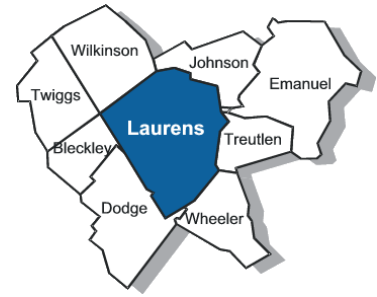




AREA LABOR PROFILE

Laurens

County

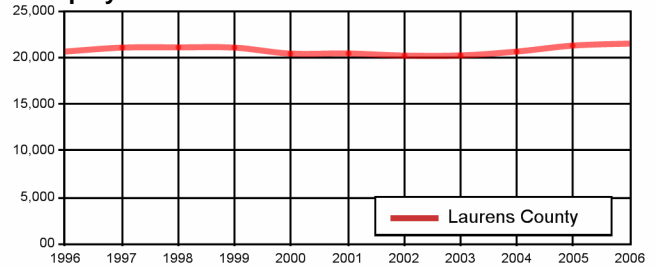


Labor Force Activity - 2006

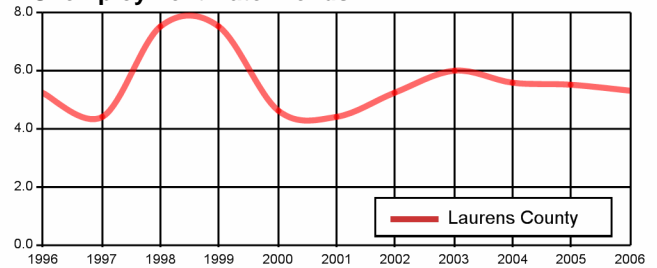
2006 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Laurens	22,734	21,530	1,204	5.3%
Bleckley	5,116	4,804	312	6.1%
Dodge	9,583	9,109	474	4.9%
Emanuel	10,941	10,380	561	5.1%
Johnson	3,804	3,598	206	5.4%
Treutlen	2,692	2,529	163	6.1%
Twiggs	4,683	4,410	273	5.8%
Wheeler	3,114	2,939	175	5.6%
Wilkinson	4,569	4,300	269	5.9%
Laurens Area	67,236	63,599	3,637	5.6%
Georgia	4,741,860	4,522,025	219,835	4.6%
United States	151,428,000	144,427,000	7,001,000	4.6%

Employment Trends



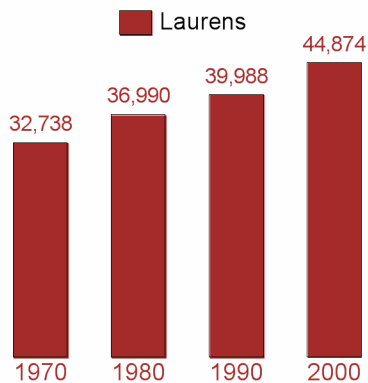
Unemployment Rate Trends



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	2006 Rank	2006 Estimate	% Change 2000-2006	2010 Projected*	% Change 2000-2010
Laurens	44,874	41	47,316	5.4	49,790	11.0
City of Dublin	15,857					
Laurens Area	139,951		145,534	4.0	150,403	7.5
Georgia	8,186,453		9,363,941	14.4	9,864,970	20.5
United States	281,421,906		299,398,484	6.4	308,936,000	9.8

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

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Industry Mix - 2006

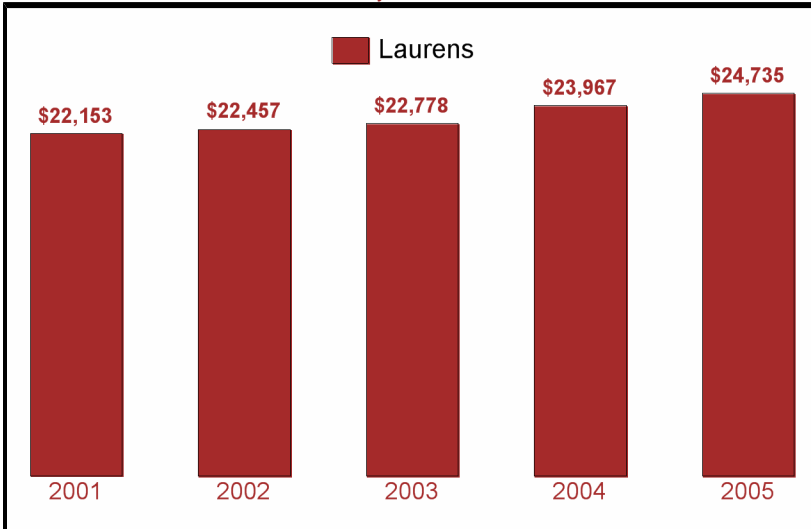
INDUSTRY	Laurens				Laurens Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	182	5,236	25.7	700	509	12,619	26.9	692
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	12	81	0.4	534	96	687	1.5	574
Mining	1	*	*	*	14	1,301	2.8	826
Construction	116	1,513	7.4	572	259	2,527	5.4	502
Manufacturing	53	3,639	17.9	757	140	8,102	17.3	644
Food Manufacturing	4	151	0.7	635	9	1,333	2.8	391
Beverage & Tobacco Product Manufacturing	2	*	*	*	4	50	0.1	746
Textile Mills	2	*	*	*	4	246	0.5	498
Textile Product Mills	1	*	*	*	4	*	*	*
Apparel Manufacturing	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Wood Product Manufacturing	3	*	*	*	14	544	1.2	546
Paper Manufacturing	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Printing and Related Support Activities	1	*	*	*	6	37	0.1	333
Chemical Manufacturing	2	*	*	*	3	*	*	*
Plastics & Rubber Products Manufacturing	1	*	*	*	3	21	0.0	279
Nonmetallic Mineral Product Mfg	3	31	0.2	582	7	240	0.5	664
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	14	608	3.0	749	34	1,375	2.9	555
Machinery Manufacturing	1	*	*	*	6	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product Mfg	1	*	*	*	3	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	2	*	*	*	8	379	0.8	609
Furniture and Related Product Mfg	11	720	3.5	492	22	878	1.9	390
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	3	*	*	*	8	141	0.3	378
Service-Providing	897	10,526	51.7	480	2,130	21,780	46.4	461
Utilities	3	*	*	*	11	194	0.4	991
Wholesale Trade	50	643	3.2	620	128	1,161	2.5	589
Retail Trade	238	2,743	13.5	385	581	5,905	12.6	336
Transportation and Warehousing	44	536	2.6	565	124	1,490	3.2	569
Information	12	193	0.9	728	35	403	0.9	740
Finance and Insurance	52	421	2.1	677	136	1,169	2.5	755
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	38	161	0.8	427	74	323	0.7	351
Professional and Technical Services	67	290	1.4	784	143	645	1.4	483
Management of Companies and Enterprises	5	*	*	*	11	304	0.6	475
Administrative and Waste Services	43	1,016	5.0	504	95	1,606	3.4	475
Educational Services	3	*	*	*	13	238	0.5	366
Health Care and Social Assistance	141	2,377	11.7	607	306	4,865	10.4	453
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10	87	0.4	259	27	152	0.3	1,331
Accommodation and Food Services	92	1,505	7.4	209	194	2,587	5.5	214
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	89	331	1.6	377	225	692	1.5	350
Unclassified - industry not assigned	10	22	0.1	248	27	45	0.1	499
Total - Private Sector	1,079	15,762	77.4	590	2,639	34,399	73.3	577
Total - Government	75	4,615	22.6	836	315	12,557	26.7	616
State Government	31	1,549	7.6	532	131	4,207	9.0	499
Local Government	31	2,113	10.4	593	124	7,150	15.2	496
Federal Government	13	953	4.7	1,382	60	1,200	2.6	852
ALL INDUSTRIES	1,154	20,377	100.0	594	2,954	46,954	100.0	558
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					266,560	4,023,824		776

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 2006.

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

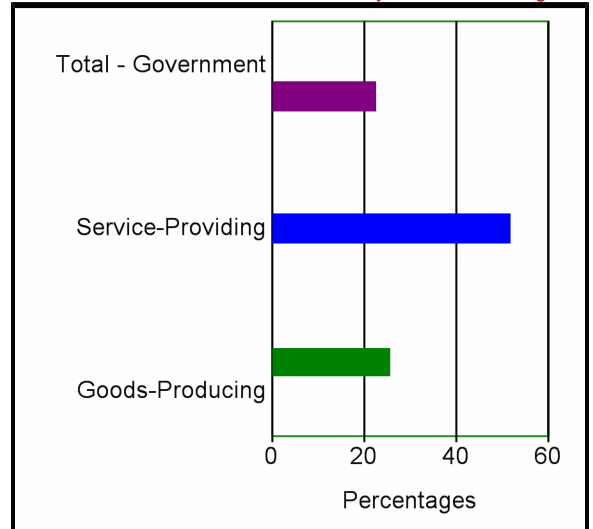
Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Laurens Industry Mix 2006

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2006

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Laurens

Fairview Park Hospital
 Flexsteel Industries Inc
 Graham Brothers Construction
 Mohawk Carpet Corp
 YKK AP America Inc

Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state college and universities. Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2006. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

TEN LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Laurens Area

Employer	COUNTY
L & C Lighting Group Inc	Bleckley
Crider Inc	Emanuel
Mohawk Carpet Corp	Laurens
Fairview Park Hospital	Laurens
Graham Brothers Construction	Laurens
YKK AP America Inc	Laurens
Flexsteel Industries Inc	Laurens
SP Newsprint	Laurens
Wheeler Correctional Facility	Wheeler
Englehard Corporation	Wilkinson

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Laurens

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Laurens, GA	16,046	84.5
Bibb, GA	501	2.6
Dodge, GA	352	1.9
Washington, GA	331	1.7
Wilkinson, GA	243	1.3
Johnson, GA	228	1.2
Telfair, GA	174	0.9
Bleckley, GA	116	0.6
Other	995	5.2
Total Residents:	18,986	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Laurens

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Laurens, GA	16,046	81.3
Johnson, GA	847	4.3
Treutlen, GA	426	2.2
Dodge, GA	369	1.9
Bleckley, GA	280	1.4
Emanuel, GA	209	1.1
Wheeler, GA	172	0.9
Twiggs, GA	153	0.8
Other	1,233	6.2
Total Residents:	19,735	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

Laurens

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	30.2%	33.7%	19.0%	22.3%	28.4%	50.9%
High Scholl Grad/GED	37.4%	39.4%	38.8%	41.4%	39.7%	26.0%
Some College	19.2%	21.9%	24.2%	22.2%	17.3%	12.1%
Collgege Grad 4 Yr	8.4%	4.8%	12.4%	8.7%	8.4%	6.8%
Post Graduate Studie	4.9%	0.3%	5.7%	5.4%	6.3%	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 - 2000 Decennial Census.

High School Graduates - 2006

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS	TOTAL
Laurens	436	20	456
Bleckley	126	0	126
Dodge	178	0	178
Emanuel	180	26	206
Johnson	64	0	64
Treutlen	58	0	58
Twiggs	50	3	53
Wheeler	54	0	54
Wilkinson	97	0	97
Laurens Area	1,243	49	1,292



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

Laurens Area

Dodge

Georgia Aviation Technical College	http://www.gavtc.org
Mercer Campus (Satellite campus of Mercer University)	http://www.mercer.edu
Georgia Aviation & Technical College	www.gavtc.org

Twiggs

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

East Georgia College	www.ega.edu
Swainsboro Technical College	www.swainsborotech.edu

Laurens

Heart of Georgia Technical College	www.heartofgatech.edu
Heart of Georgia Technical College (Technical college servicing area)	www.heartofgatech.edu

Bleckley

Middle Georgia College	www.mgc.edu
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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 - 2006

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2004	2005	2006	2004-2005	2005-2006
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	17	13	24	-23.5	84.6
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science,	46	42	30	-8.7	-28.6
Applied Horticulture/Horticulture Operations, Gene	11	15	3	36.4	-80.0
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technic	3	3	8	0.0	166.7
Business Administration, Management and Operations	1	9	7	800.0	-22.2
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Techni	22	21	41	-4.5	95.2
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	14	6	10	-57.1	66.7
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice O	28	20	27	-28.6	35.0
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Tec	5	8	10	60.0	25.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	16	31	32	93.8	3.2
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and	23	19	23	-17.4	21.1
Electrician	9	8	5	-11.1	-37.5
Heating/AC/Ventilation/Refrig Maint Technology/Tec	10	20	18	100.0	-10.0
Heavy Equipment Maintenance Technology/Technician	6	7	11	16.7	57.1
Human Resources Management/Personnel Administratio	10	3	2	-70.0	-33.3
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	23	5	3	-78.3	-40.0
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	37	33	53	-10.8	60.6
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	9	5	5	-44.4	0.0
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder	6	6	19	0.0	216.7
Medical/Clinical Assistant	5	21	13	320.0	-38.1
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assi	85	97	90	14.1	-7.2
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	5	8	11	60.0	37.5
Phlebotomy/Phlebotomist	15	12	17	-20.0	41.7
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	15	12	20	-20.0	66.7
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	10	12	6	20.0	-50.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operation	69	71	99	2.9	39.4
Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician/Vet	4	2	5	-50.0	150.0
Welding Technology/Welder	19	9	14	-52.6	55.6

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 Heart of Georgia Technical College

Occupational Profile for Residents of Laurens County

	Laurens		Laurens Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	20,284	100.0	59,740	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	1,470	7.3	4,179	7.0
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	263	1.3	623	1.0
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	583	2.9	1,642	2.8
Other Professional Workers	1,904	9.4	4,723	7.9
Technicians	668	3.3	1,605	2.7
Sales Workers	1,977	9.8	5,313	8.9
Administrative Support Workers	2,614	12.9	8,028	13.4
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	1,287	6.3	4,124	6.9
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	1,222	6.0	3,952	6.6
Production Operative Workers	2,714	13.4	8,302	13.9
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	1,175	5.8	3,609	6.0
Laborers and Helpers	1,054	5.2	3,767	6.3
Protective Service Workers	634	3.1	2,227	3.7
Service Workers, except Protective	2,494	12.3	6,893	11.5
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	225	1.1	753	1.3

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.
Laurens	1,847	105	288	392	10	24	84	99	163	682
Wheeler	97	10	15	12	02	3	3	2	13	37
Treutlen	159	13	17	28	01	5	15	12	17	51
Johnson	204	15	21	23	02	7	7	17	24	88
Wilkinson	389	18	80	54	04	15	16	19	46	137
Bleckley	256	23	32	25	01	11	16	23	30	95
Twiggs	227	26	29	35	05	8	6	13	20	85
Dodge	599	35	113	101	04	10	23	24	61	228
Emanuel	386	36	41	49	03	13	18	33	58	135
Total Area	4,164	281	636	719	32	96	188	242	432	1,538

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 June 2007).

Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

Career Center(s)

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Dublin GA 31201

Phone: (478) 275 - 6525 **Fax:** (478) 275 - 6599

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