





Oconee

County



Updated: Dec 2025

Area Labor Profile

Labor Force Activity

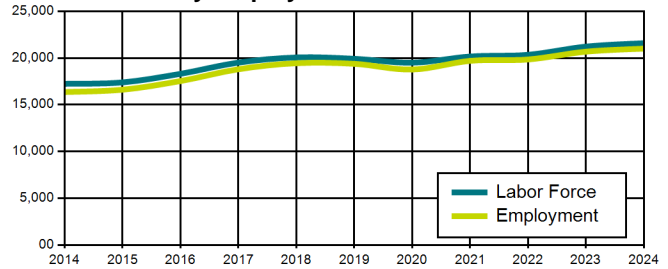
September 2025

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Oconee	21,814	21,233	581	2.7%
Barrow	48,084	46,708	1,376	2.9%
Clarke	66,062	63,885	2,177	3.3%
Greene	8,132	7,838	294	3.6%
Jackson	45,357	44,084	1,273	2.8%
Morgan	10,708	10,419	289	2.7%
Oglethorpe	7,560	7,336	224	3.0%
Walton	52,794	51,156	1,638	3.1%
Oconee Area	260,511	252,659	7,852	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%

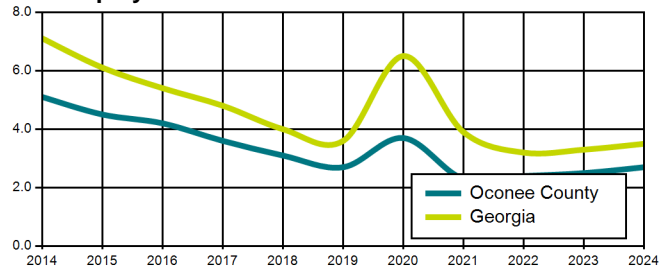
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

Oconee County Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends

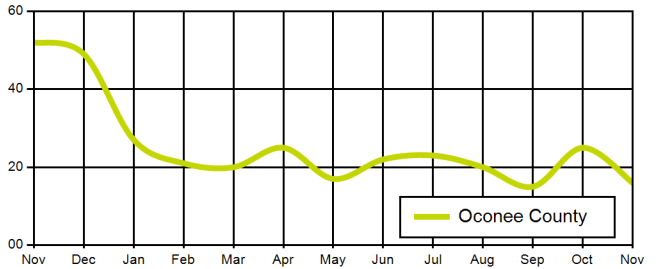


Initial Claims Activity

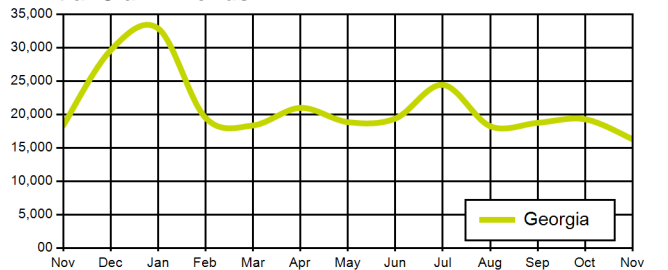
	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	Total
Oconee	16	25	15	56
Barrow	99	104	121	324
Clarke	98	119	131	348
Greene	20	17	22	59
Jackson	73	143	119	335
Morgan	18	21	17	56
Oglethorpe	8	15	13	36
Walton	98	131	121	350
Oconee Area	430	575	559	1,564

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

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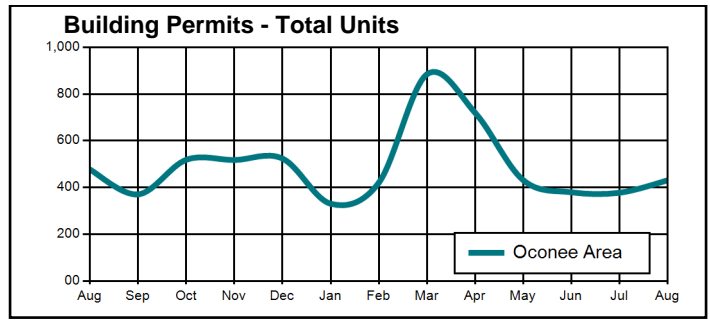
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Building Permit Construction Activity

	Oconee Area			
	August 2025	July 2025	June 2025	Total
Totals	431	378	380	1,189
Family residential	380	378	380	1,138
Multi family resident	51	0	0	51

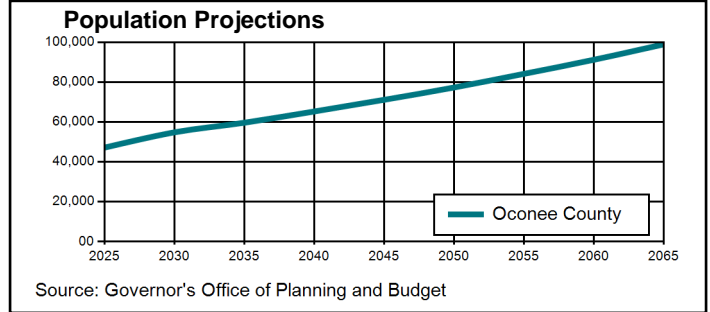
Source: U.S. Census Bureau.



Population Activity

	Annual 2024	Annual 2023	Difference
Oconee	44,751	44,182	569
Barrow	96,294	92,792	3,502
Clarke	129,995	129,933	62
Greene	21,091	20,722	369
Jackson	93,825	88,615	5,210
Morgan	21,940	21,460	480
Oglethorpe	16,172	15,754	418
Walton	109,792	106,702	3,090
Oconee Area	533,860	520,160	13,700
Georgia	11,180,878	11,029,227	151,651
United States	340,110,988	334,914,895	5,196,093

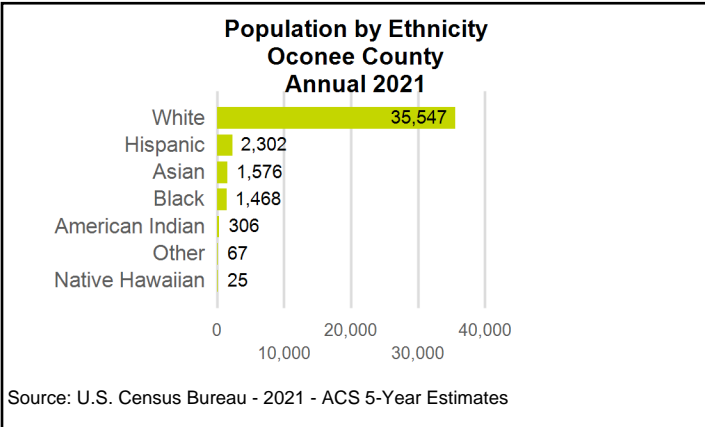
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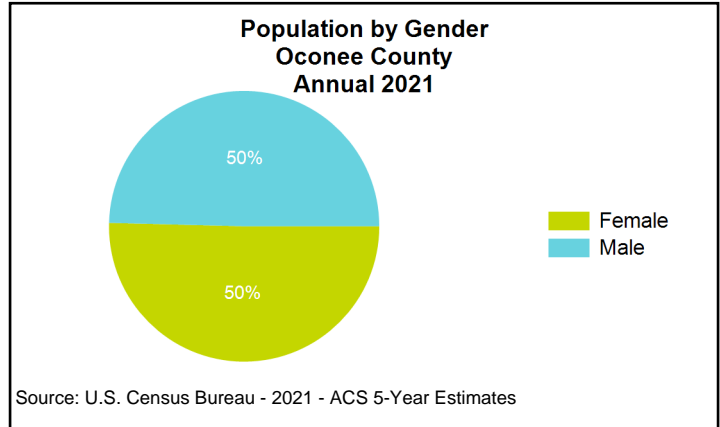
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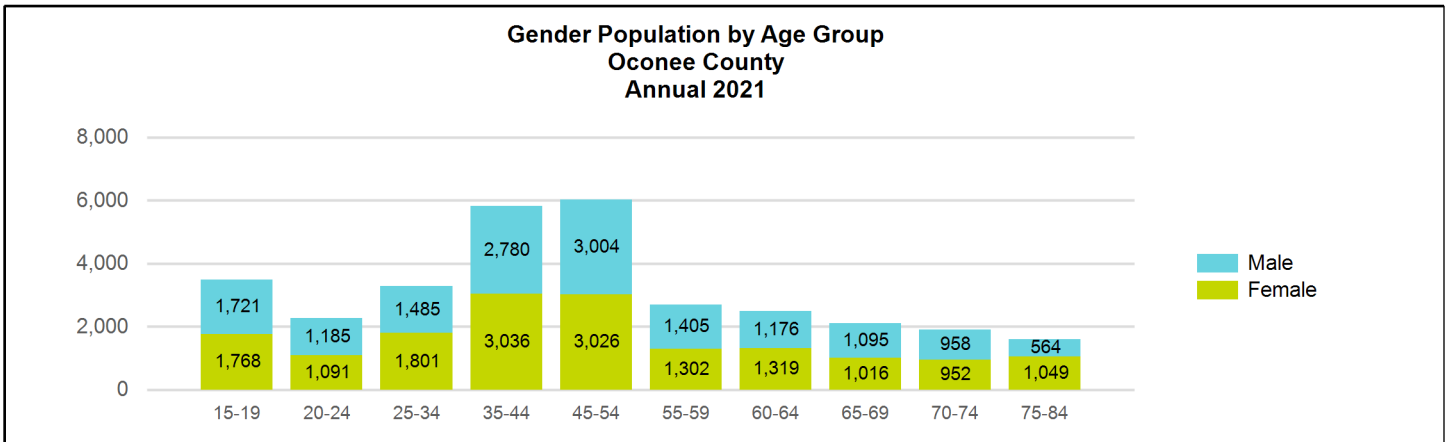
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2021 - ACS 5-Year Estimates



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Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2025

INDUSTRY	Oconee				Oconee Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE
		NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT	
Goods-Producing	238	2,105	12.2	1,249	2,232	38,230	18.6	1,302
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	28	324	1.9	966	155	1,509	0.7	957
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	2	*	*	*	21	134	0.1	1,405
Construction	162	993	5.8	1,386	1,544	12,883	6.3	1,404
Manufacturing	46	784	4.6	1,196	512	23,704	11.5	1,269
Food	2	*	*	*	45	4,584	2.2	953
Beverage and Tobacco Product	3	16	0.1	418	20	378	0.2	990
Leather and Allied Product	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Wood Product	2	*	*	*	28	1,393	0.7	1,486
Printing and Related Support Activities	4	34	0.2	835	28	251	0.1	784
Chemical	6	142	0.8	1,319	51	1,745	0.8	1,801
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	1	*	*	*	30	1,029	0.5	1,446
Primary Metal	1	*	*	*	9	378	0.2	1,848
Fabricated Metal Product	8	243	1.4	1,237	81	1,499	0.7	1,140
Machinery	4	30	0.2	1,286	36	2,489	1.2	1,271
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	14	74	0.0	1,585
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	1	*	*	*	14	3,826	1.9	1,333
Furniture and Related Product	6	69	0.4	925	35	542	0.3	1,011
Miscellaneous	6	92	0.5	1,470	48	449	0.2	1,297
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	5	328	0.2	987
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	7	40	0.0	598
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	7	442	0.2	1,331
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	21	1,795	0.9	1,330
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	30	2,457	1.2	1,301
Service-Providing	1,290	13,369	77.8	947	10,256	130,160	63.3	949
Utilities	2	*	*	*	25	851	0.4	2,092
Wholesale Trade	59	734	4.3	1,412	525	11,114	5.4	1,317
Retail Trade	123	3,010	17.5	745	1,626	25,820	12.6	788
Transportation and Warehousing	19	160	0.9	1,177	345	16,166	7.9	940
Information	23	*	*	*	213	960	0.5	1,154
Finance and Insurance	106	484	2.8	1,653	634	2,933	1.4	1,715
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	91	233	1.4	1,003	681	3,679	1.8	1,028
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	227	940	5.5	1,575	1,390	5,943	2.9	1,503
Management of Companies and Enterprises	6	315	1.8	2,455	37	560	0.3	2,160
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	121	1,013	5.9	1,075	921	8,548	4.2	804
Educational Services	32	814	4.7	720	161	2,498	1.2	631
Health Care and Social Assistance	236	2,581	15.0	996	1,412	22,951	11.2	1,197
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	30	359	2.1	449	199	2,089	1.0	517
Accommodation and Food Services	102	1,956	11.4	389	1,129	21,042	10.2	459
Other Services (except Public Administration)	113	639	3.7	887	958	5,006	2.4	975
Unclassified - industry not assigned	119	58	0.3	1,824	831	502	0.2	1,185
Total - Private Sector	1,647	15,532	90.4	991	13,319	168,892	82.1	1,030
Total - Government	31	1,653	9.6	1,059	385	36,756	17.9	1,202
Federal Government	7	31	0.2	1,193	82	1,653	0.8	1,614
State Government	6	40	0.2	450	104	*	*	*
Local Government	18	1,582	9.2	1,072	199	19,710	9.6	1,061
ALL INDUSTRIES	1,678	17,186	100.0	998	13,704	205,652	100.0	1,061
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					394,870	4,899,057		1,339

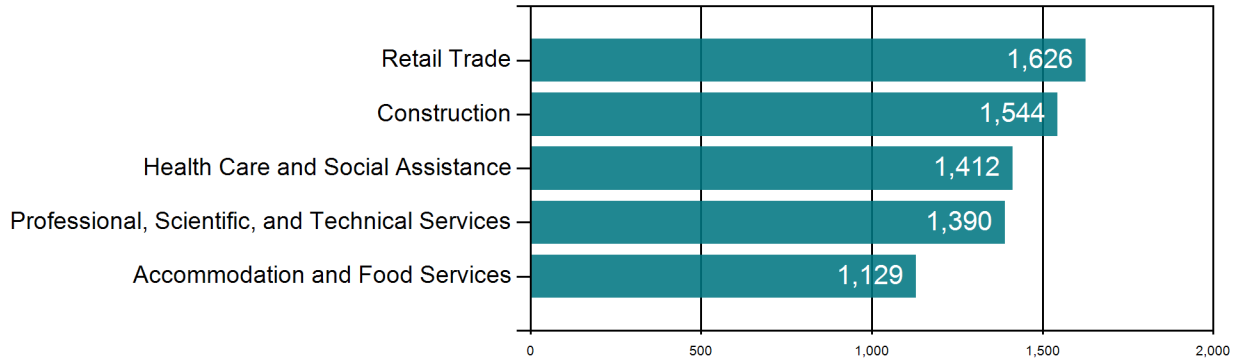
Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average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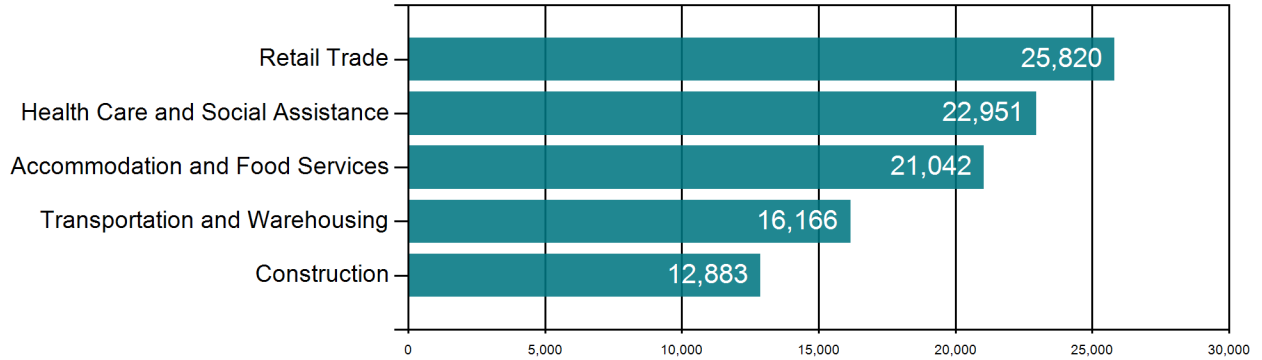
Top Industries - 2nd Quarter of 2025

Oconee Area

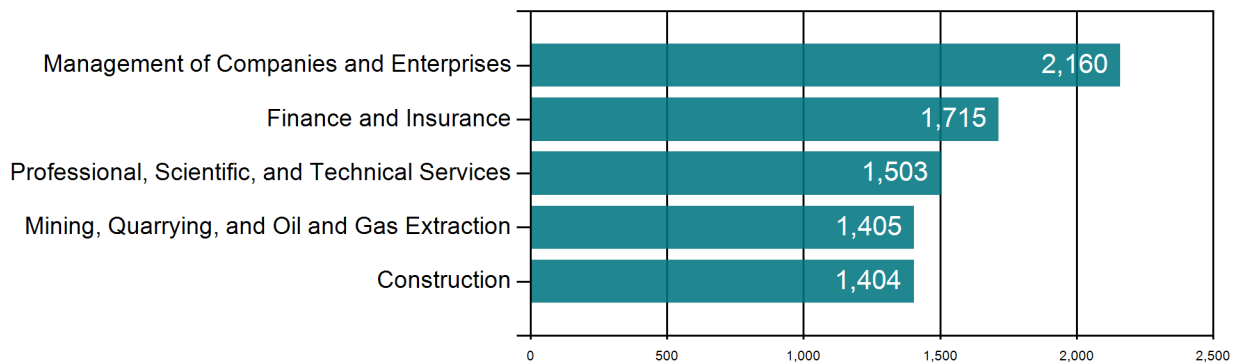
Top Industries by Firms



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

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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*

Oconee County

Ashley Global Retail
 Athens Academy, Inc.
 Benson'S Old Home Kitchens Bakery , LLC
 Costco Wholesale Corporation
 Lowes Home Centers, Inc.
 Pharmd On Demand, Inc.
 Publix Super Markets, Inc.
 Walden University, LLC
 Walmart
 Zaxby's

*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

Oconee Area

Amazon Services, Inc.
 Athens Regional Medical Center
 Caterpillar, Inc.
 HG Georgia Merchants, Inc.
 Pike Electric, LLC
 Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
 Sk Battery America, Inc.
 St. Marys Hospital
 University Of Georgia
 Walmart

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Education of the Labor Force

Oconee Area

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	3.3%	0.9%	1.8%	3.6%	3.8%	5.7%
Some High School	7.8%	9.3%	5.9%	6.7%	7.9%	9.3%
High School Grad/GED	28.8%	27.7%	25.7%	26.2%	31.6%	30.0%
Some College	24.8%	48.3%	21.8%	19.2%	19.8%	20.1%
College Grad 2 Yr	7.3%	4.2%	8.8%	8.9%	8.2%	5.5%
College Grad 4 Yr	16.5%	9.0%	23.7%	19.8%	15.7%	14.8%
Post Graduate Studies	11.6%	0.7%	12.5%	15.6%	13.0%	14.7%
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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