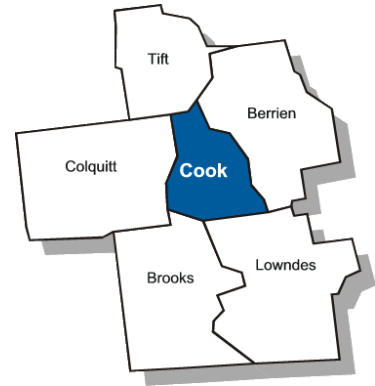




Cook

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

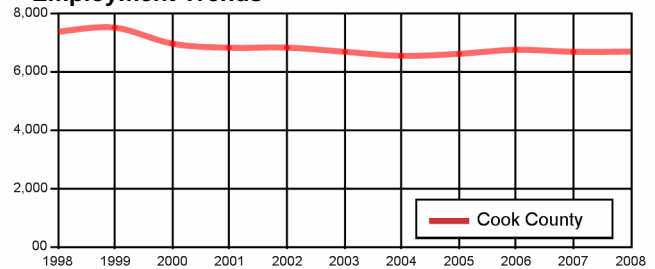
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Cook	7,264	6,701	563	7.8%
Berrien	8,732	8,129	603	6.9%
Brooks	8,520	8,045	475	5.6%
Colquitt	20,740	19,499	1,241	6.0%
Lowndes	54,559	51,617	2,942	5.4%
Tift	18,936	17,607	1,329	7.0%
Cook Area	118,751	111,598	7,153	6.0%
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%

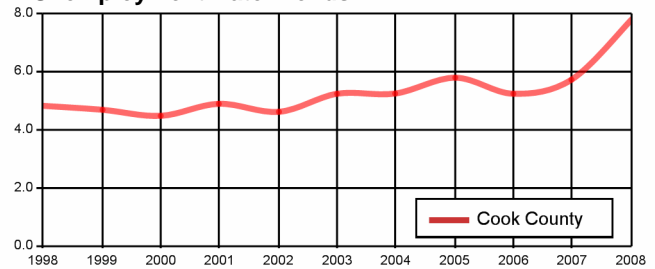
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

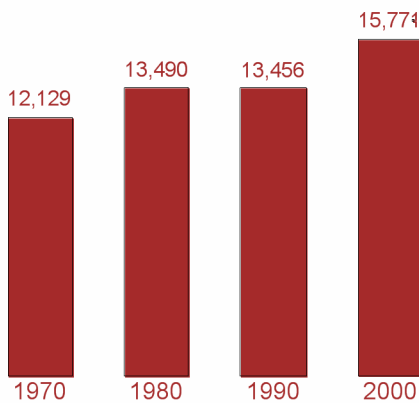
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Cook	15,771	99	16,608	5.3	17,382	10.2
City of Adel	5,307					
Cook Area	221,031		242,387	9.7	246,740	11.6
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

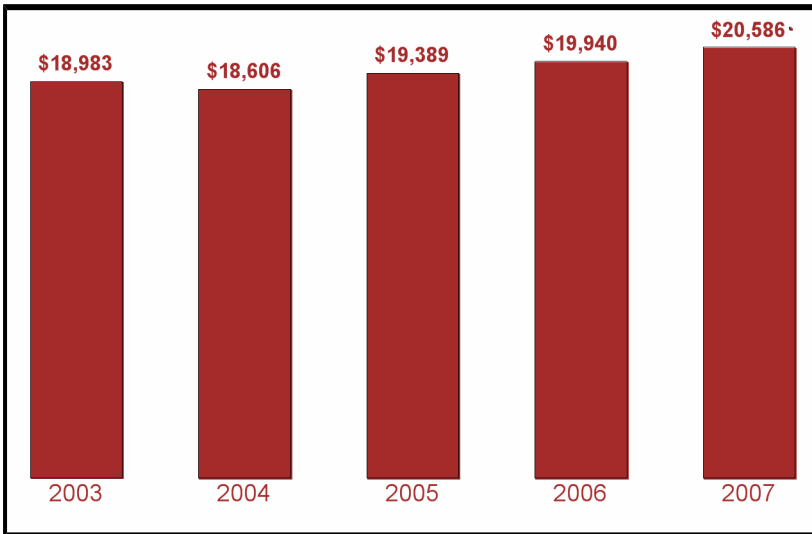
INDUSTRY	Cook				Cook Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	94	1,980	39.3	489	1,149	21,706	22.3	569
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	25	829	16.5	298	239	3,944	4.1	335
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	*	*	*	5	86	0.1	571
Construction	38	226	4.5	501	620	4,242	4.4	652
Manufacturing	30	904	17.9	659	285	13,434	13.8	611
Food	0	*	*	*	27	3,248	3.3	493
Beverage and Tobacco Product	1	*	*	*	4	120	0.1	587
Textile Product Mills	2	*	*	*	8	59	0.1	446
Wood Product	5	138	2.7	679	32	1,398	1.4	632
Chemical	1	*	*	*	15	414	0.4	703
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	16	1,327	1.4	593
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	1	*	*	*	17	375	0.4	701
Fabricated Metal Product	11	265	5.3	588	47	872	0.9	649
Machinery	3	*	*	*	18	773	0.8	741
Transportation Equipment	2	*	*	*	14	1,069	1.1	665
Furniture and Related Product	2	*	*	*	21	261	0.3	420
Miscellaneous	1	*	*	*	17	84	0.1	553
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	4	*	*	*
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	5	97	0.1	425
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	6	370	0.4	814
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	8	842	0.9	1,022
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	8	1,253	1.3	509
Printing and Related Support Activities	0	0	0.0	0	14	157	0.2	656
Service-Providing	255	1,991	39.5	436	4,651	52,663	54.1	521
Utilities	2	*	*	*	17	349	0.4	1,172
Wholesale Trade	16	165	3.3	737	339	3,483	3.6	691
Retail Trade	70	478	9.5	371	1,162	13,414	13.8	440
Transportation and Warehousing	11	21	0.4	704	167	3,676	3.8	817
Information	5	*	*	*	72	933	1.0	666
Finance and Insurance	20	115	2.3	587	311	2,091	2.1	777
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	12	31	0.6	384	250	1,260	1.3	542
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	12	34	0.7	522	388	1,978	2.0	812
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3	19	0.4	528	23	400	0.4	867
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	20	149	3.0	642	301	3,754	3.9	463
Educational Services	1	*	*	*	30	337	0.3	364
Health Care and Social Assistance	30	409	8.1	503	587	8,285	8.5	695
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2	*	*	*	52	964	1.0	285
Accommodation and Food Services	31	439	8.7	206	485	9,706	10.0	220
Other Services (except Public Administration)	20	65	1.3	372	467	2,042	2.1	396
Unclassified - industry not assigned	7	4	0.1	247	109	47	0.0	477
Total - Private Sector	356	3,975	78.9	463	5,909	74,416	76.5	535
Total - Government	35	1,062	21.1	644	322	22,901	23.5	629
Federal Government	7	31	0.6	842	88	1,209	1.2	901
State Government	15	105	2.1	626	125	6,257	6.4	569
Local Government	13	926	18.4	465	109	15,435	15.9	633
ALL INDUSTRIES	391	5,039	100.0	469	6,231	97,321	100.0	557
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.

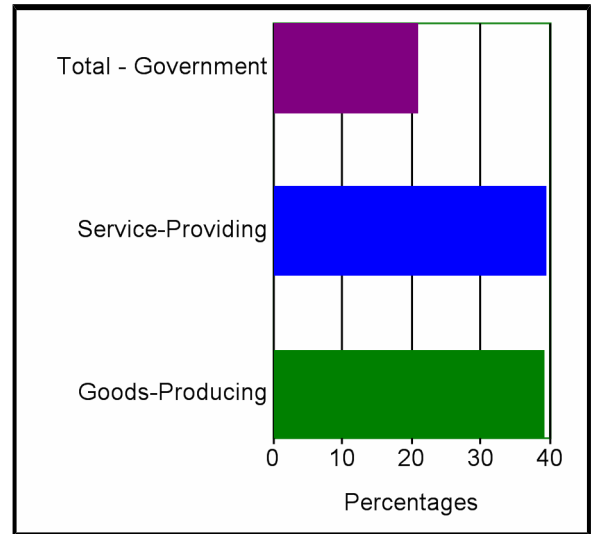
Cook Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Cook Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Cook

Basf Sparks Llc
 Jimmy Bullard And Sons
 J-M Manufacturing Co Inc
 Mario A Munguia
 Memorial Home Health Care

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

Cook 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
Fresh Beginnings Inc	Lowndes
Tift Regional Medical Center	Tift

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Cook

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Cook, GA	3,955	59.8
Lowndes, GA	1,004	15.2
Tift, GA	718	10.9
Berrien, GA	467	7.1
Colquitt, GA	98	1.5
Dougherty, GA	72	1.1
Brooks, GA	38	0.6
Morgan, AL	30	0.5
Other	234	3.5
Total Residents:	6,616	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Cook

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Cook, GA	3,955	68.9
Lowndes, GA	539	9.4
Berrien, GA	438	7.6
Colquitt, GA	323	5.6
Tift, GA	242	4.2
Brooks, GA	112	2.0
Lanier, GA	34	0.6
Clayton, GA	11	0.2
Other	87	1.5
Total Residents:	5,741	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

Cook Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	29.2%	29.1%	23.2%	22.1%	27.8%	48.6%
High School Grad/GED	31.9%	27.6%	32.0%	35.4%	34.1%	27.7%
Some College	25.7%	39.4%	28.8%	26.3%	22.0%	13.1%
College Grad 4 Yr	8.5%	3.8%	12.1%	10.1%	8.8%	6.3%
Post Grad Studies	4.7%	0.2%	3.8%	6.1%	7.3%	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
Berrien	191	0	191
Brooks	89	0	89
Colquitt	431	0	431
Cook	123	0	123
Lowndes	885	43	928
Tift	434	26	460
Cook Area	2,153	69	2,222

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

Cook 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

Colquitt

Moultrie Technical College	www.moultrietech.edu
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Cook County Center (Satellite campus of Valdosta Technical College)	www.valdostatech.edu
Valdosta Technical College (Technical college servicing area)	www.valdostatech.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	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 Cook County

	Cook		Cook Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	7,137	100.0	100,841	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	626	8.8	8,288	8.2
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	32	0.5	1,178	1.2
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	149	2.1	2,410	2.4
Other Professional Workers	484	6.8	9,090	9.0
Technicians	184	2.6	2,601	2.6
Sales Workers	737	10.3	11,986	11.9
Administrative Support Workers	1,031	14.5	14,776	14.7
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	395	5.5	5,121	5.1
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	377	5.3	5,967	5.9
Production Operative Workers	1,126	15.8	10,805	10.7
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	461	6.5	5,511	5.5
Laborers and Helpers	568	8.0	7,777	7.7
Protective Service Workers	73	1.0	2,087	2.1
Service Workers, except Protective	830	11.6	12,463	12.4
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	64	0.9	781	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.
Cook	932	38	75	76	13	10	68	25	56	571
Berrien	1,084	38	88	59	12	13	48	29	84	713
Brooks	727	30	59	64	08	9	23	23	39	472
Colquitt	2,484	73	236	258	73	50	75	97	214	1,408
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	13,531	566	1,442	1,400	207	205	491	318	808	8,094

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)

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