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# A Poverty Analysis for Albany, Georgia June 2010

## Final Report



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Poverty is one of six top priorities for the City Commission in Albany, GA. City Manager, Alfred Lott, commissioned for the poverty analysis to be conducted to help in the City's efforts to address poverty. There were four primary objectives of the study:

1. Identify the current demographic indicators of poverty for Albany, GA
2. Identify agencies, organizations, and businesses that currently address poverty reduction in Albany, GA
3. Identify the causes of poverty in Albany, GA
4. Identify solutions to further address poverty reduction in Albany, GA

### Research Design

Existing data were examined from sources that include the U.S. Census Bureau's 2000 Census, 2008 American Community Survey, and 2006-2008 American Community Survey. Additionally data were collected from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services, the Georgia Department of Corrections, the Georgia Department of Labor, the City of Albany, Department of Community and Economic Development, and the Southwest Georgia Community Action Council.

There was also a community engagement component for the poverty analysis that sought the input of the citizens through community meetings, an online community survey, interviews with community leaders, and a community resource directory to identify agencies addressing poverty.

### Poverty Indicators

The following list presents the major poverty indicators for Albany, GA:

Population	77,678
Poverty level	27%
Persons in poverty	19,763
People earning below 50% of poverty line	11%
Per capita income	\$20,528
Income of bottom one-fifth	\$7,925
Food stamp recipients	21.2%
Public health care recipients under age 65	18,507
Unemployment	7.3%

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## **Agencies Addressing Poverty in Albany, GA**

There are well over 200 organizations in Albany-Dougherty, GA, that presently address poverty. This estimate was derived by analyzing several directories containing organizations that serve the poor in Albany. Many of the organizations are faith-based in addition to government-based agencies. Several main services that are provided include emergency assistance, food, and housing.

## **Causes of Poverty in Albany, GA**

Causes of poverty in Albany, GA, were identified by examining various sources of data from government agencies, from the community participation component for the poverty analysis, and from the literature. The major factors identified as causes of poverty in Albany, GA are as follows:

- Economic and workforce challenges (unemployment, declining industries, and low earning industries and occupations)
- Lack of educational attainment and training to earn higher wages
- Structure of the welfare system that fosters dependency
- Lack of coordination among the levels of government and among agencies in addressing poverty
- Lack of personal responsibility
- Teen pregnancy & female head of households without the presence of a husband
- Long-term impact of historical gender and racial discrimination
- Lack of affordable housing, healthcare, childcare, and transportation
- Groups at higher risks for poverty (children, elderly, disabled, females, minorities, homeless, and ex-offenders)
- Exclusion of the poor in policy making

## **Solutions to Address Poverty in Albany, GA**

The solutions identified include comprehensive economic development with agencies addressing economic growth and comprehensive community development with the 200+ agencies addressing poverty. See specific solutions for each area below:

- ❖ Comprehensive economic development
  - Reduce the unemployment rate through business retention, business creation, and business attraction
  - Increase private sector investments for economic growth
  - Continue implementing and refining economic growth policies such as the *All Together Albany* strategic plan
  - Enhance area, regional, state, and federal partnerships that focus on economic growth
  - Invest in emerging industries such as cultural heritage tourism

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❖ Comprehensive community development

- Continue implementation of strategies for increasing educational attainment of the high school diploma and advanced degree training that begins from Pre-K through post secondary education
- Continue encouraging participation in employment training and development efforts that create a competitive workforce such as the Georgia Work\$ initiative and the Georgia Work Ready program
- Create a coordinated system for the 200+ agencies to collaboratively address poverty reduction with the current Strive2Thrive initiative playing a major role
- Increase investments in child, youth, and family development programs that decrease teen-parent families and single-parent families through curriculums in life skills training, character training, family planning, career planning, citizen responsibility, community leadership, and other community building areas
- Increase affordable services for the poor including housing, transportation, childcare, and healthcare
- Develop opportunities for persons who live in poverty to be involved with policy development for reducing poverty
- Increase opportunities for the community's diversity to be used as a strength in addressing poverty, especially drawing on the leadership of the faith-based sector

### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

VAAC Consulting concludes that Albany, GA, can reduce its poverty rate. Additionally, there are several recommendations offered for future action:

- Review feasibility and opportunity for implementing solutions identified in the study
- Develop funding priorities for nonprofit agencies that address poverty and incorporate organizational capacity and monitoring requirements
- Continue the City's role in the implementation process for the *All Together Albany* strategic plan and designate a staff person or office that will be specifically charged with addressing the poverty reduction aspect for the City
- Develop in partnership with the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce's Strive2Thrive initiative, a core body of all the agencies addressing poverty that will work to create and implement a poverty reduction strategic plan
- Collaborate with government agencies and other entities at local, state, and federal levels in developing an avenue to coordinate and monitor services received by clients
- Continue obtaining public and private funding to redevelop the poverty areas surrounding the downtown in a manner that will not displace the poor
- Incorporate the poverty reduction efforts into City documents such as the Comprehensive Plan to allow for long-term effectiveness





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## INTRODUCTION

Albany, GA, is presently enduring a time of great socio-economic realignment. As the economy continues to contract, as the manufacturing industry continues to withdraw from the southwest region of Georgia, and as the population of the poor seemingly grows in the central city of Albany, GA, government and community leaders and citizens are mobilizing to address poverty. In 2008, the high rate of poverty was co-listed with high teenage pregnancies in the *All Together Albany* strategic plan as one of six key existing trends that could damage this area's economic future if not addressed. In 2009, two major economic events occurred for Albany. First, Cooper Tire and Rubber Company, a large manufacturing plant closed, resulting in the loss of over 1200 jobs. Second, the Albany Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was listed by *Forbes* business magazine as the fourth poorest metro area in the nation.

Moreover, several local agencies within Albany who had never requested funding before began making inquiries as other sources of funding closed. These serious matters did not go unnoticed by the City of Albany. Poverty became one of the six top priorities for the Albany, GA City Commission. Further, the importance of this priority led City Manager, Alfred Lott, to make the determination that a poverty analysis be conducted to explore the condition of poverty in Albany, GA. There were four primary objectives of the poverty analysis:

- ❖ Identify the current demographic indicators of poverty for Albany, GA
- ❖ Identify agencies, organizations, and businesses that currently address poverty reduction in Albany, GA
- ❖ Identify the causes of poverty in Albany, GA
- ❖ Identify solutions to further address poverty reduction in Albany, GA

The project period for the poverty analysis was April 6 – May 18, 2010. VAAC Consulting Inc. was hired to complete the poverty analysis. This analysis used both quantitative (numerical) and qualitative (text) data sources. Community participation was essential for conducting this poverty analysis to increase the participation of the residents in the road ahead for helping those who live in poverty in Albany, GA.

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## **METHODOLOGY**

This section for the methodology provides information on the research design, the data collection for the community participation component, and the data analysis for the community participation component. Further, the measurement of poverty is discussed.

The methodology for this poverty analysis consisted of both quantitative (numerical) and qualitative (text) processes. In the conduct of poverty research, there are two basic approaches that exist. One is the quantitative approach that uses a series of statistical procedures and calculations only. The other approach is a mixed methods approach using both statistical tools as well as including a qualitative component such as interviews and focus groups.

### **Research Design**

The research design for this poverty analysis consisted of the following:

- Descriptive analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2000 Census, 2008 American Community Survey, and 2006-2008 American Community Survey. Additionally data were collected from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services, the Georgia Department of Corrections, the Georgia Department of Labor, the City of Albany, Department of Community and Economic Development, and the Southwest Georgia Community Action Council.
- General session community meetings
- Special session community meetings
- Interviews with community leaders
- A community survey (Online)
- A community directory (Online) to allow agencies to register who address poverty in Albany, GA
- A descriptive analysis of existing documents and data identifying agencies in Albany, GA, who address poverty
- A descriptive analysis of data from the literature and best practice models

### **Data Collection for the Community Participation Component**

The community participation phase used in this research is a variation of the community strategic visioning tool that was used as a method to define and address poverty in a study by Lachapelle, Austin, & Clark (2010). Five of the seven components of the research design were aimed at fostering community participation (See Table 1).

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**Table 1. Community Participation Opportunities for the Albany, GA Poverty Analysis 2010**

No.	Component	Participants
1.	General Session Community Meetings (2)	102
2.	Special Session Community Meetings (5)	58
3.	Community Leader Interviews	12
4.	Community Survey (Online)	331
5.	Community Resources Directory (Online)	34

Source: VAAC Consulting Inc., 2010.

### Description of the components

1. There were two (2) general session community meetings held at the following public meeting places to help identify causes of poverty in Albany, GA, and solutions:
  - Albany Civil Rights Institute, Wednesday, April 28, 2010 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. Lunch was served. There were 72 participants.
  - Albany Area Chamber of Commerce, Thursday, April 29, 2010 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. Lunch was served. There were 30 participants.

A cross-section of the community participated in these two sessions with citizens and community leaders from various human service agencies, city and county government agencies, educational agencies, businesses, and faith-based organizations. The following officials were among the participants:

- Dr. Willie Adams, Mayor, City of Albany
- Mr. Christopher Pike, Mayor Pro Tem and City Commissioner, Ward III
- Mr. Alfred Lott, City Manager
- Mrs. Latoya Cutts, Director, Department of Community and Economic Development
- Dr. Charles Lingle, Dougherty County Commissioner, District 4
- Mr. Kenneth Cutts, Field Representative, Office of Congressman Sanford Bishop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, GA.

These sessions were co-facilitated by the Vineyard Healing, Center for Public Deliberation and Engagement and the Albany State University Chapter of Pi Alpha Alpha, National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration.

2. There were five (5) special session community meetings held with the following groups to identify causes of poverty in Albany, GA, and solutions:
  - Family Connections (Even Start Family Literacy) Participants  
Wednesday, April 21, 2010 from 9:30 am – 11:00 am. There were 15 participants.

- Transitional Housing Program Residents  
Wednesday, April 29, 2010 from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm. There were 10 participants.
  - Turner Job Corps Center Participants  
Thursday, May 6, 2010 from 9:30 am – 11:00 am. There were 12 participants.
  - Bethel Housing Complex Residents  
Thursday, May 6, 2010 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. There were 15 participants.
  - Lily Pad SANE Center Staff  
Wednesday, May 12, 2010 from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm. There were 6 participants.
3. A 10-item community survey (Online) was conducted to identify causes of poverty in Albany, GA, and solutions (See Appendix 1). There were 331 participants.
  4. Interviews with twelve (12) community leaders were conducted to identify causes of poverty in Albany, GA, and their agency's involvement in solutions for addressing poverty (See Table 2).

**Table 2. Interviews with Community Leaders for the Albany, GA Poverty Analysis 2010**

Community Leader	Role	Agency	Interview Date
Ms. Sandra Hampton	Executive Director	New Direction Substance Abuse Program	April 23, 2010
Ms. Lorraine Alexander	Community Impact Director	Southwest Georgia United Way	May 7, 2010
Ms. Catherine Glover	President/CEO	Albany Area Chamber of Commerce	May 11, 2010
Ms. Harriet Hollis	Strive2Thrive Program Coordinator	Albany Area Chamber of Commerce	May 11, 2010
Mr. Ted Clem	President/CEO	Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission	May 11, 2010
Bishop Frederick Williams	Chairman	Taking Authority-Stop the Violence Initiative	May 11, 2010
Rev. Lorenzo Heard	Senior Pastor	Greater 2nd Mount Olive Baptist Church	May 11, 2010
Ms. Lakisha Bryant	Executive Director	Girls Inc.	May 12, 2010
Ms. Janice Thompson	Executive Director	Faith Community Outreach Center	May 12, 2010
Mr. Douglas McClure	Captain	Salvation Army	May 12, 2010
Dr. Charles Ochie	Director	Albany IDRO Second Chance Program	May 13, 2010
Apostle Charlene Glover	Senior Pastor	Trumpet of God Ministries & Training Center	May 13, 2010

Source: VAAC Consulting Inc., 2010.

5. A community resources directory (Online) was used to allow agencies to register who address poverty reduction in Albany, GA (See Appendix 1). There were 34 participants.



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## Public notification

The following outlets were used to notify the public of the community participation phase:

- VAAC Consulting placed information regarding the community participation phase on its website, [www.vaac-consulting.com](http://www.vaac-consulting.com) and created a web link for the community survey, [www.albanygapovertysurvey.com](http://www.albanygapovertysurvey.com)
- Press releases were sent to *The Albany Herald*, the *Albany Southwest Georgian*, and *The Albany Journal* newspapers and the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
- Advertisements were placed in *The Albany Herald* and the *Albany Southwest Georgian* newspapers
- Advertisements were placed on WALB TV Channel 10 and FOX 31 WFXL television stations, and banner ads were placed on their online websites
- PSAs were submitted to Clear Channel and Cumulus Broadcasting radio stations
- A link was placed on the webpage for the Department of Community and Economic Development on the website for the City of Albany, GA
- Emails were sent to identified community leaders
- Two television news reports were conducted, one each by the television stations identified above
- One 20-minute interview was conducted on ASU Channel 19 Television
- One news story was written by *The Albany Herald* newspaper
- Faith-based organizations were contacted by telephone

## **Data Analysis for the Community Participation Component**

Data from segments 1- 4 of the community participation component listed above (See Table 1 on page 3) were compiled to identify the major themes for causes and solutions regarding poverty in Albany, GA. Based on a review of the literature on poverty, there are two major categories, societal factors and individual factors used to describe causes and solutions regarding the issue of poverty. Therefore, these two overarching categories were used to first organize the responses. Then, themes were identified such as education, job creation, personal responsibility, and others.

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## The Measurement of Poverty

The federal government defines poverty for individuals and families by calculating the amount of money income before taxes in relationship to income thresholds that have been determined. If household income falls below the designated threshold for a household based upon size and composition, it is considered as being poor or in poverty (U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population, 2010).

### Original poverty thresholds

Mollie Orshansky, an economic official for the Social Security Administration, is credited with developing the poverty thresholds method in 1963-1964 that would evolve into the official statistical measurement for poverty in this country (Fisher, 1992). At that time, Orshansky used the dollar cost of the economy food plan of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for families of three to four persons. This family number was multiplied by three based upon research that revealed the average household spent approximately one-third of their budget on food. According to Fisher (1992), Orshansky published an article with her findings and shortly thereafter President L.B. Johnson's Administration announced its "War on Poverty."

By 1969, the use of the poverty threshold methodology as the official measurement of poverty was adopted by the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity (Fisher, 1992). A matrix was developed that calculates the number of persons per household and the amount of income possible in each threshold. Thereafter, the Census Bureau has used the poverty threshold formula. Annually, the thresholds are adjusted for price changes only (See Table 3 for the 2008 federal poverty levels used for this study).

### Challenges to the original poverty thresholds

There has been much policy and public discussion regarding the inadequacies of the current poverty measure. Smith (2009) identifies three of the major issues. First, there are other costs that currently take up more household budget than just food, such as housing, child care, health care and transportation. Second, the current measure does not count Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), food stamps, housing subsidies, or health programs including Medicaid, Medicare, and state health plans for children. Third, the regional differences in housing and other costs are not taken into account with the current measure.

The federal government has attempted to address these matters. In the 1990s, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) was requested by Congress to examine the poverty measure. NAS released its recommendations in 1995 (Smith, 2009). In 2009, the *Measuring American Poverty (MAP) Act of 2009* was introduced in Congress (Smith, 2009). And most recently, the administration under President Barack Obama has issued information detailing that the poverty thresholds and poverty guidelines will not be changed but rather supplemented (Census Bureau to Develop, 2010).

**Table 3. Poverty Thresholds for 2008 by Size of Family and Number of Related Children Under 18 Years**

Size of family unit	Weighted average thresholds	Related children under 18 years								
		None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight or more
One person (unrelated individual)	10,991									
Under 65 years	11,201	11,201								
65 years and over	10,326	10,326								
Two people	14,051									
Householder under 65 years	14,489	14,417	14,840							
Householder 65 years and over	13,030	13,014	14,784							
Three people	17,163	16,841	17,330	17,346						
Four people	22,025	22,207	22,570	21,834	21,910					
Five people	26,049	26,781	27,170	26,338	25,694	25,301				
Six people	29,456	30,803	30,925	30,288	29,677	28,769	28,230			
Seven people	33,529	35,442	35,664	34,901	34,369	33,379	32,223	30,955		
Eight people	37,220	39,640	39,990	39,270	38,639	37,744	36,608	35,426	35,125	
Nine people or more	44,346	47,684	47,915	47,278	46,743	45,864	44,656	43,563	43,292	41,624

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008, Poverty Thresholds for 2008.

### Poverty guidelines

Based upon the thresholds, the federal government established poverty guidelines as another measurement of poverty (The 2008 HHS Poverty, 2008). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has developed poverty guidelines to determine eligibility requirements for

programs based on financial data. The guidelines also use a matrix that calculates the number of persons per household by the stated income level (See Table 4). The guidelines are also updated annually and are made available through the *Federal Register*.

**Table 4. 2008 HHS Poverty Guidelines**

<b>Persons in Family or Household</b>	<b>48 Contiguous States and D.C.</b>	<b>Alaska</b>	<b>Hawaii</b>
1	\$10,400	\$13,000	\$11,960
2	14,000	17,500	16,100
3	17,600	22,000	20,240
4	21,200	26,500	24,380
5	24,800	31,000	28,520
6	28,400	35,500	32,660
7	32,000	40,000	36,800
8	35,600	44,500	40,940
For each additional person, add	3,600	4,500	4,140

Source: *Federal Register*, 2008, 73(15), 3971–3972.

There are several other federal agencies that use the poverty guidelines for determining financial eligibility for some of its programs such as the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Energy, the Department of Labor, the Department of the Treasury, the Corporation for National and Community Services, and Legal Services for the Poor (The 2008 HHS Poverty, 2008). Most of these programs have set monetary allocations annually and are known as non-open ended programs. Moreover, there are states and localities that have also adopted the use of the federal poverty guidelines for program eligibility.

However, there are several major entitlement programs that do not use the poverty guidelines. Such programs are the Food Stamps, the National School Lunch Program, the Medicaid Program (certain parts), and the Medicare – Prescription Drug Coverage subsidized portion (The 2008 HHS Poverty, 2008).

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## **OBJECTIVE 1: POVERTY INDICATORS FOR ALBANY, GA**

This section of the analysis contains the following segments: (1) the historical and contemporary pattern of poverty in Albany, GA, (2) income indicators of poverty in Albany, GA, (3) *Forbes'* poverty indicators for Albany, for the Albany MSA, and for comparison cities in Georgia, (4) Census poverty indicators for Albany, GA, (5) and other sources of poverty indicators for Albany, GA.

### **Historical and Contemporary Concentration of Poverty in Albany, GA**

Each geographical area that experiences wealth or poverty does so based upon its history and subsequent adaptations to the ever changing social and environmental changes. Albany, GA, is no different. It is an inevitable fact that poverty will continue to exist in the “Good Life City” unless immediate, comprehensive, strategic, and coordinated efforts are put in place to stop the increase in poverty. Thereafter, long range efforts will be needed to further decrease it.

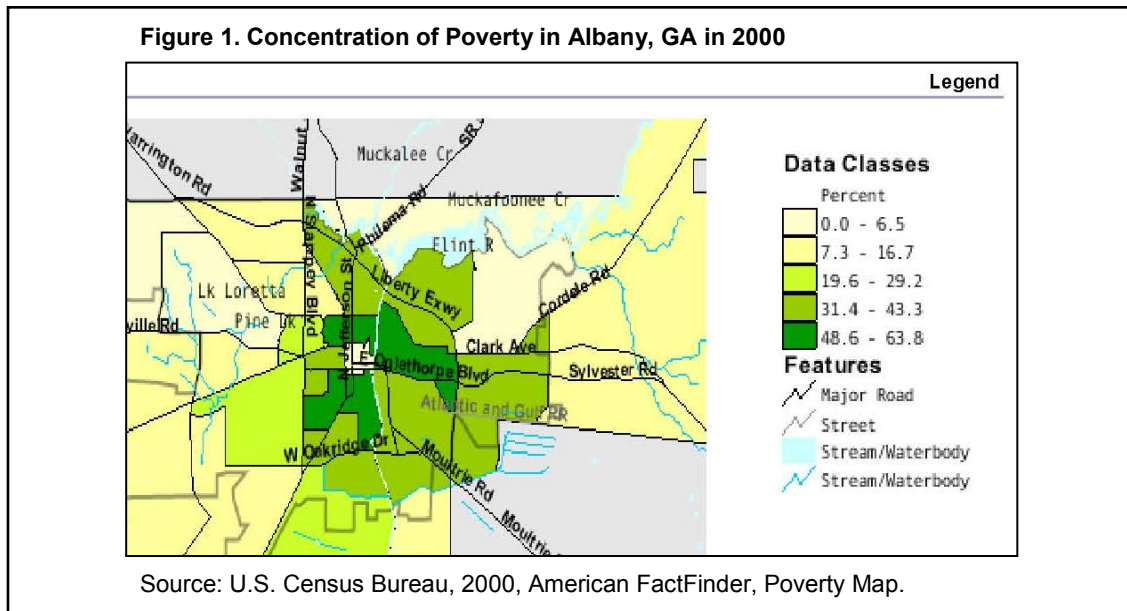
Albany, GA, is a community of 77,678 residents (U.S. Census Bureau, American, 2008) located in the southwest region of the state. It is the county seat for Dougherty, and it is the central city for the Albany Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). In 2000, there were 20,019 persons living in poverty in Albany, which is a poverty rate of 27.1% (U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000). Based on 2008 estimates, the poverty rate has dropped to 27% with 19,763 persons living in poverty (U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2008).

Historically, poverty has been most prevalent in Albany east of the Flint River where African Americans had to live during post-emancipation and segregation periods and continue to live after integration. The enduring challenge of poverty in East Albany was included in a national report on concentrated poverty by the Federal Reserve System and Brookings Institute in 2008 (Farr & Slade, 2008). In contemporary times, poverty has spread beyond East Albany into South Albany and in areas adjacent to downtown.

This current location of poverty being in close proximity to downtown Albany is a pattern that other central cities have experienced. With the rise in suburbanization, the central city progressively experiences an economic decline with the move of wealth into the outlying areas. The remaining population is often poor, without the economic, social, and educational resources needed to move out of poverty (Nice, 2003). Efforts to combat poverty were enhanced in December 1994 when Albany, GA, was selected as a Round I Federal Enterprise Community. This designation provides opportunities for community revitalization and economic improvement in Albany. The following points describe key aspects of Albany's current poverty patterns:

- Figure 1 reveals that Albany has several poverty areas, which are geographic areas that have at least a 20% poverty rate (U.S. Census Bureau, Poverty-definitions, 2010).

- There are three high concentration areas of poverty (poverty rates are 31.4% - 43.3%) in Albany, GA, surrounding the downtown on the east, south, and north. The west portion surrounding the downtown could become a high poverty area if the poverty rate continues to grow there.
- The figure also reveals there are poverty areas surrounding the downtown with rates ranging from 48.6% - 63.8%.



### Income Indicators of Poverty in Albany, GA

Table 5 reveals a number of income measures for Albany, GA, in 2008 in relationship to the poverty levels that will be explored.

- There were 3,532 (12.3%) households and 1,476 (8.3%) of families with incomes less than \$10,000. This income level meets the federal poverty threshold for a one-person household, which is \$10,991 (See Table 3 on page 7).
- There were three income measures that had levels below the 2008 poverty thresholds for an average four-person family unit, which was \$22,025. The per capita income was \$20,528, the median nonfamily income was \$21,702, and the median nonfamily earnings for workers were \$20,993.
- The other measures for the median (\$31,923) and mean (\$53,622) household incomes and median (\$40,280) and mean (\$67,839) family incomes all exceed the poverty thresholds for families with four or more people.

**Table 5. Economic Characteristics (Income) for Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

<b>Selected Economic Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>INCOME (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>		
<b>Total households</b>	<b>28,815</b>	<b>28,815</b>
Less than \$10,000	3,532	12.3%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2,670	9.3%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	5,140	17.8%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	3,859	13.4%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	4,236	14.7%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	3,909	13.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,973	6.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,888	6.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	718	2.5%
\$200,000 or more	890	3.1%
<b>Median household income (dollars)</b>	<b>31,923</b>	<b>(X)</b>
<b>Mean household income (dollars)</b>	<b>53,622</b>	<b>(X)</b>
<b>Families</b>	<b>17,735</b>	<b>17,735</b>
Less than \$10,000	1,476	8.3%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,287	7.3%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	3,202	18.1%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	1,811	10.2%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	3,099	17.5%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	2,006	11.3%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,502	8.5%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,828	10.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	634	3.6%
\$200,000 or more	890	5.0%
<b>Median family income (dollars)</b>	<b>40,280</b>	<b>(X)</b>
<b>Mean family income (dollars)</b>	<b>67,839</b>	<b>(X)</b>
<b>Per capita income (dollars)</b>	<b>20,528</b>	<b>(X)</b>
<b>Nonfamily households</b>	<b>11,080</b>	<b>11,080</b>
<b>Median nonfamily income (dollars)</b>	<b>21,702</b>	<b>(X)</b>
<b>Mean nonfamily income (dollars)</b>	<b>30,005</b>	<b>(X)</b>
<b>Median earnings for workers (dollars)</b>	<b>20,993</b>	<b>(X)</b>
<b>Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)</b>	<b>41,012</b>	<b>(X)</b>
<b>Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)</b>	<b>29,054</b>	<b>(X)</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Selected Economics Characteristics Estimates Table (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

(X) - Not applicable or not available

Additionally, examination of the mean household income of quintiles (fifths), one measure of income inequality used by the U.S. Census Bureau, shows that the mean household incomes for the two lowest quintiles were both below the per capita income for Albany, GA, which is \$20,528. The mean household income for the lowest quintile was \$7,925 (See Table 6) and was \$19,114 for the second quintile.

**Table 6. Mean Household Income of Quintiles in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

Description	Estimate (In Dollars)
<b>Quintile Means</b>	
Lowest Quintile	7,925
Second Quintile	19,114
Third Quintile	32,560
Fourth Quintile	54,936
Highest Quintile	153,575
Top 5 Percent	303,854

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Table B19081 (See margins of error and full notes at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

- The quintiles are important when examining the poverty thresholds because these mean household income indicators reveal the possibility of which family units are most impacted by poverty in Albany, GA.
- The \$7,925 mean income for households in the bottom fifth of the income distribution does not exceed any of the poverty thresholds for 2008. The closest threshold is for an average one-person family unit, which is \$10,991.
- The \$19,114 mean income for households in the second fifth of the income distribution is higher than the poverty thresholds for an average 3-person family, which is \$17,163.

### ***Forbes' Poverty Indicators***

#### Albany, GA City and MSA

In fall 2009, *Forbes*, the leading national biweekly magazine for business and economic trends and information, released its 2009 list for the 10 most impoverished cities (Metropolitan Statistical Areas - MSA) in America (Zumbrun, 2009) using Census data from the 2008 American Community Survey. The Albany MSA was ranked the fourth most impoverished MSA in the country along with another Georgia MSA, Macon. The City of Albany, GA, is the central city for the 5-county Albany MSA (Metro Area) that is comprised of the following counties (See Figure 2):





- The per capita income for Albany was \$20,528 in comparison to the \$21,359 per capita income for the Albany MSA.
- The income of the bottom one-fifth of households for Albany was \$7,925 in comparison to the \$8,350 per capita income for the Albany MSA.
- People earning below 50% of poverty line was 11% in Albany and 8.4% in the Albany MSA.
- There were 21.2% persons receiving food stamps in Albany and 17% in the Albany MSA.
- There were 18,507 persons in Albany receiving public health care who were under the age of 65 compared to 32,895 persons in the Albany MSA. This number for Albany reflects 56% of the total MSA.
- In March 2010, preliminary figures reveal that Albany has an unemployment rate of 12.5% while the Albany MSA has an unemployment rate of 10.9 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Unemployment, 2010). These numbers show an increase from the unemployment estimates in 2008. The 2008 data show Albany had an unemployment level of 7.3% versus the 6.3% for the Albany MSA.

**Table 7. Poverty Indicator 2008 Estimates for Albany, GA - City and Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Using *Forbes'* Categories for Ranking America's Most Impoverished Cities in 2009**

Indicator	Albany City	Albany MSA Forbes Data
Population	77,678	158,415
Per capita income	\$20,528	\$21,359
Income of bottom one-fifth	\$7,925	\$8,350
People earning below 50% of poverty line	11%	8.4%
Food stamp recipients	21.2%	17%
Public health care recipients under age 65	18,507	32,895
Unemployment	7.3%	6.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Tables S1701, S2201, S2301, B19081, C27003, and Data Profiles (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

Zumbrun, J. (2009, October 12). America's Most Impoverished Cities, *Forbes*.

Even though Albany was at a lower standing in comparison to the Albany MSA, the differences can be overcome. For at the present, neither of the dollar amounts for earnings exceeds a difference of \$1,000, and none of the percentage differences are in double digits. Thus, if Albany can immediately begin to strategically counter the factors that give rise to poverty, it can reclaim its role as leading economic center of the southwest region that it has held in the past.

- The per capita income difference for Albany is -\$831.
- The bottom one-fifth income difference for Albany is -\$425.
- The percentage difference for people earning below 50% of the poverty line for Albany is -3%.
- The percentage difference for food stamp recipients for Albany is -4.2%.
- The percentage difference for public health care recipients under age 65 for Albany is -3%.
- The percentage difference for unemployment for Albany is -1%.

Albany, Columbus, Macon, and Valdosta, Georgia *Forbes'* poverty indicators comparison

Table 8 below shows comparative data between Albany, Columbus, Macon, and Valdosta based on the *Forbes* report. Each city offers a different population base with all being metro areas except for Valdosta.

**Table 8. Poverty Indicator 2008 Estimates for Albany, Columbus, Macon, and Valdosta, GA Using *Forbes'* Categories for Ranking America's Most Impoverished Cities in 2009**

Indicator	Albany	Columbus	Macon	Valdosta
Population	77,337	188,456	92,179	49,186
Per capita income	18,884	22,548	17,496	19,421
Income of bottom one-fifth	7,794	8,376	6,074	6,991
People earning below 50% of poverty line	13%	9%	14%	15%
Food stamp recipients (Households)	19.9%	14.1%	20.4%	17.6%
Public health care recipients under age 65*	18,507	32,397	25,129	(X)
Unemployment**	12.5%	9.7%	12.2%	8.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008, American Community Survey 2006-2008, Tables S1701 and Economic Profile and American Community Survey 2008, Table C27003\* (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

Zumbrun, J. (2009, October 12). America's Most Impoverished Cities, *Forbes*.

(\*\*) - U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010, Unemployment Data.

(X) - Not applicable or not available. The ACS 1-year estimates are only available for geographic areas with populations of 65,000 or more.

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## Census Poverty Indicators for Albany, GA

The comparison between Albany and the Albany metro area using the poverty indicators for Forbes' listing of the ten most impoverished metro areas in the nation served as the backdrop for closer examination of the poverty conditions in Albany.

The descriptive analysis in this section focuses on data for Albany, GA, in the U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) from the three key tables for the poverty subject index. The data in the ACS are estimates only. Each statistic has a (+/-) margin of error that may be viewed at the web site ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)). These tables are as follows:

- Poverty Status for Individuals
- Poverty Status for Families
- Food Stamps

Additionally, there are appendices for these tables that include four comparison geographic units, Dougherty County, Albany MSA, Georgia, and the United States. Moreover, there are four data profile appendices related to demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics for Albany, GA.

### Poverty status for individuals

#### ❖ Poverty status by population

- The total population for Albany, GA, was 77,678 of which 74,224 was the population for whom poverty status was determined based on the 2008 estimate data from the U.S. Census Bureau (See Table 9 on page 19).
- Approximately 27% (19,763) of the population lived below poverty level.

#### ❖ Poverty status by age

- There were 21,294 children under the age of 18 years, and of this number, 7,400 live below poverty. Thirty-five percent (35%) of children under 18 years of age live below poverty in Albany.
- There were 44,369 adults between 18 to 64 years of age of which 11,312 live below the poverty level. Of all adults, nearly 26% live below poverty in Albany.
- There were 8,561 persons 65 years and over of which 1,051 experienced poverty. Of all persons 65 years of age and older, 12.3% live below poverty in Albany.

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❖ Poverty status by gender

- There were 33,789 males of which 8,595 fell below the poverty line. Twenty-five percent (25%) of all males lived below poverty.
- There were 40,435 females of which 11,168 fell below the poverty line. Twenty-eight percent (28%) of all females lived below poverty.

❖ Poverty status by race

- There were 20,146 whites in Albany, GA, and 983 lived below the poverty line. Approximately five percent (5%) of all whites lived below poverty.
- There were 52,233 blacks in Albany, GA, and 18,114 lived below the poverty line. Thirty-five percent (35%) of all blacks lived below poverty.

❖ Poverty status by educational attainment

- Of the 74,224 persons for whom poverty was determined in the 2008 estimates for Albany, GA, 44,781 comprised persons 25 years and over. This number was used for determining persons in poverty based upon educational levels.
- There were 8,465 (18.9%) persons 25 years and over who fell below the poverty level in Albany, GA.
- Persons with a bachelor's degree or higher had the lowest level of poverty, 2%. Of the 10,114 persons with this level of education, 205 were impoverished.
- Persons with less than a high school diploma had the highest level of poverty, 35.1%. Of the 9,287 persons with this level of education, 3,261 were impoverished.

❖ Poverty status by employment status

- Of the 74,224 persons for whom poverty was determined in the 2008 estimates for Albany, GA, 34,645 constituted the civilian labor force 16 years and older. This number was used for determining persons in poverty based upon employment status.
- There were 5,694 (16.4%) persons in the civilian labor force 16 years and older who lived in poverty.
- There were 1,339 persons out of 2,563 who were unemployed. This figure represents a 52.2% poverty rate for this group.
- There were 4,355 persons out of 32,082 who were employed who lived below the poverty rate. This figure represents a 13.6% poverty rate for this group.

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❖ Poverty status by work experience

- Of the 74,224 persons for whom poverty was determined in the 2008 estimates for Albany, GA, 55,475 was that part of the population 16 years and older. This number was used to calculate the poverty status based upon work experience.
- There were 13,260 (23.9%) persons in the population 16 years and older who lived in poverty.
- Persons who worked full-time, year-round had the lowest rate of poverty. There were 988 persons out of 22,468 (4.4%) who lived below the poverty level.
- Persons who worked part-time or part-year had the highest rate of poverty. There were 5,659 of 13,973 (40.5%) who fell below the poverty line.
- Persons who did not work at all experienced a high rate of poverty also. Approximately 35% of 19,034 persons (6,613) persons who did not work in 2008 experienced poverty.

**Table 9. Poverty Status (Selected Characteristics) for Individuals in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

Subject	Albany City		
	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level
<b>Total population</b>	<b>77,678</b>		
<b>Population for whom poverty status is determined</b>	<b>74,224</b>	<b>19,763</b>	<b>26.6%</b>
<b>AGE</b>			
Under 18 years	21,294	7,400	34.8%
18 to 64 years	44,369	11,312	25.5%
65 years and over	8,561	1,051	12.3%
<b>SEX</b>			
Male	33,789	8,595	25.4%
Female	40,435	11,168	27.6%
<b>RACE</b>			
White	20,146	983	4.9%
Black or African American	52,233	18,114	34.7%
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>			
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>44,781</b>	<b>8,465</b>	<b>18.9%</b>
Less than high school graduate	9,287	3,261	35.1%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	12,729	2,766	21.7%
Some college, associate's degree	12,651	2,233	17.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	10,114	205	2.0%
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>			
<b>Civilian labor force 16 years and over</b>	<b>34,645</b>	<b>5,694</b>	<b>16.4%</b>
Employed	32,082	4,355	13.6%
Unemployed	2,563	1,339	52.2%
<b>WORK EXPERIENCE</b>			
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	<b>55,475</b>	<b>13,260</b>	<b>23.9%</b>
Worked full-time, year-round in the past 12 months	22,468	988	4.4%
Worked part-time or part-year in the past 12 months	13,973	5,659	40.5%
Did not work	19,034	6,613	34.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Table S1701 (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

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## Poverty status for families

### ❖ Poverty status by population and family size

- For Albany, GA, the 2008 American Community Survey estimates revealed there were 17,735 families in all. There were 9,318 married couple families and 7,230 female householder, no husband present (unmarried-female) families (See Table 10 on page 23).
- Overall, 18.4% of the families were shown as living below the poverty level. Married couple families had a 6.5% poverty rate and unmarried-female families had a poverty rate of 34.1%.
- There were 9,176 families, almost half of all families, who had related children under 18 years of age. There were 3,684 married couple families with children and 4,698 unmarried-female families with children.
- There was a 23.1% poverty rate for families with children under 18 years of age. The poverty rates for married couple families and unmarried-female families were 5.7% and 38.5% respectively.
- The composition of the number of people in families varied greatly. More families fell in the category of having 2 people in the household. There were 8,785 such families. There were 4,857 married couple families with two persons and 3,475 unmarried-female families with two persons.
- There were 15.2% of families with 2 persons who lived below the poverty level. The poverty rate was 8.2% for married-couple families and 24.8% for unmarried-female families.

### ❖ Poverty status by race

- The occurrence of poverty for families by race was unable to be fully analyzed due to the number of sample cases being too small for families with a householder who is white.
- There were 11,720 black families overall in Albany, GA. There were 5,215 black married couple families and 5,775 black unmarried-female families.
- There were 25.5% of black families who lived below the poverty level. The poverty rate was 9.2% for black married-couple families and 40.1% for unmarried-female families.



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❖ Poverty status by householder work experience

- There were 12,065 families in Albany, GA, who had at least one householder who worked in the past 12 months. For married-couple families, there were 6,233 working households. For unmarried-female families, there were 4,773 working households.
- The percentage of working families who experienced poverty was 12.7%. The percentage was 0.8% for married couples and 28.5% for unmarried-female families.
- There were 9,604 working families with a householder who worked full-time, year-round in the past 12 months in all. There were 5,355 full working married-couple families and 3,314 full working unmarried-female families.
- For families who worked full-time, year-round, 8.6% experienced living below the poverty level. Full-time, year-round, working married-couple families did not experience poverty. The rate was shown as 0%. For full-time, year-round working unmarried-female families, the rate of poverty was 22.8%.
- There were 3,622 families with a working householder 65 years and over. For married-couple families, there were 2,094 who had a working householder 65 years and older. For unmarried-female families, there were 1,464 who had a working householder 65 years and older.
- The rate of poverty experienced by full-time, year-round working families with householders 65 years and over was similar across all three categories. The rates were 6.9% for all families, 6.6% for married-couple families, and 7.7% for unmarried-female families.

❖ Receipt of transfer payments and income deficit

- Working families also received various forms of transfer payments (income). The forms include Supplemental Security Income (SSI), cash public assistance, and/or Social Security in the past 12 months.
- In Albany, GA, there were 1,413 working families who received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or cash public assistance income in the past 12 months. There were 296 working married-couple families and 1,005 working unmarried-female families who received these forms of income.
- Approximately 34% of working families who received SSI and/or cash public assistance income in the past 12 months experienced poverty. The rate was almost 26% for married-couple families and nearly 38% for unmarried-female families.

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- There were 5,436 working families who received Social Security income in the past 12 months. There were 3,127 working married-couple families and 2,067 working unmarried-female families who received Social Security income.
  - Overall, 16% of working families who received Social Security income in the past 12 months experienced poverty. The rate was a little over 11% for married-couple families and close to 22% for unmarried-female families.
  - The mean income deficit for families was \$7,647. For married-couple families, the mean income deficit was \$6,836 and \$8,063 for unmarried females.

❖ Poverty status by educational attainment of householder

- There were 3,290 families with householders having less than a high school diploma. For married couples, there were 1,715 such families and for unmarried females, there were 1,351 such families.
- Of the families having a householder with less than a high school diploma, 36.1% lived below the poverty level. For married-couple families, 20.5% lived below the poverty level. For unmarried-female families, the poverty rate was 60.3%.
- There were 4,239 families with householders having a Bachelor's degree or higher. For married couples, there were 3,215 such families and for unmarried females, there were 662 such families.
- Of the families having a householder with a Bachelor's degree or higher, 1.9% lived below the poverty level. For married-couple families, 2.5% lived below the poverty level. For unmarried-female families, the rate was 0.0%.

**Table 10. Poverty Status (Selected Characteristics) for All Families in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

Subject	All families		Married-couple families		Female householder, no husband present	
	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level
<b>Families</b>	<b>17,735</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>9,318</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>7,230</b>	<b>34.1%</b>
With related children under 18 years	9,176	23.1%	3,684	5.7%	4,698	38.5%
<b>RACE</b>						
Families with a householder who is--						
White	N	N	N	N	N	N
Black or African American	11,720	25.5%	5,215	9.2%	5,775	40.1%
<b>Householder worked</b>	<b>12,065</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>6,233</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>4,773</b>	<b>28.5%</b>
Householder worked full-time, year-round in the past 12 months	9,604	8.6%	5,355	0.0%	3,314	22.8%
Householder 65 years and over	3,622	6.9%	2,094	6.6%	1,464	7.7%
Family received --						
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or cash public assistance income in the past 12 months	1,413	33.6%	296	25.7%	1,005	37.7%
Social security income in the past 12 months	5,436	16.0%	3,127	11.4%	2,067	21.8%
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF HOUSEHOLDER</b>						
Less than high school graduate	3,290	36.1%	1,715	20.5%	1,351	60.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	4,239	1.9%	3,215	2.5%	662	0.0%
<b>NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN FAMILY</b>						
2 people	8,785	15.2%	4,857	8.2%	3,475	24.8%
3 or 4 people	7,022	17.7%	3,404	4.8%	2,884	33.5%
<b>INCOME DEFICIT</b>						
Mean income deficit for families (dollars)	7,647	(X)	6,836	(X)	8,063	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Table S1702 (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

1. N - Number of sample cases too small

2. (X) - Not Applicable or not available

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## Food stamps benefit

The United States Department of Agriculture has operated the Food Stamps Program (FSP) since 1969 in an effort to provide individuals and families who earn low incomes with the ability to purchase healthy and nutritious food. It is the country's largest food assistance program (Supplemental Nutrition, 2010). In 2008, the USDA had a budget of approximately \$37.5 billion dollars of which 25 million low-income Americans received assistance each month. In 2008, the program was renamed, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to reflect recent changes and more focus on nutrition (Supplemental Nutrition, 2010).

For Albany, GA, a portion of the population received the food stamps benefit according to the 2008 Estimates for the American Community Survey (See Table 11). See the description below:

### ❖ Food stamps usage by population, poverty status, and income

- There were 28,815 households for Albany, GA. Of this number, 6,115 (21%) received food stamps.
- The percentage of households that were below poverty was 21%. The percentage of households below poverty level that received food stamps was 50.4%.
- The median income for households was \$31,923. The median income for households receiving food stamps was \$16,507.

### ❖ Food Stamps Usage by Age, Race, and Disability Status

- Approximately 32.1% of all households had children under 18 years of age. Nearly 51.8% of all households receiving food stamps were households with children under 18 years of age.
- The percentage of households with one or more persons 60 years and over was 31%. Approximately 18.1% of all households receiving food stamps were households with one or more persons 60 years and over.
- The percentage of white households was 32.4%. Approximately, 2.6% of all households receiving food stamps were white households.
- The percentage of black households was 66.3%. Approximately, 96.1% of all households receiving food stamps were black households.
- The percentage of households with one or more people with a disability was 32.7%. Approximately, 40.4% of all households receiving food stamps were households with one or more people with a disability.

❖ Food stamps usage by family work status

- There were 17,735 families for Albany, GA. Of this number, 4,302 (24%) received food stamps.
- The percentage of families having no workers in the past 12 months was 17.1%. Approximately, 19.7% of all households receiving food stamps were households having no workers in the past 12 months.
- The percentage of families having one worker in the past 12 months was 41.8%. Approximately, 57.8% of all households receiving food stamps were households having one worker in the past 12 months.
- The percentage of families having two or more workers in the past 12 months was 41.1%. Approximately, 22.5% of all households receiving food stamps were households having two more workers in the past 12 months.

**Table 11. Food Stamps Received by Households in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

Subject	Total	Households receiving food stamps
<b>Households by Number</b>	<b>28,815</b>	<b>6,115</b>
<b>Households by Percentage</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>0.21</b>
With one or more people 60 years and over	31.0%	18.1%
With children under 18 years	32.1%	51.8%
<b>POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>		
Below poverty level	21.0%	50.4%
<b>DISABILITY STATUS</b>		
With one or more people with a disability	32.7%	40.4%
<b>RACE OF HOUSEHOLDER</b>		
White	32.4%	2.6%
Black or African American	66.3%	96.1%
<b>HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>		
Median income (dollars)	31,923	16,507
<b>WORK STATUS</b>		
<b>Families</b>	<b>17,735</b>	<b>4,302</b>
No workers in past 12 months	17.1%	19.7%
1 worker in past 12 months	41.8%	57.8%
2 or more workers in past 12 months	41.1%	22.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Table S2201 (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

(X) – Not applicable or not available

## Non-Census Sources of Poverty Indicators for Albany, GA

### Georgia Department of Community Affairs

For the State of Georgia, the Department of Community Affairs is the office responsible for addressing the issue of homelessness. The underlying assumption is that persons who are homeless are correspondingly living in poverty. In a comprehensive report for 2009, the county's homelessness population was assessed. For Albany, Dougherty County's figures showed there was a total of 412 persons homeless during the study period (See Table 12).

**Table 12. Dougherty County's Homelessness Count for 2009**

Homeless Population and Shelter Beds						
2008 - 2009 Point-in-Time Bed Inventories, Sheltered Counts, and Predictive Model						
COUNTY	Sheltered Homeless Persons (Emergency and Transitional Housing)	Unsheltered Homeless (Counts and Predictive Model)	Total Homeless	Emerg/Trans Beds for Victims of Domestic Violence	Emergency and Transitional Beds (Excluding DV)	Total Emergency and Transitional Beds
DOUGHERTY	228	184	412	22	238	260

Source: Georgia Department of Community Affairs, 2009, Report on Homelessness.

### Georgia Department of Corrections

Another population that is often at greater risk of experiencing impoverished conditions is persons of re-entry from criminal justice institutions. There are numerous barriers faced by ex-felony offenders that make it difficult to gainfully re-enter the workforce upon release. Data from the Georgia Department of Corrections revealed the following information (Georgia Department of Corrections, 2009):

- There were 369 inmates admitted during 2009 who self-reported Dougherty as their home county.
- The socioeconomic status self-reported by all inmates before prison indicated that approximately 45% of them were recipients of welfare, occasionally employed, or lived at the minimum standard.
- The employment status before prison for socioeconomic levels showed approximately 45% were part-time employed, unemployed, never worked, a student, or incapable of working.

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## Georgia Department of Family and Children Services

The primary indicator of poverty drawn from data from the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services focuses on the Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) Program. The TANF information supplements the Census poverty indicator that measures the receipt of SSI or other cash payment assistance. Moreover, it supplements information from the public health insurance measurement (Medicaid) that was listed as one of Forbes' measures of poverty. Information is shown below regarding these programs (See Table 13).

### ❖ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

- The overall \$7,973,896 budget for the Dougherty County Department of Family and Children Services allowed for residents of Albany, GA, to be served in 2007.
- Children received the greatest benefit from the provision of services.
- Childcare Payments for applicant services was \$99,398 and for TANF, the amount was \$422,911.
- Child Support Collections totaled 1,809 TANF cases with \$12,127,420 being collected.
- There were 1,075 children who were recipients of TANF. There were 451 children between the ages of 0-6 years and 624 children between 7-15 years.
- There were 736 families who were recipients of TANF and 150 adults.
- There were 63 recipients of TANF who were white and 1,295 recipients of TANF who were black.
- The total number of unduplicated TANF cases was 1,129.
- There were 266 cases where recipients were on TANF for one to 3 months.

### ❖ Public Health Insurance (Medicaid)

- There were 34,883 Medicaid recipients for Dougherty County in 2007.
- The total expenditure for the purchased services of the recipients was \$116,589,678.

**Table 13. Georgia Department of Family and Children Services Categories of Assistance for Albany-Dougherty, GA - 2007**

Description	Geographic Area 1	Geographic Area 2
Measures	Dougherty County	Georgia
Administrative Expenses: State Fiscal Year 2007		
Administrative Expenses	\$7,973,896	\$433,706,829
Payments by Category for Children in Childcare: State Fiscal Year 2007		
Applicant Services	\$99,398	\$7,149,569
TANF	\$422,911	\$13,124,260
Child Support Open Cases as of 7/1/06 and Collections from Non-Custodial Parents By Judicial Circuit and Child's Public Assistance Status and Total Children Served for State Fiscal Year 2007		
TANF Cases	1,809	N
Total Collections	\$12,127,420	N
Expenditures for DFCS Programs: State Fiscal Year 2007		
Sum of Funding	\$159,534,701	\$8,849,572,291
Medicaid Purchased Services (PS): State Fiscal Year 2007		
Medicaid PS Recipients	34,883	2,177,092
Medicaid PS Expenditures	\$116,589,678	\$6,759,616,535
TANF Recipients and Benefits: State Fiscal Year 2007		
Families	736	N
Adults	150	N
TANF Recipients by Age: June 2007		
0-6 yrs	451	19,317
7-15 yrs	624	23,817
TANF Recipients by Race/Ethnicity: June 2007		
White	63	12,143
Black	1,295	40,507
TANF Unduplicated Cases: State Fiscal Year 2007		
# of Unduplicated Cases	1,129	41,567
# On TANF for One to 3 Months	266	11,196

Source: Georgia Department of Family and Children Services Data, Georgia Department of Human Resources, 2007 Search Form Results.

N - Not applicable or not available



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### Southwest Georgia Community Action Council

The Southwest Georgia Community Council serves Dougherty County for a number of emergency assistance programs and Head Start. The Community Services Block Grant is the main source of funding. Data from 2009 is reported from Denise Bell (2010), Community Services Director, as follows:

- Crisis Intervention/Emergency Services:

The number of families financially assisted was for 156 Rent/Mortgage Assistance Payments and for 116 Utility Payments.

- Dougherty NSC Emergency Shelter Grant Funds from DCA:

The number of applicant benefits was as follows: 100 Rent payments, 106 Utility payments, 39 Rent Deposits, and 32 Utility Deposits.

- The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program ( LIHEAP) program provides stipends/benefit checks to households at or below 65% of Georgia's Median Income:

For Dougherty County, 4,567 households received assistance in the amount of \$350 or \$310 in the form of a third party payment to their utility company (heating source).

- The USDA Commodity Food Distribution in May 2010 served approximately 2,520 households.

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## OBJECTIVE 2: AGENCIES ADDRESSING POVERTY REDUCTION IN ALBANY, GA

### Agencies Addressing Poverty in Albany, GA

The second objective of the poverty analysis was to identify organizations and agencies presently working to alleviate poverty in Albany, GA. Information was gathered from other resources containing agencies that serve the poor. An analysis of information from five of the six sources below revealed that there are over 200 organizations presently serving persons in poverty in Albany, GA.

#### City of Albany, Department of Community and Economic Development

The City of Albany, Department of Community and Economic Development administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Service Grant Program. This program provides funding to community organizations and agencies addressing the needs of low income persons in Albany. In 2009-2010, twelve organizations received grants under this program. For 2010-2011, seven organizations will receive grant funding (See Table 14).

**Table 14. City of Albany, GA, Department of Community and Economic Development CDBG Public Service Grant Recipients**

2009-2010 Recipients	2010-2011 Recipients
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A School for Children</li><li>• Albany Community Together!</li><li>• Albany Hawks</li><li>• Alma's Baby World Daycare</li><li>• ASU Project Shield Truancy</li><li>• Cutliff Grove Family Resource Center</li><li>• Dougherty County Family Literacy Council</li><li>• Judah Life Fellowship</li><li>• Lily Pad SANE Center</li><li>• Mt. Olive Community Outreach</li><li>• Mt. Zion Community Reinvestment Corp. (Samaritan Clinic)</li><li>• Open Arms, Inc.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Albany Outreach Mission</li><li>• Girls, Inc.</li><li>• Liberty House</li><li>• Mt. Olive Community Outreach Center (Golden Retreat Senior Citizens Center)</li><li>• Mt. Zion Community Reinvestment Corp. (Samaritan Clinic)</li><li>• Open Arms</li><li>• River Road, Inc.</li></ul>

Source: City of Albany, GA, Department of Community and Economic Development, 2010.

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Albany Dougherty Coalition for Homelessness directory

The Albany Dougherty Coalition for Homelessness and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs maintain a community directory. This directory contains information on organizations that provide services to help persons who are experiencing homelessness. This directory contains 128 organizations. See Table 15 for the categories listed in the directory.

**Table 15. Agencies in the Albany Homeless Coalition Community Resources Directory – 2009**

Category	
•	Social Service Agencies
•	Head Start Centers
•	Soup Kitchens
•	Food Pantries

Source: The Albany Dougherty Coalition for Homelessness and Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), 2009.

The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition

The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition also sponsors a resource directory. The latest version was updated in December 2009. This directory provides information on agencies that provide services to prevent teen pregnancy in Albany and surrounding areas. Within the directory, there are 182 organizations listed by 14 categories (See Table 16).

**Table 16. Agencies in the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Resource Directory – 2009**

Category	
• Basic Needs	• Mentors/Role Models
• Counseling	• Other/Miscellaneous
• Education	• Parenting Skills
• Emergencies	• Sexuality Education
• Employment	• Skills Training
• Healthcare	• Speakers
• Health/Wellness	• Youth Programs

Source: Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition, 2009.

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### Southwest Georgia United Way

Currently, Southwest Georgia United Way has the most comprehensive directory of services for persons experiencing poverty and the need for other social services in Albany and this area. During an interview with Lorraine Anderson (2010), Community Impact Director, Southwest Georgia United Way, she explained that the database of agencies, which serves the entire southwest Georgia region, can only be accessed by persons calling United Way's 211 Help Line. There is no printable directory for public use or viewing. United Way pays an annual fee to use the Alliance of Information Referral Systems, an entity that provides the database containing information on the agencies. She did share that Darton College sponsors an online Human Services Directory for southwest Georgia (Anderson, 2010).

### Darton College Human Services directory

The Darton College Human Services Directory is available online at the following web page: <http://www.darton.edu/programs/SocialScience/hst/index.php>. There are approximately 75 categories of human services. Organizations listed include those in Albany, surrounding areas, and even some national resources. Selected categories similar to those in the other directories were used to identify organizations that help to address poverty in Albany, GA. Examples of these categories include emergency assistance, food, and housing.

### Community resource directory – Poverty analysis for the City of Albany

Lastly, the community participation component for the Poverty Analysis provided an opportunity for local agencies, organizations, and businesses who serve the poor to register. There were a total of 34 respondents. There were 25 respondents who fully completed the form.

### **Service Gap**

The primary service gap identified among the current nonprofit organizations is service to assist ex-offenders in their reentry process, especially in gaining employment. In an interview with Sandra Hampton, Executive Director, New Direction Substance Abuse Program (2010), she explained how it is especially difficult for ex-offenders who participate in this program. The inability to find employment makes it hard for them to be able to afford their parole fees and their treatment fees. A new program, the Albany IDRO Second Chance Program, is focused on meeting this need. It is directed by Dr. Charles Ochie. In an interview with Dr. Ochie (2010), he said that the goal of the program is to provide a system of services to help ex-offenders transition to work and to successful recovery. He hopes that the program will be ready to start by the middle of June 2010 if the necessary funding can be obtained.

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### **OBJECTIVE 3: CAUSES OF POVERTY IN ALBANY, GA**

This section of the poverty analysis focuses on identifying what are the causes of the poverty conditions experienced in Albany, GA. It consists of an analysis of local data, an analysis of data from the community meetings, interviews, and survey, and a regional analysis of persistent poverty in the southern black belt and Georgia.

#### **Analysis of Local Data**

The framework for this portion of the analysis centers on the poverty data shown earlier in Objective 1. Primary factors that appear to be most related to poverty in Albany, GA, fall under the category of economics including unemployment, declining industries, and low-earning industry and occupation earnings. Secondary factors that appear to be related to poverty in Albany, GA, include aspects such as educational attainment, family household composition, and costs such as housing and health insurance.

#### Primary factors

##### ❖ Unemployment

Ideally, the greatest reduction in poverty for individuals 16 years and older who are eligible for the civilian labor is the availability of jobs in occupations that pay a sustainable living wage and employs persons full-time, year-round. The unemployment rate factors into this capacity for employment.

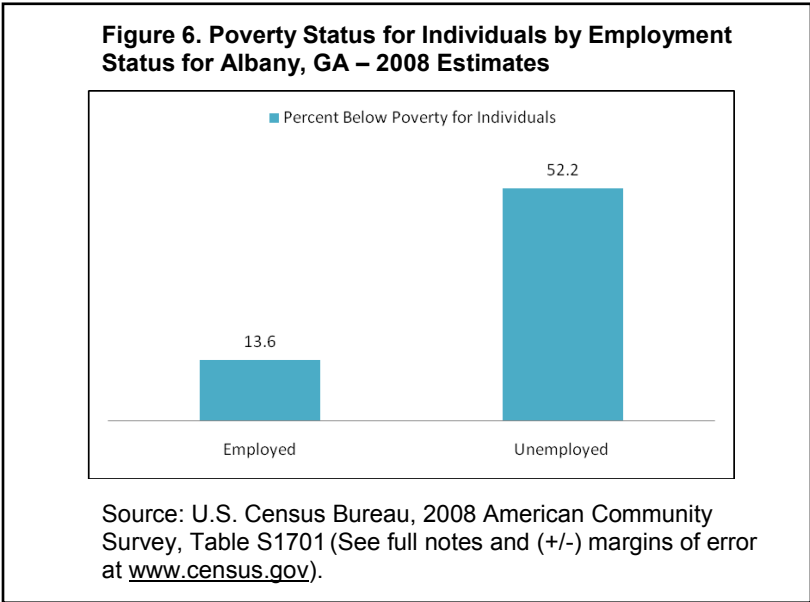
- In March 2010, preliminary data for Albany, GA, reveal that 32,970 persons were in the labor force (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010).
- The next series of figures (Not Seasonally Adjusted) show that the unemployment rate for Albany, GA, as of March 2010 is 12.5% (See Figure 3).
- This rate is a slight decline from the 13.0% rate experienced in January 2010.
- Data also indicate that this rate is composed of 4,183 persons who were unemployed (See Figure 4).
- Figure 5 shows that there were 28,834 persons employed.



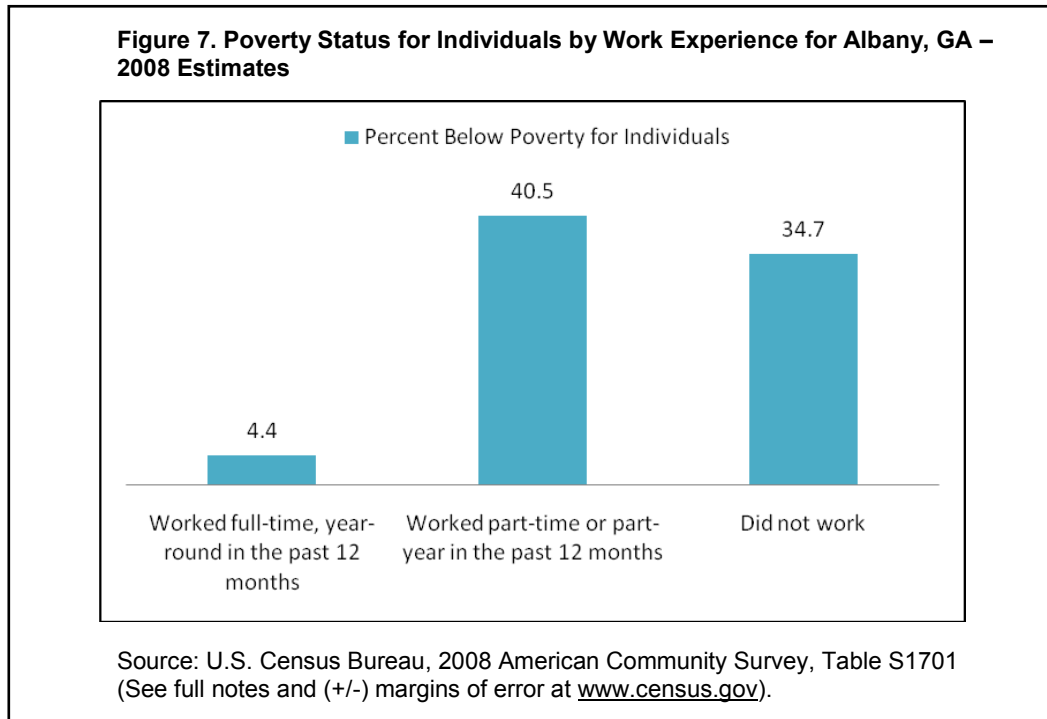


Examples of unemployment’s impact on poverty

- Data from the 2008 American Community Survey Estimates show that in Albany, GA, persons who were 16 years and over and unemployed in the civilian labor force experienced higher rates of poverty than those who were employed (See Figure 6).



- Moreover, persons unable to work full-time, year-round and persons who did not work experienced higher rates of poverty in comparison to persons who had full employment (See Figure 7).



Presently, data from the Georgia Department of Labor reveal that weekly hours for the Albany MSA in March 2010 were close to reaching 40. Additionally, these work hours yielded almost double the federal minimum wage.

- The average weekly hours worked were 35.4
- The average weekly earnings were \$523.57
- The average hourly earnings were \$14.79

Economic indicators such as these will help decrease poverty in Albany, GA, if similar numbers can be achieved.

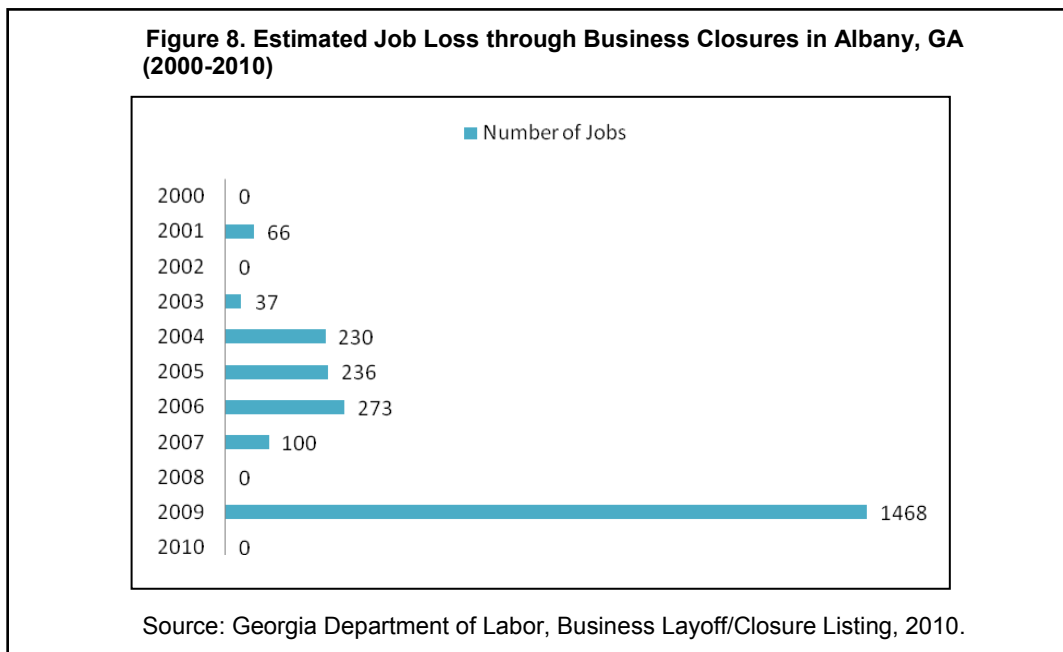


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❖ Declining industries

The unemployment rate in Albany, GA, is related to declining industries and the number of job closings that Albany, GA, has experienced in 2009 and over the past decade (See Figure 8).

- Data from the Georgia Department of Labor (2010) reveal that the estimated number of jobs lost due to these business closures was 2,410.
- These job losses culminated in 2009 with almost half of the 2,410 occurring in that year alone.



These job losses were primarily in the manufacturing industry, following a national trend. Over the last 10-year period this trend has resulted in several major employers closing in Albany, GA (Georgia Department of Labor, 2010). Table 17 shows these business closures. The top three business closings were:

- Bob's Candies closed in 2005. The estimated job loss was 236.
- Merck closed in 2006. The estimated job loss was 273.
- Cooper Tire and Rubber Company closed in 2009. The estimated job loss was 1268.

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**Table 17. Business Closures in Albany, GA (2000-2010)**

Year	Company Name	Estimated Number Affected
2001	Nypro Georgia, Inc.	66
2003	Carlton Company	37
2004	Flint River Textiles	230
2005	Bobs Candies, Inc.	236
2006	Merck	273
2007	DynCorp	100
2009	MacGregor Golf	200
2009	Cooper Tire & Rubber Company	1268
TOTAL		2410

Source: Georgia Department of Labor, Business Layoff/Closure Listing, 2010.

Additionally, Albany, GA, can assess its potential poverty level increase or decrease by examining long term projections from the Georgia Department of Labor for 2006-2016. This information focuses on declining industries for Dougherty County and the other 13 counties in the Southwest Georgia Workforce Investment Area (WIA) #17 (See Table 18). Some of the key industry declines are noted below.

- Overall, the manufacturing industry shows the greatest projected decline.
- Apparel manufacturing shows the highest projected decline. It has a -59.3% change in employment and a projected growth rate of -8.5%.
- Textile mills show the second greatest projected decline. It has a -39.9% change in employment and a projected growth rate of -4.9%.
- Accommodation shows the third greatest projected decline. It has a -32.0% change in employment and a projected growth rate of -3.7%.
- Examples of other industries showing decline include crop production, management of companies and enterprises, and private households.

**Table 18. Long Term Industry Projections – Declining Industries - WIA# 17 Southwest Georgia (2006-2016)**

CODE	INDUSTRY	2006	2016	TOTAL	PERCENT	PROJ. ANNUAL
		BASE YR	PROJ. YR	CHANGE IN	CHANGE IN	GROWTH
NAICS	INDUSTRY TITLE	EMPLOYMENT	EMPLOYMENT	EMPLOYMENT	EMPLOYMENT	RATE
111000	Crop production	7,710	5,440	-2,270	-29.4%	-3.4%
315000	Apparel manufacturing	1,270	520	-750	-59.3%	-8.5%
322000	Paper manufacturing	2,120	1,510	-610	-28.8%	-3.3%
313000	Textile mills	1,250	760	-490	-39.9%	-4.9%
452000	General merchandise stores	3,810	3,320	-490	-12.8%	-1.4%
445000	Food and beverage stores	2,990	2,760	-230	-7.7%	-0.8%
812000	Personal and laundry services	1,130	910	-220	-19.5%	-2.1%
423000	Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	2,510	2,290	-220	-8.8%	-0.9%
721000	Accommodation	690	470	-220	-32.0%	-3.7%
920000	State Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals	4,270	4,090	-180	-4.0%	-0.4%
551000	Management of companies and enterprises	710	540	-170	-23.9%	-2.7%
115000	Agriculture and forestry support activities	1,430	1,260	-170	-11.9%	-1.3%
814000	Private households	690	520	-170	-23.3%	-2.7%
238000	Specialty trade contractors	3,500	3,340	-160	-4.9%	-0.5%
236000	Construction of buildings	1,100	960	-140	-12.7%	-1.3%
424000	Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	2,980	2,840	-140	-4.7%	-0.5%
522000	Credit intermediation and related activities	2,480	2,350	-130	-5.6%	-0.6%
447000	Gasoline stations	1,440	1,310	-130	-9.1%	-0.9%
337000	Furniture and related product manufacturing	810	690	-120	-14.7%	-1.6%
444000	Building material and garden supply stores	1,490	1,380	-110	-8.0%	-0.8%

Source: Georgia Department of Labor, 2010, Labor Market Explorer, Industry Outlook.

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#### ❖ Earnings by industry and occupation

In addition to jobs and hours being available, the earning potential of the job is important as well. Persons are more likely to experience poverty when employed in low-earning industries and low-earning occupations. Tables 19 and 20 on the next two pages show the median earnings for Albany, GA, by industry and by occupation reported in the estimates for the 2008 American Community Survey. Information below highlights several key findings.

##### Industry earnings

- The estimate median earnings by industry for civilian employees 16 years of age and older in Albany was \$25,871.
- Most of the industry earnings exceeded the median earnings level except for four:
  - Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services
  - Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining
  - Retail trade
  - Manufacturing
- The top three industries with estimate median earnings that have the greatest opportunity for income levels above poverty were as follows:
  - Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental leasing
  - Public Administration
  - Educational services, and health care and social assistance

##### Occupation earnings

- The estimate median earnings by occupation for civilian employees 16 years of age and older in Albany was \$34,365.
- The service occupations category had the lowest median earnings (\$25,141) of the six occupational categories.
- Three of the five occupations within the service category had median earnings below the per capita income for Albany, GA, \$20,528:
  - Building and grounds cleaning median earnings were \$14,531.
  - Food preparation and serving related median earnings were \$18,105.
  - Personal care and service median earnings were \$18,422.
- The management, professional, and related occupations category had the highest median earnings (\$50,634).

**Table 19. Industry by Sex and Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months for the Civilian Employed Population for Albany GA - 2008 Estimates**

Industry	Total	Percent*	Male	Female	Median earnings (dollars)	Median earnings (dollars) for male	Median earnings (dollars) for female
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>32,349</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>43.4%</b>	<b>56.6%</b>	<b>25,871</b>	<b>27,457</b>	<b>24,112</b>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	929	2.9%	87.1%	12.9%	10,419	8,750	-
Construction	1,022	3.2%	100.0%	0.0%	30,744	30,744	-
Manufacturing	3,497	10.8%	57.6%	42.4%	22,366	21,497	26,306
Retail trade	3,507	10.8%	23.4%	76.6%	17,300	10,701	19,336
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	1,814	5.6%	62.4%	37.6%	26,612	36,213	21,682
Information	319	1.0%	59.9%	40.1%	31,803	52,097	21,768
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	1,248	3.9%	40.3%	59.7%	51,466	27,091	61,315
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	2,310	7.1%	69.1%	30.9%	30,287	42,021	14,176
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	9,203	28.4%	22.0%	78.0%	32,353	45,347	31,280
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	3,542	10.9%	34.7%	65.3%	8,422	2,500-	10,336
Other services, except public administration	1,450	4.5%	38.2%	61.8%	25,687	32,182	11,792
Public administration	2,641	8.2%	52.8%	47.2%	37,585	50,707	28,606

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Table S2403 (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

1. (\*) These percentages were calculated by VAAC Consulting Inc.
2. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.

**Table 20. Occupation by Sex and Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months for the Civilian Employed Population for Albany GA - 2008 Estimates**

Occupations	Median earnings (dollars)	Median earnings (dollars) for male	Median earnings (dollars) for female
<b>Full-time, year-round civilian employed population 16 years and over with earnings</b>	<b>34,365</b>	<b>42,765</b>	<b>29,388</b>
Management, professional, and related occupations:	50,634	73,015	38,407
Management, business, and financial occupations	52,969	54,638	24,707
Professional and related occupations:	47,186	74,618	40,139
Service occupations:	25,141	36,108	19,490
Healthcare support occupations	26,919	-	28,152
Protective service occupations	37,368	38,676	23,760
Food preparation and serving related occupations	18,105	19,274	15,889
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	14,531	-	14,531
Personal care and service occupations	18,422	-	17,600
Sales and office occupations:	29,809	36,269	28,750
Sales and related occupations	26,012	35,214	22,809
Office and administrative support occupations	30,840	55,914	29,878
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	-	-	-
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations:	30,310	30,310	-
Construction and extraction occupations	30,151	30,151	-
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	45,687	45,687	-
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	30,318	35,753	25,124
Production occupations	35,474	35,060	52,037
Transportation and material moving occupations	25,948	41,445	21,846

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Table S2402 (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

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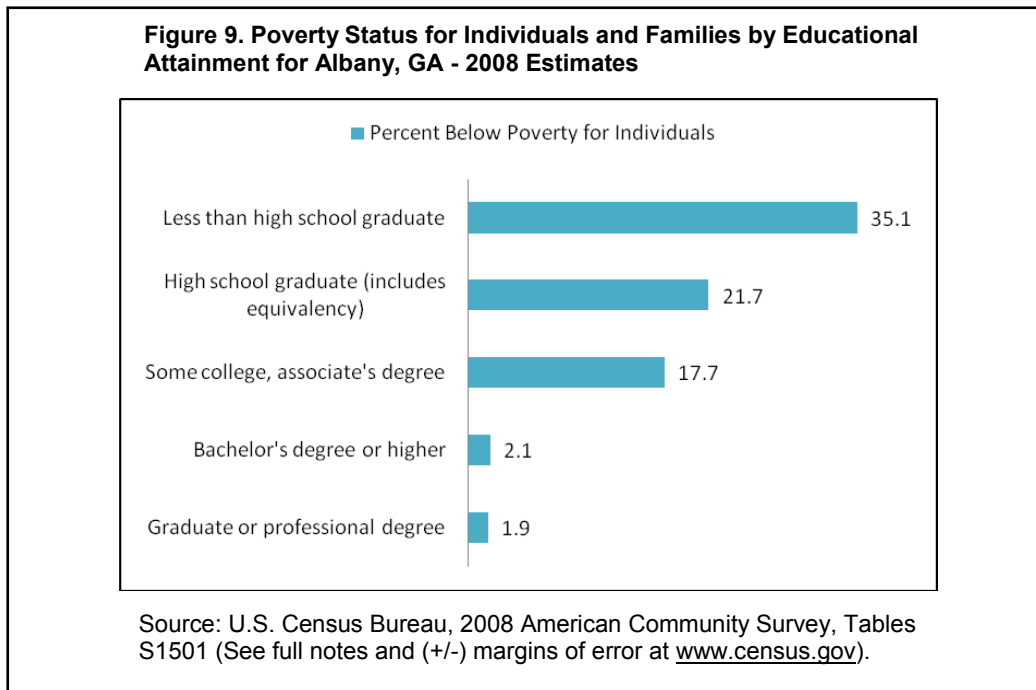
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## Secondary factors

### ❖ Educational attainment

Data estimates from the 2008 American Community Survey indicate that lack of educational attainment is related to poverty in Albany, GA. The lower the level of educational attainment, the higher the experience of poverty for individuals (See Figure 9 and Table 21).

- The presence of less than high school graduation is the educational level that has the highest poverty rate.
- The presence of the high school diploma or equivalency (GED) and some college/ associate's degree both have lower rates of poverty, but the rates are still high.
- The presence of a Bachelor's degree or higher is the educational level that has the lowest poverty rate.



The level of educational attainment is not only related to the level of poverty experienced. It appears that level of educational attainment is also related to median income levels earned as well (See Table 21).

- The presence of less than high school graduation appears to be the educational level that yields the lowest median income earnings.
- The presence of a Bachelor's degree or higher appears to be the educational level that yields the highest median income earnings.

**Table 21. Educational Attainment by Poverty Rate and by Median Earnings for Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

Subject	Total	Male	Female
<b>POVERTY RATE FOR THE POPULATION 25 YEARS AND OVER FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT LEVEL</b>			
Less than high school graduate	35.1%	27.0%	44.6%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	21.7%	16.7%	26.2%
Some college or associate's degree	17.7%	13.8%	19.3%
Bachelor's degree	2.1%	3.1%	1.3%
Graduate or professional degree	1.9%	4.1%	0.0%
<b>MEDIAN EARNINGS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>			
<b>Population 25 years and over with earnings</b>	<b>26,573</b>	<b>31,083</b>	<b>24,420</b>
Less than high school graduate	12,298	11,529	13,189
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	21,248	21,109	21,463
Some college or associate's degree	25,478	26,874	23,509
Bachelor's degree	51,998	55,521	39,556
Graduate or professional degree	51,254	75,247	43,951

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Table S1501 (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

#### ❖ Family household composition

Based on earlier data from Table 10 on page 23, it is shown that family household composition is related to poverty in Albany, GA. This table contained information describing poverty status for selected characteristics of families. The two patterns for family household are married



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couple and female head of household with no husband present (unmarried-female family). The unmarried-female family pattern experienced poverty at a greater rate than the married couple pattern in all of these categories:

- Families
- Families with related children under 18 years
- Householder worked
- Householder worked full-time, year-round
- Householder worked who was 65 years and over
- Householder worked and family received Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Householder worked and family received Social security income
- Householder had education less than high school graduation
- Household had 2 – 4 people in a family
- Household mean income deficit

There was only one (1) category where unmarried-female families did not experience poverty at a greater rate than married couple families—the householder had the education level at the Bachelor's degree or higher.

This finding is key because the earning potential of females continues to be lower than males. (See Table 19 on page 41 and Table 20 on page 42). Thus, advanced education can help female headed householders enter occupations and industries that will pay higher earnings.

#### ❖ Housing costs

Affordable housing in Albany, GA, continues to be a challenge in relationship to poverty. The City of Albany, Department of Community and Economic Development currently administers the Emergency Housing for Homeless Families Program and Transitional Housing Program to assist families with housing needs. Moreover, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program as well.

- Data from the 2008 estimates from the American Community Survey reveal that over 55% of residents who occupy rental units in Albany, have to pay 30% or more of their household budget on rent. Table 22 contains selected housing characteristics for Albany. At the bottom of the table, data are shown for the gross percentage of household income (GRAPI). The 30% figure is set by the federal government in determining housing affordability; it is known as housing-cost burden (Schwartz and Wilson, 2006).

**Table 22. Housing Characteristics (Selected) for Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

<b>Selected Housing Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>33,834</b>	<b>33,834</b>
Occupied housing units	28,815	85.2%
Vacant housing units	5,019	14.8%
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>28,815</b>	<b>28,815</b>
Owner-occupied	13,499	46.8%
Renter-occupied	15,316	53.2%
<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAPI)</b>		
<b>Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)</b>	<b>8,728</b>	<b>8,728</b>
Less than 20.0 percent	4,238	48.6%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,478	16.9%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	627	7.2%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	426	4.9%
35.0 percent or more	1,959	22.4%
Not computed	54	(X)
<b>GROSS RENT</b>		
<b>Occupied units paying rent</b>	<b>14,973</b>	<b>14,973</b>
Less than \$200	91	0.6%
\$200 to \$299	198	1.3%
\$300 to \$499	4,349	29.0%
\$500 to \$749	6,603	44.1%
\$750 to \$999	2,993	20.0%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	660	4.4%
\$1,500 or more	79	0.5%
Median (dollars)	587	(X)
No rent paid	343	(X)
<b>GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)</b>		
<b>Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)</b>	<b>14,700</b>	<b>14,700</b>
Less than 15.0 percent	1,978	13.5%
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,749	11.9%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,637	11.1%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,161	7.9%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,268	8.6%
35.0 percent or more	6,907	47.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Selected Housing Characteristics Estimates Table (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

(X) – Not Applicable

❖ Health insurance coverage

Affordable health insurance is another potential factor related to poverty in Albany, GA. The recent federal policy for universal health care may assist those in the future who are currently challenged by the high cost of health insurance, which can account for a considerable portion of a household budget.

- Data from the 2008 estimates for the American Community Survey, show that 13,886 (18%) of 75,904 residents in Albany, did not have private or public health insurance coverage (See Table 23).

**Table 23. Health Insurance and Public Health Insurance Coverage in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

Description	Health Insurance Coverage
Total:	75,904
Under 18 years:	21,294
With health insurance coverage	19,747
<b>No health insurance coverage</b>	<b>1,547</b>
18 to 64 years:	46,049
With health insurance coverage	33,763
<b>No health insurance coverage</b>	<b>12,286</b>
65 years or over:	8,561
With health insurance coverage	8,508
<b>No health insurance coverage</b>	<b>53</b>
	<b>Public Health Insurance Coverage</b>
Total:	75,904
Under 65 years:	67,343
With public health coverage	18,507
Without public health coverage	48,836
65 years or over:	8,561
With public health coverage	8,099
Without public health coverage	462

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Tables B27001 and C27003 (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

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## Analysis of Data from the Community Meetings, Interviews, and Survey

This portion of the analysis focuses on information that was gathered from the community meetings, interviews, and survey for the poverty analysis (See Table 1 on page 3). There were twenty main themes generated from this information as causes of poverty in Albany (See Table 24).

**Table 24. Community Participation Results for Themes Regarding the Causes of Poverty in Albany, GA**

No.	Themes
1	Crime
2	Cycle of welfare
3	Declining industries, new ones needed
4	Discrimination, racism
5	Drug and alcohol abuse
6	Duplication of services
7	Ex-offenders' barriers to employment
8	Family breakdown, family problems
9	Government needs to work better
10	Health matters - mental illness, services needed
11	High cost of living
12	Homelessness
13	Lack of affordable services, childcare, healthcare, transportation
14	Lack of good paying jobs
15	Lack of personal responsibility, apathy
16	Low personal education, poor educational system
17	Low and no job skills
18	Need to change attitudes
19	Personal tragedies, divorce, domestic violence, child abuse
20	Single mother households, teenage pregnancies

Source: VAAC Consulting Inc., 2010.

The online community survey for the poverty analysis asked two questions regarding the occurrence of poverty in Albany. A scale with four categories of agreement was used. There were 331 participants. Of this number, 313 completed responses fully and 18 skipped responses for both questions. Overall, the responses show a tendency to view poverty in Albany, GA, as a result of individual causes to a greater degree than societal causes (See Table 25).

**Table 25. 2010 Community Survey Findings for Causes of Poverty in Albany, GA**

Choice	Poverty in Albany, GA is a result of societal causes	Poverty in Albany, GA is a result of Individual causes
Strongly Agree	33.9%	58.8%
Agree	29.7%	37.1%
Disagree	24.0%	3.5%
Strongly Disagree	12.5%	.06%

Source: VAAC Consulting Inc., 2010.

The rationale for asking these questions was to gauge the sense of community readiness and willingness to address poverty at a community-wide level. When persons feel that individual choices are responsible for that person's experience of poverty, then he/she may be less willing to participate in the change process. On the other hand, if a person views the causes of poverty as being the result of societal issues, he/she may be more willing to participate in the change process.

- There were 33.9% of respondents who strongly agreed that poverty was a result of societal causes. In comparison, 58% of the respondents strongly agreed that poverty was a result of individual causes.
- Almost 37% of the respondents disagreed and strongly disagreed that poverty was a result of societal causes. On the other hand, less than 5% of the respondents disagreed and strongly disagreed that poverty was a result of individual causes.

### **Regional Analysis of Persistent Poverty in the Southern Black Belt and Georgia**

#### Overview of The University of Georgia's studies on persistent poverty in the southern black belt and Georgia

In 2003, U.S. Senator, Zell Miller, introduced legislation in the U.S. Senate to create a federal commission that would begin to assist the states in the Southern Black Belt in strategically

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addressing the persistent poverty (Miller, 2003). There have been federal commissions developed to address poverty in other areas of the country except for the Southern Black Belt (Miller, 2003):

- The Northern Great Plains Commission
- The Southwest Border Counties
- The Denali Commission (Alaska)
- The Appalachian Regional Commission
- The Delta Regional Authority

The basis of Sen. Miller's legislation was centered on a study of the persistent poverty conditions in the South conducted by the University of Georgia (UGA), Carl Vinson Institute of Government in 2002 (It's A Matter of Wealth, 2002). In the 1990s, Dr. Ronald Wimberly at North Carolina State University and Dr. Libby Morris at The University of Georgia (1996) began exploring persistent poverty. In their work, *The Reference Book on Regional Well-Being: U.S. Regions, the Black Belt, Appalachia*, they revealed the patterns of poverty, education, unemployment, and dependence that were particularly high in these two southeastern regions (Wimberly and Morris, 1996). The Black Belt refers to the dense concentration of African-Americans in 623 counties that geographically appears as a crescent shape spanning across 11 Old South states: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas (Wimberly and Morris, 1996).

According to James Ledbetter (Miller, 2003), director of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, in reference to the persistent poverty in the Black Belt, "This is a generational problem. We went back to 1980 – we could have gone back to 1900 or 1950 and a similar map would have been presented." From this study as well as the study that focused solely on Georgia (Dismantling Persistent Poverty, 2003), what emerged were twelve key findings of prior efforts to address this regional and state poverty environment:

1. There was an over-reliance on minimum and low-skill jobs.
2. The intergovernmental mixture of public assistance and other policies created a legacy of dependency and generational poverty among others.
3. Past initiatives failed to comprehensively address education, workforce development & training, business development and other human and social infrastructure needs.
4. The asset based approach had not been strategically applied by building and utilizing local resources as has been the case with the Appalachian Regional Commission.
5. Inclusion and focus in the decision making processes often did not occur for persons different from the usual power structure.

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6. The focus on prior studies examined race and the heritage of slavery as a cause of poverty.
  7. The lack of understanding of the long term commitment for addressing poverty.
  8. There has not been the return on investment (ROI) as expected in terms of wealth creation.
  9. There has been a non-competitive workforce.
  10. There has been a lack of affordable and quality housing.
  11. The lack of economic flexibility of the localities and states to respond to economic changes.
  12. Areas of concentrated poverty do not attract external investments.

#### Overview of the Georgia Rural Development Council's Communities of Opportunity study

The Georgia Rural Development Council has also worked to address economic issues within Georgia. It commissioned for a new approach to addressing economic growth in the rural counties of Georgia. In an initiative known as Communities of Opportunity, the GRDC partnered with the University of Georgia to conduct an economic vitality study for counties (Bishop, 2007). Based on 2004 data, Albany-Dougherty, GA, was ranked as a Lagging Rural County. However, based on 1980 data, it had been ranked as Developing. Thus, a decline had occurred for Albany in one or several of the six indicators (see below) that were used to rate counties as Rapidly Developing, Developing, Existing and Emerging Growth Centers, Lagging Rural and Declining Rural (Bishop, 2007):

1. Poverty rates
2. Per capita income
3. Average weekly wages
4. Unemployment rates
5. Population growth/decline
6. Workforce participation rates

There were several findings or causes from this study that are listed below regarding the low economic vitality of rural areas in Georgia, which hinged on imperfect public policy (Bishop, 2007).

- First, there was an over-reliance on branch plant manufacturing industry. This industry provided jobs that required minimal skills and yielded minimal earnings in return.
- Second, the lack of long range implementation goals by federal, state, and local governments has created a system of income dependency through transfer payments.

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- Third, there has been a climate of uncoordinated community development policies caused by differing federal/state policies and responsibility issues.
  - Fourth, development policies have often resulted in more educated professionals living outside of the local community and obtaining jobs that are created in rural communities due to the lack of a competitive and highly trained work force residing there.

## Summary

Overall, the literature on poverty identifies the causes of poverty to include societal factors and individual factors such as the eroding family structure, joblessness or low earnings, multiple problems among poor families, and others (Levitan et al., 2003). For Albany, GA, some of these causes and others were identified. The following list summarizes the information on causes of poverty in Albany, GA:

- Economic and workforce challenges (unemployment, declining industries, low earning industries and occupations)
- Lack of educational attainment and training to earn high wages
- Structure of the welfare system that fosters dependency
- Lack of coordination among the levels of government for addressing poverty
- Lack of personal responsibility
- Teen pregnancy & female head of households without the presence of a husband
- Long-term impact of historical gender and racial discrimination
- Lack of affordable housing, healthcare, childcare, and transportation
- Groups at higher risks for poverty (children, elderly, disabled, females, minorities, homeless, and ex-offenders)
- Exclusion of the poor in policy making



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## OBJECTIVE 4: SOLUTIONS TO ALLEVIATING POVERTY IN ALBANY, GA

This part of the poverty analysis focuses on identifying solutions to address reducing poverty in Albany, GA. The sections will focus on local solutions, the analysis of data from the community participation component, regional solutions, and best practices.

### Local Solutions

#### All Together Albany strategic plan

As mentioned in the introduction, the *All Together Albany* strategic plan (2008) identified poverty and teen pregnancy as co-factors to be addressed in improving the community. This strategic plan began in 2008 under the leadership of the Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission (EDC) and the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce, along with the City of Albany, Dougherty County, and the Dougherty County Board of Education. It was an effort to build upon the previous strategic plan for the Chamber, *Imagine Albany 2010*.

For *All Together Albany*, the community participated in this strategic planning process from October 2007 through March 2008 to transform the community and economy for Albany-Dougherty. The *Market Street* firm developed this plan with the input of the Steering Committee and community stakeholders through focus groups, interviews, and an online survey. There were two themes, comprehensive economic development and comprehensive community development, in the plan. It was indicated that if the plan was effectively implemented the following results would be achieved by 2012:

- **3,632** net new local jobs created with a net increase in total wages of **\$69,274,153**
- An increase in average wages by 15.4% to **\$39,175**
- An increase in the local per capita income by 8.3% to **\$28,232**

This strategic plan is a vital component for addressing poverty reduction in Albany-Dougherty, GA, because it comprehensively addresses improving the economic factors that have been identified as primary causes of poverty. It also addresses improving both educational and workforce development efforts. In an interview with Ted Clem, President/CEO, Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission, he indicated that while there are jobs in Albany, workers have to get the training to be able to fill them (2010).

In addition to addressing economic and educational issues, the strategic plan also provides three solutions or actions for addressing poverty and teen pregnancy:

1. Better coordinate neighborhood poverty and teenage pregnancy reduction efforts
2. Coordinate and fund a comprehensive educational outreach effort

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3. Ensure youth are provided constructive after-school and summer engagement opportunities.

For example, agencies such as the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition and Girls Inc. would be good collaborative partners. In an interview with Lakisha Bryant, Executive Director, Girls Inc. of Albany, GA, she discussed how abstinence is central to their program. The goal is to delay parenthood until after high school, then after college, and then after marriage (2010).

Efforts are ongoing for the plan's implementation. In this study's interview with Catherine Glover, President/CEO, Albany Area Chamber of Commerce (2010), she indicated that at a meeting of the *All Together Albany* steering committee several months ago, the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce was asked to be a point of contact. VAAC Consulting views the subcommittee for the poverty and teen pregnancy prevention component as an asset that can be involved in collaboratively implementing solutions on poverty reduction that stem from this report.

#### Strive2Thrive: Albany's initiative for poverty reduction

The Albany Area Chamber of Commerce is presently leading Albany-Dougherty in the early phase of a best practice model for helping to reduce poverty, Strive2Thrive: Albany's Vision to Empower Families. In a study interview with Harriet Hollis, Strive2Thrive Coordinator (2010), she provided the background and history of this very important effort to eradicate poverty in this area. The visionaries behind Strive2Thrive are co-founders and co-chairs, Cynthia George and John Culbreath. In December 2009, there was a kick-off summit that convened the community to learn about the national poverty reduction models. The Strive2Thrive model is built on two national campaigns, Move the Mountain (Miller, 2008) and Bridges Out of Poverty (Payne, DeVol, & Smith, 2001). Scott Miller, Co-Founder and CEO of the Move the Mountain Leadership Center and author of *Until It's Gone*, has come to Albany to provide training for the program (Hollis, 2010).

According to Hollis (2010), these models help families move from poverty to self-sufficiency by providing supportive relationships with allies, persons in the community from diverse economic and social backgrounds. These allies serve as a circle of support over the transition period that contains an initial training period of 17 weeks to learn life skills, money management skills, and other skills. Albany is underway with its first pilot group of families (Hollis, 2010).

Hollis notes that there is a need for ongoing poverty studies in this area and that Albany State University could fill that need (2010). Albany, GA, is the only city in Georgia at this time using this model. With its anticipated success in poverty reduction for Albany-Dougherty, Strive2Thrive can become a training center for the region (Hollis, 2010).

While allies from all segments of the community are participating, the faith community has been especially supportive of the Initiative (Hollis, 2010). First United Methodist Church provided the use of their gymnasium for the Strive2Thrive Coming Together Dinner on April 29, 2010, to

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allow the community to participate in a practice session for the upcoming weekly meetings. Also, Trumpet of God Ministries and Training Center is providing the use of its meeting facilities for the first 17 weeks (Hollis, 2010).

In an interview for this study with Apostle Charlene Glover, Senior Pastor for Trumpet of God Ministries (2010), she explained how their church is ideally located for this pilot group because many of the participants are from that area and the church is located on the bus line for other participants to travel to the meetings. Moreover according to Glover, “The ministry has prayed over this Initiative. I did not want it to be a just a program or a project for the ministry. I did not want to serve from the head, but to serve from the heart with compassion.”

Apostle Glover shared that there is a team of 10 women who serve on an in-house Strive2Thrive committee. Moreover, Apostle Glover indicated that she had been greatly assisted by Sis. Alvita Swain in instances when she could not be present at Strive2Thrive meetings. Additionally, Turner Job Corps Center participates with the church by providing culinary students who help with food service and with taking down the room setup after the dinner-meetings are completed (Glover, 2010).

It is noted here that the role of Turner Job Corps Center with Strive2Thrive is very fitting. The Job Corps initiative was one of President L.B. Johnson’s first “War on Poverty” programs (Johnson, 1964). It is a tremendous sign of success to have these students volunteering to help persons transition out of poverty while they themselves are completing their training for successful trades and educational attainment that will help them achieve their future goals.

### Faith-based leadership

The faith-based community has already been shown to have an integral role in the Strive2Thrive Initiative. That participation is just one element of the role that the faith-based community can have in reducing poverty. According to Catherine Glover, President/CEO, Albany Area Chamber of Commerce (2010), “The faith-based community is the largest and most distinct group within the nonprofit community. It has the ability to make connections with persons of different income levels and represents a diversity of networks. This faith community is seen as having leaders who can affect change” (Glover, 2010).

In an interview with Rev. Lorenzo Heard, Senior Pastor, Greater 2<sup>nd</sup> Mount Olive Baptist Church, he shared that housing, education, and job creation are issues of today that ministries must address as they did in the past during the Civil Rights Movement (2010). In an interview with Janice Thompson, Executive Director, Faith Community Outreach Center, she said that the many persons in poverty struggle with overcoming mindsets that develop from the trials of living in poverty. The key is helping persons find that nugget (strength) that is special for them and building upon it through trusting relationships. For Captain Douglas McClure, Corp Officer, Salvation Army of Albany (2010), he indicated in his interview that collaboration between agencies is essential for addressing poverty. Also, having a local system for monitoring all

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services received by the client across agencies is needed. Bishop Frederick Williams, Chairman, Taking Authority-Stop the Violence Movement, expressed in an interview that this new campaign is aimed at reducing poverty that causes much of the crime in poverty-stricken neighborhoods (2010).

### Cultural heritage economy

Another local solution that can be used to aid in the reduction of poverty is building on Albany's asset of cultural diversity to create economic growth. Work opportunities can be created through the cultural heritage tourism industry. In the UGA study on persistent poverty (Dismantling, 2003), it was indicated that while other prior studies focused on the link between poverty and race including the legacy of slavery, their study differed. Their study did not focus on race as a cause or symptom of poverty. Their approach was to view race as a tool for developing strategies to create economic opportunity (Dismantling, 2003).

Albany, GA, has the potential to become a leader within the region in creating economic opportunity through building upon its asset of cultural diversity. First, Albany has a very rich history of cultural diversity stemming from Native Americans, Europeans, enslaved Africans, enslaved African Americans, freed African Americans, and other international communities that have located in Albany-Dougherty, GA. Second, Albany can leverage this asset with its geographic location. Albany is strategically located in the center of the southern black belt (DuBois, 1903) and can draw visitors to this region by marketing itself as a cultural hub for multicultural exchange and cultural entertainment.

Presently, Albany, GA, is home to the Georgia office of the Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative, a three-state collaborative with Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. Plans are currently underway by the SRBWI to develop a cultural heritage corridor throughout 77 counties in Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi that will create economic opportunities (Sherrod, 2010). The SRBWI is an initiative that promotes reducing historical race, class, cultural, religious, and gender barriers experienced by southern rural Black women.

### **Analysis of Data from the Community Meetings, Interviews, and Survey**

This segment of the analysis describes information that was gathered from the community meetings, interviews, and survey for the poverty analysis (See Table 1 on page 3). It also discusses some post-community meeting participation from several citizens. There were twenty main themes identified as solutions for addressing poverty in Albany, GA (See Table 26).

**Table 26. Community Participation Results for Themes Regarding Solutions to Address Poverty in Albany, GA**

No.	Themes
1	Address social justice, discriminatory issues
2	Churches take greater role
3	Community groups, volunteer more especially with youth and elderly
4	Crime prevention
5	Economic development, create jobs, incentives for working
6	Education, technology, career information and access
7	End/Reform welfare
8	Improve physical environment, housing, blight
9	Involvement of participants in programming
10	Leadership, government, community
11	More trust - citizens of each other and of government, change mindsets
12	Parental responsibility, involvement
13	Participants get education, skills training for sufficiency to transition from welfare, change mindsets
14	Personal responsibility, desire to work, achieve
15	Racial/Cultural diversity
16	Services, available, affordable (ex. health care, ex-offenders, food)
17	Services, coordination, collaboration, accountable, cultural competency, interagency, intergovernmental relations
18	Single and teen parenting issues (ex. Prevention)
19	Spirit of community, respect for one another
20	Spiritual faith

Source: VAAC Consulting Inc., 2010.

Additionally, there were several persons who contacted VAAC Consulting after they attended the meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at the Albany Civil Rights Institute. One person wanted to volunteer for future activities and two persons provided additional possible solutions. See their responses below:

❖ Nedra Fortson, Director, Samaritan Clinic, Mount Zion Baptist Church, wrote:

–Thank you for inviting us to the Poverty Analysis forum. We thought it was a very productive session and we are looking forward to the follow-up. Samaritan Clinic would like to schedule a meeting with you in the very near future to discuss how we might collaborate more closely with the work you are doing in the

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community. We see and hear patient stories on a daily basis at Samaritan Clinic. We are on the front line of this war and I think we have a unique perspective that we can offer (2010, May 3).”

- ❖ Velveta Parence, Owner, V’LAT Marketing Company, wrote with the idea of a Lifestyle Management Training program that would focus on learning the importance of education, the value of work, budgeting skills, and socialization skills. The ultimate incentive is for persons to become productive citizens. County agencies and nonprofit organizations would collaborate to provide the services (2010, May 5).
- ❖ Ricardo Richardson, Associate Advisor to the President for Institutional Capacity Building, Albany State University, wrote about three different models as potential solutions (2010, May 10):
  - The multi-regional, One-Stop Shop, Family Resource Center concept that he developed and was successful in having implemented in four (4) locations in Maryland
  - The Family Strengthening Collaboratives model, a similar program that he helped implement with the US District Court and DC Child and Family Administration of which he served as the first executive director for the SE/SW Capitol Hill site, 1 of 7 sites located throughout the 8 wards
  - The Youth Leadership Development Institute model that he developed and implemented in Maryland

## **Regional Solutions**

The study from the University of Georgia, Dismantling Persistent Poverty in Georgia (2003) provides another framework to consider for solutions in addressing poverty locally:

- Partner with local leadership
- Involve local community residents
- Build the workforce capacity to obtain quality jobs
- Maximize and measure return on investment
- Leverage private sector investments
- Empower regional entities to design and implement regional development objectives
- Reexamine economic growth policy and state reinvestment practices
- Fine-tune investments to address for readiness
- Focus investments to capitalize on local assets
- Ensure coordination among all government entities and maximize utilization of existing resources

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## Best Practices

There are several communities in Georgia and around the country who are addressing poverty. In August 2008, three leadership teams from East Orange, NJ; Nashville, Tenn.; and various cities representing Virginia met in Charlotte, N.C. for the National League of Cities' (NLC) third technical assistance roundtable under its Stimulating Action to Reduce Poverty Project (Furdell, 2008). In Athens, GA, community members have developed a group called, Partners for a Prosperous Athens, to strategically address reducing poverty (One Athens, 2010). In Savannah, GA, community members have developed the, Step Up Poverty Reduction initiative (Step Up, 2010). Additionally, two other examples include the Michigan's Cities of Promise initiative (Cities of Promise, 2010) and the Fox Cities, WI poverty reduction effort (Project Promise, 2010).

## Summary

The literature on poverty describes solutions such as economic development programs, education, employment and training, equal employment opportunity, family planning, investing in poor families, a comprehensive program and others (Levitan et al., 2003). For Albany, GA, some of these solutions and others were identified. Overall, the solutions are grouped under two headings below comprising comprehensive economic development and comprehensive community development:

- ❖ Comprehensive economic development
  - Reduce the unemployment rate through business retention, business creation, and business attraction
  - Increase private sector investments for economic growth
  - Continue implementing and refining economic growth policies such as the *All Together Albany* strategic plan
  - Enhance area, regional, state, and federal partnerships that focus on economic growth
  - Invest in emerging industries such as cultural heritage tourism
  
- ❖ Comprehensive community development
  - Continue implementation of strategies for increasing educational attainment of the high school diploma and advanced degree training that begins from Pre-K through post secondary education
  - Continue encouraging participation in employment training and development efforts that create a competitive workforce such as the Georgia Work\$ initiative and the Georgia Work Ready program

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- Create a coordinated system for the 200+ agencies to collaboratively address poverty reduction with the current Strive2Thrive initiative playing a major role
  - Increase investments in child, youth, and family development programs that decrease teen-parent families and single-parent families through curriculums in life skills training, character training, family planning, career planning, citizen responsibility, community leadership and other community building areas
  - Increase affordable services for the poor including housing, transportation, childcare, and healthcare
  - Develop opportunities for persons who live in poverty to be involved with policy development for reducing poverty
  - Increase opportunities for the diversity of the community to be used as a strength in addressing poverty, especially drawing on the leadership of the faith-based sector

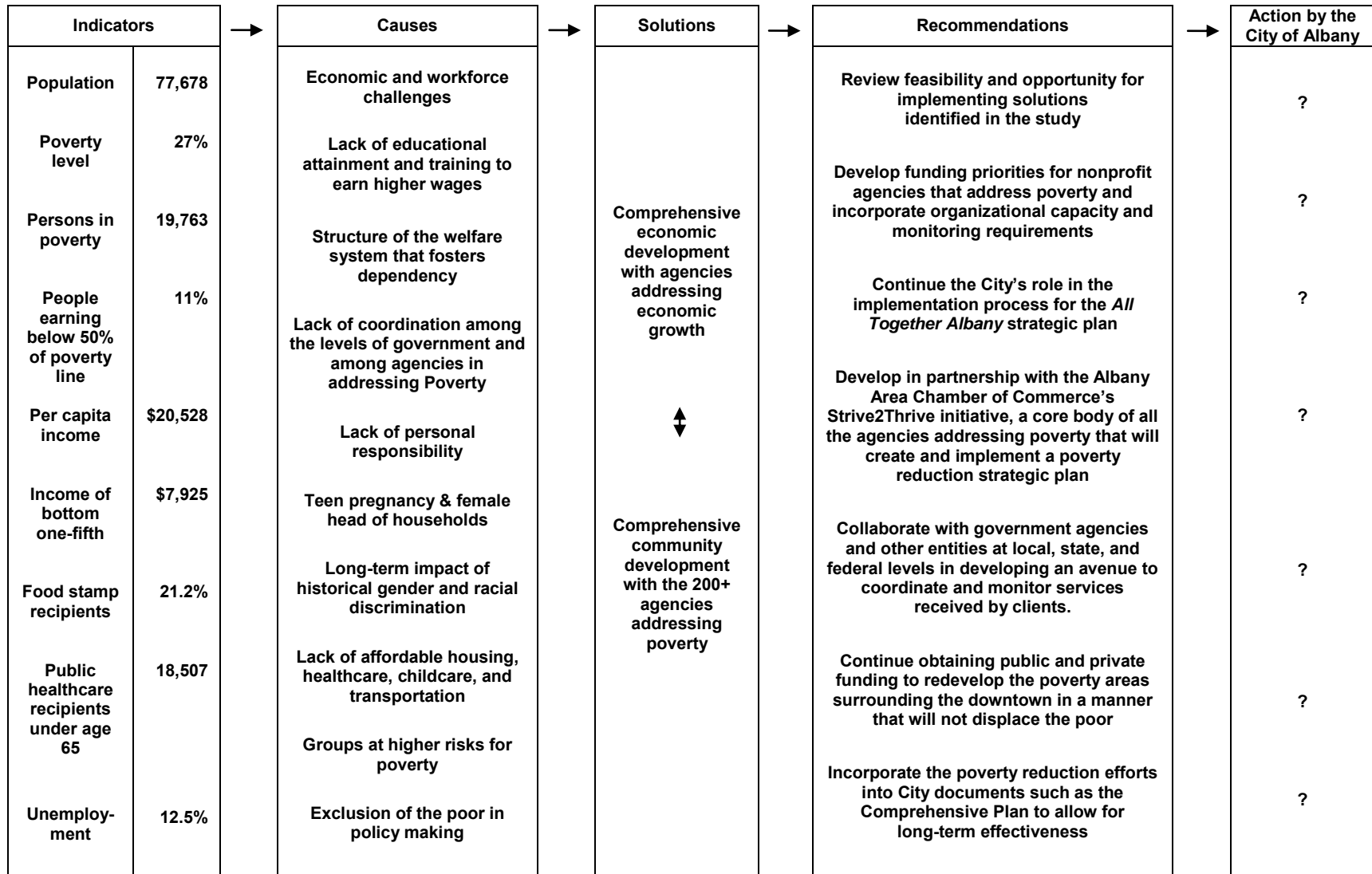
## **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The current challenge of poverty in Albany-Dougherty, GA, can be overcome. In spite of statistics that mirror other areas of poverty in the state, region, and nation, Albany can raise the quality of life for those who are living in poverty (See Figure 10). In closing, the following recommendations are made:

- Review feasibility and opportunity for implementing solutions identified in the study
- Develop funding priorities for nonprofit agencies that address poverty and incorporate organizational capacity and monitoring requirements
- Continue the City's role in the implementation process for the *All Together Albany* strategic plan and designate a staff person or office that will be specifically charged with addressing the poverty reduction aspect for the City
- Develop in partnership with the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce's Strive2Thrive initiative, a core body of all the agencies addressing poverty that will create and implement a poverty reduction strategic plan
- Collaborate with government agencies and other entities at local, state, and federal levels in developing an avenue to coordinate and monitor services received by clients
- Continue obtaining public and private funding to redevelop the poverty areas surrounding the downtown in a manner that will not displace the poor
- Incorporate the poverty reduction efforts into City documents such as the Comprehensive Plan to allow for long-term effectiveness



**Figure 10. Logic Model of Poverty Analysis for the City of Albany, GA 2010**



Source: VAAC Consulting Inc., 2010.

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## APPENDICES

**Appendix 1. Online Community Survey and Community Resources Directory for Poverty Analysis in Albany, GA 2010**

**Community Survey on Poverty in Albany, GA**

**1. Community Survey on Poverty in Albany, GA**

This community survey is a brief opportunity for citizens to share what they think are the causes of poverty in poverty in Albany, GA and solutions.

All survey participants must be 18 years of age or older. Participation is voluntary. There will be no information collected for identification purposes. The information collected will be used for the intended purposes of the poverty analysis.

Please register now.

If additional information is needed, contact Veronica Adams-Cooper at 395-3302 or info@vaac-consulting.com.

**2.**

**\* 1. I am 18 years of age or older.**

Yes

No (If No, please end the survey now)

**3.**

**\* 1. I am voluntarily completing this survey.**

Yes

No (If No, please end the survey now)

**4.**

**1. I reside in the following area.**

City of Albany

Dougherty County

Other (please specify)

**2. I work in the following area.**

City of Albany

Dougherty County

Other (please specify)

## Community Survey on Poverty in Albany, GA

5.

Poverty is a complex, social process with multiple causes. Often, these causes interact with one another resulting in even greater levels of poverty.

The solution process is just as complex, with no one answer.

**\* 1. Poverty in Albany, GA is a result of a combination of system (societal) causes such as unemployment, low wage jobs, historical uneven distribution of wealth, access to capital, unintended consequences of public assistance requirements, underfunded education system, and others.**

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

**\* 2. Poverty in Albany, GA is a result of a combination of personal (individual) causes such as low/no job skills, low/no educational skills, generational transfer of low income levels/public assistance, teenage/female headed family pattern, criminal offenses, unexpected tragedies (ex. car accident, death of spouse, health care expenses, other), and others.**

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

6.

**\* 1. Who is responsible for solving the poverty problem in Albany, GA. [Select as many answers as needed]**

- The person/s in poverty
- The community
- The government
- All of the above
- Other (please specify)

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## Community Survey on Poverty in Albany, GA

**\* 2. Identify three solutions below (Limit ideas to five (5) words or less - ex. Create more jobs).**

Idea 1

Idea 2

Idea 3

**7.**

**\* 1. I am presently involved in addressing poverty in Albany, GA.**

- Yes
- No (If No, Go to the next question)

**2. I wish to become involved in addressing poverty in Albany, GA.**

- Yes
- No

**8. Thank you kindly.**

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## Registration for Community Resources Directory

### 1. Registration for Community Resources Directory

The Community Resources Directory is to identify those Agencies/Organizations/Businesses that currently serve persons living in poverty in Albany, GA. These entities are asked to register to be included in the directory.

If additional information is needed, contact Veronica Adams-Cooper at 395-3302 or info@vaac-consulting.com.

### 2.

#### \* 1. Type of Entity

- Government
- Business
- Nonprofit
- Education
- Religious
- Other (please specify)

### 3.

#### \* 1. Name

#### \* 2. Agency/Organization/Business Name

#### \* 3. Role with the Agency/Organization/Business

#### \* 4. Telephone Contact Number

#### 5. Fax Number

#### 6. Website

#### 7. Email Address

## Registration for Community Resources Directory

### 8. Mailing Address

Mailing Address Line 1   
Mailing Address Line 2   
City   
Zip

### \* 9. Physical Address (If Different from Mailing Address)

Physical Address Line 1   
Physical Address Line 2   
City   
Zip

## 4.

### \* 1. Poverty Reduction Program/s

Item 1   
Item 2   
Item 3   
Item 4   
Item 5

**2. Please indicate if there are reports, data, or other materials for public viewing that the entity wishes to have included in the poverty analysis community resource directory.**

Item 1   
Item 2   
Item 3   
Item 4   
Item 5

## 5. Thank you kindly.

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## Information Regarding U.S. Census Bureau Sources

**Source** - All appendices with Census data are derived from the 2008 American Community Survey for the U.S. Census Bureau.

**Note** - Full notes and margin of errors for all statistics may be viewed at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

### Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '\*\*\*' entry in the margin of error column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the margin of error. A statistical test is not appropriate.

2. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.

3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.

4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.

5. An '\*\*\*\*' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.

6. An '\*\*\*\*\*' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.

7. An 'N' entry in the estimate and margin of error columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.

8. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008, American Community Survey.

**Appendix 2. Poverty Status for Individuals in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

Subject	Albany City			Dougherty County			Albany MSA			Georgia			United States		
	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level
<b>Population for whom poverty status is determined</b>	<b>74,224</b>	<b>19,763</b>	<b>26.6%</b>	<b>92,300</b>	<b>22,077</b>	<b>23.9%</b>	<b>156,890</b>	<b>36,535</b>	<b>23.3%</b>	<b>9,418,066</b>	<b>1,380,842</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>296,184,480</b>	<b>39,108,422</b>	<b>13.2%</b>
<b>AGE</b>															
Under 18 years	21,294	7,400	34.8%	25,961	8,565	33.0%	42,083	14,012	33.3%	2,501,751	501,892	20.1%	72,825,003	13,240,870	18.2%
Related children under 18 years	20,600	6,790	33.0%	25,267	7,955	31.5%	41,331	13,344	32.3%	2,490,969	491,646	19.7%	72,466,321	12,919,224	17.8%
18 to 64 years	44,369	11,312	25.5%	54,216	12,358	22.8%	94,934	19,854	20.9%	5,965,878	765,973	12.8%	186,150,363	22,174,945	11.9%
65 years and over	8,561	1,051	12.3%	12,123	1,154	9.5%	19,873	2,669	13.4%	950,437	112,977	11.9%	37,209,114	3,692,607	9.9%
<b>SEX</b>															
Male	33,789	8,595	25.4%	42,418	9,435	22.2%	73,640	15,524	21.1%	4,592,207	606,192	13.2%	145,300,225	17,208,986	11.8%
Female	40,435	11,168	27.6%	49,882	12,642	25.3%	83,250	21,011	25.2%	4,825,859	774,650	16.1%	150,884,255	21,899,436	14.5%
<b>RACE</b>															
White	20,146	983	4.9%	30,368	1,130	3.7%	75,207	7,834	10.4%	5,861,154	599,741	10.2%	222,850,967	23,934,719	10.7%
Black or African American	52,233	18,114	34.7%	59,975	20,281	33.8%	78,651	27,870	35.4%	2,792,563	633,114	22.7%	35,953,688	8,661,570	24.1%
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>44,781</b>	<b>8,465</b>	<b>18.9%</b>	<b>57,145</b>	<b>9,097</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>99,045</b>	<b>15,635</b>	<b>15.8%</b>	<b>6,063,155</b>	<b>677,436</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>196,232,110</b>	<b>19,991,621</b>	<b>10.2%</b>

**Appendix 2. Poverty Status for Individuals in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

Subject	Albany City			Dougherty County			Albany MSA			Georgia			United States		
	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level
Less than high school graduate	9,287	3,261	35.1%	11,273	3,416	30.3%	18,950	5,848	30.9%	943,307	250,829	26.6%	28,725,304	6,863,727	23.9%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	12,729	2,766	21.7%	17,104	3,054	17.9%	33,585	4,949	14.7%	1,769,852	231,788	13.1%	55,551,202	6,421,875	11.6%
Some college, associate's degree	12,651	2,233	17.7%	16,586	2,422	14.6%	29,803	4,409	14.8%	1,655,795	135,008	8.2%	56,915,004	4,625,461	8.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	10,114	205	2.0%	12,182	205	1.7%	16,707	429	2.6%	1,694,201	59,811	3.5%	55,040,600	2,080,558	3.8%
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>															
<b>Civilian labor force 16 years and over</b>	<b>34,645</b>	<b>5,694</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>43,459</b>	<b>6,616</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>76,058</b>	<b>10,720</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>4,883,915</b>	<b>408,322</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>155,286,543</b>	<b>11,823,537</b>	<b>7.6%</b>
Employed	32,082	4,355	13.6%	40,171	5,038	12.5%	68,658	6,598	9.6%	4,541,828	308,853	6.8%	145,468,862	9,040,908	6.2%
Male	13,773	1,779	12.9%	17,730	1,961	11.1%	32,245	2,416	7.5%	2,392,303	135,256	5.7%	77,066,478	4,105,599	5.3%
Female	18,309	2,576	14.1%	22,441	3,077	13.7%	36,413	4,182	11.5%	2,149,525	173,597	8.1%	68,402,384	4,935,309	7.2%
Unemployed	2,563	1,339	52.2%	3,288	1,578	48.0%	7,400	4,122	55.7%	342,087	99,469	29.1%	9,817,681	2,782,629	28.3%
Male	1,484	782	52.7%	1,924	836	43.5%	4,861	2,433	50.1%	179,728	48,184	26.8%	5,361,475	1,339,621	25.0%
Female	1,079	557	51.6%	1,364	742	54.4%	2,539	1,689	66.5%	162,359	51,285	31.6%	4,456,206	1,443,008	32.4%

**Appendix 2. Poverty Status for Individuals in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

Subject	Albany City			Dougherty County			Albany MSA			Georgia			United States		
	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level
<b>WORK EXPERIENCE</b>															
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	55,475	13,260	23.9%	69,479	14,409	20.7%	120,021	23,830	19.9%	7,196,418	926,465	12.9%	231,878,144	27,186,280	11.7%
Worked full-time, year-round in the past 12 months	22,468	988	4.4%	28,536	1,503	5.3%	51,271	2,346	4.6%	3,381,880	103,128	3.0%	103,627,775	2,761,135	2.7%
Worked part-time or part-year in the past 12 months	13,973	5,659	40.5%	17,068	5,881	34.5%	27,348	7,999	29.2%	1,671,121	303,207	18.1%	58,118,244	9,388,400	16.2%
Did not work	19,034	6,613	34.7%	23,875	7,025	29.4%	41,402	13,485	32.6%	2,143,417	520,130	24.3%	70,132,125	15,036,745	21.4%
<b>All Individuals below:</b>															
50 percent of poverty level	8,096	(X)	(X)	8,808	(X)	(X)	16,159	(X)	(X)	588,479	(X)	(X)	16,634,799	(X)	(X)
125 percent of poverty level	25,028	(X)	(X)	27,943	(X)	(X)	43,987	(X)	(X)	1,827,577	(X)	(X)	51,988,325	(X)	(X)
150 percent of poverty level	29,905	(X)	(X)	33,494	(X)	(X)	51,517	(X)	(X)	2,284,692	(X)	(X)	65,339,471	(X)	(X)
185 percent of poverty level	37,601	(X)	(X)	42,570	(X)	(X)	63,777	(X)	(X)	2,913,422	(X)	(X)	83,952,422	(X)	(X)
200 percent of poverty level	39,200	(X)	(X)	44,482	(X)	(X)	69,418	(X)	(X)	3,180,891	(X)	(X)	91,575,702	(X)	(X)

**Appendix 2. Poverty Status for Individuals in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

Subject	Albany City			Dougherty County			Albany MSA			Georgia			United States		
	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level
Unrelated individuals for whom poverty status is determined	17,433	7,265	41.7%	18,877	7,442	39.4%	27,611	9,836	35.6%	1,592,795	410,354	25.8%	54,574,547	13,203,946	24.2%
Male	7,608	3,706	48.7%	8,087	3,824	47.3%	12,540	4,621	36.9%	794,850	181,381	22.8%	26,784,725	5,746,742	21.5%
Female	9,825	3,559	36.2%	10,790	3,618	33.5%	15,071	5,215	34.6%	797,945	228,973	28.7%	27,789,822	7,457,204	26.8%
Mean income deficit for unrelated individuals (dollars)	6,373	(X)	(X)	6,293	(X)	(X)	5,877	(X)	(X)	6,065	(X)	(X)	5,944	(X)	(X)
Worked full-time, year-round in the past 12 months	5,802	161	2.8%	6,423	235	3.7%	9,607	373	3.9%	771,595	25,241	3.3%	24,344,735	761,070	3.1%
Worked less than full-time, year-round in the past 12 months	6,593	4,052	61.5%	6,997	4,052	57.9%	8,784	4,575	52.1%	366,703	150,962	41.2%	12,930,496	4,915,047	38.0%
Did not work	5,038	3,052	60.6%	5,457	3,155	57.8%	9,220	4,888	53.0%	454,497	234,151	51.5%	17,299,316	7,527,829	43.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Table S1701 (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

(X) - Not applicable or not available



**Appendix 3. Poverty Status for All Families in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

	Albany City		Dougherty County		Albany MSA		Georgia		United States	
Subject	All families		All families		All families		All families		All families	
	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level
<b>Families</b>	<b>17,735</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>23,592</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>40,862</b>	<b>17.2%</b>	<b>2,364,041</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>75,030,551</b>	<b>9.7%</b>
With related children under 18 years	9,176	23.1%	11,592	24.2%	20,756	25.2%	1,268,709	16.4%	37,848,424	15.0%
<b>RACE</b>										
Families with a householder who is--										
White	N	N	9,156	2.7%	21,620	7.3%	1,558,081	7.1%	58,601,777	7.4%
Black or African American	11,720	25.5%	14,066	26.4%	18,702	28.5%	652,994	19.4%	8,453,962	20.8%
<b>Householder worked</b>	<b>12,065</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>15,961</b>	<b>13.1%</b>	<b>28,629</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>1,841,290</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>57,133,521</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
Householder worked full-time, year-round in the past 12 months	9,604	8.6%	12,741	10.0%	22,757	8.7%	1,400,943	4.1%	41,905,223	3.4%
Householder 65 years and over	3,622	6.9%	5,237	5.8%	7,975	8.7%	325,780	6.6%	12,522,666	5.2%
Family received --										

**Appendix 3. Poverty Status for All Families in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

Subject	Albany City		Dougherty County		Albany MSA		Georgia		United States	
	All families		All families		All families		All families		All families	
	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or cash public assistance income in the past 12 months	1,413	33.6%	1,629	32.5%	2,289	30.0%	103,000	32.0%	4,033,910	33.5%
Social security income in the past 12 months	5,436	16.0%	7,421	11.7%	11,373	11.7%	517,284	9.4%	18,133,134	6.6%
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF HOUSEHOLDER</b>										
Less than high school graduate	3,290	36.1%	4,181	30.9%	6,682	30.7%	323,016	27.3%	9,748,385	24.7%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	4,691	16.8%	6,676	14.5%	12,629	13.9%	651,232	14.2%	19,620,187	11.7%
Some college, associate's degree	5,515	21.8%	7,586	22.3%	14,131	21.5%	697,605	9.5%	23,210,258	8.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	4,239	1.9%	5,149	1.6%	7,420	2.8%	692,188	2.4%	22,451,721	2.5%
<b>NUMBER OF RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS</b>										

**Appendix 3. Poverty Status for All Families in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

Subject	Albany City		Dougherty County		Albany MSA		Georgia		United States	
	All families		All families		All families		All families		All families	
	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level
No child	8,559	13.3%	12,000	10.3%	20,106	9.0%	1,095,332	5.1%	37,182,127	4.2%
1 or 2 children	7,483	16.1%	9,306	20.3%	17,180	21.8%	1,001,200	13.7%	29,916,423	12.5%
3 or 4 children	1,552	49.9%	2,145	36.1%	3,204	34.9%	242,626	24.5%	7,239,953	23.1%
5 or more children	141	100.0%	141	100.0%	372	100.0%	24,883	44.4%	692,048	40.2%
<b>NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN FAMILY</b>										
2 people	8,785	15.2%	11,713	13.1%	20,032	14.2%	1,026,978	8.8%	34,080,393	7.6%
3 or 4 people	7,022	17.7%	9,358	19.5%	16,779	18.6%	1,018,208	11.5%	30,945,985	10.1%
5 or 6 people	1,809	31.1%	2,402	23.4%	3,471	20.1%	278,887	16.1%	8,684,989	14.4%
7 or more people	119	100.0%	119	100.0%	580	67.1%	39,968	24.7%	1,319,184	21.8%
<b>NUMBER OF WORKERS IN FAMILY</b>										
No workers	3,024	36.8%	4,141	27.8%	6,437	33.6%	273,053	31.1%	9,630,711	24.0%
1 worker	7,419	26.5%	9,506	28.5%	15,660	29.8%	809,698	18.0%	23,815,793	16.2%

**Appendix 3. Poverty Status for All Families in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

Subject	Albany City		Dougherty County		Albany MSA		Georgia		United States	
	All families		All families		All families		All families		All families	
	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level
2 workers	6,151	1.7%	8,038	1.3%	15,104	1.0%	1,041,684	2.7%	32,828,423	2.9%
3 or more workers	1,141	6.3%	1,907	3.8%	3,661	2.0%	239,606	1.9%	8,755,624	1.5%
<b>INCOME DEFICIT</b>										
Mean income deficit for families (dollars)	7,647	(X)	7,169	(X)	8,390	(X)	8,779	(X)	8,426	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Table S1702 (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

1. N - Number of sample cases too small
2. (X) - Not applicable or not available

**Appendix 4. Poverty Status for Married Families in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

	Albany City		Dougherty County		Albany MSA		Georgia		United States	
Subject	Married families		Married families		Married families		Married families		Married families	
	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level
<b>Families</b>	<b>9,318</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>13,786</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>26,185</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>1,685,437</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>55,692,103</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
With related children under 18 years	3,684	5.7%	4,887	4.3%	10,424	6.5%	812,911	6.8%	25,220,821	6.5%
<b>RACE</b>										
Families with a householder who is--										
White	N	N	7,061	1.4%	17,612	4.9%	1,264,933	4.0%	46,401,465	3.9%
Black or African American	5,215	9.2%	6,523	8.0%	8,253	7.5%	307,114	5.8%	3,760,477	6.7%
<b>Householder worked</b>	<b>6,233</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>9,057</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>18,236</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>1,318,369</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>42,390,568</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
Householder worked full-time, year-round in the past 12 months	5,355	0.0%	7,480	0.0%	15,000	1.0%	1,035,691	2.0%	31,840,992	1.8%
Householder 65 years and over	2,094	6.6%	3,629	5.3%	5,578	4.7%	252,755	3.9%	10,171,566	4.0%
Family received --										

**Appendix 4. Poverty Status for Married Families in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

Subject	Albany City		Dougherty County		Albany MSA		Georgia		United States	
	Married families		Married families		Married families		Married families		Married families	
	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or cash public assistance income in the past 12 months	296	25.7%	512	25.4%	835	15.6%	44,930	16.8%	1,884,933	18.0%
Social security income in the past 12 months	3,127	11.4%	4,980	7.1%	7,775	5.4%	378,639	4.8%	13,975,538	4.1%
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF HOUSEHOLDER</b>										
Less than high school graduate	1,715	20.5%	2,341	15.0%	3,830	13.6%	188,231	16.8%	6,094,550	15.7%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	2,407	5.1%	4,011	3.1%	7,915	2.9%	436,754	6.1%	13,754,632	5.5%
Some college, associate's degree	1,981	2.6%	3,309	4.4%	8,185	8.9%	482,462	3.3%	16,644,847	3.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	3,215	2.5%	4,125	2.0%	6,255	2.4%	577,990	1.4%	19,198,074	1.6%
<b>NUMBER OF RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS</b>										

**Appendix 4. Poverty Status for Married Families in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

	Albany City		Dougherty County		Albany MSA		Georgia		United States	
Subject	Married families		Married families		Married families		Married families		Married families	
	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level
No child	5,634	7.1%	8,899	5.5%	15,761	6.0%	872,526	3.1%	30,471,282	3.1%
1 or 2 children	3,095	5.2%	3,705	4.4%	8,659	6.7%	635,751	5.3%	19,631,695	4.7%
3 or 4 children	589	8.0%	1,182	4.0%	1,765	5.8%	163,617	10.7%	5,128,669	11.5%
5 or more children	0	-	0	-	0	-	13,543	29.1%	460,457	26.3%
<b>NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN FAMILY</b>										
2 people	4,857	8.2%	7,312	6.7%	12,763	5.3%	703,954	3.3%	24,511,373	3.4%
3 or 4 people	3,404	4.8%	4,824	3.4%	10,915	7.8%	727,536	4.6%	22,934,045	4.0%
5 or 6 people	1,010	0.0%	1,603	0.0%	2,429	2.3%	226,696	9.1%	7,211,579	9.2%
7 or more people	47	100.0%	47	100.0%	78	60.3%	27,251	19.2%	1,035,106	17.2%
<b>NUMBER OF WORKERS IN FAMILY</b>										
No workers	1,767	21.7%	2,884	14.7%	4,387	17.8%	182,238	12.8%	7,121,580	10.6%
1 worker	2,268	7.6%	3,262	6.9%	6,338	11.8%	423,332	9.4%	13,198,628	8.9%

**Appendix 4. Poverty Status for Married Families in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

Subject	Albany City		Dougherty County		Albany MSA		Georgia		United States	
	Married families		Married families		Married families		Married families		Married families	
	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level
2 workers	4,271	1.2%	5,862	0.9%	12,267	0.8%	884,527	1.9%	27,954,785	2.1%
3 or more workers	1,012	0.0%	1,778	0.0%	3,193	0.0%	195,340	1.4%	7,417,110	1.1%
<b>INCOME DEFICIT</b>										
Mean income deficit for families (dollars)	6,836	(X)	6,944	(X)	9,280	(X)	7,722	(X)	7,478	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Table S1702 (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

1. N - Number of sample cases too small
2. (X) - Not applicable or not available
3. (-) - Inability of statistic to be computed



**Appendix 5. Poverty Status for Families with Female Householder, No Husband Present in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

	Albany City		Dougherty County		Albany MSA		Georgia		United States	
Subject	Female householder, no husband present		Female householder, no husband present		Female householder, no husband present		Female householder, no husband present		Female householder, no husband present	
	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level
<b>Families</b>	<b>7,230</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>8,427</b>	<b>37.4%</b>	<b>12,556</b>	<b>41.3%</b>	<b>520,658</b>	<b>30.2%</b>	<b>14,171,071</b>	<b>28.0%</b>
With related children under 18 years	4,698	38.5%	5,719	43.6%	9,090	48.9%	367,524	37.0%	9,680,331	36.3%
<b>RACE</b>										
Families with a householder who is--										
White	N	N	1,564	9.3%	3,052	23.4%	203,410	24.5%	8,600,360	24.1%
Black or African American	5,775	40.1%	6,813	44.1%	9,454	47.2%	292,282	33.7%	3,892,807	34.3%
<b>Householder worked</b>	<b>4,773</b>	<b>28.5%</b>	<b>5,653</b>	<b>33.0%</b>	<b>8,446</b>	<b>38.3%</b>	<b>392,481</b>	<b>23.5%</b>	<b>10,458,117</b>	<b>22.1%</b>
Householder worked full-time, year-round in the past 12 months	3,314	22.8%	4,134	29.0%	5,983	29.1%	267,975	12.4%	6,836,797	9.9%
Householder 65 years and over	1,464	7.7%	1,544	7.3%	2,333	18.5%	57,801	17.8%	1,852,543	11.3%
Family received --										

**Appendix 5. Poverty Status for Families with Female Householder, No Husband Present in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

	Albany City		Dougherty County		Albany MSA		Georgia		United States	
Subject	Female householder, no husband present		Female householder, no husband present		Female householder, no husband present		Female householder, no husband present		Female householder, no husband present	
	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or cash public assistance income in the past 12 months	1,005	37.7%	1,005	37.7%	1,316	38.8%	49,055	46.6%	1,793,336	50.8%
Social security income in the past 12 months	2,067	21.8%	2,199	20.5%	3,280	25.2%	106,347	23.2%	3,113,101	16.5%
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF HOUSEHOLDER</b>										
Less than high school graduate	1,351	60.3%	1,616	57.0%	2,506	58.3%	97,539	49.2%	2,565,772	46.7%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,884	31.8%	2,265	34.6%	4,111	35.5%	159,998	34.8%	4,172,924	31.1%
Some college, associate's degree	3,333	31.4%	3,884	37.2%	5,136	42.9%	175,034	26.5%	5,046,652	24.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	662	0.0%	662	0.0%	803	7.1%	88,087	8.5%	2,385,723	9.1%
<b>NUMBER OF RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS</b>										

**Appendix 5. Poverty Status for Families with Female Householder, No Husband Present in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

	Albany City		Dougherty County		Albany MSA		Georgia		United States	
Subject	Female householder, no husband present		Female householder, no husband present		Female householder, no husband present		Female householder, no husband present		Female householder, no husband present	
	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level
No child	2,532	25.8%	2,708	24.1%	3,466	21.2%	153,134	14.1%	4,490,740	10.1%
1 or 2 children	3,594	26.2%	4,615	35.3%	7,279	42.0%	288,876	31.5%	7,782,026	31.0%
3 or 4 children	963	75.5%	963	75.5%	1,439	70.5%	68,285	55.4%	1,702,990	56.1%
5 or more children	141	100.0%	141	100.0%	372	100.0%	10,363	67.6%	195,315	72.1%
<b>NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN FAMILY</b>										
2 people	3,475	24.8%	3,756	25.7%	6,014	34.5%	230,699	24.1%	6,679,293	21.2%
3 or 4 people	2,884	33.5%	3,800	40.7%	5,018	42.7%	234,899	32.0%	6,128,333	31.7%
5 or 6 people	799	70.5%	799	70.5%	1,022	60.7%	44,439	50.4%	1,147,116	44.5%
7 or more people	72	100.0%	72	100.0%	502	68.1%	10,621	41.8%	216,329	43.8%
<b>NUMBER OF WORKERS IN FAMILY</b>										
No workers	1,193	61.0%	1,193	61.0%	1,960	69.1%	75,271	71.4%	2,052,272	65.8%
1 worker	4,452	36.1%	5,353	42.9%	8,204	45.1%	301,952	30.5%	7,850,227	28.9%

**Appendix 5. Poverty Status for Families with Female Householder, No Husband Present in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

	Albany City		Dougherty County		Albany MSA		Georgia		United States	
Subject	Female householder, no husband present		Female householder, no husband present		Female householder, no husband present		Female householder, no husband present		Female householder, no husband present	
	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level	Total	Percent below poverty level
2 workers	1,456	3.7%	1,752	3.1%	1,973	2.7%	112,737	8.8%	3,359,291	9.0%
3 or more workers	129	55.8%	129	55.8%	419	17.2%	30,698	5.5%	909,281	4.7%
<b>INCOME DEFICIT</b>										
Mean income deficit for families (dollars)	8,063	(X)	7,359	(X)	8,224	(X)	9,512	(X)	9,190	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Table S1702 (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

1. N - Number of sample cases too small
2. (X) - Not applicable or not available

**Appendix 6. Food Stamps Received by Households in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

Subject	Albany City		Dougherty County		Albany MSA		Georgia		United States	
	Total	Households receiving food stamps	Total	Households receiving food stamps	Total	Households receiving food stamps	Total	Households receiving food stamps	Total	Households receiving food stamps
<b>Households by Number</b>	<b>28,815</b>	<b>6,115</b>	<b>36,116</b>	<b>6,964</b>	<b>60,893</b>	<b>10,273</b>	<b>3,469,845</b>	<b>320,926</b>	<b>113,101,329</b>	<b>9,769,112</b>
<b>Households by Percentage</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>0.09</b>
With one or more people 60 years and over	31.0%	18.1%	32.1%	16.7%	32.7%	21.6%	28.0%	22.9%	32.3%	24.7%
With children under 18 years	32.1%	51.8%	32.3%	56.0%	34.2%	55.8%	37.0%	62.4%	33.9%	57.9%
<b>POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>										
Below poverty level	21.0%	50.4%	19.4%	55.0%	19.6%	58.4%	13.8%	56.4%	12.6%	55.1%
<b>DISABILITY STATUS</b>										
With one or more people with a disability	32.7%	40.4%	30.9%	37.1%	31.8%	42.1%	23.8%	45.2%	24.3%	47.4%
<b>RACE OF HOUSEHOLDER</b>										
White	32.4%	2.6%	38.0%	3.0%	50.7%	10.5%	65.1%	37.7%	78.7%	60.1%
Black or African American	66.3%	96.1%	60.8%	95.8%	47.9%	88.7%	29.1%	57.7%	11.8%	27.8%
<b>HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2008)</b>										

**Appendix 6. Food Stamps Received by Households in Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

Subject	Albany City		Dougherty County		Albany MSA		Georgia		United States	
	Total	Households receiving food stamps	Total	Households receiving food stamps	Total	Households receiving food stamps	Total	Households receiving food stamps	Total	Households receiving food stamps
<b>INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>										
Median income (dollars)	31,923	16,507	36,692	16,045	38,989	15,034	50,861	16,372	52,029	16,637
<b>WORK STATUS</b>										
<b>Families</b>	<b>17,735</b>	<b>4,302</b>	<b>23,592</b>	<b>5,092</b>	<b>40,862</b>	<b>7,224</b>	<b>2,364,041</b>	<b>245,489</b>	<b>75,030,551</b>	<b>6,993,311</b>
No workers in past 12 months	17.1%	19.7%	17.6%	17.7%	15.8%	19.3%	11.6%	22.2%	12.8%	21.8%
1 worker in past 12 months	41.8%	57.8%	40.3%	62.3%	38.3%	63.7%	34.3%	52.8%	31.7%	49.8%
2 or more workers in past 12 months	41.1%	22.5%	42.2%	20.0%	45.9%	16.9%	54.2%	25.0%	55.4%	28.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Table S2201 (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

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**Appendix 7. Demographic Characteristics for Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

<b>Demographic Estimates</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>		
<b>Total population</b>	<b>77,678</b>	<b>77,678</b>
Male	35,737	46.0%
Female	41,941	54.0%
Under 5 years	6,363	8.2%
5 to 9 years	5,494	7.1%
10 to 14 years	6,037	7.8%
15 to 19 years	7,284	9.4%
20 to 24 years	6,155	7.9%
25 to 34 years	10,530	13.6%
35 to 44 years	8,896	11.5%
45 to 54 years	9,864	12.7%
55 to 59 years	4,617	5.9%
60 to 64 years	3,336	4.3%
65 to 74 years	4,468	5.8%
75 to 84 years	2,984	3.8%
85 years and over	1,650	2.1%
Median age (years)	31	(X)
Under 18 years	21,341	27.5%
18 years and over	56,337	72.5%
21 years and over	50,816	65.4%
62 years and over	11,259	14.5%
65 years and over	9,102	11.7%
<b>18 years and over</b>	<b>56,337</b>	<b>56,337</b>
Male	24,667	43.8%
Female	31,670	56.2%
<b>65 years and over</b>	<b>9,102</b>	<b>9,102</b>
Male	3,235	35.5%
Female	5,867	64.5%

**Appendix 7. Demographic Characteristics for Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

<b>Demographic Estimates</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>RACE</b>		
<b>Total population</b>	<b>77,678</b>	<b>77,678</b>
One race	77,292	99.5%
Two or more races	386	0.5%
One race	77,292	99.5%
White	20,783	26.8%
Black or African American	55,050	70.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	415	0.5%
Asian	999	1.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	45	0.1%
Two or more races	386	0.5%
<b><i>Race alone or in combination with one or more other races</i></b>		
<b>Total population</b>	<b>77,678</b>	<b>77,678</b>
White	21,059	27.1%
Black or African American	55,365	71.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	570	0.7%
Asian	1,109	1.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Demographic and Housing Estimates Table (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

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**Appendix 8. Social Characteristics (Selected) for Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

<b>Selected Social Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>		
<b>Total households</b>	<b>28,815</b>	<b>28,815</b>
Family households (families)	17,735	61.5%
With own children under 18 years	8,081	28.0%
Married-couple family	9,318	32.3%
With own children under 18 years	3,215	11.2%
Male householder, no wife present, family	1,187	4.1%
With own children under 18 years	594	2.1%
Female householder, no husband present, family	7,230	25.1%
With own children under 18 years	4,272	14.8%
Nonfamily households	11,080	38.5%
Householder living alone	9,501	33.0%
65 years and over	2,321	8.1%
Households with one or more people under 18 years	9,236	32.1%
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	6,676	23.2%
Average household size	2.48	(X)
Average family size	3.2	(X)
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
<b>Population in households</b>	<b>71,506</b>	<b>71,506</b>
Householder	28,815	40.3%
Spouse	9,166	12.8%
Child	24,148	33.8%
Other relatives	5,742	8.0%
Nonrelatives	3,635	5.1%
Unmarried partner	2,206	3.1%
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>		
<b>Males 15 years and over</b>	<b>26,191</b>	<b>26,191</b>
Never married	11,850	45.2%
Now married, except separated	9,847	37.6%
Separated	736	2.8%
Widowed	1,018	3.9%
Divorced	2,740	10.5%
<b>Females 15 years and over</b>	<b>33,593</b>	<b>33,593</b>

**Appendix 8. Social Characteristics (Selected) for Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

<b>Selected Social Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Never married	13,730	40.9%
Now married, except separated	9,261	27.6%
Separated	1,322	3.9%
Widowed	4,337	12.9%
Divorced	4,943	14.7%
<b>FERTILITY</b>		
<b>Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>1,135</b>
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	590	52.0%
Per 1,000 unmarried women	38	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	53	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	32	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	82	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	29	(X)
<b>GRANDPARENTS</b>		
<b>Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years</b>	<b>1,886</b>	<b>1,886</b>
Responsible for grandchildren	1,128	59.8%
Years responsible for grandchildren		
Less than 1 year	246	13.0%
1 or 2 years	455	24.1%
3 or 4 years	0	0.0%
5 or more years	427	22.6%
<b>Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>1,128</b>
Who are female	682	60.5%
Who are married	799	70.8%
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>		
<b>Population 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>23,475</b>	<b>23,475</b>
Nursery school, preschool	1,271	5.4%
Kindergarten	1,620	6.9%
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	8,945	38.1%
High school (grades 9-12)	3,834	16.3%
College or graduate school	7,805	33.2%
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>		

**Appendix 8. Social Characteristics (Selected) for Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

<b>Selected Social Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>46,345</b>	<b>46,345</b>
Less than 9th grade	2,513	5.4%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	7,555	16.3%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	13,048	28.2%
Some college, no degree	9,726	21.0%
Associate's degree	3,280	7.1%
Bachelor's degree	6,062	13.1%
Graduate or professional degree	4,161	9.0%
Percent high school graduate or higher	78.3%	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	22.1%	(X)
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>		
<b>Civilian population 18 years and over</b>	<b>56,306</b>	<b>56,306</b>
Civilian veterans	5,221	9.3%
<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>		
<b>Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population</b>	<b>75,904</b>	<b>75,904</b>
With a disability	12,802	16.9%
<b>Under 18 years</b>		
With a disability	1,017	4.8%
<b>18 to 64 years</b>		
With a disability	6,868	14.9%
<b>65 years and over</b>		
With a disability	4,917	57.4%
<b>RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO</b>		
<b>Population 1 year and over</b>	<b>76,392</b>	<b>76,392</b>
Same house	54,930	71.9%
Different house in the U.S.	21,329	27.9%
Same county	11,232	14.7%
Different county	10,097	13.2%
Same state	7,718	10.1%
Different state	2,379	3.1%
Abroad	133	0.2%

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<b>Selected Social Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>		
<b>Total population</b>	<b>77,678</b>	<b>77,678</b>
Native	76,811	98.9%
Born in United States	76,387	98.3%
State of residence	61,946	79.7%
Different state	14,441	18.6%
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	424	0.5%
Foreign born	867	1.1%
<b>U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>		
<b>Foreign-born population</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>867</b>
Naturalized U.S. citizen	591	68.2%
Not a U.S. citizen	276	31.8%
<b>YEAR OF ENTRY</b>		
<b>Population born outside the United States</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>1,291</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Selected Social Characteristics Estimates Table (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

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**Appendix 9. Economic Characteristics (Selected) for Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

<b>Selected Economic Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>		
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	<b>58,929</b>	<b>58,929</b>
In labor force	34,943	59.3%
Civilian labor force	34,912	59.2%
Employed	32,349	54.9%
Unemployed	2,563	4.3%
Armed Forces	31	0.1%
Not in labor force	23,986	40.7%
<b>Civilian labor force</b>	<b>34,912</b>	<b>34,912</b>
Percent Unemployed	7.3%	(X)
<b>Females 16 years and over</b>	<b>33,172</b>	<b>33,172</b>
In labor force	19,388	58.4%
Civilian labor force	19,388	58.4%
Employed	18,309	55.2%
<b>Own children under 6 years</b>	<b>7,501</b>	<b>7,501</b>
All parents in family in labor force	5,112	68.2%
<b>Own children 6 to 17 years</b>	<b>12,228</b>	<b>12,228</b>
All parents in family in labor force	9,957	81.4%
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>		
<b>Workers 16 years and over</b>	<b>30,953</b>	<b>30,953</b>
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	22,917	74.0%
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	4,557	14.7%
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	123	0.4%
Walked	1,306	4.2%
Other means	403	1.3%
Worked at home	1,647	5.3%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	15.9	(X)
<b>OCCUPATION</b>		
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>32,349</b>	<b>32,349</b>
Management, professional, and related occupations	10,794	33.4%
Service occupations	7,753	24.0%
Sales and office occupations	6,985	21.6%

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<b>Selected Economic Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	941	2.9%
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations	1,505	4.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	4,371	13.5%
<b>INDUSTRY</b>		
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>32,349</b>	<b>32,349</b>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	929	2.9%
Construction	1,022	3.2%
Manufacturing	3,497	10.8%
Wholesale trade	867	2.7%
Retail trade	3,507	10.8%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	1,814	5.6%
Information	319	1.0%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	1,248	3.9%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	2,310	7.1%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	9,203	28.4%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services	3,542	10.9%
Other services, except public administration	1,450	4.5%
Public administration	2,641	8.2%
<b>CLASS OF WORKER</b>		
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>32,349</b>	<b>32,349</b>
Private wage and salary workers	22,510	69.6%
Government workers	8,761	27.1%
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	1,078	3.3%
Unpaid family workers	0	0.0%
<b>INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>		
<b>Total households</b>	<b>28,815</b>	<b>28,815</b>
Less than \$10,000	3,532	12.3%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2,670	9.3%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	5,140	17.8%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	3,859	13.4%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	4,236	14.7%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	3,909	13.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,973	6.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,888	6.6%

**Appendix 9. Economic Characteristics (Selected) for Albany, GA - 2008 Estimates**

<b>Selected Economic Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Percent</b>
\$150,000 to \$199,999	718	2.5%
\$200,000 or more	890	3.1%
Median household income (dollars)	31,923	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	53,622	(X)
With earnings	22,434	77.9%
Mean earnings (dollars)	57,266	(X)
With Social Security	8,154	28.3%
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	12,784	(X)
With retirement income	5,063	17.6%
Mean retirement income (dollars)	17,202	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	1,456	5.1%
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	6,649	(X)
With cash public assistance income	792	2.7%
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,508	(X)
With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months	6,115	21.2%
<b>Families</b>	<b>17,735</b>	<b>17,735</b>
Less than \$10,000	1,476	8.3%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,287	7.3%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	3,202	18.1%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	1,811	10.2%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	3,099	17.5%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	2,006	11.3%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,502	8.5%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,828	10.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	634	3.6%
\$200,000 or more	890	5.0%
Median family income (dollars)	40,280	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	67,839	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	20,528	(X)
<b>Nonfamily households</b>	<b>11,080</b>	<b>11,080</b>
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	21,702	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	30,005	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	20,993	(X)

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<b>Selected Economic Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	41,012	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	29,054	(X)
<b>PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL</b>		
All families	18.4%	(X)
With related children under 18 years	23.1%	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	25.5%	(X)
Married-couple families	6.5%	(X)
With related children under 18 years	5.7%	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	7.5%	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	34.1%	(X)
With related children under 18 years	38.5%	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	36.0%	(X)
All people	26.6%	(X)
Under 18 years	34.8%	(X)
Related children under 18 years	33.0%	(X)
Related children under 5 years	28.6%	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	34.9%	(X)
18 years and over	23.4%	(X)
18 to 64 years	25.5%	(X)
65 years and over	12.3%	(X)
People in families	22.0%	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	41.7%	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, Selected Economics Characteristics Estimates Table (See full notes and (+/-) margins of error at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

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<b>Selected Housing Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>33,834</b>	<b>33,834</b>
Occupied housing units	28,815	85.2%
Vacant housing units	5,019	14.8%
Homeowner vacancy rate	5.8	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	7	(X)
<b>UNITS IN STRUCTURE</b>		
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>33,834</b>	<b>33,834</b>
1-unit, detached	19,442	57.5%
1-unit, attached	1,288	3.8%
2 units	4,819	14.2%
3 or 4 units	2,944	8.7%
5 to 9 units	2,933	8.7%
10 to 19 units	680	2.0%
20 or more units	559	1.7%
Mobile home	1,169	3.5%
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	0.0%
<b>YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT</b>		
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>33,834</b>	<b>33,834</b>
Built 2005 or later	1,048	3.1%
Built 2000 to 2004	1,211	3.6%
Built 1990 to 1999	4,046	12.0%
Built 1980 to 1989	5,226	15.4%
Built 1970 to 1979	6,463	19.1%
Built 1960 to 1969	6,344	18.8%
Built 1950 to 1959	5,947	17.6%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,125	6.3%
Built 1939 or earlier	1,424	4.2%
<b>ROOMS</b>		
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>33,834</b>	<b>33,834</b>
1 room	1,064	3.1%
2 rooms	348	1.0%
3 rooms	2,322	6.9%
4 rooms	5,498	16.2%

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<b>Selected Housing Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Percent</b>
5 rooms	9,172	27.1%
6 rooms	6,679	19.7%
7 rooms	4,751	14.0%
8 rooms	2,380	7.0%
9 rooms or more	1,620	4.8%
Median rooms	5.3	(X)
<b>BEDROOMS</b>		
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>33,834</b>	<b>33,834</b>
No bedroom	1,432	4.2%
1 bedroom	2,524	7.5%
2 bedrooms	9,295	27.5%
3 bedrooms	16,898	49.9%
4 bedrooms	3,255	9.6%
5 or more bedrooms	430	1.3%
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>28,815</b>	<b>28,815</b>
Owner-occupied	13,499	46.8%
Renter-occupied	15,316	53.2%
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.43	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.53	(X)
<b>YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>28,815</b>	<b>28,815</b>
Moved in 2005 or later	12,190	42.3%
Moved in 2000 to 2004	4,724	16.4%
Moved in 1990 to 1999	5,758	20.0%
Moved in 1980 to 1989	2,069	7.2%
Moved in 1970 to 1979	2,700	9.4%
Moved in 1969 or earlier	1,374	4.8%
<b>VEHICLES AVAILABLE</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>28,815</b>	<b>28,815</b>
No vehicles available	3,228	11.2%
1 vehicle available	13,721	47.6%
2 vehicles available	8,211	28.5%

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<b>Selected Housing Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Percent</b>
3 or more vehicles available	3,655	12.7%
<b>HOUSE HEATING FUEL</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>28,815</b>	<b>28,815</b>
Utility gas	N	N
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	N	N
Electricity	N	N
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	N	N
Coal or coke	N	N
Wood	N	N
Solar energy	N	N
Other fuel	N	N
No fuel used	N	N
<b>SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>28,815</b>	<b>28,815</b>
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	0	0.0%
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	386	1.3%
No telephone service available	2,417	8.4%
<b>OCCUPANTS PER ROOM</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>28,815</b>	<b>28,815</b>
1.00 or less	28,499	98.9%
1.01 to 1.50	200	0.7%
1.51 or more	116	0.4%
<b>VALUE</b>		
<b>Owner-occupied units</b>	<b>13,499</b>	<b>13,499</b>
Less than \$50,000	1,782	13.2%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4,877	36.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,911	21.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,871	13.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,488	11.0%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	312	2.3%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	0	0.0%
\$1,000,000 or more	258	1.9%
Median (dollars)	101,300	(X)
<b>MORTGAGE STATUS</b>		

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<b>Selected Housing Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Owner-occupied units</b>	<b>13,499</b>	<b>13,499</b>
Housing units with a mortgage	8,782	65.1%
Housing units without a mortgage	4,717	34.9%
<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)</b>		
<b>Housing units with a mortgage</b>	<b>8,782</b>	<b>8,782</b>
Less than \$300	0	0.0%
\$300 to \$499	211	2.4%
\$500 to \$699	1,034	11.8%
\$700 to \$999	2,854	32.5%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	2,557	29.1%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,570	17.9%
\$2,000 or more	556	6.3%
Median (dollars)	1,037	(X)
<b>Housing units without a mortgage</b>	<b>4,717</b>	<b>4,717</b>
Less than \$100	62	1.3%
\$100 to \$199	463	9.8%
\$200 to \$299	1,698	36.0%
\$300 to \$399	753	16.0%
\$400 or more	1,741	36.9%
Median (dollars)	326	(X)
<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAPI)</b>		
<b>Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)</b>	<b>8,728</b>	<b>8,728</b>
Less than 20.0 percent	4,238	48.6%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,478	16.9%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	627	7.2%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	426	4.9%
35.0 percent or more	1,959	22.4%
Not computed	54	(X)
<b>Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)</b>	<b>4,569</b>	<b>4,569</b>
Less than 10.0 percent	1,916	41.9%
10.0 to 14.9 percent	959	21.0%

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<b>Selected Housing Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Percent</b>
15.0 to 19.9 percent	381	8.3%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	502	11.0%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	83	1.8%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	245	5.4%
35.0 percent or more	483	10.6%
Not computed	148	(X)
<b>GROSS RENT</b>		
<b>Occupied units paying rent</b>	<b>14,973</b>	<b>14,973</b>
Less than \$200	91	0.6%
\$200 to \$299	198	1.3%
\$300 to \$499	4,349	29.0%
\$500 to \$749	6,603	44.1%
\$750 to \$999	2,993	20.0%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	660	4.4%
\$1,500 or more	79	0.5%
Median (dollars)	587	(X)
No rent paid	343	(X)
<b>GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)</b>		
<b>Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)</b>	<b>14,700</b>	<b>14,700</b>
Less than 15.0 percent	1,978	13.5%
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,749	11.9%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,637	11.1%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,161	7.9%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,268	8.6%
35.0 percent or more	6,907	47.0%

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## Report Addendum: Agencies Addressing Poverty



## PREFACE

This report addendum to the *Albany, GA Poverty Analysis 2010* contains an index and directory (See Appendix) of agencies that presently serve the poor in Albany, GA. It was developed by compiling information from the following sources:

- City of Albany, GA, Department of Community and Economic Development  
CDBG Public Service Grant Recipients for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011
- Albany Dougherty Coalition for Homelessness Directory 2009
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention Resource Directory 2009
- Darton College Human Services Online Directory (Selected Categories)
- Community Resource Directory – 2010 Poverty Analysis for the City of Albany, GA

It is noted that efforts have been made to provide accurate information. Changes that have occurred since the publication of these resources may not be reflected in this addendum.



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A School for Children	1120 W. Broad Avenue	Ste. B-4	Albany	GA	31702
AARP - Albany	108 Kirkland Street	-	Albany	GA	31705
Addictive Diseases	601 W. 11th Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Adolescent Health and Youth Development Program	1710 S. Slappey Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31701
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Albany Advocacy Resource Center, Inc.	P.O. Box 71026	2616 Pointe North Blvd.	Albany	GA	31708
Albany Area Chamber of Commerce	225 W. Broad Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
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Albany Area Primary Health Care, Inc. (6 Albany Locations)	204 N. Westover Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31707
Albany Community Together Inc.	230 S. Jackson Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
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Albany Dougherty Community Partnership for Education	1001 W. Highland Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701

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A School for Children	(229) 903-1030	-	www.aschoolforchildren.com
AARP - Albany	(229) 436-7323	-	www.aarp.org
Addictive Diseases	(229) 430-4433	-	-
Adolescent Health and Youth Development Program	(229) 430-1987	-	-
Adult Outpatient Services	(229) 430-4140	-	-
Agape Life Ministries	(229) 432-2897	-	-
Agape Recovery Outreach Inc.	(229) 446-1953	(229) 446-1983	www.agaperecovery.com
Aim for Youth	(229) 869-7655	-	-
Albany Advocacy Resource Center, Inc.	(229) 888-6852	(229) 888-6875	www.albanyarc.org
Albany Area Chamber of Commerce	(229) 434-8700	-	www.albanyga.com
Albany Area Community Service Board	(229) 430-5101, (229) 430-4140	-	www.albanycsb.org
Albany Area Primary Health Care, Inc. (6 Albany Locations)	(229) 888-6559	(229) 436-4107	www.aaphc.org
Albany Community Together Inc.	(229) 420-4600	(229) 420-8311	www.albanycommunitytogetherinc.com
Albany Counseling Services	(229) 888-5363	(229) 888-2822	-
Albany Dougherty Community Partnership for Education	(229) 888-0999	(229) 888-2664	www.adpartnership.org/

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A School for Children	Dr. Jewell Jones Faison	Founder	jewel.faison@yahoo.com
AARP - Albany	-	-	-
Addictive Diseases	-	-	-
Adolescent Health and Youth Development Program	Debra Willingham, Latricia Calloway	-	dfwillingham@dhr.state.ga.us, ljcalloway@dhr.state.ga.us
Adult Outpatient Services	-	-	-
Agape Life Ministries	Lawrence Bryant	Director	info@agaperecovery.com
Agape Recovery Outreach Inc.	Lawrence Bryant	Director	info@agaperecovery.com
Aim for Youth	Alma G. Davis	-	www.aimforyouth.org
Albany Advocacy Resource Center, Inc.	Annette Bowling	Executive Director	abowling@albanygaarc.org
Albany Area Chamber of Commerce	Catherine Glover	President	cglover@albanyga.com
Albany Area Community Service Board	-	-	info@albanycsb.org
Albany Area Primary Health Care, Inc. (6 Albany Locations)	-	-	-
Albany Community Together Inc.	Thelma Adams Johnson	President/CEO	taact1@bellsouth.net
Albany Counseling Services	Adolph Solomon	Director	adolphsolomon@acsofgerogia.com
Albany Dougherty Community Partnership for Education	Susan Haynes	-	partners@adpartnership.org

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Albany Hawks	701 Willard Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Albany Health Care Inc.	P.O. Box 2545	-	Albany	GA	31701
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Albany New Life Inc. and Victorious Life Church	201 N. Carroll Street	-	Albany	GA	31705
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Albany Recreation and Parks	1301 Monroe Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
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Albany State University (Health)	504 College Drive	Student Health Services	Albany	GA	31705
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Albany Georgia Tools for Change	(229) 432-5799, (229) 430-9870	-	agtfconline.org
Albany Hawks	(229) 395-4914	-	-
Albany Health Care Inc.	(229) 435-0741	-	-
Albany Housing Authority, The	(229) 434-4500	(229) 434-4502	www.albanyhousingauthority.com
Albany Museum of Art	(229) 439-8400	-	www.albanymuseum.com
Albany New Life Inc. and Victorious Life Church	(229) 420-8857, (229) 395-5480	-	www.shirleyjroberts.com
Albany Outreach Center, Inc.	(229) 888-6555, (229) 432-2705	(229) 436-4407	-
Albany Pulmonary Rehabilitation & Diagnostic Clinic	(229) 434-0089	-	-
Albany Recreation and Parks	(229) 430-5222	(229) 430-5234	www.albany.ga.us
Albany Rescue Mission	(229) 435-7615, (229) 431-1125	-	www.albanyrescuemission.org
Albany State University (Health)	(229) 430-4766	-	www.asurams.edu
Albany State University (Youth Development)	(229) 430-4661	-	www.asurams.edu
Albany State University	(229) 430-4600	-	www.asurams.edu
Albany Technical College (GED)	(229) 430-1620, (229) 430-0659, (229) 430-3066	-	www.albanytech.edu
Albany Therapeutic Massage Clinic	(229) 435-9008	-	-
Albany Youth Opportunity Development Center	(229) 430-0484	-	-
Albany/Dougherty County Emergency Management	(229) 431-2155	-	-

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Albany Georgia Tools for Change	Karen Lawrence	-	-
Albany Hawks	James Nix	-	albanyhawks@yahoo.com
Albany Health Care Inc.	-	-	-
Albany Housing Authority, The	Daniel McCarthy	Executive Director	mccarthy@albanyhousingauthority.com
Albany Museum of Art	Crystal Morrison	-	cmorrison@albanymuseum.com
Albany New Life Inc. and Victorious Life Church	Shirley Roberts	-	albanynewlife@mchsi.com
Albany Outreach Center, Inc.	Virginia Griffin	-	alzheima@bellsouth.net
Albany Pulmonary Rehabilitation & Diagnostic Clinic	-	-	-
Albany Recreation and Parks	Mildred Green	-	-
Albany Rescue Mission	Larry Daniel	Director	outreach@albanyrescuemission.org
Albany State University (Health)	Vicki Phillips	Director	vbphillips@asurams.edu
Albany State University (Youth Development)	Bernee Long	Director	bernee.long@asurams.edu
Albany State University	Dr. Babafemi Elufiede, Dr. Bruce Neubauer, Dr. Veronica Adams-Cooper, Chief Roberson Brown	Various	Various
Albany Technical College (GED)	Carol Harrell	-	charrell@albanytech.edu
Albany Therapeutic Massage Clinic	-	-	-
Albany Youth Opportunity Development Center	Deborah Joseph	-	-
Albany/Dougherty County Emergency Management	Jim Vaught	-	jvaught@dougherty.ga.us

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Albany-Dougherty County Drug Unit	700 Pine Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Alcoholics Anonymous	427 Flint Avenue	304 Pine Avenue	Albany	GA	31701
Alpha Crisis Center	2201 Whispering Pines Road	-	Albany	GA	31701
Alternatives to Violence Project of SOWEGA	2810 Newcomb Road	-	Albany	GA	31705
American Cancer Society	323 Pine Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
American League Dixie Youth Baseball	1600 Gillespie Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31707
American Red Cross - Albany	500 Pine Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
AmericanWork, Inc.	520 W. Broad Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Anorexia & Bulimia Self-Help Support Group	Renaissance Center	506 N. Jackson Street	Albany	GA	31701
Arcadia Baptist Church	1214 N. Jackson Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
Artesia Business Services	230 S. Jackson Street	Ste. 350	Albany	GA	31701
ASU Project Shield Truancy/Albany State University	504 College Drive	-	Albany	GA	31705
Baby World Developmental Day Care	726 W. Highland Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Beattie Road Church of Christ	1731 Beattie Road	-	Albany	GA	31721
Beginning Again Mission	830 Whitney Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Behavioral Health Center	500 Third Avenue	Ste. 105	Albany	GA	31702
Behavioral Health Center at Phoebe	417 W. Third Avenue	Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital	Albany	GA	31701

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Albany-Dougherty County Drug Unit	(229) 430-5150	-	-
Alcoholics Anonymous	(229) 435-2263	-	<a href="http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org">www.alcoholics-anonymous.org</a>
Alpha Crisis Center	(229) 431-2343	-	-
Alternatives to Violence Project of SOWEGA	(229) 434-1716	-	-
American Cancer Society	(229) 446-1073	-	-
American League Dixie Youth Baseball	(229) 446-1330	-	-
American Red Cross - Albany	(229) 436-4845	-	<a href="http://www.swgarecross.org">http://www.swgarecross.org</a>
AmericanWork, Inc.	(229) 639-0477	-	<a href="http://www.americanwork.org">www.americanwork.org</a>
Anorexia & Bulimia Self-Help Support Group	(229) 889-7200	(229) 889-7393	-
Arcadia Baptist Church	(229) 435-7600	-	-
Artesia Business Services	(229) 317-7630	(229) 317-7636	<a href="http://www.artesia77.com">www.artesia77.com</a>
ASU Project Shield Truancy/Albany State University	(229) 430-4742	-	<a href="http://www.asurams.edu">www.asurams.edu</a>
Baby World Developmental Day Care	(229) 436-6131	(229) 432-1225	-
Beattie Road Church of Christ	(229) 435-2193	-	-
Beginning Again Mission	(229) 432-9640	-	-
Behavioral Health Center	(229) 312-7000	(229) 312-7006	-
Behavioral Health Center at Phoebe	(229) 312-7000	(229) 312-7006	-

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Albany-Dougherty County Drug Unit	Roderick Weaver	-	-
Alcoholics Anonymous	-	-	-
Alpha Crisis Center	David Smith	Director	davids@sherwoodbaptist.net
Alternatives to Violence Project of SOWEGA	H. Milton Crenshaw	-	hmcrenshaw@bellsouth.net
American Cancer Society	-	-	-
American League Dixie Youth Baseball	-	-	-
American Red Cross - Albany	Gina Sproul	-	officemgr@swgarecross.org
AmericanWork, Inc.	-	-	-
Anorexia & Bulimia Self-Help Support Group	-	Receptionist	-
Arcadia Baptist Church	-	-	-
Artesia Business Services	Thomas McGinley	Administrator	thomasm@artesia77.com
ASU Project Shield Truancy/Albany State University	-	-	-
Baby World Developmental Day Care	Dr. Alma G. Noble	Chief Executive Officer	almaworld@att.net
Beattie Road Church of Christ	-	-	-
Beginning Again Mission	Rev. Harriet S. Gainer	Pastor	-
Behavioral Health Center	-	-	-
Behavioral Health Center at Phoebe	-	-	-

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Bereavement Support Groups	2332 Lake Park Drive	Albany Community Hospice	Albany	GA	31707
Bethel A.M.E. Church	217 N. Washington Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
Bethel Housing Complex	507 Swift Street	-	Albany	GA	31705
Bible Baptist Church	1506 Radium Spring Road	-	Albany	GA	31705
Big Brothers and Big Sisters	P.O. Box 1384	Main Office (Tifton)	Tifton	GA	31794
Boys and Girls Club of Albany, Inc.	P.O. Box 1130	612 Pine Avenue	Albany	GA	31702
Boys Club of Albany	711 N. Monroe Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
Boys Scouts of America	1100 N. Madison Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Bridge, The/Open Arms	601 Pine Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Brooks Counseling	1706 Gillionville Road	P.O. Box 70364	Albany	GA	31707
Byne Memorial Baptist Church	2832 Ledo Road	-	Albany	GA	31707
Campbell, Stephen (South Georgia Neuropsychological Assoc., P.C.)	1211 Palmyra Road	-	Albany	GA	31701
Carlton and Wade Childress Family Resource Center	1906 Palmyra Road	-	Albany	GA	31701
Cathedral of Deliverance	1124 N. Highland Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31707
Certified Literate Community Program	225 West Broad Avenue	Albany Area Chamber of Commerce	Albany	GA	31701
Chehaw Park-Wild Animal Park	105 Chehaw Park Road	-	Albany	GA	31701
Child Care Resource and Referral of Southwest Georgia	2429 Gillionville Road	-	Albany	GA	31707

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Bereavement Support Groups	(229) 312-7050	(229) 312-7055	-
Bethel A.M.E. Church	(229) 435-8589	-	-
Bethel Housing Complex	(229) 435-8589	-	-
Bible Baptist Church	(229) 776-6940	-	-
Big Brothers and Big Sisters	(229) 883-8105	-	-
Boys and Girls Club of Albany, Inc.	(229) 439-0196	(229) 436-6471	www.bgca.org
Boys Club of Albany	(229) 439-0196	(229) 436-6471	www.bgca.org
Boys Scouts of America	(229) 436-7226	(229) 436-7228	www.scouting.org
Bridge, The/Open Arms	(229) 431-1121	-	-
Brooks Counseling	(229) 639-1020	(229) 439-8842	-
Byne Memorial Baptist Church	(229) 436-5700	-	www.byne.org
Campbell, Stephen (South Georgia Neuropsychological Assoc., P.C.)	(229) 432-1378	-	-
Carlton and Wade Childress Family Resource Center	(229) 439-7061	-	-
Cathedral of Deliverance	(229) 883-1446	-	-
Certified Literate Community Program	(229) 434-8718	(229) 434-8710	www.albanyga.com
Chehaw Park-Wild Animal Park	(229) 430-5275, (229) 430-5168, (229) 430-3012	-	www.parksatchehaw.org
Child Care Resource and Referral of Southwest Georgia	(229) 317-6868	(229) 317-6968	www.gaccrra.org

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Bereavement Support Groups	-	-	-
Bethel A.M.E. Church	Rev. Ernest Davis, Jr.	Pastor	bamecalbany@bellsouth.net
Bethel Housing Complex	Rev. Ernest Davis, Jr.	Pastor	bamecalbany@bellsouth.net
Bible Baptist Church	-	-	-
Big Brothers and Big Sisters	Nancy Bryan	CEO	nancy.bryan@southgabbs.org
Boys and Girls Club of Albany, Inc.	Bob Hutchinson	-	bhutchinson@bgcalbany.org
Boys Club of Albany	Bob Hutchinson	-	bhutchinson@bgcalbany.org
Boys Scouts of America	Ray Allen	-	rallen@bsamail.org
Bridge, The/Open Arms	Fonda Strong	Executive Director	fonda.strong@yahoo.com
Brooks Counseling	Dr. Brooks	-	-
Byne Memorial Baptist Church	Matthew Nance	Pastor	mnance@byne.org
Campbell, Stephen (South Georgia Neuropsychological Assoc., P.C.)	-	-	-
Carlton and Wade Childress Family Resource Center	Tanner Cooper, Beth English	-	tcooper@swgaeasterseals.org, benglish@swgaeasterseals.org
Cathedral of Deliverance	-	-	-
Certified Literate Community Program	Harriet Hollis	-	hhollis@albanyga.com
Chehaw Park-Wild Animal Park	Jennifer Alderige	-	info@parksatchehaw.org
Child Care Resource and Referral of Southwest Georgia	Soraya Kimbrel-Miller	Director	soraya.kimbrel@darton.edu



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Child Enforcement Recovery Unit	200 W. Oglethorpe Blvd.	Ste. 401	Albany	GA	31701
Children's Medical Services Sickle Cell Genetics	1306-B S. Slappey Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31701
Christ United Methodist Church	505 Byron Plantation Road	-	Albany	GA	31701
Christian Counseling Center	1012 8th Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Christian Covenant Church	1105 2nd Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31707
Church of the Living Word	930-Rear Gordon Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31707
City of Albany Emergency Housing	230 S. Jackson Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
City of Albany Manager's Office	222 Pine Avenue	P. O. Box 447	Albany	GA	31701
City of Albany Transitional Housing	230 S. Jackson Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
Columbus Community Services	235 W. Roosevelt Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Communities in School	515 2nd Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Community Development Division - City of Albany	230 S. Jackson Street	Ste. 315	Albany	GA	31701
Connections Church	2401 Dawson Road	-	Albany	GA	31707
Covenant Presbyterian Church	2126 W. Edgewater Drive	-	Albany	GA	31701
Crisis Stabilization Program and Touchstone Dual Diagnosis Residential	601 W. 11th Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Cutliff Grove Baptist Church	841 W. Broad Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Cutliff Grove Family Resource Center	841 W. Broad Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701

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Child Enforcement Recovery Unit	(229) 430-4364	-	<a href="http://www.ocse.dhr.georgia.gov/portal/site/DHS-OCSE">www.ocse.dhr.georgia.gov/portal/site/DHS-OCSE</a>
Children's Medical Services Sickle Cell Genetics	(229) 430-4115	-	-
Christ United Methodist Church	(229) 436-3373	(229) 436-3403	<a href="http://www.christumcalbany.org">www.christumcalbany.org</a>
Christian Counseling Center	(229) 446-2178	-	-
Christian Covenant Church	(229) 883-4334	-	-
Church of the Living Word	(229) 883-8812	-	-
City of Albany Emergency Housing	(229) 483-7650	-	<a href="http://www.albany.ga.us">www.albany.ga.us</a>
City of Albany Manager's Office	(229) 431-3234	-	-
City of Albany Transitional Housing	(229) 483-7650	-	<a href="http://www.albany.ga.us">www.albany.ga.us</a>
Columbus Community Services	(229) 435-3212	-	-
Communities in School	(229) 888-0999	(229) 888-2664	-
Community Development Division - City of Albany	(229) 430-5283	-	<a href="http://www.albany.ga.us">www.albany.ga.us</a>
Connections Church	(229) 903-9000	-	-
Covenant Presbyterian Church	(229) 436-5731	-	-
Crisis Stabilization Program and Touchstone Dual Diagnosis Residential	(229) 430-6005	-	-
Cutliff Grove Baptist Church	(229) 435-2308	-	-
Cutliff Grove Family Resource Center	(229) 435-2308	-	<a href="http://www.greatercutliffgrove.org">www.greatercutliffgrove.org</a>

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Child Enforcement Recovery Unit	-	-	-
Children's Medical Services Sickle Cell Genetics	-	-	-
Christ United Methodist Church	Kent Miller	-	kentmiller@bellsouth.net
Christian Counseling Center	-	-	-
Christian Covenant Church	-	-	-
Church of the Living Word	-	-	-
City of Albany Emergency Housing	-	-	-
City of Albany Manager's Office	-	-	-
City of Albany Transitional Housing	-	-	-
Columbus Community Services	-	-	-
Communities in School	Susan Haynes	Executive Director	shaynes@cisad.org
Community Development Division - City of Albany	Latoya Cutts	Director	-
Connections Church	-	-	-
Covenant Presbyterian Church	Angela Savelle	-	covpres@bellsouth.net
Crisis Stabilization Program and Touchstone Dual Diagnosis Residential	Bertha McDonald	Nurse Manager	info@albanycsb.org
Cutliff Grove Baptist Church	-	-	-
Cutliff Grove Family Resource Center	Rev. McKinley Drake	Executive Director	bapg@bellsouth.net

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Darsey Private School	1202 W. Oglethorpe Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31707
Darton College	2400 Gillionville Road	-	Albany	GA	31707
Department of Community & Economic Development	230 S. Jackson Street	Ste. 315	Albany	GA	31701
District 8-2 Health Director	1109 N. Jackson Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
DOCOC Literacy (Even Start) Family	406 W. Highland Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
DOCOC Regional Federal Credit Union	P.O. Box 71389	107 North Westover Road	Albany	GA	31708
Dougherty CASA	P.O. Box 467	The Lily Pad SANE Center, Inc.	Albany	GA	31702
Dougherty County Adult Learning Center	600 S. Madison Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
Dougherty County Community Adult Day Health Center	725 W. Oglethorpe Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31705
Dougherty County Department of Children and Family Services (DFCS)	200 W. Oglethorpe Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31706
Dougherty County Division of Rehabilitation Services	110 Pine Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Dougherty County Emergency Medical Service	901 N. Jackson Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
Dougherty County Even Start	406 W. Highland Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Dougherty County Family Literacy Council, Inc.	406 W. Highland Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Dougherty County Health Department	1710 S. Slappey Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31701
Dougherty County Mental Health Center	601 W. 11th Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Dougherty County Neighborhood Service Center	901 N. Jackson Street	-	Albany	GA	31701

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Darsey Private School	(229) 436-5559	(229) 436-0148	-
Darton College	(229) 317-6000	-	www.darton.edu
Department of Community & Economic Development	(229) 430-5283	-	www.albany.ga.us
District 8-2 Health Director	(229) 430-4127	-	-
DOCOC Literacy (Even Start) Family	(229) 888-2414	(229) 888-5016	www.familyliteracyconnection.org
DOCOC Regional Federal Credit Union	(229) 435-1715	(229) 420-8264	www.docofcu.com
Dougherty CASA	(229) 435-0074	(229) 435-0756	-
Dougherty County Adult Learning Center	(229) 431-3422	-	-
Dougherty County Community Adult Day Health Center	(229) 436-1284	-	-
Dougherty County Department of Children and Family Services (DFCS)	(229) 430-4118, (229) 430-5060	-	www.dhr.georgia.gov
Dougherty County Division of Rehabilitation Services	(229) 430-4170	-	-
Dougherty County Emergency Medical Service	(229) 439-7011	-	-
Dougherty County Even Start	(229) 888-2414	(229) 888-5016	www.familyliteracyconnection.org
Dougherty County Family Literacy Council, Inc.	(229) 888-2414	(229) 888-5016	www.familyliteracyconnection.org
Dougherty County Health Department	(229) 430-6200	-	www.health.state.ga.us
Dougherty County Mental Health Center	(229) 430-4140	-	-
Dougherty County Neighborhood Service Center	(229) 883-1365	-	-

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Darsey Private School	C.H. Darsey	-	-
Darton College	Dr. Peter J. Sireno	President	-
Department of Community & Economic Development	Latoya Cutts	Director	-
District 8-2 Health Director	-	-	-
DOCOC Literacy (Even Start) Family	Sandy Bamford	Executive Director	sbamford.flc@gmail.com
DOCOC Regional Federal Credit Union	Barry O. Heape	President/CEO	doco@docofcu.com
Dougherty CASA	Stephanie Davidson	Program Director	-
Dougherty County Adult Learning Center	-	-	-
Dougherty County Community Adult Day Health Center	-	-	-
Dougherty County Department of Children and Family Services (DFCS)	Kim Smith	-	-
Dougherty County Division of Rehabilitation Services	-	-	-
Dougherty County Emergency Medical Service	-	-	-
Dougherty County Even Start	Sandy Bamford	Executive Director	sbamford.flc@gmail.com
Dougherty County Family Literacy Council, Inc.	Sandy Bamford	Executive Director	sbamford.flc@gmail.com
Dougherty County Health Department	-	-	-
Dougherty County Mental Health Center	-	-	info@albanycsb.org
Dougherty County Neighborhood Service Center	Ben Jackson	-	-

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Dougherty County Pre-K Learning Center	1520 Cordell Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31705
Dougherty County School System	200 Pine Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Dougherty County Small Business Office	222 Pine Avenue - Government Building	Suite 240	Albany	GA	31701
Dougherty County Victim's Assistance Program	225 Pine Avenue	District Attorney's Office	Albany	GA	31701
Dougherty Extended Day Program	722 Corn Avenue	Dougherty County School System	Albany	GA	31701
Duncan, Larry T.	407 Tift Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
East Albany Medical Center	1712-A E. Broad Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31705
Easter Seals Southern Georgia/Easter Seals Family Support Program	1906 Palmyra Road	-	Albany	GA	31701
Elder Abuse Reporting	200 W. Oglethorpe Blvd.	DFACS	Albany	GA	31701
Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (DOCO Co Ext	125 Pine Avenue	Ste. 100	Albany	GA	31701
Faith and Prayer Church	912 W. Highland Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Faith Community Outreach Center Inc.	425 W. Society Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Faith Deliverance	1312 E. Tift Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31705
Family Life Counseling Center	235 W. Roosevelt Avenue	Ste. 414 D	Albany	GA	31701
Family Literacy Connection	406 W. Highland Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Family Literacy Council, Inc.	4822 Impala Lane	-	Albany	GA	31705
Family Medicine Center	310-C W. Gordon Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701

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Organization Name	Telephone	Fax	Web Address
Dougherty County Pre-K Learning Center	(229) 431-1290	-	georgia.schooltree.org/Dougherty-County-Schools.html
Dougherty County School System	(229) 431-1264	-	www.dougherty.k12.ga.us
Dougherty County Small Business Office	(229) 878-3159	(229) 878-3158	www.dougherty.ga.us
Dougherty County Victim's Assistance Program	(229) 438-3985	(229) 431-2167	-
Dougherty Extended Day Program	(229) 431-1280	-	-
Duncan, Larry T.	(229) 435-4893	-	-
East Albany Medical Center	(229) 639-3100	-	-
Easter Seals Southern Georgia/Easter Seals Family Support Program	(229) 439-7061	-	-
Elder Abuse Reporting	(229) 430-5060	-	-
Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (DOCO Co Ext	(229) 436-7216	(229) 436-6760	www.albany.ga.us
Faith and Prayer Church	(229) 888-1146	-	-
Faith Community Outreach Center Inc.	(229) 436-0807	(229)436-0897	www.faithcommunityoutreach.org
Faith Deliverance	(229) 888-6951	-	-
Family Life Counseling Center	(229) 883-6766	-	-
Family Literacy Connection	(229) 888-2414	(229) 888-5016	www.familyliteracyconnection.org
Family Literacy Council, Inc.	(229) 888-2414	(229) 888-2414	
Family Medicine Center	(229) 434-9873	-	-



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Dougherty County Pre-K Learning Center	-	-	-
Dougherty County School System	-	-	-
Dougherty County Small Business Office	Pinky Modeste	Program Manager	pmodeste@dougherty.ga.us
Dougherty County Victim's Assistance Program	Tonya Abner	-	-
Dougherty Extended Day Program	Eric Newman	-	enewman@docoschools.org
Duncan, Larry T.	-	-	-
East Albany Medical Center	-	-	-
Easter Seals Southern Georgia/Easter Seals Family Support Program	-	-	-
Elder Abuse Reporting	-	-	-
Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (DOCO Co Ext	Patricia Jackson	-	uge4095@uga.edu
Faith and Prayer Church	-	-	-
Faith Community Outreach Center Inc.	Janice Thompson	Director	faithcommunityoutreach@yahoo.com
Faith Deliverance	-	-	-
Family Life Counseling Center	Dr. Ellen Womack	-	-
Family Literacy Connection	Sandy Bamford	Executive Director	sbamford.flc@gmail.com
Family Literacy Council, Inc.	Tanya Bigham	Early Childhood Coordinator	tanyabigham.dcfrc@gmail.com
Family Medicine Center	-	-	-

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First Apostolic Church	421 Lumpkin Street	-	Albany	GA	31705
First Baptist Church - Father's Kitchen	400 Pine Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
First Christian Church	416 N. Westover Blvd	-	Albany	GA	31707
First Monumental Faith Church	3404 Gillionville Road	-	Albany	GA	31721
First Presbyterian Church	220 N. Jackson Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
First United Methodist Church	307 Flint Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Flint River Habitat for Humanity-Home Building	717 Pine Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31707
Food Bank of Southwest Georgia	P.O. Box 71235	2800 Phillips Drive	Albany	GA	31708
Free Life Program Life Christian Center International	1225 Stewart Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31707
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church	714 W. Broad Ave	-	Albany	GA	31701
Georgia Department of Community Affairs	121 N. Front Street	-	Albany	GA	31702
Georgia Department of Human Resources (AIDS Program)	1710 S. Slappey Blvd.	District 8/Unit 2	Albany	GA	31701
Georgia Department of Human Resources (Children's Medical Service)	1306 S. Slappey Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31701
Georgia Department of Labor	1608 S. Slappey Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31701
Georgia Resident Finance Authority (GRFA)	323 Pine Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Gethsemane Worship Center	529 10th Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Girls Inc. of Albany	P.O. Box 1366	701 Park Place	Albany	GA	31702

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First Apostolic Church	(229) 888-3850	-	-
First Baptist Church - Father's Kitchen	(229) 883-8000, (229) 435-5472	-	-
First Christian Church	(229) 436-1054	-	-
First Monumental Faith Church	(229) 438-1805	-	-
First Presbyterian Church	(229) 432-6706	-	-
First United Methodist Church	(229) 432-7407	(229) 439-9750	www.fumcalbanyga.org
Flint River Habitat for Humanity-Home Building	(229)446-8199	(229) 446-8196	www.flintriverhabitat.org
Food Bank of Southwest Georgia	(229) 883-5959	(229) 883-9005	www.foodbank-swga.org
Free Life Program Life Christian Center International	(229) 349-0436	-	-
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church	(229) 432-1284	(229) 439-2430	-
Georgia Department of Community Affairs	(229) 430-4117, (888) 340-7069	-	-
Georgia Department of Human Resources (AIDS Program)	(229) 430-5140	-	-
Georgia Department of Human Resources (Children's Medical Service)	(229) 430-4115	-	-
Georgia Department of Labor	(229) 430-5010	(229) 430-5027	www.dol.state.g.us
Georgia Resident Finance Authority (GRFA)	(229) 430-4117	-	-
Gethsemane Worship Center	(229) 438-0388	-	-
Girls Inc. of Albany	(229) 435-1897, (229) 435-1895	(229) 436-2624	www.girlsincofalbany.org

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First Apostolic Church	-	-	-
First Baptist Church - Father's Kitchen	Tony Girebel	-	-
First Christian Church	-	-	-
First Monumental Faith Church	-	-	-
First Presbyterian Church	-	-	-
First United Methodist Church	Becky Boyd	Director of Lay Ministries	bboyd@fumcalbanyga.org
Flint River Habitat for Humanity-Home Building	Stacey Odom-Driggers	Executive Director	stacey@flinriverhabitat.org
Food Bank of Southwest Georgia	Cheryl Pittman	-	cheryl@foodbank-swga.org
Free Life Program Life Christian Center International	Diane Haire	-	dhaire@yahoo.com
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. Jimmy Ewings	-	-
Georgia Department of Community Affairs	-	-	-
Georgia Department of Human Resources (AIDS Program)	Chanel Scott-Dixon	-	dcscott@dhr.state.ga.us
Georgia Department of Human Resources (Children's Medical Service)	Chanel Scott-Dixon	-	dcscott@dhr.state.ga.us
Georgia Department of Labor	-	-	-
Georgia Resident Finance Authority (GRFA)	-	-	-
Gethsemane Worship Center	-	-	-
Girls Inc. of Albany	Lakisha Bryant	-	lakisha.bryant@girlsincofalbany.org

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Girls Scouts of Historic Georgia	515 Pine Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Golden Key 55+ Club	P.O. Box 1828	2335 Dawson Road	Albany	GA	31703
Goodwill Industries Stores (Career Center)	2017 N. Slappey Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31701
Gospel Light Bus Ministry	237 Lockett Station Road	-	Albany	GA	31721
Grace Church of Nazarene	3000 Gillionville Road	-	Albany	GA	31721
Graceway Recovery Residence	412 W. Tift Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren	1105 Palmyra Road	-	Albany	GA	31701
Greater Second Mount Olive Baptist Church	302 Adkins Street	310 Dewey Street	Albany	GA	31705
Green Thumb, Inc.	1608 S. Slappey Blvd.	Labor Department	Albany	GA	31701
Gurley, Elaine S. ACSW, LCSW	1216 Whispering Pines Road	-	Albany	GA	31707
HAVN	421 Society Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Head Start Center - CRK Center	2103 E. Broad Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Head Start Center - Harvey Road Center	2423 Harvey Road	-	Albany	GA	31701
Head Start Center - Lippitt Center	819 Lippitt Drive	-	Albany	GA	31701
Head Start Center - Moultrie Road Center	111 Moultrie Road	-	Albany	GA	31703
Head Start Center - Mount Zion Center	209 Slater King Drive	-	Albany	GA	31701
Head Start Center - Tift Center	622 W. Tift Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701

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Girls Scouts of Historic Georgia	(229) 432-9188, (229) 432-7044	-	www.gshg.org
Golden Key 55+ Club	(229) 312-2418	-	-
Goodwill Industries Stores (Career Center)	(229) 317-0970, (229) 436-7330, (229) 436-0970	-	www.goodwill.org
Gospel Light Bus Ministry	(229) 698-2127	-	-
Grace Church of Nazarene	(229) 888-3289	-	-
Graceway Recovery Residence	(229) 446-7800, (229) 446-4550	(229) 446-0388	www.gracewayrecovery.com
Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren	(229) 432-1124	-	-
Greater Second Mount Olive Baptist Church	(229) 435-9961; (229) 439-2100	-	-
Green Thumb, Inc.	(229) 435-2294, (888) 767-0471	(229) 435-8817	-
Gurley, Elaine S. ACSW, LCSW	(229) 888-5921	(229) 888-6921	-
HAVN	(229) 432-9684	-	-
Head Start Center - CRK Center	(229) 432-5440	-	-
Head Start Center - Harvey Road Center	(229) 446-4959	-	-
Head Start Center - Lippitt Center	(229) 420-7331	-	-
Head Start Center - Moultrie Road Center	(229) 435-6580	-	-
Head Start Center - Mount Zion Center	(229) 436-6234	-	-
Head Start Center - Tift Center	(229) 434-7350	-	-

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Girls Scouts of Historic Georgia	Velvet Riggins	-	vriggins@gshg.org
Golden Key 55+ Club	-	-	-
Goodwill Industries Stores (Career Center)	Carol Ann Fields	-	-
Gospel Light Bus Ministry	-	-	-
Grace Church of Nazarene	-	-	-
Graceway Recovery Residence	Liz Dixon	-	liz@gracewayrecovery.com; info@gracewayrecovery.com
Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren	Doris Long	-	-
Greater Second Mount Olive Baptist Church	Leslie Heard	-	-
Green Thumb, Inc.	-	-	-
Gurley, Elaine S. ACSW, LCSW	Elaine Gurley	-	-
HAVN	-	-	-
Head Start Center - CRK Center	-	-	-
Head Start Center - Harvey Road Center	-	-	-
Head Start Center - Lippitt Center	-	-	-
Head Start Center - Moultrie Road Center	-	-	-
Head Start Center - Mount Zion Center	-	-	-
Head Start Center - Tift Center	-	-	-

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Head Start Center - Turner Job Corps Center	2000 Schilling Drive	-	Albany	GA	31705
Head Start Center - Whitney Center	1129 Whitney Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31707
Health Kidz (through PT Gym)	1420 Dawson Road	-	Albany	GA	31707
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Center	2820 Meredyth Drive	-	Albany	GA	31707
Healthy Kidz and Families Wellness Center	707 N. Jefferson Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
Higher Heights Fellowship Ministries	128 Bennett Drive	-	Albany	GA	31705
Highway Pentecostal COG	627 W. Oglethorpe Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31701
Hope for the Hopeless Outreach	1806 E. Broad Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31705
House of Mercy Community Outreach Center	711 S. Jackson Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
House of Prayer by Faith	212 Acorn Street	-	Albany	GA	31705
House of Refuge Baptist Church	506 Corn Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Housing Authority of the City of Albany	521 Pine Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Iglesia Viviendo En Fe	107 N. Mock Road	Ste. H	Albany	GA	31705
Judah Life Fellowship	302 S. Cason Street	-	Albany	GA	31705
Kids Can-Dougherty	601 11th Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Lamad Ministries Season Christian Care Center	2724 Ledo Road	-	Albany	GA	31707
Liberty House; Liberty House of Albany, Inc. Women's Crisis Center	P.O. Box 2046	-	Albany	GA	31702



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Head Start Center - Turner Job Corps Center	(229) 883-8500	-	-
Head Start Center - Whitney Center	(229) 436-2055	-	-
Health Kidz (through PT Gym)	(229) 854-9443	-	-
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Center	(229) 883-2121	-	-
Healthy Kidz and Families Wellness Center	(229) 431-2030	-	-
Higher Heights Fellowship Ministries	(229) 435-8880	-	-
Highway Pentecostal COG	(229) 420-5904	-	-
Hope for the Hopeless Outreach	(229) 432-1047	-	-
House of Mercy Community Outreach Center	(229) 436-2522	-	-
House of Prayer by Faith	(229) 888-1721	-	-
House of Refuge Baptist Church	(229) 888-5958	-	-
Housing Authority of the City of Albany	(229) 434-4500	(229) 434-4502	<a href="http://www.albanyhousingauthority.com">www.albanyhousingauthority.com</a>
Iglesia Viviendo En Fe	(229) 894-5498	-	-
Judah Life Fellowship	(229) 518-8445	-	-
Kids Can-Dougherty	(229) 430-5100	-	<a href="http://www.albanycsb.org/kids.html">www.albanycsb.org/kids.html</a>
Lamad Ministries Season Christian Care Center	(229) 883-6620	-	-
Liberty House; Liberty House of Albany, Inc. Women's Crisis Center	(229) 439-7065, (229) 439-7094	(229) 883-2635	<a href="http://www.libertyhouseofalbany.com">www.libertyhouseofalbany.com</a>

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Head Start Center - Turner Job Corps Center	-	-	-
Head Start Center - Whitney Center	-	-	-
Health Kidz (through PT Gym)	Billy Jo "B.J." Fletcher	-	bjfletcher51@yahoo.com
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Center	-	-	-
Healthy Kidz and Families Wellness Center	Aubrey Smith	-	-
Higher Heights Fellowship Ministries	-	-	-
Highway Pentecostal COG	-	-	-
Hope for the Hopeless Outreach	Annie Davis	-	-
House of Mercy Community Outreach Center	-	-	houseofmercycomm@bellsouth.net
House of Prayer by Faith	-	-	-
House of Refuge Baptist Church	-	-	-
Housing Authority of the City of Albany	Daniel McCarthy	Executive Director	mccarthy@albanyhousingauthority.com
Iglesia Viviendo En Fe	-	-	-
Judah Life Fellowship	Joan Anderson	-	judahlife@yahoo.com
Kids Can-Dougherty	Annette Scott	-	-
Lamad Ministries Season Christian Care Center	-	-	-
Liberty House; Liberty House of Albany, Inc. Women's Crisis Center	Silke E. Deeley	Director	sdeeley@libertyhouseofalbany.com

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Life Christian Center	1211 Stuart Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31707
Life Precious Memories Family Resource Center	1109 7th Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31707
Lighthouse Ministries	1900 Liberty Expy.	-	Albany	GA	31705
Lily Pad SANE Center	300 W. 3rd Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Lion of Judah Intl. Ministries	1101 E. Oglethorpe Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31705
Lion's Learning Center	1300 W. Broad Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31707
Lord's Pantry	219 W. Society Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Love Ministries	1512 Cromartie Beach Drive	-	Albany	GA	31705
Love Thy Neighbor	3018 Gillionville Road	-	Albany	GA	31707
Marcus Institute - Albany	1906 Palmyra Road	Easter Seals Southern Georgia	Albany	GA	31701
Marine and Family Services	814 Radford Blvd., Ste. 20311	Building Annex 7200	Albany	GA	31704
Marine Corps Logistic Base	814 Radford Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31704
Megan's House-(Birth-21)	2017 Palmyra Road	-	Albany	GA	31701
Mental Health Outpatient	601 W. 11th Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Mission Outreach Center, Inc.	2115 S. Madison Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
Mission:Change	P.O. Box 834	410 West Roosevelt Avenue, Ste. B.	Albany	GA	31702
Mission:Change	P.O. Box 1241	1026 Netherland Lane	Albany	GA	31702

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Life Christian Center	(229) 439-2080	-	lamad@lamadministries.org
Life Precious Memories Family Resource Center	(229) 435-0404	-	-
Lighthouse Ministries	(229) 436-0045	-	www.lighthousemin.org/
Lily Pad SANE Center	(229) 435-0074	-	-
Lion of Judah Intl. Ministries	(229) 883-3019	-	-
Lion's Learning Center	(229) 883-3911	-	-
Lord's Pantry	(229) 435-0911, (229) 869-5242	-	-
Love Ministries	(229) 439-2500	-	-
Love Thy Neighbor	(229) 436-2056	-	-
Marcus Institute - Albany		-	www.southerngeorgia.easterseals.com
Marine and Family Services	(229) 639-5252	(229) 639-5231	www.usmc-mccs.org
Marine Corps Logistic Base		(229) 639-5175	-
Megan's House-(Birth-21)	(229) 439-0101	-	-
Mental Health Outpatient	(229) 430-4140	-	-
Mission Outreach Center, Inc.	(229) 889-1533	-	-
Mission:Change	(229) 888-1816	-	www.missionchange.com
Mission:Change	(229) 886-1257	-	www.missionchange.com

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Life Christian Center	William Eidenire	-	-
Life Precious Memories Family Resource Center	-	-	-
Lighthouse Ministries	-	-	-
Lily Pad SANE Center	Karen Kemp	Executive Director	kemps97@bellsouth.net
Lion of Judah Intl. Ministries	-	-	-
Lion's Learning Center	-	-	-
Lord's Pantry	C.B. Fischer	-	-
Love Ministries	-	-	-
Love Thy Neighbor	-	-	-
Marcus Institute - Albany	-	-	-
Marine and Family Services	Jodie Smith	-	jodi.smith@usmc.mil
Marine Corps Logistic Base	-	-	-
Megan's House-(Birth-21)	-	-	-
Mental Health Outpatient	Cathy Carson	-	ccarson@albanycso.org
Mission Outreach Center, Inc.	-	-	-
Mission:Change	Todd Urick	Executive Director	todd@missionchange.com
Mission:Change	David E. Blackwell	Mission Project Coordinator	david@missionchange.com

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Morningside of Albany	1721 Beattie Road	-	Albany	GA	31721
Morningside United Methodist Church	121 S. Mock Road	-	Albany	GA	31705
Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church	2224 S. Madison Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
Mount Zion Baptist Church	901 S. Westover Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31707
Mt Zion Garden Apartments	209 Slater King Drive	-	Albany	GA	31701
Mt. Olive Community Outreach Center/Golden Retreat Seniors Center	302 Adkins Street	-	Albany	GA	31705
Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church	1501 Newton Road	-	Albany	GA	31701
Mt. Zion Community Reinvestment Corp./Samaritan Clinic	802 Jefferson Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
NAACP-Albany	436 Mercer Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31705
NAMI-Albany	2213 Chapman Drive	-	Albany	GA	31705
Narcotics Anonymous	217 Flint Avenue	Amazing Grace Church, 2217 Ledo Road	Albany	GA	31701
Narcotics Support Group	1508 Whispering Pines Road	Trinity Lutheran Church	Albany	GA	31707
Neighbors In Need	P.O. Box 3032	2005 MLK Jr. Drive	Albany	GA	31706
Network of Trust Program	800 North Jefferson	Phoebe Putney Hospital	Albany	GA	31701
New Birth Fellowship Church	2106 Radium Spring Road	-	Albany	GA	31705
New Direction Christian Church	1109 Centennial Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31707
New Direction Substance Abuse Program	711 S. Jackson Street	-	Albany	GA	31701

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Morningside of Albany	(229) 483-0325	-	-
Morningside United Methodist Church	(229) 435-8471	-	-
Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church	(229) 435-4706	-	-
Mount Zion Baptist Church	(229) 432-6837	(229) 432-9369	-
Mt Zion Garden Apartments	(229) 883-0535	-	-
Mt. Olive Community Outreach Center/Golden Retreat Seniors Center	(229) 435-9961†	(229) 432-1606	-
Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church	(229) 436-7476	-	-
Mt. Zion Community Reinvestment Corp./Samaritan Clinic	(229) 888-7420	(229) 888-7421	-
NAACP-Albany	(229) 888-2212	-	-
NAMI-Albany	(229) 883-3191	-	-
Narcotics Anonymous	(800) 342-3487	-	-
Narcotics Support Group	(229) 436-5272	-	-
Neighbors In Need	(229) 883-2872	-	-
Network of Trust Program	(229) 889-7360	-	-
New Birth Fellowship Church	(229) 439-8985	-	-
New Direction Christian Church	(229) 432-2306	-	-
New Direction Substance Abuse Program	(229) 296-6046	-	-

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Morningside United Methodist Church	-	-	-
Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church	-	-	-
Mount Zion Baptist Church	-	-	-
Mt Zion Garden Apartments	-	-	-
Mt. Olive Community Outreach Center/Golden Retreat Seniors Center	Rev. Lorenzo Heard	Pastor	llheard@bellsouth.net
Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church	Rev. Walter Ingram, Jr.	Pastor	mtpilgrimba2014@bellsouth.net
Mt. Zion Community Reinvestment Corp./Samaritan Clinic	Nedra Fortson	-	samaritanclinic@bellsouth.net; nfortson@bellsouth.net
NAACP-Albany	-	-	-
NAMI-Albany	Alan White	-	whitesalealb@prodigy.net
Narcotics Anonymous	-	-	-
Narcotics Support Group	-	-	-
Neighbors In Need	Sister Veronica Weygand	-	vweygand@att.net
Network of Trust Program	Receptionist	-	-
New Birth Fellowship Church	-	-	-
New Direction Christian Church	-	-	-
New Direction Substance Abuse Program	Sandra Hampton	Executive Director	newdirection008@aol.com



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New Hope Full Gospel Ministry	1610 W. Oakridge Drive	-	Albany	GA	31707
New Jerusalem Outreach Center	527 Cedar Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
New Macedonia Baptist Church	620 Zackery Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
New St. Stephens Baptist Church	1100 W. 3rd Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31707
New Visions Community Development	1506 S. Slappey Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31701
Oakridge Baptist Church	1708 W. Oakridge Drive	-	Albany	GA	31707
Oaktree Children's Center	1520 Cordell Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31705
Open Arms/The Bridge	420 Pine Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Palmyra Medical Center	2000 Palmyra Road	-	Albany	GA	31701
Palmyra Seniorcare Advantage	2000 Palmyra Road	-	Albany	GA	31701
Palmyra Regional Rehabilitation Center	2000 Palmyra Road	-	Albany	GA	31701
Pastoral Counseling Center of Albany	1706 Gillionville Road	-	Albany	GA	31707
PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)	1734 Pineknoll Road	-	Albany	GA	31707
Phoebe Convenient Care - East	2410 Sylvester Road	-	Albany	GA	31705
Phoebe Convenient Care - Northwest	2336 Dawson Road	-	Albany	GA	31707
Phoebe Family Care Center - Albany	2336 Dawson Road	-	Albany	GA	31707
Phoebe Physical Medicine Center	2336 Dawson Road	Phoebe Northwest	Albany	GA	31707

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New Hope Full Gospel Ministry	(229) 888-7363	-	-
New Jerusalem Outreach Center	(229) 436-3121	-	-
New Macedonia Baptist Church	(229) 436-0200	-	-
New St. Stephens Baptist Church	(229) 435-0715	-	-
New Visions Community Development	(229) 436-7707	-	-
Oakridge Baptist Church	(229) 432-7613	-	-
Oaktree Children's Center	(229) 430-4330	-	-
Open Arms/The Bridge	(229) 431-1121	-	-
Palmyra Medical Center	(229) 434-2000	-	<a href="http://www.palmyramedicalcenters.com">www.palmyramedicalcenters.com</a>
Palmyra Seniorcare Advantage	(229) 434-2117	-	-
Palmyra Regional Rehabilitation Center	(229) 434-2580	-	-
Pastoral Counseling Center of Albany	(229) 446-1222	-	-
PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)	(229) 395-6772, (229) 854-3838	-	<a href="http://www.pflag.org">www.pflag.org</a>
Phoebe Convenient Care - East	(229) 312-9200	-	-
Phoebe Convenient Care - Northwest	(229) 312-8750	-	-
Phoebe Family Care Center - Albany	(229) 312-8800	-	-
Phoebe Physical Medicine Center	(229) 312-8750	-	-

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New Hope Full Gospel Ministry	-	-	-
New Jerusalem Outreach Center	-	-	-
New Macedonia Baptist Church	-	-	-
New St. Stephens Baptist Church	-	-	-
New Visions Community Development	Lisa Coleman	-	lisacoleman@yahoo.com
Oakridge Baptist Church	-	-	-
Oaktree Children's Center	-	-	-
Open Arms/The Bridge	Fonda Strong	Executive Director	fonda.strong@yahoo.com
Palmyra Medical Center	-	-	-
Palmyra Seniorcare Advantage	-	-	-
Palmyra Regional Rehabilitation Center	-	-	-
Pastoral Counseling Center of Albany	Dr. Joe Clift	-	-
PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)	Diane Shillcut, Margie Roche	-	-
Phoebe Convenient Care - East	-	-	-
Phoebe Convenient Care - Northwest	-	-	-
Phoebe Family Care Center - Albany	-	-	-
Phoebe Physical Medicine Center	-	-	-

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Phoebe Physician's Referral Services	417 3rd Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital	417 W. 3rd Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Piney Grooves Community Development	4805 Millbrook Road	-	Albany	GA	31721
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	115 Moultrie Road	-	Albany	GA	31705
Primus Industries Repackaging Center	2800 Phillips Drive	-	Albany	GA	31721
Promise Land COGIC	107 N. Mock Road	-	Albany	GA	31705
Providence Church	2504 Archwood Drive	-	Albany	GA	31707
Quail Country Customs	6922 Hardup Road	-	Albany	GA	31721
Raven Institute of Learning, The	3505 Shannon Road	-	Albany	GA	31721
Renaissance Center	506 North Jackson Street	Employee Assistance Program	Albany	GA	31701
Rhema International Ministries	2005 W. Oakridge Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31707
River Road Church of Christ	2023 MLK Jr. Drive	-	Albany	GA	31701
Samaritan Clinic (Mt. Zion Community Reinvestment Corp.)	802 N. Jefferson Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
Second Chance Detail, LLC	425 N. Washington Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
Semper Fidelis	410 S. McKinley Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
Senior Friends	2000 Palmyra Road	Palmyra Medical Center	Albany	GA	31701
Senior Solutions Adult Respite Care	1906 Palmyra Road	-	Albany	GA	31701

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Phoebe Physician's Referral Services	(229) 312-4402	-	-
Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital	(229) 312-1000	-	www.phoebeputney.com
Piney Grooves Community Development	(229) 809-2289	-	-
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	(229) 883-0464	-	-
Primus Industries Repackaging Center	(229) 430-5088	(229) 430-4422	-
Promise Land COGIC	(229) 639-0305	-	-
Providence Church	(229) 888-8055	-	-
Quail Country Customs	(229) 432-7258	(229) 883-0927	www.secondchancedetailllc.com
Raven Institute of Learning, The	(229) 881-7600	-	-
Renaissance Center	(229) 889-7200	(229) 889-7393	-
Rhema International Ministries	(229) 434-9673	-	-
River Road Church of Christ	(229) 435-6464, (229) 343-6526, (229) 894-2248	-	-
Samaritan Clinic (Mt. Zion Community Reinvestment Corp.)	(229) 888-7420	-	-
Second Chance Detail, LLC	(888) 898-1654	-	www.secondchancedetailllc.com
Semper Fidelis	(229) 432-1200	-	-
Senior Friends	(229) 434-2117	-	-
Senior Solutions Adult Respite Care	(229) 439-7061	-	http://southerngeorgia.easterseals.com

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Organization Name	Contact Person	Title	Email
Phoebe Physician's Referral Services	-	-	-
Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital	Joel Wernick	President	-
Piney Grooves Community Development	Marcus Glass	-	glassghouze@aol.com
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	-	-	-
Primus Industries Repackaging Center	-	-	-
Promise Land COGIC	-	-	-
Providence Church	-	-	-
Quail Country Customs	Terry Bernard Lewis	Owner	tlewis678@hotmail.com
Raven Institute of Learning, The	Velma S. Raven	-	-
Renaissance Center	Dr. Nick Carden	-	-
Rhema International Ministries	-	-	-
River Road Church of Christ	John Watson	Youth Minister	watson5817@yahoo.com
Samaritan Clinic (Mt. Zion Community Reinvestment Corp.)	Nedra Fortson	-	nfortson@bellsouth.net
Second Chance Detail, LLC	-	-	tlewis678@hotmail.com
Semper Fidelis	-	-	-
Senior Friends	-	-	-
Senior Solutions Adult Respite Care	-	-	-

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Shiloh Baptist Church	325 Whitney Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Slater H. King Adult Care Center	400 W. Highland Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
South Albany Family Enrichment Collaborative	2019 MLK Jr. Drive	-	Albany	GA	31701
South Georgia Neuropsychological Assoc., P.C.	1211 Palmyra Road	-	Albany	GA	31701
Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative Young Women's Leadership	624 W. Oglethorpe Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31701
Southwest Georgia Business League	1026 Netherland Lane	-	Albany	GA	31705
Southwest Georgia Community Action Council, Inc.	901 N. Jackson	-	Albany	GA	31701
Southwest Georgia Community Action Council - Head Start	Various Locations	-	Albany	GA	-
Southwest Georgia Community Action Council, Inc.	1001 1st Avenue SW	-	Moultrie	GA	31768
Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center	30 W. Broad Street	-	Camilla	GA	31730
SOWEGA Area Health Education Center (AHEC)	1512 W. 3rd Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31707
SOWEGA Council on Aging	1105 Palmyra Road	309 Pine Avenue	Albany	GA	31701
SOWEGA Council on Aging/Homemaker Program	517 Fourth Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
St. Clare's Soup Kitchen	2005 MLK Jr. Drive	-	Albany	GA	31705
St. Paul's Episcopal Church	212 N. Jefferson Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church	1907 S. Jackson Street	-	Albany	GA	31701
St. Teresa's Neighbors in Need	2005 MLK Jr. Drive	-	Albany	GA	31705

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Shiloh Baptist Church	(229) 435-3114	-	-
Slater H. King Adult Care Center	(229) 439-9686	-	-
South Albany Family Enrichment Collaborative	(229) 435-5202	-	-
South Georgia Neuropsychological Assoc., P.C.	(229) 439-8686	-	-
Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative Young Women's Leadership	(229) 430-9870	-	-
Southwest Georgia Business League	(229) 349-3909	-	<a href="http://www.southwestgabusinessleague.org">www.southwestgabusinessleague.org</a>
Southwest Georgia Community Action Council, Inc.	(229) 883-1365	-	<a href="http://www.swgacac.com">www.swgacac.com</a>
Southwest Georgia Community Action Council - Head Start	(229) 436-3304	-	<a href="http://www.swgacac.com">www.swgacac.com</a>
Southwest Georgia Community Action Council, Inc.	(229) 985-3610	-	<a href="http://www.swgacac.com">www.swgacac.com</a>
Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center		-	-
SOWEGA Area Health Education Center (AHEC)	(229) 439-7185	(229) 888-5154	-
SOWEGA Council on Aging	(229) 432-0994, (229) 432-1124	(229) 483-0995	<a href="http://www.sowegacoa.org">www.sowegacoa.org</a>
SOWEGA Council on Aging/Homemaker Program	(229) 439-7148	-	-
St. Clare's Soup Kitchen	(229) 883-2566	-	-
St. Paul's Episcopal Church	(229) 436-0196	-	<a href="http://www.stpaulsalbany.org">www.stpaulsalbany.org</a>
St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church	(229) 436-9982	-	-
St. Teresa's Neighbors in Need	(229) 883-2566	-	-



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Shiloh Baptist Church	-	-	-
Slater H. King Adult Care Center	-	-	-
South Albany Family Enrichment Collaborative	-	-	-
South Georgia Neuropsychological Assoc., P.C.	-	-	-
Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative Young Women's Leadership	Karen Lawrence	-	lawrence.k@swgaproject.com
Southwest Georgia Business League	Rance Pettibone	Director	swgbl@hotmail.com
Southwest Georgia Community Action Council, Inc.	-	-	-
Southwest Georgia Community Action Council - Head Start	-	-	-
Southwest Georgia Community Action Council, Inc.	-	-	-
Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center	-	-	-
SOWEGA Area Health Education Center (AHEC)	-	-	-
SOWEGA Council on Aging	Kay H. Hind	Executive Director	-
SOWEGA Council on Aging/Homemaker Program	-	-	-
St. Clare's Soup Kitchen	Sister Maura	Director	-
St. Paul's Episcopal Church	Judy Williams	-	-
St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church	-	-	-
St. Teresa's Neighbors in Need	-	-	-

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Stand Up Again Outreach	610 W. Oglethorpe Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31701
Street Outreach	601 Pine Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Strive2Thrive Antipoverty Initiative (Albany Area Chamber of Commerce)	417 Third Ave	P.O. Box 1828	Albany	GA	31701
Strive2Thrive Antipoverty Initiative (Albany Area Chamber of Commerce)	225 W. Broad Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Sunnyside Baptist Church	320 S. Mock Road	-	Albany	GA	31705
Sunshine Center	312 5th Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Sycamore Center Inc.	1216 Dawson Road	Ste. 108	Albany	GA	31707
Sycamore Centre Heritage Foundation	1216 Dawson Road	Ste. 108	Albany	GA	31707
Sylvan Learning and Technology Center	2722-8 Dawson Road	-	Albany	GA	31707
Tabernacle of David Worship	632 Holloway Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
TEAM Employee Assistance Program	2535 Lafayette Plaza	-	Albany	GA	31707
Temple of Refuge	2711 Phillips Drive	-	Albany	GA	31721
The Anchorage	162 Hampton Lane	-	Leesburg	GA	31763
The Boren Center (Lily Pad)	320 W. 2nd Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
The Firefly Health Center (at Lily Pad)	320 W. 2nd Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
The Salvation Army - Albany	304 W. 2nd Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
The Volunteer Center of Southwest Georgia	P.O. Box 70429	2620 Dawson Road #C	Albany	GA	31708

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Stand Up Again Outreach	(229) 878-3484	-	-
Street Outreach	(229) 431-1121	-	-
Strive2Thrive Antipoverty Initiative (Albany Area Chamber of Commerce)	(229) 886 8147	-	www.albanyga.com
Strive2Thrive Antipoverty Initiative (Albany Area Chamber of Commerce)	(229) 434-8700	-	www.albanyga.com
Sunnyside Baptist Church	(229) 432-2334	-	-
Sunshine Center	(229) 438-1660	-	-
Sycamore Center Inc.	(229) 639-0881	(229) 639-0882	-
Sycamore Centre Heritage Foundation	(229) 639-0881	-	-
Sylvan Learning and Technology Center	(229) 878-1111	(850) 385-8670	-
Tabernacle of David Worship	(229) 438-9797	-	-
TEAM Employee Assistance Program	(229) 432-1811	-	-
Temple of Refuge	(229) 883-0077	-	-
The Anchorage	(229) 435-5692	-	www.anchorageofalbany.org
The Boren Center (Lily Pad)	(229) 435-0074	(229) 435-0756	-
The Firefly Health Center (at Lily Pad)	(229) 435-0074	(229) 435-0756	-
The Salvation Army - Albany	(229)435-1428	(229) 435-3042	www.salvationarmy-georgia.org
The Volunteer Center of Southwest Georgia	(229) 883-6700	(229) 436-6378	-

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Stand Up Again Outreach	-	-	-
Street Outreach	-	-	-
Strive2Thrive Antipoverty Initiative (Albany Area Chamber of Commerce)	Cynthia George	Chair	cgeorge@ppmh.org
Strive2Thrive Antipoverty Initiative (Albany Area Chamber of Commerce)	Harriet Hollis	Coordinator	hhollis@albanyga.com
Sunnyside Baptist Church	-	-	-
Sunshine Center	-	-	-
Sycamore Center Inc.	Gloria Jones	CEO	-
Sycamore Centre Heritage Foundation	-	-	-
Sylvan Learning and Technology Center	Barbara Koagel	-	-
Tabernacle of David Worship	-	-	-
TEAM Employee Assistance Program	-	-	-
Temple of Refuge	-	-	-
The Anchorage	-	-	-
The Boren Center (Lily Pad)	Ren Olsen	Director	-
The Firefly Health Center (at Lily Pad)	Amy Boney	Director	-
The Salvation Army - Albany	Douglas McClure	Corps Officer (Director)	-
The Volunteer Center of Southwest Georgia	Brooke Willoughby	-	volunteercenter@unitedwayswga.org

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Third Kiokee Baptist Church	521 Carver Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
Turner Job Corps Center, Solo Parenting	2000 Schilling Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31705
Ujamaa House Wellness Outreach Project	1142 Dawson Road	Ste. 103	Albany	GA	31707
Union Mission Outreach Center	214 E. Oglethorpe Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31705
United Way of Southwest Georgia	P.O. Box 70429	-	Albany	GA	31707
VA Clinic	526 W. Broad Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
VAAC Consulting Inc.	P.O. Box 72412	-	Albany	GA	31708
Victory Tabernacle	610 W. Oglethorpe Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31701
Vineyarrd Healing	P.O. Box 11	230 S. Jackson Street, Ste. 244	Albany	GA	31702
Vision Foundation Counseling Center	1216 Whispering Pines Road	-	Albany	GA	31707
Westwood Church	123 N. Westover Blvd.	-	Albany	GA	31707
World Vision	930 W. Gordon Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31701
YMCA	1701 Gillionville Road	-	Albany	GA	31707
Young Life of Albany	P.O. Box 70053	-	Albany	GA	31708
Youth Becoming Healthy Project, Inc., The; The YBH Project Inc.	P.O. Box 181	705 Meadowlark Drive	Albany	GA	31702
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.	-	-	Albany	GA	-
Zion Pure Life	1302 Clark Avenue	-	Albany	GA	31705

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Third Kiokee Baptist Church	(229) 435-9865	-	-
Turner Job Corps Center, Solo Parenting	(229) 883-8500	-	<a href="http://www.jobcorps.gov">www.jobcorps.gov</a>
Ujamaa House Wellness Outreach Project	(229) 395-1108	-	-
Union Mission Outreach Center	(229) 436-9375	-	-
United Way of Southwest Georgia	(229) 888-6126/2-1-1	-	<a href="http://www.unitedwayswga.org">www.unitedwayswga.org</a>
VA Clinic	(229) 446-9000	-	<a href="http://www.dublin.va.gov">www.dublin.va.gov</a>
VAAC Consulting Inc.	(229) 395-3302	(229) 883-9663	<a href="http://www.vaac-consulting.com">www.vaac-consulting.com</a>
Victory Tabernacle	(229) 432-9500	-	-
Vineyarrd Healing	(229) 317-2274	(229) 883-9663	<a href="http://www.vineyarrd.org">www.vineyarrd.org</a>
Vision Foundation Counseling Center	(229) 435-1729	-	-
Westwood Church	(229) 903-0955	-	-
World Vision	(229) 439-7101	-	<a href="http://www.worldvision.org">www.worldvision.org</a>
YMCA	(229) 436-0531	-	-
Young Life of Albany	(229) 434-7385	-	-
Youth Becoming Healthy Project, Inc., The; The YBH Project Inc.	(229) 869-6422	-	<a href="http://www.ybhproject.org">www.ybhproject.org</a>
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.	(229) 639-5280, (229) 291-2715	-	-
Zion Pure Life	(229) 435-1117	-	-

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Third Kiokee Baptist Church	-	-	-
Turner Job Corps Center, Solo Parenting	Valerie Reid	-	-
Ujamaa House Wellness Outreach Project	Lawrence Reynolds, Catherine Robinson	-	ujamaahouse@aol.com
Union Mission Outreach Center	Rosa Heard	-	-
United Way of Southwest Georgia	-	-	-
VA Clinic	-	-	-
VAAC Consulting Inc.	Dr. Veronica Adams-Cooper	Consultant	vacooper@vaac-consulting.com
Victory Tabernacle	-	-	-
Vineyarrd Healing	Dr. Veronica Adams-Cooper	President/CEO	vacooper@vineyarrd.org
Vision Foundation Counseling Center	Mac Wilcox	-	-
Westwood Church	-	-	-
World Vision	-	-	-
YMCA	-	-	-
Young Life of Albany	-	-	-
Youth Becoming Healthy Project, Inc., The; The YBH Project Inc.	Pamela Greene-Jackson	Executive Director	-
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.	-	-	-
Zion Pure Life	-	-	-