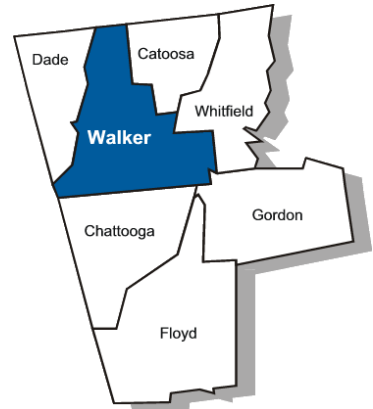




Walker

County

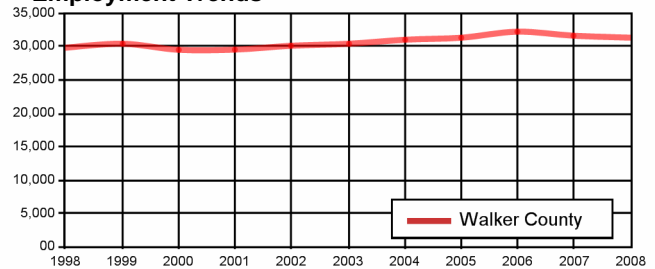


Labor Force Activity - 2008

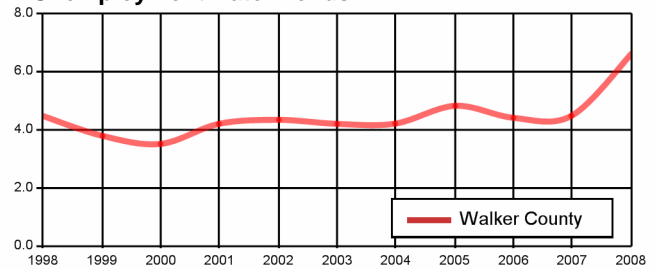
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Walker	33,431	31,239	2,192	6.6%
Catoosa	35,575	33,768	1,807	5.1%
Chattooga	11,288	10,181	1,107	9.8%
Dade	8,456	7,983	473	5.6%
Floyd	49,822	46,567	3,255	6.5%
Gordon	26,775	24,796	1,979	7.4%
Whitfield	46,049	42,519	3,530	7.7%
Walker Area	211,396	197,053	14,343	6.8%
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%
DeKalb, AL	30,568	28,986	1,582	5.2%
Hamilton, TN	167,560	158,310	9,250	5.5%

Employment Trends



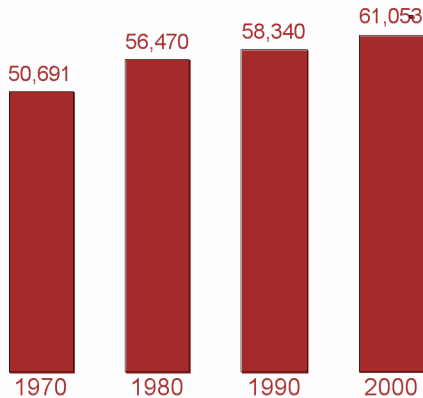
Unemployment Rate Trends



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.

Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Walker	61,053	33	64,799	6.1	69,424	13.7
City of LaFayette	6,702					
Walker Area	745,501		814,545	9.3	861,005	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
DeKalb, AL	64,452		68,515	6.3	80,919	25.5
Hamilton, TN	307,896		332,848	8.1	309,031	0.4

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

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Industry Mix - 2008

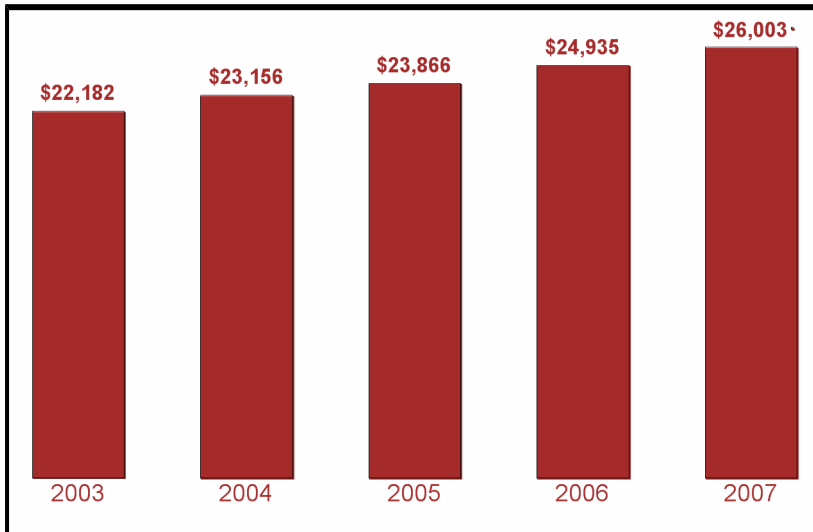
INDUSTRY	Walker				Walker Area			
	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY
	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE
Goods-Producing	150	5,757	40.6	635	1,515	52,055	32.8	698
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	4	*	*	*	62	476	0.3	661
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	*	*	*	6	122	0.1	897
Construction	80	474	3.3	618	700	4,039	2.5	662
Manufacturing	65	5,249	37.0	638	747	47,421	29.9	701
Food	3	*	*	*	26	2,279	1.4	732
Beverage and Tobacco Product	1	*	*	*	6	54	0.0	634
Textile Mills	7	*	*	*	79	8,630	5.4	618
Textile Product Mills	6	505	3.6	473	177	21,133	13.3	684
Wood Product	2	*	*	*	23	430	0.3	772
Printing and Related Support Activities	3	14	0.1	588	67	1,677	1.1	555
Chemical	2	*	*	*	44	1,939	1.2	871
Plastics and Rubber Products	5	102	0.7	871	44	1,416	0.9	894
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	2	*	*	*	26	388	0.2	727
Fabricated Metal Product	16	206	1.5	813	88	1,470	0.9	866
Machinery	3	*	*	*	44	984	0.6	774
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	3	*	*	*	7	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	2	*	*	*	13	1,969	1.2	742
Furniture and Related Product	5	21	0.1	591	40	1,117	0.7	522
Miscellaneous	4	*	*	*	32	544	0.3	638
Leather and Allied Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	3	38	0.0	348
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	8	607	0.4	851
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	14	877	0.6	1,198
Service-Providing	596	4,936	34.8	493	6,124	82,729	52.1	606
Utilities	0	*	*	*	15	704	0.4	1,388
Wholesale Trade	40	343	2.4	951	553	6,602	4.2	810
Retail Trade	161	1,518	10.7	411	1,559	18,496	11.6	442
Transportation and Warehousing	23	103	0.7	548	234	5,075	3.2	729
Information	8	45	0.3	991	85	1,869	1.2	871
Finance and Insurance	47	352	2.5	832	431	3,086	1.9	877
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	24	71	0.5	468	271	1,145	0.7	535
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	57	162	1.1	899	611	6,477	4.1	914
Management of Companies and Enterprises	4	8	0.1	444	29	369	0.2	1,309
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	32	159	1.1	467	354	6,983	4.4	393
Educational Services	4	*	*	*	54	1,737	1.1	673
Health Care and Social Assistance	56	869	6.1	493	675	16,081	10.1	781
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	11	205	1.4	362	85	1,059	0.7	308
Accommodation and Food Services	56	808	5.7	225	609	10,433	6.6	237
Other Services (except Public Administration)	73	289	2.0	515	559	2,620	1.6	508
Unclassified - industry not assigned	17	12	0.1	470	194	68	0.0	765
Total - Private Sector	763	10,705	75.4	564	7,833	134,852	84.9	641
Total - Government	72	3,490	24.6	698	438	23,959	15.1	656
Federal Government	14	120	0.8	1,008	76	806	0.5	973
State Government	27	721	5.1	558	165	5,384	3.4	617
Local Government	31	2,649	18.7	529	197	17,769	11.2	653
ALL INDUSTRIES	835	14,194	100.0	565	8,271	158,812	100.0	644
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.

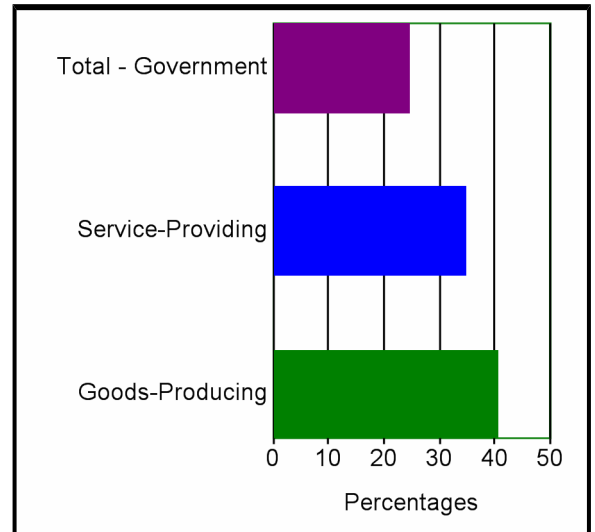
Walker Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Walker Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Walker

A Total Resource Inc
 Blue Bird North Georgia
 Roper Corporation
 Shaw Industries Group Inc
 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

Walker Area

Employer	COUNTY
Hutcheson Medical Center Inc	Catoosa
Floyd Healthcare Management Inc	Floyd
Roper Corporation	Walker
Shaw Industries Group Inc	Whitfield
Shaw Industries Group Inc	Gordon
Shaw Industries Group Inc	Walker
Mohawk Carpet Corp	Whitfield
Mohawk Carpet Corp	Gordon
Beaulieu Group Llc	Whitfield
Oreilly Automotive Inc	Whitfield

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Walker

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Walker, GA	11,244	41.3
Hamilton, TN	9,098	33.4
Catoosa, GA	2,795	10.3
Whitfield, GA	2,067	7.6
Chattooga, GA	591	2.2
Murray, GA	328	1.2
Gordon, GA	167	0.6
Bradley, TN	104	0.4
Other	826	3.0
Total Residents:	27,220	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Walker

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Walker, GA	11,244	63.1
Catoosa, GA	1,937	10.9
Hamilton, TN	1,695	9.5
Chattooga, GA	1,345	7.5
Dade, GA	747	4.2
Whitfield, GA	140	0.8
Marion, TN	92	0.5
DeKalb, AL	90	0.5
Other	533	3.0
Total Residents:	17,823	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

Walker Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	32.7%	36.9%	28.1%	24.8%	28.4%	52.8%
High School Grad/GED	32.8%	32.1%	33.2%	34.2%	35.3%	26.6%
Some College	23.1%	27.8%	25.7%	27.2%	22.3%	12.7%
College Grad 4 Yr	7.5%	3.1%	9.9%	9.3%	8.0%	4.8%
Post Grad Studies	3.9%	0.1%	3.1%	4.5%	6.0%	3.2%
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
Catoosa	595	0	595
Chattooga	222	0	222
Dade	143	0	143
Floyd	842	114	956
Gordon	521	0	521
Walker	468	0	468
Whitfield	877	20	897
Walker Area	3,668	134	3,802

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

Walker Area

Floyd

Berry College	www.berry.edu
Coosa Valley Technical College	www.coosavalleytech.edu
Georgia Highlands College	www.highlands.edu
Shorter College	www.shorter.edu

Gordon

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

Covenant College	www.covenant.edu
Northwestern Technical College	www.northwesterntech.edu
Northwestern Technical College (Technical college servicing area)	www.northwesterntech.edu

Whitfield

Dalton State College	www.daltonstate.edu
Dalton State College (Technical Division)	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
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	55	57	71	3.6	24.6
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	31	36	20	16.1	-44.4
Architectural Drafting and Architectural CAD/CADD	3	5	9	66.7	80.0
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician	3	5	12	66.7	140.0
Child Care Provider/Assistant	47	52	77	10.6	48.1
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	68	10	20	-85.3	100.0
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	24	64	43	166.7	-32.8
Criminal Justice/Police Science	9	9	6	0.0	-33.3
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	10	31	33	210.0	6.5
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General	8	21	13	162.5	-38.1
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	25	17	16	-32.0	-5.9
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General	20	17	11	-15.0	-35.3
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	38	45	56	18.4	24.4
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General	13	19	23	46.2	21.1
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services	24	53	21	120.8	-60.4
Heating/AC/Ventilation/Refrig Maint Technology/Technician	18	15	13	-16.7	-13.3
Human Resources Management/Personnel Administration, General	26	12	20	-53.8	66.7
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	11	21	30	90.9	42.9
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	52	36	64	-30.8	77.8
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	33	15	29	-54.5	93.3
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder	25	33	25	32.0	-24.2
Medical Reception/Receptionist	25	11	16	-56.0	45.5
Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist	44	28	25	-36.4	-10.7
Medical/Clinical Assistant	13	14	10	7.7	-28.6
Nail Technician/Specialist and Manicurist	12	8	9	-33.3	12.5
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant	50	73	66	46.0	-9.6
Nursing/Registered Nurse (RN, ASN, BSN, MSN)	37	46	30	24.3	-34.8
Occupational Therapist Assistant	16	11	16	-31.3	45.5
Operations Management and Supervision	104	82	94	-21.2	14.6
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	6	16	8	166.7	-50.0
Phlebotomy/Phlebotomist	8	6	12	-25.0	100.0
Surgical Technology/Technologist	13	17	14	30.8	-17.6
Technical and Business Writing	9	3	11	-66.7	266.7
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operation	81	169	128	108.6	-24.3
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design	10	10	11	0.0	10.0
Welding Technology/Welder	24	6	22	-75.0	266.7

Technical College Graduates - 2008

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Word Processing	18	24	14	33.3	-41.7

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 Northwestern Technical College

Occupational Profile for Residents of Walker County

	Walker		Walker Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	28,990	100.0	183,438	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	2,168	7.5	14,860	8.1
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	415	1.4	2,781	1.5
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	465	1.6	4,124	2.3
Other Professional Workers	1,896	6.5	14,007	7.6
Technicians	761	2.6	4,336	2.4
Sales Workers	2,778	9.6	19,286	10.5
Administrative Support Workers	4,337	15.0	27,452	15.0
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	1,810	6.2	9,791	5.3
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	2,195	7.6	11,262	6.1
Production Operative Workers	4,615	15.9	32,064	17.5
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	1,940	6.7	11,837	6.5
Laborers and Helpers	1,670	5.8	9,259	5.1
Protective Service Workers	550	1.9	2,972	1.6
Service Workers, except Protective	3,261	11.3	18,495	10.1
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	129	0.4	912	0.5

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.
Walker	3,059	125	290	202	12	35	244	39	211	1,901
Catoosa	2,406	111	201	111	06	20	106	31	93	1,727
Chattooga	1,387	64	97	85	06	19	173	33	134	776
Dade	545	9	25	17	00	6	18	2	25	443
Floyd	5,671	292	573	396	28	59	339	119	432	3,433
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	20,845	905	1,956	1,071	83	295	1,403	426	1,176	13,530

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)

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LaFayette, GA 30728-2432

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