

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION EMPLOYED IN THE SOUTHEAST REGION

With the employed residential population in the Southeast region making up 82.5 percent of the region's workforce, the demographic characteristics of the two groups are fairly similar. Over the past decade, the region employed more immigrants while declining in the number of native-born employees. The region's workforce also became more diverse, due to growth in Black, Asian, and Hispanic employees. In particular, the number of Black employees in the region nearly doubled in the past decade, exceeding the growth in such workers in all other regional labor markets. And much like the residential population of the region, there has been a growing concentration of older employees. Employees have been obtaining increasingly higher levels of education, but a High School Degree continues to be the largest educational attainment group among the employed.

Source: US Census Bureau 2000 Decennial Census PUMS data files and 2008-2010 American Community Survey PUMS data files.

Note: Further data for racial/ethnic and gender characteristics for total, working-age, and civilian labor force population are available in the on-line Data Appendix.

	2000	2008-2010	Absolute Change	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)
Employed Population	529,459	535,070	5,611	0.1
Gender				
Male	268,299	261,335	-6,964	-0.3
Female	261,160	273,735	12,575	0.5
Nativity				
Native Born	460,925	450,908	-10,017	-0.2
Immigrant	68,534	84,162	15,628	2.3
Race/Ethnicity				
White, non-Hispanic	474,910	458,142	-16,768	-0.4
Black, non-Hispanic	13,820	27,161	13,341	7.8
Asian, non-Hispanic	10,465	16,540	6,075	5.2
Hispanic	14,038	21,059	7,021	4.6
Other race, non-Hispanic	16,226	12,168	-4,058	-3.1
Age				
Age 16-24	71,901	69,834	-2,067	-0.3
Age 25-34	112,272	96,321	-15,951	-1.7
Age 35-44	139,848	118,032	-21,816	-1.9
Age 45-54	122,380	132,057	9,677	0.8
Age 55-64	62,122	91,351	29,229	4.4
Age 65+	20,936	27,475	6,539	3.1
Educational Attainment				
Less than High School	77,674	51,612	-26,062	-4.4
High School Graduate	153,904	148,014	-5,890	-0.4
Some College, no degree	109,377	112,000	2,623	0.3
Associate's Degree	46,331	50,564	4,233	1.0
Bachelor's Degree	93,146	114,180	21,034	2.3
Master's Degree or more	49,027	58,700	9,673	2.0