



AREA LABOR PROFILE

Columbia

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

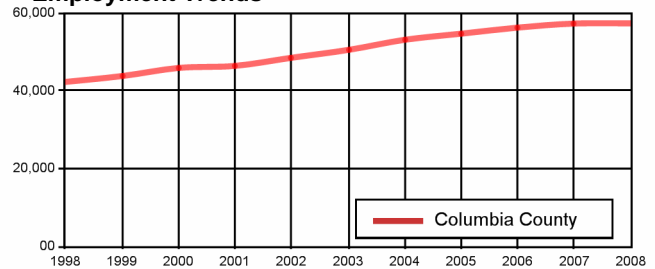
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Columbia	60,329	57,484	2,845	4.7%
Lincoln	3,894	3,618	276	7.1%
McDuffie	10,743	9,898	845	7.9%
Richmond	91,641	85,112	6,529	7.1%
Columbia Area	166,607	156,112	10,495	6.3%
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%
Edgefield, SC	11,040	10,291	749	6.8%
McCormick, SC	3,438	3,057	381	11.1%

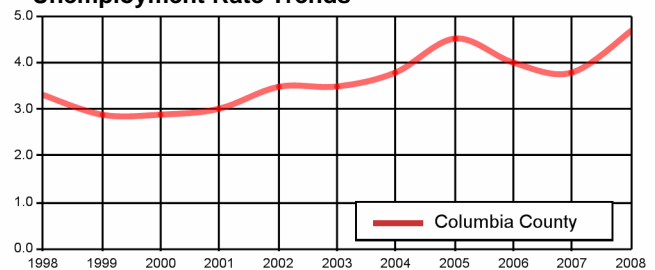
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

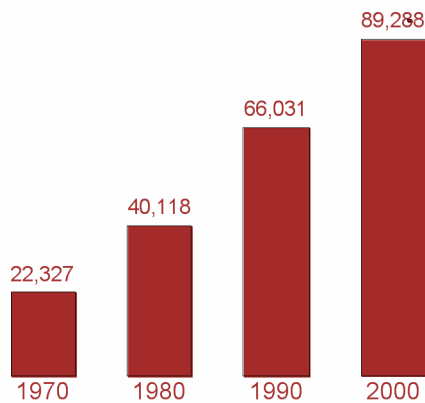
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Columbia	89,288	20	110,627	23.9	132,303	48.2
City of Grovetown	6,089					
Columbia Area	353,195		375,582	6.3	396,100	12.1
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
Edgefield, SC	24,595		25,546	3.9	29,360	19.4
McCormick, SC	9,958		10,093	1.4	11,280	13.3

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

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Industry Mix - 2008

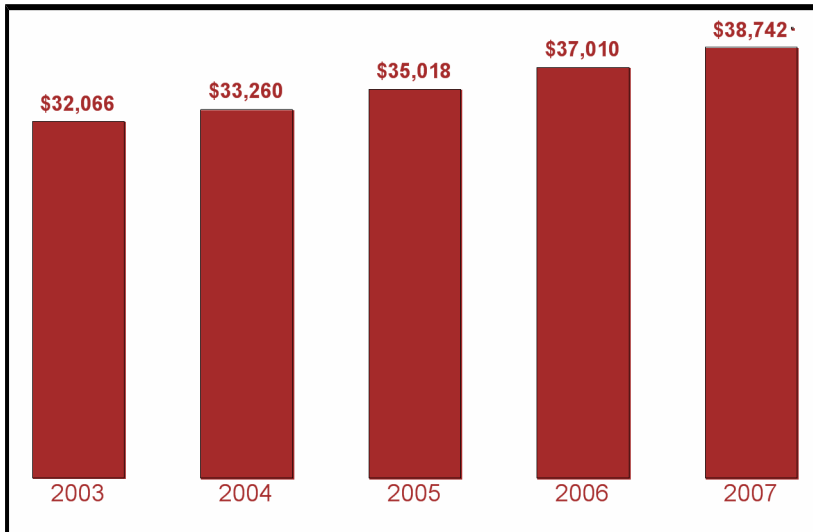
INDUSTRY	Columbia				Columbia Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE
		NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT	
Goods-Producing	475	6,568	21.5	793	1,176	22,195	15.8	880
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	11	86	0.3	474	45	530	0.4	730
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	2	*	*	*	7	150	0.1	1,020
Construction	397	2,727	8.9	674	893	7,699	5.5	715
Manufacturing	65	3,738	12.3	887	231	13,817	9.8	977
Beverage and Tobacco Product	1	*	*	*	4	112	0.1	853
Textile Mills	0	*	*	*	7	834	0.6	675
Textile Product Mills	5	*	*	*	9	*	*	*
Apparel	1	*	*	*	3	372	0.3	1,309
Wood Product	2	*	*	*	18	522	0.4	666
Paper	1	*	*	*	11	1,687	1.2	1,203
Printing and Related Support Activities	7	*	*	*	21	799	0.6	766
Petroleum and Coal Products	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Chemical	3	19	0.1	908	26	1,485	1.1	1,387
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	3	*	*	*
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	4	77	0.3	879	12	840	0.6	966
Fabricated Metal Product	6	682	2.2	841	30	1,200	0.9	820
Machinery	4	617	2.0	1,218	14	875	0.6	1,218
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	5	*	*	*	15	1,512	1.1	951
Furniture and Related Product	13	331	1.1	724	16	349	0.2	707
Miscellaneous	10	50	0.2	405	21	614	0.4	855
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	5	*	*	*
Food	0	0	0.0	0	13	1,705	1.2	1,005
Service-Providing	1,602	18,810	61.6	562	6,041	86,250	61.4	613
Utilities	4	*	*	*	14	319	0.2	1,387
Wholesale Trade	80	498	1.6	901	295	3,306	2.4	921
Retail Trade	278	4,550	14.9	497	1,247	16,501	11.7	451
Transportation and Warehousing	46	286	0.9	639	186	2,894	2.1	693
Information	23	261	0.9	839	111	2,759	2.0	805
Finance and Insurance	119	910	3.0	1,108	450	3,616	2.6	949
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	77	332	1.1	543	304	1,383	1.0	615
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	215	1,214	4.0	933	701	5,280	3.8	1,006
Management of Companies and Enterprises	8	*	*	*	34	688	0.5	1,805
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	162	2,568	8.4	358	420	9,588	6.8	403
Educational Services	39	500	1.6	434	77	1,297	0.9	489
Health Care and Social Assistance	185	2,393	7.8	666	850	19,454	13.8	848
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	25	521	1.7	295	87	1,686	1.2	434
Accommodation and Food Services	149	3,240	10.6	218	614	13,523	9.6	241
Other Services (except Public Administration)	192	1,029	3.4	430	651	3,962	2.8	475
Unclassified - industry not assigned	55	26	0.1	816	184	69	0.0	778
Total - Private Sector	2,132	25,404	83.3	678	7,401	108,514	77.2	668
Total - Government	67	5,111	16.7	762	313	31,988	22.8	814
Federal Government	11	165	0.5	1,022	88	6,440	4.6	1,108
State Government	17	625	2.0	569	92	10,855	7.7	838
Local Government	39	4,321	14.2	695	133	14,693	10.5	668
ALL INDUSTRIES	2,199	30,514	100.0	633	7,714	140,500	100.0	701
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.

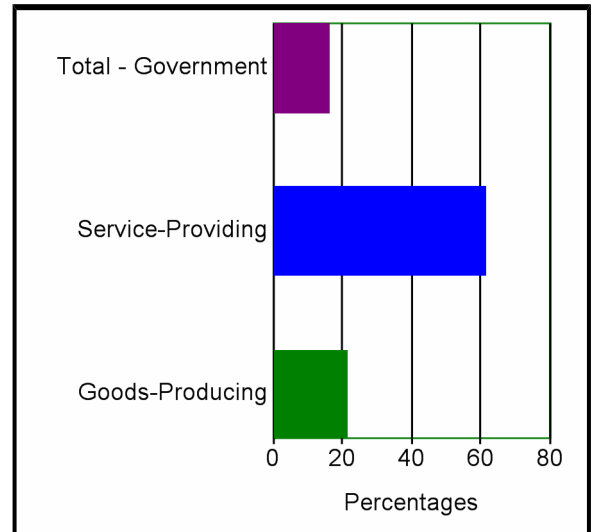
Columbia Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Columbia Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Columbia

Electrolux Home Products Inc
Fatz Cafe
Ingersoll Rand Infrastructure Hold
Quebecor World
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

Columbia Area

Employer	COUNTY
Medical College of Georgia	Richmond
Caresouth Of University Hospital	Richmond
MCG Health Inc	Richmond
Gracewood State Hospital	Richmond
Doctors Hospital Of Augusta Llc	Richmond
Wal-Mart	Richmond
Sitel Corporation G-4	Richmond
Shivers Trading & Operating Co	Richmond
Trinity Hospital Of Augusta	Richmond
International Paper Co	Richmond

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Columbia

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Richmond, GA	22,363	51.5
Columbia, GA	14,211	32.7
Aiken, SC	3,844	8.8
McDuffie, GA	879	2.0
Burke, GA	432	1.0
Fulton, GA	143	0.3
Jefferson, GA	132	0.3
Edgefield, SC	127	0.3
Other	1,325	3.0
Total Residents:	43,456	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Columbia

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Columbia, GA	14,211	54.9
Richmond, GA	7,637	29.5
Aiken, SC	1,522	5.9
McDuffie, GA	795	3.1
Burke, GA	380	1.5
Lincoln, GA	282	1.1
Edgefield, SC	278	1.1
Jefferson, GA	153	0.6
Other	618	2.4
Total Residents:	25,876	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

Columbia Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	21.2%	27.3%	13.1%	14.0%	20.1%	39.8%
High School Grad/GED	29.9%	34.5%	28.1%	31.2%	28.9%	27.4%
Some College	29.4%	31.9%	35.5%	32.3%	27.2%	18.8%
College Grad 4 Yr	12.7%	5.8%	17.3%	15.0%	13.5%	8.1%
Post Grad Studies	6.8%	0.4%	6.1%	7.5%	10.3%	5.9%
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
Columbia	1,287	41	1,328
Lincoln	93	0	93
McDuffie	213	0	213
Richmond	1,388	37	1,425
Columbia Area	2,981	78	3,059



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

Columbia Area

Richmond

Troy University	augusta.troy.edu
Augusta State University	www.aug.edu
Augusta Technical College	www.augustatech.edu
Georgia Military College-Ft Gordon	www.gmc.cc.ga.us
Medical College of Georgia	www.mcg.edu
Paine College	www.paine.edu
University of Phoenix-Augusta Campus	www.phoenix.edu
Savannah River College	www.savannahrivercollege.edu
Augusta Area Dietetic Internship-University	www.universityhealth.org

McDuffie

Thomson/McDuffie County Campus (Satellite campus of Augusta Technical College)	www.augustatech.edu
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Augusta Technical College (Technical college servicing area)	www.augustatech.edu
Georgia Military College-Augusta Campus	www.gmc.cc.ga.us/augusta

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	78	50	38	-35.9	-24.0
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	87	72	85	-17.2	18.1
Allied Health Diagnostic/Intervention/Treatment Professions, Oth	4	8	10	100.0	25.0
Applied Horticulture/Horticulture Operations, General	17	10	25	-41.2	150.0
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	37	31	58	-16.2	87.1
Barbering/Barber	3	6	19	100.0	216.7
Business Administration, Management and Operations, Other	18	15	28	-16.7	86.7
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician	6	14	9	133.3	-35.7
Cardiovascular Technology/Technologist	5	9	8	80.0	-11.1
Chemical Technology/Technician	8	1	9	-87.5	800.0
Civil Engineering Technology/Technician	4	5	3	25.0	-40.0
Computer Programming/Programmer, General	14	8	13	-42.9	62.5
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	183	170	139	-7.1	-18.2
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	41	53	52	29.3	-1.9
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	33	56	57	69.7	1.8
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	22	23	21	4.5	-8.7
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	6	1	1	-83.3	0.0
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General	17	11	18	-35.3	63.6
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	27	19	22	-29.6	15.8
Dental Assisting/Assistant	18	22	24	22.2	9.1
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	45	45	64	0.0	42.2
Electrical/Electronic/Communications Engr Technology/Technician	8	7	6	-12.5	-14.3
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General	4	4	7	0.0	75.0
Electrician	55	50	91	-9.1	82.0
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	196	106	73	-45.9	-31.1
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant	21	5	5	-76.2	0.0
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services	14	24	21	71.4	-12.5
Graphic and Printing Equipment Operator, General Production	11	19	11	72.7	-42.1
Graphic Communications, General	3	4	14	33.3	250.0
Heating/AC/Ventilation/Refrig Maint Technology/Technician	39	22	24	-43.6	9.1
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	43	25	23	-41.9	-8.0
Landscaping and Groundskeeping	12	13	9	8.3	-30.8
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	77	80	83	3.9	3.8
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	13	15	8	15.4	-46.7
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	11	9	11	-18.2	22.2
Mechanical Engineering/Mechanical Technology/Technician	4	9	5	125.0	-44.4

Technical College Graduates - 2008

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder	21	20	41	-4.8	105.0
Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist	5	3	9	-40.0	200.0
Medical/Clinical Assistant	30	37	49	23.3	32.4
Nail Technician/Specialist and Manicurist	14	6	5	-57.1	-16.7
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant	141	255	297	80.9	16.5
Occupational Therapist Assistant	5	6	15	20.0	150.0
Operations Management and Supervision	3	66	42	2100.0	-36.4
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	22	23	9	4.5	-60.9
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	18	10	11	-44.4	10.0
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	7	12	13	71.4	8.3
Sales, Distribution, and Marketing Operations, General	22	18	23	-18.2	27.8
Surgical Technology/Technologist	16	19	19	18.8	0.0
Turf and Turfgrass Management	8	9	7	12.5	-22.2
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design	3	6	4	100.0	-33.3
Welding Technology/Welder	50	64	105	28.0	64.1

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 Augusta Technical College

Occupational Profile for Residents of Columbia County

	Columbia		Columbia Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	44,718	100.0	144,837	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	5,163	11.6	12,553	8.7
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	2,434	5.4	4,589	3.2
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	3,018	6.8	7,073	4.9
Other Professional Workers	5,563	12.4	15,373	10.6
Technicians	1,579	3.5	5,191	3.6
Sales Workers	5,236	11.7	16,458	11.4
Administrative Support Workers	6,560	14.7	21,062	14.5
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	2,151	4.8	7,027	4.9
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	2,522	5.6	7,811	5.4
Production Operative Workers	2,701	6.0	11,522	8.0
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	1,279	2.9	6,209	4.3
Laborers and Helpers	1,287	2.9	5,637	3.9
Protective Service Workers	1,022	2.3	3,531	2.4
Service Workers, except Protective	3,814	8.5	18,619	12.9
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	389	0.9	2,182	1.5

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.
Columbia	3,148	300	293	139	11	21	65	33	217	2,069
Lincoln	388	11	34	24	03	11	28	15	27	235
McDuffie	1,659	54	210	219	26	40	99	54	111	846
Richmond	10,475	654	1,347	1,484	61	194	369	273	795	5,298
Total Area	15,670	1,019	1,884	1,866	101	266	561	375	1,150	8,448

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)

601 Greene Street
Augusta GA 30901
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Rehabilitation Center(s)

3112-A Washington Road
Augusta, GA 30907-0812
Phone: (706) 650 - 5638

1220-H West Wheeler Parkway
P. O. Box 15747
Augusta, GA 30919-1747
Phone: (706) 650 - 5600

3112-A Washington Road
Augusta, GA 30907-0812
Serving Richmond County
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