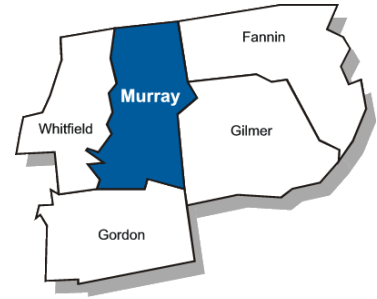




AREA LABOR PROFILE

Murray

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

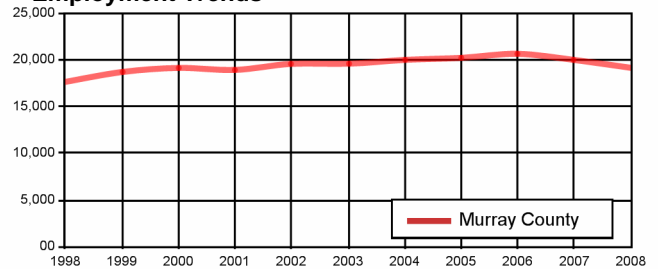
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

| | Labor Force | Employed | Unemployed | Rate |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Murray | 20,569 | 19,048 | 1,521 | 7.4% |
| Fannin | 10,970 | 10,284 | 686 | 6.3% |
| Gilmer | 14,122 | 13,299 | 823 | 5.8% |
| Gordon | 26,775 | 24,796 | 1,979 | 7.4% |
| Whitfield | 46,049 | 42,519 | 3,530 | 7.7% |
| Murray Area | 118,485 | 109,946 | 8,539 | 7.2% |
| Georgia | 4,847,650 | 4,545,675 | 301,975 | 6.2% |
| United States | 154,287,000 | 145,362,000 | 8,924,000 | 5.8% |
| Bradley, TN | 47,250 | 44,300 | 2,950 | 6.2% |
| Polk, TN | 7,070 | 6,520 | 560 | 7.9% |

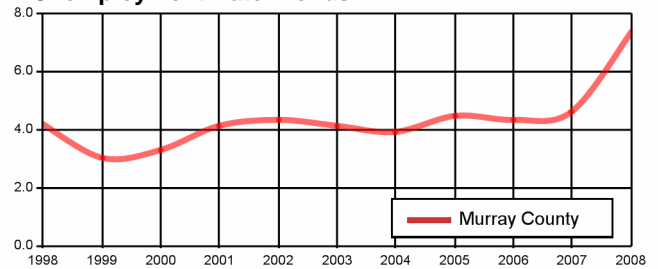
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

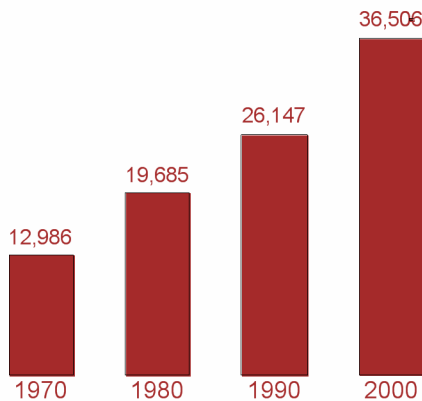
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

| | 2000 Census | 2008 Rank | 2008 Estimate | % Change 2000-2008 | 2015 Projected* | % Change 2000-2015 |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Murray | 36,506 | 50 | 40,304 | 10.4 | 51,822 | 42.0 |
| City of Chatsworth | 3,531 | | | | | |
| Murray Area | 311,404 | | 350,237 | 12.5 | 395,028 | 26.9 |
| 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 |
| Bradley, TN | 87,965 | | 96,472 | 9.7 | 94,769 | 7.7 |
| Polk, TN | 16,050 | | 15,671 | -2.4 | 16,478 | 2.7 |

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

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Industry Mix - 2008

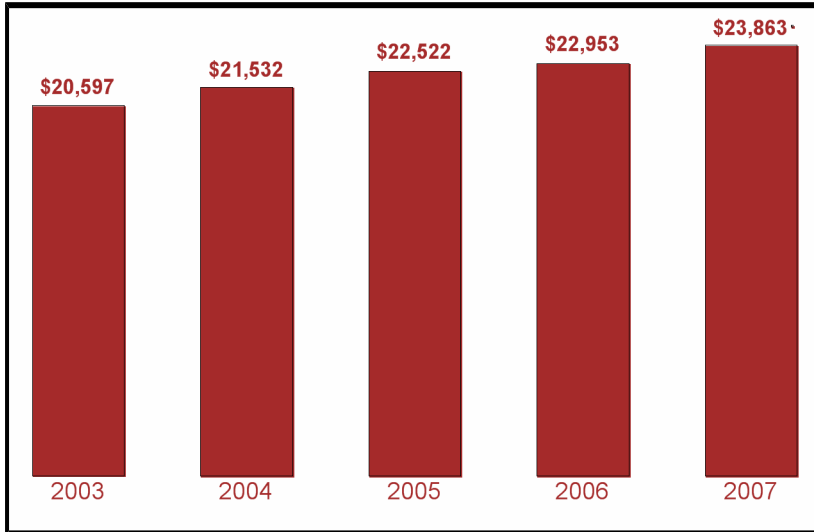
| INDUSTRY | Murray | | | | Murray Area | | | |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| | NUMBER OF FIRMS | EMPLOYMENT NUMBER | PERCENT | WEEKLY WAGE | NUMBER OF FIRMS | EMPLOYMENT NUMBER | PERCENT | WEEKLY WAGE |
| Goods-Producing | 130 | 5,808 | 51.1 | 638 | 1,193 | 40,926 | 38.9 | 680 |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting | 6 | 24 | 0.2 | 557 | 43 | 508 | 0.5 | 619 |
| Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction | 1 | * | * | * | 8 | 236 | 0.2 | 851 |
| Construction | 38 | 174 | 1.5 | 542 | 540 | 2,670 | 2.5 | 650 |
| Manufacturing | 85 | 5,529 | 48.7 | 639 | 602 | 37,511 | 35.6 | 681 |
| Beverage and Tobacco Product | 1 | * | * | * | 8 | 53 | 0.1 | 634 |
| Textile Mills | 6 | 843 | 7.4 | 598 | 64 | 4,517 | 4.3 | 651 |
| Textile Product Mills | 43 | 4,123 | 36.3 | 657 | 203 | 23,239 | 22.1 | 688 |
| Wood Product | 3 | * | * | * | 24 | 279 | 0.3 | 470 |
| Paper | 1 | * | * | * | 12 | 341 | 0.3 | 659 |
| Printing and Related Support Activities | 10 | 257 | 2.3 | 430 | 57 | 1,714 | 1.6 | 527 |
| Chemical | 2 | * | * | * | 41 | 1,546 | 1.5 | 973 |
| Nonmetallic Mineral Product | 1 | * | * | * | 17 | 242 | 0.2 | 743 |
| Fabricated Metal Product | 4 | * | * | * | 37 | 323 | 0.3 | 658 |
| Machinery | 8 | 132 | 1.2 | 800 | 38 | 789 | 0.7 | 818 |
| Computer and Electronic Product | 1 | * | * | * | 2 | * | * | * |
| Furniture and Related Product | 4 | * | * | * | 26 | 381 | 0.4 | 536 |
| Miscellaneous | 1 | * | * | * | 16 | 125 | 0.1 | 753 |
| Leather and Allied Product | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | * | * | * |
| Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | * | * | * |
| Apparel | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | * | * | * |
| Petroleum and Coal Products | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | * | * | * |
| Transportation Equipment | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 5 | * | * | * |
| Food | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 14 | 2,017 | 1.9 | 516 |
| Plastics and Rubber Products | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 32 | 1,086 | 1.0 | 903 |
| Service-Providing | 326 | 3,738 | 32.9 | 515 | 3,874 | 51,350 | 48.8 | 598 |
| Utilities | 1 | * | * | * | 7 | 233 | 0.2 | 1,244 |
| Wholesale Trade | 33 | 616 | 5.4 | 665 | 416 | 5,269 | 5.0 | 757 |
| Retail Trade | 93 | 841 | 7.4 | 507 | 984 | 11,974 | 11.4 | 458 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 9 | * | * | * | 154 | 3,922 | 3.7 | 668 |
| Information | 1 | * | * | * | 52 | 984 | 0.9 | 774 |
| Finance and Insurance | 25 | 187 | 1.6 | 693 | 254 | 1,979 | 1.9 | 834 |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 15 | 39 | 0.3 | 420 | 206 | 706 | 0.7 | 502 |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 25 | 112 | 1.0 | 624 | 388 | 5,283 | 5.0 | 939 |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises | 6 | * | * | * | 21 | 157 | 0.1 | 1,693 |
| Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services | 16 | 228 | 2.0 | 310 | 212 | 4,792 | 4.6 | 406 |
| Educational Services | 2 | * | * | * | 28 | 265 | 0.3 | 377 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 32 | 470 | 4.1 | 672 | 378 | 7,338 | 7.0 | 786 |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 3 | * | * | * | 43 | 430 | 0.4 | 356 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 40 | 584 | 5.1 | 211 | 421 | 6,458 | 6.1 | 241 |
| Other Services (except Public Administration) | 25 | 86 | 0.8 | 483 | 310 | 1,560 | 1.5 | 532 |
| Unclassified - industry not assigned | 11 | * | * | * | 144 | 46 | 0.0 | 662 |
| Total - Private Sector | 467 | 9,548 | 84.1 | 577 | 5,211 | 92,322 | 87.7 | 634 |
| Total - Government | 41 | 1,812 | 16.0 | 705 | 260 | 12,917 | 12.3 | 672 |
| Federal Government | 11 | 99 | 0.9 | 1,010 | 52 | 522 | 0.5 | 922 |
| State Government | 11 | 68 | 0.6 | 507 | 95 | 1,899 | 1.8 | 633 |
| Local Government | 19 | 1,645 | 14.5 | 597 | 113 | 10,496 | 10.0 | 666 |
| ALL INDUSTRIES | 508 | 11,359 | 100.0 | 594 | 5,471 | 105,240 | 100.0 | 639 |
| 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.

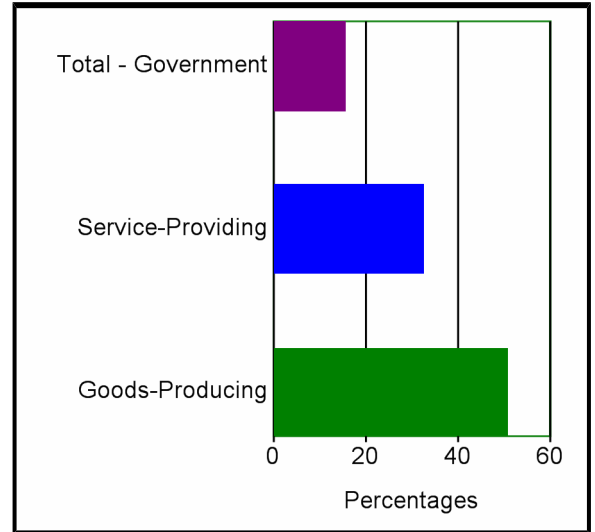
Murray Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Murray Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Murray

Beaulieu Group Llc
Global Employment Solutions
Marquis Industries Inc
Mohawk Carpet Distribution Lp
Shaw Industries Group 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

Murray Area

| Employer | COUNTY |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Goldkist | Gilmer |
| Mohawk Carpet Distribution Lp | Murray |
| Shaw Industries Group Inc | Whitfield |
| Shaw Industries Group Inc | Gordon |
| Shaw Industries Group Inc | Murray |
| Mohawk Carpet Corp | Whitfield |
| Mohawk Carpet Corp | Gordon |
| Beaulieu Group Llc | Whitfield |
| Oreilly Automotive Inc | Whitfield |
| Hamilton Medical Center Inc | Whitfield |

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Murray

| COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED | NUMBER | PERCENT OF TOTAL |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Murray, GA | 7,936 | 45.5 |
| Whitfield, GA | 7,927 | 45.5 |
| Gordon, GA | 602 | 3.5 |
| Hamilton, TN | 349 | 2.0 |
| Bradley, TN | 96 | 0.6 |
| Catoosa, GA | 94 | 0.5 |
| Floyd, GA | 62 | 0.4 |
| Walker, GA | 61 | 0.3 |
| Other | 314 | 1.8 |
| Total Residents: | 17,441 | 100.0 |

PERSONS WORKING IN

Murray

| COUNTY OF RESIDENCE | NUMBER | PERCENT OF TOTAL |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Murray, GA | 7,936 | 58.4 |
| Whitfield, GA | 1,955 | 14.4 |
| Gordon, GA | 499 | 3.7 |
| Catoosa, GA | 478 | 3.5 |
| Gilmer, GA | 462 | 3.4 |
| Polk, TN | 388 | 2.9 |
| Bradley, TN | 373 | 2.7 |
| Hamilton, TN | 345 | 2.5 |
| Other | 1,153 | 8.5 |
| Total Residents: | 13,589 | 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

Murray Area

| | PERCENT OF TOTAL | PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-64 | 65+ |
| Some High School | 36.7% | 45.0% | 33.8% | 29.6% | 31.2% | 55.0% |
| High School Grad/GED | 32.7% | 32.3% | 33.1% | 34.9% | 34.5% | 25.7% |
| Some College | 20.5% | 20.1% | 22.6% | 23.6% | 21.7% | 11.3% |
| College Grad 4 Yr | 6.4% | 2.3% | 7.9% | 8.0% | 6.6% | 5.0% |
| Post Grad Studies | 3.7% | 0.4% | 2.7% | 3.9% | 5.9% | 3.1% |
| 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 |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Fannin | 204 | 0 | 204 |
| Gilmer | 228 | 0 | 228 |
| Gordon | 521 | 0 | 521 |
| Murray | 379 | 0 | 379 |
| Whitfield | 877 | 20 | 897 |
| Murray Area | 2,209 | 20 | 2,229 |



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

Murray Area

Fannin

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

Gordon

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

Whitfield

Dalton State College www.daltonstate.edu

Dalton State College (Technical Division) www.daltonstate.edu

Murray

Dalton State College (Technical college servicing area) www.daltonstate.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 |
| Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician | 14 | 5 | 6 | -64.3 | 20.0 |
| Business Administration and Management, General | 13 | 30 | 36 | 130.8 | 20.0 |
| Business Administration, Management and Operations, Other | 8 | 12 | 9 | 50.0 | -25.0 |
| Business Operations Support and Secretarial Services, Other | 16 | 11 | 8 | -31.3 | -27.3 |
| Business, Management, Marketing & Related Support Services, Other | 29 | 30 | 20 | 3.4 | -33.3 |
| Business/Office Automation/Technology/Data Entry | 5 | 2 | 3 | -60.0 | 50.0 |
| Child Care and Support Services Management | 3 | 6 | 3 | 100.0 | -50.0 |
| Computer Engineering Technology/Technician | 4 | 1 | 4 | -75.0 | 300.0 |
| Criminal Justice/Safety Studies | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General | 2 | 1 | 6 | -50.0 | 500.0 |
| Early Childhood Education and Teaching | 54 | 56 | 59 | 3.7 | 5.4 |
| Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General | 5 | 10 | 10 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences, Other | 16 | 21 | 19 | 31.3 | -9.5 |
| Industrial Technology/Technician | 20 | 19 | 28 | -5.0 | 47.4 |
| Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies | 175 | 148 | 272 | -15.4 | 83.8 |
| Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training | 38 | 22 | 35 | -42.1 | 59.1 |
| Management Information Systems, General | 8 | 8 | 8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Marketing/Marketing Management, General | 9 | 14 | 14 | 55.6 | 0.0 |
| Medical Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiation Therapist | 1 | 3 | 1 | 200.0 | -66.7 |
| Medical/Clinical Assistant | 18 | 31 | 20 | 72.2 | -35.5 |
| Nursing/Registered Nurse (RN, ASN, BSN, MSN) | 49 | 56 | 77 | 14.3 | 37.5 |
| Operations Management and Supervision | 2 | 5 | 2 | 150.0 | -60.0 |
| Precision Production, Other | 3 | 1 | 1 | -66.7 | 0.0 |
| Small Business Administration/Management | 13 | 11 | 12 | -15.4 | 9.1 |
| Social Work | 9 | 8 | 13 | -11.1 | 62.5 |
| Welding Technology/Welder | 2 | 1 | 2 | -50.0 | 100.0 |

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 Dalton State College

Occupational Profile for Residents of Murray County

| | Murray | | Murray Area | |
|--|--------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 18,530 | 100.0 | 102,484 | 100.0 |
| Management, Business and Financial Workers | 1,110 | 6.0 | 8,639 | 8.4 |
| Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals | 170 | 0.9 | 1,238 | 1.2 |
| Healthcare Practitioner Professionals | 290 | 1.6 | 1,730 | 1.7 |
| Other Professional Workers | 987 | 5.3 | 6,663 | 6.5 |
| Technicians | 289 | 1.6 | 2,046 | 2.0 |
| Sales Workers | 1,430 | 7.7 | 9,768 | 9.5 |
| Administrative Support Workers | 2,852 | 15.4 | 15,220 | 14.9 |
| Construction and Extractive Craft Workers | 925 | 5.0 | 5,563 | 5.4 |
| Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers | 1,404 | 7.6 | 6,326 | 6.2 |
| Production Operative Workers | 4,653 | 25.1 | 22,132 | 21.6 |
| Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers | 1,883 | 10.2 | 7,911 | 7.7 |
| Laborers and Helpers | 975 | 5.3 | 5,345 | 5.2 |
| Protective Service Workers | 254 | 1.4 | 1,302 | 1.3 |
| Service Workers, except Protective | 1,258 | 6.8 | 8,155 | 8.0 |
| Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995 | 50 | 0.3 | 446 | 0.4 |

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. |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Murray | 2,210 | 78 | 203 | 60 | 04 | 54 | 192 | 51 | 91 | 1,477 |
| Fannin | 1,061 | 60 | 90 | 69 | 09 | 12 | 37 | 48 | 64 | 672 |
| Gilmer | 1,213 | 67 | 70 | 46 | 03 | 21 | 45 | 7 | 65 | 889 |
| Gordon | 2,876 | 114 | 260 | 96 | 11 | 40 | 169 | 81 | 133 | 1,972 |
| Whitfield | 4,901 | 190 | 510 | 164 | 20 | 116 | 354 | 121 | 148 | 3,278 |
| Total Area | 12,261 | 509 | 1,133 | 435 | 47 | 243 | 797 | 308 | 501 | 8,288 |

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)

1406 Chattanooga Avenue
Dalton GA 30720

Phone: (706) 272 - 2301 **Fax:** (706) 272 - 2318

Rehabilitation Center(s)

1615 Hickory Street
Suite 106

Dalton, GA 30720-8518

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