





Clarke

County



Area Labor Profile

Updated: Dec 2025

Labor Force Activity

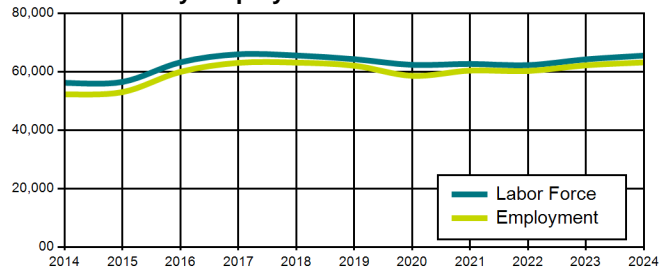
September 2025

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Clarke	66,062	63,885	2,177	3.3%
Barrow	48,084	46,708	1,376	2.9%
Jackson	45,357	44,084	1,273	2.8%
Madison	14,161	13,711	450	3.2%
Oconee	21,814	21,233	581	2.7%
Oglethorpe	7,560	7,336	224	3.0%
Clarke Area	203,038	196,957	6,081	3.0%
Georgia	5,408,978	5,225,359	183,619	3.4%
United States	171,217,000	163,894,000	7,324,000	4.3%

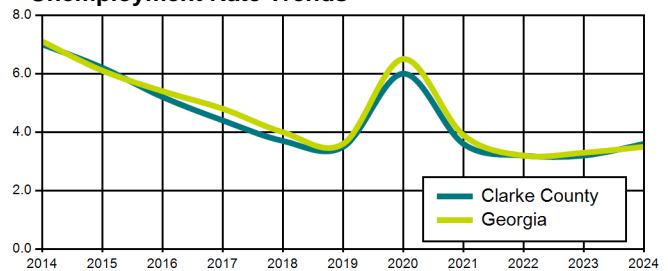
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

Clarke County Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends

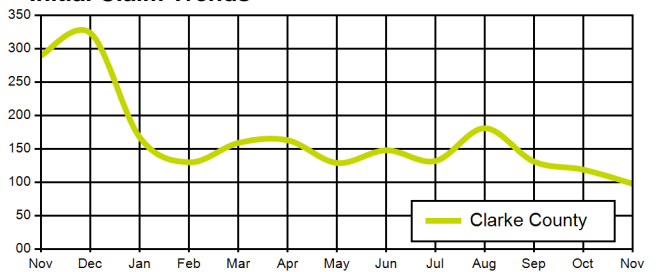


Initial Claims Activity

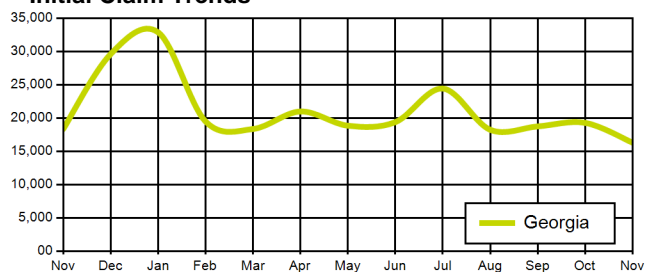
	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	Total
Clarke	98	119	131	348
Barrow	99	104	121	324
Jackson	73	143	119	335
Madison	24	53	40	117
Oconee	16	25	15	56
Oglethorpe	8	15	13	36
Clarke Area	318	459	439	1,216

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

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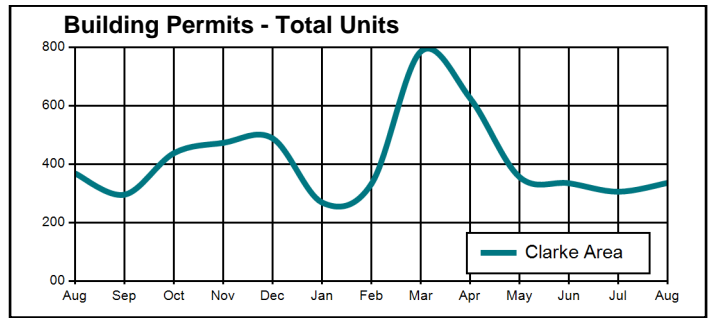
Initial Claim Trends



Building Permit Construction Activity

Clarke Area				
	August 2025	July 2025	June 2025	Total
Totals	336	306	335	977
Family residential	285	306	335	926
Multi family resident	51	0	0	51

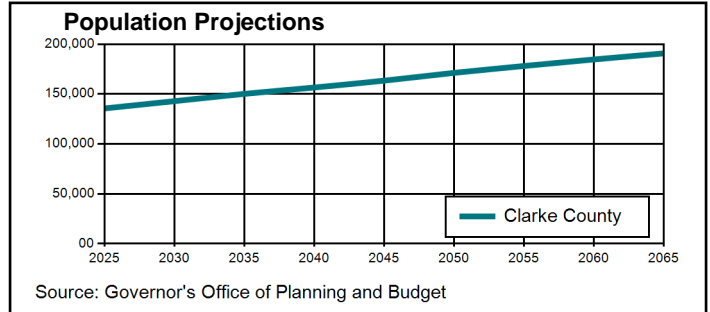
Source: U.S. Census Bureau.



Population Activity

	Annual 2024	Annual 2023	Difference
Clarke	129,995	129,933	62
Barrow	96,294	92,792	3,502
Jackson	93,825	88,615	5,210
Madison	32,771	32,191	580
Oconee	44,751	44,182	569
Oglethorpe	16,172	15,754	418
Clarke Area	413,808	403,467	10,341
Georgia	11,180,878	11,029,227	151,651
United States	340,110,988	334,914,895	5,196,093

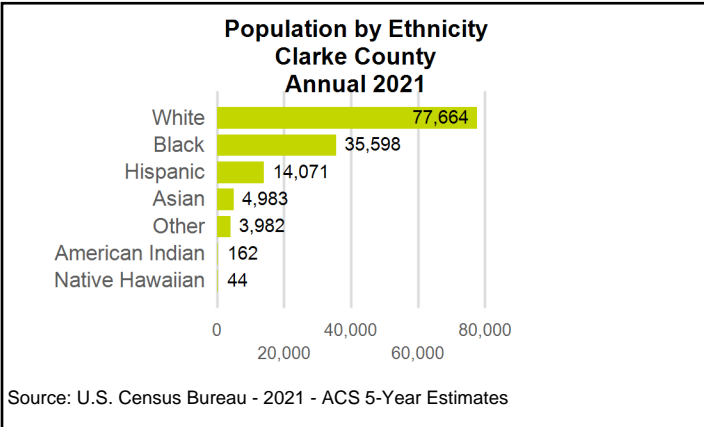
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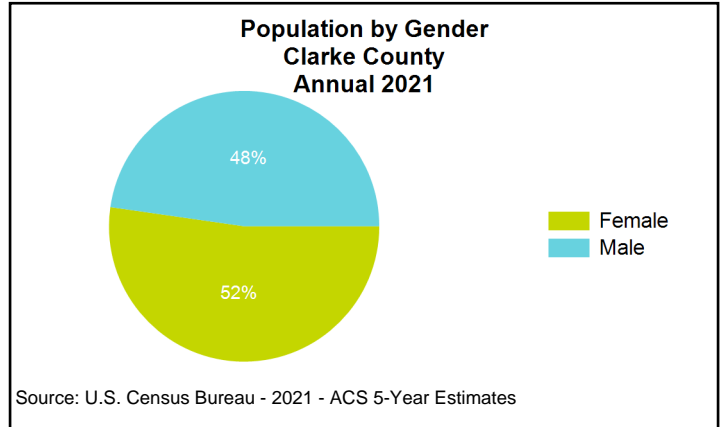
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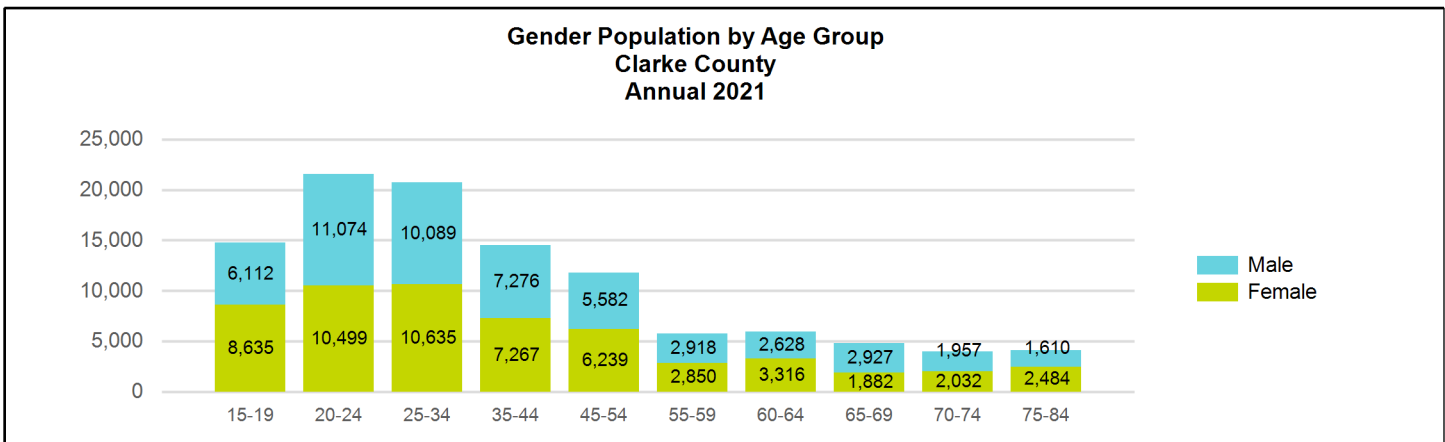
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2021 - ACS 5-Year Estimates



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Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2025

INDUSTRY	Clarke				Clarke Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	356	8,218	11.3	1,302	1,650	28,101	16.8	1,290
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	13	156	0.2	777	119	1,033	0.6	927
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	*	*	*	15	100	0.1	1,358
Construction	214	2,318	3.2	1,491	1,093	7,882	4.7	1,435
Manufacturing	128	5,723	7.8	1,239	423	19,086	11.4	1,250
Food	17	*	*	*	41	4,454	2.7	932
Beverage and Tobacco Product	9	306	0.4	996	18	370	0.2	1,004
Textile Mills	3	48	0.1	828	6	349	0.2	990
Textile Product Mills	2	*	*	*	4	*	*	*
Wood Product	5	24	0.0	1,627	25	531	0.3	1,483
Paper	3	*	*	*	4	311	0.2	1,444
Printing and Related Support Activities	9	106	0.1	893	20	213	0.1	821
Petroleum and Coal Products	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Chemical	14	454	0.6	1,942	42	1,469	0.9	1,791
Plastics and Rubber Products	6	555	0.8	1,300	14	1,022	0.6	1,269
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	7	319	0.4	1,621	26	1,015	0.6	1,431
Primary Metal	1	*	*	*	6	204	0.1	2,034
Fabricated Metal Product	11	225	0.3	948	70	1,093	0.7	1,156
Machinery	3	*	*	*	29	1,901	1.1	1,274
Computer and Electronic Product	5	45	0.1	838	10	66	0.0	1,467
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	7	911	1.2	1,292	11	3,837	2.3	1,330
Transportation Equipment	4	243	0.3	1,053	24	1,588	1.0	1,314
Furniture and Related Product	5	21	0.0	1,169	28	282	0.2	1,018
Miscellaneous	16	185	0.3	1,222	42	355	0.2	1,425
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Leather and Allied Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Service-Providing	3,352	43,920	60.1	1,006	7,855	106,679	63.9	953
Utilities	6	218	0.3	1,917	19	646	0.4	2,085
Wholesale Trade	108	3,284	4.5	1,154	378	9,477	5.7	1,237
Retail Trade	552	7,386	10.1	753	1,258	21,367	12.8	818
Transportation and Warehousing	57	1,151	1.6	1,019	249	14,422	8.6	924
Information	80	380	0.5	1,213	169	789	0.5	1,205
Finance and Insurance	162	894	1.2	2,138	452	2,058	1.2	1,767
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	242	1,309	1.8	1,136	527	3,266	2.0	1,023
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	432	2,367	3.2	1,796	1,053	4,946	3.0	1,526
Management of Companies and Enterprises	13	178	0.2	1,673	27	627	0.4	1,933
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	236	2,993	4.1	614	688	7,044	4.2	774
Educational Services	59	727	1.0	658	133	1,999	1.2	617
Health Care and Social Assistance	584	12,171	16.7	1,348	1,118	18,579	11.1	1,221
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	76	864	1.2	473	154	1,671	1.0	484
Accommodation and Food Services	434	8,281	11.3	445	867	15,759	9.4	441
Other Services (except Public Administration)	311	1,717	2.4	1,169	763	4,028	2.4	996
Unclassified - industry not assigned	199	121	0.2	1,107	656	375	0.2	1,275
Total - Private Sector	3,907	52,259	71.6	1,053	10,161	135,154	81.0	1,024
Total - Government	101	20,768	28.4	1,325	294	31,733	19.0	1,221
Federal Government	25	1,002	1.4	1,806	66	1,570	0.9	1,635
State Government	40	*	*	*	78	*	*	*
Local Government	36	5,040	6.9	1,121	150	15,094	9.0	1,050
ALL INDUSTRIES	4,008	73,028	100.0	1,130	10,455	166,890	100.0	1,062
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					394,870	4,899,057		1,339

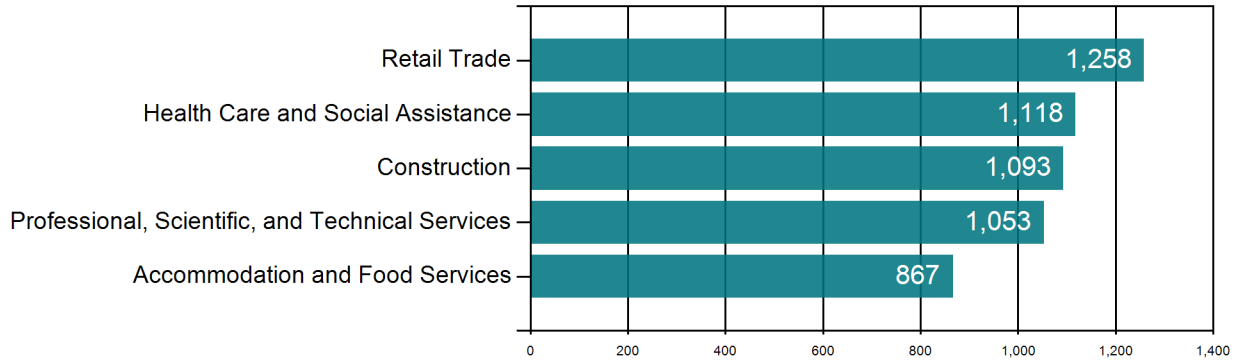
Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average 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 2025.

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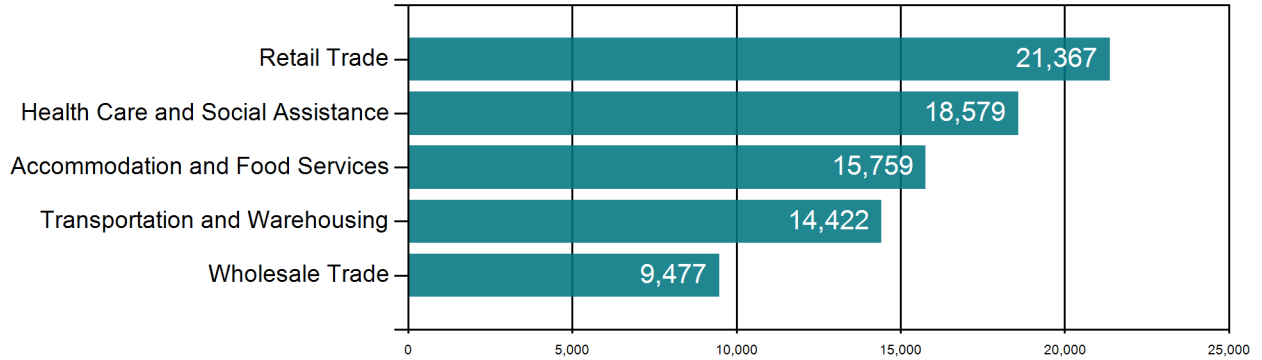
Top Industries - 2nd Quarter of 2025

Clarke Area

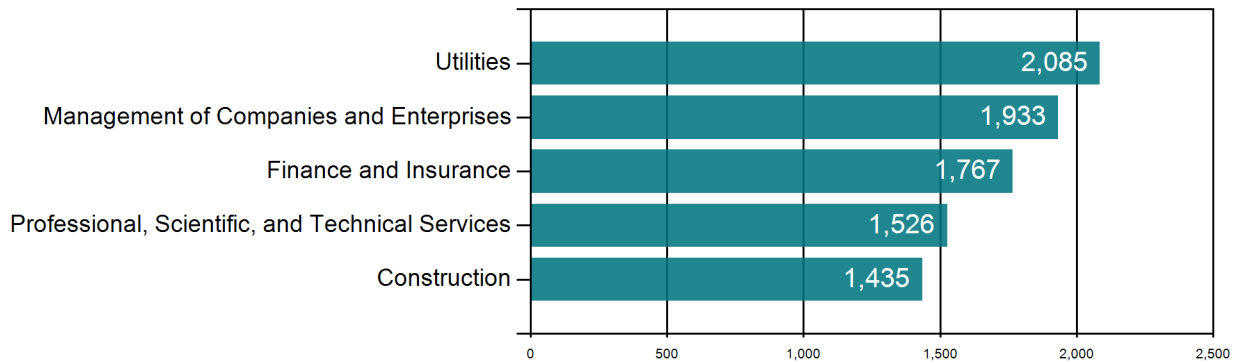
Top Industries by Firms



Top Industries by Employment



Top Industries by Weekly Wages



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Technical College Certificate Graduates - 2024

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2022	2023	2024	2022-2023	2023-2024
Child Care Provider/Assistant	67	77	116	14.9	50.6
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	95	105	87	10.5	-17.1
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician	86	65	87	-24.4	33.8
Electrician	71	57	78	-19.7	36.8
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	127	96	76	-24.4	-20.8
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor	48	106	72	120.8	-32.1
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	68	55	70	-19.1	27.3
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician	69	80	63	15.9	-21.3
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	60	33	46	-45.0	39.4
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	55	57	39	3.6	-31.6

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

Technical College Diploma Graduates - 2024

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2022	2023	2024	2022-2023	2023-2024
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	29	22	24	-24.1	9.1
Welding Technology/Welder	8	14	22	75.0	57.1
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	35	37	21	5.7	-43.2
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	26	12	20	-53.8	66.7
Electrician	18	10	17	-44.4	70.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	12	19	13	58.3	-31.6
Medical/Clinical Assistant	18	11	11	-38.9	0.0
Network and System Administration/Administrator	6	2	8	-66.7	300.0
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician	3	14	7	366.7	-50.0
Interior Design	2	9	7	350.0	-22.2

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

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Technical College Degree Graduates - 2024

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2022	2023	2024	2022-2023	2023-2024
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	41	46	50	12.2	8.7
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	27	12	19	-55.6	58.3
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	11	13	15	18.2	15.4
Electrician	16	9	14	-43.8	55.6
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	13	5	13	-61.5	160.0
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	17	17	13	0.0	-23.5
Social Work, Other	15	14	12	-6.7	-14.3
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician	6	2	11	-66.7	450.0
Dental Hygiene/Hygienist	13	15	11	15.4	-26.7
Interior Design	6	8	11	33.3	37.5

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Top Ten Largest Employers - 2025*

Clarke County

Athens Regional Medical Center
 Caterpillar, Inc.
 Electric Research and Manufacturing
 Cooperative, Inc.
 Innovative Solution Advisors
 Mclane Southeast
 Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
 St. Marys Hospital
 The Kroger Company
 University Of Georgia
 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 2025. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Clarke Area

	<u>COUNTY</u>
Amazon Services, Inc.	Jackson
Athens Regional Medical Center	Clarke
Caterpillar, Inc.	Clarke
HG Georgia Merchants, Inc.	Jackson
Kubota Manufacturing of America Corporation	Jackson
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	Clarke
Sk Battery America, Inc.	Jackson
St. Marys Hospital	Clarke
The William Carter Company	Jackson
University Of Georgia	Clarke

Education of the Labor Force

Clarke Area

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT					
	OF TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	3.5%	0.5%	1.8%	4.5%	4.5%	5.8%
Some High School	7.7%	8.4%	5.6%	7.1%	8.3%	8.6%
High School Grad/GED	26.9%	24.6%	24.4%	24.8%	29.8%	29.0%
Some College	25.4%	51.9%	20.6%	18.8%	19.4%	19.8%
College Grad 2 Yr	7.3%	4.1%	9.8%	8.2%	8.2%	5.6%
College Grad 4 Yr	16.7%	9.8%	24.2%	19.8%	16.0%	14.6%
Post Graduate Studies	12.5%	0.7%	13.6%	17.0%	13.9%	16.8%
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.

Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

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