

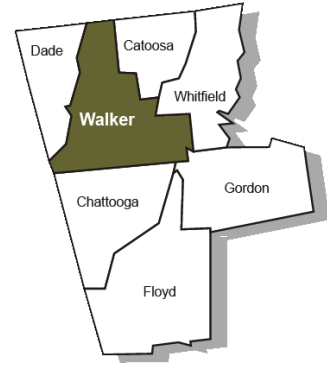


Georgia

Area Labor Profile

Walker

County



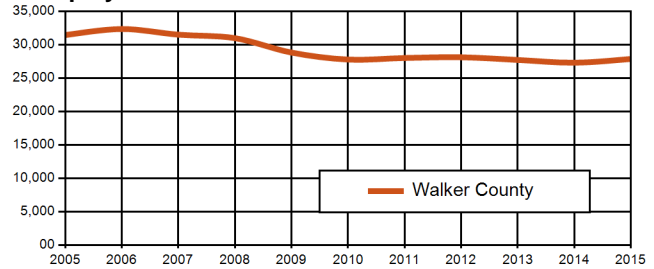
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Labor Force Activity - 2015

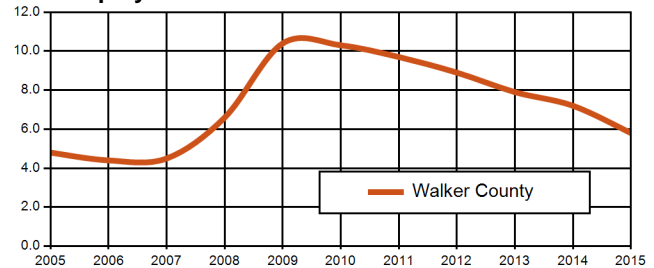
2015 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Walker	29,580	27,851	1,729	5.8%
Catoosa	31,304	29,698	1,606	5.1%
Chattooga	10,393	9,749	644	6.2%
Dade	7,948	7,522	426	5.4%
Floyd	42,787	39,975	2,812	6.6%
Gordon	26,223	24,717	1,506	5.7%
Whitfield	44,695	41,863	2,832	6.3%
Walker Area	192,930	181,375	11,555	6.0%
Georgia	4,770,873	4,490,931	279,942	5.9%
United States	157,129,917	148,833,417	8,296,333	5.3%
DeKalb, AL	28,858	27,118	1,740	6.0%
Hamilton, TN	167,200	158,070	9,130	5.5%

Employment Trends



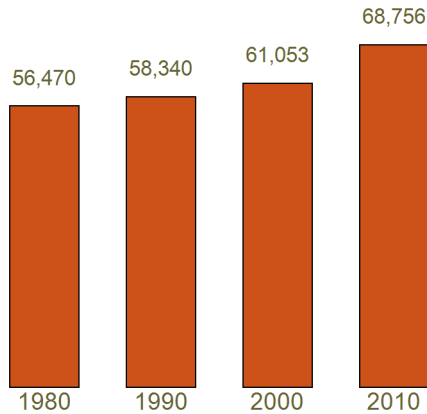
Unemployment Rate Trends



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.

Population Estimates



Population

	2010 Census	2015 Rank	2015 Estimate	% Change 2000-2015	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
Walker	68,756	72	68,066	-1.0	70,790	3.0
City of LaFayette	7,121					
Walker Area	839,935		857,824	2.1	879,155	4.7
Georgia	9,687,653		10,214,860	5.4	11,538,707	19.1
United States	308,745,538		321,418,820	4.1	349,439,199	13.2
DeKalb, AL	69,610		71,130	2.2	91,301	31.2
Hamilton, TN	340,877		354,098	3.9	329,514	-3.3

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, *Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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Industry Mix - 3rd Quarter of 2016

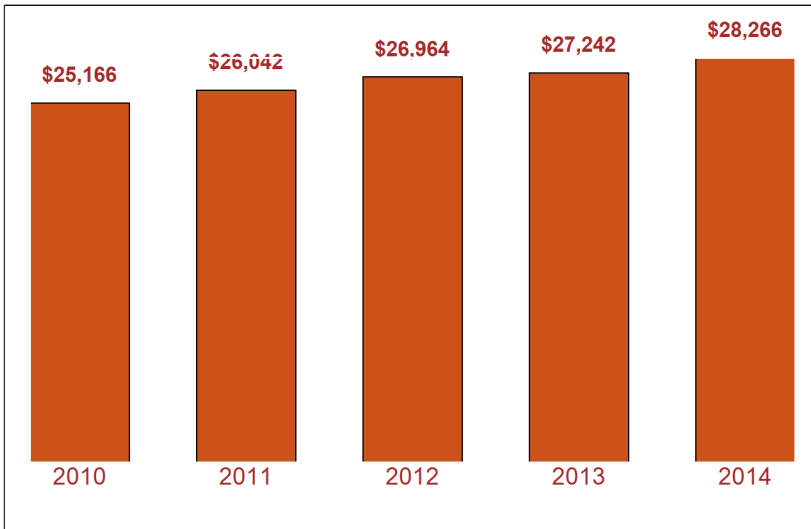
INDUSTRY	Walker				Walker Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	118	4,616	35.4	777	1,298	46,475	30.4	852
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	5	14	0.1	462	57	343	0.2	686
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	6	41	0.0	1,288
Construction	62	230	1.8	930	559	3,786	2.5	804
Manufacturing	51	4,373	33.6	770	676	42,307	27.7	857
Food	2	*	*	*	23	1,711	1.1	1,020
Textile Mills	5	*	*	*	79	8,781	5.8	762
Textile Product Mills	4	82	0.6	769	148	16,089	10.5	856
Wood Product	2	*	*	*	22	502	0.3	902
Paper	1	*	*	*	14	1,160	0.8	1,253
Printing and Related Support Activities	2	*	*	*	48	1,559	1.0	613
Chemical	4	87	0.7	809	48	2,130	1.4	1,078
Plastics and Rubber Products	3	*	*	*	44	2,109	1.4	880
Fabricated Metal Product	15	330	2.5	724	93	1,638	1.1	967
Machinery	2	*	*	*	41	586	0.4	962
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	2	*	*	*	6	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	3	*	*	*	14	1,863	1.2	809
Furniture and Related Product	3	*	*	*	32	746	0.5	659
Miscellaneous	3	*	*	*	24	467	0.3	801
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Leather and Allied Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	5	191	0.1	990
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	9	594	0.4	944
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	0	0	0.0	0	20	309	0.2	920
Service-Providing	579	5,037	38.6	523	6,330	85,098	55.8	698
Utilities	0	*	*	*	15	676	0.4	1,775
Wholesale Trade	43	164	1.3	700	515	6,952	4.6	1,010
Retail Trade	138	1,355	10.4	418	1,448	20,583	13.5	488
Transportation and Warehousing	17	111	0.9	800	244	5,226	3.4	839
Information	6	48	0.4	991	71	1,167	0.8	994
Finance and Insurance	45	435	3.3	936	419	2,883	1.9	955
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	18	26	0.2	559	255	1,028	0.7	691
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	62	147	1.1	935	604	4,066	2.7	1,203
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2	*	*	*	27	718	0.5	1,575
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	35	466	3.6	496	369	5,700	3.7	535
Educational Services	4	5	0.0	576	46	1,697	1.1	881
Health Care and Social Assistance	79	754	5.8	602	797	17,867	11.7	875
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10	374	2.9	361	81	1,362	0.9	332
Accommodation and Food Services	58	853	6.5	274	655	12,003	7.9	297
Other Services (except Public Administration)	62	299	2.3	671	511	2,828	1.9	600
Unclassified - industry not assigned	29	37	0.3	575	273	347	0.2	656
Total - Private Sector	726	9,690	74.3	645	7,628	131,573	86.2	752
Total - Government	68	3,344	25.7	595	408	21,056	13.8	736
Federal Government	10	98	0.8	1,118	64	678	0.4	1,144
State Government	27	541	4.2	658	141	3,763	2.5	698
Local Government	31	2,705	20.8	564	203	16,615	10.9	728
ALL INDUSTRIES	794	13,034	100.0	632	8,036	152,632	100.0	750
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					302,499	4,275,556		970

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 3rd Quarter of 2016.

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

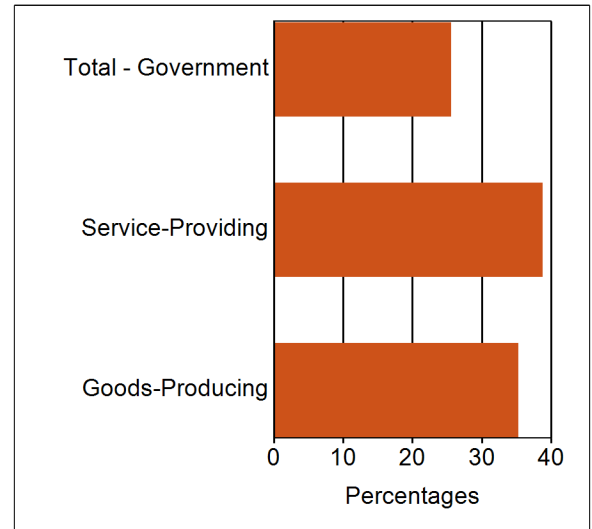
Walker Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Walker Industry Mix 2016

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Ten Largest Employers - 2016*

Walker

Bluecross Blueshield Of Tennessee
 Food City
 Lucent Group, LLC
 McDonalds
 Nissin Brake Georgia
 Ropak Corporation
 See Rock City, Inc.
 Shaw Industries Group, Inc.
 Syntec Industries, LLC
 Walmart

*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 Third Quarter of 2016. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Walker Area

Engineered Floors, Llc
 Floyd Healthcare Management, Inc.
 Mohawk Carpet Distribution LP
 Mohawk Carpet Distribution LP
 Mount Vernon Mills, Inc.
 O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.
 Roper Corporation
 Seretean Plant
 Shaw Industries Group, Inc.
 Shaw Industries Group, Inc.

COUNTY

Whitfield
 Floyd
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Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Walker

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Walker, GA	10,188	36.9
Hamilton, TN	10,130	36.7
Catoosa, GA	3,287	11.9
Whitfield, GA	1,729	6.3
Chattooga, GA	498	1.8
Dade, GA	298	1.1
Gordon, GA	180	0.7
Fulton, GA	165	0.6
Other	1,112	4.0
Total Residents:	27,587	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Walker

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Walker, GA	10,188	62.7
Catoosa, GA	1,782	11.0
Hamilton, TN	1,458	9.0
Chattooga, GA	1,286	7.9
Dade, GA	331	2.0
Whitfield, GA	241	1.5
Jackson, AL	180	1.1
DeKalb, AL	125	0.8
Other	650	4.0
Total Residents:	16,241	100.0

Note: Other category represents employment from U.S. counties only.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 County-To-County Worker Flow Files.

Education of the Labor Force

Walker Area

	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE					
	PERCENT OF TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	9.7%	3.9%	7.6%	9.0%	8.2%	19.4%
Some High School	16.3%	24.4%	16.0%	13.8%	14.6%	17.1%
High School Grad/GED	33.1%	32.1%	29.8%	32.9%	34.6%	34.6%
Some College	22.1%	34.3%	23.8%	21.3%	20.3%	15.9%
College Grad 2 Yr	5.3%	2.3%	7.4%	6.4%	6.2%	2.4%
College Grad 4 Yr	8.8%	2.7%	11.5%	11.1%	9.7%	6.4%
Post Graduate Studies	4.7%	0.3%	3.9%	5.6%	6.4%	4.2%
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+. The "Some College" category represents workers with less than two years of college and no degree.

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

High School Graduates - 2015

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Catoosa	735	--	735
Chattooga	272	--	272
Dade	146	--	146
Floyd	943	--	943
Gordon	619	--	619
Walker	628	--	628
Whitfield	1,224	--	1,224
Walker Area	4,567	--	4,567



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

* Private schools data is not available for 2015 from Georgia Independent School Association.

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

Colleges and Universities

Walker Area

Floyd

Berry College	www.berry.edu
Aviation Training Center (Satellite campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College)	www.gntc.edu
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	www.gntc.edu
Georgia Highlands College	www.highlands.edu
Shorter University	www.shorter.edu

Walker

Covenant College	www.covenant.edu
Walker County Campus (Satellite campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College)	www.gntc.edu

Whitfield

Dalton State College (Technical Division)	www.daltonstate.edu
Dalton State College	www.daltonstate.edu/
Whitfield Murray Campus (Satellite campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College)	www.gntc.edu

Gordon

Gordon County Campus (Satellite campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College)	www.gntc.edu
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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 - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	33	50	78	51.5	56.0
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General°	99	63	47	-36.4	-25.4
Aircraft Powerplant Technology/Technician°	12	19	10	58.3	-47.4
Airframe Mechanics and Aircraft Maintenance Technology/Technician°	13	12	10	-7.7	-16.7
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	42	40	26	-4.8	-35.0
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	30	19	16	-36.7	-15.8
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	177	150	136	-15.3	-9.3
Business Administration and Management, General°	123	185	219	50.4	18.4
Cardiovascular Technology/Technologist	11	9	6	-18.2	-33.3
Child Care and Support Services Management°	2	1	5	-50.0	400.0
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	81	84	66	3.7	-21.4
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	13	31	54	138.5	74.2
Construction Management°	9	3	6	-66.7	100.0
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	142	142	176	0.0	23.9
Criminal Justice/Police Science°	35	30	23	-14.3	-23.3
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	103	78	64	-24.3	-17.9
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	8	2	12	-75.0	500.0
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	14	16	11	14.3	-31.3
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General°	89	48	68	-46.1	41.7

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	62	87	45	40.3	-48.3
Dental Assisting/Assistant	31	33	26	6.5	-21.2
Diagnostic Medical Sonography/Sonographer and Ultrasound Technician	21	15	15	-28.6	0.0
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General	8	7	8	-12.5	14.3
Early Childhood Education and Teaching°	56	46	38	-17.9	-17.4
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General°	24	31	36	29.2	16.1
Electrician°	19	18	34	-5.3	88.9
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	33	38	87	15.2	128.9
Fire Prevention and Safety Technology/Technician°	1	1	1	0.0	0.0
Fire Science/Fire-fighting°	8	19	14	137.5	-26.3
Fire Services Administration	5	5	3	0.0	-40.0
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant°	28	32	24	14.3	-25.0
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services°	25	19	32	-24.0	68.4
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician°	32	40	45	25.0	12.5
Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General°	6	2	3	-66.7	50.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	34	15	21	-55.9	40.0
Human Resources Management/Personnel Administration, General°	17	42	61	147.1	45.2
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	172	185	216	7.6	16.8
Instrumentation Technology/Technician°	18	13	16	-27.8	23.1
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	93	81	72	-12.9	-11.1
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	34	29	34	-14.7	17.2
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	13	9	7	-30.8	-22.2
Massage Therapy/Therapeutic Massage	9	9	9	0.0	0.0
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder°	27	13	17	-51.9	30.8
Medical Office Assistant/Specialist°	58	40	39	-31.0	-2.5
Medical/Clinical Assistant	51	39	41	-23.5	5.1
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	23	31	24	34.8	-22.6
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	15	26	5	73.3	-80.8
Occupational Therapist Assistant	18	18	16	0.0	-11.1
Operations Management and Supervision°	3	7	11	133.3	57.1
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant°	35	27	23	-22.9	-14.8
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	19	28	22	47.4	-21.4
Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing°	64	28	27	-56.3	-3.6
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer°	18	17	10	-5.6	-41.2
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	46	28	33	-39.1	17.9
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	13	9	14	-30.8	55.6

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Social Work, Other°	19	33	13	73.7	-60.6
Surgical Technology/Technologist°	24	24	24	0.0	0.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	27	43	44	59.3	2.3
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design°	2	3	3	50.0	0.0
Welding Technology/Welder°	76	113	191	48.7	69.0

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. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

*Data shown represents Annual 2013, 2014, and 2015.

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

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