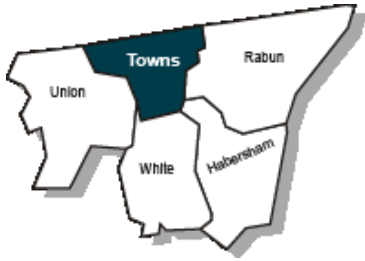






# Towns

# County



## Area Labor Profile

Updated: Nov 2024

### Labor Force Activity

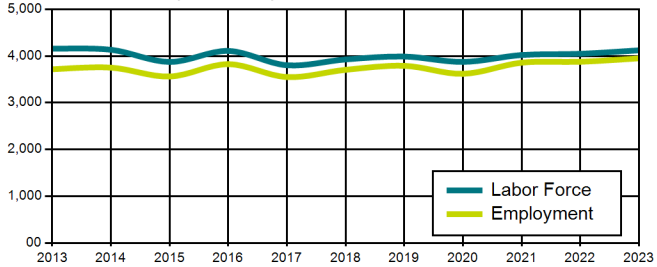
September 2024

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Towns	4,525	4,348	177	3.9%
Habersham	20,507	19,892	615	3.0%
Rabun	8,152	7,927	225	2.8%
Union	12,041	11,741	300	2.5%
White	18,135	17,704	431	2.4%
<b>Towns Area</b>	<b>63,360</b>	<b>61,612</b>	<b>1,748</b>	<b>2.8%</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%

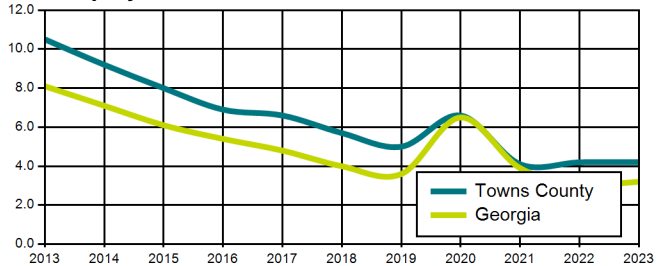
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

### Towns County Employment Trends



### Unemployment Rate Trends

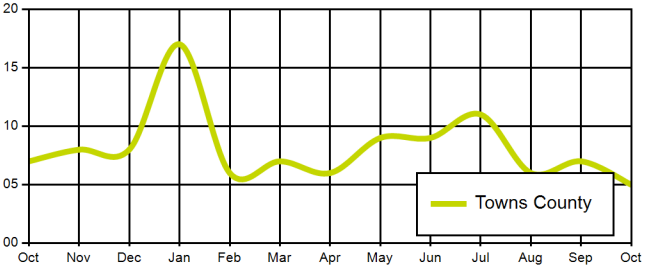


### Initial Claims Activity

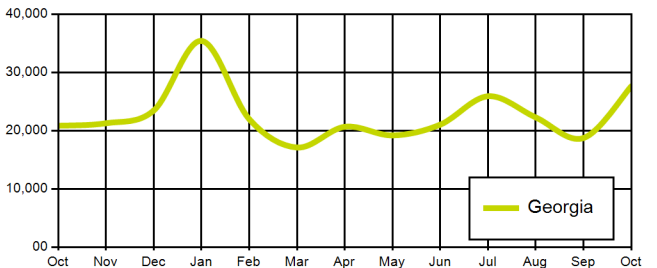
	October 2024	September 2024	August 2024	Total
Towns	5	7	6	18
Habersham	75	55	70	200
Rabun	18	8	15	41
Union	18	12	32	62
White	32	23	37	92
<b>Towns Area</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>413</b>

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

### Initial Claim Trends



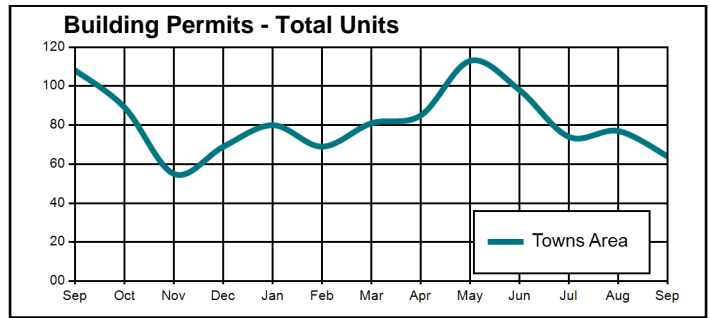
### Initial Claim Trends



# Building Permit Construction Activity

	Towns Area			
	September 2024	August 2024	July 2024	Total
Totals	64	77	74	215
Family residential	61	77	74	212
Multi family resident	3	0	0	3

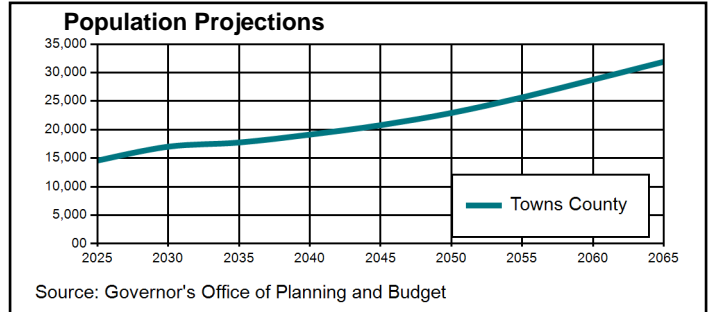
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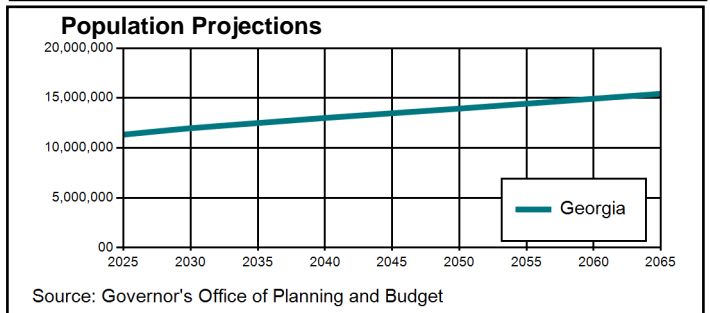
# Population Activity

	Annual 2023	Annual 2022	Difference
Towns	13,035	12,972	63
Habersham	48,757	47,475	1,282
Rabun	17,442	17,206	236
Union	27,124	26,388	736
White	29,026	28,806	220
Clay	11,864	11,614	250
<b>Towns Area</b>	<b>147,248</b>	<b>144,461</b>	<b>2,787</b>
Georgia	11,029,227	10,912,876	116,351
United States	334,914,895	333,287,557	1,627,338
Clay	11,864	11,614	250

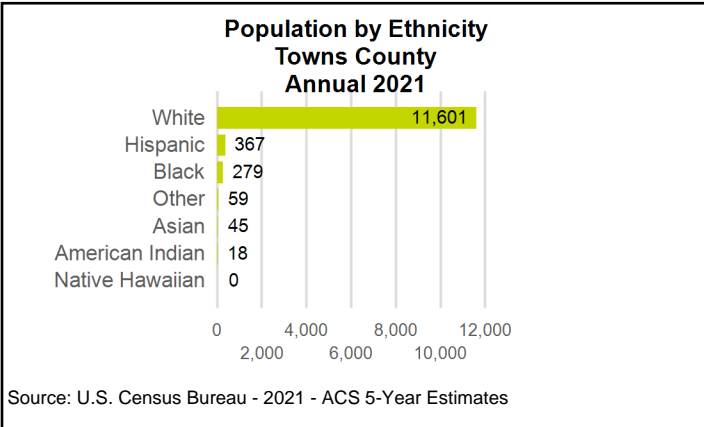
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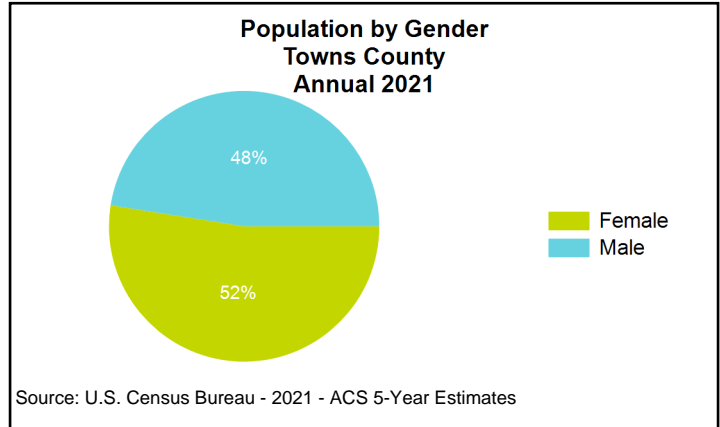
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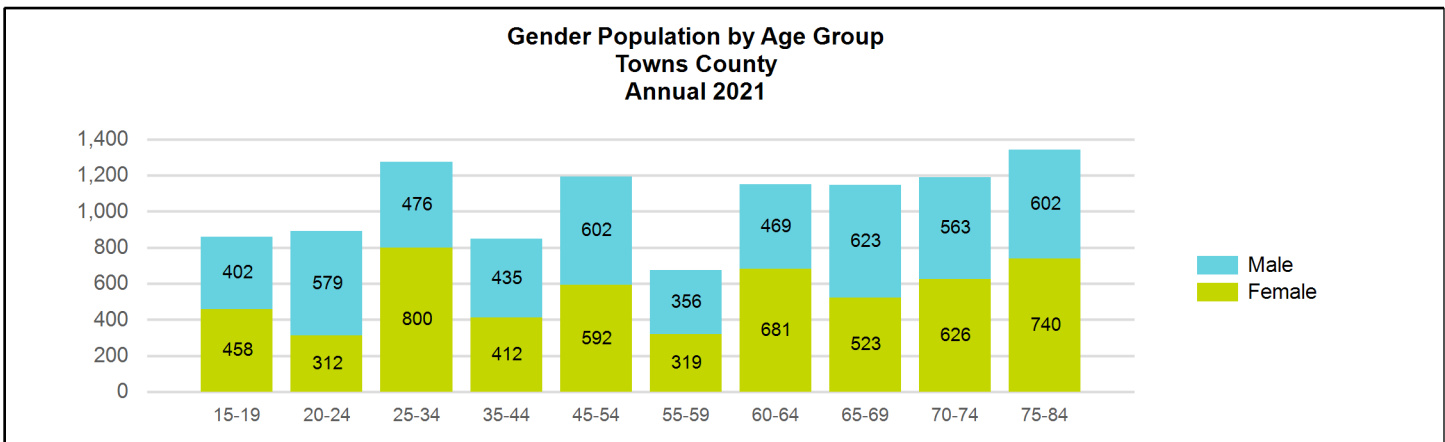
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2021 - ACS 5-Year Estimates



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# Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2024

INDUSTRY	Towns				Towns Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE
		NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT	
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>8,326</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>1,083</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0.0	0	44	664	1.6	1,025
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	*	*	*	4	93	0.2	1,579
Construction	39	253	7.4	1,354	450	2,250	5.4	1,064
Manufacturing	15	171	5.0	1,009	189	5,319	12.8	1,090
Beverage and Tobacco Product	3	17	0.5	1,452	15	124	0.3	833
Paper	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Printing and Related Support Activities	1	*	*	*	13	52	0.1	709
Chemical	3	11	0.3	700	9	*	*	*
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	1	*	*	*	10	80	0.2	1,179
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	9	11	0.0	838
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	1	*	*	*	3	180	0.4	899
Furniture and Related Product	1	*	*	*	13	38	0.1	746
Miscellaneous	3	12	0.4	1,417	23	984	2.4	1,328
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	5	34	0.1	634
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	5	164	0.4	1,005
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	7	230	0.6	1,358
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	8	*	*	*
Wood Product	0	0	0.0	0	8	115	0.3	1,065
Food	0	0	0.0	0	24	*	*	*
Fabricated Metal Product	0	0	0.0	0	29	541	1.3	1,072
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>2,390</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>2,707</b>	<b>25,844</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>728</b>
Utilities	1	*	*	*	16	480	1.2	1,613
Wholesale Trade	6	13	0.4	1,214	100	781	1.9	1,103
Retail Trade	60	434	12.8	503	574	6,462	15.5	590
Transportation and Warehousing	11	42	1.2	581	71	452	1.1	1,009
Information	5	24	0.7	594	46	*	*	*
Finance and Insurance	21	70	2.1	1,187	171	752	1.8	1,306
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	25	101	3.0	819	165	529	1.3	709
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	33	100	2.9	1,117	310	1,018	2.4	1,187
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	8	*	*	*
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	16	58	1.7	774	199	1,351	3.3	801
Educational Services	3	*	*	*	31	2,219	5.3	629
Health Care and Social Assistance	29	447	13.1	975	327	3,613	8.7	995
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2	*	*	*	49	540	1.3	485
Accommodation and Food Services	53	601	17.7	414	416	6,034	14.5	452
Other Services (except Public Administration)	13	28	0.8	525	224	968	2.3	646
<b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1,089</b>
<b>Total - Private Sector</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>2,850</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>34,294</b>	<b>82.5</b>	<b>816</b>
<b>Total - Government</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>7,268</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>901</b>
Federal Government	2	29	0.9	1,192	30	294	0.7	1,250
State Government	9	60	1.8	804	68	1,102	2.7	891
Local Government	6	460	13.5	711	69	5,872	14.1	886
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>3,403</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>3,767</b>	<b>41,564</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>831</b>
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia</b>					<b>392,216</b>	<b>4,866,656</b>		<b>1,297</b>

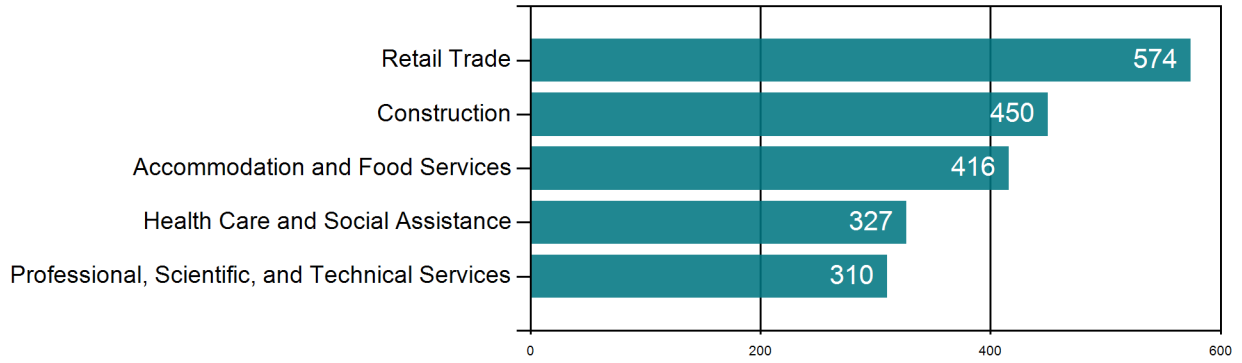
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Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

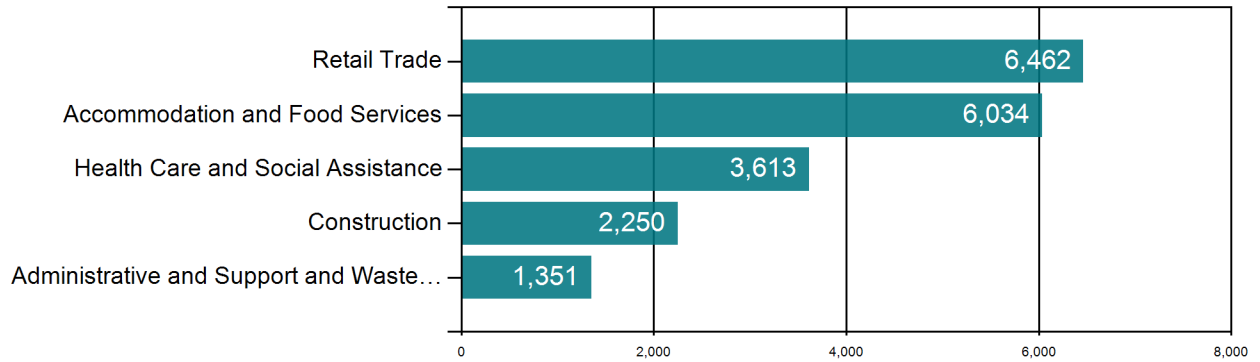
# Top Industries - 2nd Quarter of 2024

## Towns Area

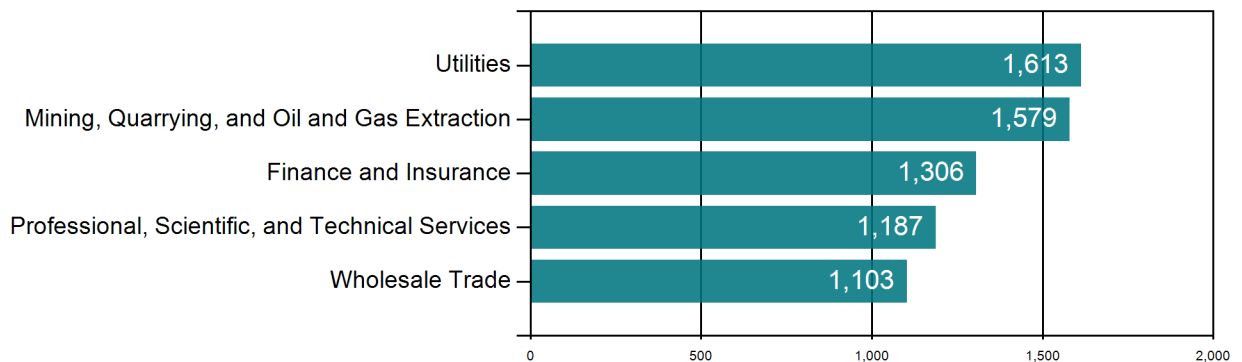
### Top Industries by Firms



### 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

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
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

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

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# Top Ten Largest Employers - 2024\*

## Towns County

Advanced Digital Cable, Inc.  
 Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation  
 Brown Haven Homes, LLC  
 Chatuge Regional Hospital, Inc.  
 Ingles Markets, Inc.  
 McDonalds  
 Sodexo Service  
 Summit Therapeutics, LLC  
 The Ridges Resort  
 Young Harris College

\*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

## Towns Area

Ethicon, Inc.  
 Fieldale Farms Corporation  
 Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership  
 Ingles Markets, Inc.  
 Mountain Education Center, Inc.  
 Northeast Georgia Medical Center  
 United Community Bank  
 Walmart  
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## COUNTY

Habersham  
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# Education of the Labor Force

## Towns Area

### PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT					
	OF TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	5.5%	4.5%	4.9%	6.8%	4.9%	6.2%
Some High School	9.8%	12.6%	10.3%	11.7%	8.3%	9.4%
High School Grad/GED	32.6%	35.2%	34.4%	34.3%	33.4%	29.5%
Some College	22.1%	35.2%	21.7%	19.9%	21.5%	19.0%
College Grad 2 Yr	7.5%	6.3%	9.6%	7.1%	7.8%	6.8%
College Grad 4 Yr	13.1%	5.3%	11.9%	10.7%	14.7%	15.8%
Post Graduate Studies	9.4%	1.0%	7.3%	9.5%	9.4%	13.3%
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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