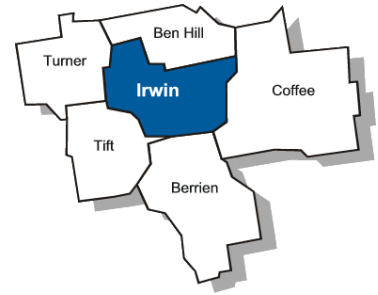




AREA LABOR PROFILE

Irwin

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

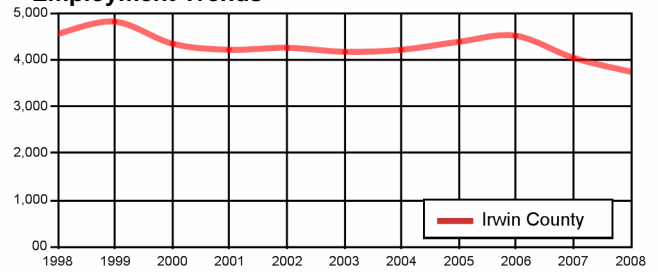
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Irwin	4,143	3,727	416	10.0%
Ben Hill	7,595	6,765	830	10.9%
Berrien	8,732	8,129	603	6.9%
Coffee	16,779	15,406	1,373	8.2%
Tift	18,936	17,607	1,329	7.0%
Turner	4,810	4,418	392	8.1%
Irwin Area	60,995	56,052	4,943	8.1%
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%

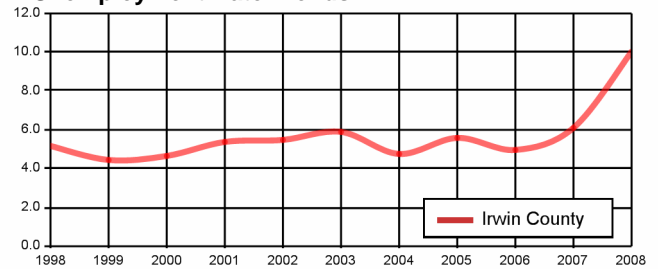
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

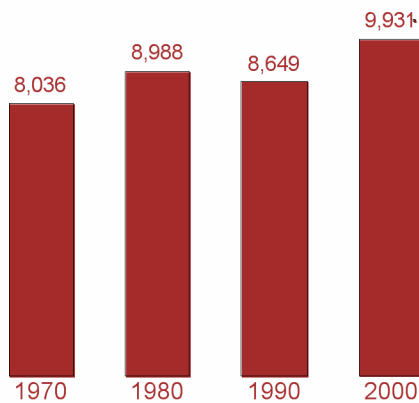
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Irwin	9,931	128	10,231	3.0	10,686	7.6
City of Ocilla	3,270					
Irwin Area	128,974		137,113	6.3	144,210	11.8
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

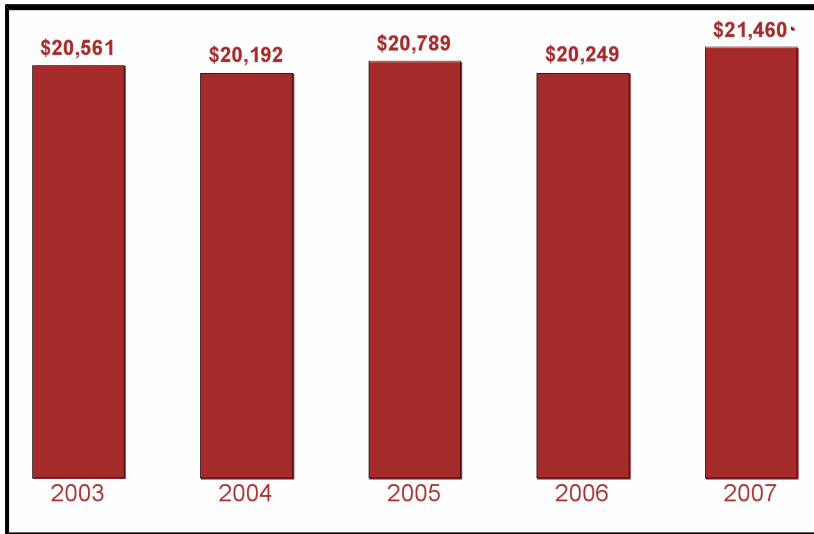
INDUSTRY	Irwin				Irwin Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	32	543	24.2	451	586	12,505	24.4	577
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	9	*	*	*	122	1,578	3.1	405
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Construction	15	76	3.4	641	279	1,705	3.3	603
Manufacturing	8	274	12.2	543	183	9,215	18.0	601
Food	1	*	*	*	17	1,426	2.8	520
Wood Product	1	*	*	*	21	1,105	2.2	537
Printing and Related Support Activities	1	*	*	*	9	49	0.1	570
Chemical	1	*	*	*	12	400	0.8	719
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	1	*	*	*	12	204	0.4	497
Machinery	2	*	*	*	16	850	1.7	752
Transportation Equipment	1	*	*	*	21	2,164	4.2	663
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	5	53	0.1	344
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	5	447	0.9	669
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	8	1,530	3.0	525
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	9	146	0.3	642
Miscellaneous	0	0	0.0	0	10	36	0.1	515
Furniture and Related Product	0	0	0.0	0	10	91	0.2	432
Fabricated Metal Product	0	0	0.0	0	21	446	0.9	595
Service-Providing	104	828	36.9	508	2,422	26,265	51.3	526
Utilities	1	*	*	*	10	181	0.4	1,056
Wholesale Trade	10	50	2.2	410	194	2,425	4.7	650
Retail Trade	30	155	6.9	431	663	6,437	12.6	451
Transportation and Warehousing	5	75	3.3	394	106	2,775	5.4	654
Information	4	12	0.5	683	43	417	0.8	716
Finance and Insurance	8	40	1.8	802	214	1,318	2.6	726
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	3	*	*	*	116	479	0.9	435
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	7	32	1.4	518	181	1,101	2.2	772
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	18	243	0.5	914
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	5	15	0.7	697	105	1,370	2.7	460
Educational Services	1	*	*	*	15	124	0.2	485
Health Care and Social Assistance	13	307	13.7	503	274	4,285	8.4	649
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1	*	*	*	23	162	0.3	212
Accommodation and Food Services	4	49	2.2	182	238	4,188	8.2	223
Other Services (except Public Administration)	12	17	0.8	560	222	762	1.5	477
Unclassified - industry not assigned	3	*	*	*	60	27	0.1	380
Total - Private Sector	139	1,372	61.2	480	3,068	38,797	75.8	542
Total - Government	25	870	38.8	626	240	12,362	24.2	605
Federal Government	8	24	1.1	788	58	464	0.9	922
State Government	5	21	0.9	576	100	2,908	5.7	579
Local Government	12	825	36.8	514	82	8,990	17.6	597
ALL INDUSTRIES	164	2,241	100.0	500	3,308	51,157	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.

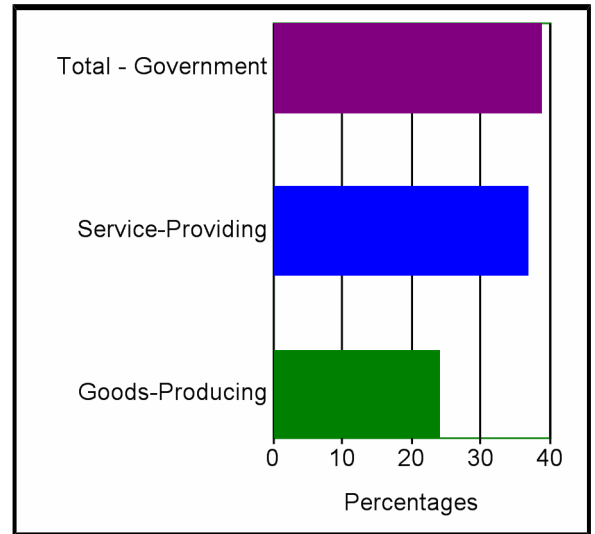
Irwin Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Irwin Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Irwin

Gary H Paulk Farm
 J W Paulk Jr Farm
 Jacob W Paulk Farms Inc
 Osceola Nursing Home
 Palemon Gaskins Nursing Home

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

Irwin Area

Employer	COUNTY
Chaparral Boats Inc	Berrien
Wal-Mart	Coffee
Wal-Mart	Tift
Pilgrims Pride Corp	Coffee
Coffee Regional Medical Center Inc	Coffee
PCC Airfoils Inc	Coffee
Tift Regional Medical Center	Tift
Target	Tift
Shaw Industries Inc	Tift
Heatcraft Inc	Tift

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Irwin

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Irwin, GA	1,744	43.4
Ben Hill, GA	1,079	26.8
Tift, GA	750	18.7
Coffee, GA	202	5.0
Berrien, GA	41	1.0
Dougherty, GA	26	0.6
Turner, GA	24	0.6
Seminole, GA	20	0.5
Other	135	3.4
Total Residents:	4,021	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Irwin

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Irwin, GA	1,744	58.5
Ben Hill, GA	584	19.6
Tift, GA	229	7.7
Coffee, GA	133	4.5
Berrien, GA	73	2.4
Turner, GA	68	2.3
Atkinson, GA	28	0.9
Wilcox, GA	27	0.9
Other	96	3.2
Total Residents:	2,982	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

Irwin Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	33.9%	36.2%	26.6%	27.6%	31.1%	53.8%
High School Grad/GED	33.8%	33.6%	36.4%	36.9%	35.0%	24.7%
Some College	22.1%	28.0%	25.5%	23.2%	21.4%	12.5%
College Grad 4 Yr	6.3%	2.0%	7.9%	7.2%	7.4%	5.2%
Post Grad Studies	3.9%	0.3%	3.5%	5.1%	5.1%	3.7%
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
Ben Hill	172	0	172
Berrien	191	0	191
Coffee	324	15	339
Irwin	94	0	94
Tift	434	26	460
Turner	90	0	90
Irwin Area	1,305	41	1,346

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

Irwin Area

Tift

Troy University-Tifton Site	tifton.troy.edu/
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	www.abac.edu
Tifton Campus (Satellite campus of Moultrie Technical College)	www.moultritech.edu

Ben Hill

East Central Technical College	www.eastcentraltech.edu
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Irwin

East Central Technical College (Technical college servicing area)	www.eastcentraltech.edu
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Coffee

Coffee County Campus (Satellite campus of East Central Technical College)	www.ectcollege.org
South Georgia College	www.sgc.edu

Turner

Turner County Campus (Satellite campus of Moultrie Technical College)	www.moultritech.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	10	3	3	-70.0	0.0
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	46	46	69	0.0	50.0
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	6	6	2	0.0	-66.7
Communications Systems Installation and Repair Technology	20	23	61	15.0	165.2
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	23	9	15	-60.9	66.7
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	14	14	11	0.0	-21.4
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	25	23	32	-8.0	39.1
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General	60	44	29	-26.7	-34.1
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	3	8	8	166.7	0.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	7	16	18	128.6	12.5
Electrician	10	11	36	10.0	227.3
Heating/AC/Ventilation/Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician	8	14	15	75.0	7.1
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	10	16	14	60.0	-12.5
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	79	40	75	-49.4	87.5
Medical/Clinical Assistant	14	9	7	-35.7	-22.2
Nail Technician/Specialist and Manicurist	9	6	6	-33.3	0.0
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant	45	26	63	-42.2	142.3
Phlebotomy/Phlebotomist	27	30	26	11.1	-13.3
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design	2	2	2	0.0	0.0
Welding Technology/Welder	3	2	21	-33.3	950.0

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 East Central Technical College

Occupational Profile for Residents of Irwin County

	Irwin		Irwin Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	4,364	100.0	59,155	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	388	8.9	4,734	8.0
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	50	1.2	692	1.2
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	114	2.6	1,430	2.4
Other Professional Workers	304	7.0	4,408	7.5
Technicians	95	2.2	1,491	2.5
Sales Workers	379	8.7	6,377	10.8
Administrative Support Workers	710	16.3	8,126	13.7
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	159	3.6	2,802	4.7
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	353	8.1	3,770	6.4
Production Operative Workers	597	13.7	8,982	15.2
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	269	6.2	3,767	6.4
Laborers and Helpers	344	7.9	4,814	8.1
Protective Service Workers	125	2.9	1,311	2.2
Service Workers, except Protective	439	10.1	5,908	10.0
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	38	0.9	543	0.9

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.
Irwin	569	21	65	36	07	22	26	15	74	303
Ben Hill	1,260	36	109	71	09	45	69	34	121	766
Berrien	1,084	38	88	59	12	13	48	29	84	713
Coffee	3,153	93	311	295	81	262	138	93	260	1,620
Tift	2,224	106	244	267	58	37	83	47	123	1,259
Turner	716	19	45	55	13	22	21	31	44	466
Total Area	9,006	313	862	783	180	401	385	249	706	5,127

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)

310 South Tift Avenue
Tifton GA 31794

Phone: (229) 386 - 3322

Fax: (229) 386 - 7188

Rehabilitation Center(s)

820-C Love Avenue

P. O. Box 1629

Tifton, GA 31793-1629

Phone: (229) 386 - 3522

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