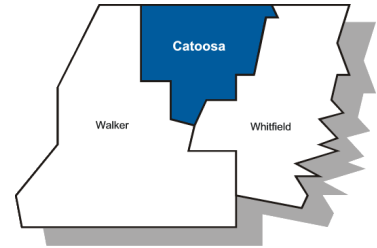




AREA LABOR PROFILE

Catoosa

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

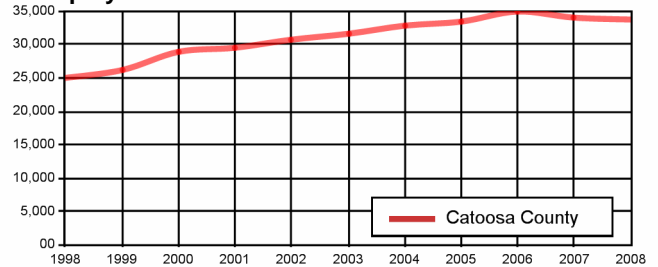
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Catoosa	35,575	33,768	1,807	5.1%
Walker	33,431	31,239	2,192	6.6%
Whitfield	46,049	42,519	3,530	7.7%
Catoosa Area	115,055	107,526	7,529	6.5%
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%
Hamilton, TN	167,560	158,310	9,250	5.5%

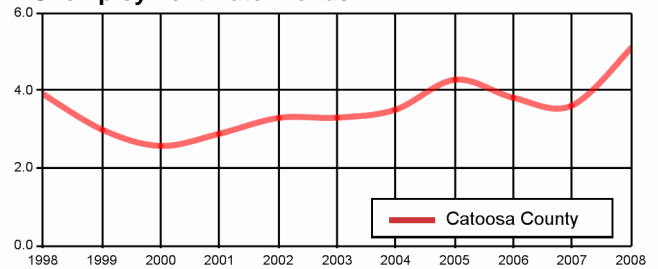
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

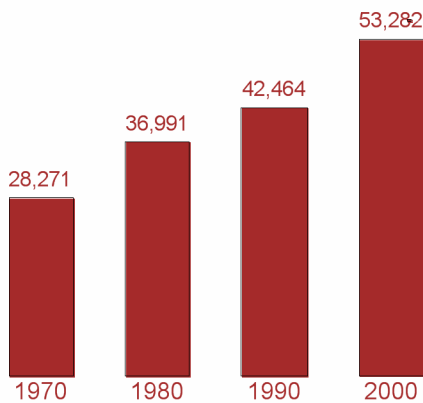
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Catoosa	53,282	36	62,825	17.9	78,730	47.8
City of Ringgold	2,422					
Catoosa Area	505,756		554,307	9.6	561,544	11.0
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
Hamilton, TN	307,896		332,848	8.1	309,031	0.4

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

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Industry Mix - 2008

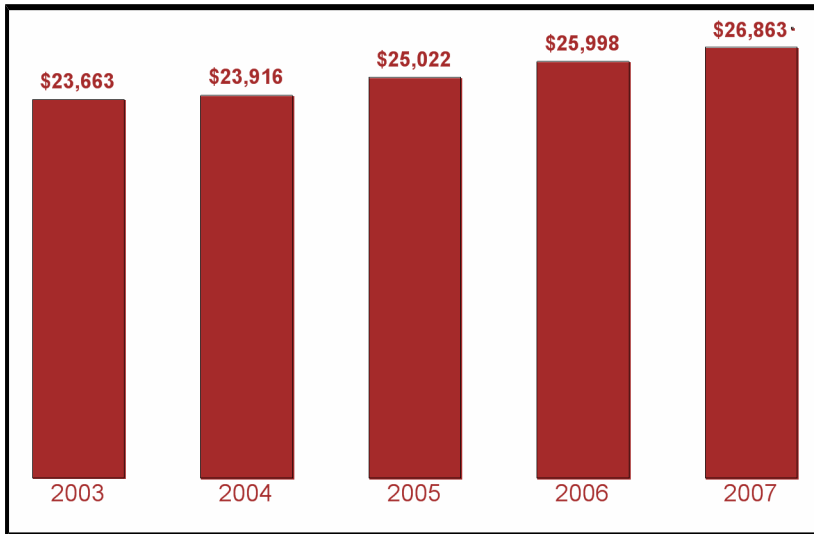
INDUSTRY	Catoosa				Catoosa Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	161	2,392	15.8	637	841	30,673	34.8	675
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	8	63	0.4	428	26	218	0.2	630
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	5	111	0.1	922
Construction	86	394	2.6	700	350	2,013	2.3	635
Manufacturing	67	1,935	12.8	631	460	28,331	32.1	677
Food	4	*	*	*	12	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	1	*	*	*	4	35	0.0	569
Textile Mills	6	513	3.4	703	53	4,760	5.4	661
Textile Product Mills	3	*	*	*	126	14,953	16.9	675
Wood Product	2	*	*	*	8	75	0.1	652
Paper	1	*	*	*	9	350	0.4	695
Printing and Related Support Activities	6	52	0.3	567	46	1,295	1.5	578
Chemical	1	*	*	*	28	1,211	1.4	950
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	26	400	0.5	812
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	2	27	0.2	500	11	110	0.1	626
Primary Metal	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Fabricated Metal Product	18	413	2.7	664	50	790	0.9	712
Machinery	4	38	0.3	581	30	458	0.5	753
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	2	*	*	*	6	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	1	*	*	*	4	893	1.0	706
Furniture and Related Product	7	91	0.6	497	23	415	0.5	535
Miscellaneous	7	*	*	*	18	206	0.2	485
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Leather and Allied Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Service-Providing	719	10,214	67.3	557	3,239	45,940	52.1	615
Utilities	2	*	*	*	4	180	0.2	1,231
Wholesale Trade	48	457	3.0	796	357	4,300	4.9	803
Retail Trade	191	2,515	16.6	467	833	10,667	12.1	465
Transportation and Warehousing	30	1,121	7.4	858	135	3,947	4.5	737
Information	11	74	0.5	652	41	653	0.7	729
Finance and Insurance	49	446	2.9	770	217	1,520	1.7	810
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35	168	1.1	518	141	612	0.7	539
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	63	333	2.2	739	319	5,082	5.8	958
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3	*	*	*	19	224	0.3	1,443
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	31	304	2.0	256	177	3,819	4.3	419
Educational Services	6	15	0.1	229	23	127	0.1	361
Health Care and Social Assistance	98	2,428	16.0	676	335	7,235	8.2	761
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	14	235	1.5	282	44	701	0.8	334
Accommodation and Food Services	74	1,601	10.6	231	301	5,365	6.1	243
Other Services (except Public Administration)	64	388	2.6	424	293	1,509	1.7	536
Unclassified - industry not assigned	32	11	0.1	652	106	40	0.0	621
Total - Private Sector	912	12,617	83.2	597	4,186	76,653	86.9	639
Total - Government	43	2,556	16.8	685	206	11,580	13.1	658
Federal Government	4	92	0.6	829	32	398	0.5	951
State Government	15	97	0.6	578	75	1,794	2.0	617
Local Government	24	2,367	15.6	649	99	9,388	10.6	653
ALL INDUSTRIES	955	15,173	100.0	586	4,392	88,232	100.0	642
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.

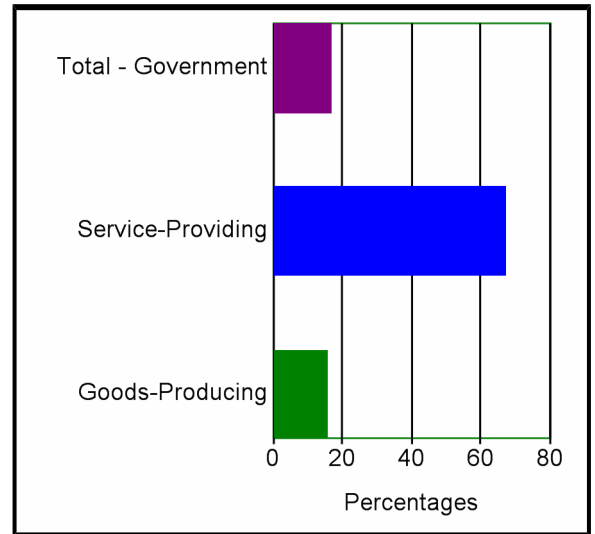
Catoosa Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Catoosa Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Catoosa

Hutcheson Medical Center Inc
 Lake Winnepesaukah AmusementsInc
 Propex Inc
 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

Catoosa Area

Employer	COUNTY
Hutcheson Medical Center Inc	Catoosa
Roper Corporation	Walker
Shaw Industries Group Inc	Whitfield
Shaw Industries Group Inc	Walker
Shaw Industries Group Inc	Catoosa
Mohawk Carpet Corp	Whitfield
Beaulieu Group Llc	Whitfield
Oreilly Automotive Inc	Whitfield
Hamilton Medical Center Inc	Whitfield
Shaw Industries Inc	Whitfield

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Catoosa

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Hamilton, TN	12,320	46.1
Catoosa, GA	7,167	26.8
Whitfield, GA	3,760	14.1
Walker, GA	1,937	7.3
Murray, GA	478	1.8
Bradley, TN	215	0.8
Gordon, GA	141	0.5
Chattooga, GA	56	0.2
Other	628	2.4
Total Residents:	26,702	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Catoosa

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Catoosa, GA	7,167	54.1
Walker, GA	2,795	21.1
Hamilton, TN	2,151	16.2
Whitfield, GA	306	2.3
Dade, GA	137	1.0
Bradley, TN	121	0.9
Murray, GA	94	0.7
Chattooga, GA	79	0.6
Other	405	3.1
Total Residents:	13,255	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

Catoosa Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	33.2%	40.7%	29.3%	24.7%	28.0%	53.9%
High School Grad/GED	32.5%	32.7%	32.3%	34.0%	34.6%	26.8%
Some College	23.1%	23.9%	26.0%	27.8%	23.6%	11.9%
College Grad 4 Yr	7.4%	2.6%	9.6%	9.0%	8.2%	4.6%
Post Grad Studies	3.7%	0.2%	2.9%	4.5%	5.6%	2.9%
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
Catoosa	595	0	595
Walker	468	0	468
Whitfield	877	20	897
Catoosa Area	1,940	20	1,960



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

Catoosa Area

Walker

Covenant College	www.covenant.edu
Northwestern Technical College	www.northwesterntech.edu

Whitfield

Dalton State College	www.daltonstate.edu
Dalton State College (Technical Division)	www.daltonstate.edu

Catoosa

Northwestern Technical College (Technical college servicing area)	www.northwesterntech.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	55	57	71	3.6	24.6
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	31	36	20	16.1	-44.4
Architectural Drafting and Architectural CAD/CADD	3	5	9	66.7	80.0
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician	3	5	12	66.7	140.0
Child Care Provider/Assistant	47	52	77	10.6	48.1

Technical College Graduates - 2008

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	68	10	20	-85.3	100.0
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	24	64	43	166.7	-32.8
Criminal Justice/Police Science	9	9	6	0.0	-33.3
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	10	31	33	210.0	6.5
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General	8	21	13	162.5	-38.1
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	25	17	16	-32.0	-5.9
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General	20	17	11	-15.0	-35.3
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	38	45	56	18.4	24.4
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General	13	19	23	46.2	21.1
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services	24	53	21	120.8	-60.4
Heating/AC/Ventilation/Refrig Maint Technology/Technician	18	15	13	-16.7	-13.3
Human Resources Management/Personnel Administration, General	26	12	20	-53.8	66.7
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	11	21	30	90.9	42.9
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	52	36	64	-30.8	77.8
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	33	15	29	-54.5	93.3
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder	25	33	25	32.0	-24.2
Medical Reception/Receptionist	25	11	16	-56.0	45.5
Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist	44	28	25	-36.4	-10.7
Medical/Clinical Assistant	13	14	10	7.7	-28.6
Nail Technician/Specialist and Manicurist	12	8	9	-33.3	12.5
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant	50	73	66	46.0	-9.6
Nursing/Registered Nurse (RN, ASN, BSN, MSN)	37	46	30	24.3	-34.8
Occupational Therapist Assistant	16	11	16	-31.3	45.5
Operations Management and Supervision	104	82	94	-21.2	14.6
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	6	16	8	166.7	-50.0
Phlebotomy/Phlebotomist	8	6	12	-25.0	100.0
Surgical Technology/Technologist	13	17	14	30.8	-17.6
Technical and Business Writing	9	3	11	-66.7	266.7
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operation	81	169	128	108.6	-24.3
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design	10	10	11	0.0	10.0
Welding Technology/Welder	24	6	22	-75.0	266.7
Word Processing	18	24	14	33.3	-41.7

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 Northwestern Technical College

Occupational Profile for Residents of Catoosa County

	Catoosa		Catoosa Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	28,044	100.0	98,107	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	2,618	9.3	8,501	8.7
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	680	2.4	1,584	1.6
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	735	2.6	1,894	1.9
Other Professional Workers	2,134	7.6	6,895	7.0
Technicians	615	2.2	2,156	2.2
Sales Workers	3,627	12.9	10,378	10.6
Administrative Support Workers	4,989	17.8	15,794	16.1
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	1,340	4.8	4,715	4.8
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	1,978	7.1	6,137	6.3
Production Operative Workers	3,123	11.1	17,206	17.5
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	1,873	6.7	6,862	7.0
Laborers and Helpers	1,147	4.1	4,931	5.0
Protective Service Workers	424	1.5	1,402	1.4
Service Workers, except Protective	2,668	9.5	9,197	9.4
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	93	0.3	455	0.5

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.
Catoosa	2,406	111	201	111	06	20	106	31	93	1,727
Walker	3,059	125	290	202	12	35	244	39	211	1,901
Whitfield	4,901	190	510	164	20	116	354	121	148	3,278
Total Area	10,366	426	1,001	477	38	171	704	191	452	6,906

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)

96 Stuart Road
Ft Oglethorpe GA 30742
Phone: (706) 861 - 1990 **Fax:** (706) 861 - 0062

Rehabilitation Center(s)

202 West Villanow Street
LaFayette, GA 30728-2432
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