



Atkinson

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

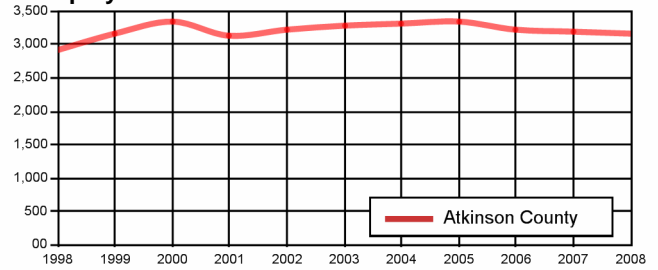
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Atkinson	3,453	3,169	284	8.2%
Berrien	8,732	8,129	603	6.9%
Clinch	2,798	2,598	200	7.1%
Coffee	16,779	15,406	1,373	8.2%
Lanier	4,141	3,900	241	5.8%
Ware	15,174	14,169	1,005	6.6%
Atkinson Area	51,077	47,371	3,706	7.3%
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%

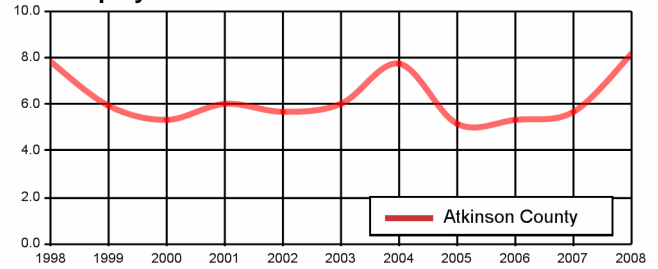
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

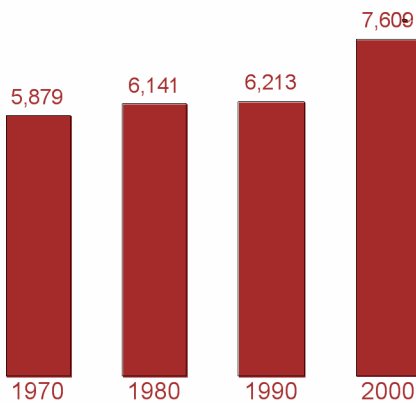
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Atkinson	7,609	140	8,181	7.5	9,358	23.0
City of Pearson	1,805					
Atkinson Area	110,859		116,982	5.5	124,243	12.1
Georgia	8,186,453		9,685,744	18.3	10,813,573	32.1
United States	281,421,906		304,059,724	8.0	322,365,787	14.5

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, *Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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Industry Mix - 2008

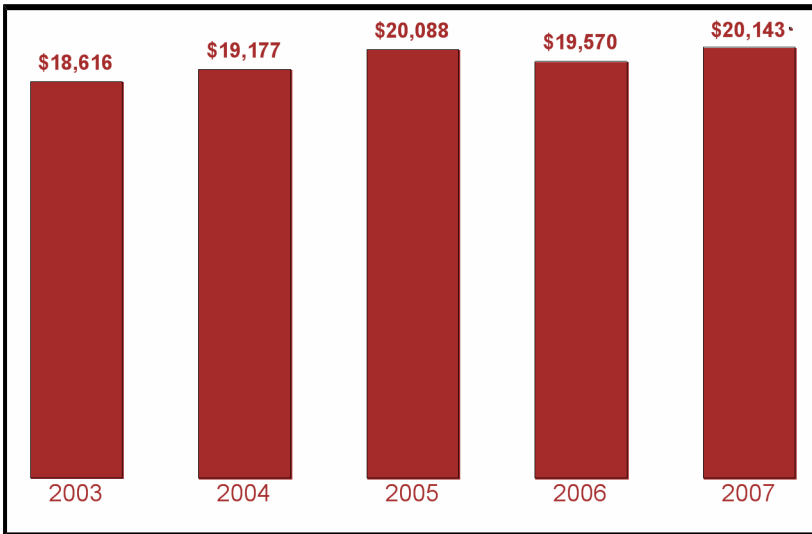
INDUSTRY	Atkinson				Atkinson Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	26	711	41.0	607	526	11,131	26.8	575
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	10	68	3.9	448	116	1,449	3.5	439
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	*	*	*	3	11	0.0	378
Construction	4	5	0.3	375	241	1,688	4.1	587
Manufacturing	11	635	36.6	626	166	7,984	19.2	597
Textile Mills	1	*	*	*	8	735	1.8	582
Textile Product Mills	3	30	1.7	442	5	49	0.1	400
Wood Product	5	484	27.9	660	27	1,640	4.0	577
Transportation Equipment	2	*	*	*	16	1,942	4.7	662
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	3	430	1.0	669
Chemical	0	0	0.0	0	5	111	0.3	669
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	6	42	0.1	647
Printing and Related Support Activities	0	0	0.0	0	7	33	0.1	470
Miscellaneous	0	0	0.0	0	7	62	0.1	586
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	0	0	0.0	0	9	114	0.3	592
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	10	295	0.7	554
Food	0	0	0.0	0	13	1,364	3.3	519
Furniture and Related Product	0	0	0.0	0	20	179	0.4	439
Fabricated Metal Product	0	0	0.0	0	22	886	2.1	665
Service-Providing	79	486	28.0	449	2,012	21,295	51.3	525
Utilities	1	*	*	*	14	144	0.3	958
Wholesale Trade	4	24	1.4	764	145	1,412	3.4	627
Retail Trade	28	172	9.9	322	560	5,756	13.9	455
Transportation and Warehousing	9	55	3.2	583	92	1,515	3.7	641
Information	1	*	*	*	35	348	0.8	670
Finance and Insurance	5	53	3.1	577	148	1,085	2.6	739
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6	13	0.8	326	90	304	0.7	408
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	4	9	0.5	185	153	687	1.7	690
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	15	417	1.0	594
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	3	*	*	*	84	991	2.4	454
Educational Services	0	0	0.0	0	6	47	0.1	407
Health Care and Social Assistance	8	75	4.3	684	268	4,769	11.5	688
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1	*	*	*	22	187	0.5	179
Accommodation and Food Services	6	50	2.9	151	187	2,915	7.0	211
Other Services (except Public Administration)	3	6	0.3	368	193	720	1.7	408
Unclassified - industry not assigned	2	*	*	*	42	21	0.1	324
Total - Private Sector	107	1,199	69.2	528	2,580	32,447	78.2	542
Total - Government	22	535	30.9	557	229	9,044	21.8	581
Federal Government	5	26	1.5	740	48	350	0.8	915
State Government	7	30	1.7	484	100	2,786	6.7	590
Local Government	10	*	*	*	81	5,908	14.2	557
ALL INDUSTRIES	129	1,733	100.0	518	2,809	41,488	100.0	551
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					276,063	4,029,673		819

Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding since all figures represent the Annual 2008.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

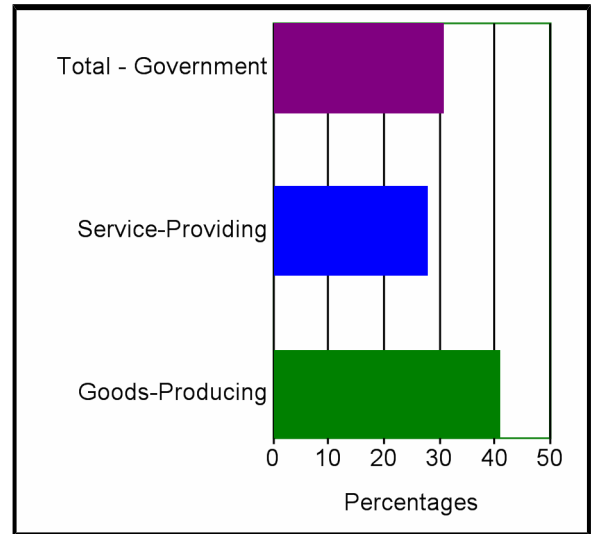
Atkinson Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Atkinson Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Atkinson

First String Space Inc
 Freedom Trailers Llc
 Pope Trucking Inc
 TLC Mouldings
 Willacoochee Industrial Fabrics Inc

Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2008. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

TEN LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Atkinson Area

Employer	COUNTY
Chaparral Boats Inc	Berrien
Propex Inc	Berrien
Bway Corporation Inc	Clinch
Wal-Mart	Coffee
Wal-Mart	Ware
Pilgrims Pride Corp	Coffee
Coffee Regional Medical Center Inc	Coffee
PCC Airfoils Inc	Coffee
Satilla Regional Cardiology Assoc	Ware
Ware County State Prison	Ware

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Atkinson

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Atkinson, GA	1,796	57.1
Coffee, GA	872	27.7
Clinch, GA	139	4.4
Ware, GA	100	3.2
Berrien, GA	64	2.0
Ben Hill, GA	48	1.5
Irwin, GA	28	0.9
Lowndes, GA	16	0.5
Other	81	2.6
Total Residents:	3,144	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Atkinson

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Atkinson, GA	1,796	64.5
Coffee, GA	429	15.4
Ware, GA	153	5.5
Berrien, GA	100	3.6
Clinch, GA	78	2.8
Lanier, GA	73	2.6
Tift, GA	35	1.3
Ben Hill, GA	23	0.8
Other	96	3.4
Total Residents:	2,783	100.0

Note: Other category represents employment from U.S. counties only.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2000 County-To-County Worker Flow Files.

Education of the Labor Force

Atkinson Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	34.6%	39.0%	26.7%	27.7%	31.7%	54.2%
High School Grad/GED	35.4%	35.9%	39.2%	39.9%	36.0%	24.2%
Some College	20.8%	22.3%	24.3%	22.4%	21.0%	13.1%
College Grad 4 Yr	5.7%	2.6%	7.1%	6.0%	6.5%	5.1%
Post Grad Studies	3.4%	0.2%	2.7%	4.0%	4.9%	3.6%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. Some College category represents the percentage total of workers with either Some College with no degree or an Associate degree.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2000 Decennial Census.

High School Graduates - 2008



	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS	TOTAL
Atkinson	68	0	68
Berrien	191	0	191
Clinch	70	0	70
Coffee	324	15	339
Lanier	78	0	78
Ware	276	0	276
Atkinson Area	1,007	15	1,022

Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems. Some private schools data were not reported.

Source: Office of Student Achievement; Georgia Independent School Association.

Colleges and Universities

Atkinson County

Atkinson

East Central Technical College (Technical college servicing area) www.eastcentraltech.edu

Coffee

Coffee County Campus (Satellite campus of East Central Technical College) www.ectcollege.org

South Georgia College www.sgc.edu

Ware

Okefenokee Technical College www.okefenokeetech.edu

Waycross College www.waycross.edu

Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

Technical College Graduates - 2008

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	10	3	3	-70.0	0.0
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	46	46	69	0.0	50.0
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	6	6	2	0.0	-66.7
Communications Systems Installation and Repair Technology	20	23	61	15.0	165.2
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	23	9	15	-60.9	66.7
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	14	14	11	0.0	-21.4
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	25	23	32	-8.0	39.1
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General	60	44	29	-26.7	-34.1
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	3	8	8	166.7	0.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	7	16	18	128.6	12.5
Electrician	10	11	36	10.0	227.3
Heating/AC/Ventilation/Refrig Maint Technology/Technician	8	14	15	75.0	7.1
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	10	16	14	60.0	-12.5
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	79	40	75	-49.4	87.5
Medical/Clinical Assistant	14	9	7	-35.7	-22.2
Nail Technician/Specialist and Manicurist	9	6	6	-33.3	0.0
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant	45	26	63	-42.2	142.3
Phlebotomy/Phlebotomist	27	30	26	11.1	-13.3
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design	2	2	2	0.0	0.0
Welding Technology/Welder	3	2	21	-33.3	950.0

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

Note - The data shown is from East Central Technical College

Occupational Profile for Residents of Atkinson County

	Atkinson		Atkinson Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	3,397	100.0	48,445	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	242	7.1	3,570	7.4
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	19	0.6	339	0.7
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	39	1.2	1,059	2.2
Other Professional Workers	207	6.1	3,826	7.9
Technicians	43	1.3	981	2.0
Sales Workers	208	6.1	5,172	10.7
Administrative Support Workers	413	12.2	6,561	13.5
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	248	7.3	2,763	5.7
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	196	5.8	3,336	6.9
Production Operative Workers	735	21.6	7,080	14.6
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	273	8.0	3,195	6.6
Laborers and Helpers	404	11.9	3,904	8.1
Protective Service Workers	38	1.1	1,153	2.4
Service Workers, except Protective	284	8.4	5,025	10.4
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	48	1.4	481	1.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2000 Decennial Census.(EEO Data Tools)

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor

	TOTAL	Prof., Tech. and Mangerial	Clerical and Sales	Service	Agr., Forestry and Fishing	Processing	Machine Trades	Bench- Work	Structural Work	Misc.
Atkinson	546	14	39	32	23	28	25	8	62	315
Berrien	1,084	38	88	59	12	13	48	29	84	713
Clinch	280	3	17	17	04	0	11	3	19	206
Coffee	3,153	93	311	295	81	262	138	93	260	1,620
Lanier	385	15	42	30	04	4	13	7	27	243
Ware	2,270	98	290	283	39	20	54	34	185	1,267
Total Area	7,718	261	787	716	163	327	289	174	637	4,364

Note: For current applicant data available for a specific occupation, contact the nearest Georgia Department of Labor Career Center.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor (active applicants as of May 2009).

Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

Career Center(s)

70 Lockwood Drive
Douglas GA 31533

Phone: (912) 389 - 4254 **Fax:** (912) 389 - 4307

Rehabilitation Center(s)

2311 Knight Avenue
P. O. Box 2026
Waycross, GA 31502-2026

Phone: (912) 285 - 6078

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