



## Claxton, Evans County, Georgia “Fingertip Facts”

### **Population:**

Evans County	11,443
Claxton	2,400
Hagan	1,028
Bellville	139
Daisy	135

Appx # of Families – 2,680  
Millage Rate - 18.64

### **Education:**

Public Schools (K4-12) 1,903 students  
Private School (K4-12) 620 students  
Headstart Program  
Ogeechee Technical College (Main Campus) – 17 miles North  
Ogeechee Technical College – Evans County Satellite Campus  
Georgia Southern University – 22 miles North  
Georgia Senatorial District #4  
Georgia Congressional District # 12

Evans County, the 150<sup>th</sup> county formed in Georgia, (August 11, 1914) was created from parts of Bulloch and Tattnall counties. It was named for Confederate General Clement A. Evans who led the last charge of the Army of Virginia at Appomattox. Claxton, the county seat was incorporated in 1911.

The City of Claxton is known as the “Fruit Cake Capital of the World” in honor of its production of the traditional holiday treat. The Claxton Bakery and Georgia Fruitcake Company ship this delicacy around the globe each year.

### **Health Care:**

Evans Memorial Hospital is a licensed, 49 bed acute care hospital offering an exceptional range of medical services for a rural facility. The hospital is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. [www.evansmemorialhospital.org](http://www.evansmemorialhospital.org)

Glenvue Nursing Home, located in Glennville, Georgia (just 18 miles north of Claxton; owned and operated by Evans Memorial Hospital) is a 160 bed facility and is JCAHO accredited.

Camellia Health and Rehabilitation Center is a fully accredited facility with 83 beds and 2 attending physicians.

NorthSpring Assisted Living is a licensed 19 bed assisted living facility. Health living and active lifestyles are the main emphasis. [www.northspringassistedliving.com](http://www.northspringassistedliving.com)

The Griffin House and Alzheimer’s Residence is a 10 bed assisted living and a 14 bed Alzheimer’s facility.

### **Geographic Location:**

The City of Claxton is located in Southeast Georgia, 22 miles south of Statesboro; 55 miles west of Savannah; 199 miles southeast of Atlanta; 175 miles northwest of Jacksonville, Florida, and 125 miles southwest of Charleston, South Carolina. Claxton is located a distance of 545 miles from Washington D.C. Claxton is positioned 32.16 degrees north of the Equator and 81.90 degrees west of the Prime Meridian. There is 185 square miles of land in Evans County.

**Climate:**

The region's mild climate, which averages 49.8 degrees in January and 82.7 degrees in July makes indulging in outdoor activities pleasant year round. Average rainfall is 48 inches; the minimum altitude is 65 feet above sea level, while maximum altitude is 228 feet above sea level. The amount of surface water is 0.003 sq. kilometers.

**Transportation:**

U.S. Highways 301/25 and 280 intersect in the heart of downtown Claxton. In addition Georgia Highways 129, 169 and 292 provide excellent transport routes through Evans County. Evans County is conveniently located between two major Interstate Highways – I16 linking east and west (11 miles North) and I-95 linking north and south (38 miles southeast).

Evans County has convenient access to Savannah International Airport (55 miles); Jacksonville International Airport (175 miles); and Atlanta International Airport (199 miles). Corporate air traffic may choose from either the Claxton-Evans County Airport (5,000 feet, paved and lighted runway, fuel, hanger, and tie down, Precision Path Indicator) or the Statesboro Airport (6,100 feet full instrument field).

Deepwater port access is available in Savannah.

Rail transportation service is provided to industrial customers in Evans County by Georgia Central Railway.

**Government:**

Evans County is governed by an elected six person commission with one from this group elected as the Chairman. [www.evanscountyga.com](http://www.evanscountyga.com)

The cities of Claxton, Hagan, Bellville and Daisy are each governed by an elected City Council and a Mayor.

**Law Enforcement:**

Evans County is served by a Sheriff and eight full time officers, in addition to four each, full time jailers and dispatchers.

The City of Claxton has a Police Chief, seven full time officers and four full time jailers/dispatchers.

The City of Hagan has a Police Chief and 3 officers.

**Fire Rescue:**

The City of Claxton has a Fire Chief, 4 dispatchers, and 21 volunteer firemen who serve the citizens of Evans County. The county insurance classification is a split 6/10, depending on location. The City of Claxton insurance classification is listed as 6.

**Ambulance:**

Emergency service is provided by Evans County EMT which is staffed with full and part-time employees. Emergency services include full time advanced life support.

**Financial Institutions:**

The Claxton Bank, Tippins Bank & Trust Company, and South Georgia Bank offer full service banking for Evans County. Total assets of these locally owned banks are approximately \$220,000,000.

***Communication/Media:***

The Claxton Enterprise, a weekly publication, serves Evans County. The Statesboro Herald and Savannah Morning News are available locally.

WCLA 1470 AM, Radio Evans is Claxton's local radio station. Television stations from Savannah, Augusta, and Hardeeville, South Carolina are received locally. Cable TV and dish service are available to the area.

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