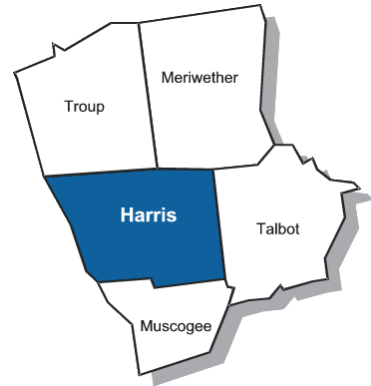




# Harris

# County



## Labor Force Activity - 2008

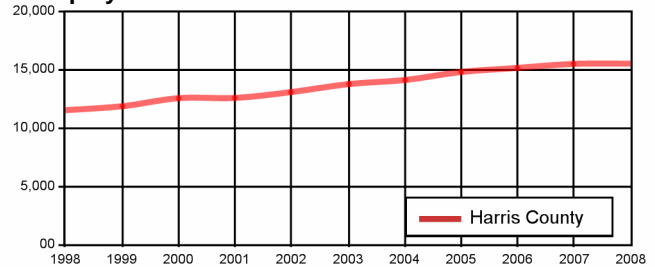
### 2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Harris	16,158	15,401	757	4.7%
Meriwether	9,720	8,901	819	8.4%
Muscogee	85,976	80,680	5,296	6.2%
Talbot	3,178	2,965	213	6.7%
Troup	30,459	27,965	2,494	8.2%
<b>Harris Area</b>	<b>145,491</b>	<b>135,912</b>	<b>9,579</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%
Chambers, AL	14,870	12,903	1,967	13.2%
Lee, AL	64,833	61,864	2,969	4.6%

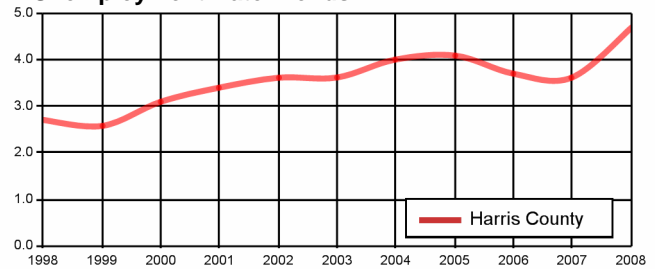
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

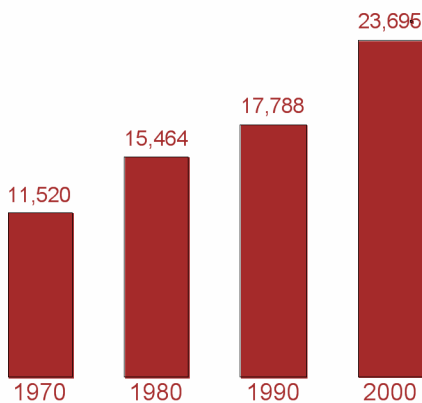
### Employment Trends



### Unemployment Rate Trends



### Population Estimates



### Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
<b>Harris</b>	<b>23,695</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>29,447</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>35,230</b>	<b>48.7</b>
City of Hamilton	307					
<b>Harris Area</b>	<b>449,472</b>		<b>477,352</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>505,580</b>	<b>12.5</b>
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
Chambers, AL	36,583		34,424	-5.9	36,404	-0.5
Lee, AL	115,092		133,010	15.6	154,474	34.2

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

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# Industry Mix - 2008

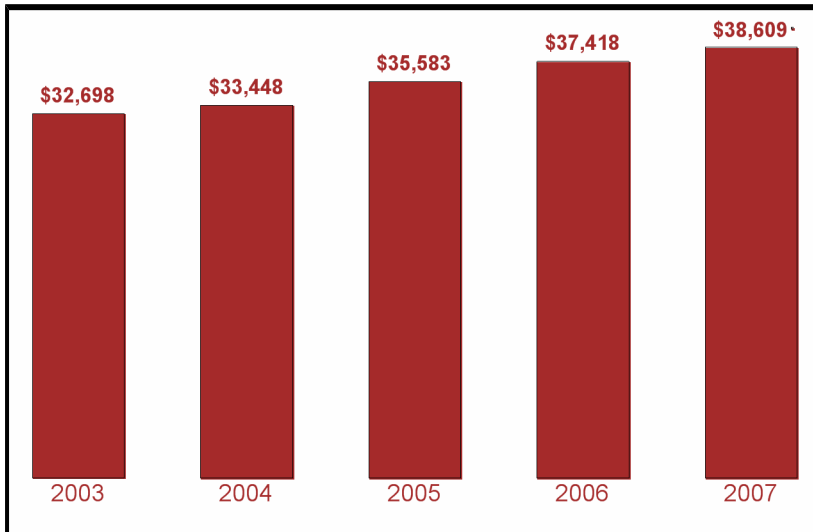
INDUSTRY	Harris				Harris Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>21,567</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>828</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	11	41	1.0	461	52	318	0.2	608
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	*	*	*	9	226	0.2	977
Construction	95	501	12.5	479	720	6,842	5.0	706
Manufacturing	19	151	3.8	694	309	14,183	10.4	890
Wood Product	2	*	*	*	18	505	0.4	637
Printing and Related Support Activities	3	7	0.2	513	36	336	0.2	783
Chemical	1	*	*	*	12	338	0.2	860
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	1	*	*	*	14	210	0.2	735
Fabricated Metal Product	5	75	1.9	742	47	665	0.5	706
Machinery	1	*	*	*	18	1,066	0.8	967
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	6	362	0.3	908
Furniture and Related Product	5	15	0.4	471	29	222	0.2	509
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	5	139	0.1	959
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	7	1,111	0.8	1,320
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	10	740	0.5	719
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	12	637	0.5	802
Food	0	0	0.0	0	15	1,184	0.9	830
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	16	2,238	1.6	940
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	19	2,461	1.8	971
Miscellaneous	0	0	0.0	0	20	192	0.1	568
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	20	1,741	1.3	808
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>5,792</b>	<b>88,475</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>644</b>
Utilities	2	*	*	*	13	369	0.3	1,286
Wholesale Trade	18	84	2.1	644	280	3,813	2.8	795
Retail Trade	51	257	6.4	291	1,209	16,370	12.1	460
Transportation and Warehousing	13	124	3.1	1,063	143	1,937	1.4	743
Information	3	*	*	*	115	7,202	5.3	956
Finance and Insurance	18	72	1.8	827	529	7,774	5.7	978
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	22	33	0.8	365	345	1,720	1.3	636
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	40	83	2.1	780	542	4,616	3.4	963
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	71	2,047	1.5	1,596
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	34	143	3.6	405	403	8,178	6.0	404
Educational Services	1	*	*	*	46	809	0.6	578
Health Care and Social Assistance	20	191	4.8	599	715	15,966	11.8	763
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	6	*	*	*	77	1,373	1.0	324
Accommodation and Food Services	38	824	20.6	335	607	13,250	9.8	259
Other Services (except Public Administration)	33	50	1.3	430	697	3,050	2.2	469
<b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>608</b>
<b>Total - Private Sector</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>2,808</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>7,024</b>	<b>110,102</b>	<b>81.1</b>	<b>680</b>
<b>Total - Government</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,185</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>25,674</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>685</b>
Federal Government	11	64	1.6	789	97	5,455	4.0	896
State Government	10	69	1.7	478	106	4,808	3.5	619
Local Government	18	1,052	26.3	568	190	15,411	11.4	631
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>3,993</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>7,417</b>	<b>135,774</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>681</b>
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia</b>					<b>276,063</b>	<b>4,029,673</b>		<b>819</b>

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.

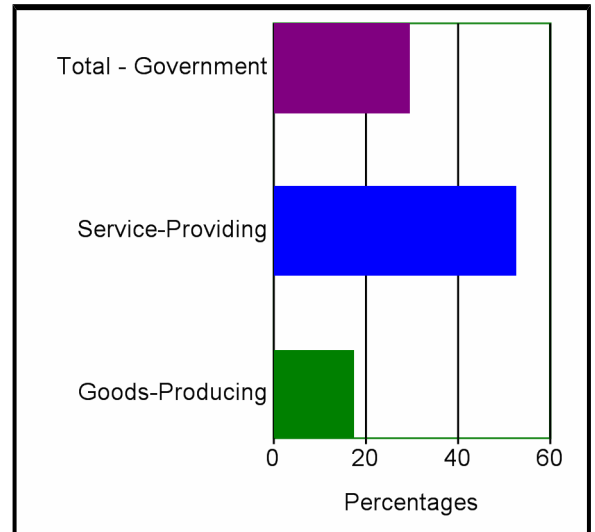
## Harris Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



## Harris Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



## Top Employers - 2008

### FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

#### Harris

Callaway Gardens Resort  
 Golden Age Oak View Home Llc  
 Ida Cason Callaway Foundation  
 Pine Mtn Builder Supply & Hardware  
 Sng Pipeline Services Co Llc

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

#### Harris Area

Employer	COUNTY
Big-B Bldg- Call Ctr	Muscogee
American Family Life Assurance Co	Muscogee
Hamilton House Nursing Ctr	Muscogee
St Francis Hospital Inc	Muscogee
The Wellpoint Companies Inc	Muscogee
Columbus State University	Muscogee
Wal-Mart	Troup
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Lagrange Troup County Hospital Auth	Troup
Interface Flooring Systems Inc	Troup

## Commuting Patterns

### EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

#### Harris

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Muscogee, GA	6,087	51.6
Harris, GA	2,867	24.3
Troup, GA	1,183	10.0
Meriwether, GA	416	3.5
Chattahoochee, GA	304	2.6
Russell, AL	214	1.8
Chambers, AL	156	1.3
Fulton, GA	103	0.9
Other	474	4.0
<b>Total Residents:</b>	<b>11,804</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### PERSONS WORKING IN

#### Harris

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Harris, GA	2,867	53.7
Muscogee, GA	1,123	21.1
Troup, GA	373	7.0
Meriwether, GA	267	5.0
Talbot, GA	162	3.0
Russell, AL	131	2.5
Lee, AL	89	1.7
Chambers, AL	77	1.4
Other	245	4.6
<b>Total Residents:</b>	<b>5,334</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

## Harris Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	24.2%	27.8%	14.7%	15.9%	22.7%	45.2%
High School Grad/GED	31.3%	37.5%	31.7%	32.5%	30.1%	25.8%
Some College	27.6%	29.7%	33.0%	31.8%	26.7%	15.8%
College Grad 4 Yr	10.7%	4.7%	15.3%	12.8%	10.9%	7.9%
Post Grad Studies	6.1%	0.3%	5.3%	7.0%	9.5%	5.3%
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
Harris	323	0	323
Meriwether	181	25	206
Muscogee	1,692	94	1,786
Talbot	30	0	30
Troup	586	54	640
<b>Harris Area</b>	<b>2,812</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>2,985</b>



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

### Harris Area

#### Muscogee

Beacon University	beacon.edu
Troy University	benning.troy.edu
Embry-Riddle - Columbus Center	http://fusion.erau.edu/ec/www/centerinfo.cfm?code=b8
Columbus State University	www.colstate.edu
Columbus Technical College	www.columbustech.edu
Georgia Military College-Ft Benning	www.gmc.cc.ga.us
University of Phoenix-Columbus Campus	www.phoenix.edu

#### Harris

Columbus Technical College (Technical college servicing area)	www.columbustech.edu
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#### Troup

LaGrange College	www.lagrangecollege.edu
West Georgia Technical College	www.westgatech.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	62	38	44	-38.7	15.8
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	45	50	34	11.1	-32.0
Appliance Installation and Repair Technology/Technician	4	5	14	25.0	180.0
Applied Horticulture/Horticulture Operations, General	4	1	8	-75.0	700.0
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician	28	23	15	-17.9	-34.8
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	51	29	22	-43.1	-24.1
Cabinetmaking and Millwork/Millwright	17	18	2	5.9	-88.9
Carpentry/Carpenter	22	11	15	-50.0	36.4
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician	11	1	9	-90.9	800.0
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	27	33	48	22.2	45.5
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	56	47	30	-16.1	-36.2
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	24	80	35	233.3	-56.3
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	36	21	35	-41.7	66.7
Dental Assisting/Assistant	11	13	25	18.2	92.3
Dental Hygiene/Hygienist	14	14	13	0.0	-7.1
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General	18	20	11	11.1	-45.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	39	31	20	-20.5	-35.5
Electrical/Electronic/Communications Engr Technology/Technician	5	6	4	20.0	-33.3
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services	70	49	13	-30.0	-73.5
Heating/AC/Ventilation/Refrig Maint Technology/Technician	28	19	28	-32.1	47.4
Hospitality Administration/Management, General	26	29	21	11.5	-27.6
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	19	42	42	121.1	0.0
Insurance	215	131	177	-39.1	35.1
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	28	34	59	21.4	73.5
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	2	6	9	200.0	50.0
Medical Office Assistant/Specialist	76	30	28	-60.5	-6.7
Medical Reception/Receptionist	22	22	18	0.0	-18.2
Medical/Clinical Assistant	22	15	17	-31.8	13.3
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant	25	31	36	24.0	16.1
Nursing/Registered Nurse (RN, ASN, BSN, MSN)	35	32	33	-8.6	3.1
Operations Management and Supervision	29	24	41	-17.2	70.8
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	19	16	11	-15.8	-31.3
Phlebotomy/Phlebotomist	40	23	13	-42.5	-43.5
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	15	17	12	13.3	-29.4
Surgical Technology/Technologist	47	27	31	-42.6	14.8
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design	18	17	25	-5.6	47.1

# Technical College Graduates - 2008

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Welding Technology/Welder	45	37	20	-17.8	-45.9

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 Columbus Technical College

# Occupational Profile for Residents of Harris County

	Harris		Harris Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	12,227	100.0	134,314	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	1,483	12.1	12,729	9.5
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	450	3.7	3,484	2.6
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	405	3.3	4,025	3.0
Other Professional Workers	1,219	10.0	13,138	9.8
Technicians	385	3.2	3,114	2.3
Sales Workers	1,311	10.7	14,058	10.5
Administrative Support Workers	1,910	15.6	21,293	15.9
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	543	4.4	6,211	4.6
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	870	7.1	6,993	5.2
Production Operative Workers	1,049	8.6	15,607	11.6
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	510	4.2	6,436	4.8
Laborers and Helpers	514	4.2	5,925	4.4
Protective Service Workers	325	2.7	2,776	2.1
Service Workers, except Protective	1,154	9.4	17,212	12.8
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	99	0.8	1,313	1.0

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.
Harris	967	83	85	45	06	18	41	20	49	620
Meriwether	1,282	46	102	96	08	38	89	60	88	755
Muscogee	8,844	542	1,134	916	43	150	488	350	436	4,785
Talbot	302	8	25	16	03	14	30	23	10	173
Troup	4,780	220	518	454	33	106	336	155	304	2,654
<b>Total Area</b>	<b>16,175</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>1,864</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>8,987</b>

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)**

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