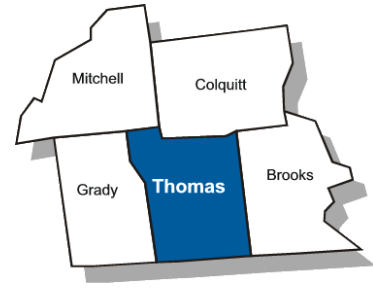




AREA LABOR PROFILE

Thomas

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

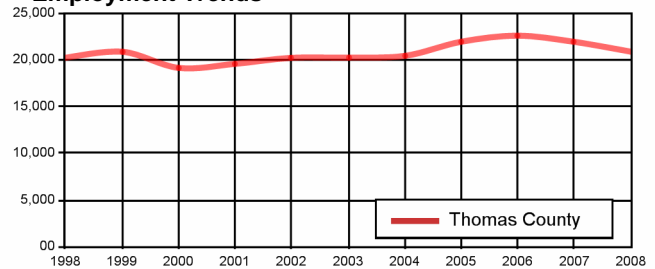
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Thomas	22,141	20,870	1,271	5.7%
Brooks	8,520	8,045	475	5.6%
Colquitt	20,740	19,499	1,241	6.0%
Grady	11,971	11,252	719	6.0%
Mitchell	10,503	9,783	720	6.9%
Thomas Area	73,875	69,449	4,426	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%
Jefferson, FL	6,868	6,531	337	4.9%
Leon, FL	147,017	140,572	6,445	4.4%

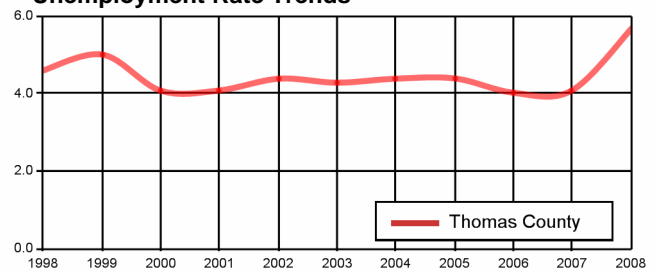
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

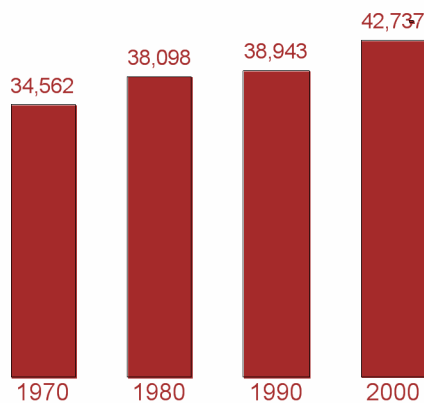
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Thomas	42,737	44	45,778	7.1	48,111	12.6
City of Thomasville	18,162					
Thomas Area	401,185		435,280	8.5	489,546	22.0
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
Jefferson, FL	12,902		14,547	12.7	15,558	20.6
Leon, FL	239,452		264,063	10.3	313,127	30.8

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

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Industry Mix - 2008

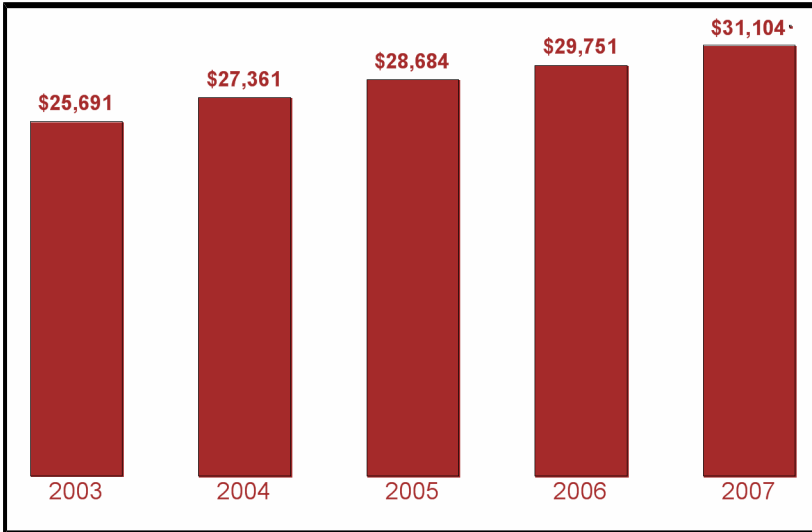
INDUSTRY	Thomas				Thomas Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	245	4,227	19.6	837	810	16,693	30.5	563
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	58	348	1.6	529	258	3,428	6.3	397
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	2	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Construction	118	641	3.0	590	357	1,759	3.2	531
Manufacturing	67	2,916	13.5	925	193	11,184	20.4	611
Food	8	633	2.9	1,558	17	5,461	10.0	605
Beverage and Tobacco Product	1	*	*	*	5	*	*	*
Textile Mills	3	*	*	*	6	113	0.2	461
Textile Product Mills	3	*	*	*	6	14	0.0	287
Wood Product	7	310	1.4	492	27	1,118	2.0	552
Paper	2	*	*	*	3	11	0.0	612
Printing and Related Support Activities	5	*	*	*	10	78	0.1	590
Chemical	1	*	*	*	5	80	0.1	863
Plastics and Rubber Products	4	237	1.1	708	5	277	0.5	680
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	4	25	0.1	409	10	51	0.1	414
Fabricated Metal Product	8	379	1.8	899	27	1,107	2.0	691
Machinery	8	568	2.6	927	16	624	1.1	922
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	4	347	1.6	859	13	609	1.1	688
Furniture and Related Product	4	*	*	*	17	452	0.8	466
Miscellaneous	4	24	0.1	484	16	108	0.2	532
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	6	897	1.6	424
Service-Providing	1,087	13,356	62.0	588	2,597	26,468	48.4	540
Utilities	2	*	*	*	8	225	0.4	1,013
Wholesale Trade	77	900	4.2	784	207	2,016	3.7	709
Retail Trade	230	2,293	10.6	462	628	5,977	10.9	434
Transportation and Warehousing	25	176	0.8	640	90	702	1.3	598
Information	12	142	0.7	572	34	323	0.6	694
Finance and Insurance	80	616	2.9	813	195	1,438	2.6	788
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	47	234	1.1	576	121	499	0.9	513
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	186	681	3.2	585	291	1,155	2.1	576
Management of Companies and Enterprises	7	*	*	*	15	223	0.4	846
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	40	2,450	11.4	464	121	3,177	5.8	449
Educational Services	4	244	1.1	584	13	360	0.7	513
Health Care and Social Assistance	129	3,324	15.4	846	296	5,663	10.3	738
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	22	206	1.0	326	43	336	0.6	318
Accommodation and Food Services	77	1,305	6.1	210	191	2,882	5.3	211
Other Services (except Public Administration)	149	652	3.0	444	344	1,497	2.7	426
Unclassified - industry not assigned	25	11	0.1	752	69	26	0.0	619
Total - Private Sector	1,357	17,594	81.7	713	3,476	43,187	78.9	549
Total - Government	71	3,942	18.3	820	249	11,536	21.1	604
Federal Government	19	201	0.9	1,269	58	517	0.9	1,030
State Government	22	1,338	6.2	583	83	2,574	4.7	578
Local Government	30	2,403	11.2	607	108	8,445	15.4	586
ALL INDUSTRIES	1,428	21,537	100.0	645	3,725	54,725	100.0	560
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.

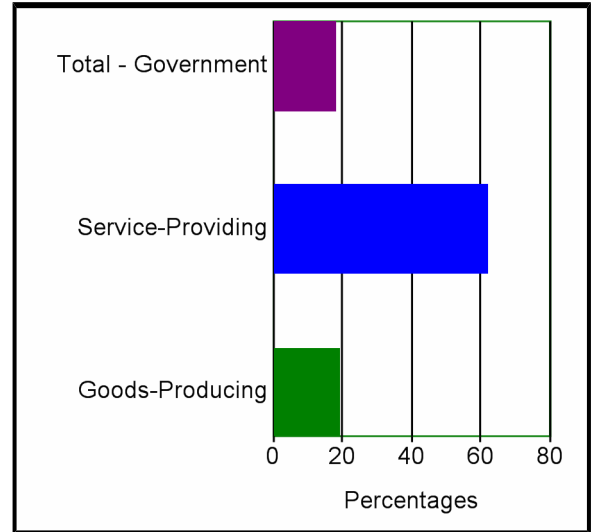
Thomas Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Thomas Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Thomas

Ambassador Personnel Inc
 Chubb Construction Company
 John D Archbold Memorial Hospital
 Southwestern State Hospital
 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

Thomas Area

Employer	COUNTY
Sanderson Farms Inc Processing Divi	Colquitt
Colquitt Regional Med Center	Colquitt
Riverside Mfg Co	Colquitt
National Beef	Colquitt
Timken Company (Torrington Company)	Grady
Wight Nurseries	Grady
Equity Group GA Div Llc	Mitchell
John D Archbold Memorial Hospital	Thomas
Ambassador Personnel Inc	Thomas
Southwestern State Hospital	Thomas

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Thomas

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Thomas, GA	15,361	86.2
Grady, GA	400	2.2
Leon, FL	396	2.2
Colquitt, GA	390	2.2
Mitchell, GA	287	1.6
Brooks, GA	283	1.6
Lowndes, GA	148	0.8
Dougherty, GA	137	0.8
Other	423	2.4
Total Residents:	17,825	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Thomas

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Thomas, GA	15,361	75.6
Grady, GA	2,141	10.5
Mitchell, GA	520	2.6
Colquitt, GA	464	2.3
Brooks, GA	443	2.2
Leon, FL	442	2.2
Decatur, GA	184	0.9
Lowndes, GA	128	0.6
Other	635	3.1
Total Residents:	20,318	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

Thomas Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	33.0%	42.8%	26.1%	24.0%	27.9%	51.2%
High School Grad/GED	35.6%	33.6%	37.2%	40.3%	37.4%	26.9%
Some College	20.3%	20.8%	24.3%	22.8%	20.5%	12.8%
College Grad 4 Yr	7.3%	2.5%	9.2%	8.7%	8.2%	5.7%
Post Grad Studies	4.0%	0.3%	3.3%	4.3%	6.0%	3.5%
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
Brooks	89	0	89
Colquitt	431	0	431
Grady	185	0	185
Mitchell	169	17	186
Thomas	448	36	484
Thomas Area	1,322	53	1,375



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

Thomas Area

Colquitt

Moultrie Technical College

www.moultrietech.edu

Thomas

Southwest Georgia Technical College

www.southwestgatech.edu

Southwest Georgia Technical College (Technical college servicing area)

www.southwestgatech.edu

Thomas University

www.thomasu.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	14	28	27	100.0	-3.6
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	25	9	17	-64.0	88.9
Adult Development and Aging	11	18	5	63.6	-72.2
Agricultural Mechanics and Equipment/Machine Technology	4	2	3	-50.0	50.0
Architectural Drafting and Architectural CAD/CADD	1	1	1	0.0	0.0
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	12	21	19	75.0	-9.5
Business Administration, Management and Operations, Other	15	16	13	6.7	-18.8
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician	3	2	4	-33.3	100.0
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	8	5	6	-37.5	20.0
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	16	11	27	-31.3	145.5
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	20	62	62	210.0	0.0
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	17	15	33	-11.8	120.0
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	24	33	18	37.5	-45.5
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	18	6	6	-66.7	0.0
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General	1	3	14	200.0	366.7
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	70	35	49	-50.0	40.0
Electrician	10	7	15	-30.0	114.3
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	39	35	26	-10.3	-25.7
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services	22	7	12	-68.2	71.4
Health Unit Coordinator/Ward Clerk	4	1	1	-75.0	0.0
Heating/AC/Ventilation/Refrig Maint Technology/Technician	21	13	21	-38.1	61.5
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	31	23	23	-25.8	0.0
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	1	1	3	0.0	200.0
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder	11	6	13	-45.5	116.7
Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist	4	2	4	-50.0	100.0
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant	177	85	128	-52.0	50.6
Nursing/Registered Nurse (RN, ASN, BSN, MSN)	41	25	23	-39.0	-8.0
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	6	4	4	-33.3	0.0
Phlebotomy/Phlebotomist	14	8	30	-42.9	275.0
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	22	17	14	-22.7	-17.6
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	14	15	10	7.1	-33.3
Surgical Technology/Technologist	10	18	9	80.0	-50.0
Welding Technology/Welder	55	88	87	60.0	-1.1

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 Southwest Georgia Technical College

Occupational Profile for Residents of Thomas County

	Thomas		Thomas Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	19,214	100.0	65,624	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	2,054	10.7	6,222	9.5
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	205	1.1	653	1.0
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	784	4.1	1,761	2.7
Other Professional Workers	1,857	9.7	5,642	8.6
Technicians	733	3.8	1,661	2.5
Sales Workers	1,961	10.2	6,552	10.0
Administrative Support Workers	2,752	14.3	8,848	13.5
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	804	4.2	3,495	5.3
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	977	5.1	3,838	5.9
Production Operative Workers	1,966	10.2	8,064	12.3
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	939	4.9	3,790	5.8
Laborers and Helpers	1,108	5.8	5,543	8.5
Protective Service Workers	404	2.1	1,272	1.9
Service Workers, except Protective	2,427	12.6	7,619	11.6
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	243	1.3	664	1.0

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.
Thomas	2,444	95	304	292	28	30	85	58	139	1,413
Brooks	727	30	59	64	08	9	23	23	39	472
Colquitt	2,484	73	236	258	73	50	75	97	214	1,408
Grady	1,738	49	240	177	86	23	49	41	87	986
Mitchell	1,613	43	166	220	23	109	32	60	96	864
Total Area	9,006	290	1,005	1,011	218	221	264	279	575	5,143

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)

2551 East Pinetree Blvd
Thomasville GA 31792

Phone: (229) 225 - 4033 **Fax:** (229) 225 - 5013

Rehabilitation Center(s)

536 South Main Street
P. O. Box 660
Swainsboro, GA 30401-0660

Phone: (478) 289 - 2582

1317 East Jackson Street
Thomasville, GA 31792-4750

Phone: (229) 225 - 4045

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