



Berrien

County

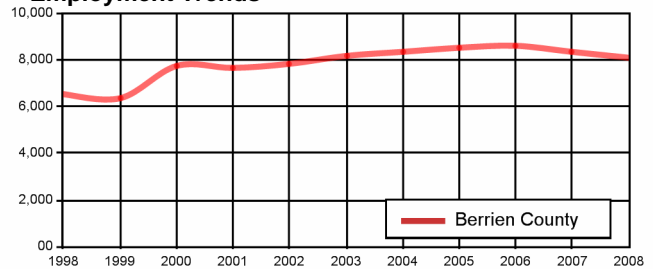


Labor Force Activity - 2008

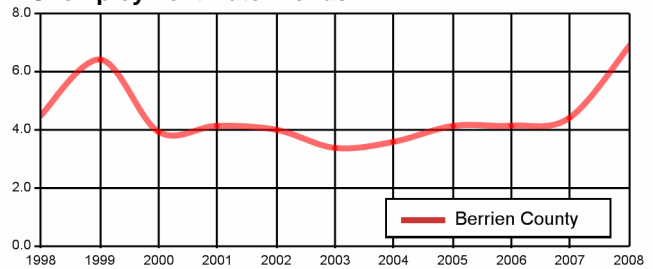
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Berrien	8,732	8,129	603	6.9%
Atkinson	3,453	3,169	284	8.2%
Coffee	16,779	15,406	1,373	8.2%
Cook	7,264	6,701	563	7.8%
Irwin	4,143	3,727	416	10.0%
Lanier	4,141	3,900	241	5.8%
Lowndes	54,559	51,617	2,942	5.4%
Tift	18,936	17,607	1,329	7.0%
Berrien Area	118,007	110,256	7,751	6.6%
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%

Employment Trends



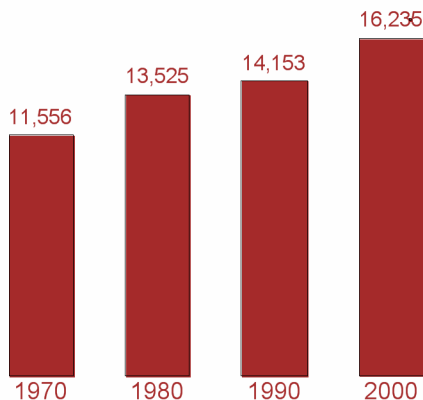
Unemployment Rate Trends



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.

Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Berrien	16,235	96	17,058	5.1	17,605	8.4
City of Nashville	4,697					
Berrien Area	224,722		247,899	10.3	257,405	14.5
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

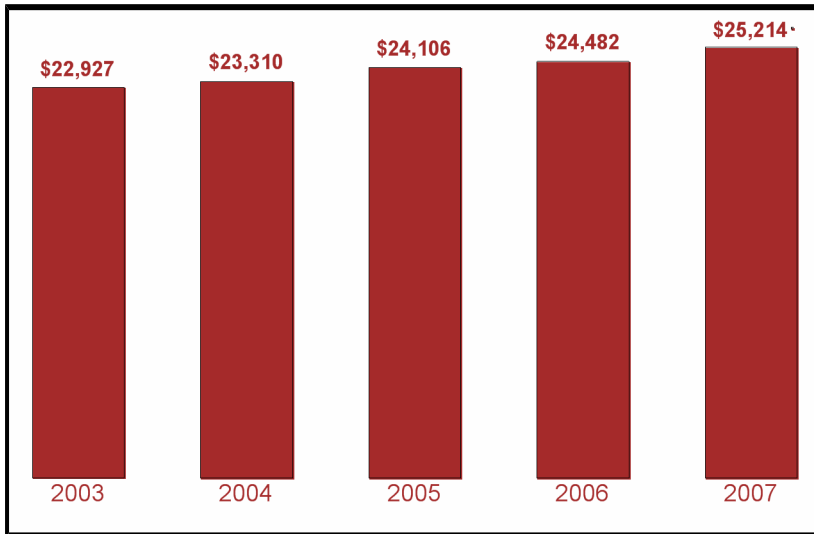
INDUSTRY	Berrien				Berrien Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	70	1,681	37.2	584	1,102	21,186	21.1	605
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	16	158	3.5	368	179	2,666	2.7	352
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	*	*	*	7	92	0.1	554
Construction	32	121	2.7	454	605	4,523	4.5	663
Manufacturing	21	1,397	30.9	620	311	13,906	13.8	635
Food	1	*	*	*	28	2,391	2.4	514
Textile Mills	3	*	*	*	9	1,403	1.4	513
Wood Product	3	*	*	*	32	1,754	1.7	610
Chemical	1	*	*	*	18	533	0.5	690
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	2	*	*	*	18	377	0.4	712
Primary Metal	1	*	*	*	6	449	0.4	668
Fabricated Metal Product	2	*	*	*	46	991	1.0	645
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	4	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	2	*	*	*	21	1,988	2.0	668
Furniture and Related Product	5	53	1.2	352	27	227	0.2	465
Miscellaneous	0	*	*	*	13	72	0.1	571
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	4	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	5	*	*	*
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	8	842	0.8	1,023
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	12	103	0.1	429
Printing and Related Support Activities	0	0	0.0	0	16	151	0.2	675
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	20	864	0.9	740
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	22	1,381	1.4	592
Service-Providing	225	1,910	42.3	513	4,766	55,772	55.5	524
Utilities	2	*	*	*	21	362	0.4	1,150
Wholesale Trade	22	185	4.1	518	334	3,678	3.7	680
Retail Trade	68	640	14.2	468	1,221	13,791	13.7	447
Transportation and Warehousing	9	19	0.4	379	187	4,676	4.7	771
Information	3	24	0.5	739	76	964	1.0	622
Finance and Insurance	21	175	3.9	728	324	2,128	2.1	762
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	9	26	0.6	308	256	1,280	1.3	529
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	12	*	*	*	398	2,066	2.1	814
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2	*	*	*	27	488	0.5	894
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	8	40	0.9	588	293	4,137	4.1	470
Educational Services	0	0	0.0	0	31	319	0.3	405
Health Care and Social Assistance	32	357	7.9	472	602	9,128	9.1	688
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1	*	*	*	50	982	1.0	269
Accommodation and Food Services	19	248	5.5	178	500	10,023	10.0	219
Other Services (except Public Administration)	17	52	1.2	341	446	1,755	1.7	413
Unclassified - industry not assigned	7	8	0.2	257	105	48	0.0	447
Total - Private Sector	302	3,599	79.7	548	5,973	77,006	76.7	547
Total - Government	29	917	20.3	676	354	23,436	23.3	619
Federal Government	8	36	0.8	834	95	1,219	1.2	908
State Government	14	75	1.7	686	142	6,868	6.8	565
Local Government	7	806	17.8	507	117	15,349	15.3	620
ALL INDUSTRIES	331	4,516	100.0	543	6,327	100,442	100.0	564
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.

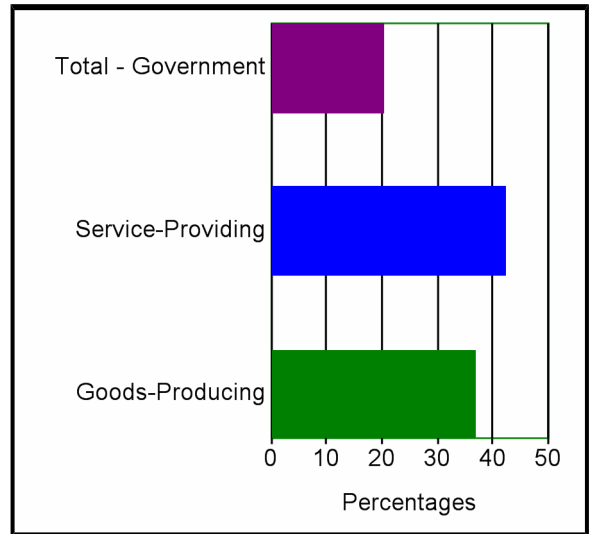
Berrien Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Berrien Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Berrien

Berrien Nursing Center
 Chaparral Boats Inc
 Harveys Super Market
 Propex Inc
 Southern Grace Farms 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

Berrien Area

Employer	COUNTY
Wal-Mart	Coffee
Wal-Mart	Lowndes
Pilgrims Pride Corp	Coffee
Coffee Regional Medical Center Inc	Coffee
PCC Airfoils Inc	Coffee
South GA Medical Center	Lowndes
Valdosta State University	Lowndes
Lowes Home Centers Inc	Lowndes
Convergys Employee Care	Lowndes
Tift Regional Medical Center	Tift

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Berrien

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Berrien, GA	4,026	55.4
Tift, GA	1,120	15.4
Lowndes, GA	992	13.7
Cook, GA	438	6.0
Lanier, GA	136	1.9
Atkinson, GA	100	1.4
Irwin, GA	73	1.0
Coffee, GA	62	0.9
Other	320	4.4
Total Residents:	7,267	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Berrien

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Berrien, GA	4,026	73.9
Cook, GA	467	8.6
Lowndes, GA	296	5.4
Lanier, GA	262	4.8
Tift, GA	171	3.1
Atkinson, GA	64	1.2
Colquitt, GA	41	0.8
Irwin, GA	41	0.8
Other	55	1.0
Total Residents:	5,450	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

Berrien Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	29.3%	28.5%	22.4%	23.0%	29.1%	49.9%
High School Grad/GED	31.6%	28.3%	32.5%	35.1%	33.4%	25.9%
Some College	26.3%	39.2%	29.8%	26.8%	22.4%	13.1%
College Grad 4 Yr	8.3%	3.9%	11.6%	9.2%	8.5%	6.8%
Post Grad Studies	4.5%	0.2%	3.7%	5.9%	6.7%	4.3%
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
Coffee	324	15	339
Cook	123	0	123
Irwin	94	0	94
Lanier	78	0	78
Lowndes	885	43	928
Tift	434	26	460
Berrien Area	2,197	84	2,281



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

Berrien Area

Lowndes

Embry-Riddle - Moody Center	http://fusion.erau.edu/ec/www/centerinfo.cfm?code=b8
Georgia Military College-Valdosta Campus	www.gmc.cc.ga.us/valdosta
Valdosta State University	www.valdosta.edu
Valdosta Technical College	www.valdostatech.edu

Tift

Troy University-Tifton Site	tifton.troy.edu/
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	www.abac.edu
Tifton Campus (Satellite campus of Moultrie Technical College)	www.moultrietech.edu

Coffee

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

Cook

Cook County Center (Satellite campus of Valdosta Technical College)	www.valdostatech.edu
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Valdosta Technical College (Technical college servicing area)	www.valdostatech.edu
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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	37	40	38	8.1	-5.0
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	29	25	18	-13.8	-28.0
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist	7	10	5	42.9	-50.0
Applied Horticulture/Horticulture Operations, General	9	7	6	-22.2	-14.3
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician	17	12	4	-29.4	-66.7
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	11	17	26	54.5	52.9
Banking and Financial Support Services	9	4	5	-55.6	25.0
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician	5	4	1	-20.0	-75.0
Child Care and Support Services Management	8	2	2	-75.0	0.0
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	6	11	5	83.3	-54.5
Communications Systems Installation and Repair Technology	30	27	20	-10.0	-25.9
Computer and Information Systems Security	5	8	1	60.0	-87.5
Computer Programming/Programmer, General	3	4	3	33.3	-25.0
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	18	14	12	-22.2	-14.3
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	57	42	50	-26.3	19.0
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	1	7	10	600.0	42.9
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	49	26	28	-46.9	7.7
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General	12	2	9	-83.3	350.0
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	13	22	4	69.2	-81.8

Technical College Graduates - 2008

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Dental Assisting/Assistant	7	7	8	0.0	14.3
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General	15	1	3	-93.3	200.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	21	19	10	-9.5	-47.4
Electrician	10	10	9	0.0	-10.0
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	15	16	6	6.7	-62.5
Fire Science/Fire-fighting	74	51	1	-31.1	-98.0
Graphic and Printing Equipment Operator, General Production	20	9	7	-55.0	-22.2
Heating/AC/Ventilation/Refrig Maint Technology/Technician	9	13	11	44.4	-15.4
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	10	3	4	-70.0	33.3
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	27	30	20	11.1	-33.3
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	8	7	1	-12.5	-85.7
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder	48	27	19	-43.8	-29.6
Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist	19	16	13	-15.8	-18.8
Medical/Clinical Assistant	20	17	16	-15.0	-5.9
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant	60	47	11	-21.7	-76.6
Operations Management and Supervision	43	8	17	-81.4	112.5
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	18	15	8	-16.7	-46.7
Phlebotomy/Phlebotomist	19	15	7	-21.1	-53.3
Prepress/Desktop Publishing and Digital Imaging Design	6	6	3	0.0	-50.0
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	20	26	9	30.0	-65.4
Sales, Distribution, and Marketing Operations, General	14	12	9	-14.3	-25.0
Surgical Technology/Technologist	13	8	12	-38.5	50.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operation	88	81	74	-8.0	-8.6
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design	15	1	3	-93.3	200.0
Welding Technology/Welder	17	10	8	-41.2	-20.0

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 Valdosta Technical College

Occupational Profile for Residents of Berrien County

	Berrien		Berrien Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	7,693	100.0	102,427	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	576	7.5	8,107	7.9
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	49	0.6	1,151	1.1
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	114	1.5	2,584	2.5
Other Professional Workers	573	7.5	8,806	8.6
Technicians	282	3.7	2,483	2.4
Sales Workers	867	11.3	12,134	11.9
Administrative Support Workers	1,058	13.8	15,098	14.7
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	415	5.4	5,016	4.9
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	562	7.3	6,214	6.1
Production Operative Workers	1,092	14.2	11,936	11.7
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	522	6.8	5,968	5.8
Laborers and Helpers	668	8.7	7,551	7.4
Protective Service Workers	113	1.5	2,350	2.3
Service Workers, except Protective	738	9.6	12,222	11.9
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	64	0.8	807	0.8

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.
Berrien	1,084	38	88	59	12	13	48	29	84	713
Atkinson	546	14	39	32	23	28	25	8	62	315
Coffee	3,153	93	311	295	81	262	138	93	260	1,620
Cook	932	38	75	76	13	10	68	25	56	571
Irwin	569	21	65	36	07	22	26	15	74	303
Lanier	385	15	42	30	04	4	13	7	27	243
Lowndes	6,080	281	740	676	43	86	194	97	292	3,671
Tift	2,224	106	244	267	58	37	83	47	123	1,259
Total Area	14,973	606	1,604	1,471	241	462	595	321	978	8,695

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)

310 South Tift Avenue
Tifton GA 31794

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

Rehabilitation Center(s)

820-C Love Avenue
P. O. Box 1629
Tifton, GA 31793-1629

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