



Workforce: Area Labor Market

Houston County Labor			
	October 2011	September 2011	October 2010
Labor Force	72,091	72,105	70,828
Employment	66,521	66,411	65,362
Unemployment Number	5,570	5,694	5,466
Unemployment Rate	7.7%	7.9%	7.7%

[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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Average Weekly Wages – All Industries	\$817
Average Manufacturing Weekly Wages	\$763
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 October 2011	710
Average Monthly Claims 2010	602
Average Weekly Benefit	\$219
Maximum Weekly Benefit	\$330
Average Duration (in weeks)	16.3

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Houston County, Georgia

Draw Area Labor October 2011				
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Houston	72,091	66,521	5,570	7.7%
Bibb	75,604	67,757	7,847	10.4%
Bleckley	5,456	4,706	750	13.7%
Dooly	4,571	3,982	589	12.9%
Macon	5,222	4,410	810	15.5%
Peach	12,483	11,069	1,414	9.1%
Pulaski	4,424	4,022	402	9.1%
Twiggs	4,731	4,162	569	12.0%
HOUSTON AREA	184,582	166,629	17,951	9.7%
GEORGIA	4,746,467	4,273,703	472,764	10.0%
UNITED STATES	154,088,000	140,987,000	13,520,000	8.5%

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Draw Area Projected Work Age Population (2015)					
COUNTY	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-65	Total
Houston	13,952	24,721	20,129	37,479	96,281
Bibb	15,301	19,333	19,524	39,192	93,350
Bleckley	1,742	1,292	1,391	3,120	7,545
Dooly	1,059	1,552	1,662	2,905	7,178
Macon	1,186	1,581	1,650	3,481	7,898
Peach	4,001	3,361	3,599	7,036	17,997
Pulaski	850	1,269	1,484	2,470	6,073
Twiggs	851	1,144	1,222	2,852	6,069
TOTAL	39,943	54,253	50,661	98,535	242,392

Source: Georgia Power

Houston County Average Annual Unemployment Rates										
Year	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Rate	7.6%	6.9%	5.2%	3.7%	4.3%	4.7%	3.7%	3.6%	3.7%	3.3%

Source: Georgia Department of Labor