





Clarke

County



Area Labor Profile

Updated: Nov 2024

Labor Force Activity

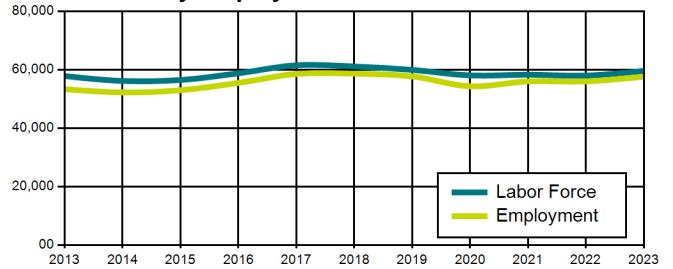
September 2024

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Clarke	62,209	59,873	2,336	3.8%
Barrow	44,397	43,023	1,374	3.1%
Jackson	51,634	50,503	1,131	2.2%
Madison	14,382	13,934	448	3.1%
Oconee	21,509	20,967	542	2.5%
Oglethorpe	7,402	7,170	232	3.1%
Clarke Area	201,533	195,470	6,063	3.0%
Georgia	5,410,794	5,226,303	184,491	3.4%
United States	168,569,000	162,046,000	6,524,000	3.9%

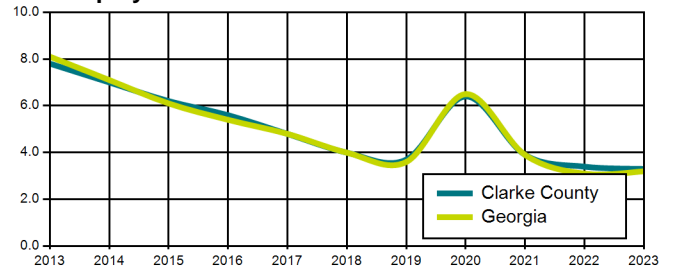
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

Clarke County Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends

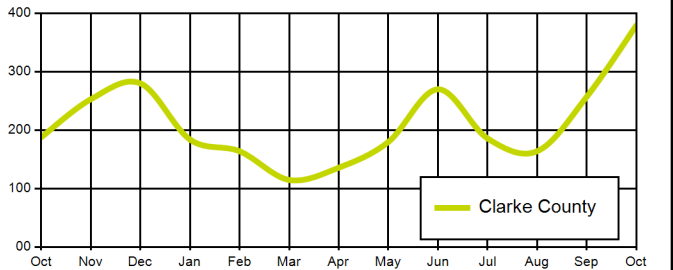


Initial Claims Activity

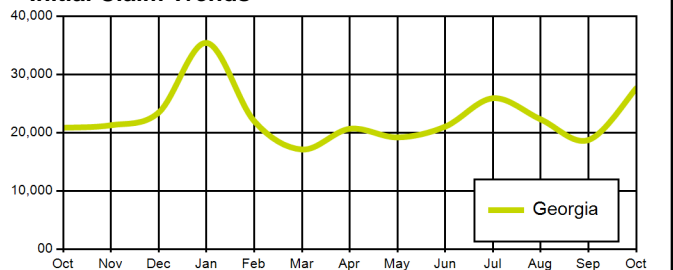
	October 2024	September 2024	August 2024	Total
Clarke	379	257	164	800
Barrow	204	135	170	509
Jackson	137	91	126	354
Madison	80	52	50	182
Oconee	50	40	25	115
Oglethorpe	42	28	12	82
Clarke Area	892	603	547	2,042

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

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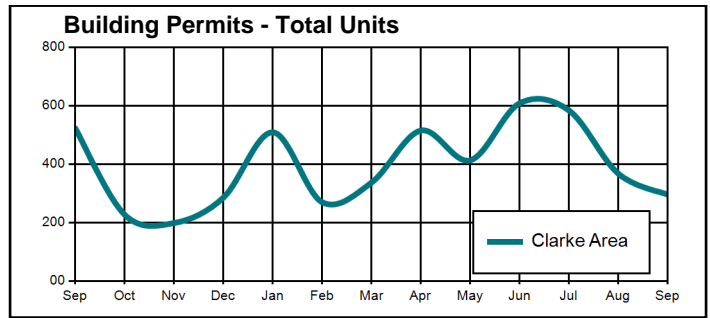
Initial Claim Trends



Building Permit Construction Activity

	Clarke Area			
	September 2024	August 2024	July 2024	Total
Totals	296	368	584	1,248
Family residential	264	359	422	1,045
Multi family resident	32	9	162	203

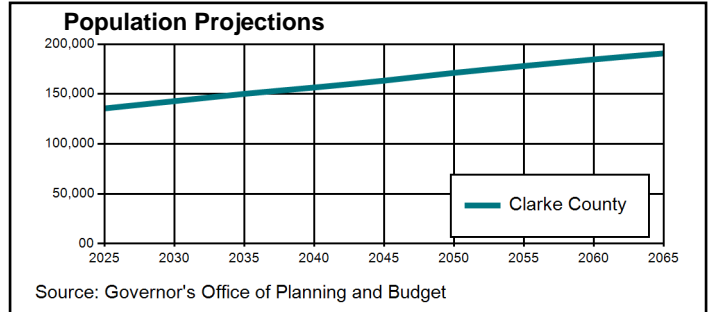
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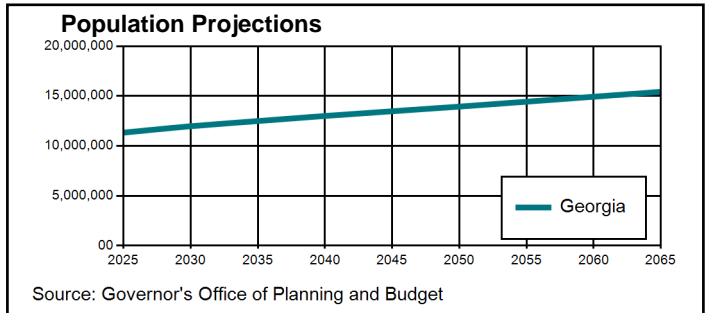
Population Activity

	Annual 2023	Annual 2022	Difference
Clarke	129,933	129,875	58
Barrow	92,792	89,299	3,493
Jackson	88,615	83,936	4,679
Madison	32,191	31,473	718
Oconee	44,182	43,588	594
Oglethorpe	15,754	15,469	285
Clarke Area	403,467	393,640	9,827
Georgia	11,029,227	10,912,876	116,351
United States	334,914,895	333,287,557	1,627,338

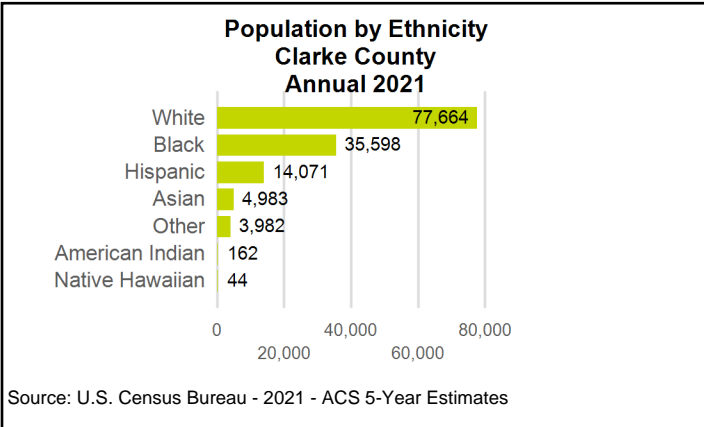
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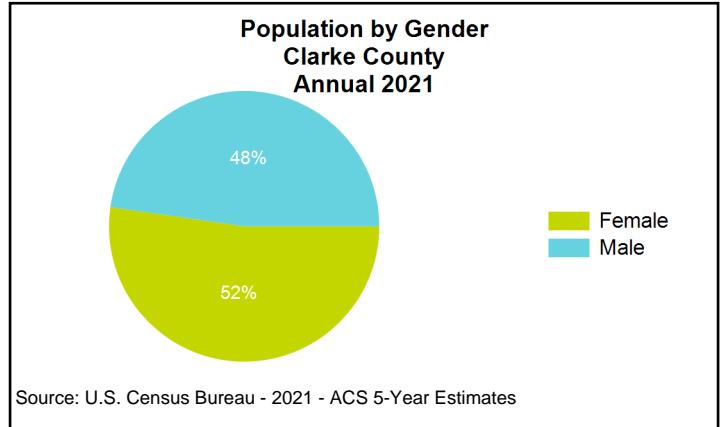
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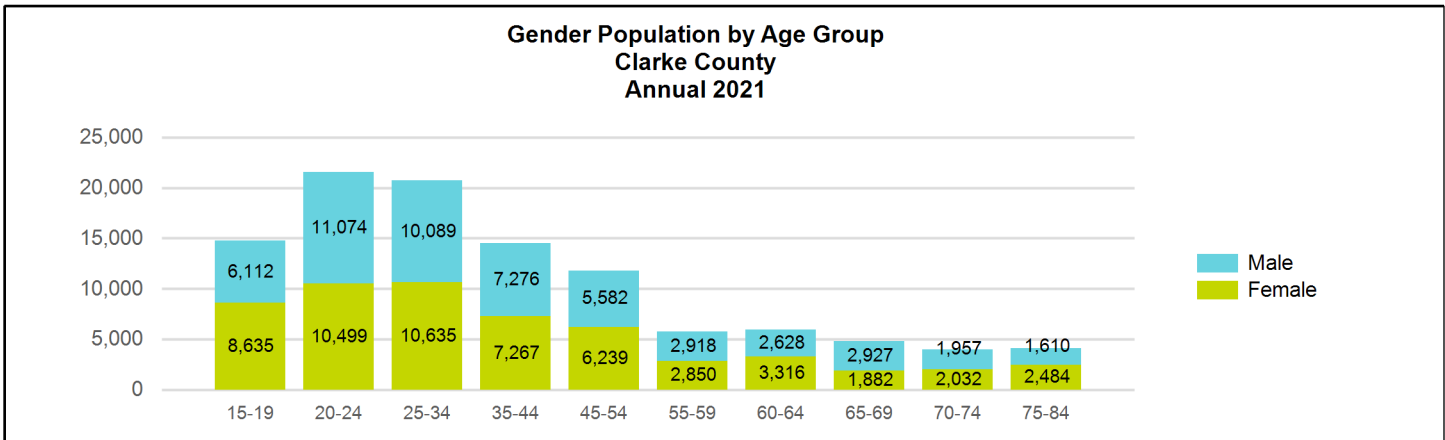
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2021 - ACS 5-Year Estimates



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Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2024

INDUSTRY	Clarke				Clarke Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE
		NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT	
Goods-Producing	351	8,084	11.2	1,274	1,607	26,494	16.2	1,262
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	13	148	0.2	755	116	1,001	0.6	856
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	*	*	*	18	139	0.1	1,580
Construction	202	2,336	3.3	1,434	1,052	7,495	4.6	1,354
Manufacturing	135	5,579	7.8	1,217	421	17,859	10.9	1,244
Food	19	*	*	*	45	4,168	2.6	931
Beverage and Tobacco Product	8	310	0.4	993	17	386	0.2	893
Textile Mills	4	33	0.0	804	7	327	0.2	1,368
Textile Product Mills	2	*	*	*	4	*	*	*
Leather and Allied Product	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Wood Product	5	24	0.0	1,407	26	462	0.3	1,412
Paper	2	*	*	*	3	*	*	*
Printing and Related Support Activities	9	108	0.2	877	20	219	0.1	808
Petroleum and Coal Products	2	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Chemical	15	484	0.7	1,677	40	1,393	0.9	1,668
Plastics and Rubber Products	6	601	0.8	1,220	14	1,066	0.7	1,188
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	6	307	0.4	1,634	21	992	0.6	1,450
Primary Metal	1	*	*	*	6	186	0.1	1,818
Fabricated Metal Product	12	207	0.3	970	73	1,063	0.7	1,137
Machinery	3	*	*	*	28	2,298	1.4	1,239
Computer and Electronic Product	6	28	0.0	1,042	11	40	0.0	1,385
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	9	928	1.3	1,328	13	2,765	1.7	1,412
Transportation Equipment	4	273	0.4	1,544	21	1,669	1.0	1,324
Furniture and Related Product	5	25	0.0	1,069	27	275	0.2	1,099
Miscellaneous	16	220	0.3	1,111	40	400	0.2	1,488
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Service-Providing	3,289	43,761	60.9	946	7,679	105,926	64.9	897
Utilities	7	197	0.3	1,894	20	621	0.4	1,968
Wholesale Trade	115	3,433	4.8	1,133	378	9,094	5.6	1,164
Retail Trade	538	7,692	10.7	709	1,220	20,675	12.7	774
Transportation and Warehousing	64	1,156	1.6	952	260	15,919	9.8	835
Information	72	425	0.6	1,079	152	863	0.5	1,085
Finance and Insurance	168	1,016	1.4	1,872	463	2,125	1.3	1,628
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	228	1,092	1.5	1,061	516	3,228	2.0	969
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	434	2,315	3.2	1,671	1,051	5,024	3.1	1,396
Management of Companies and Enterprises	13	197	0.3	1,559	28	861	0.5	1,564
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	223	2,840	4.0	586	652	6,599	4.0	760
Educational Services	57	679	0.9	622	128	1,951	1.2	609
Health Care and Social Assistance	563	11,799	16.4	1,264	1,099	17,884	11.0	1,156
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	82	764	1.1	458	152	1,349	0.8	442
Accommodation and Food Services	426	8,411	11.7	421	832	15,794	9.7	413
Other Services (except Public Administration)	299	1,745	2.4	1,148	728	3,939	2.4	1,016
Unclassified - industry not assigned	218	104	0.1	1,351	631	329	0.2	1,248
Total - Private Sector	3,858	51,949	72.3	998	9,917	132,749	81.3	970
Total - Government	102	19,909	27.7	1,315	293	30,509	18.7	1,198
Federal Government	26	985	1.4	1,879	66	1,429	0.9	1,760
State Government	41	*	*	*	80	*	*	*
Local Government	35	4,765	6.6	1,108	147	14,613	9.0	1,009
ALL INDUSTRIES	3,960	71,859	100.0	1,086	10,210	163,259	100.0	1,013
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					392,216	4,866,656		1,297

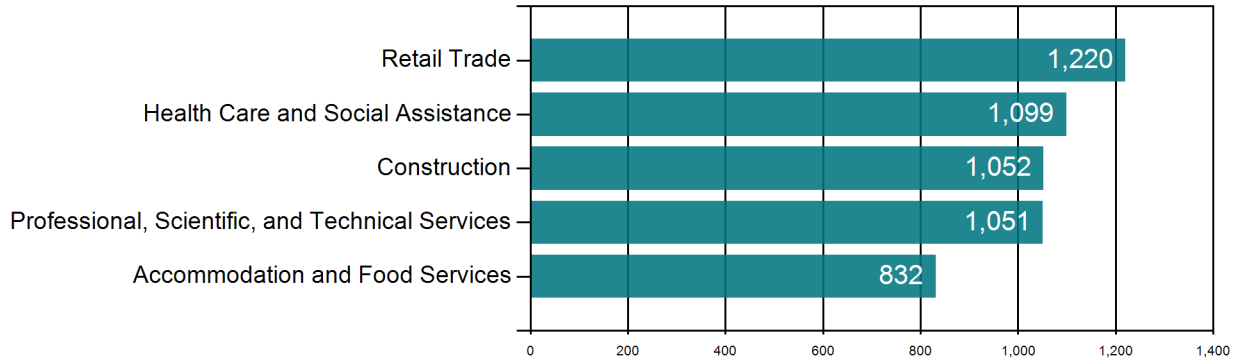
Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average 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 2024.

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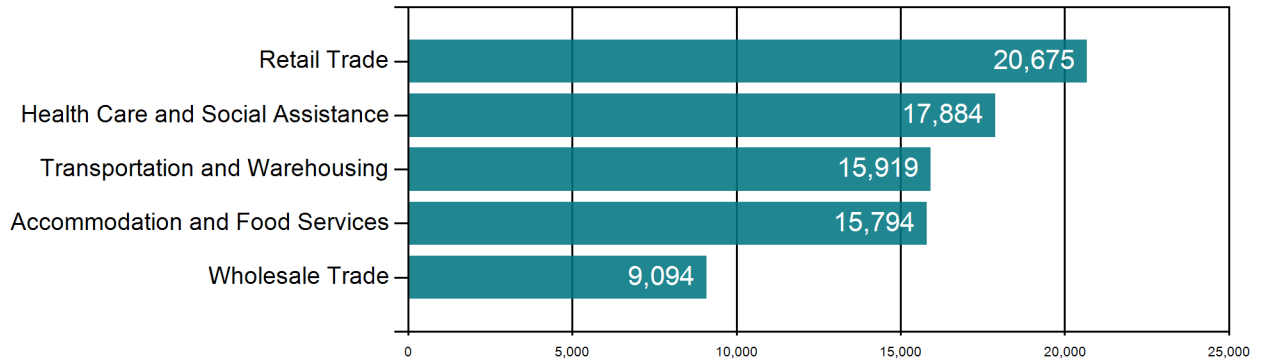
Top Industries - 2nd Quarter of 2024

Clarke Area

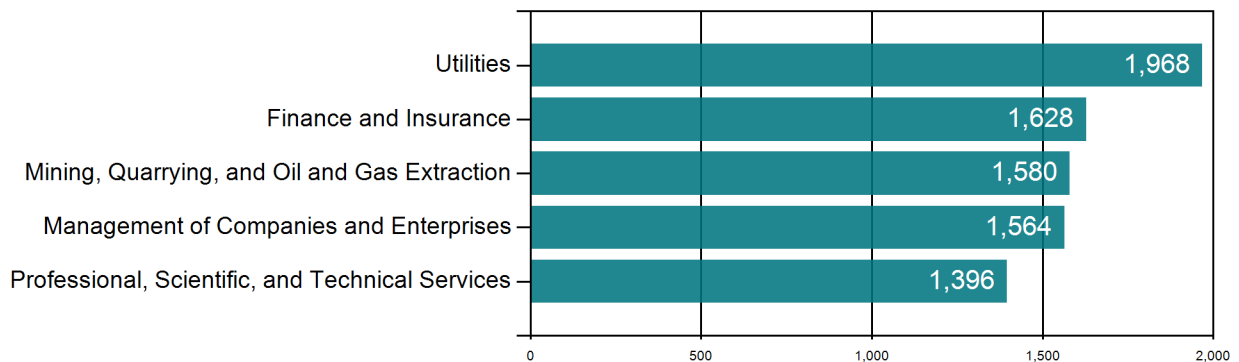
Top Industries by Firms



Top Industries by Employment



Top Industries by Weekly Wages



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Technical College Certificate Graduates - 2023

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2021	2022	2023	2021-2022	2022-2023
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor	48	48	106	0.0	120.8
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	74	95	105	28.4	10.5
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	63	127	96	101.6	-24.4
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician	29	69	80	137.9	15.9
Child Care Provider/Assistant	67	67	77	0.0	14.9
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician	135	86	65	-36.3	-24.4
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	48	55	57	14.6	3.6
Electrician	103	71	57	-31.1	-19.7
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	20	68	55	240.0	-19.1
Interior Design	17	46	42	170.6	-8.7

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

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

Technical College Diploma Graduates - 2023

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2021	2022	2023	2021-2022	2022-2023
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	34	35	37	2.9	5.7
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	19	29	22	52.6	-24.1
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	10	12	19	20.0	58.3
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician	3	3	14	0.0	366.7
Welding Technology/Welder	9	8	14	-11.1	75.0
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	10	13	13	30.0	0.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	40	26	12	-35.0	-53.8
Heavy Equipment Maintenance Technology/Technician	15	18	12	20.0	-33.3
Medical/Clinical Assistant	31	18	11	-41.9	-38.9
Electrician	13	18	10	38.5	-44.4

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

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Technical College Degree Graduates - 2023

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2021	2022	2023	2021-2022	2022-2023
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	54	41	46	-24.1	12.2
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	15	17	17	13.3	0.0
Dental Hygiene/Hygienist	15	13	15	-13.3	15.4
Business Administration and Management, General	11	15	14	36.4	-6.7
Social Work, Other	13	15	14	15.4	-6.7
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	15	11	13	-26.7	18.2
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	42	27	12	-35.7	-55.6
Physical Therapy Technician/Assistant	14	14	11	0.0	-21.4
Electrician	18	16	9	-11.1	-43.8
Legal Assistant/Paralegal	9	3	9	-66.7	200.0

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Top Ten Largest Employers - 2024*

Clarke County

Athens Regional Medical Center
 Caterpillar, Inc.
 Electric Research and Manufacturing
 Cooperative, Inc.
 Mclane Southeast
 Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
 Publix Super Markets, Inc.
 St. Marys Hospital
 The Kroger Company
 University Of Georgia
 Walmart

*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 2024. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Clarke Area

	<u>COUNTY</u>
Amazon.Com Services, Inc.	Jackson
Athens Regional Medical Center	Clarke
Caterpillar, Inc.	Clarke
HG Georgia Merchants, Inc.	Jackson
Kubota Manufacturing of America Corporation	Jackson
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	Clarke
Sk Battery America, Inc.	Jackson
St. Marys Hospital	Clarke
University Of Georgia	Clarke
Walmart	Clarke

Education of the Labor Force

Clarke Area

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT					
	OF TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	3.5%	0.5%	1.8%	4.5%	4.5%	5.8%
Some High School	7.7%	8.4%	5.6%	7.1%	8.3%	8.6%
High School Grad/GED	26.9%	24.6%	24.4%	24.8%	29.8%	29.0%
Some College	25.4%	51.9%	20.6%	18.8%	19.4%	19.8%
College Grad 2 Yr	7.3%	4.1%	9.8%	8.2%	8.2%	5.6%
College Grad 4 Yr	16.7%	9.8%	24.2%	19.8%	16.0%	14.6%
Post Graduate Studies	12.5%	0.7%	13.6%	17.0%	13.9%	16.8%
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

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2021: ACS 5-Year Estimates.

Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

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