



## Workforce: Area Labor Market

<b>Houston County Labor</b>			
	<b>December 2009</b>	<b>November 2009</b>	<b>December 2008</b>
<b>Labor Force</b>	67,808	67,842	69,058
<b>Employment</b>	62,771	63,061	64,796
<b>Unemployment Number</b>	5,037	4,781	4,262
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	7.4	7.0	6.2

[Houston County Area Labor Profile provided by Georgia Department of Labor](http://explorer.dol.state.ga.us/mis/profiles/Counties/houston.pdf)  
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<b>Houston County Labor</b>	
<b>Average Weekly Wages – All Industries</b>	\$778
<b>Average Manufacturing Weekly Wages</b>	\$787
<b>Worker's Compensation - Maximum Weekly Benefit</b>	\$466
<b>Union Companies (Private Sector)</b>	2

<b>Unemployment Insurance</b>	
<b>Taxable Base</b>	\$8,500 each employee each year
<b>Entry Rate for New Employers</b>	2.7%
<b>Minimum Rate for Existing Employers</b>	0.00%
<b>Maximum Rate for Existing Employers</b>	5.40%
<b>Initial Claims December 2009</b>	1,038
<b>Average Monthly Claims</b>	182
<b>Average Weekly Benefit</b>	\$215
<b>Maximum Weekly Benefit</b>	\$310
<b>Average Duration (in weeks)</b>	12.3

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

<b>Draw Area Labor December 2009</b>				
	<b>Labor Force</b>	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>Unemployment Rate</b>
<b>Houston</b>	67,808	62,771	5,037	7.4%
<b>Bibb</b>	73,223	65,756	7,467	10.2%
<b>Bleckley</b>	5,464	4,920	544	10.0%
<b>Dooly</b>	4,773	4,315	458	9.6%
<b>Macon</b>	5,131	4,492	639	12.5%
<b>Peach</b>	12,197	10,942	1,255	10.3%
<b>Pulaski</b>	4,432	4,103	329	7.4%
<b>Twiggs</b>	4,622	4,142	480	10.4%
<b>HOUSTON AREA</b>	<b>177,650</b>	<b>161,441</b>	<b>16,209</b>	<b>9.1%</b>
<b>GEORGIA</b>	<b>4,712,852</b>	<b>4,239,629</b>	<b>473,223</b>	<b>10.0%</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>152,693,000</b>	<b>137,693,000</b>	<b>14,740,000</b>	<b>9.7%</b>

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

<b>Draw Area Projected Work Age Population (2014)</b>					
<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>18-24</b>	<b>25-34</b>	<b>35-44</b>	<b>45-65</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Houston</b>	14,212	24,079	20,004	37,183	95,478
<b>Bibb</b>	15,692	1,767	19,857	39,709	95,025
<b>Bleckley</b>	1,558	1,338	1,415	3,151	7,462
<b>Dooly</b>	1,071	1,582	1,662	2,898	7,213
<b>Macon</b>	1,210	1,645	1,665	3,533	8,053
<b>Peach</b>	3,614	3,313	3,501	6,853	17,281
<b>Pulaski</b>	857	1,308	1,502	2,496	6,163
<b>Twiggs</b>	859	1,150	1,279	2,840	6,128
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39,073</b>	<b>54,182</b>	<b>50,885</b>	<b>98,663</b>	<b>242,803</b>

Source: Georgia Power

<b>Houston County Average Annual Unemployment Rates</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Average Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Average Unemployment Rate</b>
<b>2008</b>	5.2%	<b>2003</b>	3.6%
<b>2007</b>	3.7%	<b>2002</b>	3.7%
<b>2006</b>	4.3%	<b>2001</b>	3.3%
<b>2005</b>	4.7%	<b>2000</b>	3.4%
<b>2004</b>	3.8%	<b>1999</b>	3.8%

Source: Georgia Department of Labor