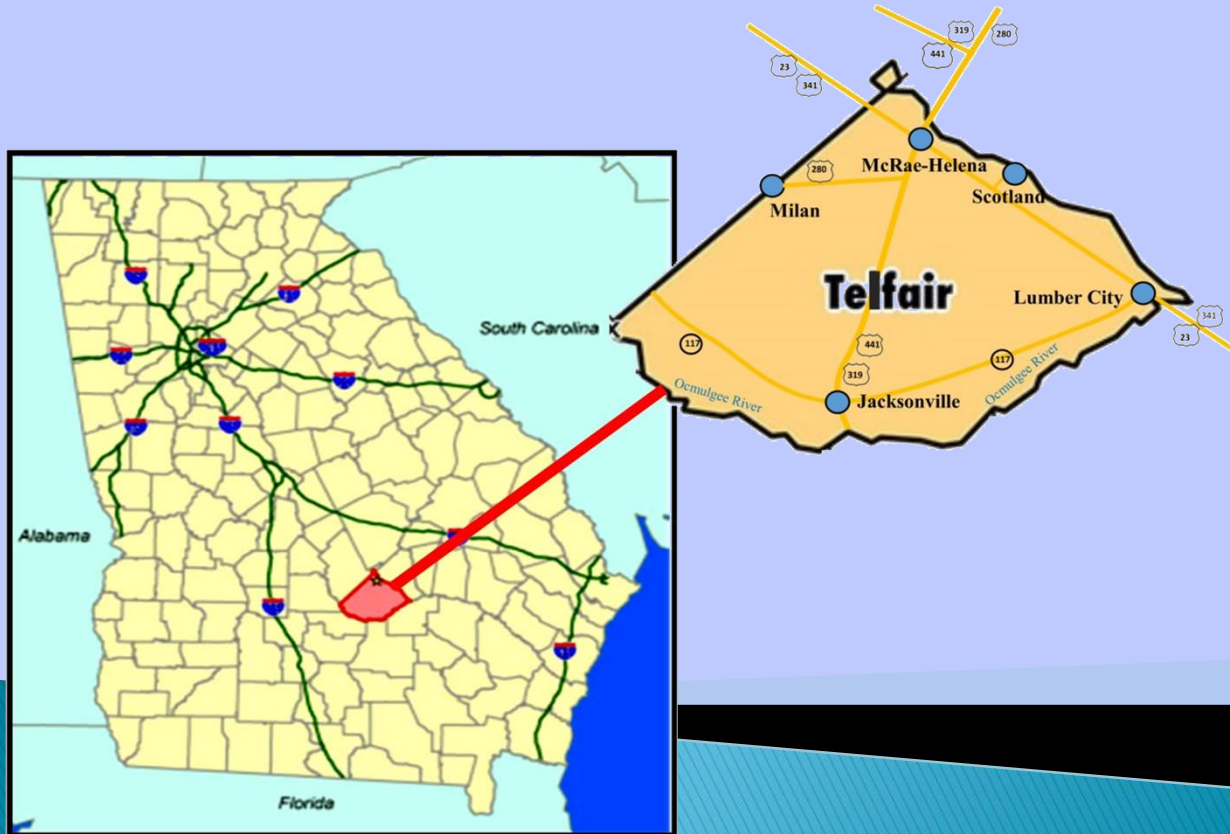


Discover Telfair County, Georgia



#TeamTelfairGA

TELFAIR COUNTY

Telfair County is located in south central Georgia, 154 miles southeast of Atlanta and 70 miles south of Macon.

Telfair County has four beautiful seasons, with an average year-round temperature of 65 °F. Winters are mild with an average high of 55°F, while summers are warm with an average high of 93°F and low of 75°F. Spring and autumn are transitional with temperatures leaning to the warm side.



Telfair enjoys mild temperatures year-round due to the proximity to the warm water of the Gulf of Mexico. Rainfall averages 50 inches annually, providing lush foliage.

Telfair's relatively mild climate throughout the year affords unlimited opportunities for recreation. Telfair's creeks and rivers provide bountiful fishing and water activities. Hunters delight in the dove, quail, wild turkey, duck, deer and small game that abound in the area.

The county and state rural roads deliver a panoramic view of the countryside for those exploring on bicycle or motorcycles. Beautiful scenic drivers offer rolling hills, timbered land and open farmland. In the summer the sweet fragrance of honeysuckle adds to a delightful evening ride.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Quality of Life is a feeling inherent to life in Telfair. Feelings of quality educational opportunities for our children, quality of social life for everyone, quality of workforce and workplace, quality of enjoying living with a sense of warmth and belonging. These are but a glimpse of what qualities shine forth in Telfair.

Telfair County prides itself in providing all the things that anyone could dream of with its wealth of vast and various resources. The county is approximately 441 square miles with flowing rivers bordering over half the boundary. A pleasant mixture of gently rolling hills dotted with our number one natural product.. pine trees.. and accented with creeks and swampland presents a livable rural setting which offers hunting and fishing.

The population is around 16,500 (2010 Census), spreading over five cities and several unincorporated communities. The county seat is McRae-Helena, which has a population around 8,500.

The county is poised for planned growth with most cities having upgraded their infrastructure to accommodate the planned expansion.

QUALITY OF FEELING SAFE AND SECURE

Quality of Feeling Safe and Secure for your family is important to Telfair. Telfair has 24-hours security offered for residents within the county with county sheriff deputies, city police officers and a state patrol post.



McRae-Helena Fire & Police Department

CERTIFIED CAMERA READY COMMUNITY



Telfair County is a Georgia Camera Ready Certified Community.

Georgia's Camera Ready Communities program connects film and TV productions with skilled county liaisons all over the state to provide local expertise and support.

Press Release: February 2013

In May of 2012, Paula Rogers with the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce was contacted by a location/scout manager about filming scenes for an upcoming movie in Lumber City and Wheeler County, GA. The name of the movie was to be **"Identity Thief"**. Paula Rogers was asked to be the local coordinator for the filming in these areas. The location manager stated it was not a guarantee that any of these scenes would be used in this movie.

On July 10, 2012 the film crew was on site filming scenes on the Lumber City Bridge with the train trestle in the background and on Hwy 19 from Lumber City to Glenwood.

The movie **"Identify Thief"** was released February 2013 and the Lumber City Bridge and Train Trestle was used in this movie.



POPULATION

TELFAIR COUNTY: **16,500 (2010 Census)**
 16,405 (2017 Census Estimate)

CITIES WITHING TELFAIR COUNTY

McRae-Helena **8,245 (2010 Census)**
(county seat) **15,989 (2017 Census Estimate)**

Jacksonville **140 (2010 Census)**
 133 (2017 Census Estimate)

Lumber City **1,328 (2010 Census)**
 1,256 (2017 Census Estimate)

Milan **700 (2010 Census)**
 762 (2017 Census Estimate)

Scotland **366 (2010 Census)**
 392 (2017 Census Estimate)

DRAW AREA POPULATION

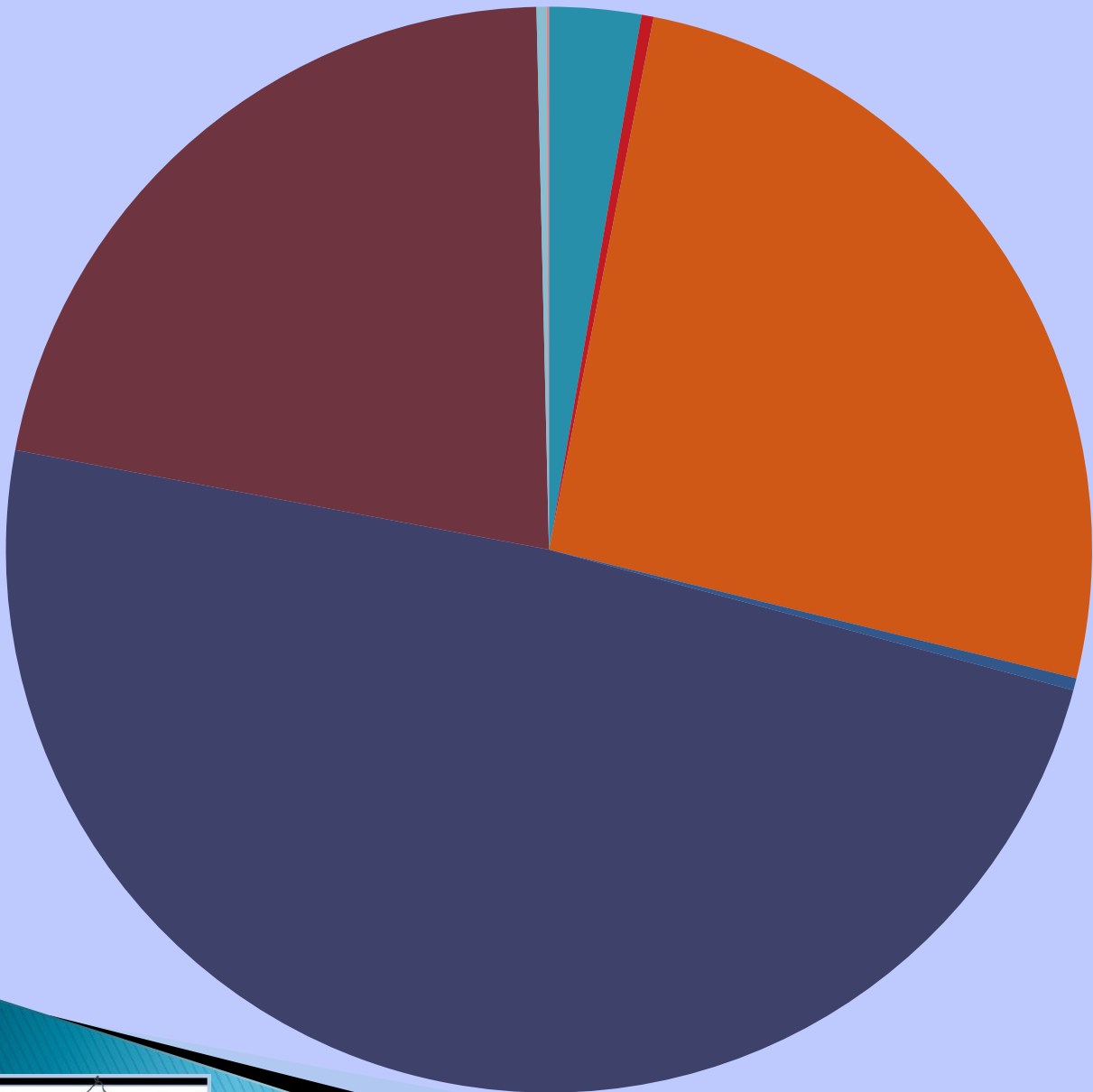
113,530 (2010 Census)
112,517 (2017 Census Estimate)



LAND USE

Total Land Area 441.1 square miles

% of Acreage



- Residential 2.7407%
- Residential Transitional 0.3599%
- Agricultural 25.8119%
- Preferential 0.3625%
- Conservation Use 48.9411%
- Forest Land Conservation Use 21.7733%
- Commercial 0.3014%
- Industrial 0.0655%
- Utility 0.0031%

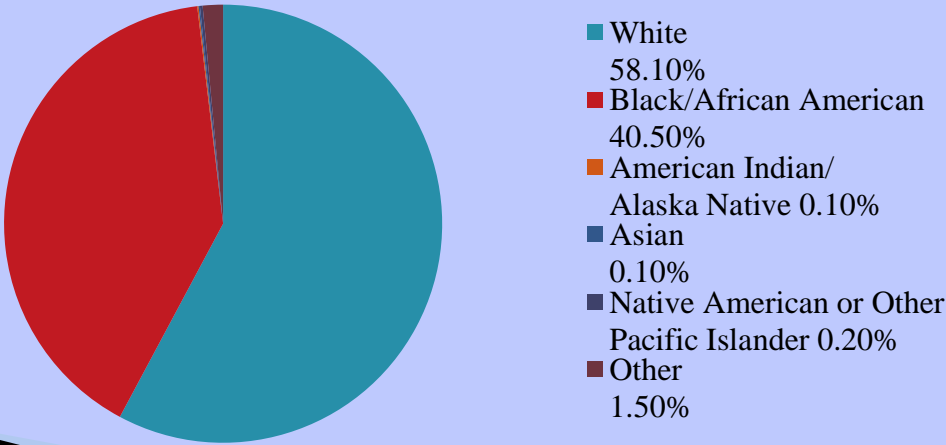
POPULATION

Census Population History	
Year	# of Persons
1930	14,997
1940	15,145
1950	13,221
1960	11,715
1970	13,381
1980	11,445
1990	11,000
2000	11,794
2005	13,205
2010	16,500
2015	16,416
2016	16405 (est)

Age Composition 2016 Census Estimate	
Age Groups	% of Population
<20	19.7818%
20-24	5.3155%
25-34	17.7629%
35-44	15.1661%
45-54	6.4919%
55-64	6.5590%
65-74	8.1012%
75-84	4.6998%
85>	2.3956%

Household Size Census	
Year	Persons Per Household
1990	2.65
1995	2.56
2000	2.48
2005	2.38
2000	2.48
2010	2.41

Self-Identified Race/Ethnicity 2016 Census



2016 Census Estimate

❖ 38.24% of the total population of Telfair County is between the ages of 20 and 44

(Median Age 39.60 Years)

❖ 34.97% of the population of the entire Telfair County Labor Draw Area is between the ages of 20 and 44

(Avg. Median Age 34.9)

❖ 34.45% of the population of the State of Georgia is between the ages of 20 and 44

(Median Age 36.2)

HOUSING

Housing Unit By Type			
Unit Type	Telfair Number	Telfair %	Georgia %
One Unit-Detached	4,240	58.9%	66.3%
One Unit-Attached	23	.3%	3.7%
Two Units	185	2.6%	2.2%
Three to Four Units	92	1.3%	3.0%
Five to Nine Units	184	2.6%	5.1%
10-19 Units	0	.0%	4.7%
20 or More Units	20	.3%	5.7%
Mobile Home	2,458	34.0%	9.3%
Total Units	7,202	100.0	100.0

Housing Tenure		
	Telfair	Georgia
Renter Occupied Units	38.5%	37.2%
Owner Occupied Units	61.5%	62.8%

Telfair Housing Rental Information		
Gross Rent	Number	%
Less than \$500	470	34.4
\$500-\$599	837	61.2
\$1, 000 to \$1,499	3	.2
\$1,500 to \$1,999	13	1.0
\$2,000 to \$2,499	45	3.3
\$2,500 to \$2,999	0	0
\$3,000 Plus	0	0
Median Rent \$580		

QUALITY OF EDUCATION

Quality of Education in Telfair has leaped light-years into the future in recent years. The system averages 1700 students and has earned numerous awards. Computer literacy is offered from kindergarten through high school, and high technology labs are used in grades 6-12. The system offers strong academics at all levels as well as strong athletic programs with feeder programs starting in middle school grades.

Telfair County is fortunate to have top-quality teachers, staff, and administrators who care and work hard to create an environment that is safe, welcoming, and academically rigorous for all students.

TELFAIR COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

❖ Also, Telfair County Pre-K Program



Telfair County High School



Telfair County
Elementary School



Telfair County Middle School

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Graduation Rate

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Telfair County	85.0	83.8	79.2	87.4	75.8
Labor Draw Area (avg.)	87.2	86.0	84.5	76.1	73.8
State	80.6	79.4	78.9	72.5	71.8

Average SAT Scores

	2016	2015	2014	2013
Telfair County	1263	1268	1224	1270
Labor Draw Area (avg.)	1338	955	1106	1123
State	1223	1450	1445	1452

Average ACT Scores

(*15 or few test takes)

	2016	2015	2014	2013
Telfair County	*	18.3	17.1	14.7
Labor Draw Area (avg.)	18.96	18.5	22.4	21.5
State	21.1	21.0	20.8	20.2

AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGES, STATE COLLEGE & UNIVERSITIES

- ❑ Oconee Fall Line Technical College
 - South Campus–(Dublin)
 - Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center (Helena)



- ❑ Middle Georgia State College (Cochran)
- ❑ South Georgia State College (Douglas)



- ❑ Georgia Southern University (Statesboro)



- ❑ Georgia College and State University (Milledgeville)



- ❑ Valdosta State University (Valdosta)



QUALITY OF LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Quality of Leisure Activities is another Telfair County favorite! The county has a full-time department of Leisure Services that coordinates recreational activities for the young and young-at-heart. Some of the events include softball, basketball, baseball, volleyball, and football along with more leisure activities. These organized sports have hundreds of participants each year!

RECREATION DEPARTMENT



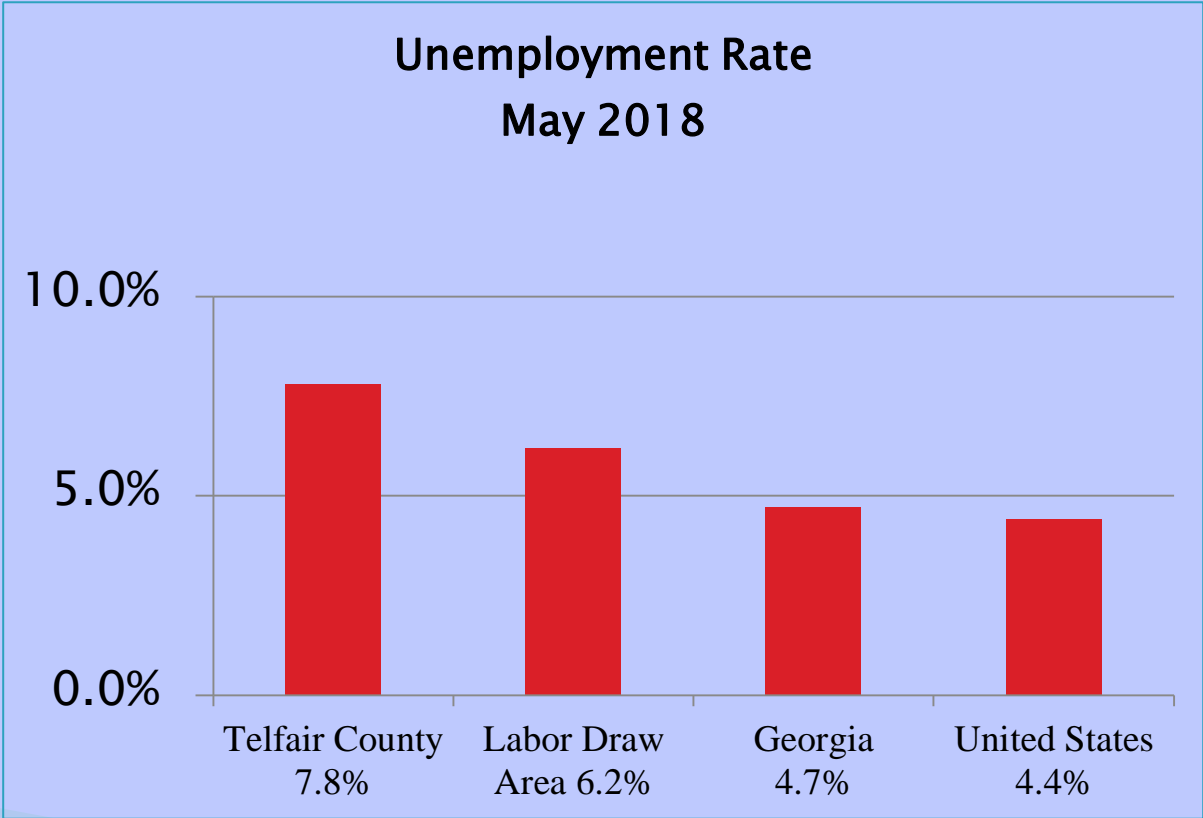
QUALITY OF WORKPLACE

Quality of Workplace is a trademark for Telfair County. The county and cities work together with industry to provide the quality industry desires for their workers and their facilities. Telfair is home to manufacturing plants, agricultural facilities and state/federal operated governmental facilities. Employment is excellent in Telfair, and the available workforce is excellent too!

EMPLOYMENT

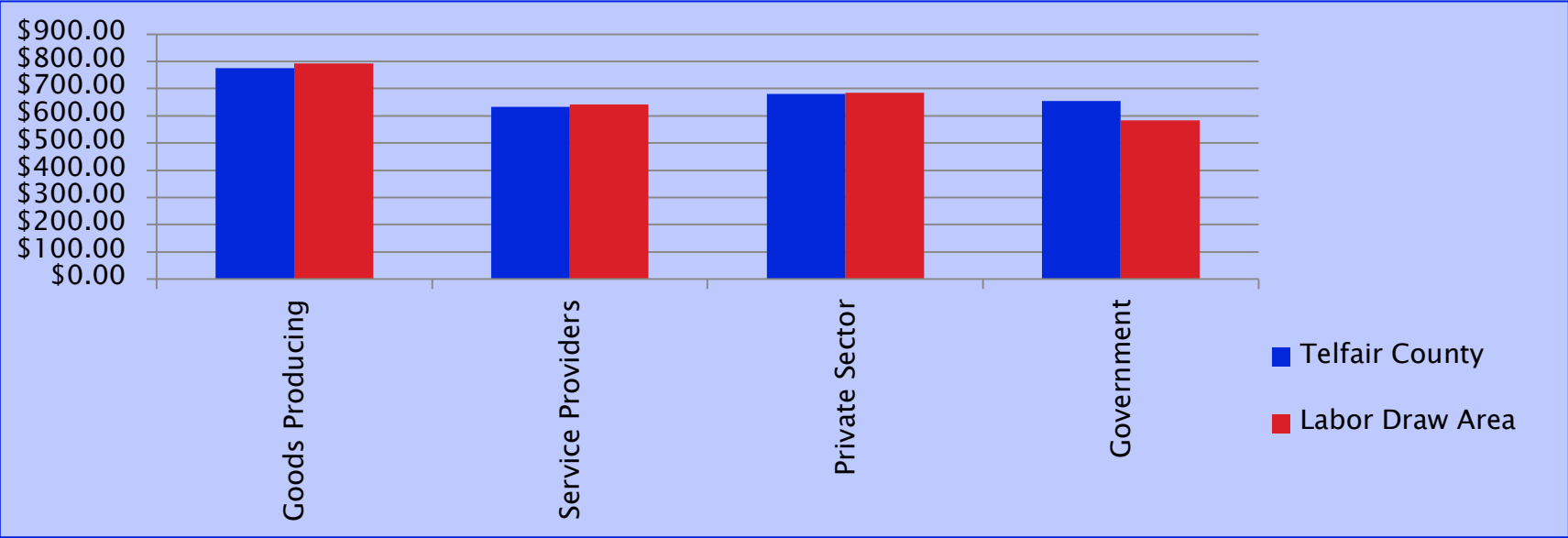
- ▶ Telfair County Per Capita Income \$20,541 (May 2018)
- ▶ Labor Force Area Per Capita Income \$25,494 (May 2018)

- ▶ Telfair County Median Household Income \$27,657 (2016)
- ▶ Labor Force Area Median Household Income \$32,237 (2016)



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES

Average Weekly Wages
May 2018



Average Weekly Wages

	Goods Producing	Service Provider	Private Sector	Government Sector	Total Average Weekly Wage
Telfair County	\$775	\$632	\$681	\$655	\$686
Labor Draw Area	\$792	\$641	\$685	\$584	\$676

EDUCATION OF LABOR FORCE

May 2018

	Some High School	High School Diploma/GED	Some College	College Grad 2 years	College Grad 4 years	Post Graduate Studies
Telfair County	18.9%	41.1%	15.4%	6.2%	6.2%	3.7%
Labor Force Draw Area	18.3%	41.3%	15.8%	6.1%	6.1%	4.0%

WORKFORCE TRAINING

Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center (Oconee Fall Line Technical College)

Located at the Telfair County Industrial Park, the Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center, a satellite campus of the Oconee Fall Line Technical College, stands ready to assist with training needs of businesses and industries throughout all of Telfair County.



The Quick Start program is provided by the Technical College System of Georgia and supports new and expanding industries. Quick Start delivers training in classrooms, mobile labs or directly on the plant floor, best for a company. The program ensures economic development personnel has the latest skills and strategies for workforce training.

TELFAIR COUNTY INDUSTRIES



TELFAIR WHEELER AIRPORT



Airport Identifier:	MQW
Airport Status:	Operational
Runway Length:	5001'
Longitude/Latitude:	082-52-45.8800W/32-05-49.1850N -82.879411/32.096996 (Estimated)
Elevation:	E202 ft. / 61.57 m (Surveyed)
Land:	104 acres
From Nearest City:	3 nautical miles NE of McRae, GA
Location:	3 miles from City of McRae-Helena
Magnetic Variation:	03W (1985)
Fuel on Site:	JET & AVGAS

*Continued improvements made annually

QUALITY OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Quality of Cultural Activities is prevalent in Telfair. Telfair has over 100 churches, some having originated in the mid-1800s.

The **Old South Georgia College**, as it is affectionately dubbed, is a cultural center (Telfair Center for the Arts) that is tended by the Pioneer Historical Society. Plays and other special events are regular attractions at the restored college. Many civic clubs have charters in the county. Parades, festivals and other outdoor events are planned annually.



OCMULGEE RIVER

The Ocmulgee River runs along the southern border of Telfair County. It is located along Hwy 117 between Jacksonville, GA and Lumber City, GA.

The river is popular for sportsman of all kind: boating, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, camping and bird watching.

There are four public boat ramps:

- ❖ Lumber City Landing
Located just off Hwy 341, Lumber City, GA
- ❖ Stave's Landing
Located off of Hwy 117 approximately eight miles East of Jacksonville, GA or nine miles West of Lumber City, GA
- ❖ Scuffle Bluff Boat Landing
Located on Horse Creek WMA off of Hwy 117 approximately eight miles East of Jacksonville, GA and nine miles West of Lumber City, GA
- ❖ Dodge's Lake Landing
Located of Hwy 117 approximately twelve miles West of Jacksonville, GA



LITTLE OCMULGEE STATE PARK

- ▶ Lodge
- ▶ Cabins
- ▶ Camp Ground
- ▶ Convention Center
- ▶ 18-hole Golf Course
- ▶ Nature Trails
- ▶ 265 Acres Lake
 - Fishing
 - Canoeing
- ▶ Playgrounds
- ▶ Splash Pad
- ▶ Group Shelters
- ▶ Picnic Areas



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Landfill

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McRae-Helena, GA 31055
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Superior Court

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Probate Court

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Tax Assessors

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Leisure Services

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Telfair Board of Education

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Oconee Fall Line Technical College

www.oftc.edu

South Campus

560 Pinehill Rd.
Dublin, GA 31021
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Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center

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