





Stephens

County



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Area Labor Profile

Labor Force Activity

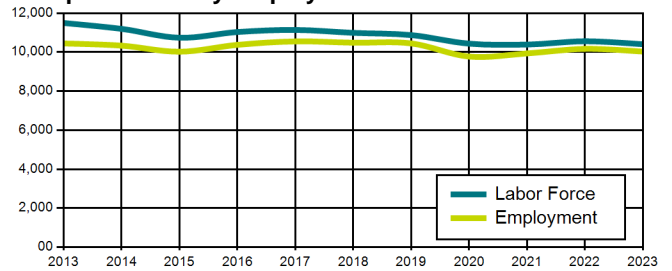
September 2024

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Stephens	10,646	10,217	429	4.0%
Banks	11,975	11,723	252	2.1%
Franklin	10,408	10,065	343	3.3%
Habersham	20,507	19,892	615	3.0%
Stephens Area	53,536	51,897	1,639	3.1%
Georgia	5,410,794	5,226,303	184,491	3.4%
United States	168,569,000	162,046,000	6,524,000	3.9%

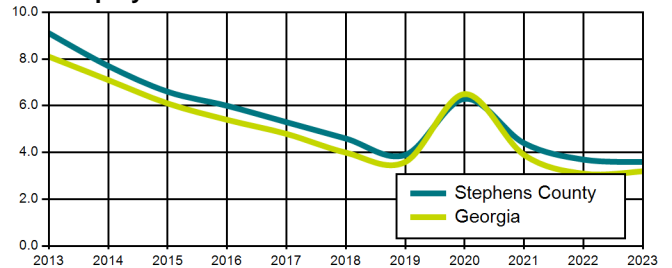
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

Stephens County Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends

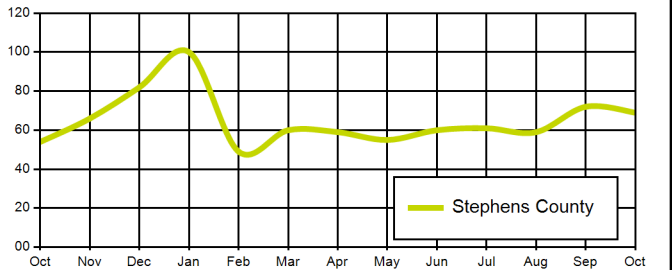


Initial Claims Activity

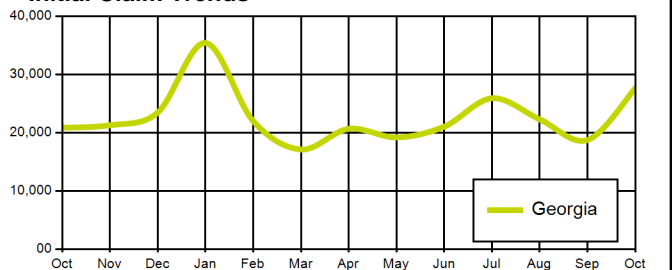
	October 2024	September 2024	August 2024	Total
Stephens	69	72	59	200
Banks	25	19	20	64
Franklin	95	97	87	279
Habersham	75	55	70	200
Stephens Area	264	243	236	743

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

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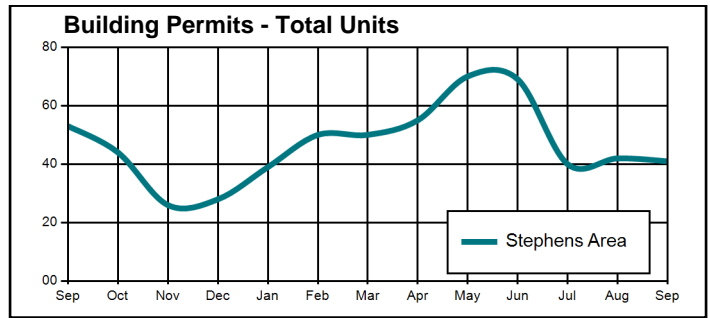
Initial Claim Trends



Building Permit Construction Activity

Stephens Area				
	September 2024	August 2024	July 2024	Total
Totals	41	42	40	123
Family residential	41	42	40	123
Multi family resident	0	0	0	0

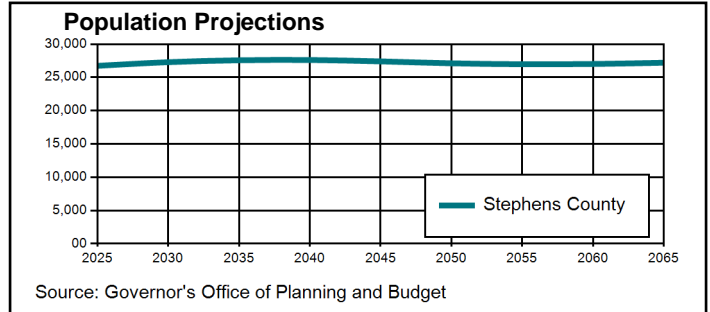
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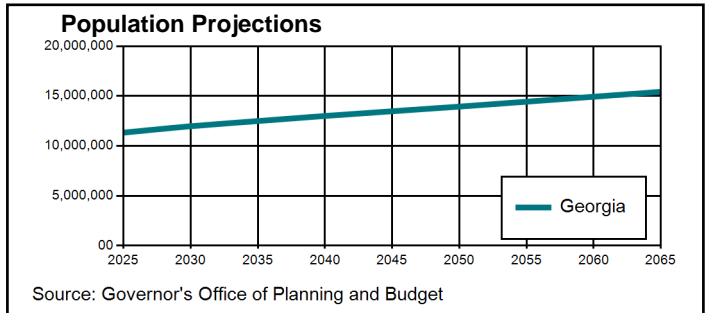
Population Activity

	Annual 2023	Annual 2022	Difference
Stephens	27,228	26,767	461
Banks	19,789	19,328	461
Franklin	24,782	24,128	654
Habersham	48,757	47,475	1,282
Oconee	81,221	80,180	1,041
Stephens Area	201,777	197,878	3,899
Georgia	11,029,227	10,912,876	116,351
United States	334,914,895	333,287,557	1,627,338
Oconee	81,221	80,180	1,041

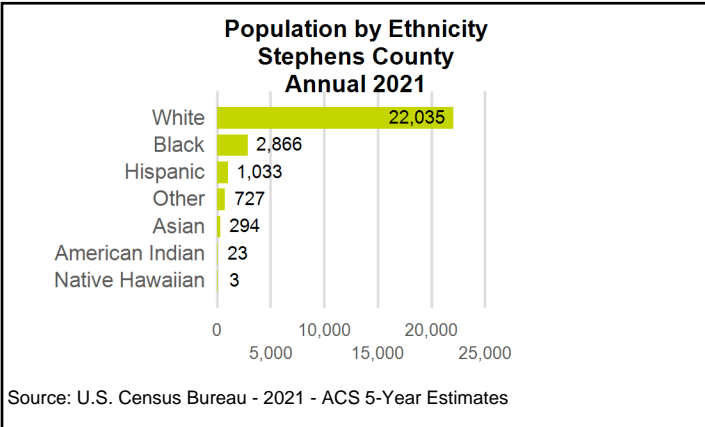
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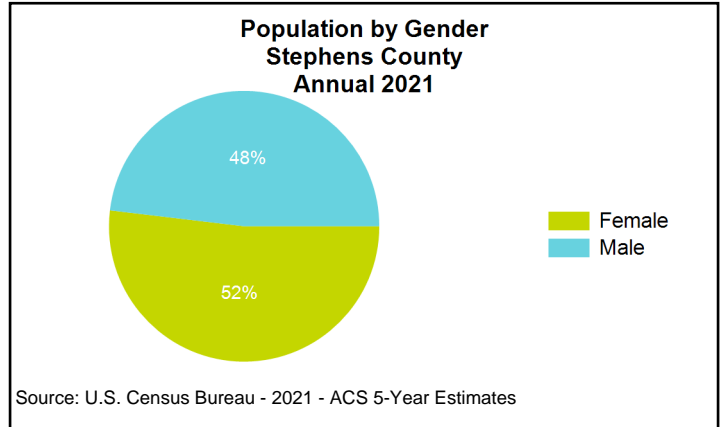
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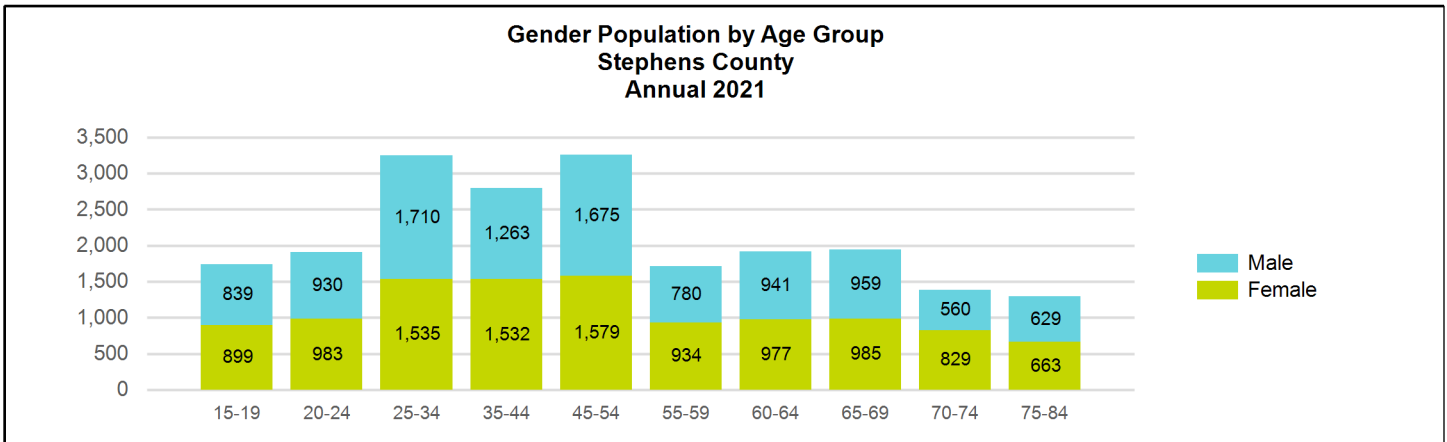
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2021 - ACS 5-Year Estimates



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Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2024

INDUSTRY	Stephens				Stephens Area			
	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY
	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE
Goods-Producing	112	2,488	28.6	1,072	487	9,298	25.4	1,095
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	7	59	0.7	900	46	596	1.6	1,138
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	*	*	*	3	52	0.1	1,657
Construction	54	285	3.3	1,073	272	1,265	3.5	1,046
Manufacturing	50	2,132	24.5	1,074	166	7,385	20.2	1,096
Food	3	*	*	*	20	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Textile Mills	5	242	2.8	1,177	7	398	1.1	1,110
Wood Product	3	79	0.9	758	14	276	0.8	992
Paper	3	*	*	*	4	97	0.3	786
Petroleum and Coal Products	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Chemical	2	*	*	*	4	*	*	*
Plastics and Rubber Products	2	*	*	*	6	449	1.2	1,057
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	3	12	0.1	518	8	54	0.1	1,006
Primary Metal	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Fabricated Metal Product	10	234	2.7	1,125	42	874	2.4	1,183
Machinery	5	*	*	*	11	879	2.4	1,090
Transportation Equipment	1	*	*	*	9	198	0.5	1,245
Furniture and Related Product	8	683	7.8	1,086	14	706	1.9	1,074
Miscellaneous	2	*	*	*	11	920	2.5	1,364
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Printing and Related Support Activities	0	0	0.0	0	6	66	0.2	746
Service-Providing	474	4,629	53.1	831	2,012	21,199	57.9	800
Utilities	1	*	*	*	7	202	0.6	1,818
Wholesale Trade	29	141	1.6	1,009	124	1,108	3.0	1,173
Retail Trade	110	1,309	15.0	605	466	5,143	14.1	601
Transportation and Warehousing	14	67	0.8	848	71	1,312	3.6	939
Information	8	*	*	*	28	504	1.4	1,568
Finance and Insurance	33	181	2.1	984	133	628	1.7	1,137
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	20	49	0.6	729	79	179	0.5	725
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	50	162	1.9	1,019	198	698	1.9	1,070
Management of Companies and Enterprises	4	272	3.1	1,664	12	537	1.5	1,987
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	41	197	2.3	877	176	1,410	3.9	848
Educational Services	4	*	*	*	25	965	2.6	820
Health Care and Social Assistance	65	724	8.3	886	240	2,913	8.0	997
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	4	156	1.8	541	23	326	0.9	507
Accommodation and Food Services	47	667	7.7	398	259	4,563	12.5	418
Other Services (except Public Administration)	44	169	1.9	584	171	710	1.9	778
Unclassified - industry not assigned	26	11	0.1	1,099	144	77	0.2	1,005
Total - Private Sector	612	7,128	81.8	916	2,643	30,573	83.5	890
Total - Government	25	1,583	18.2	883	143	6,033	16.5	874
Federal Government	4	64	0.7	1,293	21	227	0.6	1,227
State Government	8	75	0.9	812	51	713	1.9	886
Local Government	13	1,444	16.6	868	71	5,093	13.9	856
ALL INDUSTRIES	637	8,713	100.0	910	2,786	36,602	100.0	887
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					392,216	4,866,656		1,297

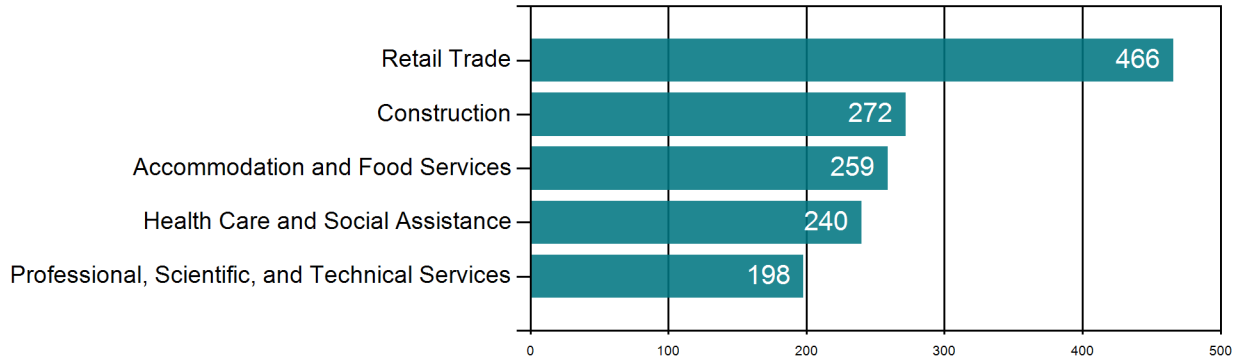
Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average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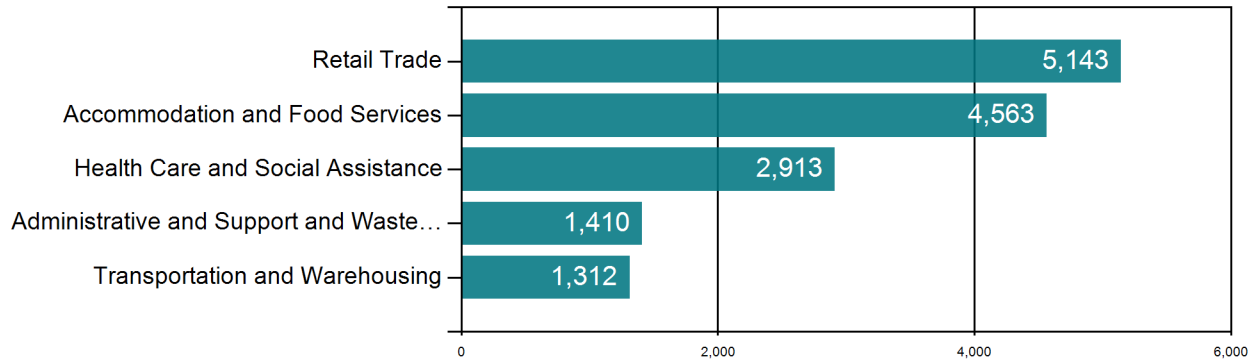
Top Industries - 2nd Quarter of 2024

Stephens Area

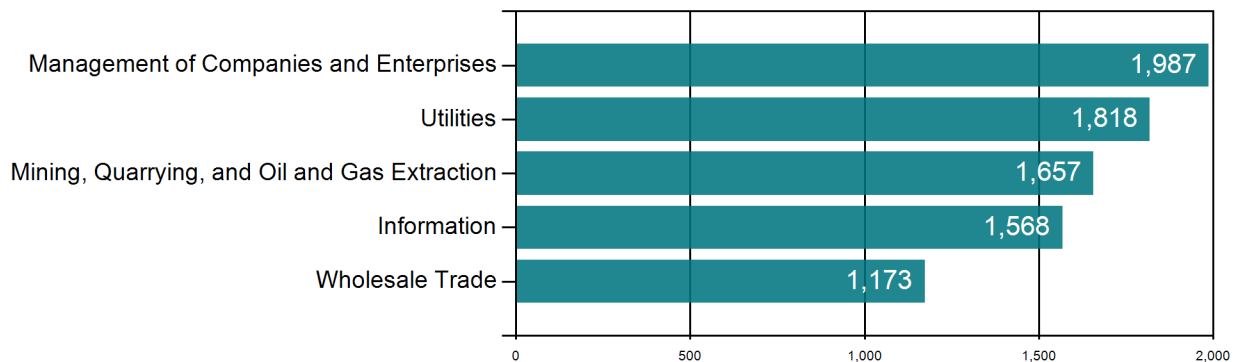
Top Industries by Firms



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
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	51	49	123	-3.9	151.0
Welding Technology/Welder	72	61	113	-15.3	85.2
Business Administration and Management, General	52	101	112	94.2	10.9
Child Care Provider/Assistant	94	67	98	-28.7	46.3
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	62	93	93	50.0	0.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor	33	42	89	27.3	111.9
Electrician	39	53	87	35.9	64.2
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	52	52	72	0.0	38.5
Lineworker	81	76	58	-6.2	-23.7
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	34	24	33	-29.4	37.5

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	13	27	37	107.7	37.0
Electrician	28	19	31	-32.1	63.2
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	38	33	26	-13.2	-21.2
Welding Technology/Welder	24	18	26	-25.0	44.4
Medical/Clinical Assistant	21	31	16	47.6	-48.4
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	11	15	10	36.4	-33.3
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	8	14	7	75.0	-50.0
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	12	7	7	-41.7	0.0
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician	4	3	6	-25.0	100.0
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	2	5	6	150.0	20.0

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Technical College Degree Graduates - 2023

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2021	2022	2023	2021-2022	2022-2023
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	18	9	14	-50.0	55.6
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	9	10	12	11.1	20.0
Commercial Photography	6	12	12	100.0	0.0
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	6	13	10	116.7	-23.1
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	10	13	8	30.0	-38.5
Environmental Control Technologies/Technicians, Other	11	11	8	0.0	-27.3
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	19	15	7	-21.1	-53.3
Network and System Administration/Administrator	8	9	6	12.5	-33.3
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	7	6	5	-14.3	-16.7
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design	4	1	5	-75.0	400.0

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Top Ten Largest Employers - 2024*

Stephens County

1st Franklin Financial Corporation
 American Woodmark Corporation
 GEM Southeast, Inc.
 Ingles Markets, Inc.
 Nifco Ktw America Corporation
 Patterson Pump Co
 Sage Automotive Interiors
 Toccoa Falls College
 Verizon Corp Rsrcs Group, LLC
 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

Stephens Area

Autozoners, Inc.
 Carry-On Trailer, Inc.
 Ethicon, Inc.
 Fieldale Farms Corporation
 GEM Southeast, Inc.
 Ingles Markets, Inc.
 St Marys Sacred Heart Hospital, Inc.
 Walmart
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COUNTY

Franklin
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Education of the Labor Force

Stephens Area

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT					
	OF TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	6.6%	3.9%	4.5%	8.5%	5.4%	10.0%
Some High School	12.0%	11.9%	11.0%	10.7%	10.8%	15.3%
High School Grad/GED	35.6%	37.6%	31.7%	36.0%	37.4%	34.3%
Some College	21.1%	32.4%	25.5%	16.3%	20.4%	16.4%
College Grad 2 Yr	6.9%	6.8%	9.9%	9.9%	6.6%	3.7%
College Grad 4 Yr	10.3%	4.9%	12.7%	11.2%	10.1%	11.4%
Post Graduate Studies	7.4%	2.6%	4.9%	7.3%	9.3%	9.0%
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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