

# Positioned for Prosperity!

The West Central Georgia area of Lamar, Pike and Upson Counties is well positioned an hour south of Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, offering affordable sites and opportunities for your next business expansion.

Whether you are new to Georgia looking for a southeastern United States location or an international firm seeking to enter the US market, we welcome the opportunity to discuss your specific needs and help you put down roots.

Take a Look at Available Sites or Buildings:

Barnesville-Lamar County [www.choosebarnesvillega.com/available-sites](http://www.choosebarnesvillega.com/available-sites)

Pike County [www.pickpike.com](http://www.pickpike.com)

Thomaston-Upson County [www.thomastonupsonida.com](http://www.thomastonupsonida.com)

## Workforce

Our three county area contains more than 28,000 in civilian labor force but there are more than 90,000 workers within a 30 minute commute. This includes neighboring counties but does not include Atlanta or Macon which means you have a huge population area to draw workers.



The workforce pipeline of young graduates can be secured through the efforts of each of our county's collaboration with [Gordon State College](#) in Barnesville, Georgia Military College satellite campus in Zebulon and [Southern Crescent Technical College](#) in Thomaston and Griffin campuses.

A detailed description of all of these post secondary institutions can be delivered specific to your needs.

Additionally, each of our local high schools have career pathways preparing our students for the workplace whether it's manufacturing, agri-business, healthcare/lifesciences, aviation mechanics, entertainment/film and more areas of focus.

## Labor Force

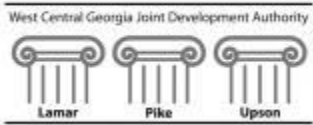
**Current Preliminary Unemployment: August 2020**

All three counties have managed to get back to or close to pre-pandemic unemployment rates reflecting healthy, diverse economies. New jobs would pull from a much broader region in less than a 30-45 minute commute.

**Lamar: 5%   Pike: 3.8%   Upson: 5.3%**

West Central GA- Lamar, Pike, Upson (Pre-Pandemic)		
County	2019 Average Unemployment Rate	
Lamar County	8,232	3.9%
Pike County	8,899	3.0%
Upson County	11,320	3.6%
Three County total	28,451	
Regional area within 30 minute commute	90,113	

Top industrial and public sector employers in the three county area of West Central Georgia include Gordon State College, Jordan Forest Products, Quad Graphics, Southern Mills, Standard Textile Company, Upson Regional Hospital, Wabash National LP, Walmart, United Bank, Ingles Markets and local government offices and schools.



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