





Area Labor Profile

Dawson

County



Updated: Nov 2024

Labor Force Activity

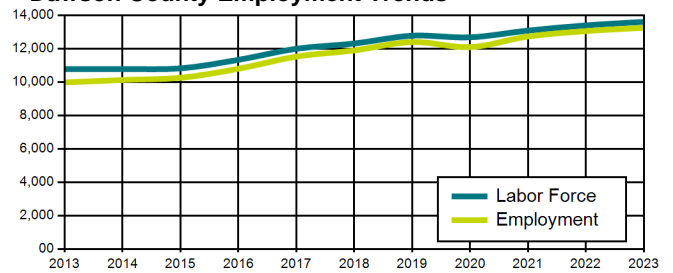
September 2024

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Dawson	13,909	13,531	378	2.7%
Cherokee	147,320	143,339	3,981	2.7%
Fannin	12,982	12,641	341	2.6%
Forsyth	134,226	130,577	3,649	2.7%
Gilmer	13,459	13,059	400	3.0%
Hall	114,825	111,999	2,826	2.5%
Lumpkin	18,789	18,273	516	2.7%
Pickens	16,356	15,908	448	2.7%
Dawson Area	471,866	459,327	12,539	2.7%
Georgia	5,410,794	5,226,303	184,491	3.4%
United States	168,569,000	162,046,000	6,524,000	3.9%

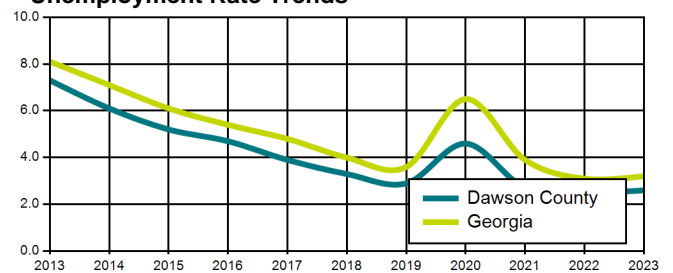
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

Dawson County Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends

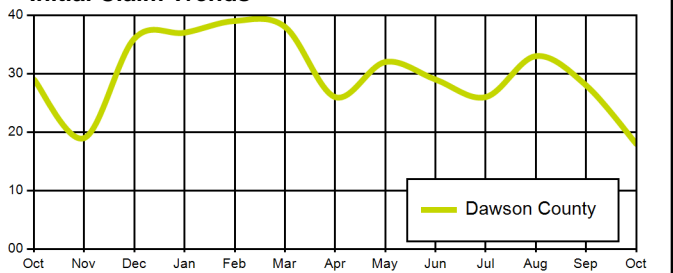


Initial Claims Activity

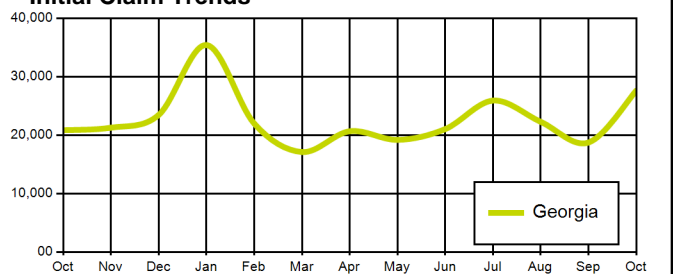
	October 2024	September 2024	August 2024	Total
Dawson	18	28	33	79
Cherokee	279	265	376	920
Fannin	4	9	21	34
Forsyth	250	238	268	756
Gilmer	24	25	35	84
Hall	305	312	356	973
Lumpkin	41	29	26	96
Pickens	23	26	29	78
Dawson Area	944	932	1,144	3,020

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

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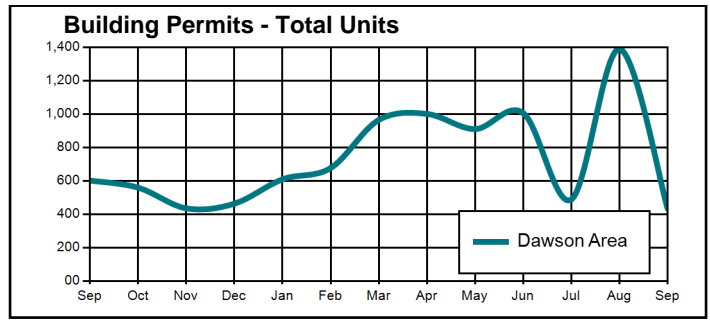
Initial Claim Trends



Building Permit Construction Activity

	Dawson Area			
	September 2024	August 2024	July 2024	Total
Totals	435	1,389	489	2,313
Family residential	422	611	472	1,505
Multi family resident	13	778	17	808

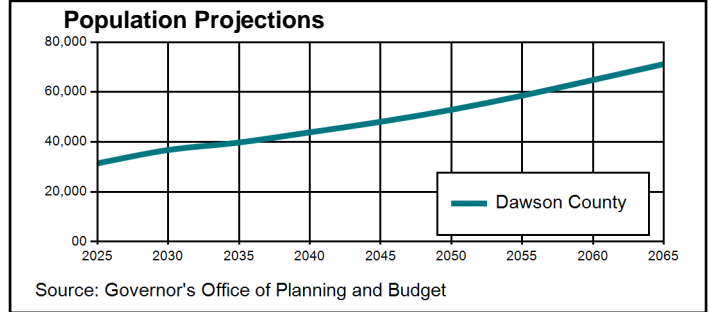
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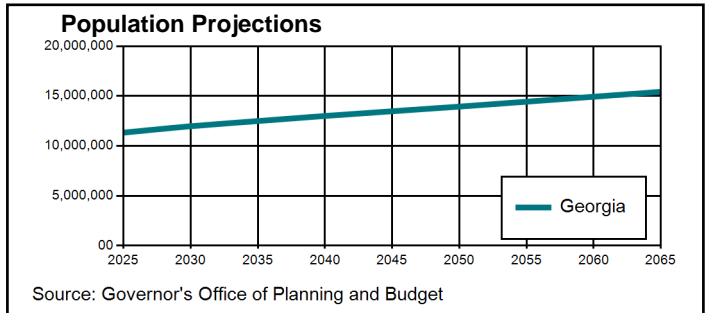
Population Activity

	Annual 2023	Annual 2022	Difference
Dawson	31,732	30,138	1,594
Cherokee	286,602	281,278	5,324
Fannin	25,955	25,737	218
Forsyth	272,887	267,237	5,650
Gilmer	32,860	32,407	453
Hall	217,267	212,692	4,575
Lumpkin	35,258	34,796	462
Pickens	35,969	34,826	1,143
Dawson Area	938,530	919,111	19,419
Georgia	11,029,227	10,912,876	116,351
United States	334,914,895	333,287,557	1,627,338

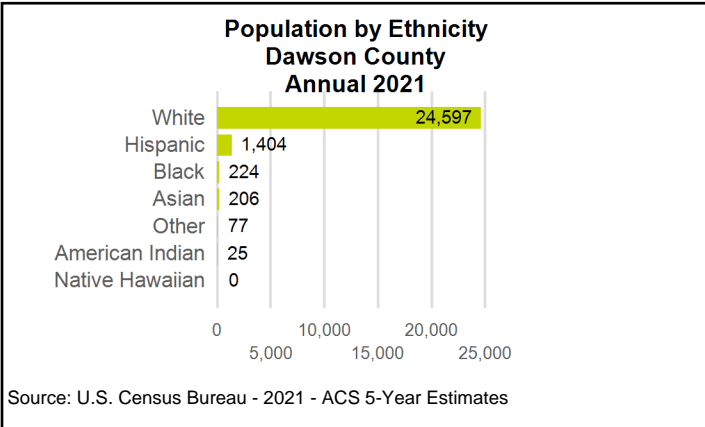
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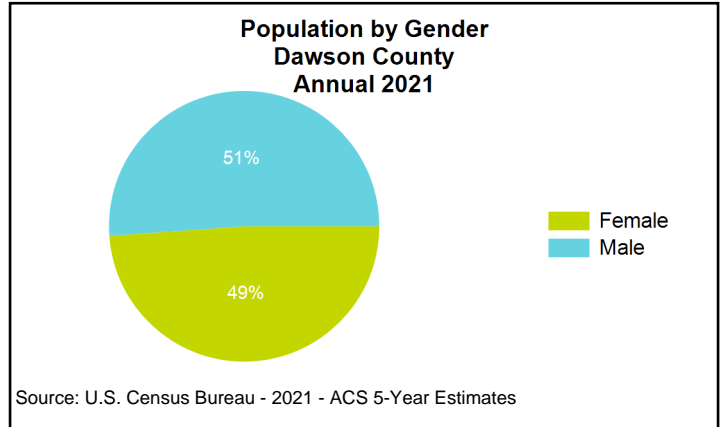
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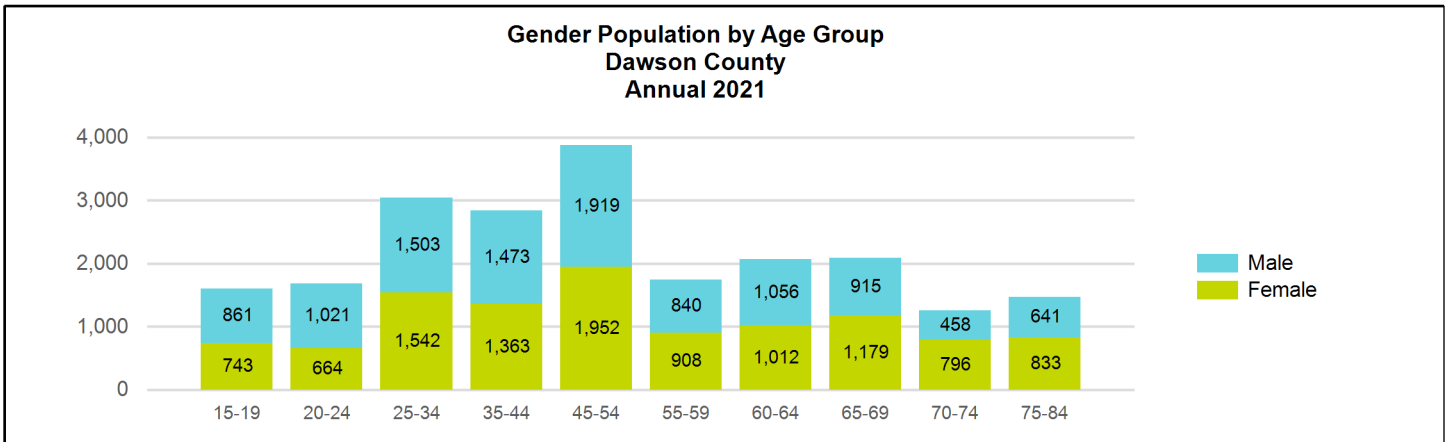
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2021 - ACS 5-Year Estimates



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Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2024

INDUSTRY	Dawson				Dawson Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE
		NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT	
Goods-Producing	155	1,416	12.6	1,173	4,207	66,684	21.5	1,255
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	7	14	0.1	808	127	773	0.2	878
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	23	496	0.2	1,439
Construction	113	549	4.9	1,174	2,931	21,714	7.0	1,447
Manufacturing	35	853	7.6	1,177	1,126	43,701	14.1	1,163
Food	3	*	*	*	107	17,940	5.8	939
Beverage and Tobacco Product	3	4	0.0	730	54	855	0.3	987
Apparel	1	*	*	*	10	285	0.1	1,518
Wood Product	1	*	*	*	52	796	0.3	1,015
Printing and Related Support Activities	2	*	*	*	81	1,678	0.5	1,237
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	39	1,744	0.6	1,154
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	6	69	0.6	1,049	64	710	0.2	1,432
Primary Metal	1	*	*	*	11	1,130	0.4	1,416
Fabricated Metal Product	7	419	3.7	1,133	145	3,715	1.2	1,365
Machinery	2	*	*	*	93	3,914	1.3	1,318
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	63	1,193	0.4	1,641
Transportation Equipment	1	*	*	*	39	4,199	1.4	1,262
Furniture and Related Product	2	*	*	*	69	1,060	0.3	1,099
Miscellaneous	4	8	0.1	1,181	129	1,420	0.5	1,257
Leather and Allied Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	7	42	0.0	1,629
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	7	283	0.1	1,181
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	8	*	*	*
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	26	368	0.1	819
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	42	1,057	0.3	1,627
Chemical	0	0	0.0	0	78	1,261	0.4	1,791
Service-Providing	798	8,463	75.6	699	20,335	204,682	65.9	1,053
Utilities	1	*	*	*	37	952	0.3	1,956
Wholesale Trade	34	296	2.6	901	1,353	13,227	4.3	1,730
Retail Trade	188	3,090	27.6	603	2,696	41,152	13.3	711
Transportation and Warehousing	22	79	0.7	1,144	612	7,400	2.4	1,216
Information	14	53	0.5	835	556	2,714	0.9	1,902
Finance and Insurance	52	254	2.3	1,998	1,341	6,668	2.1	1,565
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	40	101	0.9	1,125	1,226	3,443	1.1	1,091
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	101	366	3.3	1,304	3,878	14,108	4.5	1,579
Management of Companies and Enterprises	4	*	*	*	102	2,416	0.8	2,036
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	54	323	2.9	807	1,794	17,785	5.7	962
Educational Services	11	51	0.5	751	358	3,656	1.2	662
Health Care and Social Assistance	72	622	5.6	1,016	2,485	43,631	14.1	1,279
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	21	329	2.9	416	414	6,609	2.1	1,363
Accommodation and Food Services	105	2,560	22.9	478	1,809	33,009	10.6	459
Other Services (except Public Administration)	79	293	2.6	766	1,674	7,911	2.5	822
Unclassified - industry not assigned	61	40	0.4	1,061	2,124	1,106	0.4	1,213
Total - Private Sector	1,014	9,919	88.6	768	26,666	272,471	87.7	1,103
Total - Government	23	1,280	11.4	957	434	38,070	12.3	1,053
Federal Government	1	39	0.3	1,138	66	1,506	0.5	1,528
State Government	11	172	1.5	898	140	5,023	1.6	1,017
Local Government	11	1,069	9.5	960	228	31,541	10.2	1,036
ALL INDUSTRIES	1,037	11,200	100.0	789	27,100	310,535	100.0	1,097
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					392,216	4,866,656		1,297

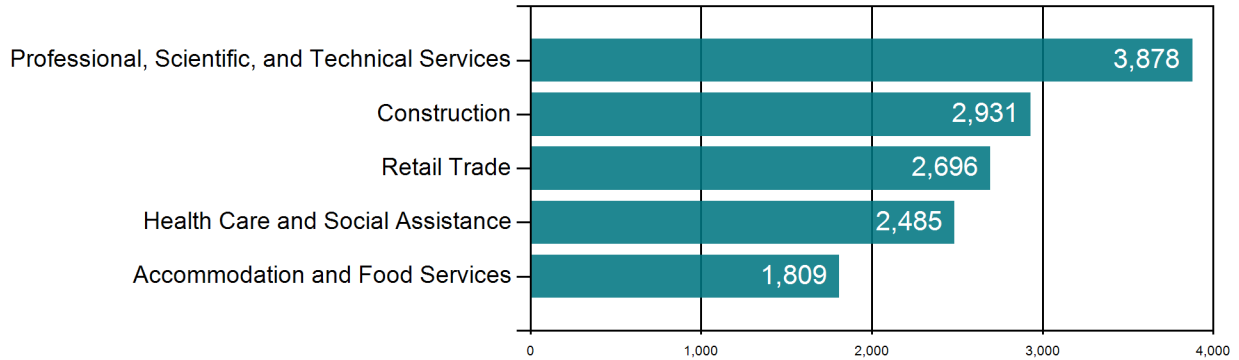
Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average 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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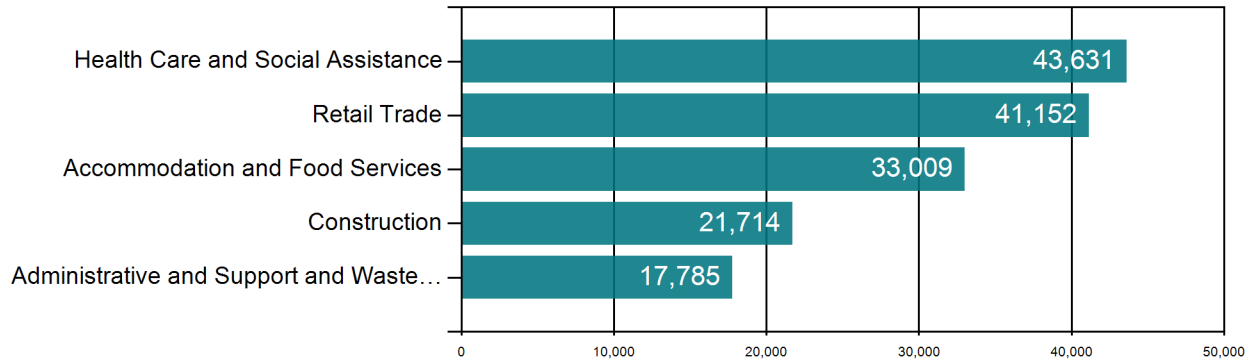
Top Industries - 2nd Quarter of 2024

Dawson Area

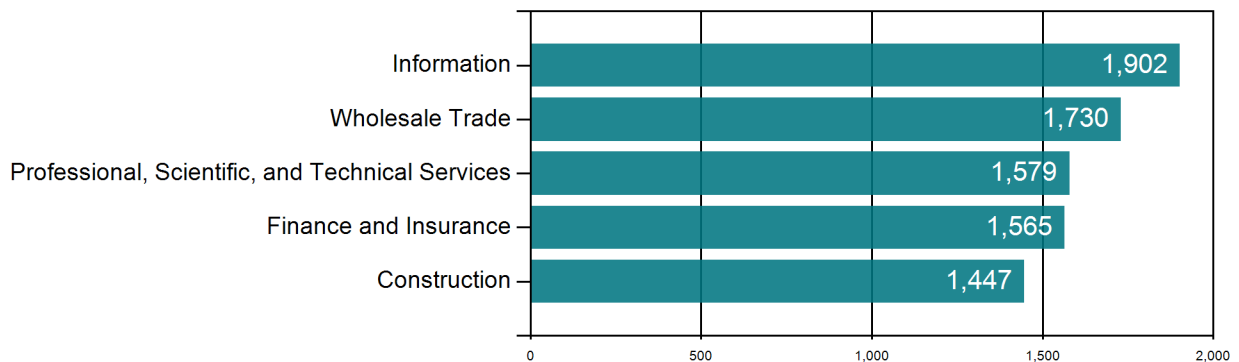
Top Industries by Firms



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
Welding Technology/Welder	245	94	252	-61.6	168.1
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	67	68	180	1.5	164.7
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide	101	103	161	2.0	56.3
Child Care Provider/Assistant	115	103	154	-10.4	49.5
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	95	111	152	16.8	36.9
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	109	79	97	-27.5	22.8
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	48	12	93	-75.0	675.0
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician	45	17	54	-62.2	217.6
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician	15	27	52	80.0	92.6
Business Administration and Management, General	103	44	50	-57.3	13.6

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	44	45	65	2.3	44.4
Medical/Clinical Assistant	40	36	43	-10.0	19.4
Welding Technology/Welder	31	25	38	-19.4	52.0
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	25	30	25	20.0	-16.7
Business Administration and Management, General	41	39	24	-4.9	-38.5
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	20	22	23	10.0	4.5
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	13	10	17	-23.1	70.0
Electrician	6	10	16	66.7	60.0
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	56	19	16	-66.1	-15.8
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	20	17	13	-15.0	-23.5

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Technical College Degree Graduates - 2023

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2021	2022	2023	2021-2022	2022-2023
Business Administration and Management, General	52	47	41	-9.6	-12.8
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	38	26	26	-31.6	0.0
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	19	17	18	-10.5	5.9
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	16	11	15	-31.3	36.4
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	28	15	14	-46.4	-6.7
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	11	9	13	-18.2	44.4
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	22	23	13	4.5	-43.5
Fire Services Administration	1	2	5	100.0	150.0
Design and Visual Communications, General	1	11	4	1000.0	-63.6
Interior Design	13	14	4	7.7	-71.4

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Top Ten Largest Employers - 2024*

Dawson County

Btd Manufacturing, Inc.
 Chick-Fil-A
 Coral Hospitality Ga , LLC
 Gold Creek Processing, LLC
 Longhorn
 Publix Super Market, Inc.
 The Home Depot
 The Kroger Company
 Under Armour Retail, Inc.
 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

Dawson Area

Fieldale Farms Corporation
 Gold Creek Processing, LLC
 Kubota Manufacturing of America Corporation
 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc.
 Northeast Georgia Physicians Group
 Northside Hospital, Inc.
 Northside Hospital, Inc.
 Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
 Publix Super Markets, Inc.
 Walmart

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Education of the Labor Force

Dawson Area

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	4.8%	2.1%	3.9%	6.8%	4.8%	5.0%
Some High School	6.7%	12.4%	6.3%	6.3%	5.1%	6.9%
High School Grad/GED	24.7%	37.3%	23.7%	16.9%	23.2%	28.2%
Some College	21.8%	34.3%	21.8%	18.4%	20.0%	21.0%
College Grad 2 Yr	7.2%	4.3%	8.2%	7.2%	7.9%	6.7%
College Grad 4 Yr	23.1%	9.0%	26.9%	26.8%	26.2%	19.4%
Post Graduate Studies	11.8%	0.6%	9.3%	17.6%	12.7%	12.8%
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.

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