



AREA LABOR PROFILE

Brooks

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

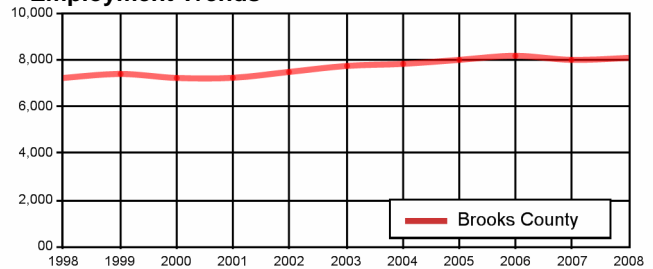
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Brooks	8,520	8,045	475	5.6%
Colquitt	20,740	19,499	1,241	6.0%
Cook	7,264	6,701	563	7.8%
Lowndes	54,559	51,617	2,942	5.4%
Thomas	22,141	20,870	1,271	5.7%
Brooks Area	113,224	106,732	6,492	5.7%
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%
Jefferson, FL	6,868	6,531	337	4.9%
Madison, FL	6,978	6,492	486	7.0%

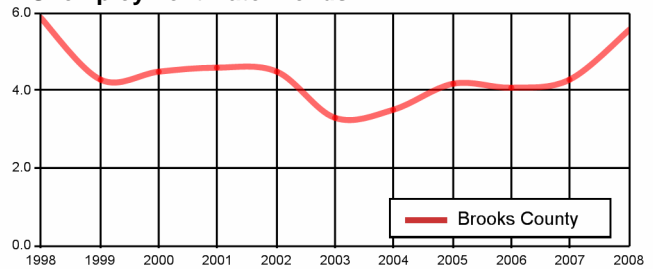
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

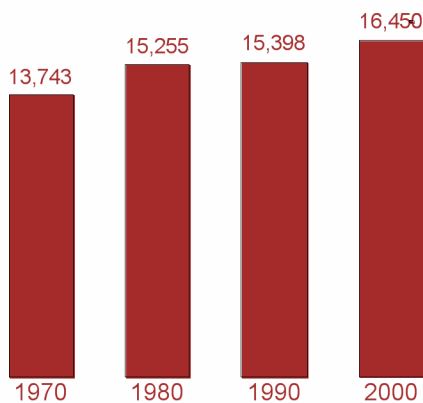
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Brooks	16,450	102	16,425	-0.2	15,505	-5.7
City of Quitman	4,638					
Brooks Area	240,761		262,115	8.9	269,756	12.0
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
Jefferson, FL	12,902		14,547	12.7	15,558	20.6
Madison, FL	18,733		18,895	0.9	21,304	13.7

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

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Industry Mix - 2008

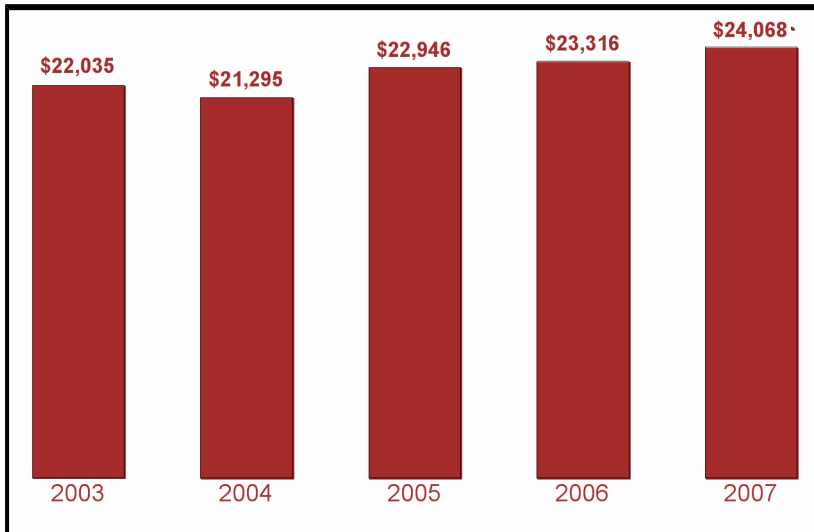
INDUSTRY	Brooks				Brooks Area			
	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY
	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE
Goods-Producing	75	815	29.6	532	1,114	21,105	22.1	617
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	38	464	16.8	465	230	3,607	3.8	347
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	6	403	0.4	811
Construction	26	77	2.8	489	595	4,084	4.3	653
Manufacturing	11	274	9.9	657	283	13,011	13.7	675
Food	1	*	*	*	27	3,815	4.0	667
Textile Mills	1	*	*	*	6	308	0.3	448
Wood Product	1	*	*	*	33	1,621	1.7	611
Printing and Related Support Activities	1	*	*	*	16	164	0.2	691
Fabricated Metal Product	1	*	*	*	47	1,134	1.2	735
Machinery	1	*	*	*	19	663	0.7	866
Furniture and Related Product	1	*	*	*	18	494	0.5	479
Miscellaneous	4	*	*	*	18	101	0.1	541
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	4	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	5	133	0.1	556
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	6	370	0.4	814
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	9	647	0.7	1,111
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	10	63	0.1	433
Chemical	0	0	0.0	0	12	342	0.4	723
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	13	602	0.6	715
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	0	0	0.0	0	14	273	0.3	748
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	20	1,564	1.6	611
Service-Providing	177	1,123	40.8	474	4,585	53,267	55.9	530
Utilities	1	*	*	*	15	276	0.3	1,139
Wholesale Trade	12	145	5.3	623	316	2,885	3.0	737
Retail Trade	48	297	10.8	404	1,085	12,548	13.2	440
Transportation and Warehousing	6	9	0.3	446	143	2,535	2.7	865
Information	2	*	*	*	69	885	0.9	615
Finance and Insurance	9	85	3.1	707	296	2,135	2.2	795
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	13	22	0.8	314	242	1,208	1.3	572
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	9	23	0.8	464	484	1,992	2.1	732
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	22	472	0.5	912
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	11	27	1.0	479	286	5,899	6.2	454
Educational Services	0	0	0.0	0	25	495	0.5	453
Health Care and Social Assistance	17	302	11.0	558	576	9,896	10.4	735
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	3	*	*	*	64	1,124	1.2	292
Accommodation and Food Services	13	104	3.8	194	444	8,597	9.0	213
Other Services (except Public Administration)	33	76	2.8	357	518	2,329	2.4	396
Unclassified - industry not assigned	5	*	*	*	105	40	0.0	596
Total - Private Sector	257	1,940	70.4	503	5,804	74,412	78.1	555
Total - Government	29	813	29.5	580	292	20,897	21.9	618
Federal Government	9	36	1.3	759	82	1,150	1.2	957
State Government	6	39	1.4	482	102	6,059	6.4	564
Local Government	14	738	26.8	500	108	13,688	14.4	614
ALL INDUSTRIES	286	2,754	100.0	501	6,096	95,314	100.0	569
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.

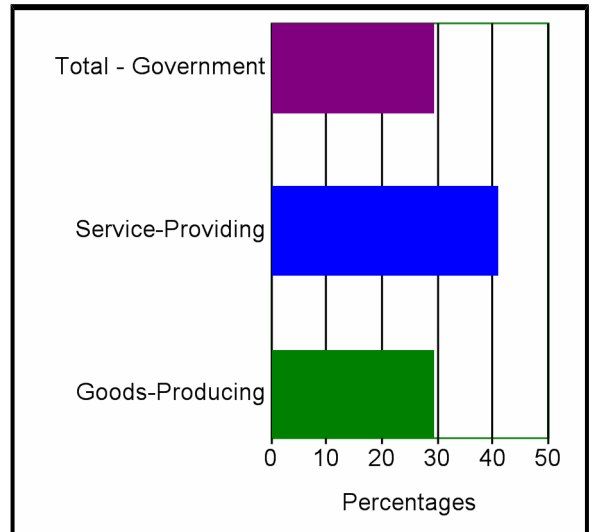
Brooks Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Brooks Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Brooks

Boston Tractor Co Inc
 Brewer Pope Farms Inc
 Fellowship Home At Brookside
 John D Archbold Memorial Hospital
 Langboard 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

Brooks Area

Employer	COUNTY
Sanderson Farms Inc Processing Divi	Colquitt
Colquitt Regional Med Center	Colquitt
Riverside Mfg Co	Colquitt
South GA Medical Center	Lowndes
Valdosta State University	Lowndes
Wal-Mart	Lowndes
Lowes Home Centers Inc	Lowndes
Convergys Employee Care	Lowndes
John D Archbold Memorial Hospital	Thomas
Ambassador Personnel Inc	Thomas

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Brooks

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Brooks, GA	3,284	48.6
Lowndes, GA	2,490	36.8
Thomas, GA	443	6.5
Colquitt, GA	145	2.1
Cook, GA	112	1.7
Leon, FL	61	0.9
Madison, FL	53	0.8
Camden, GA	18	0.3
Other	158	2.3
Total Residents:	6,764	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Brooks

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Brooks, GA	3,284	76.8
Lowndes, GA	481	11.2
Thomas, GA	283	6.6
Madison, FL	54	1.3
Colquitt, GA	47	1.1
Cook, GA	38	0.9
Grady, GA	31	0.7
Erath, TX	14	0.3
Other	46	1.1
Total Residents:	4,278	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

Brooks Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	27.9%	29.0%	21.6%	20.2%	25.9%	47.8%
High School Grad/GED	32.4%	28.3%	31.9%	36.1%	34.8%	28.3%
Some College	25.7%	38.2%	29.6%	26.9%	22.4%	12.7%
College Grad 4 Yr	9.2%	4.3%	13.2%	10.8%	9.3%	6.8%
Post Grad Studies	4.8%	0.2%	3.8%	6.0%	7.6%	4.5%
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
Brooks	89	0	89
Colquitt	431	0	431
Cook	123	0	123
Lowndes	885	43	928
Thomas	448	36	484
Brooks Area	1,976	79	2,055



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

Brooks 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

Colquitt

Moultrie Technical College	www.moultrietech.edu
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Thomas

Southwest Georgia Technical College	www.southwestgatech.edu
Thomas University	www.thomasu.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
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

Technical College Graduates - 2008

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
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 Brooks County

	Brooks		Brooks Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	7,191	100.0	94,147	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	569	7.9	8,156	8.7
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	99	1.4	997	1.1
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	145	2.0	2,570	2.7
Other Professional Workers	539	7.5	8,896	9.5
Technicians	225	3.1	2,545	2.7
Sales Workers	720	10.0	10,972	11.7
Administrative Support Workers	990	13.8	13,894	14.8
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	449	6.2	4,808	5.1
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	463	6.4	5,319	5.7
Production Operative Workers	889	12.4	9,679	10.3
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	462	6.4	4,994	5.3
Laborers and Helpers	508	7.1	6,479	6.9
Protective Service Workers	175	2.4	2,039	2.2
Service Workers, except Protective	920	12.8	11,994	12.7
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	38	0.5	805	0.9

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

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor

	TOTAL	Prof., Tech. and Managerial	Clerical and Sales	Service	Agr., Forestry and Fishing	Processing	Machine Trades	Bench- Work	Structural Work	Misc.
Brooks	727	30	59	64	08	9	23	23	39	472
Colquitt	2,484	73	236	258	73	50	75	97	214	1,408
Cook	932	38	75	76	13	10	68	25	56	571
Lowndes	6,080	281	740	676	43	86	194	97	292	3,671
Thomas	2,444	95	304	292	28	30	85	58	139	1,413
Total Area	12,667	517	1,414	1,366	165	185	445	300	740	7,535

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)

2808 North Oak Street
Valdosta GA 31602

Phone: (229) 333 - 5211 **Fax:** (229) 333 - 5301

Rehabilitation Center(s)

221 South Ashley Street
Valdosta, GA 31601-5611

Phone: (229) 333 - 5248

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