





# Area Labor Profile

## Lamar

## County



Updated: Nov 2024

### Labor Force Activity

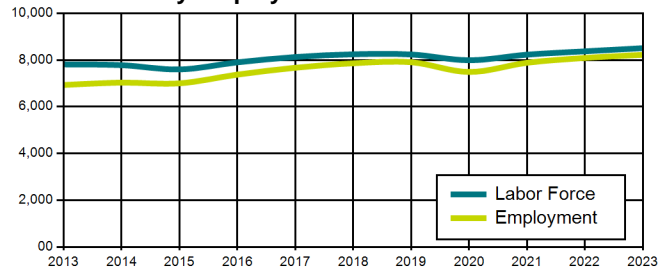
**September 2024**

|                   | Labor Force   | Employed      | Unemployed   | Rate        |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Lamar             | 8,708         | 8,365         | 343          | 3.9%        |
| Butts             | 11,657        | 11,281        | 376          | 3.2%        |
| Monroe            | 12,950        | 12,558        | 392          | 3.0%        |
| Pike              | 9,492         | 9,225         | 267          | 2.8%        |
| Spalding          | 30,393        | 29,105        | 1,288        | 4.2%        |
| Upson             | 11,815        | 11,393        | 422          | 3.6%        |
| <b>Lamar Area</b> | <b>85,015</b> | <b>81,927</b> | <b>3,088</b> | <b>3.6%</b> |
| Georgia           | 5,410,794     | 5,226,303     | 184,491      | 3.4%        |
| United States     | 168,569,000   | 162,046,000   | 6,524,000    | 3.9%        |

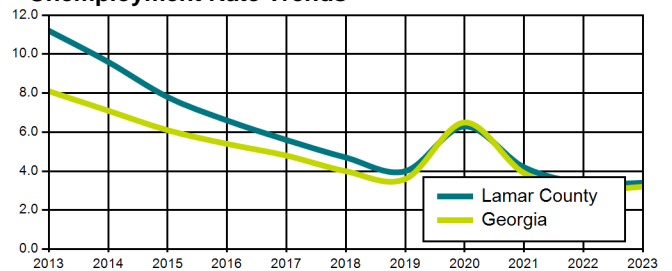
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

### Lamar County Employment Trends



### Unemployment Rate Trends

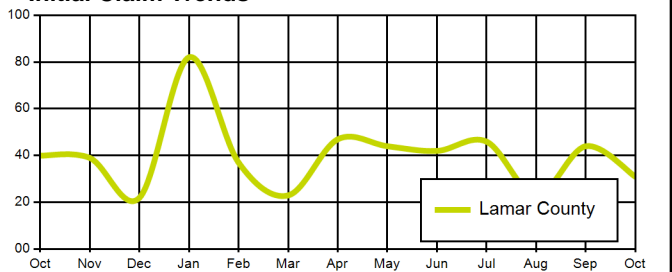


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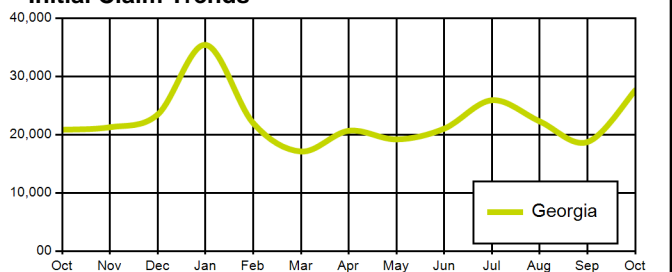
|                   | October 2024 | September 2024 | August 2024 | Total        |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Lamar             | 31           | 44             | 23          | 98           |
| Butts             | 49           | 28             | 40          | 117          |
| Monroe            | 33           | 28             | 41          | 102          |
| Pike              | 21           | 24             | 25          | 70           |
| Spalding          | 166          | 161            | 176         | 503          |
| Upson             | 74           | 56             | 50          | 180          |
| <b>Lamar Area</b> | <b>374</b>   | <b>341</b>     | <b>355</b>  | <b>1,070</b> |

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

### Initial Claim Trends



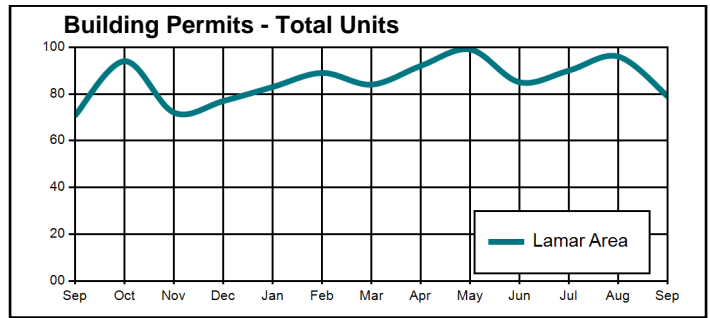
### Initial Claim Trends



# Building Permit Construction Activity

|                       | Lamar Area     |             |           |       |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|-------|
|                       | September 2024 | August 2024 | July 2024 | Total |
| Totals                | 79             | 96          | 90        | 265   |
| Family residential    | 79             | 96          | 90        | 265   |
| Multi family resident | 0              | 0           | 0         | 0     |

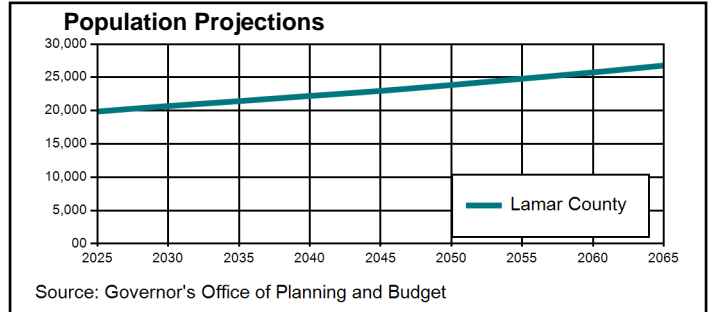
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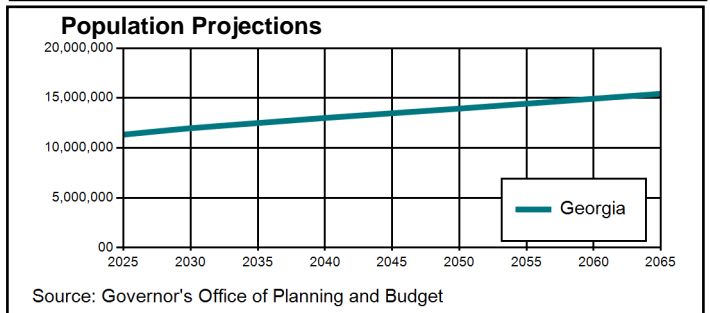
# Population Activity

|                   | Annual 2023    | Annual 2022    | Difference   |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Lamar             | 20,401         | 19,467         | 934          |
| Butts             | 26,887         | 26,649         | 238          |
| Monroe            | 30,625         | 29,427         | 1,198        |
| Pike              | 20,461         | 19,990         | 471          |
| Spalding          | 69,946         | 68,919         | 1,027        |
| Upson             | 28,263         | 28,086         | 177          |
| <b>Lamar Area</b> | <b>196,583</b> | <b>192,538</b> | <b>4,045</b> |
| Georgia           | 11,029,227     | 10,912,876     | 116,351      |
| United States     | 334,914,895    | 333,287,557    | 1,627,338    |

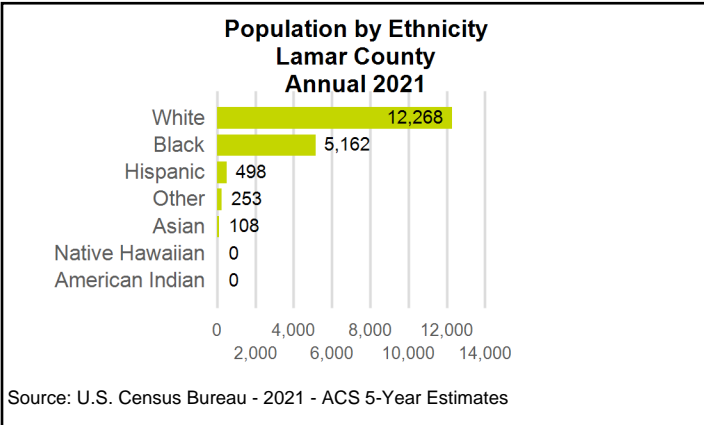
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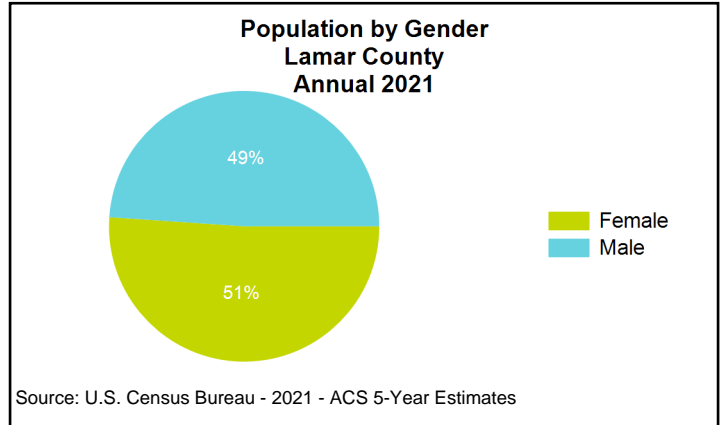
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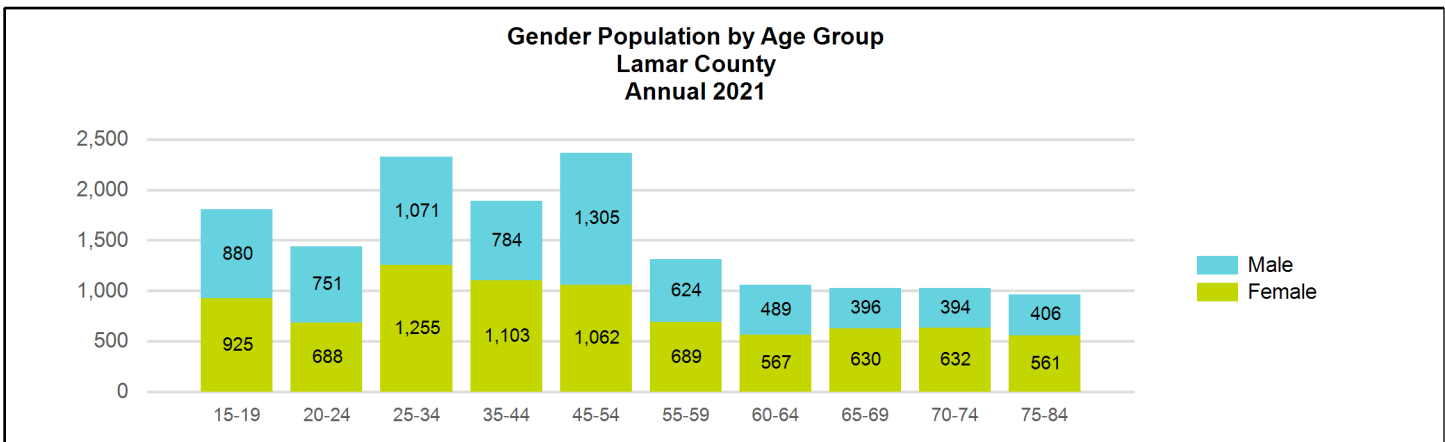
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2021 - ACS 5-Year Estimates



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# Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2024

| INDUSTRY   | Lamar              |              |              |                | Lamar Area         |                  |              |                |
|--|--------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|
|  | NUMBER<br>OF FIRMS | EMPLOYMENT   |              | WEEKLY<br>WAGE | NUMBER<br>OF FIRMS | EMPLOYMENT       |              | WEEKLY<br>WAGE |
|  |                    | NUMBER       | PERCENT      |                |                    | NUMBER           | PERCENT      |                |
| <b>Goods-Producing</b>   | <b>76</b>          | <b>1,125</b> | <b>25.8</b>  | <b>1,165</b>   | <b>645</b>         | <b>9,576</b>     | <b>17.5</b>  | <b>1,182</b>   |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting                               | 10                 | 78           | 1.8          | 684            | 52                 | 284              | 0.5          | 900            |
| Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction                            | 2                  | *            | *            | *              | 8                  | 158              | 0.3          | 1,703          |
| Construction   | 41                 | 180          | 4.1          | 1,242          | 414                | 2,670            | 4.9          | 1,150          |
| Manufacturing  | 23                 | 856          | 19.6         | 1,194          | 171                | 6,464            | 11.8         | 1,194          |
| Food   | 3                  | *            | *            | *              | 14                 | 377              | 0.7          | 992            |
| Textile Product Mills  | 1                  | *            | *            | *              | 3                  | *                | *            | *              |
| Wood Product   | 6                  | *            | *            | *              | 17                 | 404              | 0.7          | 1,366          |
| Paper  | 1                  | *            | *            | *              | 6                  | 371              | 0.7          | 1,252          |
| Nonmetallic Mineral Product  | 1                  | *            | *            | *              | 5                  | 35               | 0.1          | 1,084          |
| Fabricated Metal Product   | 2                  | *            | *            | *              | 25                 | 644              | 1.2          | 967            |
| Machinery  | 3                  | 10           | 0.2          | 8,521          | 16                 | 347              | 0.6          | 1,355          |
| Transportation Equipment   | 3                  | 19           | 0.4          | 833            | 12                 | 443              | 0.8          | 992            |
| Furniture and Related Product  | 2                  | *            | *            | *              | 9                  | *                | *            | *              |
| Miscellaneous  | 1                  | *            | *            | *              | 15                 | 77               | 0.1          | 1,005          |
| Apparel  | 0                  | 0            | 0.0          | 0              | 1                  | *                | *            | *              |
| Leather and Allied Product   | 0                  | 0            | 0.0          | 0              | 1                  | *                | *            | *              |
| Beverage and Tobacco Product   | 0                  | 0            | 0.0          | 0              | 2                  | *                | *            | *              |
| Computer and Electronic Product  | 0                  | 0            | 0.0          | 0              | 2                  | *                | *            | *              |
| Primary Metal  | 0                  | 0            | 0.0          | 0              | 2                  | *                | *            | *              |
| Petroleum and Coal Products  | 0                  | 0            | 0.0          | 0              | 3                  | *                | *            | *              |
| Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component                           | 0                  | 0            | 0.0          | 0              | 3                  | *                | *            | *              |
| Printing and Related Support Activities                                  | 0                  | 0            | 0.0          | 0              | 5                  | *                | *            | *              |
| Chemical   | 0                  | 0            | 0.0          | 0              | 6                  | 267              | 0.5          | 1,315          |
| Textile Mills  | 0                  | 0            | 0.0          | 0              | 7                  | 437              | 0.8          | 1,192          |
| Plastics and Rubber Products   | 0                  | 0            | 0.0          | 0              | 17                 | 668              | 1.2          | 1,385          |
| <b>Service-Providing</b>   | <b>225</b>         | <b>2,200</b> | <b>50.5</b>  | <b>909</b>     | <b>2,884</b>       | <b>32,326</b>    | <b>59.0</b>  | <b>852</b>     |
| Utilities  | 3                  | 95           | 2.2          | 1,797          | 18                 | 583              | 1.1          | 2,396          |
| Wholesale Trade  | 10                 | *            | *            | *              | 151                | 1,768            | 3.2          | 1,555          |
| Retail Trade   | 45                 | 491          | 11.3         | 636            | 589                | 7,132            | 13.0         | 606            |
| Transportation and Warehousing   | 7                  | 21           | 0.5          | 969            | 139                | 1,982            | 3.6          | 1,048          |
| Information  | 5                  | 8            | 0.2          | 1,469          | 41                 | 184              | 0.3          | 930            |
| Finance and Insurance  | 13                 | 117          | 2.7          | 966            | 170                | 957              | 1.7          | 1,173          |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing                                       | 4                  | 12           | 0.3          | 768            | 140                | 321              | 0.6          | 753            |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services                         | 28                 | 109          | 2.5          | 816            | 303                | 2,131            | 3.9          | 990            |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises                                  | 2                  | *            | *            | *              | 9                  | 148              | 0.3          | 1,224          |
| Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services | 22                 | 143          | 3.3          | 876            | 240                | 2,221            | 4.1          | 818            |
| Educational Services   | 3                  | 175          | 4.0          | 638            | 30                 | 321              | 0.6          | 604            |
| Health Care and Social Assistance  | 29                 | 289          | 6.6          | 765            | 383                | 7,382            | 13.5         | 972            |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation                                      | 6                  | 47           | 1.1          | 1,676          | 37                 | 263              | 0.5          | 682            |
| Accommodation and Food Services  | 32                 | 287          | 6.6          | 320            | 348                | 5,238            | 9.6          | 381            |
| Other Services (except Public Administration)                            | 16                 | 74           | 1.7          | 964            | 286                | 1,696            | 3.1          | 1,061          |
| <b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>                              | <b>21</b>          | <b>11</b>    | <b>0.3</b>   | <b>802</b>     | <b>229</b>         | <b>131</b>       | <b>0.2</b>   | <b>1,113</b>   |
| <b>Total - Private Sector</b>  | <b>322</b>         | <b>3,336</b> | <b>76.5</b>  | <b>995</b>     | <b>3,758</b>       | <b>42,034</b>    | <b>76.8</b>  | <b>928</b>     |
| <b>Total - Government</b>  | <b>33</b>          | <b>1,024</b> | <b>23.5</b>  | <b>870</b>     | <b>258</b>         | <b>12,711</b>    | <b>23.2</b>  | <b>956</b>     |
| Federal Government   | 5                  | 41           | 0.9          | 1,363          | 27                 | 318              | 0.6          | 1,348          |
| State Government   | 14                 | 311          | 7.1          | 970            | 119                | 5,153            | 9.4          | 1,006          |
| Local Government   | 14                 | 672          | 15.4         | 793            | 112                | 7,240            | 13.2         | 904            |
| <b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>  | <b>355</b>         | <b>4,358</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>966</b>     | <b>4,016</b>       | <b>54,745</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>934</b>     |
| <b>ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia</b>  |                    |              |              |                | <b>392,216</b>     | <b>4,866,656</b> |              | <b>1,297</b>   |

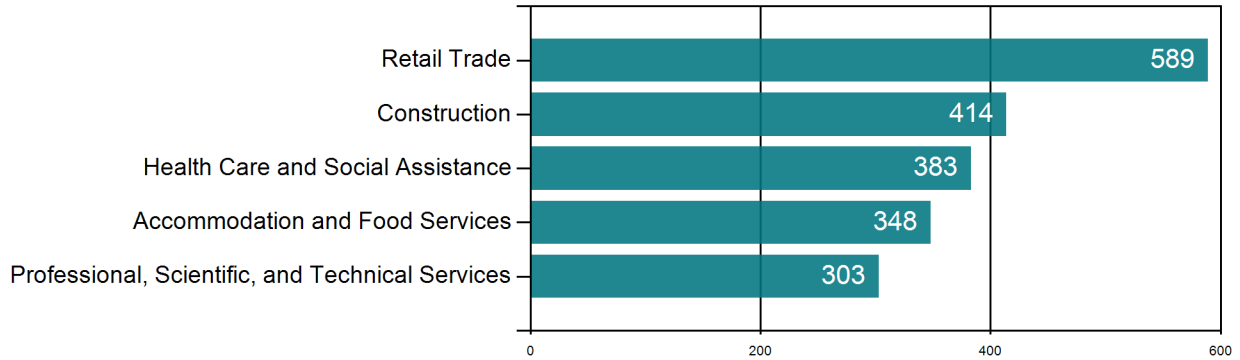
Note: \*Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the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

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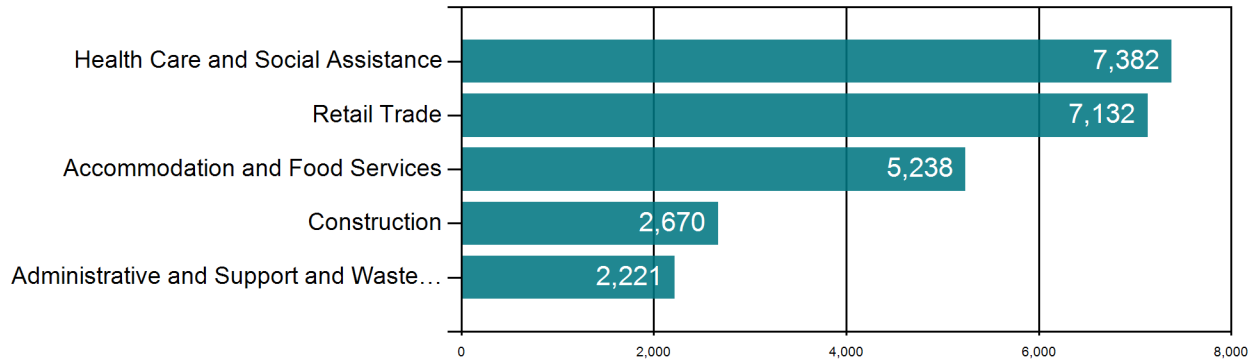
# Top Industries - 2nd Quarter of 2024

## Lamar Area

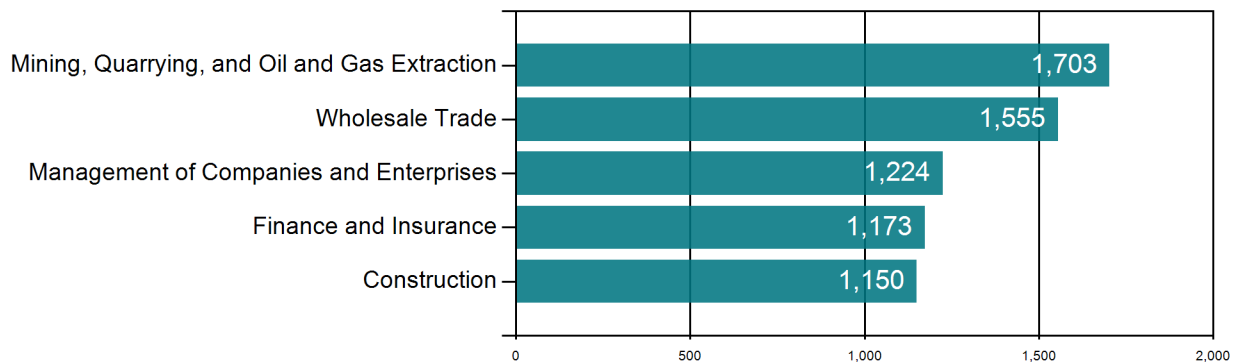
### Top Industries by Firms



### 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 |
| Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing       | 69              | 438  | 453  | 534.8          | 3.4       |
| Business Administration and Management, General                 | 246             | 289  | 214  | 17.5           | -26.0     |
| Child Care Provider/Assistant                                   | 183             | 143  | 197  | -21.9          | 37.8      |
| Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician           | 126             | 116  | 127  | -7.9           | 9.5       |
| Small Business Administration/Management                        | 124             | 127  | 117  | 2.4            | -7.9      |
| Welding Technology/Welder                                       | 118             | 196  | 114  | 66.1           | -41.8     |
| Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor | 33              | 63   | 109  | 90.9           | 73.0      |
| Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)         | 96              | 33   | 88   | -65.6          | 166.7     |
| Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping                | 126             | 132  | 86   | 4.8            | -34.8     |
| Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide          | 60              | 64   | 86   | 6.7            | 34.4      |

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

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## Technical College Diploma Graduates - 2023

| PROGRAMS  | TOTAL GRADUATES |      |      | PERCENT CHANGE |           |
|---|-----------------|------|------|----------------|-----------|
|   | 2021            | 2022 | 2023 | 2021-2022      | 2022-2023 |
| Business Administration and Management, General         | 54              | 52   | 56   | -3.7           | 7.7       |
| Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training            | 63              | 46   | 45   | -27.0          | -2.2      |
| Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General                      | 42              | 32   | 38   | -23.8          | 18.8      |
| Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic) | 25              | 24   | 24   | -4.0           | 0.0       |
| Welding Technology/Welder                               | 13              | 21   | 23   | 61.5           | 9.5       |
| Early Childhood Education and Teaching                  | 33              | 20   | 21   | -39.4          | 5.0       |
| Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician   | 50              | 13   | 13   | -74.0          | 0.0       |
| Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping        | 16              | 21   | 12   | 31.3           | -42.9     |
| Dental Assisting/Assistant                              | 8               | 14   | 11   | 75.0           | -21.4     |
| Legal Assistant/Paralegal                               | 11              | 8    | 11   | -27.3          | 37.5      |

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 |
| Business Administration and Management, General           | 53              | 59   | 49   | 11.3           | -16.9     |
| Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician  | 31              | 53   | 40   | 71.0           | -24.5     |
| Early Childhood Education and Teaching                    | 31              | 30   | 22   | -3.2           | -26.7     |
| Criminal Justice/Safety Studies                           | 18              | 20   | 16   | 11.1           | -20.0     |
| Rehabilitation and Therapeutic Professions, Other         | 19              | 14   | 14   | -26.3          | 0.0       |
| Surgical Technology/Technologist                          | 9               | 13   | 14   | 44.4           | 7.7       |
| Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General | 7               | 10   | 13   | 42.9           | 30.0      |
| Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping          | 17              | 18   | 13   | 5.9            | -27.8     |
| Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer              | 13              | 12   | 13   | -7.7           | 8.3       |
| Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist                        | 18              | 10   | 12   | -44.4          | 20.0      |

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

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# Top Ten Largest Employers - 2024\*

## Lamar County

Continental Tire The Americas, LLC  
 Gordon State College  
 Heritage Inn of Barnesville, LLC  
 Ingles Markets, Inc.  
 Langdale Forest Products Company  
 Peterbilt Of Atlanta, LLC  
 Ranew Management Co., Inc.  
 Rock Springs Christian Academy, Inc.  
 Southern Rivers Energy  
 United Bank

\*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

## Lamar Area

American Woodmark Corporation  
 Caterpillar, Inc.  
 Dg Distribution Southeast, LLC  
 Georgia Department of Corrections  
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 Homenurse, Inc.  
 Impact Outsourcing Solutions IX, LLC  
 Masterbrand Cabinets, Inc.  
 Upson Regional Medical Center  
 Wellstar Health System, Inc.

## COUNTY

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# Education of the Labor Force

## Lamar Area

### PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

|                       | PERCENT  |        |        |        |        |        |
|-----------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                       | OF TOTAL | 18-24  | 25-34  | 35-44  | 45-64  | 65+    |
| Elementary            | 3.3%     | 1.5%   | 3.0%   | 2.5%   | 2.0%   | 7.2%   |
| Some High School      | 11.9%    | 15.7%  | 11.3%  | 11.1%  | 11.2%  | 12.0%  |
| High School Grad/GED  | 38.2%    | 42.3%  | 36.5%  | 34.7%  | 37.6%  | 40.7%  |
| Some College          | 21.5%    | 29.3%  | 21.8%  | 21.3%  | 21.6%  | 17.1%  |
| College Grad 2 Yr     | 7.7%     | 5.3%   | 9.7%   | 8.8%   | 8.5%   | 5.7%   |
| College Grad 4 Yr     | 10.5%    | 5.6%   | 12.5%  | 12.8%  | 11.0%  | 8.9%   |
| Post Graduate Studies | 6.9%     | 0.4%   | 5.2%   | 8.7%   | 8.1%   | 8.4%   |
| 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)

## Career Center(s)

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  - COMMERCIAL
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