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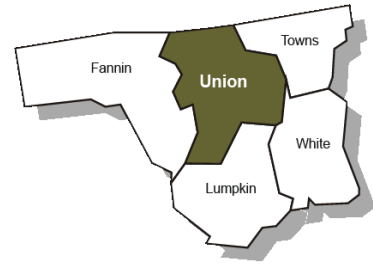


*Georgia*

**Area Labor Profile**

**Union**

**County**



Updated: Dec 2021

**Labor Force Activity - 2020**

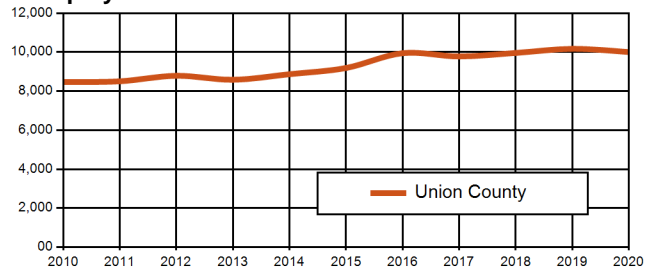
**2020 ANNUAL AVERAGES**

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Union	10,464	10,006	458	4.4%
Fannin	11,066	10,542	524	4.7%
Lumpkin	16,463	15,671	792	4.8%
Towns	3,841	3,585	256	6.7%
White	16,197	15,491	706	4.4%
<b>Union Area</b>	<b>58,031</b>	<b>55,295</b>	<b>2,736</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
Georgia	5,072,155	4,741,191	330,964	6.5%
United States	160,742,000	147,795,000	12,947,000	8.1%
Cherokee, NC	10,952	10,084	868	7.9%
Clay, NC	4,079	3,778	301	7.4%

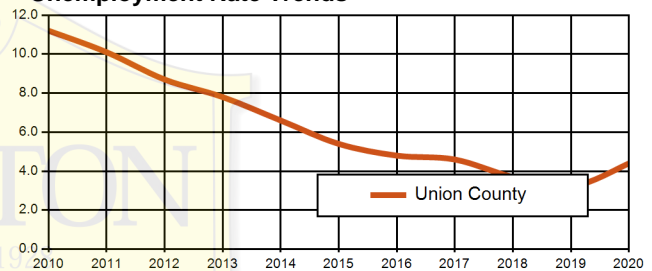
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

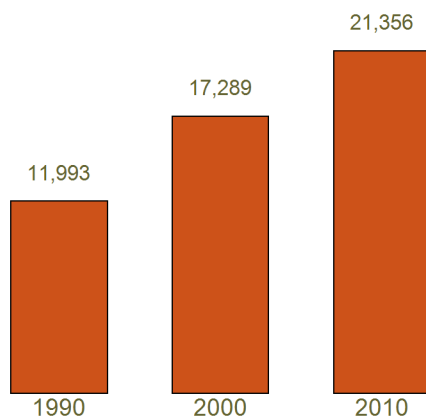
**Employment Trends**



**Unemployment Rate Trends**



**Population Estimates**



**Population**

	2010 Census	2020 Rank	2020 Estimate	% Change 2010-2020	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
<b>Union</b>	<b>21,356</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>25,358</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>25,456</b>	<b>19.2</b>
City of Blairsville	652					
<b>Union Area</b>	<b>149,195</b>		<b>169,984</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>181,229</b>	<b>21.5</b>
Georgia	9,687,653		10,710,017	10.6	11,335,283	17.0
United States	308,745,538		329,484,123	6.7	349,439,199	13.2
Cherokee, NC	26,250		29,073	10.8	32,693	24.5
Clay, NC	10,326		11,505	11.4	12,947	25.4

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, \*Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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# Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2021

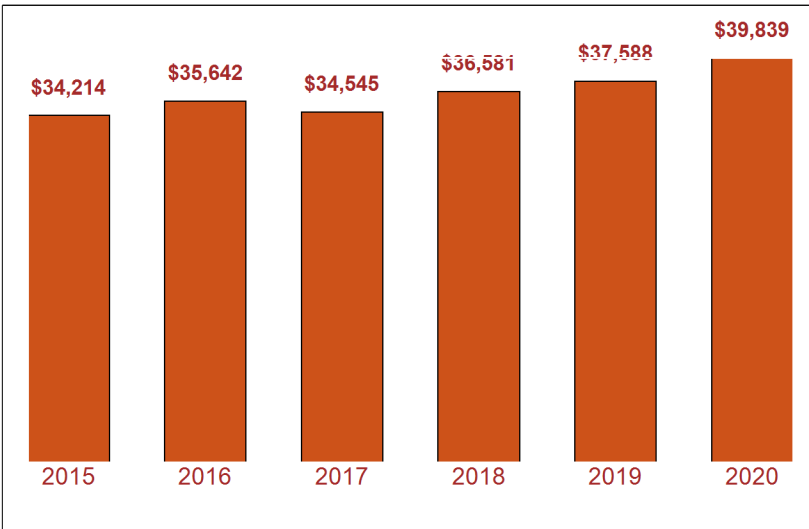
INDUSTRY	Union				Union Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>4,629</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>908</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	7	196	2.7	886	28	564	1.7	819
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	3	43	0.6	1,238	7	66	0.2	1,194
Construction	87	360	5.0	788	353	1,868	5.5	921
Manufacturing	29	402	5.6	953	141	2,131	6.2	912
Food	2	*	*	*	15	189	0.6	446
Apparel	1	*	*	*	3	*	*	*
Wood Product	2	*	*	*	11	76	0.2	733
Printing and Related Support Activities	5	8	0.1	350	9	14	0.0	460
Petroleum and Coal Products	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Chemical	2	*	*	*	8	58	0.2	1,024
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	4	67	0.2	1,030
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	1	*	*	*	6	39	0.1	966
Fabricated Metal Product	4	*	*	*	15	433	1.3	1,013
Machinery	2	*	*	*	5	104	0.3	905
Computer and Electronic Product	2	*	*	*	3	3	0.0	1,895
Transportation Equipment	2	*	*	*	10	510	1.5	1,105
Furniture and Related Product	3	8	0.1	549	11	32	0.1	644
Miscellaneous	1	*	*	*	14	64	0.2	721
Leather and Allied Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	3	133	0.4	856
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	17	214	0.6	535
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>4,298</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>2,459</b>	<b>22,658</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>666</b>
Utilities	3	14	0.2	521	10	319	0.9	1,274
Wholesale Trade	26	175	2.4	1,255	98	672	2.0	1,047
Retail Trade	96	1,271	17.6	533	483	5,233	15.3	561
Transportation and Warehousing	22	311	4.3	1,004	78	780	2.3	864
Information	5	30	0.4	1,399	36	*	*	*
Finance and Insurance	35	118	1.6	1,041	138	553	1.6	1,142
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	39	86	1.2	846	159	484	1.4	686
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	48	214	3.0	1,151	245	1,014	3.0	990
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3	*	*	*	4	*	*	*
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	27	118	1.6	1,013	138	783	2.3	759
Educational Services	1	*	*	*	22	1,479	4.3	468
Health Care and Social Assistance	80	642	8.9	972	291	3,561	10.4	880
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	6	45	0.6	267	47	494	1.4	487
Accommodation and Food Services	51	729	10.1	363	360	5,784	16.9	410
Other Services (except Public Administration)	35	144	2.0	627	160	763	2.2	612
<b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1,023</b>
<b>Total - Private Sector</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>5,339</b>	<b>73.9</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>2,988</b>	<b>27,287</b>	<b>79.9</b>	<b>707</b>
<b>Total - Government</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>6,855</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>915</b>
Federal Government	6	51	0.7	1,326	24	260	0.8	1,235
State Government	15	194	2.7	658	59	1,885	5.5	953
Local Government	11	1,643	22.7	916	48	4,710	13.8	882
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>7,227</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>3,119</b>	<b>34,144</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>749</b>
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia</b>					<b>336,630</b>	<b>4,430,045</b>		<b>1,139</b>

Note: \*Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding. All figures are 2nd Quarter of 2021.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

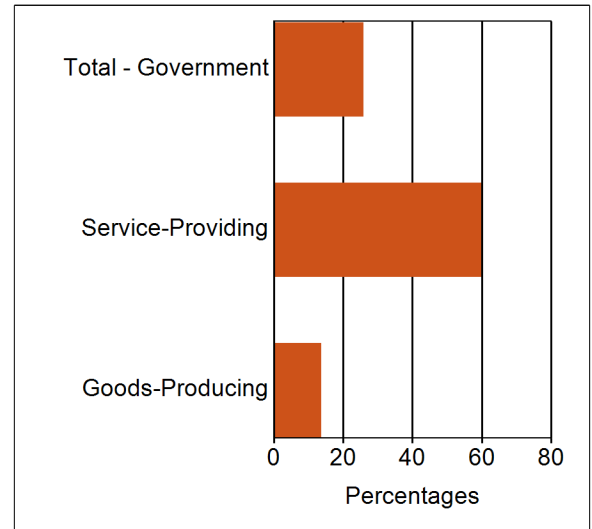
## Union Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



## Union Industry Mix 2021

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



## Top Ten Largest Employers - 2021\*

### Union

Corrugated Replacements Inc  
 Aviagen North America, Inc.  
 Chick-Fil-A  
 Davenport Transportation, Inc.  
 Ingles Markets, Inc.  
 Panel Built, Inc.  
 Regency Hospice of Georgia, LLC  
 The Home Depot  
 United Community Bank  
 Walmart

### Union Area

Chatuge Regional Hospital, Inc.  
 Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership  
 Mountain Education Center, Inc.  
 Truett-McConnell College  
 United Community Bank  
 University of North Georgia  
 Walmart  
 Walmart  
 Walmart  
 Walmart

### COUNTY

Towns  
 White  
 White  
 White  
 Union  
 Lumpkin  
 White  
 Lumpkin  
 Union  
 Fannin

\*Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the Second Quarter of 2021. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

## Education of the Labor Force

### Union Area

### PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	6.3%	1.6%	1.6%	4.5%	5.2%	14.0%
Some High School	12.1%	17.8%	13.8%	10.0%	11.1%	11.4%
High School Grad/GED	34.4%	27.5%	37.8%	37.4%	35.2%	33.0%
Some College	23.2%	44.6%	26.1%	19.5%	20.1%	18.3%
College Grad 2 Yr	6.5%	4.8%	6.3%	8.4%	7.9%	4.2%
College Grad 4 Yr	10.5%	3.7%	10.0%	14.0%	11.8%	10.0%
Post Graduate Studies	7.0%	0.0%	4.5%	6.3%	8.9%	9.2%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. Some College category represents workers with some college with no degree less than two years.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

## High School Graduates - 2020



	<b>PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>	<b>PRIVATE SCHOOLS*</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Fannin	217	--	217
Lumpkin	243	--	243
Towns	58	--	58
Union	197	--	197
White	244	--	244
<b>Union Area</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>959</b>

Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

\* Private schools data is not available for 2020 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

## Colleges and Universities

### Union Area

#### Lumpkin

University of North Georgia (Main Campus) [ung.edu/](http://ung.edu/)

#### Union

Blairsville Campus (Satellite campus of North Georgia Technical College) [www.northgatech.edu](http://www.northgatech.edu)

#### White

Truett McConnell University [www.truett.edu](http://www.truett.edu)

#### Towns

Young Harris College [www.yhc.edu](http://www.yhc.edu)

Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

## Technical College Graduates - 2020\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2018	2019	2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	118	157	149	33.1	-5.1
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	67	45	46	-32.8	2.2
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist°	32	30	33	-6.3	10.0
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	21	36	19	71.4	-47.2
Architectural Drafting and Architectural CAD/CADD°	1	2	4	100.0	100.0
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	101	99	79	-2.0	-20.2
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	261	204	248	-21.8	21.6
Business Administration and Management, General°	82	70	177	-14.6	152.9
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician°	11	19	21	72.7	10.5
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	118	216	134	83.1	-38.0
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	3	9	15	200.0	66.7
Commercial Photography°	22	33	13	50.0	-60.6
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	60	61	28	1.7	-54.1
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	206	205	267	-0.5	30.2

# Technical College Graduates - 2020\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2018	2019	2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	44	86	87	95.5	1.2
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	18	18	9	0.0	-50.0
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General°	57	153	92	168.4	-39.9
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	27	14	31	-48.1	121.4
Dental Assisting/Assistant	13	7	10	-46.2	42.9
Design and Visual Communications, General°	33	30	20	-9.1	-33.3
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General°	10	19	25	90.0	31.6
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	27	29	32	7.4	10.3
Electrical and Power Transmission Installation/Installer, General°	12	12	13	0.0	8.3
Electrician°	58	66	72	13.8	9.1
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	141	190	153	34.8	-19.5
Environmental Control Technologies/Technicians, Other	6	9	11	50.0	22.2
Fire Prevention and Safety Technology/Technician°	3	8	1	166.7	-87.5
Fire Science/Fire-fighting°	14	36	28	157.1	-22.2
Fire Services Administration	2	6	3	200.0	-50.0
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant°	12	26	11	116.7	-57.7
Graphic Design°	14	12	3	-14.3	-75.0
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician°	10	22	21	120.0	-4.5
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/°	84	123	113	46.4	-8.1
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	143	200	218	39.9	9.0
Interior Design°	27	23	44	-14.8	91.3
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	56	69	66	23.2	-4.3
Lineworker°	59	62	61	5.1	-1.6
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	73	84	69	15.1	-17.9
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	12	8	10	-33.3	25.0
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder°	11	1	15	-90.9	1400.0
Medical Office Assistant/Specialist°	63	76	84	20.6	10.5
Medical/Clinical Assistant	80	59	90	-26.3	52.5
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	28	39	39	39.3	0.0
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	125	92	82	-26.4	-10.9
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant°	8	9	8	12.5	-11.1
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	18	14	15	-22.2	7.1
Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing°	25	16	35	-36.0	118.8
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	18	19	17	5.6	-10.5
Surgical Technology/Technologist	31	17	9	-45.2	-47.1
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	21	22	32	4.8	45.5

# Technical College Graduates - 2020\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2018	2019	2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design°	20	11	7	-45.0	-36.4
Welding Technology/Welder°	453	464	289	2.4	-37.7

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates(°) are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

\*Data shown represents Annual 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

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