



AREA LABOR PROFILE

Upson

County



Labor Force Activity - 2007

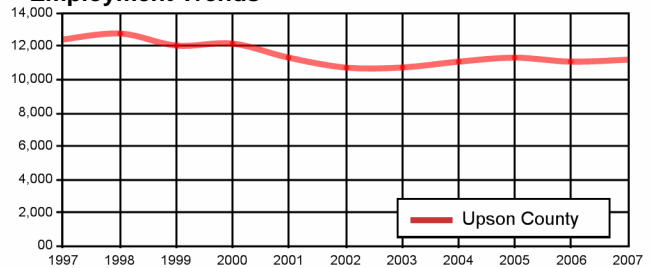
2007 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Upson	12,023	11,259	764	6.4%
Crawford	6,267	5,985	282	4.5%
Lamar	8,014	7,615	399	5.0%
Meriwether	9,890	9,327	563	5.7%
Monroe	13,146	12,608	538	4.1%
Pike	8,109	7,772	337	4.2%
Talbot	3,126	2,925	201	6.4%
Taylor	3,328	3,139	189	5.7%
Upson Area	63,903	60,630	3,273	5.3%
Georgia	4,814,831	4,602,947	211,884	4.4%
United States	153,124,000	146,047,000	7,078,000	4.6%

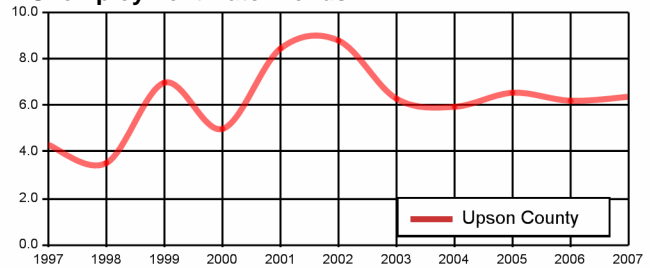
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

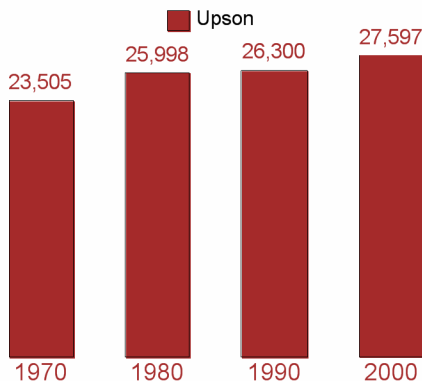
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2007 Rank	2007 Estimate	% Change 2000-2007	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Upson	27,597	61	27,562	-0.1	29,636	7.4
City of Thomaston	9,411					
Upson Area	129,296		137,448	6.3	151,408	17.1
Georgia	8,186,453		9,544,750	16.6	10,813,573	32.1
United States	281,421,906		301,621,157	7.2	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 - 2007

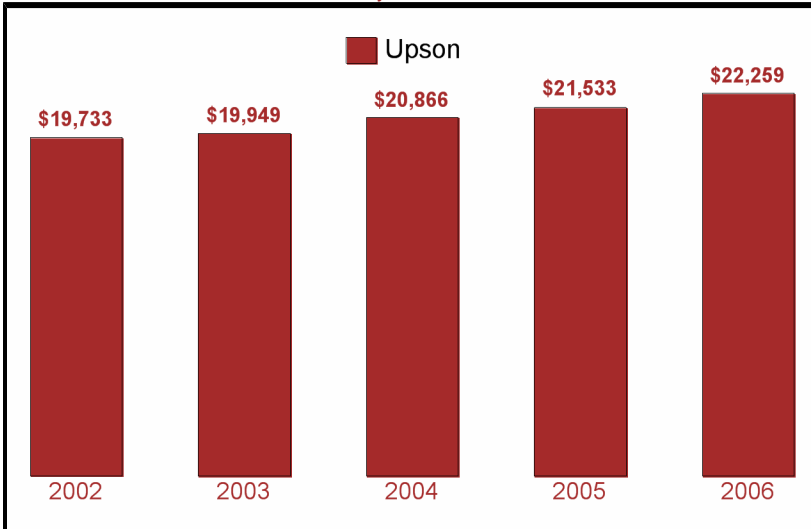
INDUSTRY	Upson				Upson Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	82	1,851	23.8	688	534	6,748	23.4	667
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	9	31	0.4	384	86	726	2.5	547
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	11	275	1.0	984
Construction	49	214	2.8	569	335	2,136	7.4	652
Manufacturing	24	1,606	20.6	710	102	3,612	12.5	676
Food	1	*	*	*	4	59	0.2	951
Textile Mills	2	*	*	*	7	401	1.4	588
Textile Product Mills	2	*	*	*	7	541	1.9	589
Wood Product	6	148	1.9	728	17	651	2.3	804
Paper	2	*	*	*	3	170	0.6	656
Printing and Related Support Activities	2	*	*	*	8	*	*	*
Plastics and Rubber Products	2	*	*	*	3	172	0.6	776
Fabricated Metal Product	4	44	0.6	580	15	172	0.6	577
Furniture and Related Product	2	*	*	*	14	63	0.2	439
Miscellaneous	1	*	*	*	8	*	*	*
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	2	*	*	*
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	0	0	0.0	0	3	22	0.1	585
Chemical	0	0	0.0	0	3	272	0.9	528
Service-Providing	393	4,112	52.8	471	1,540	13,316	46.2	505
Utilities	4	43	0.6	664	16	663	2.3	1,348
Wholesale Trade	12	60	0.8	415	71	421	1.5	614
Retail Trade	92	988	12.7	383	368	3,276	11.4	397
Transportation and Warehousing	20	55	0.7	662	98	659	2.3	685
Information	7	87	1.1	592	25	193	0.7	793
Finance and Insurance	29	256	3.3	713	112	824	2.9	702
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	21	38	0.5	572	65	*	*	*
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	33	89	1.1	513	126	324	1.1	587
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	6	*	*	*
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	25	334	4.3	401	117	954	3.3	479
Educational Services	4	25	0.3	238	13	244	0.8	392
Health Care and Social Assistance	50	1,310	16.8	629	160	2,772	9.6	541
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	5	27	0.3	182	25	220	0.8	251
Accommodation and Food Services	47	612	7.9	199	174	2,065	7.2	200
Other Services (except Public Administration)	44	188	2.4	409	164	554	1.9	464
Unclassified - industry not assigned	5	*	*	*	27	25	0.1	469
Total - Private Sector	480	5,969	76.7	580	2,101	20,089	69.6	559
Total - Government	38	1,811	23.3	666	258	8,762	30.4	559
Federal Government	6	46	0.6	912	59	263	0.9	836
State Government	17	582	7.5	565	94	2,481	8.6	601
Local Government	15	1,183	15.2	521	105	6,018	20.9	529
ALL INDUSTRIES	518	7,781	100.0	540	2,359	28,851	100.0	559
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					274,350	4,076,363		811

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 2007.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

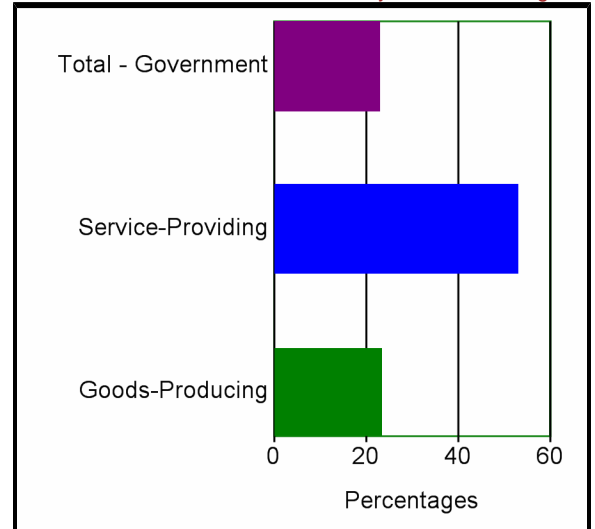
Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Upson Industry Mix 2007

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2007

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Upson

Express Services Inc
 Quad/graphics Inc
 Standard Textile Thomaston Inc
 Upson Regional Medical Center
 Wal-Mart Associates 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 2007. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

TEN LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Upson Area

Employer	COUNTY
Pyrotechnic Specialties Inc	Crawford
Continental Tire North America Inc	Lamar
Georgia-Pacific Corp	Meriwether
Warm Springs Medical Center	Meriwether
Georgia Power Company	Monroe
Monroe County State Prison	Monroe
Upson Regional Medical Center	Upson
Quad/graphics Inc	Upson
Wal-Mart Associates Inc	Upson
Standard Textile Thomaston Inc	Upson

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Upson

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Upson, GA	8,229	73.1
Spalding, GA	913	8.1
Lamar, GA	441	3.9
Pike, GA	224	2.0
Bibb, GA	184	1.6
Meriwether, GA	179	1.6
Fayette, GA	174	1.5
Fulton, GA	164	1.5
Other	744	6.6
Total Residents:	11,252	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Upson

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Upson, GA	8,229	83.7
Pike, GA	349	3.5
Lamar, GA	204	2.1
Taylor, GA	194	2.0
Meriwether, GA	112	1.1
Crawford, GA	102	1.0
Spalding, GA	99	1.0
Monroe, GA	96	1.0
Other	449	4.6
Total Residents:	9,834	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

Upson County

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	33.1%	31.0%	19.4%	27.1%	30.3%	56.3%
High Scholl Grad/GED	37.4%	38.8%	43.5%	40.9%	38.0%	26.8%
Some College	19.1%	28.3%	27.0%	18.8%	18.7%	8.7%
Collgege Grad 4 Yr	7.2%	0.8%	8.4%	9.8%	7.7%	6.1%
Post Graduate Studie	3.2%	1.1%	1.8%	3.5%	5.3%	2.1%
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 - 2007

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS	TOTAL
Crawford	99	0	99
Lamar	119	0	119
Meriwether	183	31	214
Monroe	195	20	215
Pike	145	0	145
Talbot	18	0	18
Taylor	67	0	67
Upson	235	0	235
Upson Area	1,061	51	1,112



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

Upson Area

Crawford

Crawford County Center (Satellite campus of Central Georgia Technical College) www.centralgatech.edu

Monroe

Monroe County Center (Satellite campus of Central Georgia Technical College) www.centralgatech.edu

Upson

Flint River Technical College www.flintrivertech.edu

Flint River Technical College (Technical college servicing area) www.flintrivertech.edu

Lamar

Gordon College www.gdn.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 - 2007

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2005	2006	2007	2005-2006	2006-2007
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	13	10	6	-23.1	-40.0
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	19	12	25	-36.8	108.3
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	45	47	19	4.4	-59.6
Carpentry/Carpenter	28	12	28	-57.1	133.3
Child Care and Support Services Management	19	14	17	-26.3	21.4
Civil Engineering Technology/Technician	4	4	6	0.0	50.0
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	9	2	4	-77.8	100.0
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	22	17	14	-22.7	-17.6
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	17	13	8	-23.5	-38.5
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	27	12	25	-55.6	108.3
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General	19	17	12	-10.5	-29.4
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	10	1	2	-90.0	100.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	38	41	34	7.9	-17.1
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, Ge	9	5	7	-44.4	40.0
Graphic and Printing Equipment Operator, General Production	6	6	4	0.0	-33.3
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	41	38	29	-7.3	-23.7
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	73	21	32	-71.2	52.4
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder	8	9	10	12.5	11.1
Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist	17	9	4	-47.1	-55.6
Medical/Clinical Assistant	22	28	23	27.3	-17.9
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant	129	146	171	13.2	17.1
Phlebotomy/Phlebotomist	23	15	17	-34.8	13.3
Surgical Technology/Technologist	9	5	5	-44.4	0.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operation	96	115	146	19.8	27.0
Welding Technology/Welder	26	32	27	23.1	-15.6

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 Flint River Technical College

Occupational Profile for Residents of Upson County

	Upson		Upson Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	12,383	100.0	59,071	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	903	7.3	4,316	7.3
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	200	1.6	927	1.6
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	279	2.3	1,318	2.2
Other Professional Workers	874	7.1	4,392	7.4
Technicians	315	2.5	1,619	2.7
Sales Workers	1,128	9.1	5,402	9.1
Administrative Support Workers	1,774	14.3	8,536	14.5
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	614	5.0	3,881	6.6
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	765	6.2	4,195	7.1
Production Operative Workers	2,414	19.5	9,011	15.3
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	714	5.8	3,495	5.9
Laborers and Helpers	699	5.6	3,485	5.9
Protective Service Workers	239	1.9	1,463	2.5
Service Workers, except Protective	1,340	10.8	6,635	11.2
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	125	1.0	396	0.7

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.
Upson	573	18	36	42	02	10	43	19	33	370
Crawford	251	16	21	17	03	7	12	6	16	153
Lamar	403	22	30	31	02	6	20	13	21	258
Meriwether	621	10	52	64	07	16	40	26	42	364
Monroe	370	24	31	32	03	4	14	9	32	221
Pike	349	10	34	16	05	5	16	10	20	233
Talbot	143	2	13	13	00	7	15	14	7	72
Taylor	153	5	12	11	03	5	6	10	8	93
Total Area	2,863	107	229	226	25	60	166	107	179	1,764

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 2008).

Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

Career Center(s)

1514 Highway 16 West
Griffin GA 30223

Phone: (770) 228 - 7226 **Fax:** (770) 229 - 3287

Rehabilitation Center(s)

231-C South 10th Street
Griffin, GA 30224-2899

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