





# Area Labor Profile

**DeKalb**

**County**



Updated: Dec 2025

## Labor Force Activity

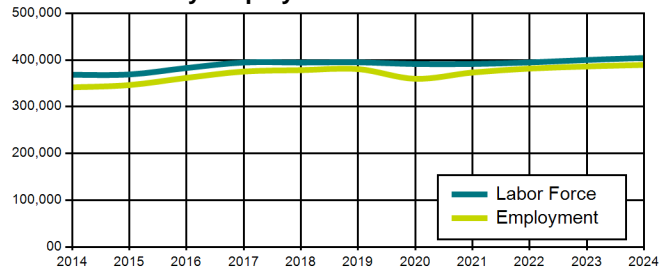
**September 2025**

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
DeKalb	403,823	389,342	14,481	3.6%
Clayton	147,225	140,744	6,481	4.4%
Fulton	600,531	579,118	21,413	3.6%
Gwinnett	518,200	501,589	16,611	3.2%
Henry	130,553	125,634	4,919	3.8%
Rockdale	47,820	45,874	1,946	4.1%
<b>DeKalb Area</b>	<b>1,848,152</b>	<b>1,782,301</b>	<b>65,851</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
Georgia	5,408,978	5,225,359	183,619	3.4%
United States	171,217,000	163,894,000	7,324,000	4.3%

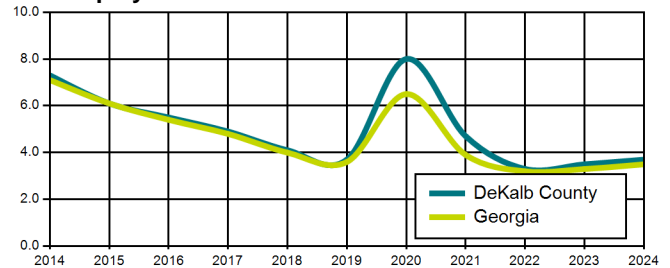
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

### DeKalb County Employment Trends



### Unemployment Rate Trends

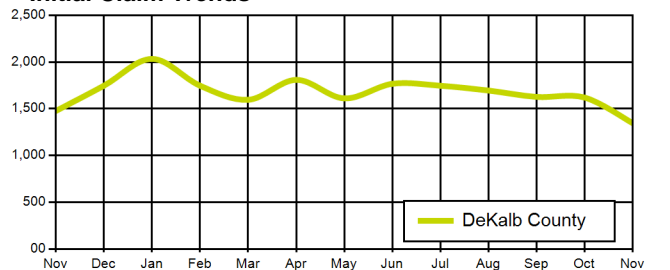


## Initial Claims Activity

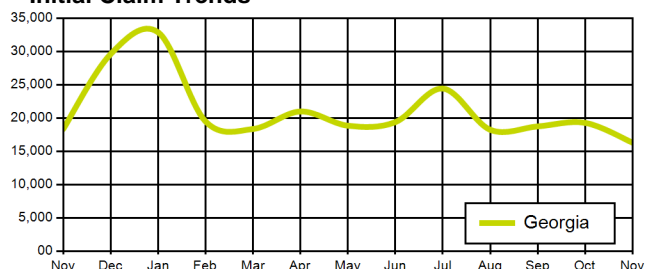
	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	Total
DeKalb	1,347	1,620	1,627	4,594
Clayton	696	836	745	2,277
Fulton	2,062	2,372	2,411	6,845
Gwinnett	1,100	1,357	1,386	3,843
Henry	523	542	560	1,625
Rockdale	184	202	211	597
<b>DeKalb Area</b>	<b>5,912</b>	<b>6,929</b>	<b>6,940</b>	<b>19,781</b>

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

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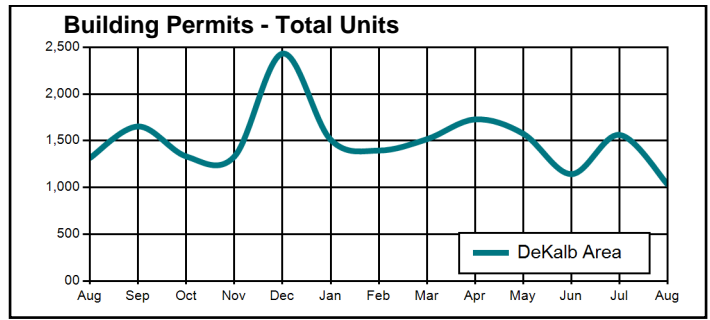
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# Building Permit Construction Activity

	DeKalb Area			
	August 2025	July 2025	June 2025	Total
Totals	1,034	1,563	1,144	3,741
Family residential	778	754	770	2,302
Multi family resident	256	809	374	1,439

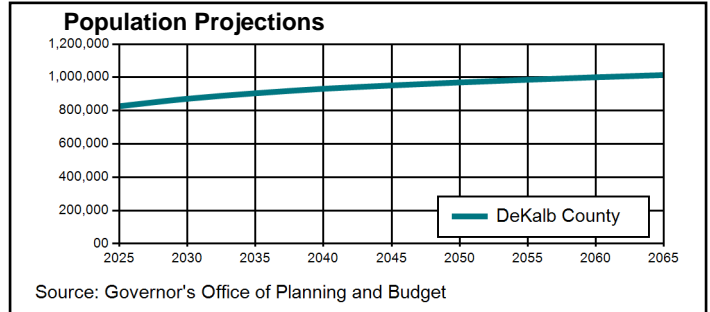
Source: U.S. Census Bureau.



# Population Activity

	Annual 2024	Annual 2023	Difference
DeKalb	770,307	762,992	7,315
Clayton	297,703	298,300	-597
Fulton	1,090,354	1,079,105	11,249
Gwinnett	1,003,869	983,526	20,343
Henry	259,315	254,613	4,702
Rockdale	97,610	95,987	1,623
<b>DeKalb Area</b>	<b>3,519,158</b>	<b>3,474,523</b>	<b>44,635</b>
Georgia	11,180,878	11,029,227	151,651
United States	340,110,988	334,914,895	5,196,093

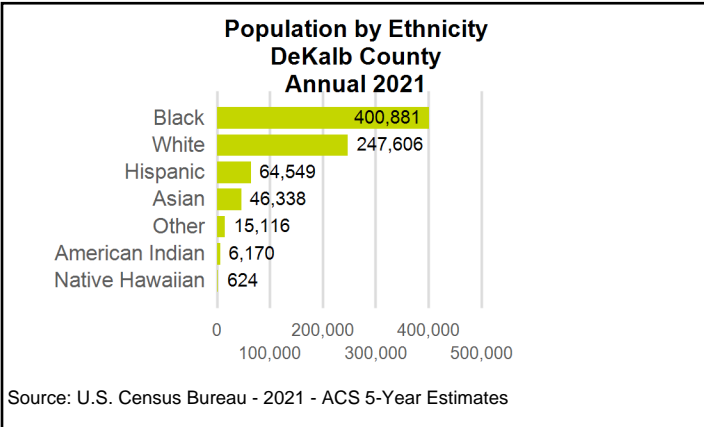
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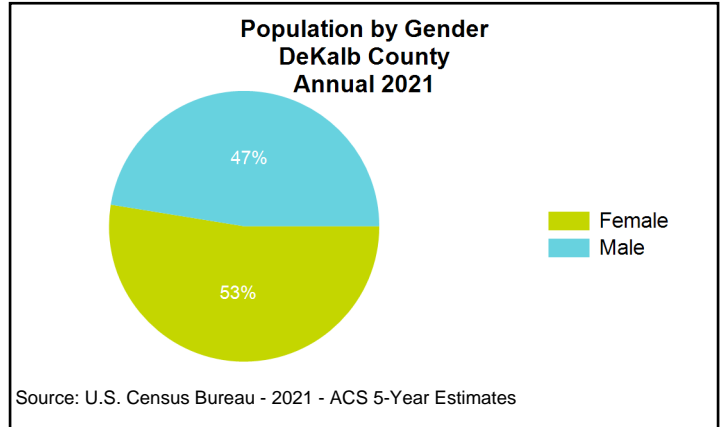
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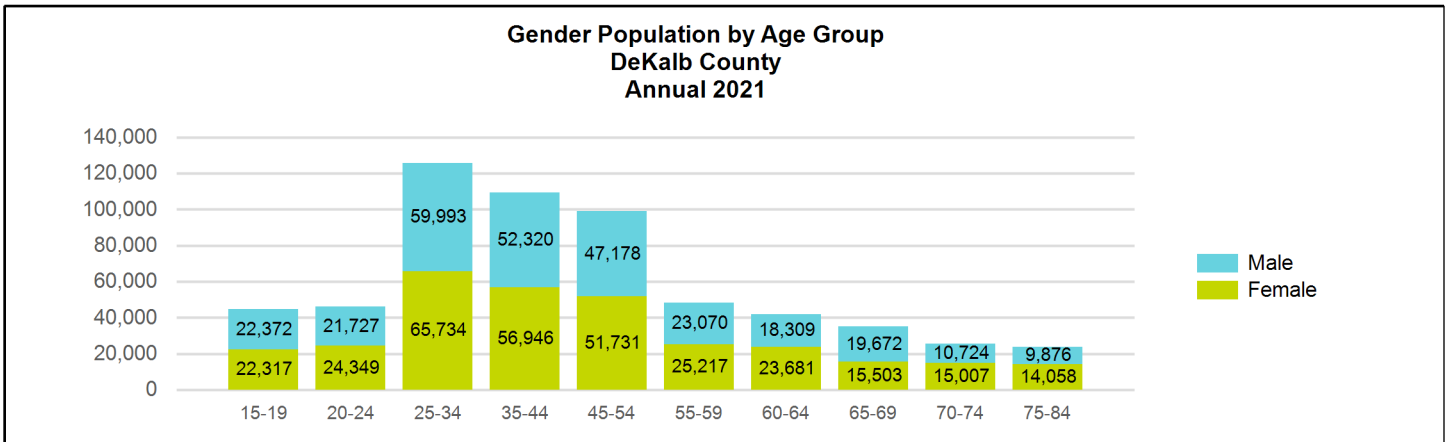
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2021 - ACS 5-Year Estimates



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# Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2025

INDUSTRY	DeKalb				DeKalb Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>22,470</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>13,321</b>	<b>156,241</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>1,622</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	16	248	0.1	2,199	158	1,021	0.1	1,255
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	6	77	0.0	1,636	57	1,012	0.1	2,201
Construction	1,074	9,649	3.1	1,568	8,968	71,782	3.8	1,696
Manufacturing	624	12,496	4.0	1,433	4,138	82,426	4.4	1,556
Food	83	2,888	0.9	1,134	409	13,826	0.7	1,204
Beverage and Tobacco Product	25	615	0.2	1,382	138	3,641	0.2	1,223
Textile Mills	3	*	*	*	31	265	0.0	3,102
Textile Product Mills	14	204	0.1	873	73	1,324	0.1	1,030
Apparel	9	39	0.0	743	46	276	0.0	1,113
Leather and Allied Product	1	*	*	*	14	148	0.0	1,594
Wood Product	17	618	0.2	1,300	117	3,619	0.2	1,494
Paper	11	417	0.1	1,518	95	4,404	0.2	1,774
Printing and Related Support Activities	72	581	0.2	1,496	359	3,747	0.2	1,314
Petroleum and Coal Products	2	*	*	*	19	567	0.0	1,814
Chemical	60	983	0.3	1,630	386	6,712	0.4	1,730
Plastics and Rubber Products	17	1,090	0.3	1,277	191	6,987	0.4	1,331
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	24	349	0.1	1,572	179	4,346	0.2	1,538
Primary Metal	9	129	0.0	671	44	587	0.0	1,480
Fabricated Metal Product	47	1,165	0.4	1,341	373	7,301	0.4	1,393
Machinery	42	629	0.2	1,764	263	4,831	0.3	1,729
Computer and Electronic Product	28	710	0.2	2,403	273	5,436	0.3	2,385
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	30	688	0.2	1,765	199	3,485	0.2	1,816
Transportation Equipment	23	284	0.1	2,340	164	2,685	0.1	2,598
Furniture and Related Product	31	343	0.1	1,284	200	3,284	0.2	1,311
Miscellaneous	76	715	0.2	1,135	565	4,959	0.3	1,555
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>19,041</b>	<b>242,378</b>	<b>77.7</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>120,871</b>	<b>1,501,497</b>	<b>79.3</b>	<b>1,603</b>
Utilities	31	1,322	0.4	2,407	165	6,875	0.4	2,346
Wholesale Trade	1,038	11,071	3.5	1,826	7,251	90,904	4.8	1,998
Retail Trade	2,286	32,120	10.3	881	11,510	163,914	8.7	870
Transportation and Warehousing	544	11,562	3.7	1,475	4,532	136,649	7.2	1,508
Information	742	7,997	2.6	2,419	4,483	70,363	3.7	2,874
Finance and Insurance	1,002	16,712	5.4	1,703	7,944	94,109	5.0	2,434
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,176	5,373	1.7	1,394	7,537	42,554	2.2	1,603
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	3,811	21,898	7.0	1,957	28,100	176,377	9.3	2,413
Management of Companies and Enterprises	111	4,305	1.4	3,145	984	59,320	3.1	2,929
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,386	19,967	6.4	1,469	9,290	128,117	6.8	1,262
Educational Services	386	23,017	7.4	2,413	2,197	50,825	2.7	1,762
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,693	51,004	16.3	1,412	14,731	235,956	12.5	1,392
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	393	3,907	1.3	598	2,482	30,319	1.6	867
Accommodation and Food Services	1,755	24,080	7.7	570	9,987	164,941	8.7	611
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,687	8,043	2.6	1,057	9,678	50,274	2.7	1,081
<b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>15,708</b>	<b>8,345</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1,642</b>
<b>Total - Private Sector</b>	<b>22,961</b>	<b>265,799</b>	<b>85.2</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>149,900</b>	<b>1,666,083</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>1,604</b>
<b>Total - Government</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>46,319</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>1,546</b>	<b>227,565</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>1,496</b>
Federal Government	58	13,442	4.3	1,863	312	49,153	2.6	2,040
State Government	107	8,769	2.8	1,048	405	47,619	2.5	1,475
Local Government	229	24,108	7.7	1,355	829	130,793	6.9	1,299
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>23,355</b>	<b>312,117</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,486</b>	<b>151,446</b>	<b>1,893,649</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,591</b>
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia</b>					<b>394,870</b>	<b>4,899,057</b>		<b>1,339</b>

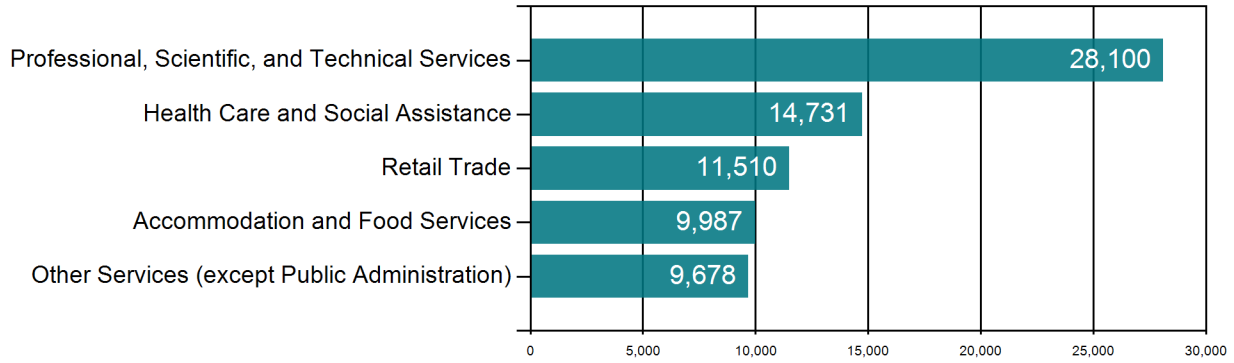
Note: \*Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the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

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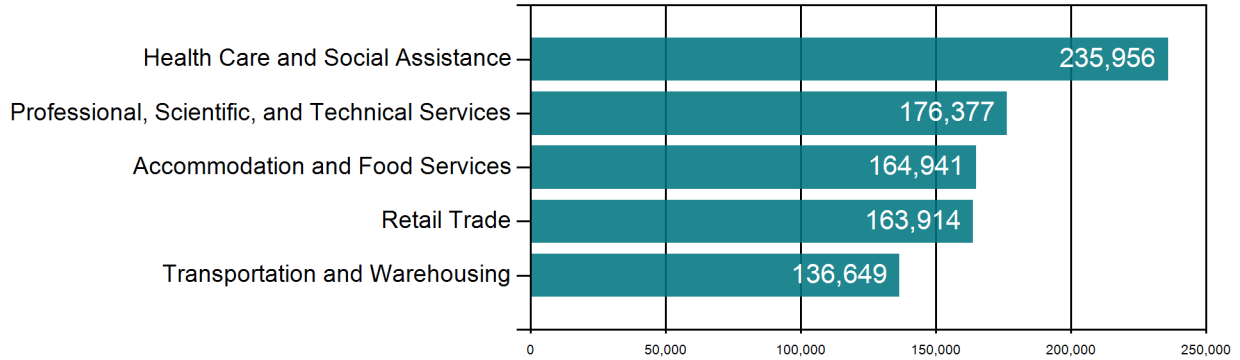
# Top Industries - 2nd Quarter of 2025

## DeKalb Area

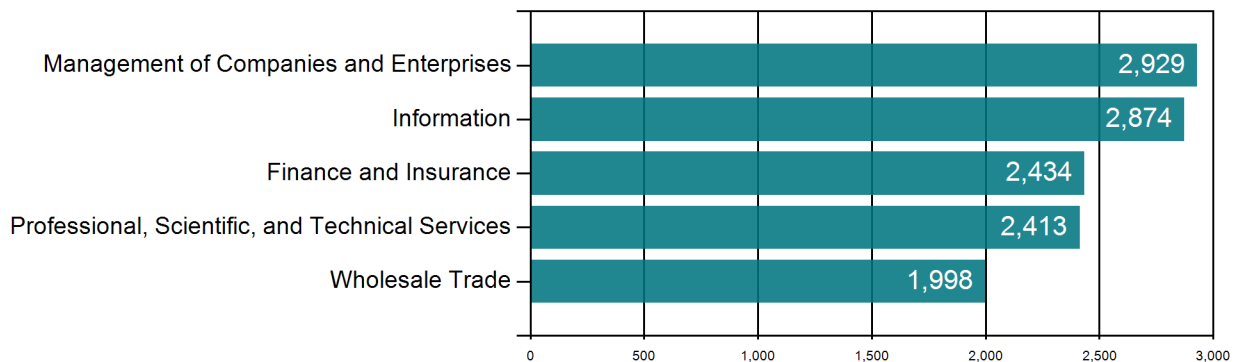
### Top Industries by Firms



### 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
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	729	653	693	-10.4	6.1
Child Care Provider/Assistant	288	296	399	2.8	34.8
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician	379	294	350	-22.4	19.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	278	282	330	1.4	17.0
Welding Technology/Welder	338	291	299	-13.9	2.7
Computer and Information Systems Security/Information Assurance	227	191	290	-15.9	51.8
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	293	266	273	-9.2	2.6
Network and System Administration/Administrator	309	155	208	-49.8	34.2
Carpentry/Carpenter	156	172	148	10.3	-14.0
Business Administration and Management, General	150	121	147	-19.3	21.5

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
Computer and Information Systems Security/Information Assurance	67	59	80	-11.9	35.6
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	57	60	75	5.3	25.0
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	59	53	72	-10.2	35.8
Business Administration and Management, General	81	69	68	-14.8	-1.4
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	89	63	65	-29.2	3.2
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	82	78	53	-4.9	-32.1
Computer Programming/Programmer, General	50	39	52	-22.0	33.3
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	41	53	42	29.3	-20.8
Network and System Administration/Administrator	46	43	42	-6.5	-2.3
Carpentry/Carpenter	32	23	34	-28.1	47.8

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
Computer and Information Systems Security/Information Assurance	84	79	106	-6.0	34.2
Business Administration and Management, General	103	82	71	-20.4	-13.4
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	74	47	69	-36.5	46.8
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	57	72	69	26.3	-4.2
Network and System Administration/Administrator	57	59	57	3.5	-3.4
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	82	70	52	-14.6	-25.7
Computer Programming/Programmer, General	57	47	49	-17.5	4.3
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	48	59	43	22.9	-27.1
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	30	28	40	-6.7	42.9
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	33	31	33	-6.1	6.5

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# Top Ten Largest Employers - 2025\*

## DeKalb County

AT&T  
 Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  
 Emory Healthcare, Inc.  
 Emory University  
 Georgia State University  
 Publix Super Markets, Inc.  
 State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Company  
 TCS Limited  
 The Kroger Company  
 Walmart

## DeKalb Area

	<u>COUNTY</u>
Amazon Services, Inc.	Fulton
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta	DeKalb
Delta Air Lines, Inc.	Clayton
Delta Air Lines, Inc.	Fulton
Emory Healthcare, Inc.	DeKalb
Emory Healthcare, Inc.	Fulton
Emory University	DeKalb
Georgia Institute Of Technology	Fulton
Grady Health System	Fulton
Northside Hospital, Inc.	Fulton

\*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

# Education of the Labor Force

## DeKalb Area

### PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT					
	OF TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	3.9%	1.8%	2.9%	4.8%	4.0%	5.7%
Some High School	6.3%	12.7%	4.9%	5.6%	4.9%	6.8%
High School Grad/GED	22.8%	30.6%	20.3%	19.4%	21.9%	25.8%
Some College	19.7%	35.5%	18.3%	15.9%	17.5%	18.3%
College Grad 2 Yr	7.5%	4.3%	7.4%	8.5%	8.3%	7.1%
College Grad 4 Yr	24.6%	13.9%	31.6%	25.8%	25.7%	20.0%
Post Graduate Studies	15.3%	1.1%	14.7%	20.1%	17.6%	16.3%
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.

# Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

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  - INVESTMENTS
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- MANAGEMENT
  - MULTI-FAMILY
  - COMMERCIAL
  - HOME RENTAL
  - COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT
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- RELOCATION
- HOME SERVICES
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