

A photograph of the University of Georgia mascot, a white bulldog, and its smaller companion, a white dog with black spots, both wearing red collared shirts. The bulldog is in the foreground, looking slightly to the right with a determined expression. The smaller dog is behind it, looking up. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green trees and a blue sky.

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# VITA IMPACT REPORT



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# THE UGA VITA TEAM

UGA's VITA program would not be possible without our hardworking team of faculty and graduate student site coordinators!

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# OUR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

“VITA has been an incredibly rewarding experience. It has deepened my knowledge of the tax code, strengthened my leadership skills, and allowed me to make a positive impact on people's lives.”

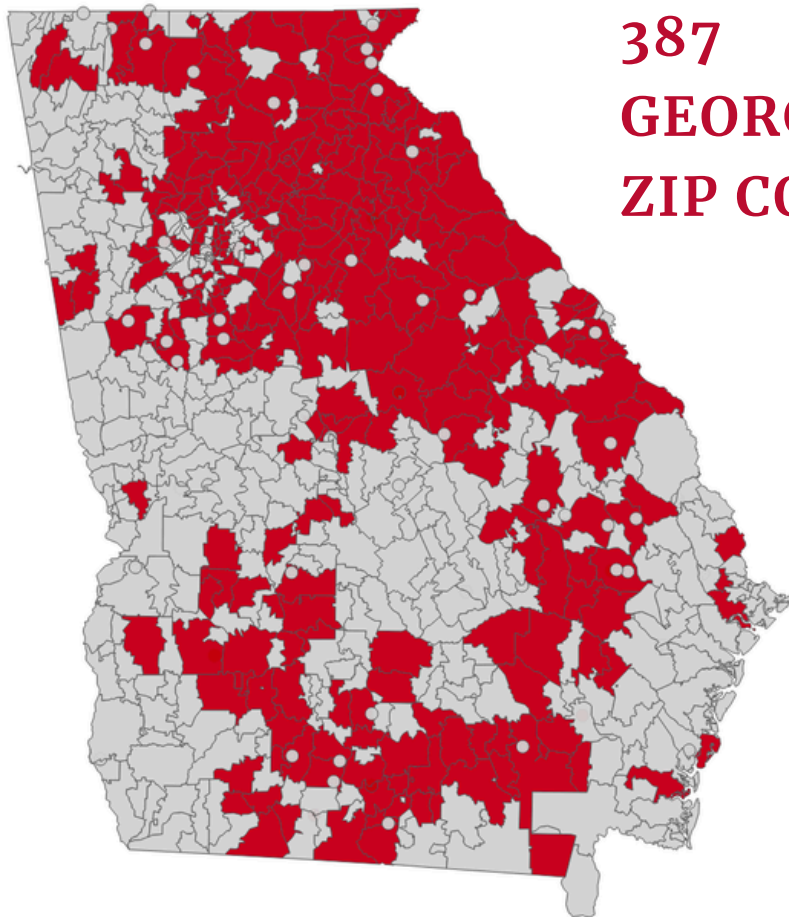
- Mitchell Holt, Senior Financial Planning Student



“Serving as a Manager for VITA has been the highlight of my academic career. It’s a unique experience that allows you to make an immediate impact in the community while gaining valuable, hands-on experience.”

- Oliver Kosar, Senior Financial Planning and Consumer Economics Student

# UGA VITA ACROSS GEORGIA



**387**  
**GEORGIA**  
**ZIP CODES**

## STATES REACHED BY UGA VITA

Colorado  
Connecticut  
Georgia  
Idaho  
Illinois  
Texas  
Iowa  
Oregon  
Pennsylvania  
Tennessee  
Massachusetts  
New York  
North Carolina  
Florida  
California



"VITA is a wonderful service that not only supports clients but also helps me better understand the needs of my community. Many clients return year after year, giving me the opportunity to build lasting relationships and support them over time. I've worked with young people starting their first jobs, new families, seniors who need assistance accessing social services, and many others in between. Each experience has been meaningful, allowing me to share financial education and resources while continuing to learn from the VITA team." - Ari Powell, Extension Agent

# SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

The UGA new Financial Resilience and Education Center (FREC) expands our **community impact** through the launch of a Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC). Alongside VITA's free tax preparation, this space provides support and essential financial literacy training to low-to-moderate-income residents and underserved schools throughout Georgia.



“The UGA LITC that has just started this year is poised for success because we are able to work very closely with the UGA VITA program. Help is coming to us in two ways - case referrals and volunteers. The VITA volunteers already have tax preparation experience, and they're excited to work on tax dispute cases. Just feels like a logical extension for all of us involved here!” - Kaushal Mahaseth, Director of UGA LITC



# 2026 ECONOMIC IMPACT



“Through VITA, I’ve been able to turn what is often a stressful process into one that feels seamless, approachable, and even enjoyable for clients. Many leave not only grateful, but with a clearer understanding of their taxes and greater confidence in their finances. It’s especially rewarding to see the lasting impact, like clients who applied W-4 changes we discussed and returned the next year in a stronger financial position. That’s the heart of what we do. We don't just prepare taxes for clients, we equip people with knowledge and support that truly makes a difference.”

- Brittany Harrison, Baldwin County Extension Agent

**\$6,768,498**  
ECONOMIC IMPACT\*

**\$605,510**  
STATE REFUNDS

**\$1,419,600**  
FEES SAVED\*\*

**\$634,632**  
CHILD TAX CREDIT

**3,594**  
FEDERAL RETURNS  
ACCEPTED

**\$547,839**  
EARNED INCOME  
CREDIT

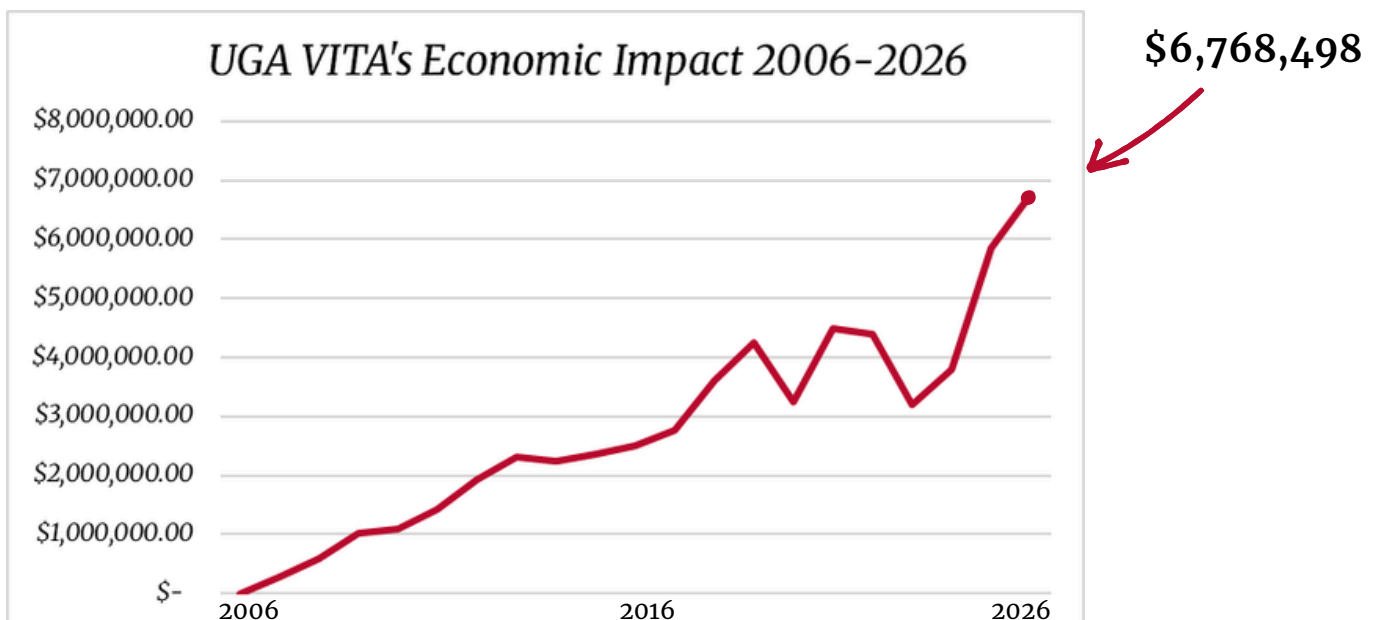
\*Based on the IRS’s definition of economic impact.

\*\*Based on the IRS’s definition of value of service.

# 20 YEARS OF UGA VITA



For two decades, the UGA Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program has provided vital financial support to the Athens community. Since 2006, this initiative has empowered financial planning students from the College of Family and Consumer Sciences to gain hands-on experience while securing millions in refunds for local families. This 20-year milestone celebrates a legacy of service-learning that bridges the gap between the classroom and real-world impact.



# OUR TEAM



121

**STUDENT VOLUNTEERS**

24

**EXTENSION AGENTS**

8

**ON - CAMPUS STAFF**



“My experience with VITA has been incredibly rewarding. It allowed me to apply my financial knowledge in real-world situations while gaining deeper insight into complex tax concepts. I've gained confidence, valuable skills, and a deeper passion for serving others in the community.”

- Faith Brown, Senior Financial Planning and Consumer Economics Student

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