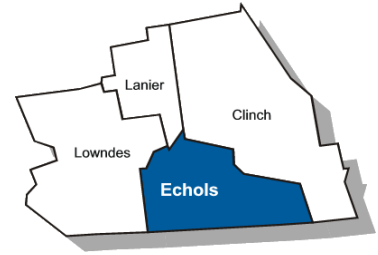




AREA LABOR PROFILE

Echols

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

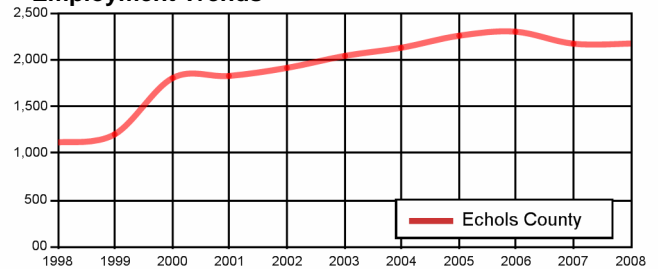
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Echols	2,275	2,181	94	4.1%
Clinch	2,798	2,598	200	7.1%
Lanier	4,141	3,900	241	5.8%
Lowndes	54,559	51,617	2,942	5.4%
Echols Area	63,773	60,296	3,477	5.5%
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%
Columbia, FL	31,997	30,283	1,714	5.4%
Hamilton, FL	4,791	4,453	338	7.1%

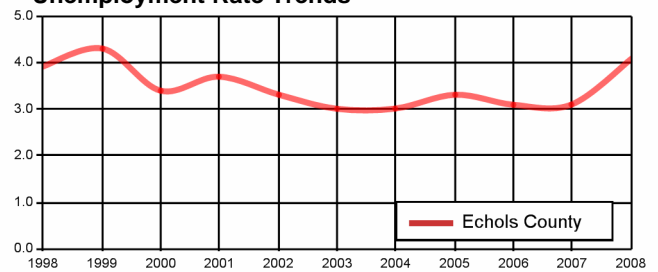
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

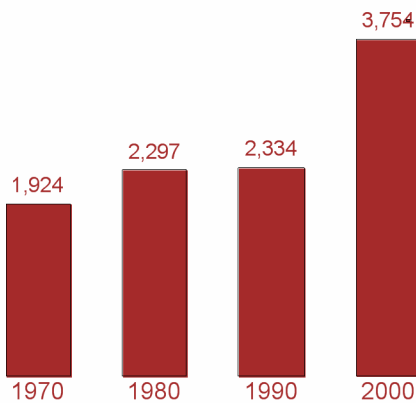
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Echols	3,754	153	4,063	8.2	5,061	34.8
City of Statenville	933					
Echols Area	179,828		207,423	15.3	214,951	19.5
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
Columbia, FL	56,513		69,092	22.3	74,230	31.4
Hamilton, FL	13,327		14,348	7.7	15,475	16.1

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

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Industry Mix - 2008

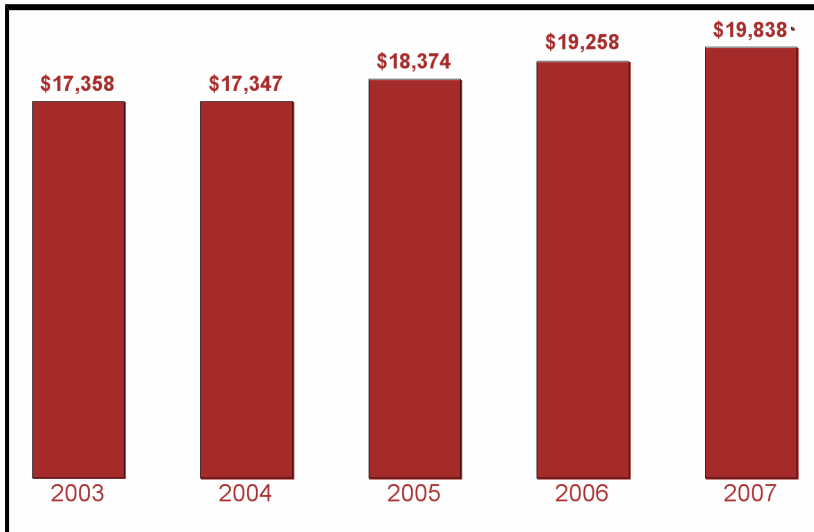
INDUSTRY	Echols				Echols Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	16	413	62.3	462	566	10,301	18.8	640
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	10	354	53.4	435	86	1,418	2.6	387
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Construction	4	*	*	*	338	2,891	5.3	698
Manufacturing	2	*	*	*	139	5,933	10.8	673
Fabricated Metal Product	1	*	*	*	23	897	1.6	713
Miscellaneous	1	*	*	*	6	45	0.1	594
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	4	38	0.1	387
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	4	49	0.1	632
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	5	*	*	*
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	6	636	1.2	1,120
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	0	0	0.0	0	7	165	0.3	799
Printing and Related Support Activities	0	0	0.0	0	8	110	0.2	718
Chemical	0	0	0.0	0	10	179	0.3	720
Wood Product	0	0	0.0	0	11	544	1.0	689
Food	0	0	0.0	0	14	1,116	2.0	513
Furniture and Related Product	0	0	0.0	0	15	127	0.2	504
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	15	1,269	2.3	575
Service-Providing	16	41	6.2	423	2,578	31,867	58.1	516
Utilities	1	*	*	*	12	195	0.4	1,229
Wholesale Trade	1	*	*	*	163	1,369	2.5	709
Retail Trade	3	*	*	*	608	7,932	14.5	438
Transportation and Warehousing	1	*	*	*	86	2,130	3.9	919
Information	0	0	0.0	0	39	581	1.1	588
Finance and Insurance	1	*	*	*	144	1,044	1.9	805
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1	*	*	*	144	814	1.5	582
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	0	0	0.0	0	235	1,095	2.0	865
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	10	275	0.5	932
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	2	*	*	*	193	3,066	5.6	446
Educational Services	0	0	0.0	0	17	187	0.3	356
Health Care and Social Assistance	4	*	*	*	349	5,226	9.5	687
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	0	0	0.0	0	27	810	1.5	281
Accommodation and Food Services	0	0	0.0	0	292	6,079	11.1	214
Other Services (except Public Administration)	2	*	*	*	259	1,066	1.9	368
Unclassified - industry not assigned	1	*	*	*	51	20	0.0	591
Total - Private Sector	33	454	68.5	444	3,195	42,188	76.9	547
Total - Government	10	210	31.7	601	153	12,683	23.1	624
Federal Government	3	3	0.5	843	47	785	1.4	896
State Government	5	10	1.5	532	58	4,251	7.7	551
Local Government	2	*	*	*	48	7,647	13.9	637
ALL INDUSTRIES	43	663	100.0	453	3,348	54,870	100.0	565
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.

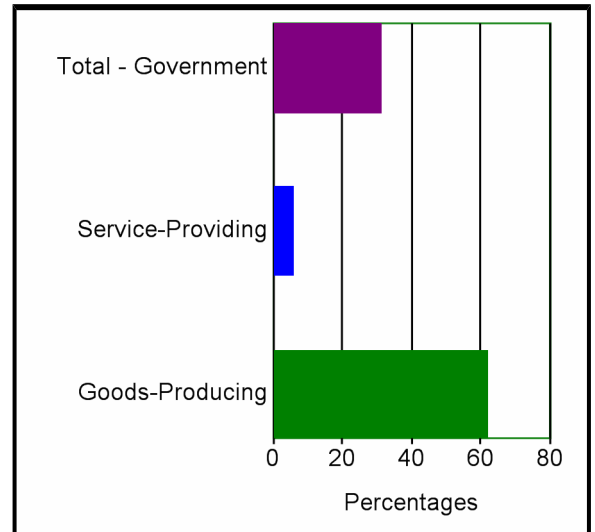
Echols Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Echols Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Echols

Circle C Produce Inc
 Corbett Electrical Construction Inc
 Crosby Logging Of Lake Park Inc
 Farm Hands Leasing Inc
 Kma Employee Leasing 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

Echols Area

Employer	COUNTY
Bway Corporation Inc	Clinch
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
Wild Adventures	Lowndes
Smith Northview Hospital	Lowndes
Lake Haven Nursing Home	Lowndes

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Echols

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Lowndes, GA	1,203	72.4
Echols, GA	249	15.0
Hamilton, FL	82	4.9
Clinch, GA	35	2.1
Lanier, GA	30	1.8
Thomas, GA	13	0.8
Madison, FL	10	0.6
Orange, FL	9	0.5
Other	21	1.3
Total Residents:	1,661	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Echols

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Echols, GA	249	72.0
Lowndes, GA	47	13.6
Hall, GA	21	6.1
Fulton, GA	17	4.9
Hamilton, FL	6	1.7
Lanier, GA	6	1.7
Total Residents:	346	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

Echols Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	24.6%	23.2%	19.0%	18.4%	25.1%	44.9%
High School Grad/GED	29.8%	24.4%	28.9%	33.3%	32.2%	29.2%
Some College	30.1%	47.1%	33.1%	30.1%	23.5%	12.9%
College Grad 4 Yr	10.2%	5.1%	14.9%	10.9%	10.6%	7.9%
Post Grad Studies	5.3%	0.1%	4.1%	7.2%	8.7%	5.2%
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
Clinch	70	0	70
Echols	34	0	34
Lanier	78	0	78
Lowndes	885	43	928
Echols Area	1,067	43	1,110



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

Echols 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

Echols

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
Aesthetics/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

Technical College Graduates - 2008

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

Technical College Graduates - 2008

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

	Echols		Echols Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,760	100.0	49,391	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	120	6.8	3,783	7.7
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	4	0.2	530	1.1
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	25	1.4	1,276	2.6
Other Professional Workers	79	4.5	4,958	10.0
Technicians	0	0.0	1,149	2.3
Sales Workers	204	11.6	6,322	12.8
Administrative Support Workers	214	12.2	7,692	15.6
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	148	8.4	2,426	4.9
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	98	5.6	2,784	5.6
Production Operative Workers	169	9.6	4,060	8.2
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	90	5.1	2,659	5.4
Laborers and Helpers	455	25.9	3,345	6.8
Protective Service Workers	50	2.8	1,306	2.6
Service Workers, except Protective	100	5.7	6,765	13.7
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	4	0.2	336	0.7

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.
Echols	140	9	13	4	02	2	6	1	9	94
Clinch	280	3	17	17	04	0	11	3	19	206
Lanier	385	15	42	30	04	4	13	7	27	243
Lowndes	6,080	281	740	676	43	86	194	97	292	3,671
Total Area	6,885	308	812	727	53	92	224	108	347	4,214

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)

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Valdosta, GA 31601-5611

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