

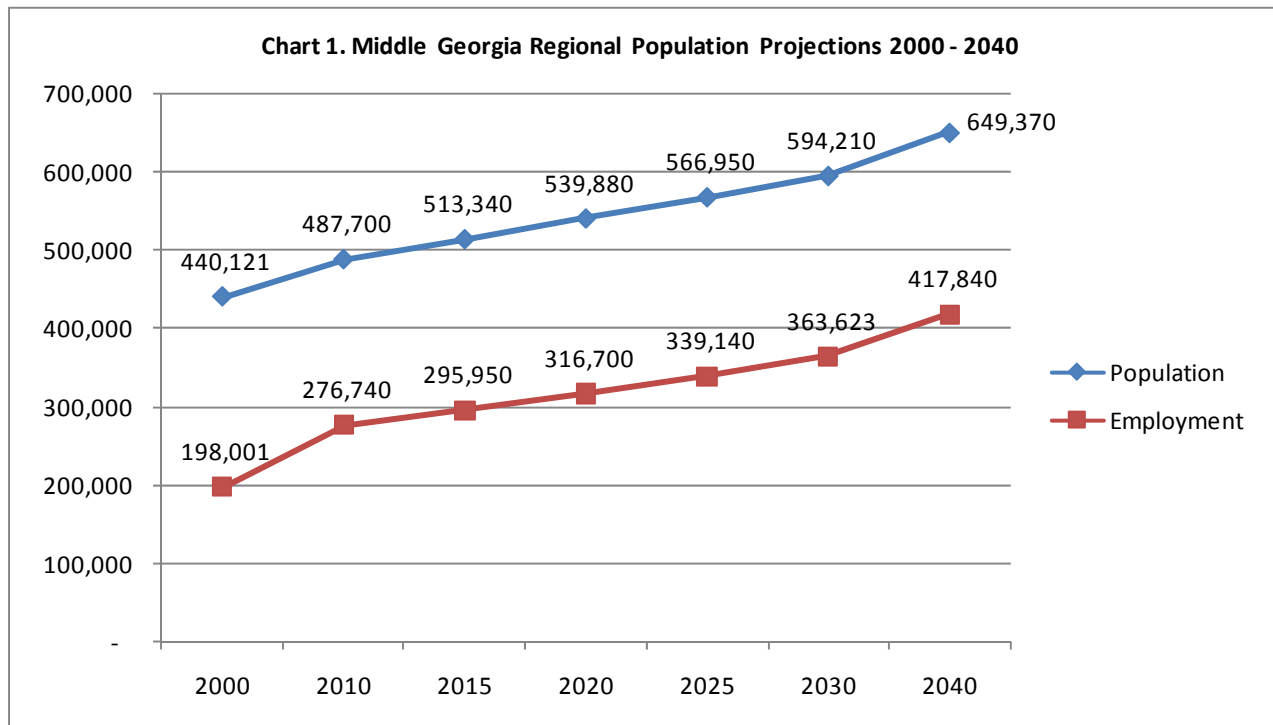
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Population and Employment Changes

The Middle Georgia Region consists of Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, Pulaski, Putnam, Twiggs, and Wilkinson Counties. The region has been growing steadily, and this growth is expected to continue into the future. According to population projections published in 2008 by Woods & Poole Economics (W&P), the 11-county Middle Georgia Region will reach a population of 649,370 by the year 2040—a 47.5 percent increase over the year 2000 population. According to the same projection publication, job growth in the region will increase at a comparable rate to population. By 2040, total employment is estimated to reach 417,840—more than twice what it was at the last census, in the year 2000.

In addition to the total population and employment increases in Middle Georgia, the population is expected to be significantly older than it is today. This is primarily a result of the aging baby-boomer generation. Whereas approximately 11 percent of the population was 65 years of age or older in the year 1990, by 2040 this is estimated to increase to over 20 percent. From the year 2000 to the year 2040, the percent of the population that is 65 years of age or older is expected to increase by approximately 167 percent.

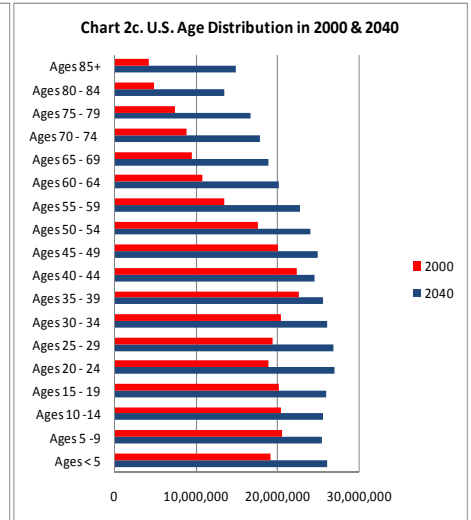
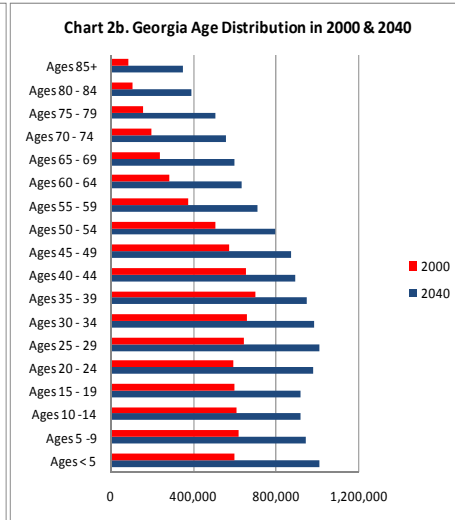
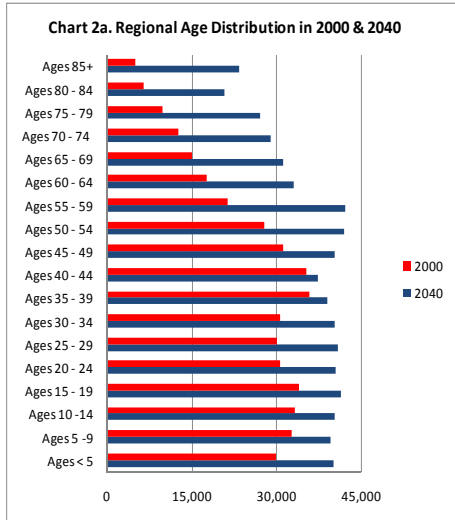
Population Change	#	%	GA %	US %
2000 - 2010	47,579	10.81%	20.62%	10.07%
2010 - 2020	52,180	10.70%	13.32%	10.11%
2020 - 2030	54,330	10.06%	12.10%	9.56%
2030 - 2040	55,160	9.28%	10.90%	8.84%
Employment Change	#	%	GA %	US %
2000 - 2010	78,739	39.77%	16.19%	12.19%
2010 - 2020	39,960	14.44%	14.77%	12.73%
2020 - 2030	46,923	14.82%	14.90%	12.73%
2030 - 2040	54,217	14.91%	15.03%	12.73%



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Table 2. Middle Georgia Age Distribution Projections

Age Group	Year							Change 2000 - 2040			
	2000	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2040	Total	Percent	GA %	US %
Ages < 5	29,953	34,350	35,800	36,650	37,230	37,710	40,180	10,227	34.14%	68.99%	36.56%
Ages 5 - 9	32,760	33,010	35,060	36,580	37,550	38,210	39,700	6,940	21.18%	52.62%	24.34%
Ages 10 - 14	33,329	31,630	33,900	36,200	37,900	38,950	40,400	7,071	21.22%	50.52%	25.06%
Ages 15 - 19	34,012	35,060	32,750	35,140	37,670	39,420	41,410	7,398	21.75%	53.73%	28.67%
Ages 20 - 24	30,636	35,460	34,660	32,480	34,920	37,640	40,550	9,914	32.36%	64.72%	42.44%
Ages 25 - 29	30,047	36,340	36,430	35,600	33,420	36,060	40,830	10,783	35.89%	56.79%	38.84%
Ages 30 - 34	30,721	31,000	37,490	37,640	36,780	34,600	40,370	9,649	31.41%	49.50%	27.41%
Ages 35 - 39	35,875	30,770	31,970	38,890	39,100	38,310	39,010	3,135	8.74%	35.19%	12.74%
Ages 40 - 44	35,333	32,020	31,410	32,840	39,950	40,310	37,460	2,127	6.02%	36.41%	9.35%
Ages 45 - 49	31,237	35,660	32,250	31,780	33,340	40,650	40,430	9,193	29.43%	52.27%	24.35%
Ages 50 - 54	27,824	35,120	36,020	32,680	32,350	33,960	41,980	14,156	50.88%	57.24%	36.98%
Ages 55 - 59	21,409	31,720	35,050	36,150	32,970	32,730	42,160	20,751	96.93%	88.21%	69.52%
Ages 60 - 64	17,721	25,710	28,840	33,120	34,390	31,550	33,140	15,419	87.01%	121.23%	87.08%
Ages 65 - 69	15,127	19,430	24,890	28,110	32,480	33,930	31,320	16,193	107.05%	152.91%	97.92%
Ages 70 - 74	12,648	14,670	17,410	22,480	25,570	29,720	28,970	16,322	129.05%	179.52%	101.94%
Ages 75 - 79	9,945	11,230	12,200	14,640	19,050	21,930	27,230	17,285	173.81%	221.50%	126.51%
Ages 80 - 84	6,435	7,850	8,530	9,460	11,460	15,110	20,820	14,385	223.54%	273.79%	173.66%
Ages 85+	5,109	7,630	8,650	9,480	7,400	13,460	23,400	18,291	358.02%	296.51%	253.63%
Total	440,121	488,660	513,310	539,920	563,530	594,250	649,360	209,239	47.54%	70.86%	44.91%
Ages 0 - 19	130,054	134,050	137,510	144,570	150,350	154,290	161,690	31,636	24.33%	56.40%	28.52%
Ages 20 - 64	260,803	293,800	304,120	311,180	317,220	325,810	355,930	95,127	36.47%	56.65%	33.96%
Ages 65+	49,264	60,810	71,680	84,170	95,960	114,150	131,740	82,476	167.42%	205.52%	134.57%
% 65+	11.19%	12.44%	13.96%	15.59%	17.03%	19.21%	20.29%				



The population of the Middle Georgia region is expected to grow at a slightly higher rate than the Nation as a whole, but not nearly as fast as the State of Georgia. According to population projections from W&P, from 2000 to 2040, the State of Georgia is expected to grow by over 70 percent, while the Nation is only expected to grow by just under 45 percent. In addition, as Table 2 illustrates, the surging elderly population is a phenomenon being experienced all over the State and the Nation, not just in Middle Georgia.

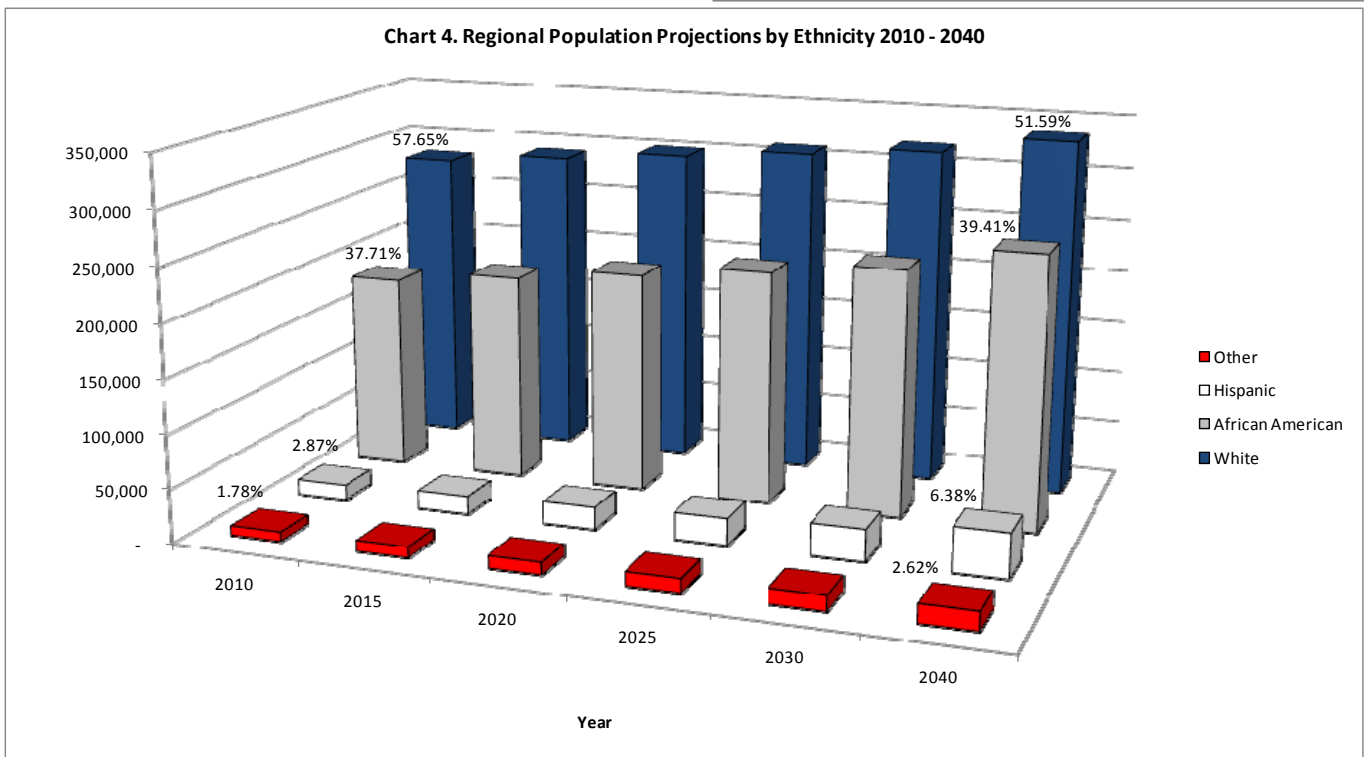
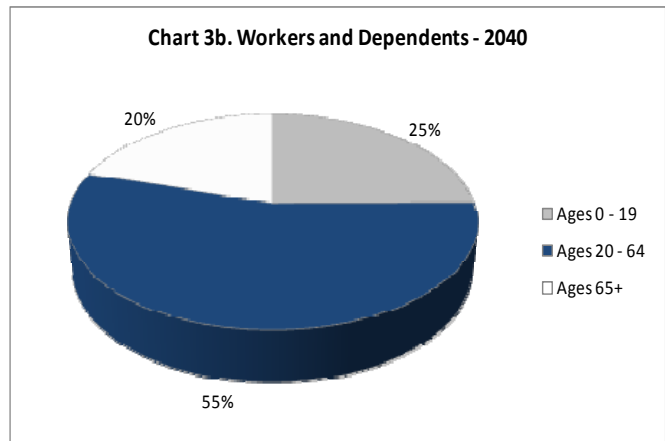
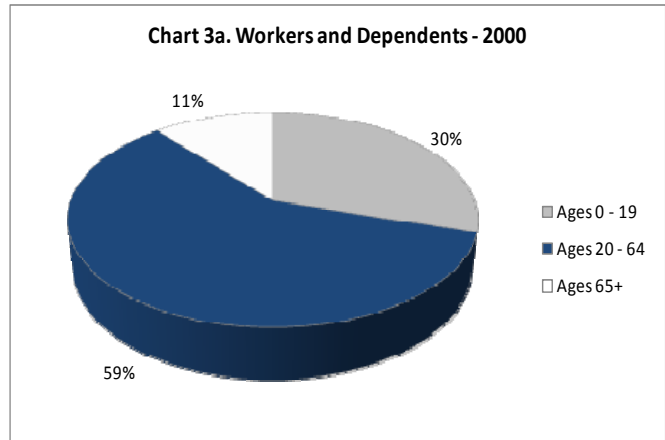
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In contrast to the increase in elderly population, the population of those under 20 years of age in the region is projected to grow at a much slower rate (24.3%) than the population as a whole. The same is true for the population ages 20 to 64, which is projected to grow by only 36.5 percent. These trends are generally true for the State of Georgia and the Nation as well.

Although the population of the region is expected to increase, a slightly smaller portion of the population will be of independent working age (here defined as ages 20-64). In the year 2000, approximately 59 percent of the population was of independent working age; however, this segment of the population is expected to decrease to 55 percent by 2040. This means that there will be roughly one worker for each dependent in the region.

Racial and Ethnic Makeup

From 2010 to 2040, the racial make-up of the region

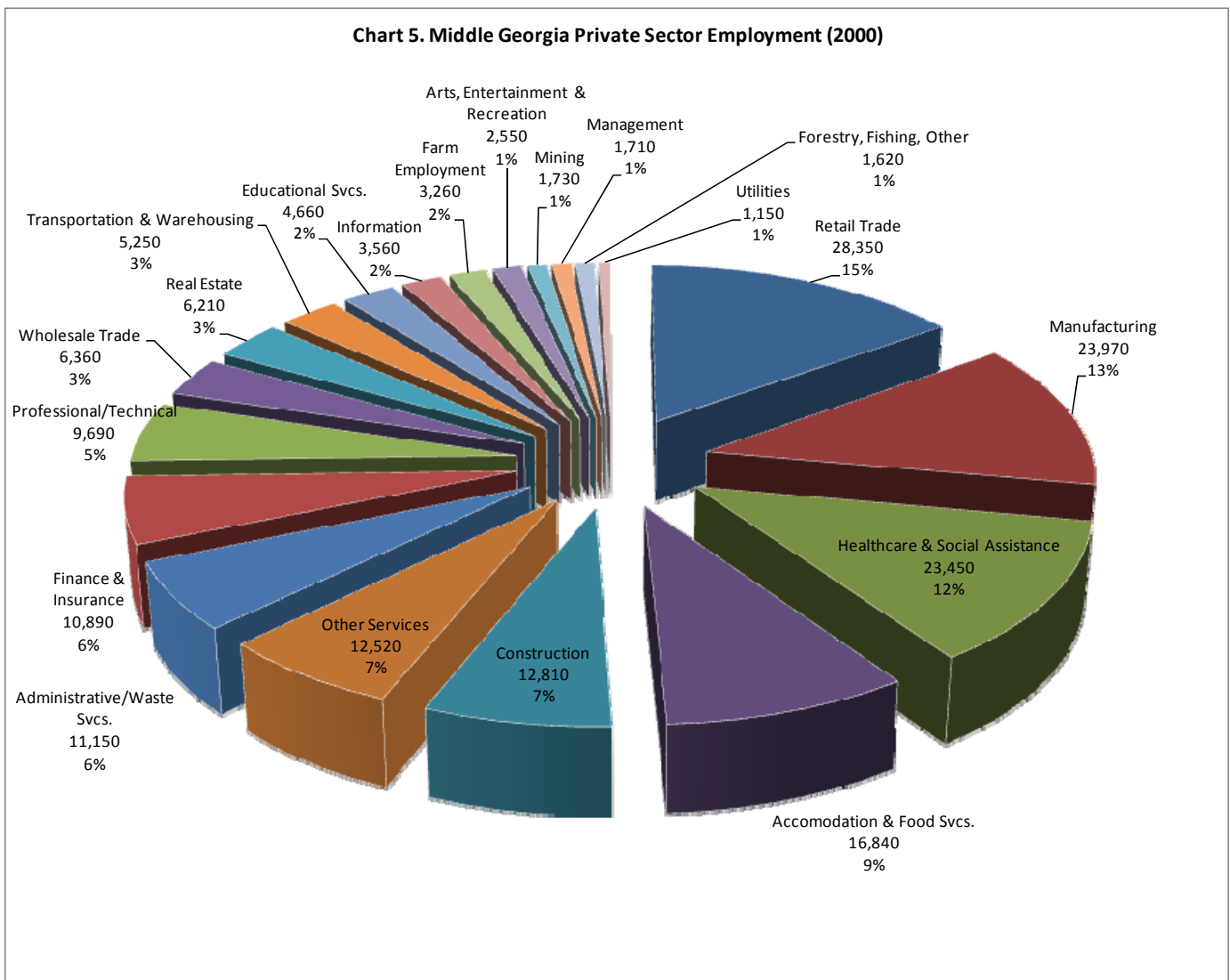


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is projected to change only slightly, with percentage gains in the African-American and Hispanic populations, as well as those who identify with some other ethnicity. However, Whites will still maintain a demographic majority with slightly more than half of the total population (see Chart 4).

Economic Growth Sectors

In the year 2000, the largest private industry sectors, in terms of total employment, were Retail Trade, Manufacturing, and Healthcare and the smallest were Management, Forestry, and Utilities (see Chart 5 below for a full breakdown). By 2040, the Middle Georgia region is expected to gain approximately 157,540 private sector jobs—49 percent of these gains will be in the Healthcare, Administrative, and Other Services sectors. By 2040, employment estimates indicated that Healthcare will surpass Retail Trade as the largest private industry sector and Manufacturing will fall from the second largest to the eighth largest.



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Chart 6a. Projected Regional Employment Change by Sector (2000 - 2040)

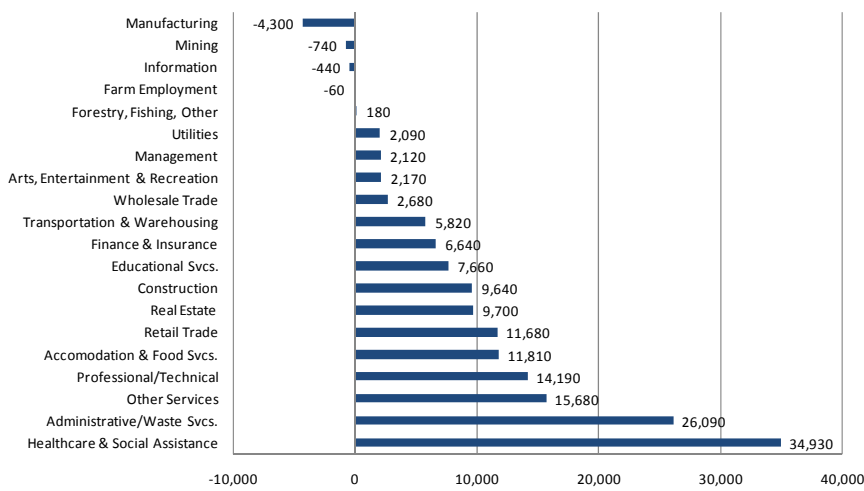


Chart 6b. Projected Georgia Employment Change by Sector (2000 - 2040)

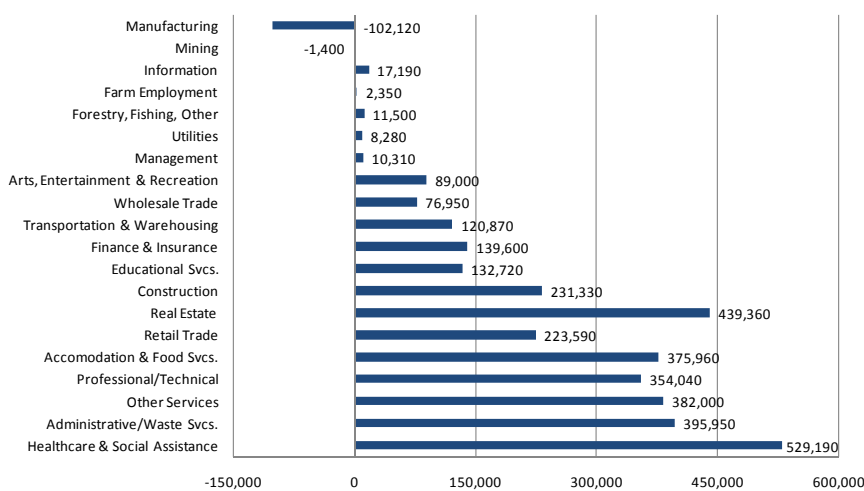
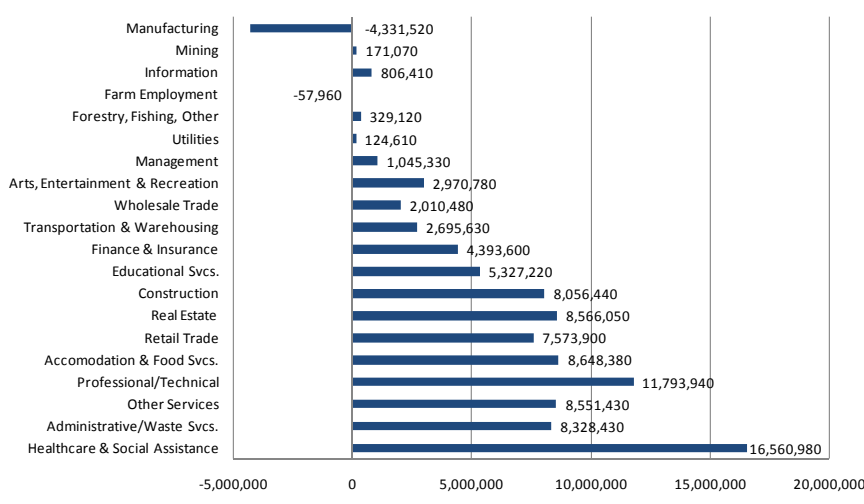


Chart 6c. Projected U.S. Employment Change by Sector (2000 - 2040)



Given the expected increases in the aging population, it is not surprising to see healthcare among the largest private industry growth sectors. Equally unsurprising are the losses in the manufacturing sector. These losses in Middle Georgia are representative of statewide and National trends that show the decline of the manufacturing sector and a steady increase in service-based industries to replace it (see Charts 6b. & 6c.).

Sources: Demographic data from 2000 was compiled from the U.S. Census Bureau. All demographic projection data was compiled from Woods and Poole Economics, 2008 edition.

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