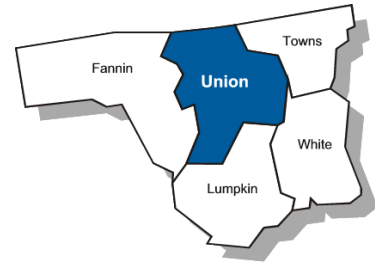




AREA LABOR PROFILE

Union

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

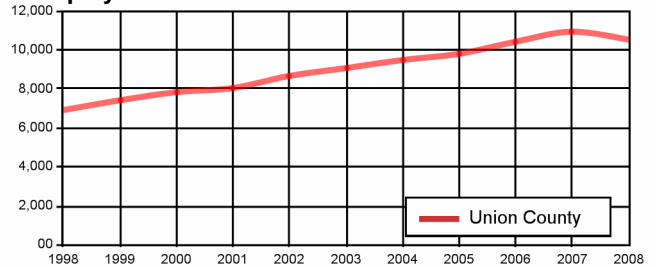
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Union	11,171	10,522	649	5.8%
Fannin	10,970	10,284	686	6.3%
Lumpkin	13,399	12,467	932	7.0%
Towns	5,809	5,469	340	5.9%
White	12,711	12,024	687	5.4%
Union Area	54,060	50,766	3,294	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%
Cherokee, NC	10,046	9,103	943	9.4%
Clay, NC	4,684	4,377	307	6.6%

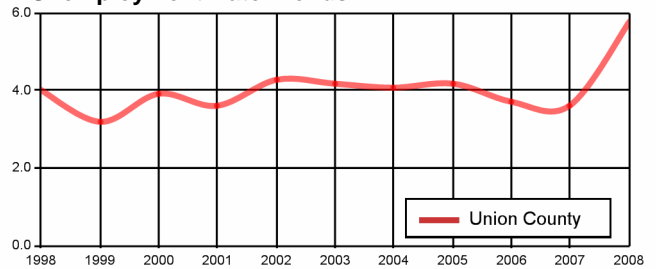
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

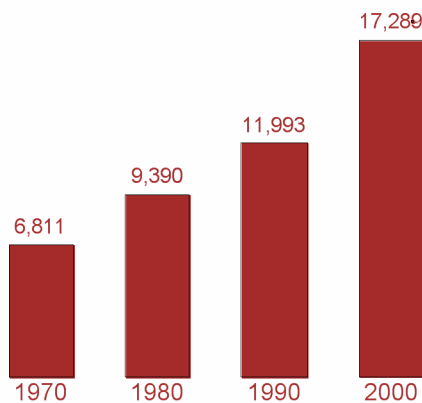
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Union	17,289	85	21,351	23.5	27,024	56.3
City of Blairsville	659					
Union Area	120,439		144,323	19.8	176,119	46.2
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
Cherokee, NC	24,298		26,568	9.3	30,007	23.5
Clay, NC	8,775		10,389	18.4	11,968	36.4

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

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Industry Mix - 2008

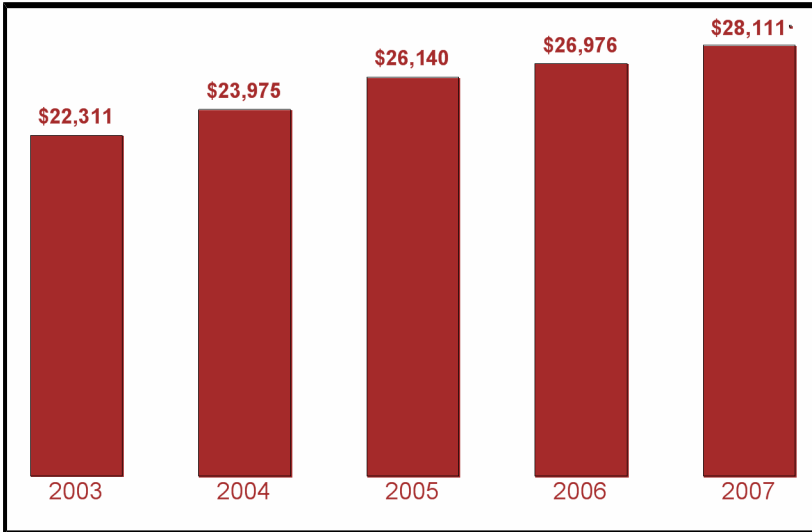
INDUSTRY	Union				Union Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	179	735	11.9	595	703	4,484	16.1	623
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	7	87	1.4	741	36	434	1.6	601
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	2	*	*	*	7	40	0.1	814
Construction	136	360	5.8	532	507	1,892	6.8	652
Manufacturing	34	275	4.5	615	153	2,116	7.6	598
Food	1	*	*	*	10	92	0.3	367
Beverage and Tobacco Product	1	*	*	*	7	52	0.2	369
Apparel	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Wood Product	2	*	*	*	18	250	0.9	418
Printing and Related Support Activities	3	11	0.2	317	11	43	0.2	326
Petroleum and Coal Products	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Chemical	2	*	*	*	7	25	0.1	584
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	3	*	*	*	14	113	0.4	621
Fabricated Metal Product	6	61	1.0	659	15	346	1.2	658
Machinery	2	*	*	*	4	103	0.4	759
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	2	*	*	*	12	488	1.8	696
Furniture and Related Product	6	15	0.2	531	21	77	0.3	669
Miscellaneous	3	*	*	*	16	95	0.3	501
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	5	144	0.5	714
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	6	*	*	*
Service-Providing	462	3,827	62.0	559	2,033	16,951	60.8	498
Utilities	1	*	*	*	8	301	1.1	897
Wholesale Trade	17	142	2.3	733	87	524	1.9	701
Retail Trade	114	1,033	16.7	460	488	4,169	15.0	428
Transportation and Warehousing	24	340	5.5	652	89	691	2.5	573
Information	5	*	*	*	34	*	*	*
Finance and Insurance	24	132	2.1	682	120	813	2.9	746
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	51	61	1.0	400	160	305	1.1	434
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	56	196	3.2	611	201	677	2.4	637
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3	*	*	*	8	*	*	*
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	20	172	2.8	262	114	563	2.0	467
Educational Services	4	*	*	*	18	688	2.5	426
Health Care and Social Assistance	62	500	8.1	662	235	3,082	11.1	640
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	4	*	*	*	37	329	1.2	293
Accommodation and Food Services	41	434	7.0	231	280	3,510	12.6	250
Other Services (except Public Administration)	36	144	2.3	405	154	560	2.0	416
Unclassified - industry not assigned	20	*	*	*	104	32	0.1	497
Total - Private Sector	661	4,565	73.9	577	2,840	21,467	77.0	524
Total - Government	40	1,611	26.1	674	158	6,412	23.0	625
Federal Government	7	55	0.9	894	30	241	0.9	850
State Government	21	209	3.4	558	78	1,565	5.6	716
Local Government	12	1,347	21.8	571	50	4,606	16.5	582
ALL INDUSTRIES	701	6,176	100.0	569	2,998	27,879	100.0	548
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.

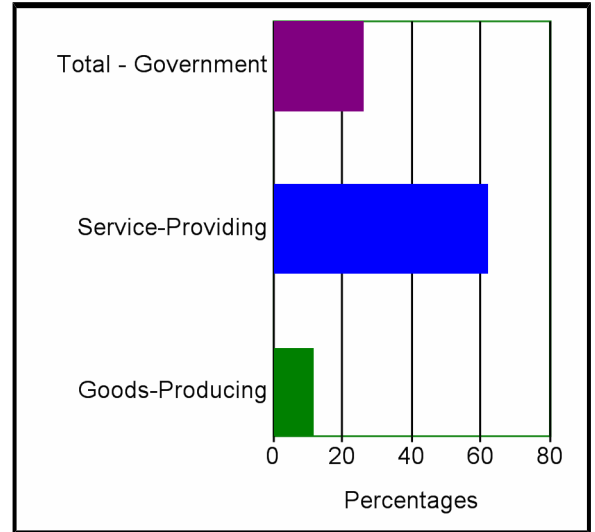
Union Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Union Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Union

Global Employment Solutions
 Mountain Education Center Inc
 The Home Depot
 Union County Nursing Home
 United Community Bank

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

Union Area

Employer	COUNTY
Fannin Reginal Hospital	Fannin
North GA College & State University	Lumpkin
Wal-Mart	Lumpkin
Chestatee Regional Hospital	Lumpkin
The Torrington Company	Lumpkin
Chatuge Regional Hospital Inc	Towns
Young Harris College	Towns
United Community Bank	Union
Union County Nursing Home	Union
Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership	White

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Union

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Union, GA	4,891	69.1
Towns, GA	453	6.4
Fannin, GA	332	4.7
Cherokee, NC	232	3.3
Hall, GA	147	2.1
Lumpkin, GA	125	1.8
White, GA	103	1.5
Clay, NC	86	1.2
Other	709	10.0
Total Residents:	7,078	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Union

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Union, GA	4,891	78.3
Towns, GA	451	7.2
Fannin, GA	283	4.5
Cherokee, NC	213	3.4
Clay, NC	199	3.2
White, GA	56	0.9
Cobb, GA	41	0.7
Clarke, GA	26	0.4
Other	86	1.4
Total Residents:	6,246	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

Union Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	26.3%	24.3%	20.8%	20.3%	23.9%	39.8%
High School Grad/GED	34.0%	28.2%	39.3%	40.8%	34.4%	27.3%
Some College	26.6%	43.0%	25.6%	25.2%	26.6%	19.1%
College Grad 4 Yr	8.0%	4.1%	10.3%	8.5%	8.3%	7.9%
Post Grad Studies	5.1%	0.4%	4.0%	5.2%	6.8%	5.9%
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
Fannin	204	0	204
Lumpkin	183	0	183
Towns	51	0	51
Union	154	0	154
White	214	0	214
Union Area	806	0	806



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

Union Area

Fannin

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

Lumpkin

North Georgia College & State University www.ngcsu.edu

Union

Blairsville Campus (Satellite campus of North Georgia Technical College) www.northgatech.edu

North Georgia Technical College (Technical college servicing area) www.northgatech.edu

White

Truett-McConnell College www.truett.edu

Towns

Young Harris College www.yhc.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	38	39	31	2.6	-20.5

Technical College Graduates - 2008

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	68	54	43	-20.6	-20.4
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist	16	7	3	-56.3	-57.1
Applied Horticulture/Horticulture Operations, General	4	9	6	125.0	-33.3
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician	8	9	10	12.5	11.1
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	98	81	52	-17.3	-35.8
Baking and Pastry Arts/Baker/Pastry Chef	2	1	2	-50.0	100.0
Business Administration, Management and Operations, Other	19	18	18	-5.3	0.0
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	6	5	7	-16.7	40.0
Commercial Photography	15	15	16	0.0	6.7
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician	9	7	2	-22.2	-71.4
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	23	22	13	-4.3	-40.9
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	24	35	51	45.8	45.7
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	11	16	19	45.5	18.8
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	6	14	11	133.3	-21.4
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	35	32	5	-8.6	-84.4
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General	80	49	28	-38.8	-42.9
Electrician	27	26	16	-3.7	-38.5
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	54	48	38	-11.1	-20.8
Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurial Studies	25	15	3	-40.0	-80.0
Environmental Control Technologies/Technicians, Other	1	4	6	300.0	50.0
Fire Science/Fire-fighting	23	13	6	-43.5	-53.8
Heating/AC/Ventilation/Refrig Maint Technology/Technician	56	59	52	5.4	-11.9
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	102	24	21	-76.5	-12.5
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	44	55	36	25.0	-34.5
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	5	7	17	40.0	142.9
Marine Maintenance/Fitter and Ship Repair Technology/Technician	5	9	6	80.0	-33.3
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder	6	16	16	166.7	0.0
Medical Office Assistant/Specialist	22	9	5	-59.1	-44.4
Medical Reception/Receptionist	10	7	12	-30.0	71.4
Medical/Clinical Assistant	20	23	24	15.0	4.3
Motorcycle Maintenance and Repair Technology/Technician	8	12	3	50.0	-75.0
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant	25	28	33	12.0	17.9
Operations Management and Supervision	18	14	8	-22.2	-42.9
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	5	6	10	20.0	66.7
Tool and Die Technology/Technician	2	4	4	100.0	0.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operation	45	62	54	37.8	-12.9
Turf and Turfgrass Management	5	4	11	-20.0	175.0

Technical College Graduates - 2008

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design	9	2	2	-77.8	0.0
Welding Technology/Welder	27	14	25	-48.1	78.6

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 North Georgia Technical College

Occupational Profile for Residents of Union County

	Union		Union Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	7,431	100.0	40,421	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	640	8.6	3,622	9.0
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	70	0.9	515	1.3
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	263	3.5	1,053	2.6
Other Professional Workers	420	5.7	3,243	8.0
Technicians	179	2.4	925	2.3
Sales Workers	949	12.8	4,745	11.7
Administrative Support Workers	920	12.4	5,717	14.1
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	725	9.8	3,815	9.4
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	542	7.3	2,753	6.8
Production Operative Workers	669	9.0	4,275	10.6
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	310	4.2	1,817	4.5
Laborers and Helpers	610	8.2	2,324	5.8
Protective Service Workers	185	2.5	740	1.8
Service Workers, except Protective	909	12.2	4,739	11.7
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	40	0.5	138	0.3

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.
Union	900	45	91	61	09	2	11	16	60	605
Fannin	1,061	60	90	69	09	12	37	48	64	672
Lumpkin	1,251	92	64	44	03	9	43	12	59	925
Towns	340	15	32	21	05	1	4	4	19	239
White	1,092	66	85	62	06	8	44	18	67	736
Total Area	4,644	278	362	257	32	32	139	98	269	3,177

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)

189 Rogers Street
Blairsville GA 30512

Phone: (706) 745 - 6959

Fax: (706) 745 - 6453

Rehabilitation Center(s)

100 Colony Park Drive
Suite 204
Cumming, GA 30040-2774

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