



Houston

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

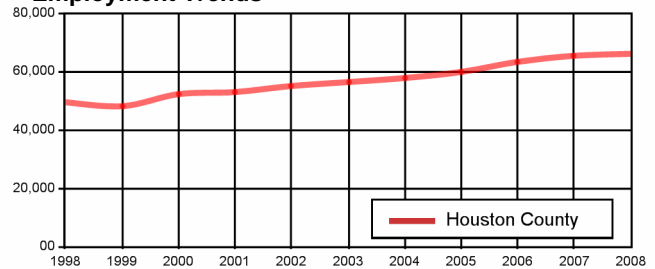
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Houston	69,321	65,733	3,588	5.2%
Bibb	75,376	70,502	4,874	6.5%
Bleckley	5,334	4,968	366	6.9%
Dooley	4,776	4,455	321	6.7%
Macon	5,128	4,694	434	8.5%
Peach	11,990	11,163	827	6.9%
Pulaski	4,629	4,386	243	5.2%
Twiggs	4,769	4,441	328	6.9%
Houston Area	181,323	170,342	10,981	6.1%
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%

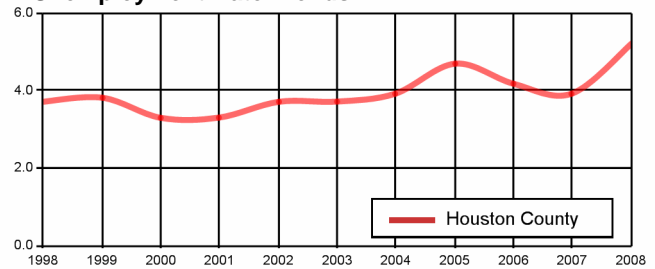
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

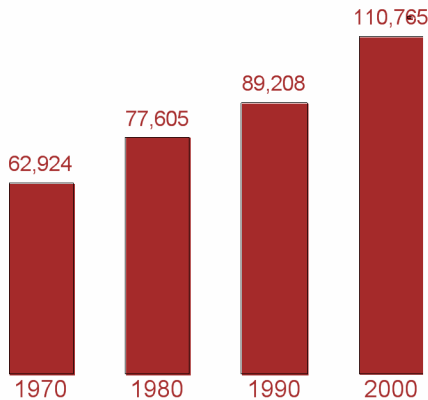
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Houston	110,765	14	133,161	20.2	160,698	45.1
City of Perry	9,602					
Houston Area	345,763		372,908	7.9	402,796	16.5
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

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

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Industry Mix - 2008

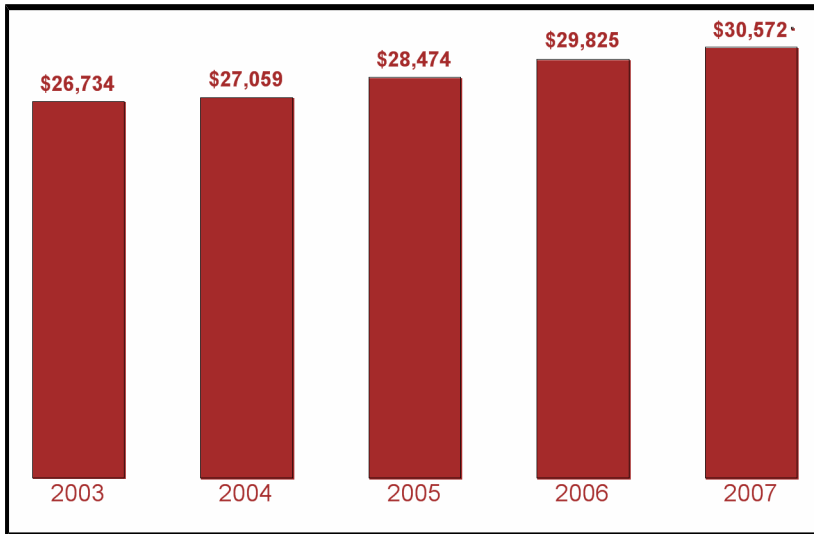
INDUSTRY	Houston				Houston Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	344	6,858	12.2	779	1,133	22,684	13.9	829
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	16	73	0.1	595	101	1,041	0.6	580
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	*	*	*	10	385	0.2	1,335
Construction	255	1,470	2.6	756	723	5,309	3.2	735
Manufacturing	72	5,309	9.4	787	299	15,950	9.7	865
Food	5	3,399	6.0	680	23	4,821	2.9	644
Textile Product Mills	1	*	*	*	8	54	0.0	422
Wood Product	3	*	*	*	22	586	0.4	695
Paper	1	*	*	*	10	1,695	1.0	1,197
Printing and Related Support Activities	8	75	0.1	1,006	32	420	0.3	719
Chemical	3	114	0.2	623	18	318	0.2	909
Plastics and Rubber Products	5	235	0.4	731	17	699	0.4	685
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	7	584	1.0	1,021	27	1,638	1.0	956
Fabricated Metal Product	9	64	0.1	652	36	688	0.4	773
Machinery	3	*	*	*	15	317	0.2	842
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	4	152	0.1	421
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	3	*	*	*	7	1,047	0.6	947
Transportation Equipment	7	253	0.4	1,921	16	2,127	1.3	1,284
Furniture and Related Product	5	43	0.1	580	27	160	0.1	533
Miscellaneous	11	47	0.1	467	29	918	0.6	789
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	3	154	0.1	472
Service-Providing	2,023	26,391	46.8	576	7,078	100,083	61.1	613
Utilities	8	207	0.4	1,037	17	527	0.3	1,228
Wholesale Trade	77	603	1.1	814	380	4,498	2.7	829
Retail Trade	446	6,208	11.0	445	1,545	19,469	11.9	438
Transportation and Warehousing	39	823	1.5	877	204	3,849	2.4	732
Information	26	297	0.5	655	120	2,103	1.3	886
Finance and Insurance	159	1,133	2.0	728	573	8,078	4.9	862
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	117	481	0.9	516	374	1,893	1.2	640
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	262	3,632	6.4	1,159	749	6,505	4.0	1,027
Management of Companies and Enterprises	16	155	0.3	948	53	1,895	1.2	919
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	118	2,123	3.8	415	431	9,042	5.5	391
Educational Services	26	372	0.7	805	76	2,708	1.7	766
Health Care and Social Assistance	259	3,708	6.6	655	922	20,983	12.8	775
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	29	453	0.8	234	81	906	0.6	297
Accommodation and Food Services	254	5,294	9.4	226	765	14,295	8.7	231
Other Services (except Public Administration)	187	901	1.6	535	788	3,336	2.0	526
Unclassified - industry not assigned	56	25	0.0	1,066	203	78	0.0	771
Total - Private Sector	2,423	33,274	59.0	678	8,414	122,845	75.1	653
Total - Government	148	23,120	41.0	835	508	40,836	24.9	858
Federal Government	26	14,291	25.3	1,199	109	*	*	*
State Government	43	949	1.7	596	149	6,105	3.7	609
Local Government	79	7,880	14.0	711	250	18,947	11.6	653
ALL INDUSTRIES	2,571	56,395	100.0	778	8,922	163,681	100.0	704
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.

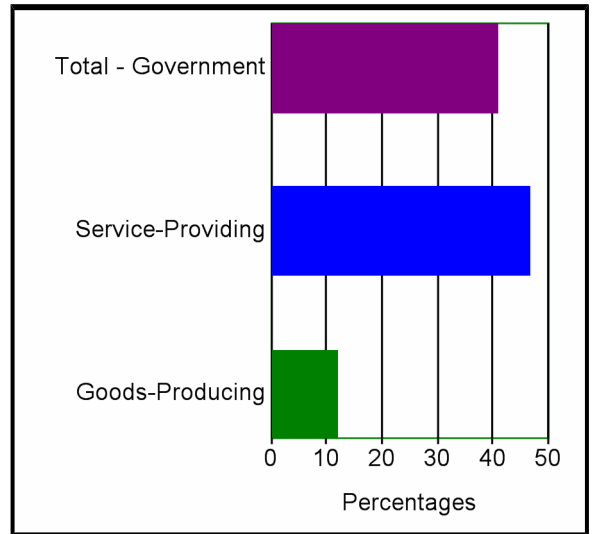
Houston Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Houston Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Houston

Frito Lay, Inc.
Houston County Hospital Authority
Perdue Farms Incorporated
Southeast Administrative Services
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

Houston Area

Employer	COUNTY
The Medical Ctr of Central GA Inc	Bibb
Government Employees Ins Co	Bibb
Wal-Mart	Bibb
Wal-Mart	Houston
Coliseum Medical Center Llc	Bibb
Mercer University	Bibb
Employ America Inc	Bibb
Perdue Farms Incorporated	Houston
Houston County Hospital Authority	Houston
Blue Bird Body Company	Peach

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Houston

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Houston, GA	39,954	75.3
Bibb, GA	8,570	16.2
Peach, GA	1,561	2.9
Dooly, GA	404	0.8
Macon, GA	277	0.5
Pulaski, GA	249	0.5
Fulton, GA	194	0.4
Washington, GA	170	0.3
Other	1,654	3.1
Total Residents:	53,033	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Houston

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Houston, GA	39,954	79.7
Bibb, GA	3,703	7.4
Peach, GA	1,947	3.9
Crawford, GA	642	1.3
Bleckley, GA	596	1.2
Pulaski, GA	534	1.1
Jones, GA	357	0.7
Macon, GA	320	0.6
Other	2,095	4.2
Total Residents:	50,148	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

Houston Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	23.4%	29.7%	15.2%	14.9%	22.0%	42.3%
High School Grad/GED	32.6%	30.6%	31.3%	35.5%	33.7%	29.6%
Some College	27.3%	34.7%	33.1%	29.6%	24.4%	15.8%
College Grad 4 Yr	10.7%	4.4%	15.2%	12.8%	10.8%	7.4%
Post Grad Studies	6.1%	0.5%	5.2%	7.2%	9.1%	4.9%
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
Bibb	958	449	1,407
Bleckley	146	0	146
Dooly	57	27	84
Houston	1,502	50	1,552
Macon	69	0	69
Peach	233	0	233
Pulaski	97	0	97
Twiggs	46	12	58
Houston Area	3,108	538	3,646



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

Houston Area

Houston

Embry-Riddle - Robins Campus	http://fusion.erau.edu/ec/www/centerinfo.cfm?code=b9
Georgia Military College-Warner Robins Campus	www.gmc.cc.ga.us/warner_robins/
Middle Georgia Technical College	www.middlegatech.edu
Middle Georgia Technical College (Technical college servicing area)	www.middlegatech.edu

Bibb

Central Georgia Technical College	www.centralgatech.edu
Macon State College	www.maconstate.edu
Mercer University	www.mercer.edu
Wesleyan College	www.wesleyancollege.edu

Twiggs

Twiggs County Center (Satellite campus of Central Georgia Technical College)	www.centralgatech.edu
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Peach

Fort Valley State University	www.fvsu.edu
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Bleckley

Middle Georgia College	www.mgc.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	50	34	34	-32.0	0.0
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	32	27	36	-15.6	33.3
Aircraft Powerplant Technology/Technician	25	17	24	-32.0	41.2
Airframe Mechanics and Aircraft Maintenance Technology/Technician	28	43	61	53.6	41.9
Allied Health Diagnostic/Intervention/Treatment Professions, Oth	1	1	3	0.0	200.0
Architectural Drafting and Architectural CAD/CADD	1	1	7	0.0	600.0
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	47	48	55	2.1	14.6
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician	10	11	3	10.0	-72.7
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician	21	28	27	33.3	-3.6
Computer Programming, Specific Applications	4	5	3	25.0	-40.0
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	17	8	21	-52.9	162.5
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	27	19	35	-29.6	84.2
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	535	635	1,071	18.7	68.7
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	29	22	17	-24.1	-22.7
Dental Assisting/Assistant	9	12	9	33.3	-25.0
Dental Hygiene/Hygienist	11	14	10	27.3	-28.6
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General	15	11	7	-26.7	-36.4
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	31	15	42	-51.6	180.0

Technical College Graduates - 2008

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General	55	27	49	-50.9	81.5
Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurial Studies	3	2	1	-33.3	-50.0
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant	5	26	8	420.0	-69.2
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services	5	6	12	20.0	100.0
Heating/AC/Ventilation/Refrig Maint Technology/Technician	70	46	48	-34.3	4.3
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	38	13	18	-65.8	38.5
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	27	40	28	48.1	-30.0
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	9	9	7	0.0	-22.2
Mechanical Drafting and Mechanical Drafting CAD/CADD	3	3	4	0.0	33.3
Medical Insurance Specialist/Medical Biller	33	32	32	-3.0	0.0
Medical Office Assistant/Specialist	36	30	24	-16.7	-20.0
Nuclear Medical Technology/Technologist	8	9	7	12.5	-22.2
Plumbing Technology/Plumber	28	19	40	-32.1	110.5
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	12	13	13	8.3	0.0
Sales, Distribution, and Marketing Operations, General	10	9	11	-10.0	22.2
Small Business Administration/Management	2	6	2	200.0	-66.7
Surgical Technology/Technologist	15	5	8	-66.7	60.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operation	111	119	105	7.2	-11.8
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design	12	10	6	-16.7	-40.0
Welding Technology/Welder	52	34	11	-34.6	-67.6

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 Middle Georgia Technical College

Occupational Profile for Residents of Houston County

	Houston		Houston Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,124	100.0	155,740	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	5,467	10.7	14,748	9.5
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	2,548	5.0	5,019	3.2
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	1,312	2.6	4,695	3.0
Other Professional Workers	4,779	9.4	15,161	9.7
Technicians	1,441	2.8	4,061	2.6
Sales Workers	5,455	10.7	18,235	11.7
Administrative Support Workers	8,476	16.6	24,345	15.6
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	2,438	4.8	7,452	4.8
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	4,538	8.9	10,181	6.5
Production Operative Workers	3,229	6.3	12,627	8.1
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	1,764	3.5	6,659	4.3
Laborers and Helpers	1,919	3.8	7,007	4.5
Protective Service Workers	1,213	2.4	3,815	2.5
Service Workers, except Protective	6,293	12.3	19,924	12.8
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	252	0.5	1,811	1.2

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.
Houston	5,773	381	665	506	32	98	134	99	343	3,515
Bibb	9,179	575	1,225	1,295	78	126	248	141	634	4,857
Bleckley	468	22	48	55	02	6	13	33	44	245
Dooly	600	20	63	78	09	51	21	16	46	296
Macon	732	22	85	65	38	59	16	35	56	356
Peach	1,326	77	135	133	26	30	41	50	82	752
Pulaski	334	18	35	35	04	18	11	12	23	178
Twiggs	489	13	42	47	07	8	20	17	44	291
Total Area	18,901	1,128	2,298	2,214	196	396	504	403	1,272	10,490

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)

96 Cohen Walker Drive
Warner Robins GA 31088
Phone: (478) 988 - 7130

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Rehabilitation Center(s)

1021 Commerce Street
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Perry, GA 31069-1248
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