



In early 2007, the Dublin-Laurens County Economic Development Authority embarked upon a comprehensive evaluation of community assets in order to determine the viability of their efforts in "smart strategic growth." Two independent economic development consultancy firms compiled research findings, interview data, and cluster analysis to articulate these findings.

Among the hard data points, the combination of these assets ...

- Availability and skill of present workforce
- Low business costs
- Low taxes
- Close proximity to military and logistical assets
- Temperate weather
- Venture capital
- Available and inexpensive electricity
- Technology infrastructure
- Growth trends
- Affordable and available land and office space
- Presence of research institution

... among many other things had resulted in resounding endorsement that Dublin-Laurens County is "incredibly well-suited to continue being a regional economic engine" especially in regard to these industries:

- Aerospace Manufacturing
- Bio-Fuel Development
- Light Manufacturing
- Transportation and Logistics
- Back Office Resources
- Medical Life Sciences



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TAXES

	Laurens County	Georgia Average
Effective Property Tax	\$7.98 / \$1K fair market value	0.25 mill for each county
Millage Rate	19.95	(variable at 30 mills)
Local Sales Tax	3%	3.9%
State Sales Tax	4%	4%
Freeport Tax Exemption	100%	98.7%
Job Tax Credit	\$3,000	\$2,480
Investment Tax Credit	5%	5.7%

Source: Georgia Department of Revenue, 2006

WORKFORCE

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Laurens County	22,917	21,592	1,325	5.80%
9-County Draw Area*	67,317	62,899	4,418	6.56%
Projected (2010) Age	18-24	25-35	35-44	45-65
Laurens County	4,097	6,050	6,548	13,635
9-County Draw Area*	13,495	18,256	19,687	40,631

2000 Census Data Source: Georgia Department of Labor, 2006; Environmental Systems Research Institute, 2006
* Draw Area includes Laurens, Bleckly, Dodge, Emanuel, Johnson, Treutlen, Twiggs, Wheeler, and Wilkinson Counties

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	2000	2004	2007 / 2010	Annual Growth	Projected Growth
Population	44,974	46,411	/ 51,172	1.1%	1.5%
Employment Growth	19,782	20,100	/ 20,859	0.5%	0.5%
Total Buying Power		\$933 M	\$1.165 B /	4.85%	4.55%
Per Capital Personal Income	\$21,569	\$22,442	/ \$28,657		3.2%

Source: GA Trend; Georgia Power; and Selig Center, UGA-Athens

TOP 10 LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Name	Description	Employees
Mohawk Industries	Commercial Carpets	782
Carl Vinson VA Medical Center	Veterans Hospital	750
YKK AP America, Inc.	Architectural Aluminum Products	500
Fairview Park Hospital	General Acute Care	473
Flexsteel Industries	Furniture Upholstery	391
SP Newsprint Company	Recycled Newsprint	355
Farmers Home Furniture	HQ / Cabinetry Furniture	313
Rockwell Automation - Allen Bradley	Programmable Controls	297
Fred's Distribution Southeastern	Distribution Center	250
Parker Aerospace	Aircraft Control Systems	239