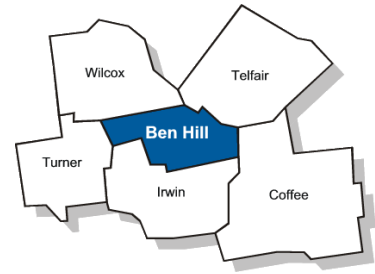




AREA LABOR PROFILE

Ben Hill

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

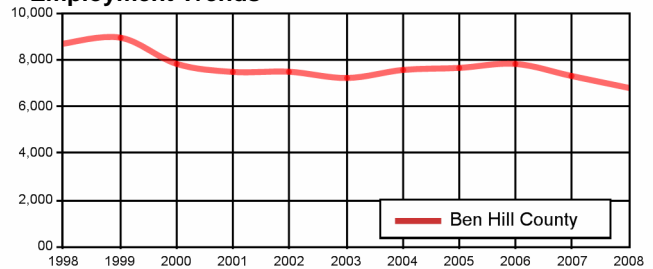
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Ben Hill	7,595	6,765	830	10.9%
Coffee	16,779	15,406	1,373	8.2%
Irwin	4,143	3,727	416	10.0%
Telfair	4,539	4,028	511	11.3%
Turner	4,810	4,418	392	8.1%
Wilcox	3,329	3,060	269	8.1%
Ben Hill Area	41,195	37,404	3,791	9.2%
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%

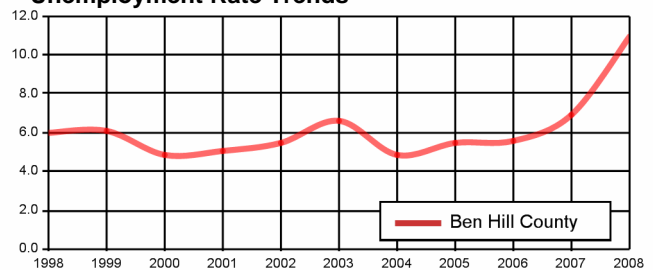
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

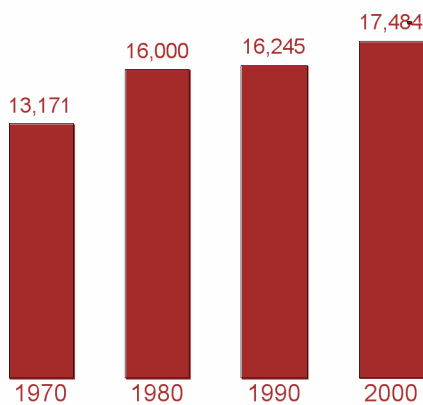
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Ben Hill	17,484	94	17,635	0.9	16,370	-6.4
City of Fitzgerald	8,758					
Ben Hill Area	94,703		99,726	5.3	102,366	8.1
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

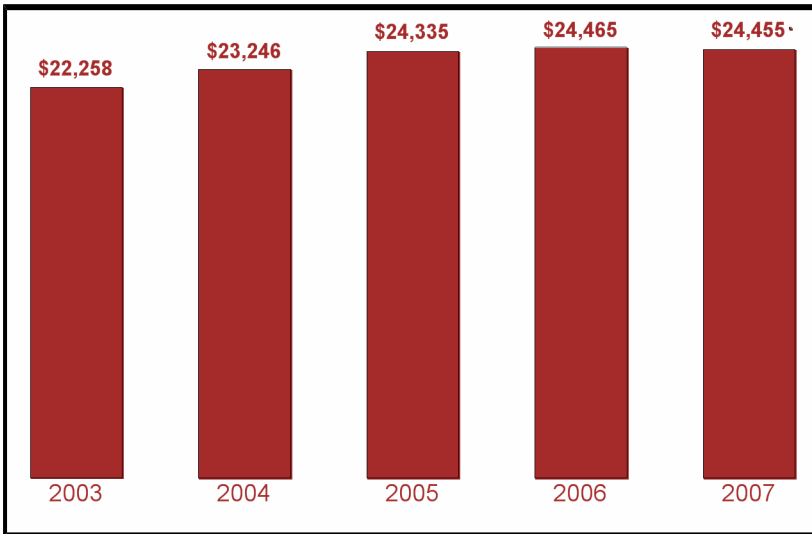
INDUSTRY	Ben Hill				Ben Hill Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	76	2,137	31.3	575	359	9,249	28.0	529
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	14	314	4.6	469	75	1,005	3.0	426
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Construction	31	165	2.4	536	157	998	3.0	605
Manufacturing	31	1,658	24.3	600	126	7,243	22.0	533
Food	2	*	*	*	11	1,365	4.1	511
Textile Mills	2	*	*	*	3	555	1.7	523
Apparel	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Wood Product	4	296	4.3	609	21	1,041	3.2	538
Printing and Related Support Activities	1	*	*	*	6	18	0.1	648
Chemical	3	*	*	*	8	324	1.0	743
Plastics and Rubber Products	2	*	*	*	10	158	0.5	637
Fabricated Metal Product	3	*	*	*	13	329	1.0	582
Machinery	3	51	0.7	708	10	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	6	411	6.0	574	16	1,350	4.1	634
Miscellaneous	3	17	0.2	567	8	30	0.1	518
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Furniture and Related Product	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	4	51	0.2	351
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	0	0	0.0	0	5	77	0.2	421
Service-Providing	310	2,977	43.6	449	1,515	15,709	47.6	497
Utilities	0	0	0.0	0	8	*	*	*
Wholesale Trade	19	115	1.7	691	112	1,033	3.1	651
Retail Trade	84	807	11.8	358	431	3,724	11.3	436
Transportation and Warehousing	7	185	2.7	691	76	1,584	4.8	625
Information	8	59	0.9	833	33	250	0.8	640
Finance and Insurance	41	289	4.2	685	141	880	2.7	707
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	16	49	0.7	390	67	208	0.6	406
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	14	112	1.6	821	104	462	1.4	684
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2	*	*	*	12	205	0.6	904
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	16	249	3.6	364	57	1,433	4.3	453
Educational Services	2	*	*	*	7	*	*	*
Health Care and Social Assistance	34	563	8.2	399	162	3,174	9.6	548
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1	*	*	*	14	118	0.4	178
Accommodation and Food Services	33	405	5.9	191	139	2,035	6.2	203
Other Services (except Public Administration)	33	97	1.4	406	152	462	1.4	476
Unclassified - industry not assigned	6	*	*	*	33	11	0.0	367
Total - Private Sector	392	5,115	74.9	512	1,907	24,969	75.7	509
Total - Government	31	1,712	25.1	613	210	8,017	24.3	539
Federal Government	5	35	0.5	807	53	272	0.8	868
State Government	14	240	3.5	524	76	2,037	6.2	546
Local Government	12	1,437	21.0	508	81	5,708	17.3	521
ALL INDUSTRIES	423	6,827	100.0	505	2,117	32,984	100.0	516
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.

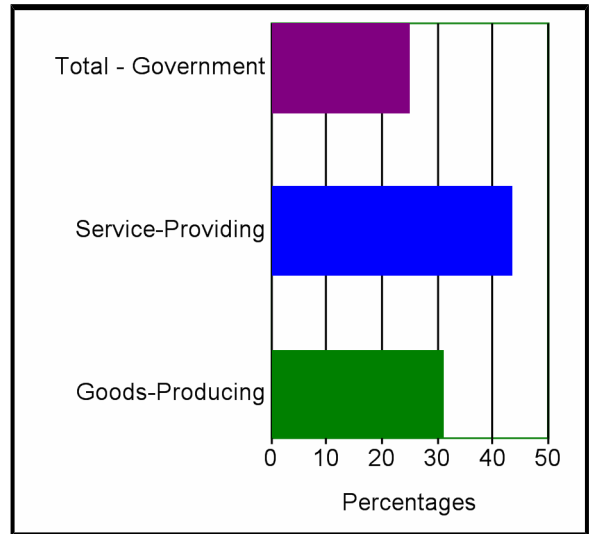
Ben Hill Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Ben Hill Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Ben Hill

American Blanching Company Inc
 Colony Bank Souteast
 Dorminy Medical Center
 Shaw Industries Group Inc
 Wal-Mart

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

Ben Hill Area

Employer	COUNTY
Shaw Industries Group Inc	Ben Hill
Dorminy Medical Center	Ben Hill
Wal-Mart	Coffee
Pilgrims Pride Corp	Coffee
Coffee Regional Medical Center Inc	Coffee
PCC Airfoils Inc	Coffee
Brooks Auto Parts Inc	Coffee
Electrolux Home Products	Telfair
McRae Correctional Facility	Telfair
Telfair State Prison	Telfair

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Ben Hill

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Ben Hill, GA	5,660	78.6
Irwin, GA	584	8.1
Coffee, GA	233	3.2
Tift, GA	187	2.6
Wilcox, GA	58	0.8
Turner, GA	57	0.8
Franklin, GA	35	0.5
Pulaski, GA	30	0.4
Other	359	5.0
Total Residents:	7,203	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Ben Hill

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Ben Hill, GA	5,660	69.6
Irwin, GA	1,079	13.3
Wilcox, GA	370	4.5
Coffee, GA	233	2.9
Tift, GA	188	2.3
Turner, GA	117	1.4
Crisp, GA	49	0.6
Atkinson, GA	48	0.6
Other	390	4.8
Total Residents:	8,134	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

Ben Hill Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	35.0%	39.7%	25.9%	30.0%	30.9%	55.1%
High School Grad/GED	36.9%	37.3%	41.8%	39.2%	38.3%	25.8%
Some College	19.6%	20.8%	23.2%	21.8%	20.3%	10.6%
College Grad 4 Yr	5.4%	2.0%	6.6%	5.5%	6.3%	5.0%
Post Grad Studies	3.1%	0.3%	2.5%	3.5%	4.2%	3.5%
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
Ben Hill	172	0	172
Coffee	324	15	339
Irwin	94	0	94
Telfair	95	0	95
Turner	90	0	90
Wilcox	88	0	88
Ben Hill Area	863	15	878

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

Ben Hill Area

Ben Hill

East Central Technical College www.eastcentraltech.edu

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

Turner

Turner County Campus (Satellite campus of Moultrie Technical College) www.moultrietech.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 Ben Hill County

	Ben Hill		Ben Hill Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	7,884	100.0	40,793	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	642	8.1	3,135	7.7
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	100	1.3	348	0.9
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	169	2.1	958	2.4
Other Professional Workers	569	7.2	2,971	7.3
Technicians	195	2.5	953	2.3
Sales Workers	640	8.1	3,906	9.6
Administrative Support Workers	978	12.4	5,431	13.3
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	428	5.4	2,042	5.0
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	503	6.4	2,571	6.3
Production Operative Workers	1,645	20.9	7,091	17.4
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	559	7.1	2,995	7.3
Laborers and Helpers	510	6.5	2,989	7.3
Protective Service Workers	179	2.3	1,179	2.9
Service Workers, except Protective	713	9.0	3,827	9.4
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	54	0.7	397	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.
Ben Hill	1,260	36	109	71	09	45	69	34	121	766
Coffee	3,153	93	311	295	81	262	138	93	260	1,620
Irwin	569	21	65	36	07	22	26	15	74	303
Telfair	588	18	51	55	05	12	21	20	71	335
Turner	716	19	45	55	13	22	21	31	44	466
Wilcox	390	13	31	41	05	12	17	25	44	202
Total Area	6,676	200	612	553	120	375	292	218	614	3,692

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)

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310 South Tift Avenue
Tifton GA 31794

Phone: (229) 386 - 3322 **Fax:** (229) 386 - 7188

Rehabilitation Center(s)

820-C Love Avenue
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Tifton, GA 31793-1629
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