



# Wilkes

# County



## Labor Force Activity - 2006

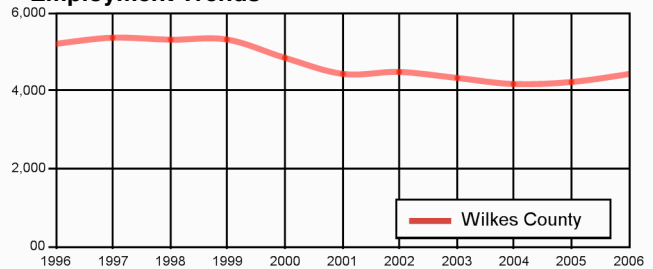
### 2006 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Wilkes	4,735	4,438	297	6.3%
Elbert	10,099	9,440	659	6.5%
Lincoln	3,712	3,478	234	6.3%
McDuffie	10,722	10,054	668	6.2%
Oglethorpe	7,852	7,567	285	3.6%
Taliaferro	761	704	57	7.5%
Warren	2,479	2,269	210	8.5%
<b>Wilkes Area</b>	<b>40,360</b>	<b>37,950</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
Georgia	4,741,860	4,522,025	219,835	4.6%
United States	151,428,000	144,427,000	7,001,000	4.6%

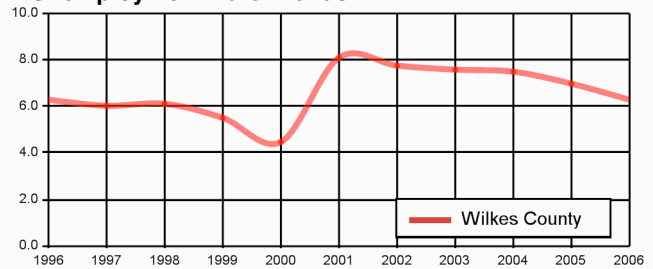
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

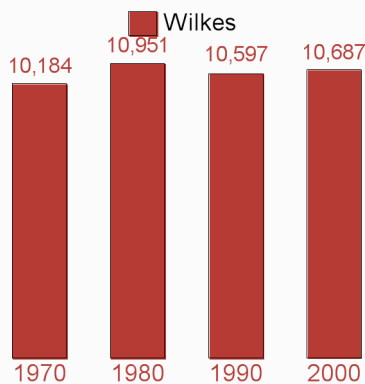
### Employment Trends



### Unemployment Rate Trends



### Population Estimates



## Population

	2000 Census	2006 Rank	2006 Estimate	% Change 2000-2006	2010 Projected*	% Change 2000-2010
<b>Wilkes</b>	<b>10,687</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>10,468</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>10,678</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
City of Washington	4,295					
<b>Wilkes Area</b>	<b>81,825</b>		<b>83,233</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>84,937</b>	<b>3.8</b>
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

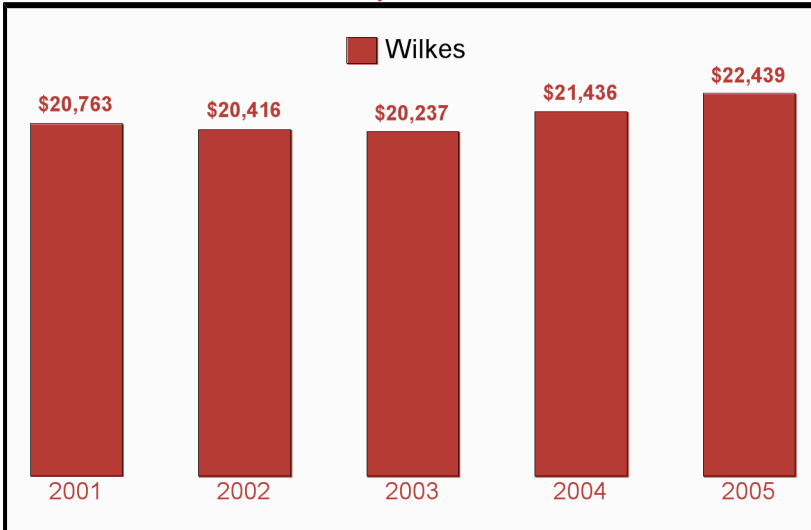
INDUSTRY	Wilkes				Wilkes Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>7,978</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>554</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	18	126	3.6	552	66	700	3.0	528
Construction	22	151	4.3	539	194	1,103	4.7	486
Manufacturing	20	813	23.1	520	193	5,809	25.0	542
Food Manufacturing	1	*	*	*	7	*	*	*
Textile Mills	1	*	*	*	8	1,087	4.7	550
Textile Product Mills	3	*	*	*	8	240	1.0	288
Apparel Manufacturing	1	*	*	*	3	135	0.6	548
Wood Product Manufacturing	7	280	7.9	431	17	773	3.3	704
Paper Manufacturing	1	*	*	*	3	198	0.9	718
Plastics & Rubber Products Manufacturing	3	*	*	*	6	495	2.1	776
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	1	*	*	*	17	185	0.8	616
Furniture and Related Product Mfg	2	*	*	*	8	*	*	*
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>9,608</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>432</b>
Utilities	1	*	*	*	6	86	0.4	1,080
Wholesale Trade	10	103	2.9	601	120	892	3.8	667
Retail Trade	54	370	10.5	320	320	2,546	11.0	359
Transportation and Warehousing	13	64	1.8	540	78	506	2.2	544
Information	3	84	2.4	1,476	24	267	1.1	1,176
Finance and Insurance	13	105	3.0	745	93	568	2.4	632
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7	21	0.6	512	42	120	0.5	440
Professional and Technical Services	15	57	1.6	476	94	364	1.6	520
Administrative and Waste Services	9	97	2.8	352	53	541	2.3	645
Health Care and Social Assistance	29	302	8.6	336	125	1,679	7.2	411
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2	*	*	*	13	75	0.3	253
Accommodation and Food Services	18	212	6.0	198	108	1,466	6.3	189
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	29	75	2.1	501	148	383	1.6	405
<b>Total - Private Sector</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>2,624</b>	<b>74.5</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>1,739</b>	<b>17,586</b>	<b>75.7</b>	<b>493</b>
<b>Total - Government</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>5,638</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>589</b>
State Government	15	126	3.6	524	79	601	2.6	558
Local Government	16	732	20.8	522	83	4,748	20.4	477
Federal Government	7	42	1.2	655	46	289	1.2	733
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>3,524</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>1,947</b>	<b>23,226</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>490</b>
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia</b>					<b>266,560</b>	<b>4,023,824</b>		<b>776</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 since all figures represent the Annual 2006.

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

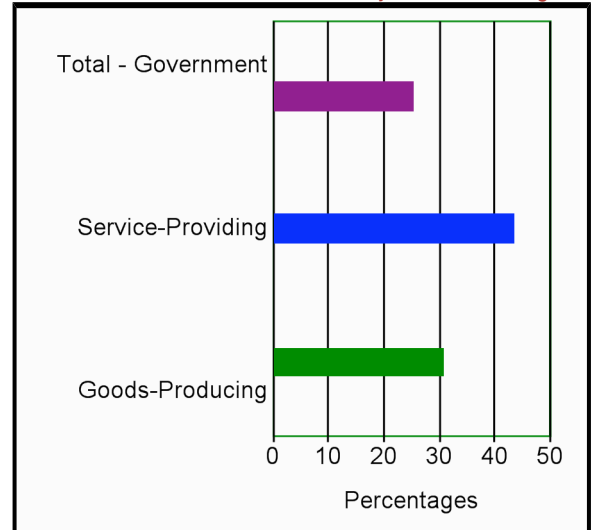
## Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



## Wilkes Industry Mix 2006

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



## Top Employers - 2006

### FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

#### Wilkes

Clark-Schwebel Corporation  
 Hollander Home Fashions Corp  
 K W McAvoy & Son Inc  
 Pliant Corporation  
 Wikes-Wills Mem Hospital

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

#### Wilkes Area

Employer	COUNTY
Pilgrims Pride Corp	Elbert
Allied Signal Friction Materials	Elbert
Elberton-Elbert County Hospital	Elbert
Shaw Industries Group Inc	McDuffie
Wal-Mart Associates Inc	McDuffie
McDuffie Regional Medical Center	McDuffie
Thomson Plastics Inc	McDuffie
H P Pelzer Inc	McDuffie
Temple-Inland Forest Products Corp	McDuffie
The Timbermen Inc	Warren

## 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

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	35.3%	37.2%	25.8%	23.5%	32.0%	55.3%
High Scholl Grad/GED	35.9%	35.6%	37.9%	44.6%	39.4%	22.2%
Some College	17.5%	21.5%	26.4%	17.4%	16.4%	11.8%
Collgege Grad 4 Yr	7.6%	5.8%	7.9%	9.7%	7.2%	6.7%
Post Graduate Studie	3.8%	0.0%	2.0%	4.9%	5.0%	4.0%
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
Wilkes	91	0	91
Elbert	173	0	173
Lincoln	79	0	79
McDuffie	195	0	195
Oglethorpe	107	0	107
Taliaferro	15	0	15
Warren	43	18	61
<b>Wilkes Area</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>721</b>

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](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 - 2006

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2004	2005	2006	2004-2005	2005-2006
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	35	49	31	40.0	-36.7
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science,	34	20	31	-41.2	55.0
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technicia	9	34	28	277.8	-17.6

# Technical College Graduates - 2006

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2004	2005	2006	2004-2005	2005-2006
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technic	21	28	47	33.3	67.9
Biology Technician/Biotechnology Laboratory Techni	6	10	3	66.7	-70.0
Business Administration, Management and Operations	23	10	4	-56.5	-60.0
Business Machine Repair	8	8	1	0.0	-87.5
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technic	4	13	1	225.0	-92.3
Computer Programming Special Applications	41	4	19	-90.2	375.0
Computer Programming/Programmer, General	2	8	7	300.0	-12.5
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	26	33	50	26.9	51.5
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Tec	30	34	12	13.3	-64.7
Dental Assisting/Assistant	13	12	12	-7.7	0.0
Dental Hygiene/Hygienist	15	14	14	-6.7	0.0
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General	10	16	16	60.0	0.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	34	29	24	-14.7	-17.2
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and	16	19	6	18.8	-68.4
Electrician	19	5	11	-73.7	120.0
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Param	73	77	95	5.5	23.4
Heating/AC/Ventilation/Refrig Maint Technology/Tec	20	18	22	-10.0	22.2
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	20	28	11	40.0	-60.7
Legal Assistant/Paralegal	9	16	10	77.8	-37.5
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	30	22	51	-26.7	131.8
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	12	14	11	16.7	-21.4
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Othe	13	15	9	15.4	-40.0
Medical/Clinical Assistant	25	32	32	28.0	0.0
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assi	10	107	69	970.0	-35.5
Nursing/Registered Nurse (RN, ASN, BSN, MSN)	45	41	35	-8.9	-14.6
Physical Therapist Assistant	14	16	11	14.3	-31.3
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	14	13	18	-7.1	38.5
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	12	7	10	-41.7	42.9
Sales, Distribution and Marketing Operations, Gene	20	27	37	35.0	37.0
Small Business Administration/Management	6	7	7	16.7	0.0
Surgical Technology/Technologist	9	8	7	-11.1	-12.5
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operation	20	44	34	120.0	-22.7
Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician/Vet	6	3	12	-50.0	300.0

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 Mangerial	Clerical and Sales	Service	Agr., Forestry and Fishing	Processing	Machine Trades	Bench- Work	Structural Work	Misc.
Wilkes	267	14	33	35	03	17	39	15	13	98
Taliaferro	46	3	3	8	02	3	3	3	3	18
Warren	289	8	52	51	02	10	29	12	22	103
Lincoln	165	16	27	14	00	11	16	5	18	58
Oglethorpe	278	32	60	27	02	2	20	12	17	106
McDuffie	834	34	159	147	15	24	71	34	65	285
Elbert	696	38	65	107	00	60	84	39	28	275
<b>Total Area</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>943</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 June 2007).

## Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

### Career Center(s)

232 Main Street  
Thomson GA 30824

**Phone:** (706) 595 - 3665      **Fax:** (706) 595 - 7209

### Rehabilitation Center(s)

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1025-A Warrenton Highway  
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