

**Partners for a Prosperous Athens
Economy Subcommittee Data Summary**

There are many local education, government, nonprofit, and business professions with a breadth and depth of local economy and poverty knowledge, including several area experts who have implemented U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funding via the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to revitalize lower-income neighborhoods within Athens. The following information provides data for each element within the scope of work for the Economy Subcommittee.

Scope of Work	Data
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need to understand the significance of UGA’s impact on the local and regional economy 	<p>The effects of the UGA student population are minimal; even when the 18-24 population is excluded from the analysis the poverty rate for ACC is 23.5 percent.¹</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need to diversity the economy away from UGA 	<p>“Service-producing” occupations comprise 54.2% of all occupations in the Athens MSA for 2003, with retail trade, healthcare and social services, and accommodation and food services comprising the bulk of “service-producing” jobs.</p> <p>Manufacturing occupations comprise 12.5% of all occupations in ACC, with “food manufacturing” occupations (e.g. chicken processing plant jobs) comprising the largest percentage of those manufacturing occupations.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACC is two worlds, over- and under-educated, need to plan for the level of jobs in inner-city areas, foster entrepreneurship, and find needs at tech skills 	<p>37.1% of the population has some college/Associate degree²; HS graduation rate is 61%.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Address under-employment issues 	<p>The low unemployment rate (3.4%), coupled with median wages nearly \$3.00 less than mean wages and an over-reliance on service-producing occupations, suggests that the Athens economy is not without jobs, but that the types of jobs ACC has to offer do not pay wages high enough to sustain self-sufficient families.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protect sustainable jobs 	<p>65% of all families that live in poverty in ACC are working</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Address re-entering people from criminal justice system 	<p>The cost to incarcerate an individual in ACC is \$45/day (\$16,245/year).³</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish community value statement of employment practices 	<p>Reference Economic Justice Coalition, Inc.</p>

¹ All data from “Poverty and the Economy” UGA Fanning Institute, Matt Bishop, January 2006 unless otherwise referenced

² Georgia Area Labor Profile: Labor Force Activity – 2004, Georgia Department of Labor

³ Athens-Clarke County Jail, April 2006

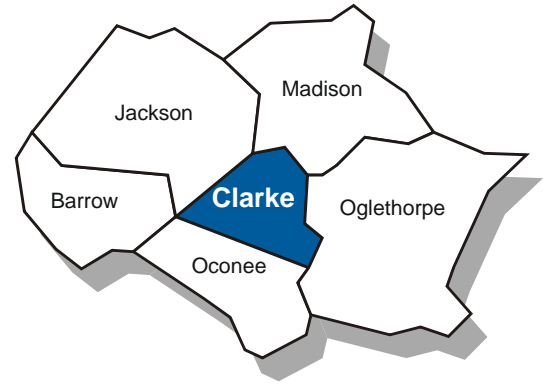
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Impact of the regional economy on local employment 	<p>Manufacturing has been and continues to be the cornerstone of NE GA’s economy. However, just as the state and nation are facing decline in the manufacturing sector, so too is NE GA. Manufacturing exhibited the most dramatic change in industry share between 1990 and 2000, decreasing its share of all employment by over 5%. At the same time that manufacturing industry share was declining, the Services and Retail Trade industries were increasing. This regional trend follows the state and national trend towards a service-based economy.⁴</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employment opportunities that will provide job skills, adequate health care, dependable transportation, child care and affordable housing 	<p>ACC is a “housing-stress” county.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suitable jobs for suitable job skills 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research current market for existing jobs, desired jobs, wages, and pay scales 	<p>The official thresholds used by the federal government to determine “need” in 2005 were \$10,160 for an individual and \$19,806 for a family of four. However, local costs of living estimates for Athens-Clarke County range from \$29,709 to \$37,962, one and a half to nearly double the official poverty measure.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engage small and large businesses and entrepreneurs (living wage?) 	<p>Reference Economic Justice Coalition, Inc.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acquisition of jobs and employment opportunities that will sustain families 	<p>Weekly wages for ACC are \$104 less than Georgia’s.</p>

⁴ 2003 State of the Workforce Report for Northeast Georgia developed for the Northeast Georgia Workforce Investment Board



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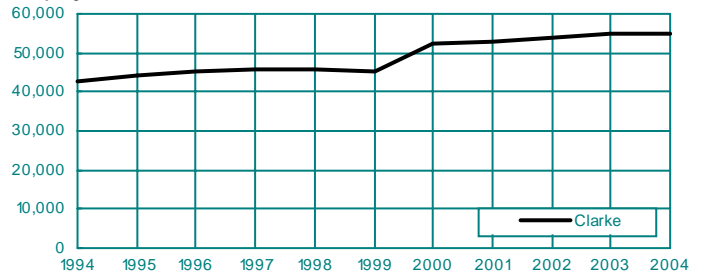
AREA LABOR PROFILE

Labor Force Activity - 2004

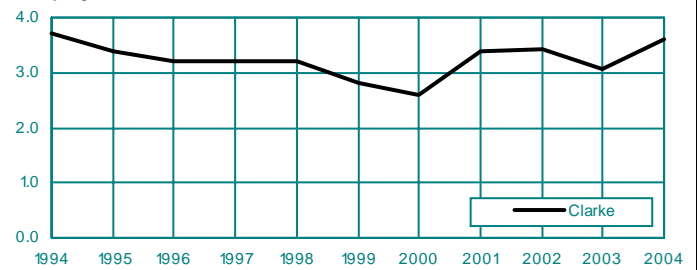
2004 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Clarke	57,199	55,163	2,036	3.6
Barrow	27,718	26,539	1,179	4.3
Jackson	23,550	22,609	941	4.0
Madison	14,980	14,444	536	3.6
Oconee	15,766	15,355	411	2.6
Oglethorpe	7,236	6,981	255	3.5
Clarke Area	146,449	141,091	5,358	3.6
Georgia	4,390,395	4,188,271	202,124	4.6
U.S.	147,401,000	139,252,000	8,149,000	5.5

Employment Trends



Unemployment Trends

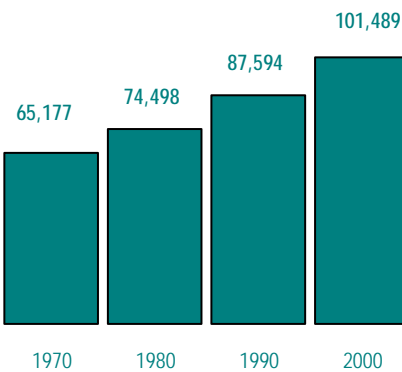


Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Revisions to this and prior years will be available by Fall 2005. Labor force includes residents of the county who are employed or seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Population Estimates

Clarke



Population

	2000 Census	2004 Rank	2004 Estimate	% Change 2000-2004	2010 Projected*	% Change 2000-2010
Clarke County	101,489	18	103,951	2.4	103,834	2.3
City of Athens	102,744					
Clarke Area	253,812		279,718	10.2	304,318	19.9
Georgia	8,186,453		8,829,383	7.9	9,592,370	17.2
U.S.	281,421,906		293,655,404	4.3	308,936,000	9.8

Note: "Rank" indicates relative population among Georgia's 159 counties.
Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau; *Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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Equal Opportunity Employer/Program

Auxillary Aids and Services Available upon Request to Individuals with Disabilities

Industry Mix - 2003

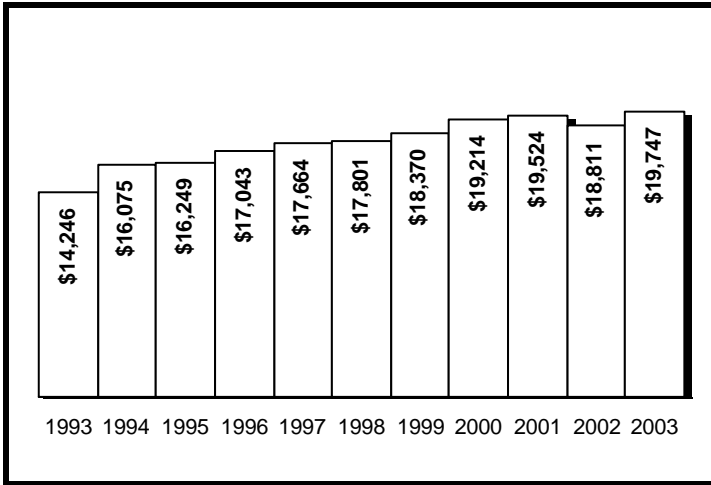
INDUSTRY	Clarke				Clarke Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WKLY WAGE
		NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT	
Goods Producing	340	9,793	15.8	\$ 754	1,276	21,549	21.0	\$ 664
Agriculture, forestry, & fishing	*	*	*	*	65	589	0.6	498
Mining	*	*	*	*	22	184	0.2	606
Construction	213	1,622	2.6	635	856	5,144	5.0	583
Manufacturing	114	8,089	13.0	779	333	15,632	15.2	698
Food manufacturing	9	2,519	4.1	430	21	5,051	4.9	447
Beverage & tobacco mfg	*	*	*	*	5	205	0.2	516
Textile mills	*	*	*	*	9	958	0.9	738
Textile product mills	*	*	*	*	6	63	0.1	320
Apparel manufacturing	*	*	*	*	11	391	0.4	386
Wood product manufacturing	6	338	0.5	678	23	1,053	1.0	742
Paper manufacturing	*	*	*	*	3	222	0.2	744
Printing and related activities	23	231	0.4	519	33	315	0.3	522
Petroleum and coal products mfg	0	0	0.0	0	*	*	*	*
Chemical manufacturing	5	955	1.5	1,433	15	1,257	1.2	1,355
Plastics & rubber products mfg	6	311	0.5	821	15	621	0.6	695
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	7	363	0.6	1,032	31	1,170	1.1	843
Primary metal manufacturing	0	0	0.0	0	*	*	*	*
Fabricated metal product mfg	14	377	0.6	680	45	674	0.7	650
Machinery manufacturing	8	758	1.2	1,053	25	1,221	1.2	969
Computer & electronic product mfg	6	27	0.0	833	11	136	0.1	772
Electrical equipment/appliance	*	*	*	*	8	989	1.0	770
Transportation equipment	4	414	0.7	890	12	636	0.6	830
Furniture and related product mfg	*	*	*	*	39	372	0.4	561
Miscellaneous mfg industries	10	87	0.1	766	20	219	0.2	659
Service Producing	2,541	34,037	54.9	515	4,743	54,425	53.1	496
Wholesale trade	101	1,527	2.5	726	290	3,901	3.8	664
Retail trade	527	7,712	12.4	399	1,024	13,925	13.6	402
Transportation and warehousing	51	938	1.5	610	167	1,681	1.6	634
Utilities	5	187	0.3	1,267	16	525	0.5	1,023
Information	45	829	1.3	625	82	1,080	1.1	632
Finance and insurance	169	1,172	1.9	800	328	2,176	2.1	764
Real estate and rental and leasing	181	715	1.2	505	304	1,153	1.1	479
Professional, scientific/tech svcs	284	1,295	2.1	800	535	2,411	2.4	678
Management: companies/enterprises	13	325	0.5	1,099	21	572	0.6	886
Administrative and waste svcs	136	2,745	4.4	344	328	4,477	4.4	386
Educational services	27	368	0.6	651	51	525	0.5	559
Health care and social services	330	7,514	12.1	771	509	9,562	9.3	711
Arts, entertainment and recreation	36	388	0.6	720	62	600	0.6	610
Accommodation and food services	291	6,034	9.7	209	439	8,680	8.5	208
Other services (except government)	347	2,290	3.7	350	588	3,159	3.1	370
Unclassified - industry not assigned	16	47	0.1	196	45	104	0.1	377
Total - Private Sector	2,897	43,877	70.8	568	6,064	76,078	74.2	543
Total - Government	101	18,113	29.2	741	283	26,497	25.8	673
Federal government	*	*	*	*	57	1,989	1.9	973
State government	*	*	*	*	103	13,101	12.8	739
Local government	31	4,008	6.5	599	123	11,407	11.1	543
ALL INDUSTRIES	2,998	61,989	100.0	\$ 619	6,347	102,575	100.0	\$ 577
ALL INDUSTRIES - GEORGIA								\$ 704

Notes: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released.
 These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories (as opposed to Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) 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 pay period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding since all figures represent Annual Averages.
 Health services includes state and local government hospitals. Educational services includes state and local government institutions.

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

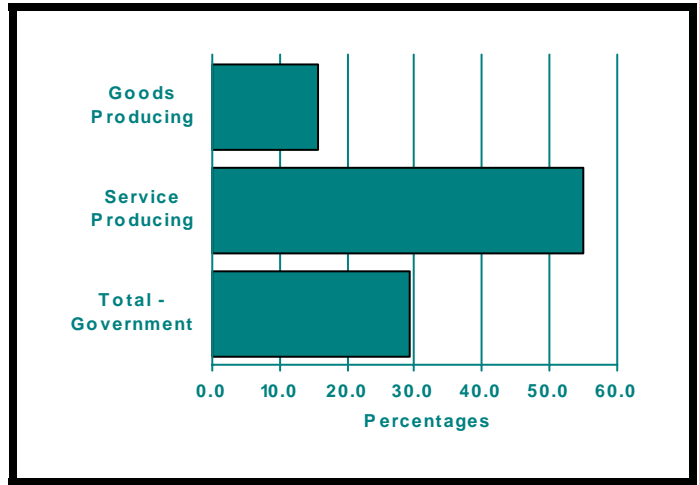
Clarke Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.



Clarke Industry Mix 2003

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2004

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Clarke County

Athens Regional Memorial Hospital
 Gold Kist Inc
 Pilgrims Pride Corp
 St Marys Hospital
 University of Georgia

TEN LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Clarke Area

Harrison Poultry Inc
 Totalpay And HR Of Georgia
 Athens Regional Memorial Hospital
 Carrier Corp
 Gold Kist Inc
 Merial Limited
 Pilgrims Pride Corp
 St Marys Hospital
 University of Georgia
 Wayne Farms LLC

COUNTY

Barrow
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Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding public schools, railroads, the U.S. Postal service, and all government agencies, except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for second Quarter 2004. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor.

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF Clarke

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Clarke Co. GA	39,009	80.9
Oconee Co. GA	1,975	4.1
Jackson Co. GA	952	2.0
Gwinnett Co. GA	932	1.9
Fulton Co. GA	803	1.7
Hall Co. GA	703	1.5
Barrow Co. GA	660	1.4
Madison Co. GA	524	1.1
Other	2,683	5.6
Total Residents:	48,241	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN Clarke

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Clarke Co. GA	39,009	59.0
Oconee Co. GA	6,696	10.1
Madison Co. GA	6,048	9.1
Oglethorpe Co. GA	3,358	5.1
Jackson Co. GA	3,022	4.6
Barrow Co. GA	1,580	2.4
Gwinnett Co. GA	895	1.4
Walton Co. GA	895	1.4
Other	4,657	7.0
Total Residents:	66,160	100.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2000 County-To-County Worker Flow Files.

Education of the Labor Force

Clarke

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Not High School Graduate	15.3%	9.2%	12.4%	17.3%	17.5%	37.6%
High School Graduate	18.5%	13.4%	16.9%	25.6%	24.0%	21.0%
Some college/Associate degree	37.1%	65.9%	24.4%	18.6%	18.7%	12.9%
Bachelor's degree	17.2%	10.9%	30.9%	18.5%	15.9%	13.7%
Graduate/Professional degree	12.0%	0.6%	15.5%	20.0%	23.8%	14.8%
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+.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2000 Decennial Census.

High School Graduates 2003 - 2004

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS	TOTAL
Clarke	393	0	393
Barrow	546	0	546
Jackson	284	0	284
Madison	214	0	214
Oconee	405	0	405
Oglethorpe	99	0	99
Clarke Area	1,941	0	1,941



Note: Public schools include city as well as county school systems. Some private school data were not reported.
Source: Office of Student Achievement; Georgia Independent School Association.

Colleges and Universities

Clarke Area

Clarke

Athens Technical College	www.aati.edu
Brenau University	www.brenau.edu
Piedmont College	www.piedmont.edu
University of Georgia	www.uga.edu

Oconee

Gainesville College	www.gc.peachnet.edu
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Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions that meet the Georgia Career Information Center's (GCIC) inclusion criteria.
Source: Georgia Career Information Center, Georgia State University.

Technical College Graduates 2002-2003

Clarke Area

PROGRAM	GRADUATES
Business Technologies	
Accounting	39
Business And Office Technology	6
Business Office Technology	13
Marketing Management	16
CIS Technologies	
Computer Information Systems	46
Health Technologies	
Dental Hygiene	13
Emergency Medical Technician	58
Medical Assisting	62
Nursing	36
Physical Therapist Assistant	14
Practical Nursing	28
Radiologic Technology	13
Respiratory Therapist	13
Surgical Technology	9
Industrial Technologies	
AAT-Business Studies	37
AAT-Technical Studies	6
Air Conditioning Technology	13
Automated Office Systems Technology	9
Biotechnology	6
Commercial Truck Driving	10
Drafting	7
Industrial Maintenance Technology	5
Veterinary Technology	11
Personal Service Technologies	
Cosmetology	33
Early Childhood Care/Education	18
Paralegal Studies	15

Definitions: 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.

Source: Office of Technical Education; Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education Program Enrollment Exits/Placement Analysis.

Employment Profile

	Clarke		Clarke Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Employed persons, 16 years and older	49,159	100.0	123,130	100.0
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	521	1.1	2,182	1.8
Construction	2,132	4.3	10,236	8.3
Manufacturing	5,823	11.8	19,309	15.7
Wholesale trade	1,247	2.5	4,728	3.8
Retail trade	6,141	12.5	15,363	12.5
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	1,161	2.4	4,881	4.0
Information	1,429	2.9	2,841	2.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and rental and leasing	1,844	3.8	5,422	4.4
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services	3,891	7.9	8,545	6.9
Educational, health and social services	15,125	30.8	29,011	23.6
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	6,103	12.4	1,181	8.3
Other services (except public administration)	1,941	3.9	5,555	4.5
Public administration	1,801	3.7	4,886	4.0

Note: NAICS categories are used to identify employment. The data represents employment by place of residence.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2000 Decennial Census.

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor

	TOTAL	PROF., TECH. and MANAGERIAL	CLERICAL and SALES	SERVICE	AGR., FORESTRY and FISHING	PROCESS- ING	MACHINE TRADES	BENCH- WORK	STRUC- TURAL WORK	MISC
Barrow	811	194	202	78	6	9	51	40	88	143
Clarke	2,687	376	656	527	24	86	142	131	235	510
Jackson	779	153	198	76	8	24	70	40	84	126
Madison	511	70	112	70	8	14	58	26	71	82
Oconee	227	74	58	18	1	5	12	8	25	26
Oglethorpe	246	31	58	37	9	4	22	16	25	44
Total Area	5,261	898	1,284	806	56	142	355	261	528	931

Note: For current applicant data available for a specific occupation, contact the nearest Georgia Department of Labor office. For information on various occupations, contact the Department's Economic Development and Employer Relations office at 404-232-3890.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor (active applicants as of September 14, 2005).

Georgia Department of Labor Career Center Location(s)

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For copies of Area Labor Profiles, please visit our website at: www.dol.state.ga.us or contact Workforce Information and Analysis, Georgia Department of Labor, 148 Andrew Young International Blvd NE, Atlanta GA 30303-1751. 404-232-3875 Phone; 404-232-3888 Fax.