,412$ | $\$ 51,517$ | $\$ 63,537$ | $\$ 115,054$ |
| Baldwin | 0 | $2,224,393$ | $\$ 21,910$ | $\$ 34,767$ | $\$ 56,677$ |
| Banks | 1,045 | 363,010 | $\$ 3,098$ | $\$ 5,268$ | $\$ 8,366$ |
| Barrow | 37 | 12,533 | $\$ 89$ | $\$ 232$ | $\$ 321$ |
| Bartow | 7,777 | 381,057 | $\$ 3,433$ | $\$ 7,145$ | $\$ 10,578$ |
| Ben Hill | 7,165 | $4,266,102$ | $\$ 70,736$ | $\$ 76,956$ | $\$ 147,692$ |
| Berrien | 12,968 | $5,367,653$ | $\$ 89,693$ | $\$ 80,515$ | $\$ 170,208$ |
| Bibb | 0 | 3,596 | 995,672 | $\$ 5,193$ | $\$ 18,370$ |


| County | Acres | Assessed Value | County <br> Revenue | School Revenue | Total Revenue |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Clayton | 322 | 146,624 | \$2,287.00 | \$2,932.00 | \$5,219.00 |
| Clinch | 43,059 | 24,382,829 | \$267,065.00 | \$436,453.00 | \$703,518.00 |
| Cobb | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Coffee | 0 | 13,116,392 | \$101,705.00 | \$210,282.00 | \$311,987.00 |
| Colquitt | 10,637 | 3,483,001 | \$47,706.00 | \$35,694.00 | \$83,400.00 |
| Columbia | 9,704 | 1,688,111 | \$10,127.00 | \$30,892.00 | \$41,019.00 |
| Cook | 47,910 | 2,512,571 | \$29,829.00 | \$40,264.00 | \$70,093.00 |
| Coweta | 2,564 | 554,115 | \$3,657.00 | \$10,301.00 | \$13,958.00 |
| Crawford | 22,953 | 3,587,274 | \$50,329.00 | \$57,396.00 | \$107,725.00 |
| Crisp | 5,673 | 1,475,589 | \$17,170.00 | \$24,681.00 | \$41,851.00 |
| Dade | 3,740 | 812,498 | \$6,689.00 | \$12,456.00 | \$19,145.00 |
| Dawson | 134 | 200,000 | \$1,618.00 | \$3,156.00 | \$4,774.00 |
| Decatur | 52,291 | 10,539,807 | \$109,245.00 | \$161,459.00 | \$270,704.00 |
| Dekalb | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Dodge | 19,387 | 10,429,376 | \$130,743.00 | \$146,011.00 | \$276,754.00 |
| Dooly | 14,885 | 4,747,771 | \$90,208.00 | \$77,882.00 | \$168,090.00 |
| Dougherty | 0 | 879,982 | \$13,700.00 | \$16,124.00 | \$29,824.00 |
| Douglas | 45 | 23,486 | \$240.00 | \$461.00 | \$701.00 |
| Early | 13,757 | 6,002,662 | \$59,967.00 | \$94,446.00 | \$154,413.00 |
| Echols | 19,810 | 13,727,434 | \$205,733.00 | \$212,789.00 | \$418,522.00 |
| Effingham | 0 | 10,842,021 | \$71,102.00 | \$178,546.00 | \$249,648.00 |
| Elbert | 11,964 | 1,526,037 | \$16,029.00 | \$24,314.00 | \$40,343.00 |
| Emanuel | 78,418 | 20,771,854 | \$243,654.00 | \$290,806.00 | \$534,460.00 |
| Evans | 70,928 | 3,204,760 | \$30,548.00 | \$44,867.00 | \$75,415.00 |
| Fannin | 24 | 16,602 | \$65.00 | \$176.00 | \$241.00 |
| Fayette | 0 | 27,660 | \$121.00 | \$532.00 | \$653.00 |
| Floyd | 4,654 | 1,404,442 | \$13,314.00 | \$25,631.00 | \$38,945.00 |
| Forsyth | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Franklin | 2,293 | 1,133,326 | \$12,255.00 | \$17,907.00 | \$30,162.00 |
| Fulton | 222 | 9,600 | \$95.00 | \$171.00 | \$266.00 |
| Gilmer | 0 | 386,918 | \$2,669.00 | \$5,513.00 | \$8,182.00 |
| Glascock | 4,458 | 2,496,086 | \$30,527.00 | \$40,961.00 | \$71,488.00 |
| Glynn | 17,519 | 3,944,484 | \$19,182.00 | \$63,731.00 | \$82,913.00 |


| County | Acres | Assessed Value | County <br> Revenue | School <br> Revenue | Total <br> Revenue |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Gordon | 136 | 414,766 | $\$ 3,995.00$ | $\$ 7,952.00$ | $\$ 11,947.00$ |
| Grady | 20,312 | $4,451,113$ | $\$ 77,405.00$ | $\$ 60,535.00$ | $\$ 137,940.00$ |
| Greene | 20,447 | $6,225,505$ | $\$ 33,494.00$ | $\$ 91,633.00$ | $\$ 125,127.00$ |
| Gwinnett | 0 | 0 | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 0.00$ |
| Habersham | 0 | 96,552 | $\$ 1,129.00$ | $\$ 1,296.00$ | $\$ 2,425.00$ |
| Hall | 1,135 | 378,224 | $\$ 1,928.00$ | $\$ 6,638.00$ | $\$ 8,566.00$ |
| Hancock | 28,594 | $11,438,472$ | $\$ 203,468.00$ | $\$ 162,609.00$ | $\$ 366,077.00$ |
| Haralson | 4,719 | $2,545,947$ | $\$ 26,732.00$ | $\$ 39,735.00$ | $\$ 66,467.00$ |
| Harris | 21,223 | $5,250,751$ | $\$ 49,252.00$ | $\$ 90,628.00$ | $\$ 139,880.00$ |
| Hart | 1,053 | 498,526 | $\$ 2,936.00$ | $\$ 6,563.00$ | $\$ 9,499.00$ |
| Heard | 3,669 | $2,121,097$ | $\$ 14,472.00$ | $\$ 32,614.00$ | $\$ 47,086.00$ |
| Henry | 0 | 12,677 | $4,638,435$ | $\$ 32,868.00$ | $\$ 69,419.00$ |


| County | Acres | Assessed Value | County <br> Revenue | School <br> Revenue | Total Revenue |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| McDuffie | 11,910 | 4,047,866 | \$35,621.00 | \$79,702.00 | \$115,323.00 |
| McIntosh | 15,546 | 11,591,130 | \$114,648.00 | \$181,784.00 | \$296,432.00 |
| Meriwether | 8,590 | 4,260,368 | \$57,034.00 | \$77,475.00 | \$134,509.00 |
| Miller | 3,272 | 819,635 | \$13,573.00 | \$16,104.00 | \$29,677.00 |
| Mitchell | 15,464 | 4,039,822 | \$75,205.00 | \$64,665.00 | \$139,870.00 |
| Monroe | 9,697 | 2,389,692 | \$31,761.00 | \$37,444.00 | \$69,205.00 |
| Montgomery | 16,420 | 6,688,852 | \$99,778.00 | \$100,333.00 | \$200,111.00 |
| Morgan | 12,927 | 3,511,100 | \$38,253.00 | \$50,202.00 | \$88,455.00 |
| Murray | 661 | 217,553 | \$2,000.00 | \$3,372.00 | \$5,372.00 |
| Muscogee | 324 | 77,452 | \$888.00 | \$1,806.00 | \$2,694.00 |
| Newton | 7,051 | 2,129,442 | \$28,598.00 | \$42,137.00 | \$70,735.00 |
| Oconee | 1,007 | 714,272 | \$4,851.00 | \$11,785.00 | \$16,636.00 |
| Oglethorpe | 15,515 | 5,200,071 | \$36,213.00 | \$98,198.00 | \$134,411.00 |
| Paulding | 1,167 | 208,158 | \$1,265.00 | \$3,903.00 | \$5,168.00 |
| Peach | 2,868 | 675,461 | \$9,776.00 | \$11,417.00 | \$21,193.00 |
| Pickens | 0 | 3,870 | \$30.00 | \$59.00 | \$89.00 |
| Pierce | 8,251 | 6,118,570 | \$66,301.00 | \$99,561.00 | \$165,862.00 |
| Pike | 1,635 | 666,224 | \$9,502.00 | \$12,435.00 | \$21,937.00 |
| Polk | 3,553 | 1,067,141 | \$11,942.00 | \$16,716.00 | \$28,658.00 |
| Pulaski | 6,667 | 2,386,279 | \$33,477.00 | \$33,329.00 | \$66,806.00 |
| Putnam | 21,764 | 4,688,246 | \$38,458.00 | \$75,087.00 | \$113,545.00 |
| Quitman | 11,165 | 3,472,769 | \$55,161.00 | \$48,570.00 | \$103,731.00 |
| Rabun | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Randolph | 20,587 | 8,017,253 | \$140,358.00 | \$141,713.00 | \$282,071.00 |
| Richmond | 1,501 | 701,488 | \$6,789.00 | \$13,885.00 | \$20,674.00 |
| Rockdale | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Schley | 10,505 | 3,170,228 | \$38,835.00 | \$52,629.00 | \$91,464.00 |
| Screven | 8,597 | 13,979,418 | \$188,261.00 | \$218,345.00 | \$406,606.00 |
| Seminole | 5,690 | 1,017,309 | \$16,168.00 | \$16,328.00 | \$32,496.00 |
| Spalding | 0 | 476,686 | \$7,882.00 | \$8,140.00 | \$16,022.00 |
| Stephens | 1,130 | 662,999 | \$9,885.00 | \$11,138.00 | \$21,023.00 |
| Stewart | 28,280 | 7,066,198 | \$82,074.00 | \$106,353.00 | \$188,427.00 |
| Sumter | 15,010 | 4,737,485 | \$62,653.00 | \$86,336.00 | \$148,989.00 |


| County | Acres | Assessed Value | County Revenue | School Revenue | Total Revenue |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Talbot | 13,594 | 3,586,545 | \$57,417.00 | \$50,398.00 | \$107,815.00 |
| Taliaferro | 9,422 | 4,538,257 | \$93,043.00 | \$81,689.00 | \$174,732.00 |
| Tattnall | 209,150 | 10,468,172 | \$143,623.00 | \$146,554.00 | \$290,177.00 |
| Taylor | 8,293 | 3,076,708 | \$26,367.00 | \$47,812.00 | \$74,179.00 |
| Telfair | 28,538 | 10,770,674 | \$176,941.00 | \$167,495.00 | \$344,436.00 |
| Terrell | 6,764 | 2,195,982 | \$29,646.00 | \$36,199.00 | \$65,845.00 |
| Thomas | 8,280 | 2,699,297 | \$19,281.00 | \$38,082.00 | \$57,363.00 |
| Tift | 5,062 | 1,856,937 | \$22,593.00 | \$31,457.00 | \$54,050.00 |
| Toombs | 13,221 | 7,856,288 | \$67,745.00 | \$110,012.00 | \$177,757.00 |
| Towns | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Treutlen | 7,614 | 5,626,050 | \$72,660.00 | \$78,765.00 | \$151,425.00 |
| Troup | 58,519 | 3,040,263 | \$32,254.00 | \$57,309.00 | \$89,563.00 |
| Turner | 5,316 | 2,879,666 | \$46,086.00 | \$46,031.00 | \$92,117.00 |
| Twiggs | 10,688 | 5,722,807 | \$112,167.00 | \$94,999.00 | \$207,166.00 |
| Union | 0 | 2,128 | \$13.00 | \$25.00 | \$38.00 |
| Upson | 8,947 | 4,125,055 | \$37,084.00 | \$59,071.00 | \$96,155.00 |
| Walker | 997 | 473,367 | \$4,679.00 | \$8,238.00 | \$12,917.00 |
| Walton | 2,249 | 750,715 | \$8,186.00 | \$13,963.00 | \$22,149.00 |
| Ware | 12,763 | 10,581,990 | \$164,497.00 | \$177,640.00 | \$342,137.00 |
| Warren | 180 | 5,286,607 | \$68,504.00 | \$97,274.00 | \$165,778.00 |
| Washington | 54,816 | 16,247,830 | \$156,743.00 | \$275,986.00 | \$432,729.00 |
| Wayne | 31,599 | 20,309,823 | \$364,013.00 | \$365,577.00 | \$729,590.00 |
| Webster | 6,406 | 1,147,555 | \$10,328.00 | \$19,461.00 | \$29,789.00 |
| Wheeler | 25,753 | 7,740,878 | \$126,704.00 | \$121,617.00 | \$248,321.00 |
| White | 204 | 108,573 | \$1,167.00 | \$1,898.00 | \$3,065.00 |
| Whitfield | 424 | 102,350 | \$902.00 | \$1,920.00 | \$2,822.00 |
| Wilcox | 4,197 | 2,569,936 | \$46,853.00 | \$38,793.00 | \$85,646.00 |
| Wilkes | 47,347 | 8,548,811 | \$105,586.00 | \$150,032.00 | \$255,618.00 |
| Wilkinson | 7,404 | 6,311,529 | \$91,138.00 | \$126,231.00 | \$217,369.00 |
| Worth | 19,210 | 5,193,032 | \$65,224.00 | \$80,492.00 | \$145,716.00 |
| Total | 2,010,204 | 665,808,943 | \$8,534,996.00 | \$10,511,488.00 | \$19,046,484.00 |

## Georgia's Unclaimed Property Program

Georgia's Unclaimed Property Program has a team of dedicated professionals who provide customer service to holders and owners of abandoned property. The program annually receives unclaimed property from corporations, banks, insurance companies, local governments and state agencies. The lost property represents uncashed checks, money orders, stocks, bonds, accounts, or safe deposit boxes. The program has an active outreach program to locate owners of lost property.

## Unclaimed Property Receipts

For Fiscal Year 2020 the program received over $\$ 177$ million dollars in unclaimed funds. Along with the funds, the holders are required to furnish reports which include lost owner information such as name, last known address, account number, or social security number. Once the reports have been processed, owner information is made available on the Department of Revenue's website for an owner search.


## Unclaimed Property Paid Claims

Each year Georgia's Unclaimed Property Program returns property to its rightful owners. Through the claim process, owners and abandoned property are reunited. Potential owners may submit a claim online or contact a customer service representative by telephone. Claim forms can be mailed, emailed or faxed. Each claim request is researched to determine the rightful owner. In Fiscal Year 2020, the program returned over $\$ 34$ million and 172,547 shares of stock to lost owners. The number of claims paid increased from 14,857 in FY19 to 27,194 in FY20.

The program's customer representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at 1-855-329-9863. The web address for the online search is located at www.dor.ga.gov.



[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Assessment Ratio - the fractional relationship that the assessed value of property bears to its fair market value.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Equalization Ratio - the level of assessment of centrally assessed property proposed by the State Board of Equalization and equal to the level of assessment of all other property valued by the local county board of tax assessors. O.C.G.A. § 48-2-18.

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ Preferential Agricultural Assessment - Bona fide agricultural property assessed at 75 percent of the assessment of other property or at 30\% of fair market value. O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-7 and 48-5-7.1.
    4 Conservation Use Valuation - Bona fide agricultural property assessed at current use value rather than fair market value and developed by the Department in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-269.

[^3]:    5 The Coefficient of Dispersion the statistical representation of equalization.
    6 The Price Related Differential the statistical measure of assessment bias. This demonstrates whether lower or higher priced properties are more accurately assessed.

[^4]:    7 Tax Shift - Providing property tax relief to a particular class of taxpayers through valuation reductions or exemptions, resulting in a higher tax burden for other classes of taxpayers. For example, taxpayers in the preferential tax assessment program are afforded an exemption equal to the difference between an assessment of $40 \%$ of fair market value and $30 \%$ of fair market value, while the property of residential, commercial, industrial, and other classes of taxpayers is assessed at $40 \%$ of fair market value only. As a consequence, the other classes of taxpayers are bearing more of the tax burden.

[^5]:    ${ }^{8}$ Tax Shift - Providing property tax relief to a particular class of taxpayers through valuation reductions or exemptions, resulting in a higher tax burden for other classes of taxpayers. For example, agricultural property owners qualifying for Conservation Use Assessment are afforded an exemption equal to the difference between fair market value and current use value, while the property of residential, commercial, industrial, and other classes of taxpayers is assessed at fair market value only. As a consequence, the other classes of taxpayers are bearing more of the tax burden.

[^6]:    9 Tax Shift - Providing property tax relief to a particular class of taxpayers through valuation reductions or exemptions, resulting in a higher tax burden for other classes of taxpayers. For example, agricultural property owners qualifying for Conservation Use Assessment are afforded an exemption equal to the difference between 7 market value and current use value, while the property of residential, commercial, industrial, and other classes of taxpayers is assessed at fair market value only. As a consequence, the other classes of taxpayers are bearing more of the tax burden.

