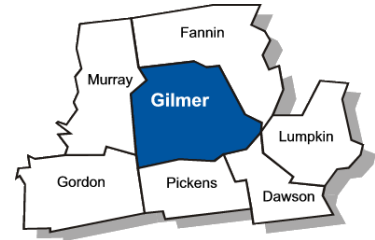




AREA LABOR PROFILE

Gilmer

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

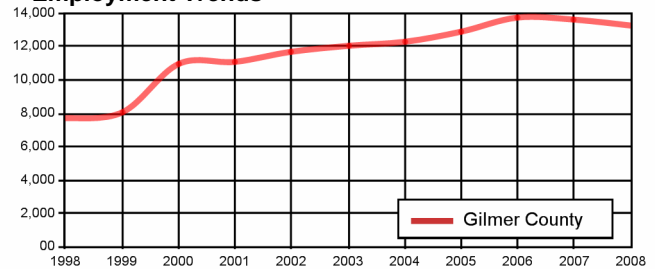
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Gilmer	14,122	13,299	823	5.8%
Dawson	11,222	10,561	661	5.9%
Fannin	10,970	10,284	686	6.3%
Gordon	26,775	24,796	1,979	7.4%
Lumpkin	13,399	12,467	932	7.0%
Murray	20,569	19,048	1,521	7.4%
Pickens	15,315	14,402	913	6.0%
Gilmer Area	112,372	104,857	7,515	6.7%
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%

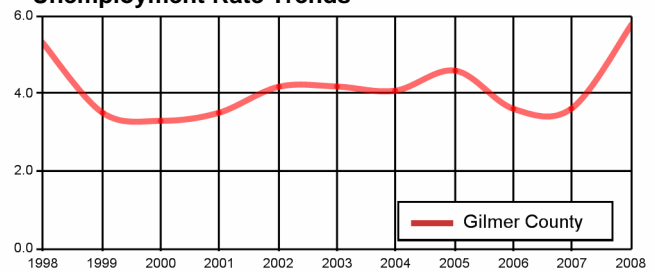
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

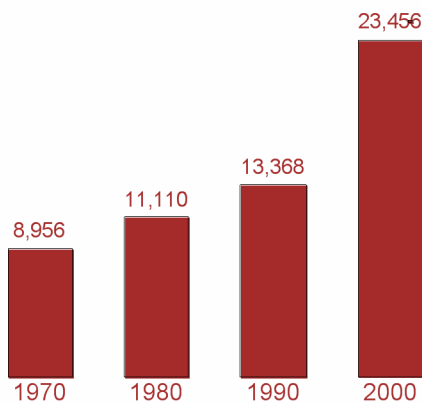
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Gilmer	23,456	61	28,537	21.7	36,569	55.9
City of Ellijay	1,584					
Gilmer Area	183,862		224,497	22.1	284,834	54.9
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

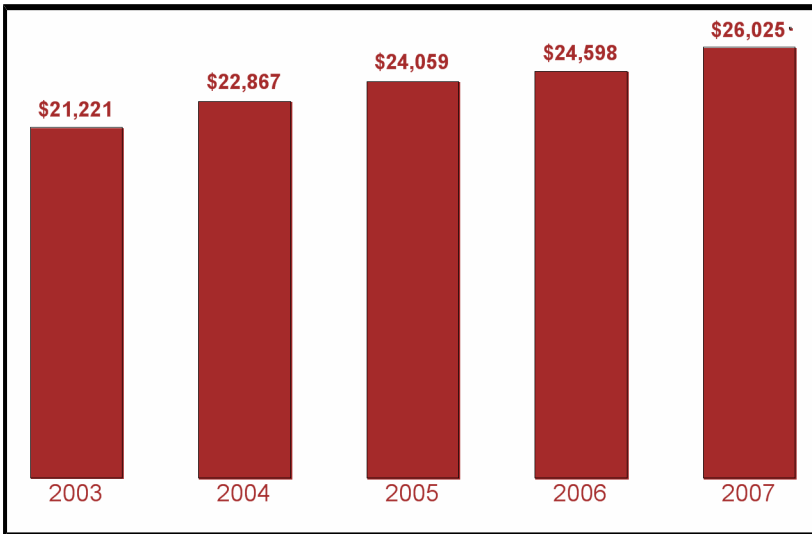
INDUSTRY	Gilmer				Gilmer Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	148	2,834	32.9	561	1,116	22,510	32.9	671
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	7	*	*	*	48	494	0.7	549
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	3	*	*	*	10	368	0.5	831
Construction	105	408	4.7	796	677	3,070	4.5	657
Manufacturing	33	2,212	25.7	515	381	18,577	27.2	674
Food	2	*	*	*	13	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	1	*	*	*	8	67	0.1	445
Textile Product Mills	2	*	*	*	88	9,219	13.5	688
Wood Product	8	139	1.6	493	31	380	0.6	470
Printing and Related Support Activities	2	*	*	*	28	603	0.9	469
Petroleum and Coal Products	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Chemical	2	*	*	*	19	420	0.6	995
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	18	1,087	1.6	882
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	1	*	*	*	24	283	0.4	800
Fabricated Metal Product	3	*	*	*	42	721	1.1	674
Machinery	2	*	*	*	20	508	0.7	945
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Furniture and Related Product	4	*	*	*	24	367	0.5	781
Miscellaneous	3	9	0.1	1,266	17	99	0.1	869
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	3	184	0.3	644
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	4	99	0.1	486
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	13	217	0.3	660
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	25	2,385	3.5	622
Service-Providing	433	4,253	49.4	502	3,350	33,799	49.4	506
Utilities	2	*	*	*	11	248	0.4	1,044
Wholesale Trade	22	94	1.1	635	236	2,193	3.2	709
Retail Trade	107	1,259	14.6	431	831	9,474	13.9	428
Transportation and Warehousing	10	33	0.4	743	116	1,429	2.1	607
Information	9	*	*	*	52	616	0.9	820
Finance and Insurance	22	451	5.2	881	217	1,846	2.7	846
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	31	69	0.8	421	216	515	0.8	505
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	51	172	2.0	669	358	1,154	1.7	713
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1	*	*	*	15	134	0.2	1,043
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	19	91	1.1	485	197	2,704	4.0	382
Educational Services	5	28	0.3	261	36	288	0.4	435
Health Care and Social Assistance	44	508	5.9	647	334	5,524	8.1	678
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	6	33	0.4	253	45	350	0.5	347
Accommodation and Food Services	60	1,011	11.7	238	411	5,955	8.7	233
Other Services (except Public Administration)	44	268	3.1	387	275	1,370	2.0	485
Unclassified - industry not assigned	21	13	0.2	421	164	56	0.1	670
Total - Private Sector	602	7,100	82.4	532	4,630	56,365	82.4	572
Total - Government	42	1,518	17.6	690	253	12,026	17.6	633
Federal Government	6	86	1.0	853	54	495	0.7	882
State Government	19	204	2.4	628	99	2,096	3.1	668
Local Government	17	1,228	14.2	589	100	9,435	13.8	612
ALL INDUSTRIES	644	8,618	100.0	540	4,883	68,393	100.0	583
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.

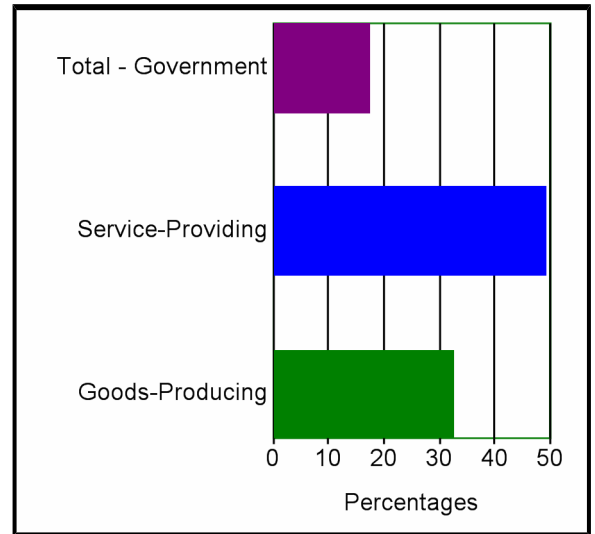
Gilmer Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Gilmer Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Gilmer

Appalachian Community Bank
Goldkist
Southern Health Corp of Ellijay
Wal-Mart
Whitepath Fab Tech 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

Gilmer Area

Employer	COUNTY
Agora Inc	Dawson
Goldkist	Gilmer
Mohawk Carpet Corp	Gordon
Shaw Industries Group Inc	Gordon
Shaw Industries Group Inc	Murray
Gordon Hospital	Gordon
Mannington Carpets	Gordon
North GA College & State University	Lumpkin
Mohawk Carpet Distribution Lp	Murray
Beaulieu Group Llc	Murray

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Gilmer

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Gilmer, GA	6,324	62.0
Pickens, GA	770	7.5
Cherokee, GA	527	5.2
Murray, GA	462	4.5
Whitfield, GA	362	3.5
Cobb, GA	354	3.5
Fulton, GA	276	2.7
Fannin, GA	255	2.5
Other	878	8.6
Total Residents:	10,208	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Gilmer

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Gilmer, GA	6,324	78.7
Fannin, GA	876	10.9
Pickens, GA	265	3.3
Polk, TN	111	1.4
Cherokee, GA	74	0.9
Union, GA	60	0.7
Gordon, GA	57	0.7
Cherokee, NC	45	0.6
Other	220	2.7
Total Residents:	8,032	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

Gilmer Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	32.5%	36.4%	26.5%	27.3%	29.1%	51.5%
High School Grad/GED	33.9%	31.5%	36.7%	37.1%	35.6%	24.1%
Some College	22.4%	29.0%	24.7%	23.7%	21.9%	13.3%
College Grad 4 Yr	7.1%	2.7%	9.1%	8.1%	7.2%	6.7%
Post Grad Studies	4.1%	0.4%	3.0%	3.8%	6.2%	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
Dawson	183	0	183
Fannin	204	0	204
Gilmer	228	0	228
Gordon	521	0	521
Lumpkin	183	0	183
Murray	379	0	379
Pickens	232	0	232
Gilmer Area	1,930	0	1,930



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

Gilmer Area

Dawson

Southern Catholic College	http://www.southerncatholic.org/
Dawson Campus (Satellite campus of Lanier Technical College)	www.laniertech.edu
Southern Catholic College	www.southerncatholic.org

Fannin

Epworth Campus (Satellite campus of Appalachian Technical College)	www.appalachiantech.edu
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Pickens

Appalachian Technical College	www.appalachiantech.edu
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Gilmer

Appalachian Technical College (Technical college servicing area)	www.appalachiantech.edu
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Gordon

Gordon County Campus (Satellite campus of Coosa Valley Technical College)	www.coosavalleytech.edu
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Lumpkin

North Georgia College & State University	www.ngcsu.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	47	33	95	-29.8	187.9
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	24	24	23	0.0	-4.2
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician	13	13	2	0.0	-84.6
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	24	23	14	-4.2	-39.1
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician	1	1	5	0.0	400.0
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician	4	5	4	25.0	-20.0
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	32	28	13	-12.5	-53.6
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General	23	27	13	17.4	-51.9
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	5	4	3	-20.0	-25.0
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General	6	4	2	-33.3	-50.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	57	2	39	-96.5	1850.0
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General	6	1	2	-83.3	100.0
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	22	26	14	18.2	-46.2
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	23	41	12	78.3	-70.7
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	7	39	2	457.1	-94.9
Medical Office Assistant/Specialist	20	11	2	-45.0	-81.8
Medical/Clinical Assistant	8	17	10	112.5	-41.2
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant	1	1	2	0.0	100.0
Operations Management and Supervision	1	2	8	100.0	300.0
Phlebotomy/Phlebotomist	23	17	17	-26.1	0.0

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 Appalachian Technical College

Occupational Profile for Residents of Gilmer County

	Gilmer		Gilmer Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	10,939	100.0	91,913	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	1,153	10.5	7,870	8.6
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	176	1.6	1,525	1.7
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	183	1.7	1,589	1.7
Other Professional Workers	646	5.9	6,274	6.8
Technicians	255	2.3	1,999	2.2
Sales Workers	1,091	10.0	9,125	9.9
Administrative Support Workers	1,230	11.2	13,647	14.9
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	980	9.0	6,933	7.5
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	707	6.5	6,425	7.0
Production Operative Workers	1,997	18.3	15,802	17.2
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	756	6.9	6,475	7.0
Laborers and Helpers	697	6.4	4,819	5.2
Protective Service Workers	140	1.3	1,373	1.5
Service Workers, except Protective	860	7.9	7,771	8.5
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	68	0.6	286	0.3

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.
Gilmer	1,213	67	70	46	03	21	45	7	65	889
Dawson	985	87	53	24	01	8	22	6	46	738
Fannin	1,061	60	90	69	09	12	37	48	64	672
Gordon	2,876	114	260	96	11	40	169	81	133	1,972
Lumpkin	1,251	92	64	44	03	9	43	12	59	925
Murray	2,210	78	203	60	04	54	192	51	91	1,477
Pickens	1,188	83	84	27	03	7	27	21	62	874
Total Area	10,784	581	824	366	34	151	535	226	520	7,547

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)

1048 Appalachian Hwy
Blue Ridge GA 30513

Phone: (706) 632 - 2033 **Fax:** (706) 632 - 7316

Rehabilitation Center(s)

1615 Hickory Street
Suite 106
Dalton, GA 30720-8518

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