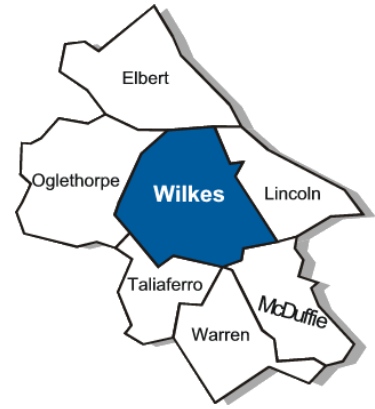




Wilkes

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

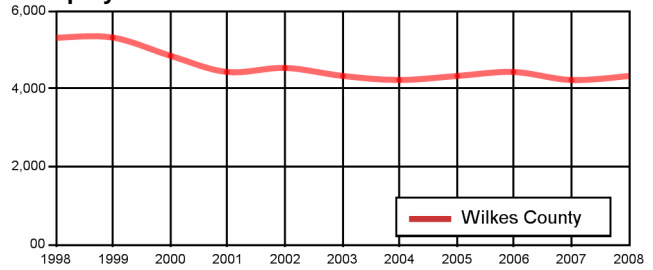
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Wilkes	4,706	4,316	390	8.3%
Elbert	9,906	9,059	847	8.6%
Lincoln	3,894	3,618	276	7.1%
McDuffie	10,743	9,898	845	7.9%
Oglethorpe	7,975	7,566	409	5.1%
Taliaferro	851	781	70	8.2%
Warren	2,507	2,248	259	10.3%
Wilkes Area	40,582	37,486	3,096	7.6%
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%

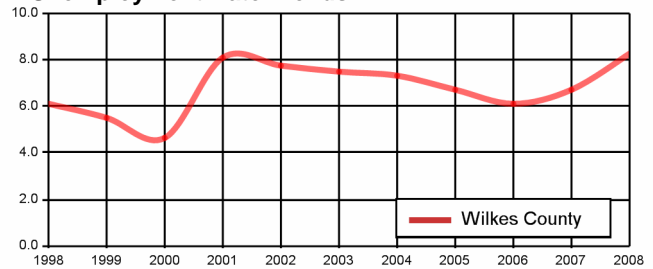
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

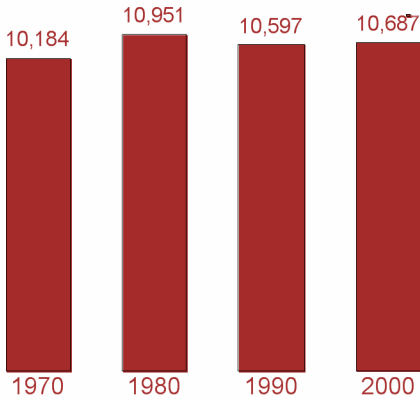
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Wilkes	10,687	126	10,282	-3.8	10,683	0.0
City of Washington	4,295					
Wilkes Area	81,825		82,419	0.7	87,004	6.3
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

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

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Industry Mix - 2008

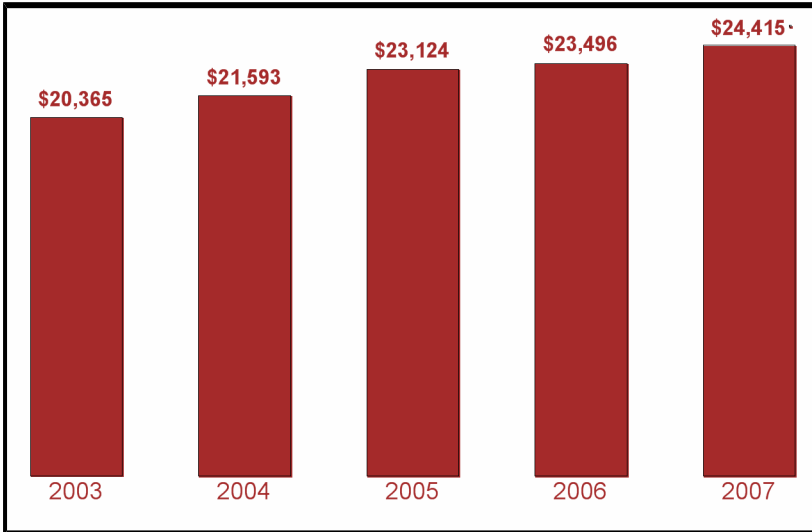
INDUSTRY	Wilkes				Wilkes Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	62	877	26.4	561	479	7,242	32.7	614
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	21	105	3.2	632	71	603	2.7	596
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	33	363	1.6	688
Construction	24	201	6.1	560	201	1,103	5.0	535
Manufacturing	17	572	17.2	548	174	5,175	23.3	627
Food	1	*	*	*	6	*	*	*
Textile Mills	1	*	*	*	7	745	3.4	656
Textile Product Mills	2	*	*	*	6	161	0.7	392
Wood Product	8	219	6.6	449	18	585	2.6	607
Paper	1	*	*	*	5	274	1.2	908
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	5	444	2.0	750
Fabricated Metal Product	1	*	*	*	15	231	1.0	588
Furniture and Related Product	2	*	*	*	6	33	0.1	403
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Chemical	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	3	485	2.2	668
Miscellaneous	0	0	0.0	0	4	8	0.0	391
Printing and Related Support Activities	0	0	0.0	0	4	43	0.2	665
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	5	34	0.2	608
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	0	0	0.0	0	83	1,209	5.5	617
Service-Providing	191	1,531	46.1	463	1,217	9,246	41.7	467
Utilities	1	*	*	*	6	93	0.4	1,097
Wholesale Trade	10	98	3.0	600	113	736	3.3	628
Retail Trade	54	367	11.1	360	318	2,516	11.3	405
Transportation and Warehousing	13	80	2.4	447	72	480	2.2	603
Information	3	71	2.1	1,153	21	250	1.1	965
Finance and Insurance	13	109	3.3	840	90	581	2.6	726
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6	*	*	*	44	120	0.5	442
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	15	34	1.0	453	99	374	1.7	575
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	3	10	0.0	1,043
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	12	118	3.6	413	53	456	2.1	412
Educational Services	0	0	0.0	0	6	95	0.4	369
Health Care and Social Assistance	24	313	9.4	362	134	1,707	7.7	462
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2	*	*	*	12	88	0.4	288
Accommodation and Food Services	16	201	6.1	208	106	1,333	6.0	208
Other Services (except Public Administration)	22	63	1.9	517	140	411	1.9	464
Unclassified - industry not assigned	0	0	0.0	0	25	11	0.0	641
Total - Private Sector	253	2,408	72.6	512	1,721	16,499	74.4	531
Total - Government	33	910	27.4	610	206	5,682	25.6	570
Federal Government	7	46	1.4	715	47	289	1.3	979
State Government	10	120	3.6	546	76	570	2.6	602
Local Government	16	744	22.4	569	83	4,823	21.7	542
ALL INDUSTRIES	286	3,318	100.0	519	1,927	22,180	100.0	541
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.

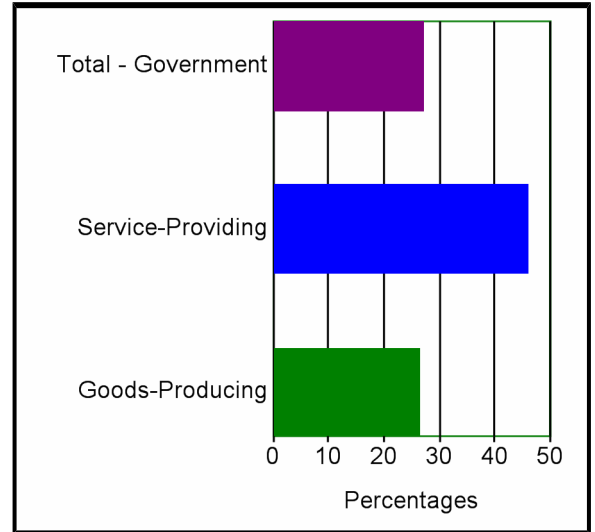
Wilkes Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Wilkes Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Wilkes

Csra Private Duty Inc
 Globe Communications Llc
 Hollander Home Fashions Corp
 Pliant Corporation
 Wilkes-Wills Mem Hosp

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

Wilkes Area

Employer	COUNTY
Pilgrims Pride Corp	Elbert
Allied Signal Friction Materials	Elbert
Elberton-Elbert County Hospital Aut	Elbert
Shaw Industries Group Inc	McDuffie
Wal-Mart	McDuffie
McDuffie Regional Medical Ctr	McDuffie
Thomson Plastics Inc	McDuffie
Temple-Inland Forest Products Corp	McDuffie
The Timbermen Inc	Warren
Wilkes-Wills Mem Hosp	Wilkes

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Wilkes

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Wilkes, GA	3,464	77.7
Elbert, GA	214	4.8
Clarke, GA	181	4.1
Lincoln, GA	169	3.8
McDuffie, GA	76	1.7
Richmond, GA	62	1.4
Taliaferro, GA	47	1.1
Fulton, GA	35	0.8
Other	209	4.7
Total Residents:	4,457	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Wilkes

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Wilkes, GA	3,464	76.3
Lincoln, GA	348	7.7
McDuffie, GA	153	3.4
Taliaferro, GA	146	3.2
Warren, GA	73	1.6
Oglethorpe, GA	72	1.6
Elbert, GA	47	1.0
Clarke, GA	40	0.9
Other	196	4.3
Total Residents:	4,539	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

Wilkes Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	33.3%	34.5%	24.0%	24.1%	32.3%	52.0%
High School Grad/GED	36.7%	36.8%	39.4%	42.8%	37.5%	26.2%
Some College	19.5%	24.4%	23.7%	21.4%	18.5%	12.6%
College Grad 4 Yr	7.0%	4.1%	9.6%	8.2%	6.7%	5.9%
Post Grad Studies	3.5%	0.2%	3.4%	3.4%	5.0%	3.3%
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
Elbert	181	0	181
Lincoln	93	0	93
McDuffie	213	0	213
Oglethorpe	129	0	129
Taliaferro	17	0	17
Warren	47	26	73
Wilkes	77	0	77
Wilkes Area	757	26	783

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

Wilkes Area

Elbert

The Elbert County Campus (Satellite campus of Athens Technical College) www.athenstech.edu

Wilkes

Athens Technical College (Technical college servicing area) www.athenstech.edu

McDuffie

Thomson/McDuffie County Campus (Satellite campus of Augusta Technical College) www.augustatech.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	31	65	46	109.7	-29.2
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	31	35	33	12.9	-5.7

Technical College Graduates - 2008

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Allied Health Diagnostic/Intervention/Treatment Professions, Oth	2	8	4	300.0	-50.0
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician	28	25	70	-10.7	180.0
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	47	93	82	97.9	-11.8
Biology Technician/Biotechnology Laboratory Technician	3	14	5	366.7	-64.3
Business Administration, Management and Operations, Other	4	5	5	25.0	0.0
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician	1	2	1	100.0	-50.0
Computer and Information Systems Security	6	6	8	0.0	33.3
Computer Programming/Programmer, General	7	9	13	28.6	44.4
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	12	13	10	8.3	-23.1
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	50	102	109	104.0	6.9
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	6	13	11	116.7	-15.4
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	12	13	12	8.3	-7.7
Dental Assisting/Assistant	12	11	7	-8.3	-36.4
Dental Hygiene/Hygienist	14	14	14	0.0	0.0
Diagnostic Medical Sonography/Sonographer & Ultrasound Technician	4	1	4	-75.0	300.0
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General	16	26	11	62.5	-57.7
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	24	31	41	29.2	32.3
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General	5	9	8	80.0	-11.1
Electrician	11	20	17	81.8	-15.0
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	95	60	54	-36.8	-10.0
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant	1	5	7	400.0	40.0
Heating/AC/Ventilation/Refrig Maint Technology/Technician	22	30	23	36.4	-23.3
Home Health Aide/Home Attendant	12	11	4	-8.3	-63.6
Hospitality Administration/Management, General	12	16	10	33.3	-37.5
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	11	38	16	245.5	-57.9
Legal Assistant/Paralegal	10	23	14	130.0	-39.1
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	51	47	35	-7.8	-25.5
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	11	23	7	109.1	-69.6
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	9	13	5	44.4	-61.5
Medical/Clinical Assistant	32	25	31	-21.9	24.0
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant	69	128	111	85.5	-13.3
Nursing/Registered Nurse (RN, ASN, BSN, MSN)	35	48	41	37.1	-14.6
Physical Therapist Assistant	11	17	14	54.5	-17.6
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	18	15	16	-16.7	6.7
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	10	13	18	30.0	38.5
Sales, Distribution, and Marketing Operations, General	37	44	25	18.9	-43.2
Small Business Administration/Management	7	7	4	0.0	-42.9

Technical College Graduates - 2008

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Surgical Technology/Technologist	7	11	7	57.1	-36.4
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operation	34	49	51	44.1	4.1
Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician/Veterinary Assistant	12	9	5	-25.0	-44.4
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design	12	3	14	-75.0	366.7

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 Athens Technical College (Clarke Co.).

Occupational Profile for Residents of Wilkes County

	Wilkes		Wilkes Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	4,774	100.0	36,949	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	275	5.8	2,556	6.9
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	44	0.9	487	1.3
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	100	2.1	729	2.0
Other Professional Workers	390	8.2	2,981	8.1
Technicians	110	2.3	962	2.6
Sales Workers	403	8.4	3,340	9.0
Administrative Support Workers	679	14.2	5,388	14.6
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	270	5.7	2,506	6.8
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	374	7.8	2,406	6.5
Production Operative Workers	970	20.3	6,230	16.9
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	250	5.2	2,238	6.1
Laborers and Helpers	270	5.7	2,149	5.8
Protective Service Workers	95	2.0	587	1.6
Service Workers, except Protective	479	10.0	3,987	10.8
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	65	1.4	403	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.
Wilkes	508	27	39	27	05	15	45	23	20	307
Elbert	1,322	40	100	140	07	74	117	66	57	721
Lincoln	388	11	34	24	03	11	28	15	27	235
McDuffie	1,659	54	210	219	26	40	99	54	111	846
Oglethorpe	666	31	44	35	02	7	30	18	52	447
Taliaferro	139	4	11	17	03	2	7	2	5	88
Warren	603	14	65	56	06	26	56	23	27	330
Total Area	5,285	181	503	518	52	175	382	201	299	2,974

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)

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Thomson GA 30824

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