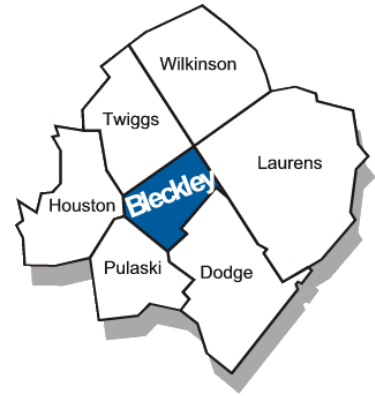




Bleckley

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

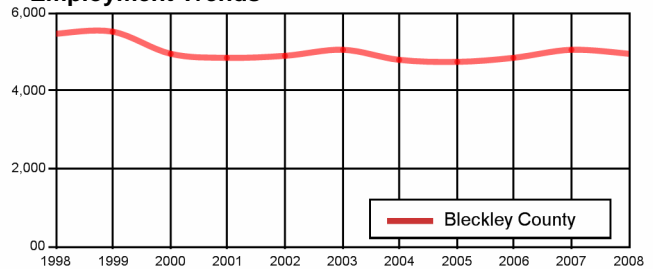
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Bleckley	5,334	4,968	366	6.9%
Dodge	9,478	8,850	628	6.6%
Houston	69,321	65,733	3,588	5.2%
Laurens	22,379	20,785	1,594	7.1%
Pulaski	4,629	4,386	243	5.2%
Twiggs	4,769	4,441	328	6.9%
Wilkinson	4,726	4,396	330	7.0%
Bleckley Area	120,636	113,559	7,077	5.9%
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%

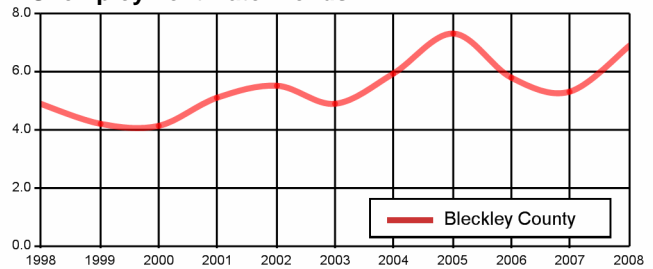
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

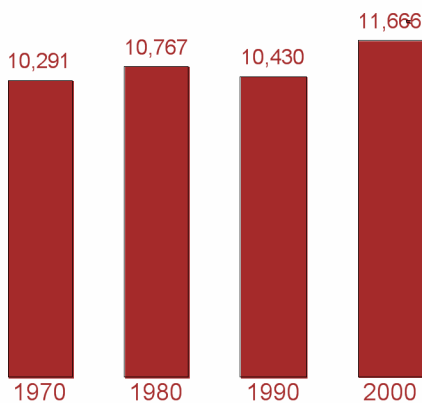
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Bleckley	11,666	113	12,683	8.7	12,880	10.4
City of Cochran	4,455					
Bleckley Area	216,874		243,878	12.5	277,992	28.2
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

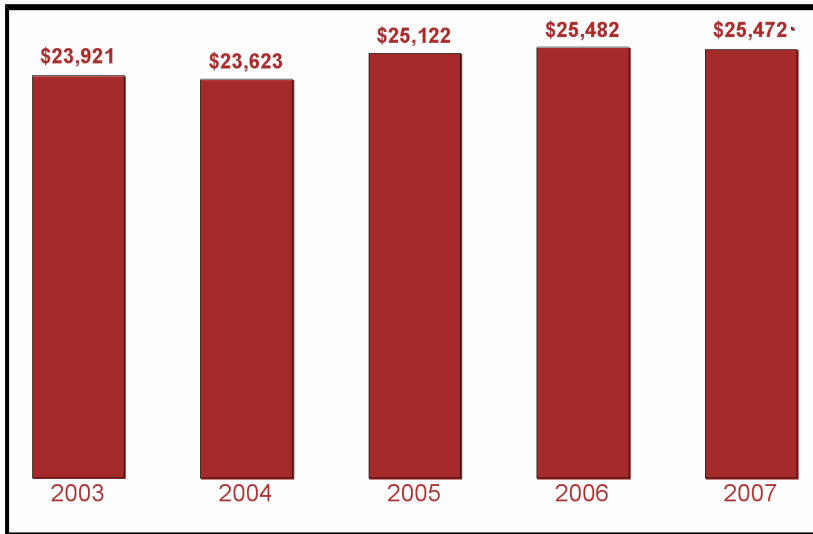
INDUSTRY	Bleckley				Bleckley Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	30	1,018	28.2	919	714	15,413	16.6	807
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	7	44	1.2	777	68	441	0.5	616
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	16	1,321	1.4	1,106
Construction	18	176	4.9	667	456	3,405	3.7	686
Manufacturing	5	*	*	*	174	10,249	11.0	816
Textile Product Mills	1	*	*	*	4	*	*	*
Machinery	1	*	*	*	8	81	0.1	928
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	1	*	*	*	4	*	*	*
Furniture and Related Product	1	*	*	*	23	712	0.8	518
Miscellaneous	1	*	*	*	18	83	0.1	458
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	4	440	0.5	2,029
Chemical	0	0	0.0	0	5	117	0.1	627
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	8	269	0.3	691
Printing and Related Support Activities	0	0	0.0	0	12	103	0.1	807
Food	0	0	0.0	0	13	3,839	4.1	666
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	14	569	0.6	1,373
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	0	0	0.0	0	15	812	0.9	1,030
Wood Product	0	0	0.0	0	17	536	0.6	608
Fabricated Metal Product	0	0	0.0	0	23	781	0.8	762
Service-Providing	153	1,324	36.7	384	3,693	44,616	47.9	545
Utilities	1	*	*	*	16	366	0.4	1,051
Wholesale Trade	5	38	1.1	905	173	1,754	1.9	770
Retail Trade	51	383	10.6	392	903	10,624	11.4	425
Transportation and Warehousing	6	*	*	*	114	1,748	1.9	724
Information	1	*	*	*	53	670	0.7	720
Finance and Insurance	12	128	3.5	568	262	2,047	2.2	705
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	4	11	0.3	377	184	716	0.8	491
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	10	40	1.1	619	383	4,159	4.5	1,104
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	25	434	0.5	860
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	5	*	*	*	193	3,205	3.4	459
Educational Services	0	0	0.0	0	35	531	0.6	709
Health Care and Social Assistance	19	242	6.7	397	504	8,200	8.8	619
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	3	20	0.6	234	54	596	0.6	243
Accommodation and Food Services	16	370	10.2	201	422	8,092	8.7	220
Other Services (except Public Administration)	20	42	1.2	445	372	1,477	1.6	487
Unclassified - industry not assigned	2	*	*	*	90	42	0.0	992
Total - Private Sector	185	2,345	64.9	652	4,497	60,071	64.5	613
Total - Government	28	1,267	35.1	606	380	33,011	35.5	898
Federal Government	6	30	0.8	786	71	*	*	*
State Government	11	*	*	*	138	4,382	4.7	566
Local Government	11	725	20.1	537	171	13,179	14.2	653
ALL INDUSTRIES	213	3,611	100.0	585	4,877	93,080	100.0	714
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.

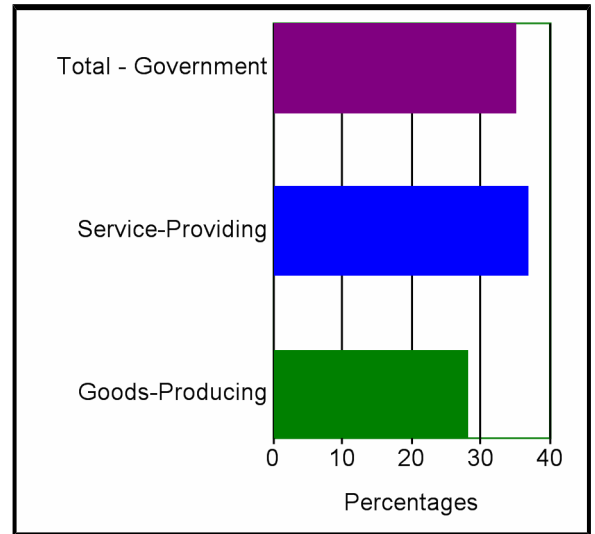
Bleckley Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Bleckley Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Bleckley

Bleckley County Hospital Authority
 Bryant Health & Rehabilitation Cent
 Everett F Dykes Grassing Co Inc
 Lithonia Lighting
 Middle Georgia College

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

Bleckley Area

Employer	COUNTY
Lithonia Lighting	Bleckley
Perdue Farms Incorporated	Houston
Houston County Hospital Authority	Houston
Wal-Mart	Houston
Frito Lay, Inc.	Houston
Southeast Administrative Services	Houston
Mohawk Esv Inc	Laurens
Fairview Park Hospital	Laurens
YKK AP America Inc	Laurens
Basf Catalysts Llc	Wilkinson

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Bleckley

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Bleckley, GA	2,583	55.0
Houston, GA	596	12.7
Bibb, GA	432	9.2
Laurens, GA	280	6.0
Pulaski, GA	236	5.0
Dodge, GA	220	4.7
Twiggs, GA	73	1.6
Peach, GA	46	1.0
Other	233	5.0
Total Residents:	4,699	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Bleckley

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Bleckley, GA	2,583	66.4
Dodge, GA	472	12.1
Pulaski, GA	257	6.6
Twiggs, GA	211	5.4
Laurens, GA	116	3.0
Burke, GA	39	1.0
Houston, GA	39	1.0
Wilcox, GA	33	0.8
Other	118	3.0
Total Residents:	3,891	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

Bleckley Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	23.9%	29.3%	15.9%	15.5%	22.3%	45.1%
High School Grad/GED	35.2%	36.9%	33.9%	37.9%	35.8%	30.0%
Some College	26.4%	29.9%	32.9%	29.5%	24.3%	15.1%
College Grad 4 Yr	8.9%	3.4%	12.5%	10.7%	9.2%	5.9%
Post Grad Studies	5.5%	0.4%	4.8%	6.5%	8.3%	3.9%
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
Bleckley	146	0	146
Dodge	198	0	198
Houston	1,502	50	1,552
Laurens	478	36	514
Pulaski	97	0	97
Twiggs	46	12	58
Wilkinson	90	0	90
Bleckley Area	2,557	98	2,655



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

Bleckley Area

Houston

Embry-Riddle - Robins Campus	http://fusion.erau.edu/ec/www/centerinfo.cfm?code=b9
Georgia Military College-Warner Robins Campus	www.gmc.cc.ga.us/warner_robins/
Middle Georgia Technical College	www.middlegatech.edu

Dodge

Georgia Aviation Technical College	http://www.gavtc.org
Mercer Campus (Satellite campus of Mercer University)	http://www.mercer.edu
Georgia Aviation & Technical College	www.gavtc.org
Middle Georgia College	www.mgc.edu

Twiggs

Twiggs County Center (Satellite campus of Central Georgia Technical College)	www.centralgatech.edu
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Laurens

Heart of Georgia Technical College	www.heartofgatech.edu
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Bleckley

Heart of Georgia Technical College (Technical college servicing area)	www.heartofgatech.edu
Middle Georgia College	www.mgc.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	24	7	8	-70.8	14.3
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	30	27	22	-10.0	-18.5
Applied Horticulture/Horticulture Operations, General	3	5	5	66.7	0.0
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	8	7	12	-12.5	71.4
Business Administration, Management and Operations, Other	7	13	5	85.7	-61.5
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician	4	3	2	-25.0	-33.3
Carpentry/Carpenter	8	11	7	37.5	-36.4
Child Care and Support Services Management	4	2	1	-50.0	-50.0
Child Care Provider/Assistant	7	2	1	-71.4	-50.0
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician	41	20	22	-51.2	10.0
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	10	14	8	40.0	-42.9
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	70	71	61	1.4	-14.1
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	27	34	16	25.9	-52.9
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General	8	7	4	-12.5	-42.9
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	10	7	7	-30.0	0.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	32	28	15	-12.5	-46.4
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General	23	27	39	17.4	44.4
Electrician	5	2	6	-60.0	200.0
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant	12	7	9	-41.7	28.6
Heating/AC/Ventilation/Refrig Maint Technology/Technician	18	24	25	33.3	4.2
Heavy Equipment Maintenance Technology/Technician	11	4	1	-63.6	-75.0
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	3	5	9	66.7	80.0
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	53	37	36	-30.2	-2.7
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	5	6	5	20.0	-16.7
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder	19	8	8	-57.9	0.0
Medical/Clinical Assistant	13	8	12	-38.5	50.0
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant	90	79	63	-12.2	-20.3
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	11	12	9	9.1	-25.0
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	20	17	16	-15.0	-5.9
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	6	17	9	183.3	-47.1
Teacher Assistant/Aide	7	2	2	-71.4	0.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operation	99	112	98	13.1	-12.5
Welding Technology/Welder	14	18	10	28.6	-44.4

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 Heart of Georgia Technical College

Occupational Profile for Residents of Bleckley County

	Bleckley		Bleckley Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	5,073	100.0	97,802	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	385	7.6	8,821	9.0
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	50	1.0	3,124	3.2
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	193	3.8	2,637	2.7
Other Professional Workers	350	6.9	8,547	8.7
Technicians	100	2.0	2,798	2.9
Sales Workers	400	7.9	9,743	10.0
Administrative Support Workers	629	12.4	14,892	15.2
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	264	5.2	5,436	5.6
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	420	8.3	7,731	7.9
Production Operative Workers	804	15.9	9,559	9.8
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	245	4.8	4,472	4.6
Laborers and Helpers	394	7.8	4,648	4.8
Protective Service Workers	149	2.9	2,804	2.9
Service Workers, except Protective	605	11.9	11,794	12.1
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	85	1.7	796	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.
Bleckley	468	22	48	55	02	6	13	33	44	245
Dodge	1,134	25	149	146	08	12	25	47	106	616
Houston	5,773	381	665	506	32	98	134	99	343	3,515
Laurens	2,809	136	333	457	16	18	116	119	209	1,405
Pulaski	334	18	35	35	04	18	11	12	23	178
Twiggs	489	13	42	47	07	8	20	17	44	291
Wilkinson	551	14	74	59	02	19	19	23	65	276
Total Area	11,558	609	1,346	1,305	71	179	338	350	834	6,526

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)

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Eastman GA 31023

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Fax: (478) 374 - 6996

Rehabilitation Center(s)

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Dublin, GA 31040-0158

Phone: (478) 275 - 6519

117 College Street

P. O. Box 147

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