





Gilmer

County



Area Labor Profile

Updated: Dec 2025

Labor Force Activity

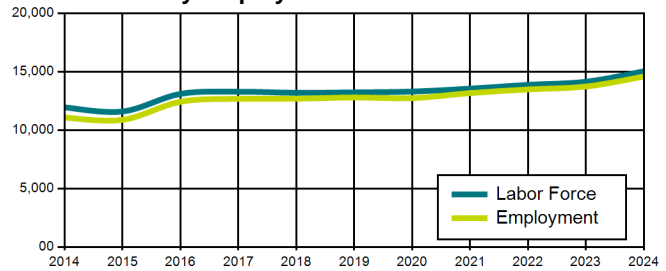
September 2025

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Gilmer	15,552	15,115	437	2.8%
Dawson	15,971	15,548	423	2.6%
Fannin	11,301	10,966	335	3.0%
Gordon	29,474	28,539	935	3.2%
Lumpkin	16,660	16,096	564	3.4%
Murray	19,332	18,652	680	3.5%
Pickens	17,450	16,954	496	2.8%
Gilmer Area	125,740	121,870	3,870	3.1%
Georgia	5,408,978	5,225,359	183,619	3.4%
United States	171,217,000	163,894,000	7,324,000	4.3%

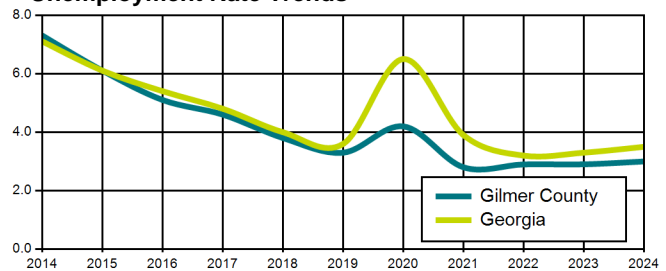
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

Gilmer County Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends

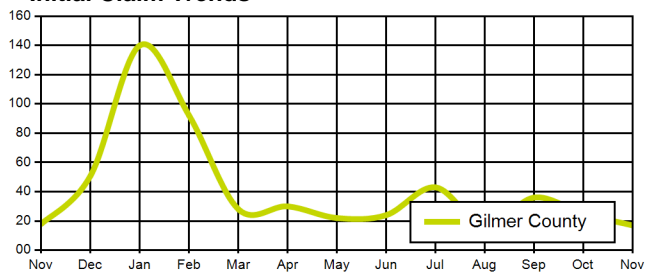


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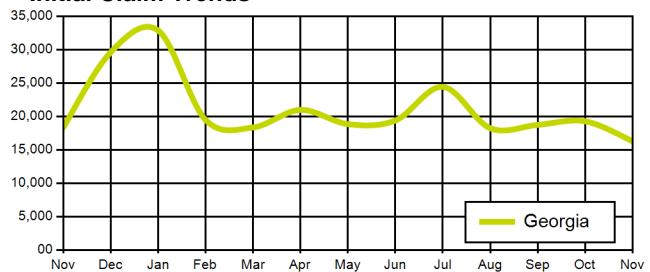
	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	Total
Gilmer	17	25	36	78
Dawson	31	36	23	90
Fannin	12	10	18	40
Gordon	213	143	229	585
Lumpkin	15	28	28	71
Murray	177	217	165	559
Pickens	23	28	31	82
Gilmer Area	488	487	530	1,505

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

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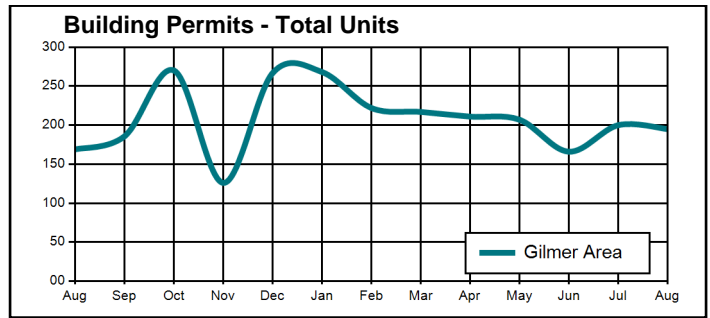
Initial Claim Trends



Building Permit Construction Activity

Gilmer Area				
	August 2025	July 2025	June 2025	Total
Totals	195	200	166	561
Family residential	186	187	159	532
Multi family resident	9	13	7	29

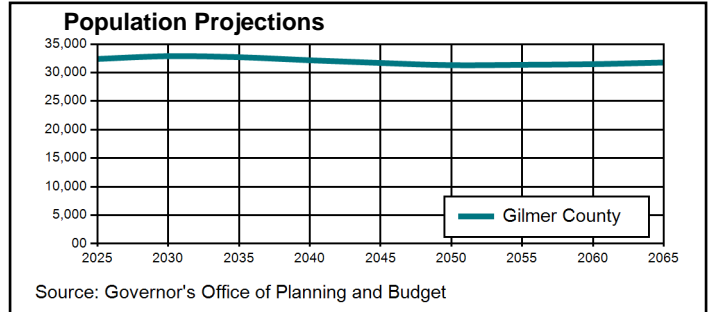
Source: U.S. Census Bureau.



Population Activity

	Annual 2024	Annual 2023	Difference
Gilmer	33,327	32,860	467
Dawson	33,748	31,732	2,016
Fannin	25,854	25,955	-101
Gordon	60,765	59,757	1,008
Lumpkin	36,016	35,258	758
Murray	41,316	41,035	281
Pickens	36,580	35,969	611
Gilmer Area	267,606	262,566	5,040
Georgia	11,180,878	11,029,227	151,651
United States	340,110,988	334,914,895	5,196,093

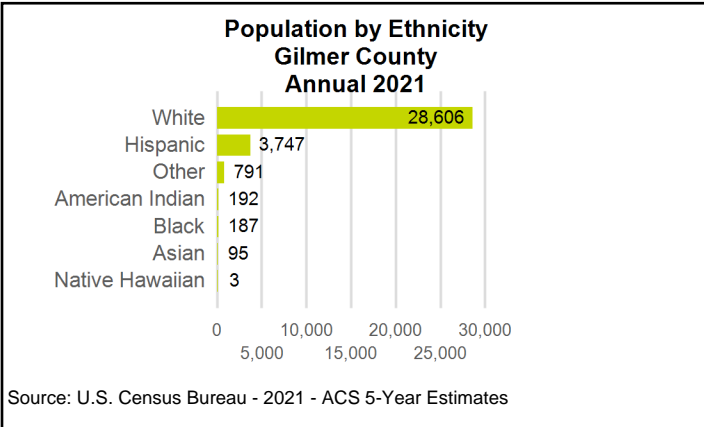
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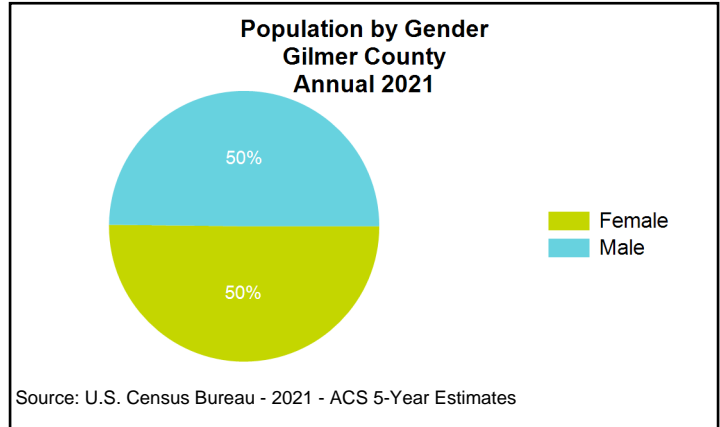
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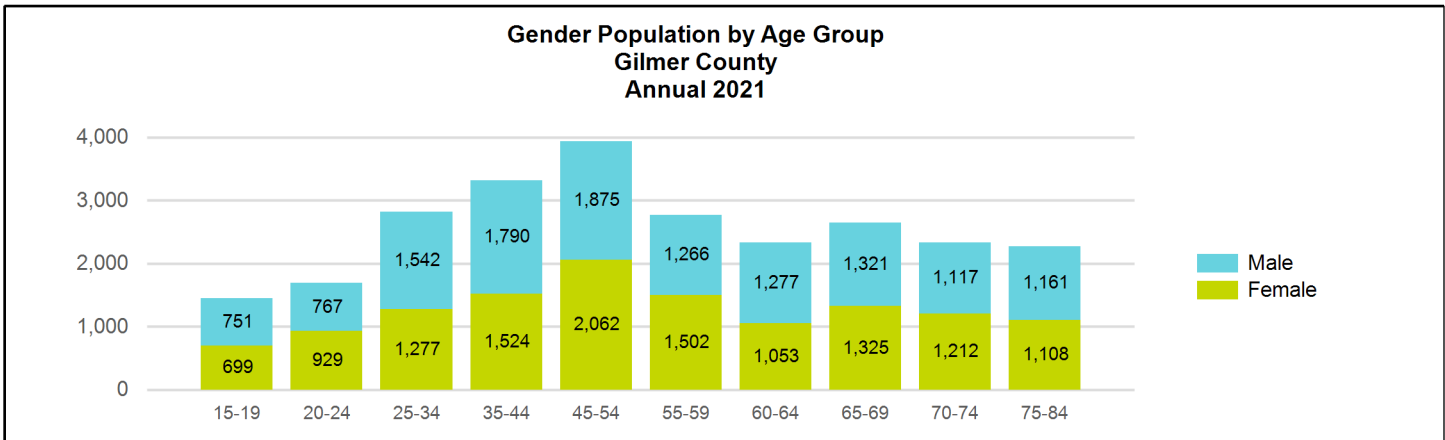
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2021 - ACS 5-Year Estimates



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Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2025

INDUSTRY	Gilmer				Gilmer Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	174	2,087	25.0	979	1,182	20,970	26.5	1,182
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	11	58	0.7	548	69	440	0.6	767
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	2	*	*	*	7	285	0.4	1,566
Construction	106	417	5.0	1,386	685	4,065	5.1	1,252
Manufacturing	55	1,521	18.2	853	421	16,180	20.4	1,170
Food	6	*	*	*	29	1,940	2.5	911
Beverage and Tobacco Product	12	126	1.5	813	33	335	0.4	809
Textile Product Mills	2	*	*	*	79	6,363	8.0	1,265
Leather and Allied Product	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Wood Product	7	122	1.5	811	26	610	0.8	1,056
Printing and Related Support Activities	1	*	*	*	19	439	0.6	875
Petroleum and Coal Products	1	*	*	*	5	27	0.0	1,447
Chemical	4	*	*	*	33	518	0.7	1,711
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	22	2,136	2.7	1,182
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	2	*	*	*	22	387	0.5	1,484
Fabricated Metal Product	4	*	*	*	40	721	0.9	1,253
Machinery	5	14	0.2	1,026	19	62	0.1	1,096
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	1	*	*	*	5	53	0.1	1,076
Furniture and Related Product	2	*	*	*	21	406	0.5	1,245
Miscellaneous	5	8	0.1	1,520	23	78	0.1	837
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	5	187	0.2	1,645
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	6	139	0.2	971
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	9	153	0.2	960
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	20	1,522	1.9	1,000
Service-Providing	579	4,865	58.3	755	4,473	46,197	58.4	848
Utilities	2	*	*	*	13	291	0.4	1,817
Wholesale Trade	26	142	1.7	1,166	249	3,179	4.0	1,180
Retail Trade	119	1,442	17.3	611	980	12,175	15.4	640
Transportation and Warehousing	14	37	0.4	1,113	131	2,186	2.8	977
Information	8	187	2.2	1,298	71	486	0.6	1,077
Finance and Insurance	27	140	1.7	1,299	268	1,537	1.9	1,400
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	44	139	1.7	944	258	717	0.9	891
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	73	282	3.4	1,104	487	1,738	2.2	1,147
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1	*	*	*	16	496	0.6	759
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	39	187	2.2	774	329	1,822	2.3	895
Educational Services	8	54	0.6	788	44	204	0.3	825
Health Care and Social Assistance	71	575	6.9	1,002	534	8,229	10.4	1,268
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	9	*	*	*	90	1,167	1.5	565
Accommodation and Food Services	92	1,261	15.1	502	617	10,084	12.7	484
Other Services (except Public Administration)	46	283	3.4	723	386	1,885	2.4	792
Unclassified - industry not assigned	50	33	0.4	871	368	226	0.3	930
Total - Private Sector	803	6,985	83.7	822	6,023	67,392	85.2	952
Total - Government	39	1,363	16.3	936	220	11,730	14.8	1,024
Federal Government	5	70	0.8	1,346	36	518	0.7	1,305
State Government	17	143	1.7	933	83	2,393	3.0	1,113
Local Government	17	1,150	13.8	912	101	8,819	11.1	983
ALL INDUSTRIES	842	8,349	100.0	841	6,243	79,125	100.0	963
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					394,870	4,899,057		1,339

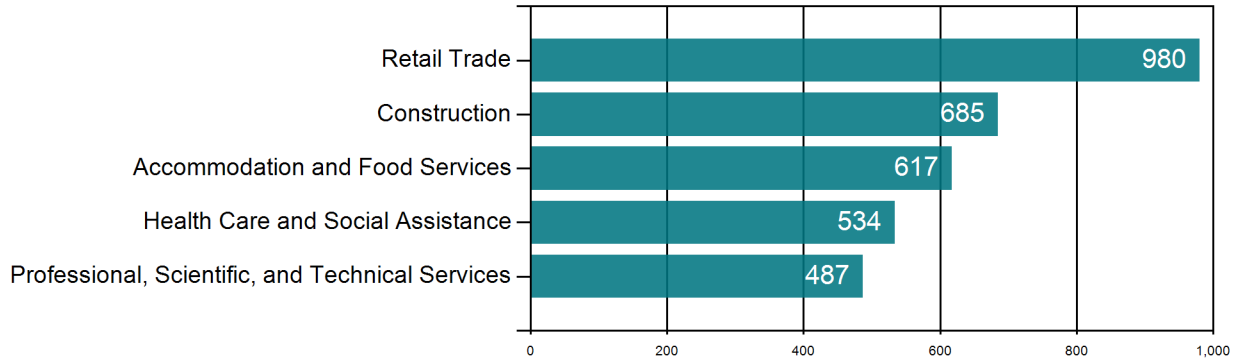
Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average 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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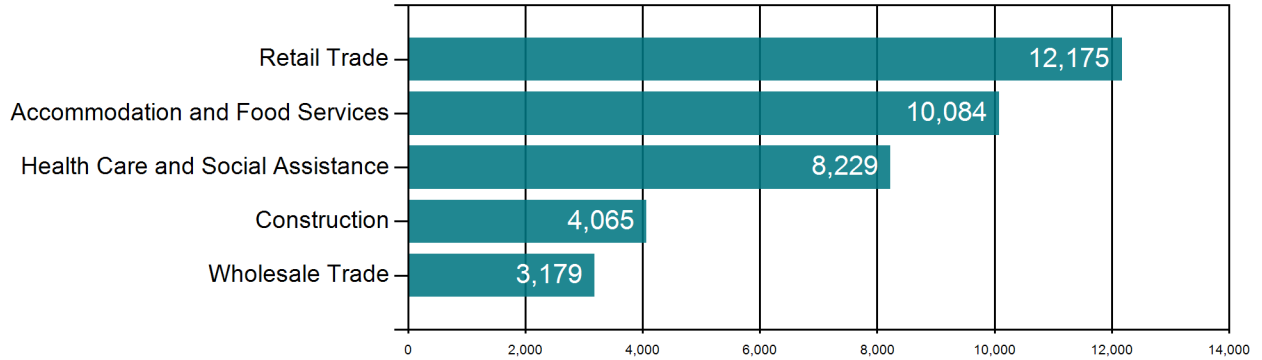
Top Industries - 2nd Quarter of 2025

Gilmer Area

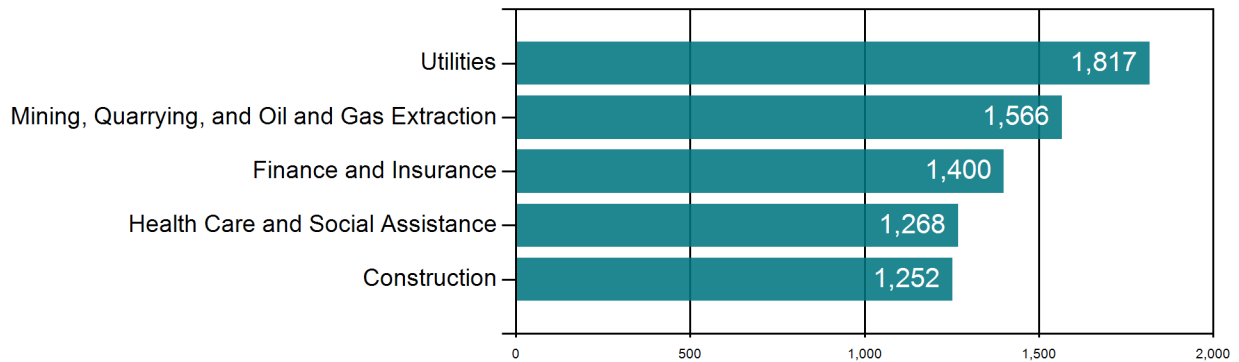
Top Industries by Firms



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
Welding Technology/Welder	859	1,081	1,362	25.8	26.0
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	574	782	936	36.2	19.7
Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing	966	788	877	-18.4	11.3
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	797	786	798	-1.4	1.5
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	553	733	776	32.5	5.9
Business Administration and Management, General	530	576	647	8.7	12.3
Child Care Provider/Assistant	489	511	556	4.5	8.8
Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General	379	340	407	-10.3	19.7
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	370	347	341	-6.2	-1.7
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	409	376	300	-8.1	-20.2

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
Business Administration and Management, General	190	164	185	-13.7	12.8
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	136	166	165	22.1	-0.6
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	110	91	140	-17.3	53.8
Welding Technology/Welder	121	117	139	-3.3	18.8
Medical/Clinical Assistant	108	109	100	0.9	-8.3
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	98	80	95	-18.4	18.8
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	95	70	70	-26.3	0.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	71	64	64	-9.9	0.0
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	52	50	57	-3.8	14.0
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	91	98	54	7.7	-44.9

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
Business Administration and Management, General	213	201	200	-5.6	-0.5
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	105	87	94	-17.1	8.0
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	123	124	81	0.8	-34.7
Computer and Information Systems Security/Information Assurance	39	53	64	35.9	20.8
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	91	65	59	-28.6	-9.2
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	82	58	57	-29.3	-1.7
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	45	42	57	-6.7	35.7
Network and System Administration/Administrator	57	43	49	-24.6	14.0
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician	31	36	48	16.1	33.3
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	45	42	41	-6.7	-2.4

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Top Ten Largest Employers - 2025*

Gilmer County

Chick-Fil-A
 Ellijay Telephone Company
 Ingles Markets, Inc.
 International House Of Pancakes
 Lowes Home Centers, Inc.
 Make A Difference Ministries, Inc
 Parkside Center For Nursing
 Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
 Walmart
 Whitepath Fab Tech, Inc.

*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

Gilmer Area

Apache Mills, Inc.	COUNTY
Gordon Hospital	Gordon
Mannington Carpets	Gordon
Mohawk Carpet Distribution, L.P.	Gordon
Mohawk Carpet Distribution, L.P.	Murray
National Distribution Centers, LP	Gordon
Piedmont Mountainside Hospital, Inc.	Pickens
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	Gilmer
Shaw Industries Group, Inc.	Gordon
University of North Georgia	Lumpkin

Education of the Labor Force

Gilmer Area

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	5.7%	1.6%	3.6%	7.1%	6.3%	7.3%
Some High School	11.3%	14.1%	11.0%	12.6%	10.9%	10.2%
High School Grad/GED	32.8%	39.3%	33.1%	27.5%	34.3%	30.5%
Some College	23.0%	35.8%	24.8%	23.8%	18.9%	21.0%
College Grad 2 Yr	7.4%	5.0%	8.2%	9.9%	8.0%	5.9%
College Grad 4 Yr	12.6%	4.2%	15.0%	11.8%	13.6%	14.1%
Post Graduate Studies	7.2%	0.0%	4.3%	7.1%	8.1%	11.1%
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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