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**“Middle Georgia, the Military, and Transportation,” Grassroots column by Charles Davidson,  
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### **Discussion questions**

1. What three forces defined the economy of Macon, Georgia? Which are still important today?
2. What new economic sectors have become increasingly important in the Macon economy? How does Macon’s employment in these sectors compare to state and national averages for these sectors?
3. What role does Robins Air Force Base play in terms of employment? How does the chamber of commerce ensure that the base will not be negatively affected by the BRAC—base realignment and closure—process?
4. Which industry has gone to Macon because of the city’s location and transportation infrastructure? How could the Port of Savannah bring business to Macon?
5. What developments occurred to change the region’s economic ties to cotton and manufacturing?
6. How did World War II affect the region?
7. How will Macon’s health care sector adjust so it can promote long-term economic growth? What percentage of the region’s jobs come from this and the education sector?

### **Related links**

[Economy at a Glance: Macon Georgia](#), Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor

[Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Macon Chamber of Commerce](#)

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[Robins Air Force Base](#)