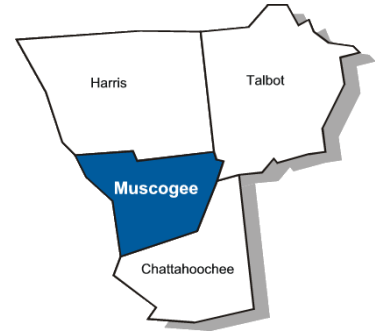




AREA LABOR PROFILE

Muscogee

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

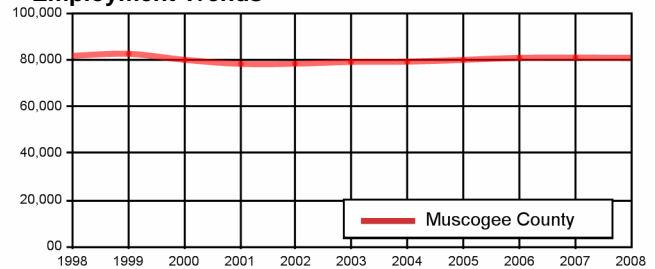
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Muscogee	85,976	80,680	5,296	6.2%
Chattahoochee	1,733	1,534	199	11.5%
Harris	16,158	15,401	757	4.7%
Talbot	3,178	2,965	213	6.7%
Muscogee Area	107,045	100,580	6,465	6.0%
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%
Lee, AL	64,833	61,864	2,969	4.6%
Russell, AL	21,640	20,099	1,541	7.1%

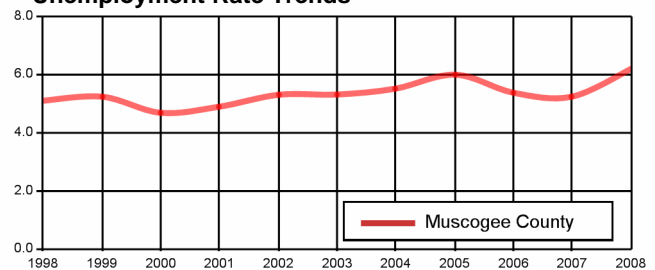
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

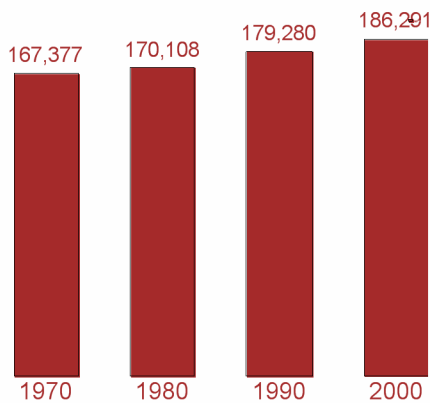
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Muscogee	186,291	10	186,984	0.4	182,367	-2.1
City of Columbus	185,781					
Muscogee Area	396,214		420,113	6.0	457,515	15.5
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
Lee, AL	115,092		133,010	15.6	154,474	34.2
Russell, AL	49,756		50,504	1.5	53,147	6.8

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

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Industry Mix - 2008

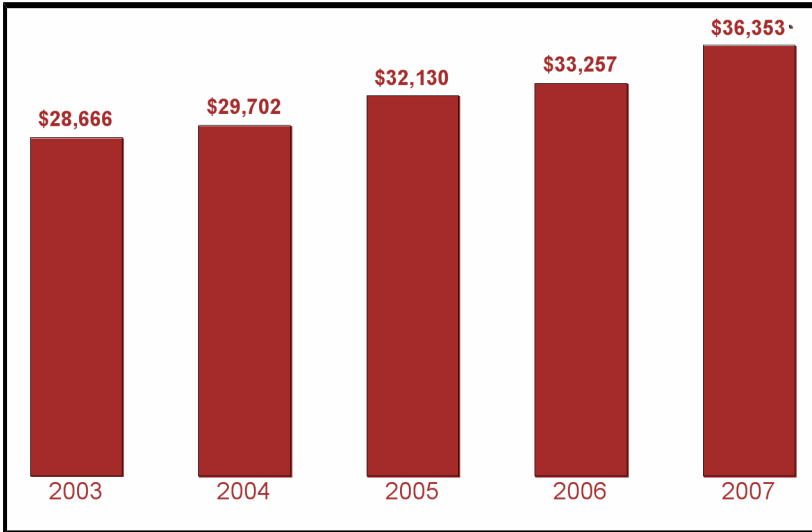
INDUSTRY	Muscogee				Muscogee Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	554	11,482	12.0	809	717	12,673	12.4	789
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	7	50	0.1	951	25	171	0.2	650
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	4	85	0.1	1,131	7	192	0.2	962
Construction	390	4,182	4.4	687	510	4,944	4.8	664
Manufacturing	153	7,165	7.5	875	175	7,368	7.2	871
Food	12	1,168	1.2	833	12	1,168	1.1	833
Beverage and Tobacco Product	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Textile Mills	5	587	0.6	592	5	587	0.6	592
Textile Product Mills	7	27	0.0	516	7	27	0.0	516
Apparel	3	29	0.0	380	3	29	0.0	380
Wood Product	6	74	0.1	472	8	110	0.1	555
Paper	3	*	*	*	3	135	0.1	932
Printing and Related Support Activities	20	271	0.3	844	23	278	0.3	836
Chemical	9	224	0.2	925	10	233	0.2	920
Plastics and Rubber Products	4	186	0.2	1,076	4	186	0.2	1,076
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	7	148	0.2	729	8	153	0.1	723
Primary Metal	7	692	0.7	707	7	692	0.7	707
Fabricated Metal Product	20	386	0.4	674	25	461	0.5	685
Machinery	6	*	*	*	7	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	3	35	0.0	1,010	4	35	0.0	1,010
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	6	651	0.7	1,415	6	651	0.6	1,415
Transportation Equipment	7	1,646	1.7	985	10	1,698	1.7	981
Furniture and Related Product	15	164	0.2	518	20	179	0.2	514
Miscellaneous	12	160	0.2	576	12	160	0.2	576
Service-Providing	3,995	66,100	69.1	665	4,392	69,827	68.2	659
Utilities	8	240	0.3	1,316	11	250	0.2	1,317
Wholesale Trade	175	2,558	2.7	848	195	2,648	2.6	840
Retail Trade	779	10,904	11.4	431	853	11,366	11.1	425
Transportation and Warehousing	76	1,316	1.4	718	94	1,480	1.4	735
Information	83	5,602	5.9	1,009	90	5,643	5.5	1,006
Finance and Insurance	377	6,422	6.7	1,022	403	6,542	6.4	1,018
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	256	1,420	1.5	648	281	1,497	1.5	637
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	386	4,022	4.2	977	441	4,995	4.9	938
Management of Companies and Enterprises	56	1,572	1.6	1,594	56	1,572	1.5	1,594
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	268	6,201	6.5	394	309	6,372	6.2	395
Educational Services	32	372	0.4	576	34	384	0.4	595
Health Care and Social Assistance	537	12,139	12.7	788	562	12,408	12.1	785
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	48	904	0.9	300	57	1,147	1.1	326
Accommodation and Food Services	416	9,988	10.4	263	461	10,876	10.6	268
Other Services (except Public Administration)	498	2,442	2.6	467	545	2,647	2.6	478
Unclassified - industry not assigned	86	35	0.0	631	106	41	0.0	626
Total - Private Sector	4,635	77,617	81.2	737	5,215	82,541	80.6	679
Total - Government	204	17,987	18.8	732	277	19,883	19.4	705
Federal Government	58	5,186	5.4	893	84	5,377	5.2	880
State Government	41	3,197	3.3	650	62	3,297	3.2	645
Local Government	105	9,604	10.0	654	131	11,209	10.9	638
ALL INDUSTRIES	4,839	95,604	100.0	693	5,492	102,424	100.0	684
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.

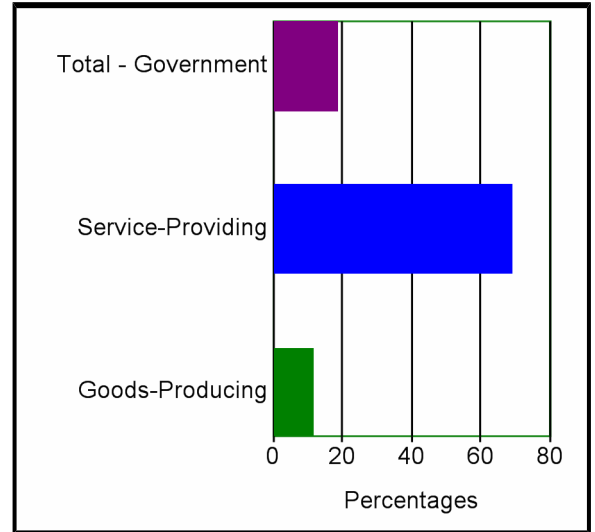
Muscogee Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Muscogee Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Muscogee

American Family Life Assurance Co
 Big-B Bldg- Call Ctr
 Hamilton House Nursing Ctr
 St Francis Hospital Inc
 The Wellpoint Companies 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

Muscogee 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
Wal-Mart	Muscogee
Columbus State University	Muscogee
L&s Services Llc	Muscogee
Logans Roadhouse Inc	Muscogee
Synovus Financial Corp	Muscogee

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Muscogee

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Muscogee, GA	71,862	86.7
Chattahoochee, GA	3,748	4.5
Russell, AL	2,479	3.0
Harris, GA	1,123	1.4
Troup, GA	552	0.7
Lee, AL	514	0.6
Fulton, GA	252	0.3
Meriwether, GA	137	0.2
Other	2,208	2.7
Total Residents:	82,875	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Muscogee

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Muscogee, GA	71,862	70.8
Russell, AL	9,623	9.5
Lee, AL	7,597	7.5
Harris, GA	6,087	6.0
Chattahoochee, GA	2,523	2.5
Marion, GA	793	0.8
Talbot, GA	516	0.5
Stewart, GA	319	0.3
Other	2,167	2.1
Total Residents:	101,487	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

Muscogee Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	21.3%	22.3%	12.9%	14.2%	20.6%	42.1%
High School Grad/GED	30.5%	40.8%	28.6%	29.8%	28.2%	26.8%
Some College	30.5%	31.8%	36.3%	34.7%	29.6%	17.2%
College Grad 4 Yr	11.2%	4.8%	16.6%	13.6%	11.2%	8.2%
Post Grad Studies	6.5%	0.4%	5.6%	7.7%	10.3%	5.8%
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
Chattahoochee	68	0	68
Harris	323	0	323
Muscogee	1,692	94	1,786
Talbot	30	0	30
Muscogee Area	2,113	94	2,207



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

Muscogee 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
Columbus Technical College (Technical college servicing area)	www.columbustech.edu
Georgia Military College-Ft Benning	www.gmc.cc.ga.us
University of Phoenix-Columbus Campus	www.phoenix.edu

Chattahoochee

Georgia Military College-Columbus Campus	www.gmc.cc.ga.us/columbus
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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	62	38	44	-38.7	15.8
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	45	50	34	11.1	-32.0

Technical College Graduates - 2008

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
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 Muscogee County

	Muscogee		Muscogee Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,325	100.0	98,820	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	7,982	9.8	9,803	9.9
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	2,277	2.8	2,797	2.8
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	2,701	3.3	3,198	3.2
Other Professional Workers	8,368	10.3	10,034	10.2
Technicians	1,699	2.1	2,268	2.3
Sales Workers	8,878	10.9	10,668	10.8
Administrative Support Workers	13,548	16.7	16,257	16.5
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	3,485	4.3	4,321	4.4
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	3,660	4.5	4,846	4.9
Production Operative Workers	7,744	9.5	9,624	9.7
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	3,694	4.5	4,540	4.6
Laborers and Helpers	3,338	4.1	4,144	4.2
Protective Service Workers	1,654	2.0	2,076	2.1
Service Workers, except Protective	11,335	13.9	13,148	13.3
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	962	1.2	1,096	1.1

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.
Muscogee	8,844	542	1,134	916	43	150	488	350	436	4,785
Chattahoochee	184	11	12	13	00	5	9	3	9	122
Harris	967	83	85	45	06	18	41	20	49	620
Talbot	302	8	25	16	03	14	30	23	10	173
Total Area	10,297	644	1,256	990	52	187	568	396	504	5,700

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)

700 Veterans Parkway
Columbus GA 31902-0390
Phone: (706) 649 - 7423

Fax: (706) 649 - 1049

Rehabilitation Center(s)

233 12th Street
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