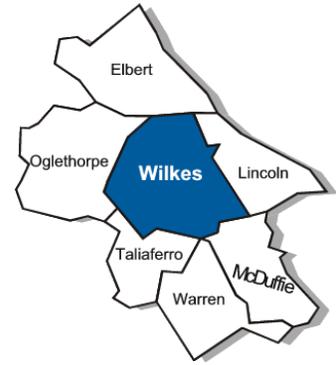




## AREA LABOR PROFILE

# Wilkes

# County



Updated: Mar 2012

## Labor Force Activity - 2011

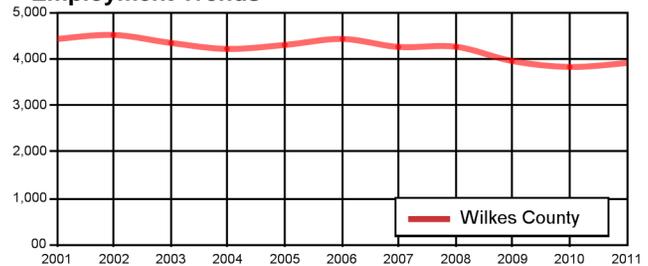
### 2011 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Wilkes	4,450	3,918	532	12.0%
Elbert	9,380	8,013	1,367	14.6%
Lincoln	3,728	3,324	404	10.8%
McDuffie	10,262	9,124	1,138	11.1%
Oglethorpe	8,230	7,598	632	7.7%
Taliaferro	741	648	93	12.6%
Warren	2,520	2,097	423	16.8%
<b>Wilkes Area</b>	<b>39,311</b>	<b>34,722</b>	<b>4,589</b>	<b>11.7%</b>
Georgia	4,725,104	4,262,175	462,929	9.8%
United States	153,617,000	139,869,000	13,747,000	8.9%

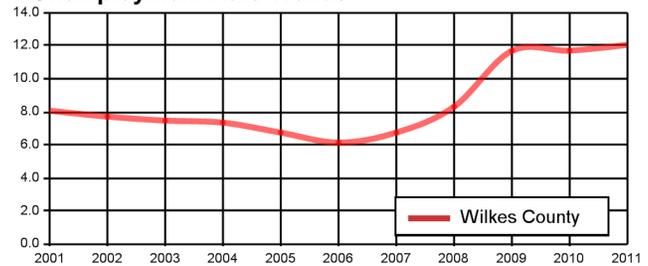
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

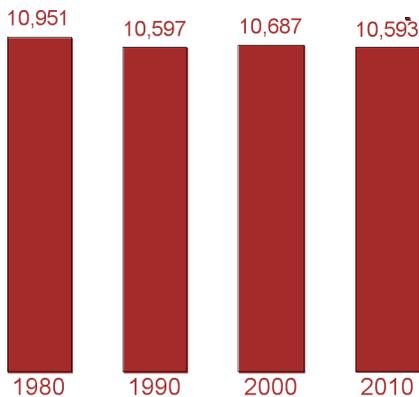
### Employment Trends



### Unemployment Rate Trends



### Population Estimates



## Population

	2010 Census	2015 Rank	2015 Estimate	% Change 2010-2015	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
<b>Wilkes</b>	<b>10,593</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>10,448</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>10,729</b>	<b>1.3</b>
City of Washington	4,134					
<b>Wilkes Area</b>	<b>83,080</b>		<b>90,520</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>103,147</b>	<b>24.2</b>
Georgia	9,687,653		11,076,619	14.3	13,426,590	38.6
United States	308,745,538		322,365,787	4.4	349,439,199	13.2

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

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# Industry Mix - 2010

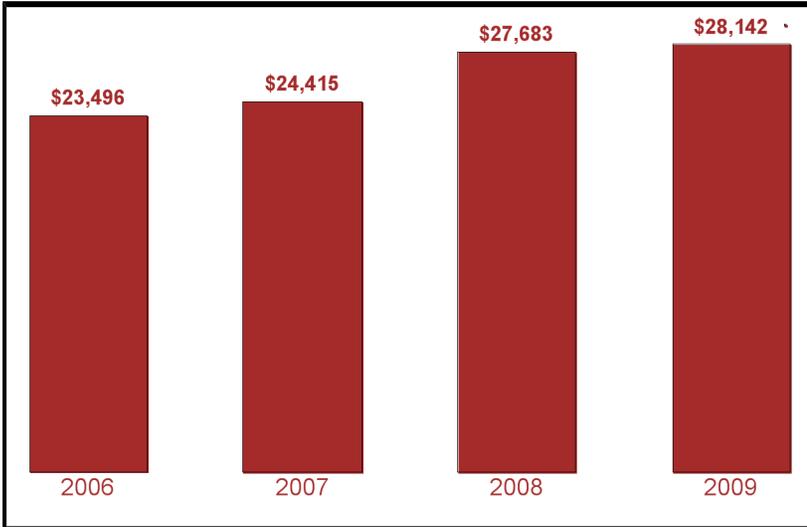
INDUSTRY	Wilkes				Wilkes Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>6,326</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>640</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	19	79	2.7	712	70	705	3.5	618
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	34	323	1.6	679
Construction	17	98	3.3	597	184	734	3.6	606
Manufacturing	15	507	17.2	667	163	4,567	22.7	646
Food	1	*	*	*	7	*	*	*
Textile Mills	0	*	*	*	6	744	3.7	663
Textile Product Mills	2	*	*	*	5	128	0.6	485
Wood Product	6	169	5.7	470	16	436	2.2	667
Paper	1	*	*	*	5	163	0.8	750
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	6	544	2.7	798
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	1	*	*	*	79	1,136	5.6	608
Fabricated Metal Product	1	*	*	*	13	188	0.9	573
Furniture and Related Product	2	*	*	*	6	38	0.2	485
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Apparel	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	*	*	*
Miscellaneous	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	3	209	1.0	699
Printing and Related Support Activities	0	0	0.0	0	4	43	0.2	662
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	5	53	0.3	634
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>8,316</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>467</b>
Utilities	1	*	*	*	6	88	0.4	1,058
Wholesale Trade	11	72	2.4	532	110	621	3.1	655
Retail Trade	52	380	12.9	372	290	2,278	11.3	405
Transportation and Warehousing	11	66	2.2	421	63	357	1.8	631
Information	2	*	*	*	15	181	0.9	1,011
Finance and Insurance	12	114	3.9	814	85	561	2.8	721
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	5	10	0.3	470	35	83	0.4	442
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	11	30	1.0	473	97	350	1.7	432
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	12	58	2.0	650	52	313	1.6	482
Educational Services	0	0	0.0	0	6	79	0.4	365
Health Care and Social Assistance	24	312	10.6	318	128	1,690	8.4	471
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2	*	*	*	14	91	0.5	270
Accommodation and Food Services	16	189	6.4	217	107	1,255	6.2	224
Other Services (except Public Administration)	21	43	1.5	486	133	360	1.8	460
<b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>438</b>
<b>Total - Private Sector</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>2,061</b>	<b>69.8</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>14,672</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>541</b>
<b>Total - Government</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>5,467</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>580</b>
Federal Government	7	40	1.4	823	44	280	1.4	1,040
State Government	10	103	3.5	509	75	524	2.6	603
Local Government	17	749	25.4	589	84	4,663	23.2	550
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>2,953</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>20,138</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>552</b>
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia</b>					<b>267,525</b>	<b>3,752,981</b>		<b>844</b>

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. All figures are annual averages of 2010.

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

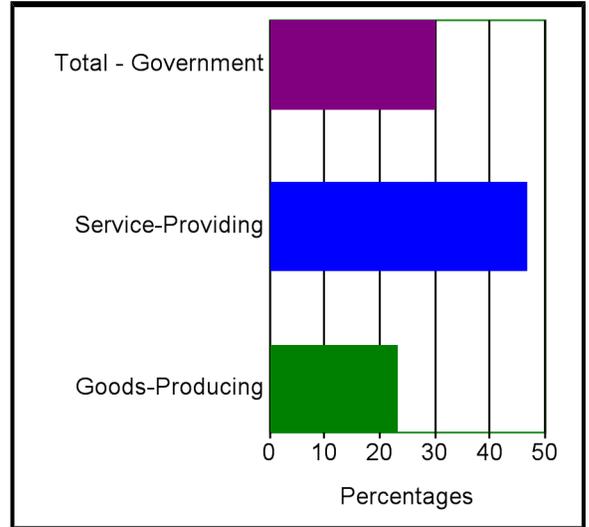
## Wilkes Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



## Wilkes Industry Mix 2010

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



## Top Ten Largest Employers - 2010

### Wilkes

Burt Lumber Co Inc  
 Csra Private Duty Inc  
 F & M Bank  
 Heritage Healthcare of Wilkes Llc  
 Hollander Home Fashions Llc  
 McDonalds  
 Paper-Pak Industries  
 Pliant Corporation  
 Wilkes-Wills Mem Hosp  
 Wood Speciality Co

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 2010. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

### Wilkes Area

Employer	COUNTY
Elberton-Elbert County Hospital	Elbert
Family Care Inc	McDuffie
McCorkle Nurseries Inc	McDuffie
McDuffie County Nursing Home Llc	McDuffie
McDuffie Regional Medical Ctr	McDuffie
Pillgrims Pride Corp	Elbert
Shaw Industries Group Inc	McDuffie
Thomson Plastics Inc	McDuffie
Wal-Mart	McDuffie
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
<b>Total Residents:</b>	<b>4,457</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### 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
<b>Total Residents:</b>	<b>4,539</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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+
Elementary	9.5%	3.9%	4.7%	5.9%	7.6%	22.7%
Some High School	18.7%	28.2%	20.5%	15.9%	17.1%	17.1%
High School Grad/GED	39.1%	39.0%	39.4%	39.9%	40.2%	36.4%
Some College	17.3%	22.5%	18.1%	19.7%	16.9%	12.7%
College Grad 2 Yr	5.5%	3.4%	7.4%	7.6%	6.3%	2.1%
College Grad 4 Yr	6.0%	2.7%	6.1%	7.4%	6.9%	4.8%
Post Grad Studies	3.9%	0.3%	3.8%	3.7%	5.0%	4.3%
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 - 2010 ACS 5-year estimate.

## High School Graduates - 2011

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Elbert	193	--	193
Lincoln	87	--	87
McDuffie	240	--	240
Oglethorpe	139	--	139
Taliaferro	13	--	13
Warren	40	--	40
Wilkes	88	--	88
<b>Wilkes Area</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>800</b>



Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

\* Private schools data is not available for 2011 from Georgia Independent School Association.

## Colleges and Universities

### Wilkes Area

#### Elbert

The Elbert County Campus (Satellite campus of Athens Technical College) [www.athenstech.edu](http://www.athenstech.edu)

#### Wilkes

Athens Technical College (Technical college servicing area) [www.athenstech.edu/](http://www.athenstech.edu/)

#### McDuffie

Thomson/McDuffie County Campus (Satellite campus of Augusta Technical College) [www.augustatech.edu](http://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 - 2011

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2009	2010	2011	2009-2010	2010-2011
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	37	80	71	116.2	-11.3

# Technical College Graduates - 2011

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2009	2010	2011	2009-2010	2010-2011
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	14	21	27	50.0	28.6
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist	1	9	6	800.0	-33.3
Allied Health Diagnostic, Intervention, and Treatment Professions, Other	3	4	4	33.3	0.0
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician	27	49	74	81.5	51.0
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	56	113	61	101.8	-46.0
Biology Technician/Biotechnology Laboratory Technician	8	14	20	75.0	42.9
Business Administration, Management and Operations, Other	10	16	10	60.0	-37.5
Child Care Provider/Assistant	2	4	186	100.0	4550.0
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	7	20	19	185.7	-5.0
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	67	93	98	38.8	5.4
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	19	36	48	89.5	33.3
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	14	13	16	-7.1	23.1
Dental Assisting/Assistant	14	12	14	-14.3	16.7
Dental Hygiene/Hygienist	11	14	13	27.3	-7.1
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General	10	11	14	10.0	27.3
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	27	28	66	3.7	135.7
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General	9	14	5	55.6	-64.3
Electrician	29	32	41	10.3	28.1
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	101	107	114	5.9	6.5
Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurial Studies	8	9	21	12.5	133.3
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant	6	5	5	-16.7	0.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician	35	92	91	162.9	-1.1
Hospitality Administration/Management, General	19	19	24	0.0	26.3
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	19	12	43	-36.8	258.3
Legal Assistant/Paralegal	15	12	17	-20.0	41.7
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	23	14	16	-39.1	14.3
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	10	25	18	150.0	-28.0
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	7	7	14	0.0	100.0
Medical/Clinical Assistant	44	55	45	25.0	-18.2
Personal and Culinary Services, Other	4	8	14	100.0	75.0
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist	46	34	23	-26.1	-32.4
Physical Therapy Technician/Assistant	12	14	11	16.7	-21.4
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	15	15	19	0.0	26.7
Retailing and Retail Operations	16	2	24	-87.5	1100.0
Sales, Distribution, and Marketing Operations, General	16	20	27	25.0	35.0
Selling Skills and Sales Operations	25	17	31	-32.0	82.4
Small Business Administration/Management	1	4	6	300.0	50.0

# Technical College Graduates - 2011

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2009	2010	2011	2009-2010	2010-2011
Surgical Technology/Technologist	7	11	7	57.1	-36.4
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor	26	37	47	42.3	27.0
Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinary Assistant	9	21	14	133.3	-33.3

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	Mgt.	Bus. & Finance	Compu. & Math	Arch. & Eng.	Life & Soc. Svcs.	Comm. & Svcs	Legal	Ed. & Training	Arts & Design	Health Prac.	Health Support
Elbert	203	44	15	9	11	4	7	3	22	10	11	67
Lincoln	60	17	2	5	4	2	5	0	4	1	8	12
McDuffie	188	64	15	9	7	1	11	2	17	8	29	25
Oglethorpe	118	43	8	8	7	1	2	1	11	8	15	14
Taliaferro	10	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	2
Warren	51	17	4	2	2	2	7	0	6	2	4	5
Wilkes	65	12	2	4	0	1	6	1	7	3	6	23
<b>Total Area</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>148</b>

## Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor (cont.)

	TOTAL	Protect. Svcs.	Food Prep.	Ground Cleaning	Personal Care	Sales	Office Support	Farm. & Forestry	Cons- truction	Installation Main.	Prod.	Trans. & Moving
Elbert	1,371	12	115	62	36	115	182	4	112	55	440	238
Lincoln	315	4	24	10	4	26	47	2	52	30	67	49
McDuffie	1,170	28	105	58	30	109	193	8	114	71	280	174
Oglethorpe	549	13	40	25	14	48	109	7	76	49	92	76
Taliaferro	83	4	5	5	3	5	17	1	5	4	18	16
Warren	315	4	19	4	6	21	38	3	21	16	106	77
Wilkes	380	5	26	13	16	32	67	6	24	23	102	66
<b>Total Area</b>	<b>4,183</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>696</b>

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 February 2012).

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