





# Area Labor Profile

## Upson

## County



Updated: Nov 2024

### Labor Force Activity

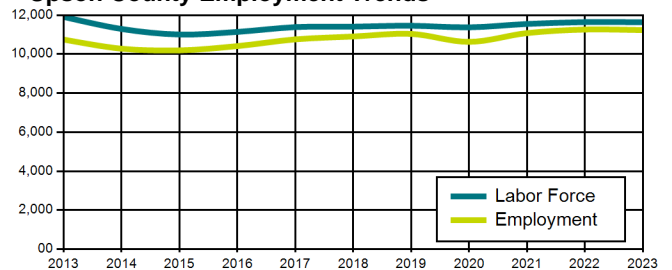
September 2024

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Upson	11,815	11,393	422	3.6%
Crawford	5,413	5,225	188	3.5%
Lamar	8,708	8,365	343	3.9%
Meriwether	9,246	8,907	339	3.7%
Monroe	12,950	12,558	392	3.0%
Pike	9,492	9,225	267	2.8%
Talbot	2,954	2,867	87	2.9%
Taylor	2,819	2,701	118	4.2%
<b>Upson Area</b>	<b>63,397</b>	<b>61,241</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>3.4%</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%

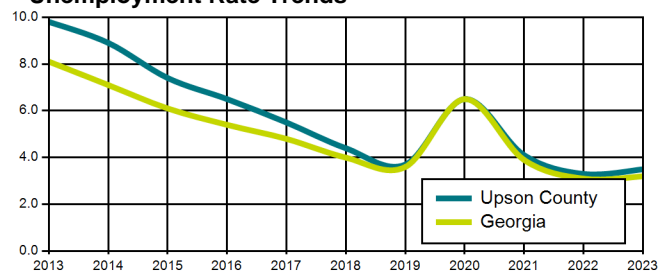
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

### Upson County Employment Trends



### Unemployment Rate Trends

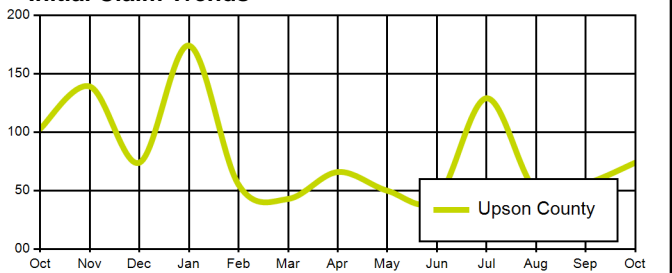


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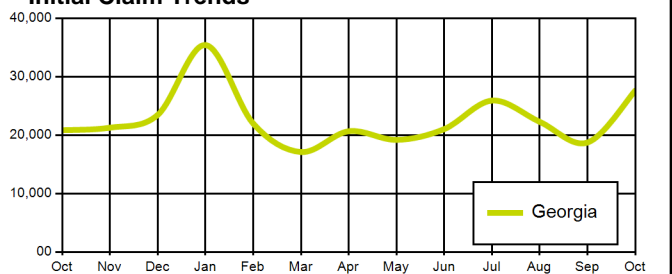
	October 2024	September 2024	August 2024	Total
Upson	74	56	50	180
Crawford	12	11	11	34
Lamar	31	44	23	98
Meriwether	46	47	42	135
Monroe	33	28	41	102
Pike	21	24	25	70
Talbot	9	8	9	26
Taylor	21	10	2	33
<b>Upson Area</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>678</b>

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

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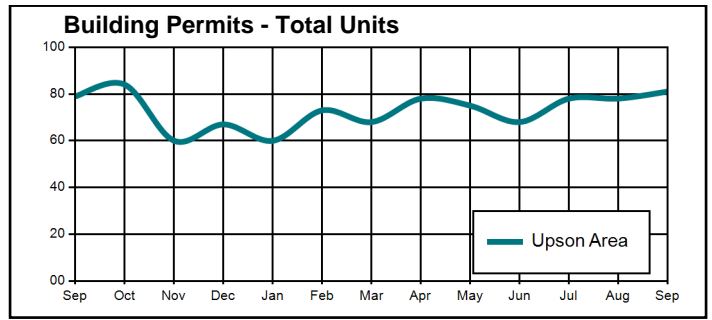
### Initial Claim Trends



# Building Permit Construction Activity

	Upson Area			
	September 2024	August 2024	July 2024	Total
Totals	81	78	78	237
Family residential	81	78	78	237
Multi family resident	0	0	0	0

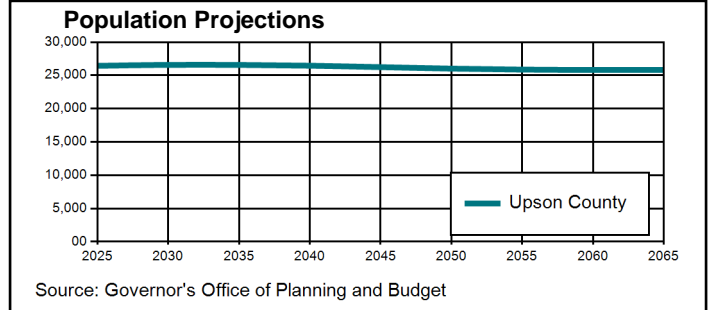
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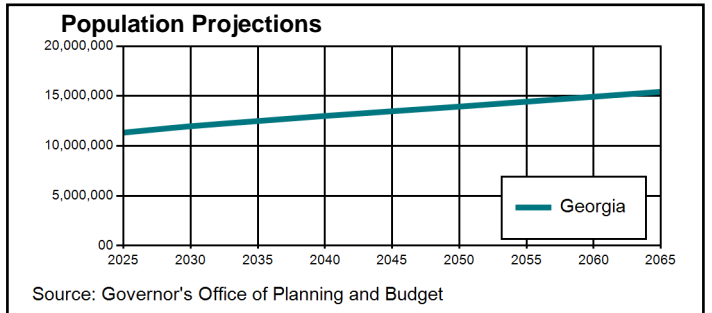
# Population Activity

	Annual 2023	Annual 2022	Difference
Upson	28,263	28,086	177
Crawford	12,277	12,140	137
Lamar	20,401	19,467	934
Meriwether	20,931	20,845	86
Monroe	30,625	29,427	1,198
Pike	20,461	19,990	471
Talbot	5,718	5,747	-29
Taylor	7,758	7,737	21
<b>Upson Area</b>	<b>146,434</b>	<b>143,439</b>	<b>2,995</b>
Georgia	11,029,227	10,912,876	116,351
United States	334,914,895	333,287,557	1,627,338

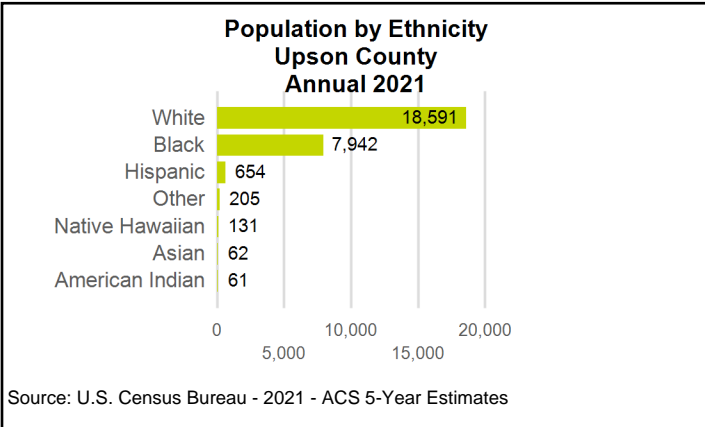
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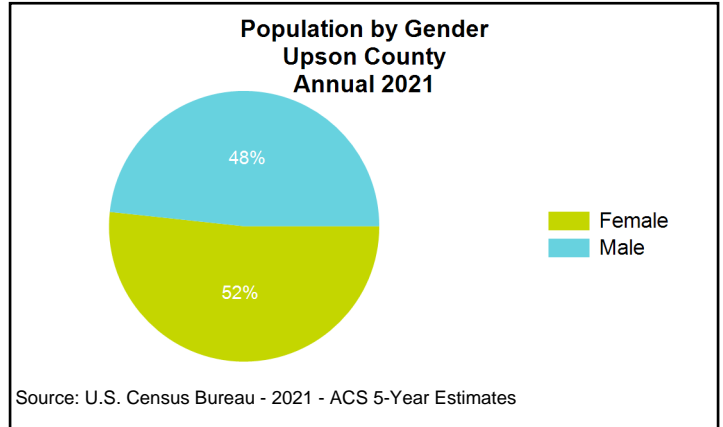
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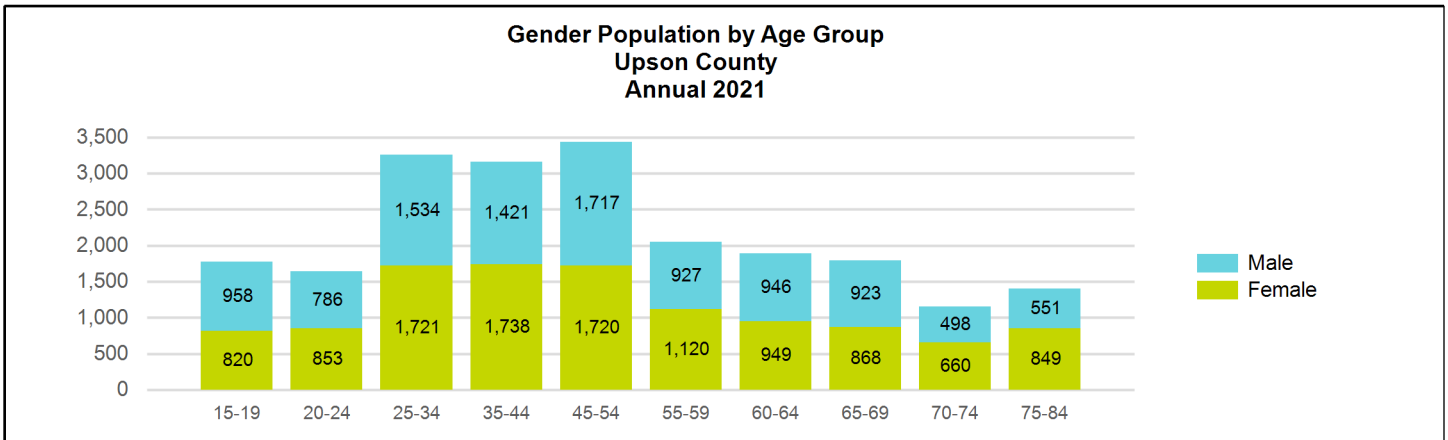
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2021 - ACS 5-Year Estimates



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# Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2024

INDUSTRY	Upson				Upson Area			
	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY
	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>7,701</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>1,128</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	5	4	0.1	806	79	663	2.1	826
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	*	*	*	16	366	1.2	1,505
Construction	38	210	2.9	1,337	340	2,935	9.2	1,135
Manufacturing	16	1,001	13.8	1,194	107	3,737	11.7	1,139
Food	1	*	*	*	9	136	0.4	1,292
Textile Mills	3	256	3.5	1,005	7	390	1.2	993
Textile Product Mills	1	*	*	*	3	*	*	*
Wood Product	4	*	*	*	17	427	1.3	1,378
Paper	1	*	*	*	3	*	*	*
Printing and Related Support Activities	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Chemical	1	*	*	*	3	*	*	*
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	3	*	*	*
Fabricated Metal Product	3	57	0.8	1,285	17	488	1.5	978
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	0	0	0.0	0	3	18	0.1	1,251
Furniture and Related Product	0	0	0.0	0	5	27	0.1	863
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	8	49	0.2	2,367
Miscellaneous	0	0	0.0	0	9	46	0.1	1,300
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	11	1,036	3.3	1,017
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>4,521</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>15,676</b>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>860</b>
Utilities	4	57	0.8	1,179	19	586	1.8	2,340
Wholesale Trade	6	32	0.4	2,141	77	867	2.7	1,507
Retail Trade	86	1,028	14.2	548	398	3,367	10.6	541
Transportation and Warehousing	12	81	1.1	811	90	432	1.4	957
Information	9	58	0.8	933	33	140	0.4	1,047
Finance and Insurance	26	148	2.0	1,542	113	662	2.1	1,071
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	17	32	0.4	691	75	148	0.5	679
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	38	115	1.6	1,136	191	665	2.1	1,284
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	*	*	*	8	172	0.5	1,167
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	39	216	3.0	739	204	1,124	3.5	791
Educational Services	4	*	*	*	18	318	1.0	618
Health Care and Social Assistance	61	1,496	20.7	989	237	3,381	10.6	924
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	6	51	0.7	402	26	214	0.7	1,086
Accommodation and Food Services	51	756	10.4	361	198	2,465	7.7	363
Other Services (except Public Administration)	51	445	6.1	1,376	196	1,135	3.6	1,077
<b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1,095</b>
<b>Total - Private Sector</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>5,755</b>	<b>79.5</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>2,577</b>	<b>23,465</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>949</b>
<b>Total - Government</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1,482</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>8,343</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>911</b>
Federal Government	2	36	0.5	1,263	36	218	0.7	1,284
State Government	15	375	5.2	1,002	87	2,634	8.3	1,047
Local Government	16	1,071	14.8	854	100	5,491	17.3	831
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>7,238</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>31,810</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>939</b>
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia</b>					<b>392,216</b>	<b>4,866,656</b>		<b>1,297</b>

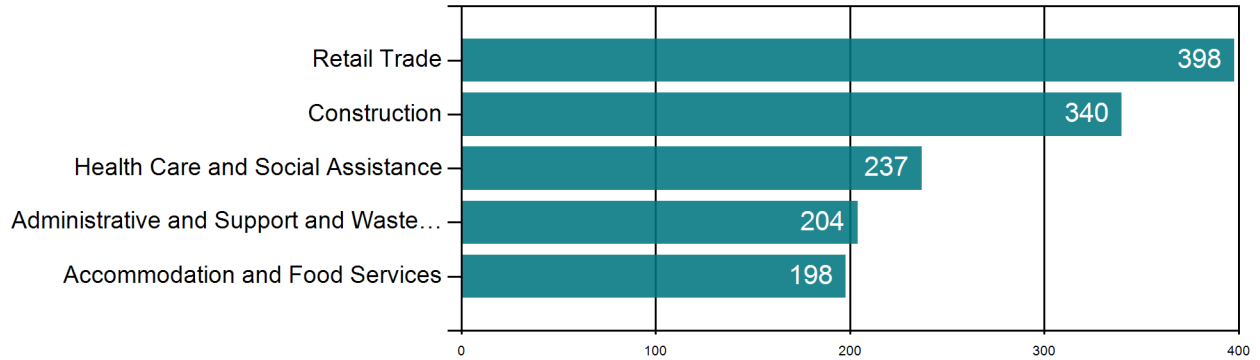
Note: \*Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the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

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

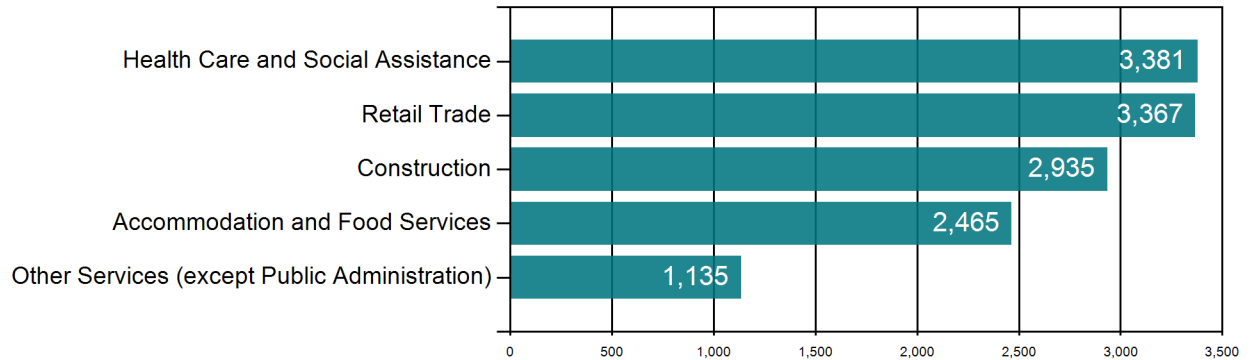
# Top Industries - 2nd Quarter of 2024

## Upton Area

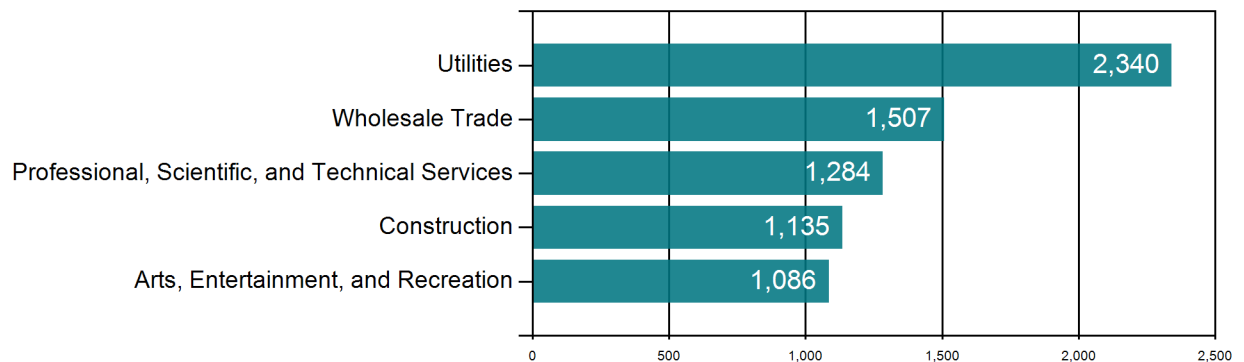
### Top Industries by Firms



### 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	1,265	1,542	1,464	21.9	-5.1
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	629	508	628	-19.2	23.6
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	407	466	548	14.5	17.6
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor	217	375	541	72.8	44.3
Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing	175	550	512	214.3	-6.9
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide	403	405	493	0.5	21.7
Business Administration and Management, General	601	624	480	3.8	-23.1
Child Care Provider/Assistant	609	518	480	-14.9	-7.3
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	279	395	446	41.6	12.9
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician	347	289	365	-16.7	26.3

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	187	208	243	11.2	16.8
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	241	237	193	-1.7	-18.6
Business Administration and Management, General	162	156	144	-3.7	-7.7
Welding Technology/Welder	67	101	98	50.7	-3.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	50	51	77	2.0	51.0
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	92	79	75	-14.1	-5.1
Medical/Clinical Assistant	149	108	66	-27.5	-38.9
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	101	68	50	-32.7	-26.5
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	186	55	49	-70.4	-10.9
Electrician	33	50	48	51.5	-4.0

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
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	666	569	521	-14.6	-8.4
Business Administration and Management, General	203	179	175	-11.8	-2.2
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	116	98	98	-15.5	0.0
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	107	104	94	-2.8	-9.6
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	110	116	92	5.5	-20.7
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	90	68	70	-24.4	2.9
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	87	74	62	-14.9	-16.2
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician	52	74	62	42.3	-16.2
Dental Hygiene/Hygienist	56	55	53	-1.8	-3.6
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	48	61	46	27.1	-24.6

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

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# Top Ten Largest Employers - 2024\*

## Upson County

Harborview Thomaston, LLC  
 Ingles Markets, Inc.  
 Interfor U.S., Inc.  
 Quad Graphics, Inc.  
 Solo Cup Operating Corp  
 Standard Textile Co, Inc.  
 The Home Depot  
 Tidal Wave Auto Spa  
 Upson Regional Medical Center  
 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

## Upson Area

Continental Tire The Americas, LLC  
 Georgia Department of Corrections  
 Georgia Power Company  
 Gordon State College  
 Mando America Corporation  
 Quad Graphics, Inc.  
 Ranew Management Co., Inc.  
 Upson Regional Medical Center  
 Walmart  
 Walmart

## COUNTY

Lamar  
 Monroe  
 Monroe  
 Lamar  
 Meriwether  
 Upson  
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 Monroe

# Education of the Labor Force

## Upson Area

### PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT					
	OF TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	3.8%	1.2%	2.2%	1.9%	2.6%	9.0%
Some High School	12.1%	17.5%	8.3%	10.0%	11.5%	14.0%
High School Grad/GED	37.4%	39.7%	33.6%	34.5%	38.7%	38.6%
Some College	22.7%	30.4%	28.9%	25.7%	20.6%	16.5%
College Grad 2 Yr	7.5%	6.0%	10.8%	7.5%	7.8%	5.7%
College Grad 4 Yr	9.6%	4.9%	10.9%	11.1%	10.8%	8.3%
Post Graduate Studies	6.9%	0.3%	5.4%	9.4%	8.1%	7.9%
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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  - COMMERCIAL
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