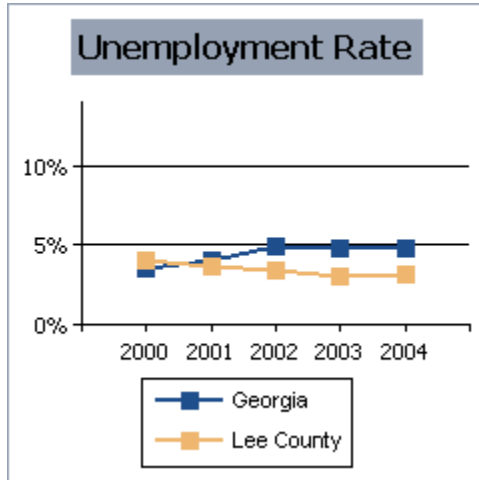


# Lee County -2004::

## Economy



### Top Employers - 2004

Lee State Prison

Oxford Construction Co

Parker Security & Investigative Service

Securitas Security Services

Woodgrain Millwork Inc

- In the year 2004, the average weekly wage for employment sectors in the county was \$491, compared to the statewide average of \$728.
- In 2004, the total number of employees located in Lee County was 4,366. Of the total employees, 27.1% were employed in the goods producing sector, followed by 42.5% in the service producing sector and 30.3% employed in government. Statewide, the service producing industry is the largest employment sector, contributing 65.4% of the state's jobs.
- Between 2000 and 2004, Lee County's annual unemployment rate averaged 3.4%, compared with the state's average of 4.4%. Nationally, the unemployment rate for the same period averaged 5.5%.
- The county per capita personal income in 2004 was \$22,382, compared to \$29,782 for Georgia and \$33,050 for the United States.
- Lee County's median household income in 1999 was \$48,600, compared to the state's median household income of \$42,433. Nationally, the median household income in 1999 was \$41,994.
- During 1999, 8.2% of the county's population lived below the poverty level, compared with Georgia's rate of 13.0% and the national rate of 12.4%. In addition, 10.5% of the children under the age of 18 lived below the poverty level in Lee County. Nationally, 16.6% of the population under the age of 18 years lived

*(In alphabetical order.)*

below the level of poverty.

- Residents of Lee County received total government transfer payments amounting to \$2,418 per capita in 2003, compared to \$3,762 per capita statewide. Transfer payments include retirement and disability insurance benefit payments, medical benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, and veteran's benefits payments.
- According to the Georgia Department of Revenue's Net Property and Utility Digest, Lee County's assessed property value amounted to \$548.8 million in 2004, resulting in a per capita assessed property value of \$19,030. At the state level, per capita assessed property value in 2004 equaled \$31,373.