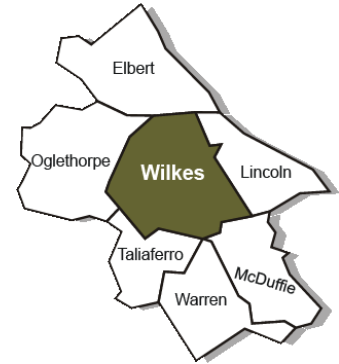# Georgia
Area Labor Profile

Wilkes
County

Updated: Aug 2020

Labor Force Activity - 2019

2019 ANNUAL AVERAGES

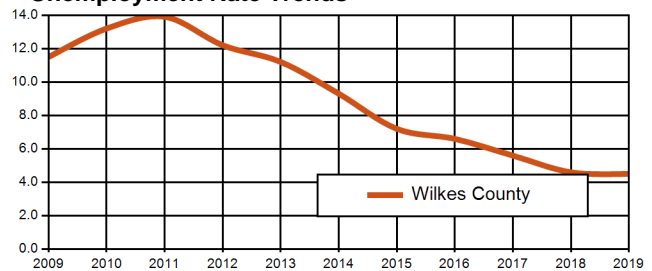|	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Wilkes	3,823	3,650	173	4.5%
Elbert	7,658	7,352	306	4.0%
Lincoln	3,554	3,417	137	3.9%
McDuffie	8,852	8,402	450	5.1%
Oglethorpe	6,929	6,706	223	3.2%
Taliaferro	567	539	28	4.9%
Warren	2,821	2,693	128	4.5%
Wilkes Area	**34,204**	**32,759**	**1,445**	**4.2%**
Georgia	5,110,318	4,935,310	175,008	3.4%
United States	163,539,000	157,538,000	6,001,000	3.7%

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.
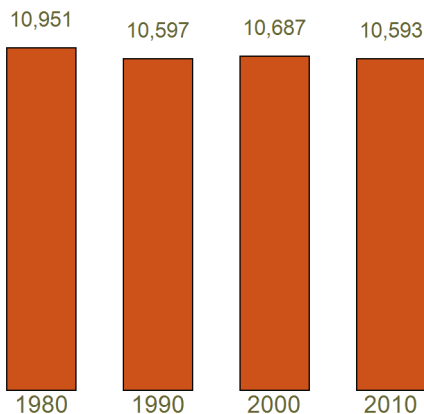
Employment Trends

Wilkes County
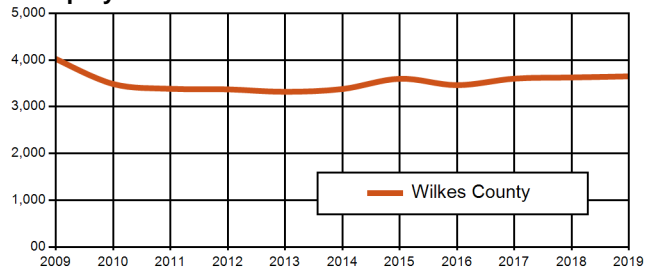
Unemployment Rate Trends

Wilkes County

Population Estimates

1980	1990	2000	2010
10,951	10,597	10,687	10,593

Population

	2010 Census	2019 Rank	2019 Estimate	% Change 2010-2019	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
Wilkes	**10,593**	127	**9,777**	**-7.7**	**9,333**	**-11.9**
City of Washington	4,134					
Wilkes Area	**83,080**		**80,254**	**-3.4**	**79,464**	**-4.4**
Georgia	9,687,653		10,617,423	9.6	11,538,707	19.1
United States	308,745,538		328,239,523	6.3	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 - 1st Quarter of 2020

INDUSTRY	Wilkes NUMBER OF FIRMS	Wilkes EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	Wilkes EMPLOYMENT PERCENT	Wilkes WEEKLY WAGE	Wilkes Area NUMBER OF FIRMS	Wilkes Area EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	Wilkes Area EMPLOYMENT PERCENT	Wilkes Area WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	**44**	**721**	**26.9**	**915**	**402**	**6,852**	**34.2**	**843**
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	15	94	3.5	819	62	715	3.6	768
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	2	*	*	*	31	413	2.1	1,051
Construction	12	203	7.6	1,105	163	1,278	6.4	860
Manufacturing	15	414	15.5	850	146	4,447	22.2	830
Food	1	*	*	*	5	*	*	*
Textile Product Mills	2	*	*	*	4	142	0.7	884
Wood Product	5	165	6.2	648	15	601	3.0	1,000
Paper	1	*	*	*	3	*	*	*
Plastics and Rubber Products	2	*	*	*	5	382	1.9	970
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	1	*	*	*	55	910	4.5	741
Fabricated Metal Product	3	*	*	*	22	193	1.0	659
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Furniture and Related Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Chemical	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Printing and Related Support Activities	0	0	0.0	0	3	46	0.2	725
Miscellaneous	0	0	0.0	0	4	10	0.0	390
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	5	595	3.0	883
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	7	56	0.3	1,070
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	7	572	2.9	809
Service-Providing	**157**	**1,182**	**44.1**	**576**	**1,091**	**8,472**	**42.3**	**598**
Utilities	1	*	*	*	5	72	0.4	1,701
Wholesale Trade	9	74	2.8	1,086	92	810	4.0	934
Retail Trade	47	343	12.8	453	251	2,236	11.2	492
Transportation and Warehousing	8	43	1.6	248	59	358	1.8	775
Information	2	*	*	*	14	125	0.6	1,516
Finance and Insurance	12	97	3.6	896	75	519	2.6	1,004
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6	20	0.7	601	35	91	0.5	757
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	11	31	1.2	679	90	331	1.7	652
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1	*	*	*	5	45	0.2	842
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	6	48	1.8	604	66	383	1.9	513
Educational Services	0	0	0.0	0	3	87	0.4	524
Health Care and Social Assistance	20	241	9.0	377	134	1,754	8.8	566
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	0	0	0.0	0	15	66	0.3	376
Accommodation and Food Services	23	153	5.7	267	111	1,241	6.2	264
Other Services (except Public Administration)	11	35	1.3	522	85	313	1.6	512
Unclassified - industry not assigned	**8**	**7**	**0.3**	**843**	**51**	**43**	**0.2**	**747**
Total - Private Sector	**209**	**1,910**	**71.3**	**705**	**1,493**	**15,324**	**76.5**	**708**
Total - Government	**31**	**769**	**28.7**	**666**	**167**	**4,701**	**23.5**	**682**
Federal Government	5	31	1.2	797	34	229	1.1	1,209
State Government	11	78	2.9	617	58	403	2.0	738
Local Government	15	660	24.6	666	75	4,069	20.3	647
ALL INDUSTRIES	**240**	**2,679**	**100.0**	**694**	**1,660**	**20,024**	**100.0**	**702**
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					**301,507**	**4,526,764**		**1,159**

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 1st Quarter of 2020.

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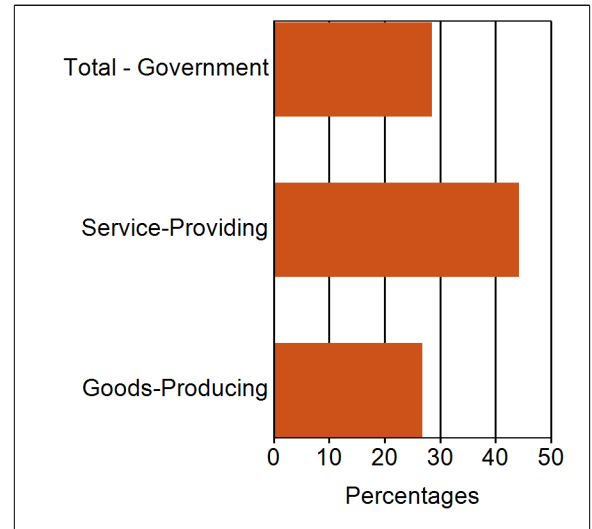
Wilkes Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
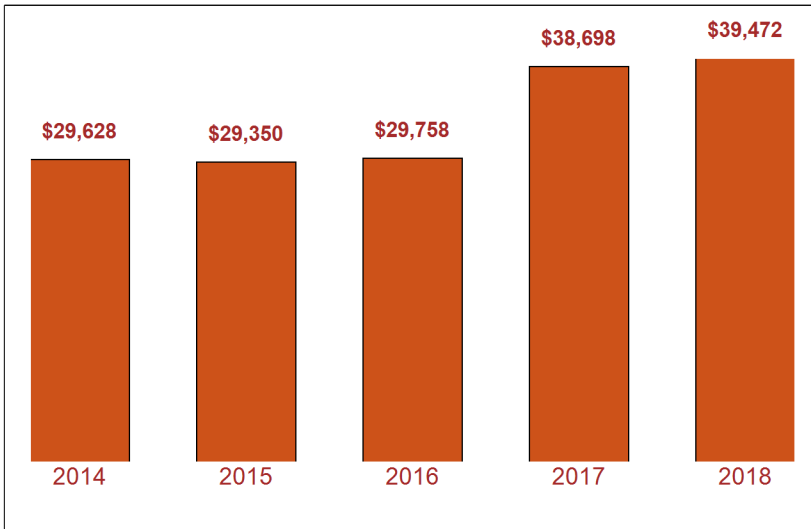
Wilkes Industry Mix 2020

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.

Top Ten Largest Employers - 2020*

Wilkes

Anthony Forest Products Co
Barnett Southern Corporation
BI-LO, LLC
Burt Lumber Co, Inc.
CSRA Private Duty, Inc.
F&M Bank
Hollander Home Fashions, LLC
Ingles Markets, Inc.
McDonalds
Pliant Corporation

Wilkes Area

	COUNTY
Family Care, Inc.	McDuffie
Georgia-Pacific Wood Products, LLC	Warren
H P Pelzer (Automotive Systems), Inc.	McDuffie
McCorkle Nurseries, Inc.	McDuffie
Mollertech South, LLC	Elbert
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	Elbert
Shaw Industries Group, Inc.	McDuffie
The York Group	Elbert
Thomson Plastics, Inc.	McDuffie
Walmart	McDuffie

*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 First Quarter of 2020. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

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 Graduate 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 workers with some college with no degree less than two years.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

High School Graduates - 2019

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Elbert	170	--	170
Lincoln	94	--	94
McDuffie	250	--	250
Oglethorpe	127	--	127
Taliaferro	7	--	7
Warren	30	--	30
Wilkes	90	--	90
Wilkes Area	**768**	**--**	**768**

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

*   Private schools data is not available for 2019 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

Colleges and Universities

Wilkes Area

Elbert

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

McDuffie

Thomson 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 - 2019*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2017	2018	2019	2017-2018	2018-2019
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	196	167	177	-14.8	6.0
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	91	62	65	-31.9	4.8
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist°	9	17	11	88.9	-35.3
Aircraft Powerplant Technology/Technician°	9	5	7	-44.4	40.0
Airframe Mechanics and Aircraft Maintenance Technology/Technician°	9	8	10	-11.1	25.0
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	52	56	75	7.7	33.9
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	46	49	70	6.5	42.9
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	306	337	362	10.1	7.4
Barbering/Barber°	15	25	20	66.7	-20.0
Biology Technician/Biotechnology Laboratory Technician°	19	13	19	-31.6	46.2
Business Administration and Management, General°	150	128	140	-14.7	9.4
Business Administration, Management and Operations, Other	1	5	3	400.0	-40.0
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician°	15	18	19	20.0	5.6
Cardiovascular Technology/Technologist	7	7	6	0.0	-14.3
Carpentry/Carpenter°	15	7	4	-53.3	-42.9
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	193	174	205	-9.8	17.8

Technical College Graduates - 2019*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2017	2018	2019	2017-2018	2018-2019
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	243	237	193	-2.5	-18.6
Computer Programming Special Applications°	43	32	48	-25.6	50.0
Computer Programming, Specific Applications°	27	22	29	-18.5	31.8
Computer Programming/Programmer, General°	32	21	13	-34.4	-38.1
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	267	255	274	-4.5	7.5
Criminal Justice/Police Science°	35	40	27	14.3	-32.5
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	143	128	132	-10.5	3.1
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	14	29	27	107.1	-6.9
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation°	8	4	4	-50.0	0.0
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General°	93	30	15	-67.7	-50.0
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	130	118	107	-9.2	-9.3
Dental Assisting/Assistant	21	33	19	57.1	-42.4
Dental Hygiene/Hygienist	11	12	11	9.1	-8.3
Design and Visual Communications, General°	86	105	97	22.1	-7.6
Diesel Mechanics Technology/Technician°	65	61	83	-6.2	36.1
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General°	19	27	20	42.1	-25.9
Early Childhood Education and Teaching°	96	102	70	6.3	-31.4
Electrical, Electronic and Communications Engineering Technology/Technician	6	16	7	166.7	-56.3
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General°	15	7	13	-53.3	85.7
Electrician°	274	227	233	-17.2	2.6
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	76	88	125	15.8	42.0
Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurial Studies°	9	6	3	-33.3	-50.0
Fire Science/Fire-fighting°	35	24	20	-31.4	-16.7
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant°	94	74	42	-21.3	-43.2
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services°	53	52	33	-1.9	-36.5
Golf Course Operation and Grounds Management°	15	15	5	0.0	-66.7
Graphic Design°	14	21	20	50.0	-4.8
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician	17	9	2	-47.1	-77.8
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/°	102	95	105	-6.9	10.5
Hospitality Administration/Management, General°	51	20	64	-60.8	220.0
Hotel/Motel Administration/Management°	15	3	15	-80.0	400.0
Human Resources Management and Services, Other°	14	2	11	-85.7	450.0
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	63	63	67	0.0	6.3
Interior Design°	24	42	47	75.0	11.9
Legal Assistant/Paralegal	20	16	21	-20.0	31.3
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	64	76	75	18.8	-1.3

Technical College Graduates - 2019*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2017	2018	2019	2017-2018	2018-2019
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	50	38	59	-24.0	55.3
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	28	19	24	-32.1	26.3
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	19	5	18	-73.7	260.0
Mechanical Engineering/Mechanical Technology/Technician	9	5	4	-44.4	-20.0
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder°	13	14	8	7.7	-42.9
Medical Insurance Specialist/Medical Biller°	9	10	11	11.1	10.0
Medical Office Assistant/Specialist°	10	19	22	90.0	15.8
Medical/Clinical Assistant	83	77	92	-7.2	19.5
Medical/Health Management and Clinical Assistant/Specialist°	15	16	12	6.7	-25.0
Medium/Heavy Vehicle and Truck Technology/Technician°	87	74	110	-14.9	48.6
Meeting and Event Planning°	11	9	14	-18.2	55.6
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	45	42	38	-6.7	-9.5
Nuclear Engineering Technology/Technician	18	13	9	-27.8	-30.8
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	60	118	145	96.7	22.9
Occupational Therapist Assistant	21	13	20	-38.1	53.8
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	44	30	31	-31.8	3.3
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	10	14	12	40.0	-14.3
Physical Therapy Technician/Assistant	18	17	17	-5.6	0.0
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	36	36	35	0.0	-2.8
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	71	75	85	5.6	13.3
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	18	28	22	55.6	-21.4
Selling Skills and Sales Operations°	8	12	11	50.0	-8.3
Social Work, Other°	26	31	33	19.2	6.5
Surgical Technology/Technologist	26	35	28	34.6	-20.0
Teacher Assistant/Aide°	1	1	1	0.0	0.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	149	120	179	-19.5	49.2
Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinary Assistant°	18	21	18	16.7	-14.3
Welding Technology/Welder°	401	459	561	14.5	22.2

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. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

*Data shown represents Annual 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

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