

Bryan County & Savannah, **Georgia**

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Welcome and Introduction

Discover the “Best of both worlds” in Bryan County. Whether you are looking for a quiet, rural setting complete with finely bred horses, a restful fishing trip to a secluded pond, a golf course community or a faster paced life- style of Savannah, you will surely fall in love with Bryan County.

Find a quality of life and a lifestyle that is fast disappearing in many places . Bryan County offers a unique blend of Southern tradition and future outlook; stately forests and contemporary landscaping; quiet streams and intracoastal waterways. Enjoy traffic- free walks along shaded lanes and energetic deep sea fishing, or join the family at a little league game.

Bryan County is located in the Savannah metro area and is split between the northern and southern ends. The northern end (Pembroke) is a quiet, historic small railroad town, while the southern end (Richmond Hill) is a rapidly growing coastal residential community.

The South end of the county (Richmond Hill) is growing tremendously. Hundreds of homes are planned for communities offering everything from “walk to school” locations, pool/tennis complexes, to deepwater dock facilities. One of the primary factors is Bryan County’s location on waterfront, or nearby marshland and creeks.



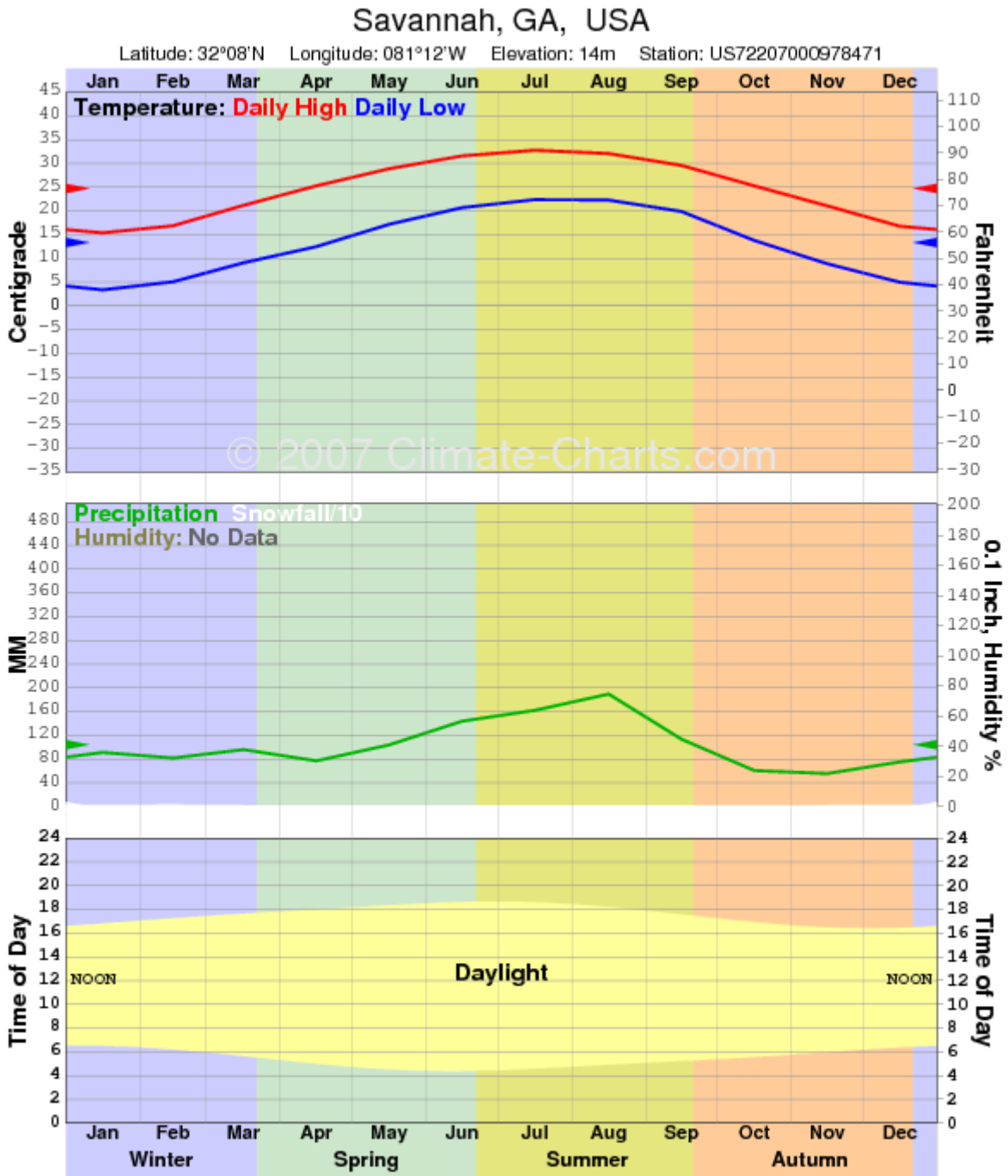
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Climate



The climate for Bryan County is sub-tropical with hot summers and mild winters.

Bryan County is composed of flat terrain, low and marshy to the north and east, and rising to several feet above sea level to the west and south. About half the land to the west and south is cleared and the other half is wooded and swampy.

The area has a temperate climate, with a seasonal low temperature of 51 degrees in winter, 66 degrees in spring, 80 degrees in summer, and 66 degrees in autumn. The lowest temperatures are below 10 degrees and the highest temperatures are about 100 degrees.

The normal annual rainfall is about 49 inches. About half falls in the thunderstorm season of June 15 through September 15. The remainder, produced principally by squall-line and frontal showers, is spread over the other nine months with a minor peak in March. Considerable periods of fair, mild weather are experienced in October, November, April, and to a less extent, in May. Snow is a rarity and even a trace does not occur on an average of once a year.

Statistic	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High Temp (Deg.F)	59.7	62.4	70.2	77.5	84	88.9	91	89.9	85.3	77.5	70	62.2
Low Temp (Deg.F)	38.1	41.2	48.4	54.5	63	69.3	72	72.1	67.8	56.8	48	41
Precipitation (in.)	3.6	3.2	3.8	3	4.1	5.7	6.4	7.5	4.5	2.4	2.2	3
Snowfall (in.)	0.1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1

The sun shines during all seasons, and seldom are there two or more days in succession without it.

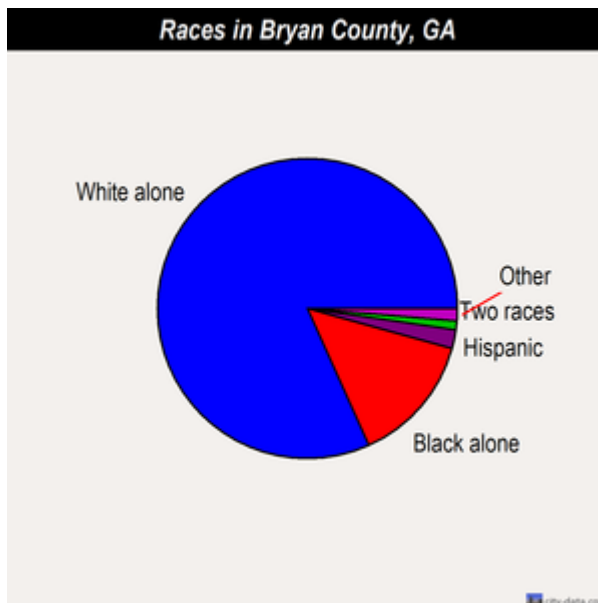
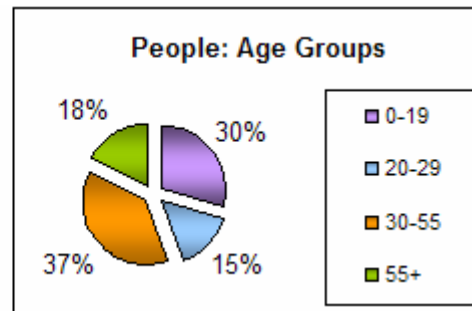
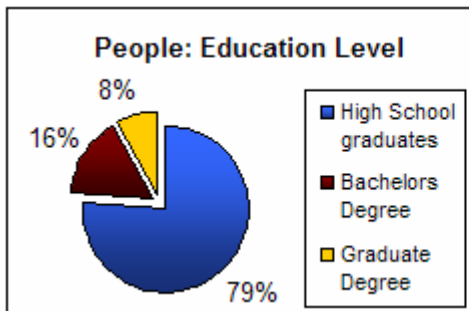
The sea- and land-breeze effect is usually not felt in Bryan County, though it is a daily feature on the nearby islands. Dry, continental air masses reach this area in summer mostly by sliding down the Atlantic coast and giving cooler northeast winds. Such masses reaching this area from the northwest or west in summer bring mostly clear skies and high temperatures.

Demographics

Population:

	1980	1990	2000
Pembroke	1,400	1,503	2,379
Richmond Hill	1,177	2,934	8,000*
Bryan County	10,175	15,438	23,417

Population Overview	
Median Income	\$48,798
Family households	70%
Gender (male/female)	49.2% 50.8%
Commuting time (min.)	28



Cost of Living

Savannah Financial Statistics

Median household income (per year)	\$41,838
Income change over time (increase since 1990)	54.10%
Sales tax	6.00%
State income tax rate (highest bracket)	6.00%
State income tax rate (lowest bracket)	1.00%
Auto insurance premiums (average for the state)	\$808

Georgia's outstanding livability makes doing business here a pleasure, and gives you a distinct advantage in attracting and keeping quality employees. From an affordable cost of living and outstanding healthcare system to unmatched cultural and entertainment options, Georgia offers a variety of resources that make the state a great place to live, work and play.

A lower cost of living enables you to do more with the money you make, and maintain a higher standard of living. Want to buy a house? With low property tax and real estate costs, you can afford quite a lot of house in Georgia.

Georgia also offers you world-class healthcare. Throughout the state, Georgians can find quality medical and dental care in large and small communities via 151 general hospitals, more than 15,000 doctors and nearly 6,000 dentists. Atlanta's hospitals offer some of the most advanced care and facilities in the nation. Georgia also boasts four outstanding medical schools including Emory University, Morehouse School of Medicine, Mercer Medical School and Medical College of Georgia.

Location and Landscape

Savannah

Bryan County is located along the Georgia Coast, which stretches approximately 100 miles between the Savannah and St. Mary's Rivers. In this region you can wander isolated beaches, tranquil marshes and cobblestone streets. Sample low country delicacies like soft-shelled crabs and Brunswick stew, or sway to the soulful beat of a Gullah-Geechee song. The barrier islands, mysterious swamps and easy rhythm of the coastal culture make Georgia's coast an unforgettable experience.

Savannah has enticed visitors since it was founded in 1733. You'll discover exciting adventures, five-star cuisine and old world charm throughout Georgia's first city.

Familiarize yourself with Savannah's past on the Old Town Trolley and explore the 22 squares and thousands of historical landmarks that make up the city's historic district, one of the largest in the nation. You won't want to miss the oldest art museum in the south, the Telfair Museum, which encompasses the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Owens-Thomas House and the Jepson Center for the Arts. And don't forget to visit the First African Baptist Church where tribal markings dating back to 1777 can still be seen, and the First Bryan Missionary Baptist Church, which was established around 1788.

For a blend of new and old, spend time exploring the converted cotton warehouses on River Street, which now house more than 70 restaurants, art galleries and boutiques. If you want to get away from the laid-back bustle of historic downtown, Savannah offers more than 30 golf courses for you to tee off from.

Just minutes from downtown Savannah, Tybee Island is a popular spot for fun in the sun on the Atlantic Ocean. If thrills are what you seek, sign up for boating, deep sea fishing or kayaking for a water-filled adventure. Check out the lighthouse and relax on the beach before heading back to Savannah to grab a seat at one of the many restaurants in City Market. Whether it is local seafood, low country cooking or international cuisine you crave, Savannah's chefs are known for their culinary talents.

As one of the most celebrated cities in the south, Savannah is likely to be hosting one of its many festivals that fill the streets with excitement. Live jazz and blues at one of the many Savannah clubs will have you tapping your toes and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Activities and Attractions

Historic Savannah

A place where southern charm and gracious hospitality unite. Here you'll find beautifully restored antebellum mansions, picturesque waterfront, pristine beaches, massive churches, and quaint little shops. Savannah's Old South architecture hasn't gone with the wind. You will be surrounded by crushed oyster shell streets, Spanish moss, magnolias and dogwoods. Spend "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil." Take a horse-drawn carriage or a paddleboat ride.



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City Market

A Savannah tradition, the original City Market opened in 1755 as a fish, game and produce market. Although the historic structure no longer stands, the Historical Savannah Foundation eventually constructed a new market on the same property. Today, this charming towncenter houses art galleries, specialty shops, restaurants, pubs, and cafes, and several trolley and carriage tours start here. On weekends, live bands frequently entertain in the courtyards

River Street

Lined with shops and restaurants on one side and bordered by the Savannah River on the other, River Street is a great place to shop, eat seafood, have a cocktail, and watch the huge ships go by. River Street is also the site of many festivities throughout the year, including the St. Patrick's Day celebration and fireworks on July 4th and New Year's Eve.

Telfair Museum of Art

The oldest public arts museum in the South! It has a great collection of American and European paintings, sculptures and special exhibits.

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Midtown Savannah

This area is home to National Register historic district, **Ardley Park-Chatham Crescent**. Running on the Eastside is the **Thunderbolt**, which is a fishing village almost as old as Savannah, the **Eastside Harbors Bonaventure Cemetery** and the **National Register Historic Districts of Gordonston and Daffin Park- Parkside**. The huge area south is called **Southside**, a shopper's paradise that is also full of recreational opportunities. The Southside is the location of Savannah's malls and numerous smaller shopping centers. There is an abundance of restaurants and motels, and 500-acre **Bacon Regional Park**, a recreational complex offering venues for a multitude of sports and outdoor activities. The charming riverside community, **Isle of Hope**, and **Skidaway Island** with its spacious, high-end golf and tennis community, **The Landings**, are also high points of Midtown.

Forsyth Park

The fountain is the focal point of this lovely 30 acre park. It was purchased from France in 1851, and was also featured in the movie "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil." Forsyth Park is a great place to take a walk, take some photos, or have a picnic. There is also a nice playground for the kids.

Tybee Island Beach

Formerly known as Savannah Beach, this beach has long been known as the Atlantic Ocean's playground for Savannah. Make a beach day complete with shopping, food, and sun.

Mercer Williams House Museum

Built in 1871, this is one of the most beautiful homes in Savannah and also one of the most famous. The house, formerly owned by Jim Williams, was featured in both the book and the movie "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil." Though 429 Bull Street was a private residence for many years, it is now open to the general public. Indeed, folks can now step inside and meander through rooms impeccably decorated with 18th and 19th century furniture, Chinese porcelain, and 18th century English and American portraits. A true Savannah must, especially if you're a fan of the book.

Savannah Golf

The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa

This resort welcomes guests with old-world charm and marvelous modern technology. The resort provides complete business services and recreational facilities, including an 18-hole championship golf course, home of the PGA TOUR Champions Tour Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf Tournament. Enjoy certified steaks and fresh local seafood in their signature restaurant, Aqua Star, or sip cocktails and brews in the Midnight Sun Lounge downstairs. This resort also boasts a riverside Jacuzzi, poolside cabanas, a heated pool open year-round and four lighted Har-Tru tennis courts.



Crosswinds Golf Club

Club consists of an 18 hole championship course, plus a par-3 nine hole course, which is fully lighted for late play.

Henderson Golf Club

Voted the Best in Savannah for 3 years running by Connect Savannah, Henderson hosts part of the NGA/Hooters Golf Tour.

Links at Lost Plantation

Formerly Willopeg, Lost Plantation boasts one of the best maintained courses in the State.

Wilmington Island Club

A Donald Ross designed, semi-private course with memberships available.

Access to Services

Healthcare

St. Joseph's Hospital- Savannah

Their vision is to set the standards of excellence in the delivery of health care throughout the regions we serve. Through its affiliate hospitals and health services, St. Joseph's/Candler is the largest and most experienced healthcare provider in the region. Together, its two anchor hospitals--St. Joseph's and Candler Hospital---offer 615 licensed acute care beds serving all of Southeast Georgia and the South Carolina Low Country. Both institutions have been accredited separately by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, while jointly, the health system is one of only a few in the nation to have received network accreditation status. St. Joseph's/Candler is the region's only recipient of the national Magnet Award for Nursing Excellence – one of only a select handful of health institutions in the country to be so honored.

Shopping

Savannah is filled with shops and boutiques, especially along the streets in Southside, known as a shopper's paradise. There are also several art galleries and antique shops.

Savannah Mall

Men, women and children's apparel, top department stores, food court, health and beauty, jewelry and accessories, sporting goods, toy and game, and restaurants are just some of the services you will find at this outstanding mall in Savannah.

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Transportation

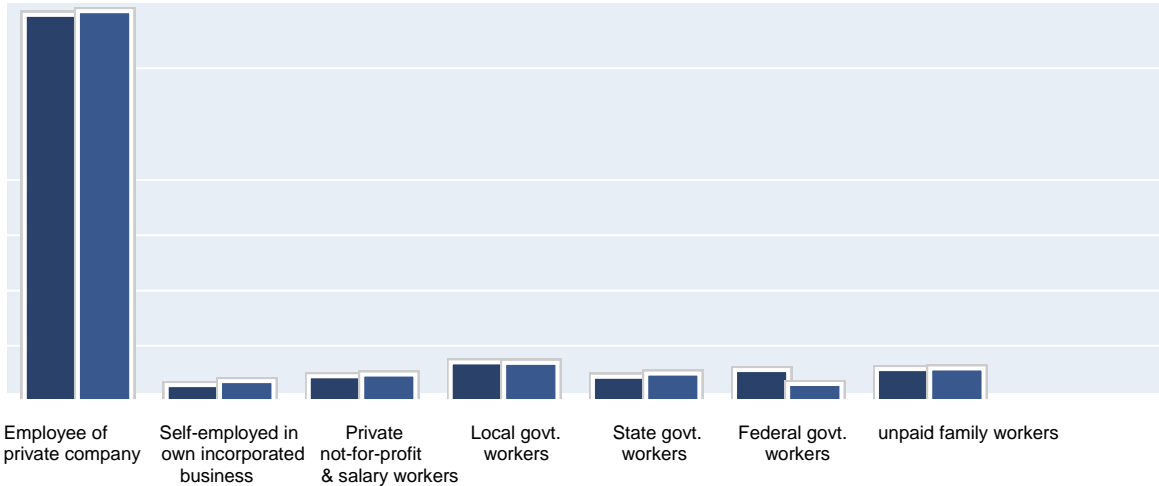
American Public Transportation Association (APTA) of Bryan County

The APTA is the leading force in advancing public transportation. Their mission is to strengthen and improve public transportation, APTA serves and leads its diverse membership through advocacy, innovation and information sharing. APTA and its members and staff work to ensure that public transportation is available and accessible throughout Bryan County and surrounding Georgia communities.

Employment



Class of Workers:



Most Common Industries for Males:

- Construction
- Transportation equipment
- Public administration
- Truck transportation
- Accommodation and food services
- Paper

Most Common Industries for Females:

- Healthcare
- Educational Services
- Accommodations and food services
- Public Administration
- Personal Services
- Finance and Insurance

NAME	PRODUCT/SERVICE	# OF EMPLOYEES
Bryan County Board of Education	Public School System	800
Bryan County	Government	412
Hobart	Manufacture Baking Equipment	150
Atlantic Underground Utilities	Pipes, Underground Utilities	115
Oneida, Ltd	Silverware Distribution Center	108
Oracal	Manufacture PVC Graphic Film	85
Dillon Transport	Trucking	55
Express Packaging	Manufacture Corrugated Boxes	40



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Higher Education

- Armstrong Atlantic State University at Savannah
- 6,026 students
- Technical College of Savannah
- 3,600 students
- Savannah State University- 2,560 students
- Georgia Southern University at Statesboro- 15,075 students
- Brewton-Parker College at Mount Vernon- 1,269 students

