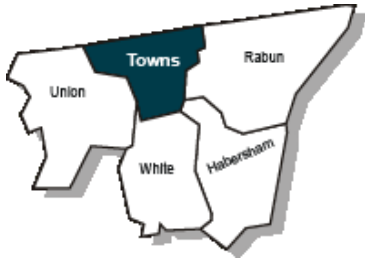






Towns

County



Area Labor Profile

Updated: Dec 2025

Labor Force Activity

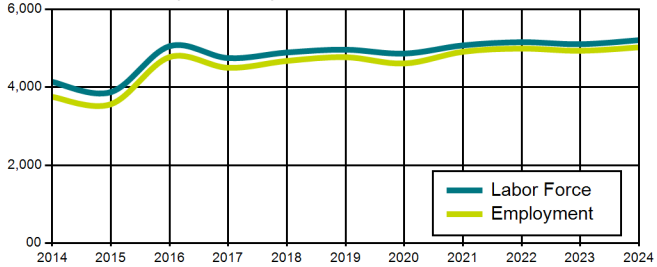
September 2025

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Towns	5,404	5,226	178	3.3%
Habersham	22,929	22,290	639	2.8%
Rabun	7,722	7,498	224	2.9%
Union	9,800	9,457	343	3.5%
White	14,261	13,857	404	2.8%
Towns Area	60,116	58,328	1,788	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%

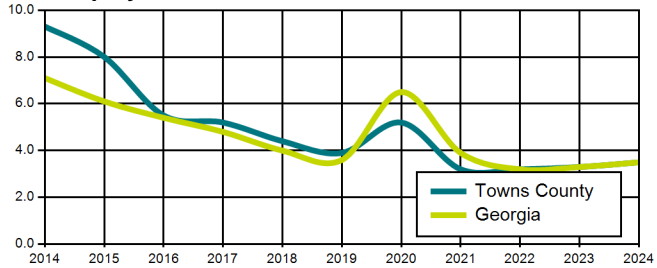
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

Towns County Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends

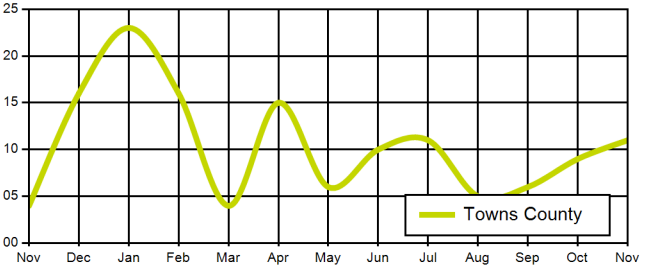


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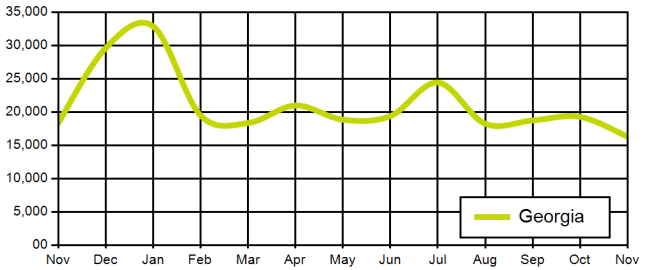
	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	Total
Towns	11	9	6	26
Habersham	48	57	61	166
Rabun	10	9	12	31
Union	21	11	18	50
White	26	36	38	100
Towns Area	116	122	135	373

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

Initial Claim Trends



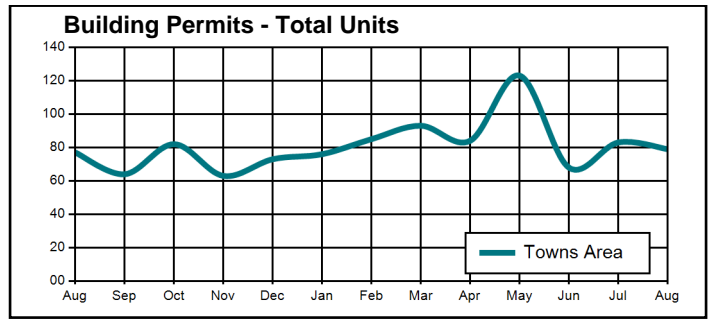
Initial Claim Trends



Building Permit Construction Activity

	Towns Area			
	August 2025	July 2025	June 2025	Total
Totals	79	83	68	230
Family residential	79	79	68	226
Multi family resident	0	4	0	4

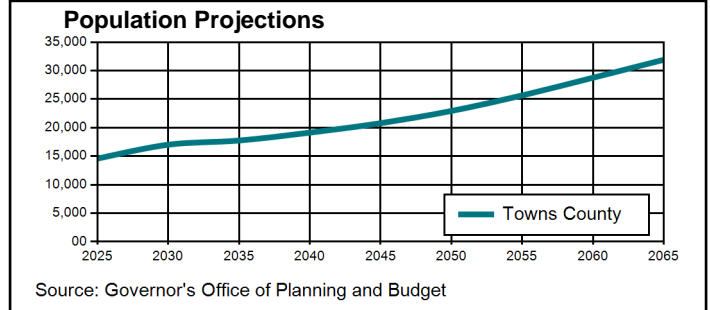
Source: U.S. Census Bureau.



Population Activity

	Annual 2024	Annual 2023	Difference
Towns	13,184	13,035	149
Habersham	49,665	48,757	908
Rabun	17,711	17,442	269
Union	27,601	27,124	477
White	29,668	29,026	642
Clay	12,042	11,864	178
Towns Area	149,871	147,248	2,623
Georgia	11,180,878	11,029,227	151,651
United States	340,110,988	334,914,895	5,196,093
Clay	12,042	11,864	178

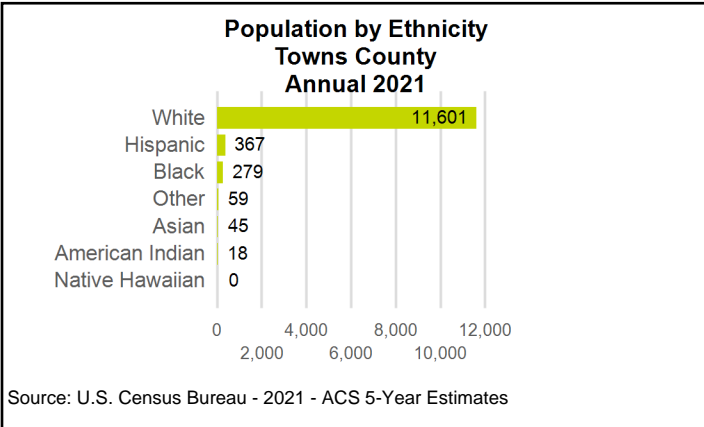
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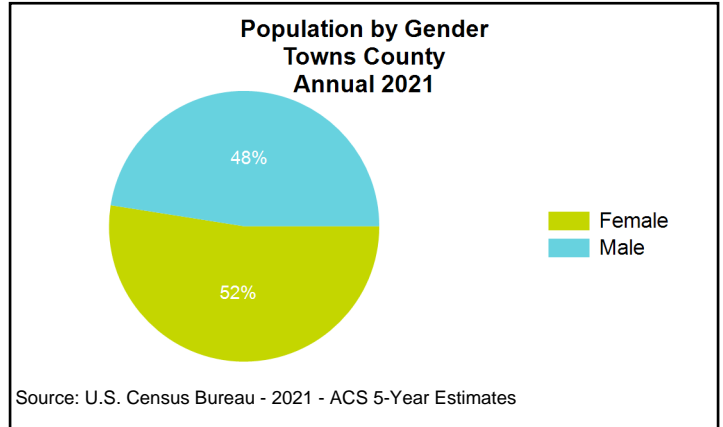
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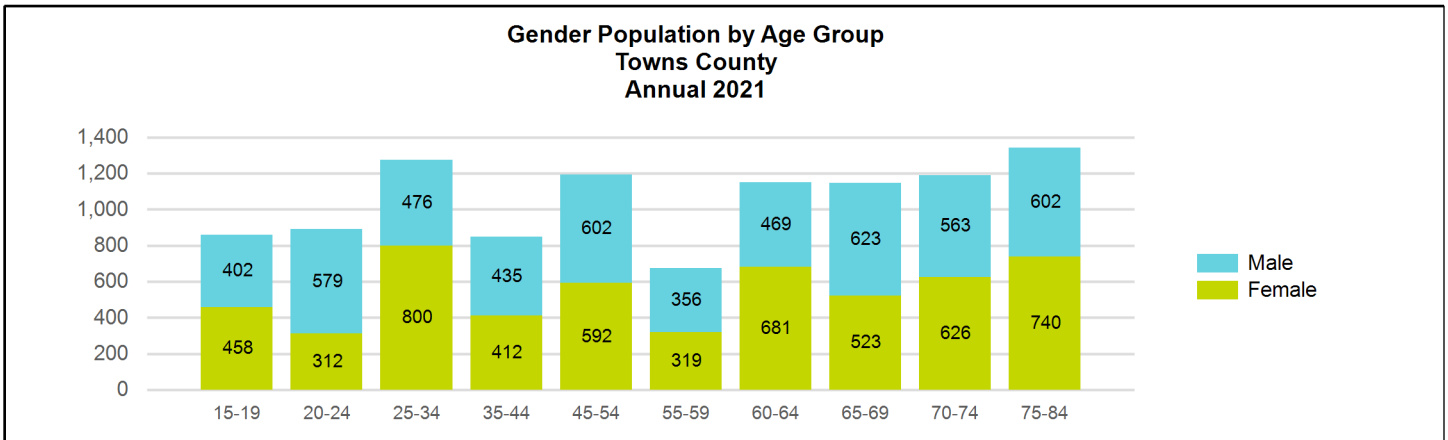
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2021 - ACS 5-Year Estimates



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Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2025

INDUSTRY	Towns				Towns Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE
		NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT	
Goods-Producing	60	470	13.8	1,149	689	8,740	20.7	1,140
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0.0	0	46	596	1.4	1,116
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	2	*	*	*	6	116	0.3	1,550
Construction	42	231	6.8	1,403	452	2,171	5.1	1,170
Manufacturing	16	210	6.1	863	185	5,857	13.8	1,124
Beverage and Tobacco Product	3	48	1.4	587	17	160	0.4	675
Paper	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Printing and Related Support Activities	1	*	*	*	12	37	0.1	737
Chemical	3	8	0.2	849	8	*	*	*
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	1	*	*	*	9	87	0.2	846
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	8	14	0.0	912
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	1	*	*	*	3	182	0.4	939
Furniture and Related Product	1	*	*	*	10	36	0.1	854
Miscellaneous	4	12	0.4	1,140	24	985	2.3	1,350
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	3	28	0.1	708
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	6	160	0.4	1,011
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	6	239	0.6	1,437
Wood Product	0	0	0.0	0	8	123	0.3	1,096
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	9	*	*	*
Food	0	0	0.0	0	26	*	*	*
Fabricated Metal Product	0	0	0.0	0	28	746	1.8	1,129
Service-Providing	269	2,365	69.2	785	2,760	26,218	62.0	755
Utilities	1	*	*	*	16	493	1.2	1,695
Wholesale Trade	6	12	0.4	1,347	96	770	1.8	1,100
Retail Trade	58	427	12.5	562	588	6,521	15.4	610
Transportation and Warehousing	11	39	1.1	707	73	630	1.5	976
Information	5	13	0.4	1,079	46	*	*	*
Finance and Insurance	21	72	2.1	1,324	173	783	1.9	1,385
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	24	104	3.0	633	169	526	1.2	669
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	29	93	2.7	1,136	321	1,008	2.4	1,214
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	7	*	*	*
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	17	71	2.1	746	198	1,412	3.3	811
Educational Services	3	*	*	*	33	2,183	5.2	625
Health Care and Social Assistance	28	433	12.7	1,005	335	3,672	8.7	1,032
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2	*	*	*	53	593	1.4	501
Accommodation and Food Services	52	584	17.1	428	417	6,096	14.4	469
Other Services (except Public Administration)	12	18	0.5	646	235	908	2.1	774
Unclassified - industry not assigned	23	16	0.5	691	178	143	0.3	1,108
Total - Private Sector	352	2,851	83.4	844	3,627	35,101	83.0	852
Total - Government	17	566	16.6	796	162	7,190	17.0	932
Federal Government	2	33	1.0	1,044	29	300	0.7	1,219
State Government	9	63	1.8	798	65	1,088	2.6	934
Local Government	6	470	13.8	778	68	5,802	13.7	917
ALL INDUSTRIES	369	3,417	100.0	836	3,789	42,290	100.0	866
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					394,870	4,899,057		1,339

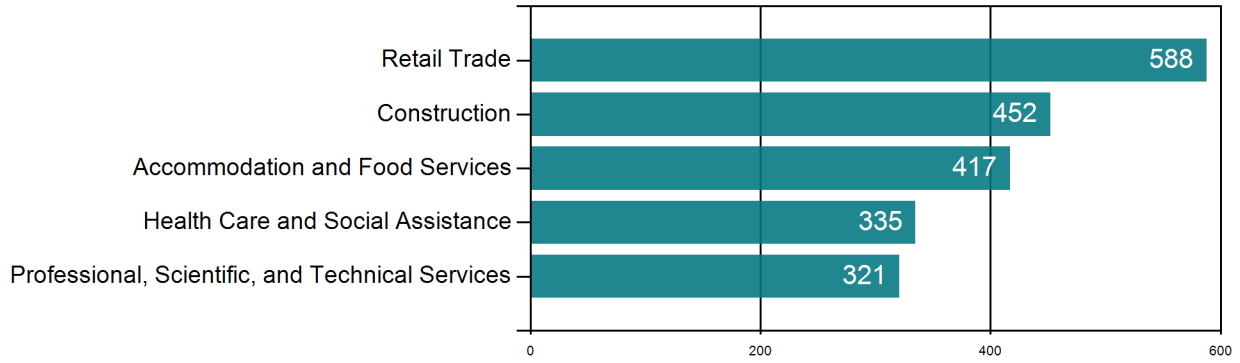
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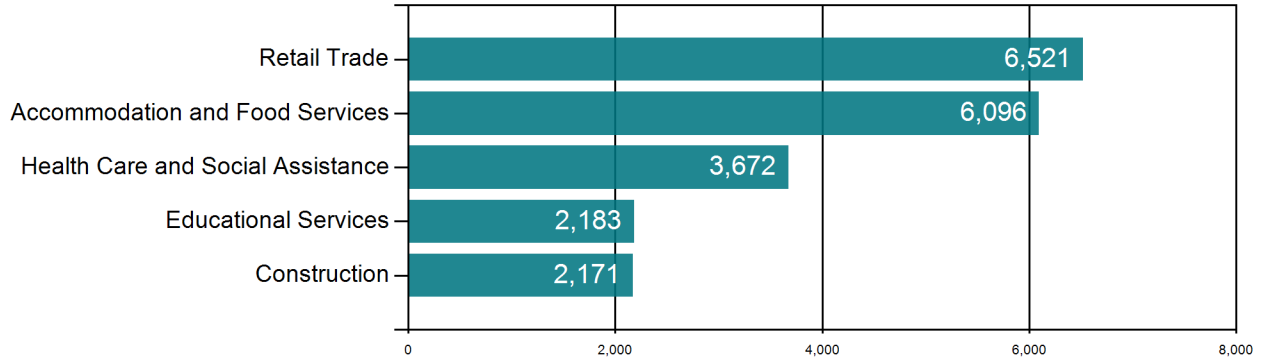
Top Industries - 2nd Quarter of 2025

Towns Area

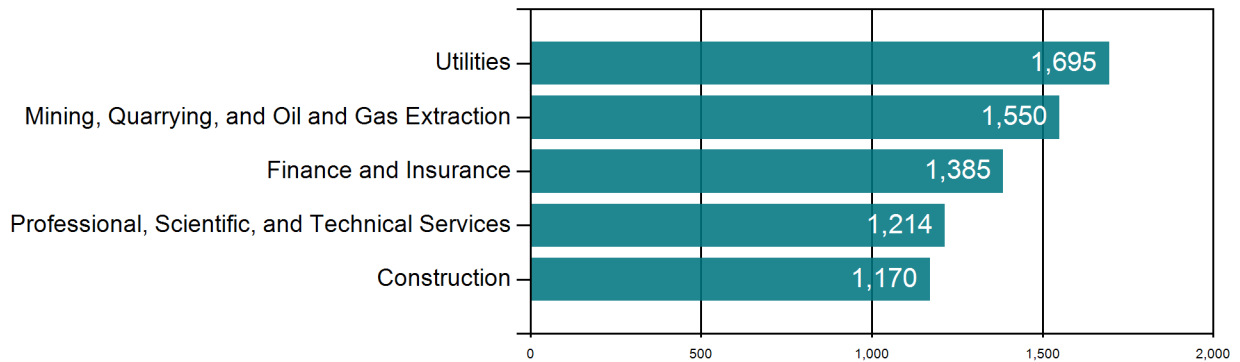
Top Industries by Firms



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
Business Administration and Management, General	101	112	129	10.9	15.2
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	49	123	113	151.0	-8.1
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	93	93	108	0.0	16.1
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor	42	89	99	111.9	11.2
Lineworker	76	58	84	-23.7	44.8
Welding Technology/Welder	61	113	84	85.2	-25.7
Electrician	53	87	82	64.2	-5.7
Child Care Provider/Assistant	67	98	54	46.3	-44.9
Human Resources Management/Personnel Administration, General	35	27	38	-22.9	40.7
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant	13	13	34	0.0	161.5

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
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	27	37	46	37.0	24.3
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	33	26	38	-21.2	46.2
Welding Technology/Welder	18	26	34	44.4	30.8
Electrician	19	31	22	63.2	-29.0
Medical/Clinical Assistant	31	16	16	-48.4	0.0
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	7	7	12	0.0	71.4
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	15	10	10	-33.3	0.0
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	14	7	6	-50.0	-14.3
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	9	2	4	-77.8	100.0
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	1	1	4	0.0	300.0

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
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	10	12	12	20.0	0.0
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	15	7	10	-53.3	42.9
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	13	10	9	-23.1	-10.0
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	9	14	9	55.6	-35.7
Commercial Photography	12	12	9	0.0	-25.0
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	13	8	8	-38.5	0.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	6	3	7	-50.0	133.3
Network and System Administration/Administrator	9	6	6	-33.3	0.0
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	7	4	5	-42.9	25.0
Environmental Control Technologies/Technicians, Other	11	8	5	-27.3	-37.5

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

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Top Ten Largest Employers - 2025*

Towns County

Advanced Digital Cable, Inc.
 Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation
 Brown Haven Homes, LLC
 Chatuge Regional Hospital, Inc.
 Georgia Mountain Fair, Inc.
 Ingles Markets, Inc.
 Sodexo Service
 Summit Therapeutics, LLC
 The Ridges Resort
 Young Harris College

*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

Towns Area

Ethicon, Inc.
 Fieldale Farms Corporation
 Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership
 Ingles Markets, Inc.
 Mountain Education Center, Inc.
 Northeast Georgia Medical Center
 United Community Bank
 Walmart
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Education of the Labor Force

Towns Area

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT					
	OF TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	5.5%	4.5%	4.9%	6.8%	4.9%	6.2%
Some High School	9.8%	12.6%	10.3%	11.7%	8.3%	9.4%
High School Grad/GED	32.6%	35.2%	34.4%	34.3%	33.4%	29.5%
Some College	22.1%	35.2%	21.7%	19.9%	21.5%	19.0%
College Grad 2 Yr	7.5%	6.3%	9.6%	7.1%	7.8%	6.8%
College Grad 4 Yr	13.1%	5.3%	11.9%	10.7%	14.7%	15.8%
Post Graduate Studies	9.4%	1.0%	7.3%	9.5%	9.4%	13.3%
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.

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