



Workforce: Area Labor Market

Houston County Labor			
	May 2010	April 2010	May 2009
Labor Force	70,323	70,844	70,245
Employment	65,215	65,778	65,667
Unemployment Number	5,108	5,066	4,578
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.2	6.5

[Houston County Area Labor Profile provided by Georgia Department of Labor
http://explorer.dol.state.ga.us/mis/profiles/Counties/houston.pdf](http://explorer.dol.state.ga.us/mis/profiles/Counties/houston.pdf)

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Average Weekly Wages – All Industries	\$804
Average Manufacturing Weekly Wages	\$760
Worker's Compensation - Maximum Weekly Benefit	\$500
Union Companies (Private Sector)	2

Unemployment Insurance	
Taxable Base	\$8,500 each employee each year
Entry Rate for New Employers	2.7%
Minimum Rate for Existing Employers	0.03%
Maximum Rate for Existing Employers	6.48%
Initial Claims May 2010	465
Average Monthly Claims	182
Average Weekly Benefit	\$215
Maximum Weekly Benefit	\$330
Average Duration (in weeks)	12.3

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Draw Area Labor May 2010				
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Houston	70,323	65,215	5,108	7.3%
Bibb	73,983	66,322	7,661	10.4%
Bleckley	5,498	4,811	687	12.5%
Dooly	4,600	4,100	490	10.7%
Macon	5,035	4,352	683	13.6%
Peach	12,459	11,036	1,423	11.4%
Pulaski	4,249	3,869	380	8.9%
Twiggs	4,674	4,155	519	11.1%
HOUSTON AREA	180,821	163,870	16,951	9.4%
GEORGIA	4,701,630	4,238,425	463,205	9.9%
UNITED STATES	153,866,000	139,497,000	14,369,000	9.3%

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

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

Source: Georgia Power

Houston County Average Annual Unemployment Rates			
Year	Average Unemployment Rate	Year	Average Unemployment Rate
2009	6.9%	2004	3.8%
2008	5.2%	2003	3.6%
2007	3.7%	2002	3.7%
2006	4.3%	2001	3.3%
2005	4.7%	2000	3.4%

Source: Georgia Department of Labor