





Upson

County



Area Labor Profile

Updated: Dec 2025

Labor Force Activity

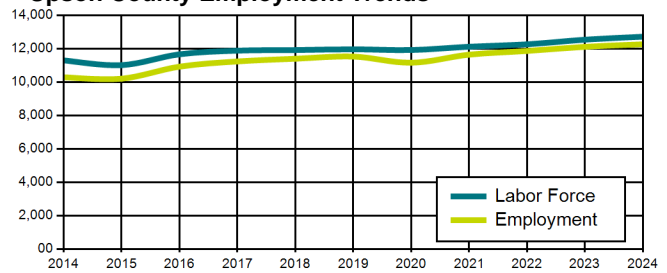
September 2025

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Upson	12,840	12,441	399	3.1%
Crawford	5,243	5,059	184	3.5%
Lamar	7,787	7,451	336	4.3%
Meriwether	8,563	8,221	342	4.0%
Monroe	13,948	13,528	420	3.0%
Pike	9,557	9,285	272	2.8%
Talbot	2,354	2,245	109	4.6%
Taylor	2,907	2,790	117	4.0%
Upson Area	63,199	61,020	2,179	3.4%
Georgia	5,408,978	5,225,359	183,619	3.4%
United States	171,217,000	163,894,000	7,324,000	4.3%

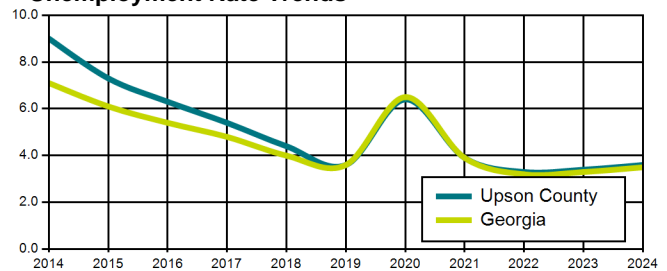
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

Upson County Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends

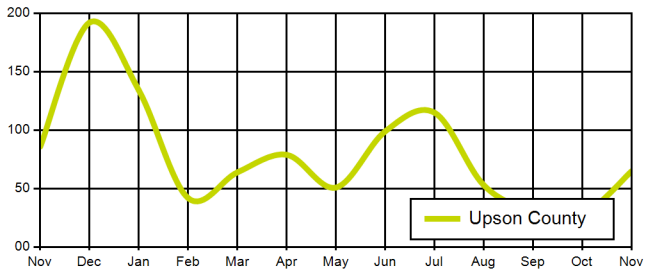


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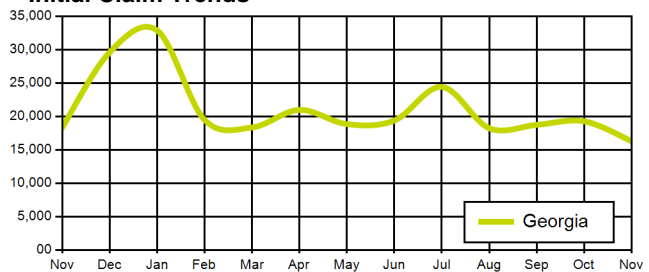
	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	Total
Upson	65	28	31	124
Crawford	14	6	11	31
Lamar	27	21	33	81
Meriwether	21	22	43	86
Monroe	30	33	25	88
Pike	22	16	26	64
Talbot	10	11	5	26
Taylor	9	8	11	28
Upson Area	198	145	185	528

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

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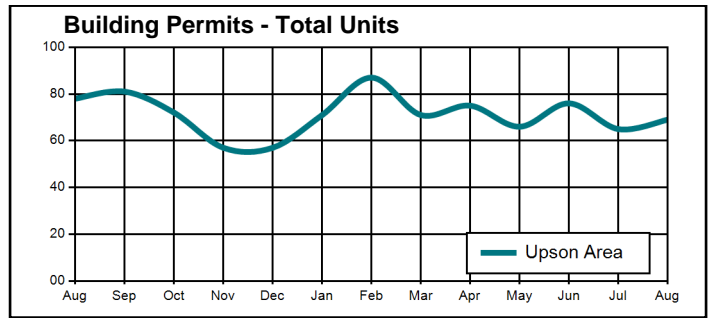
Initial Claim Trends



Building Permit Construction Activity

	Upson Area			
	August 2025	July 2025	June 2025	Total
Totals	69	65	76	210
Family residential	69	65	76	210
Multi family resident	0	0	0	0

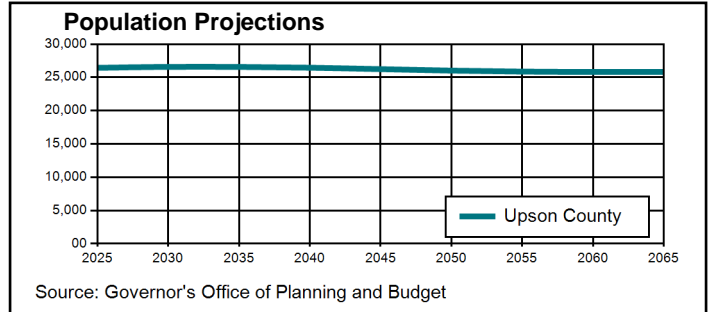
Source: U.S. Census Bureau.



Population Activity

	Annual 2024	Annual 2023	Difference
Upson	28,358	28,263	95
Crawford	12,349	12,277	72
Lamar	20,690	20,401	289
Meriwether	21,439	20,931	508
Monroe	31,437	30,625	812
Pike	20,669	20,461	208
Talbot	5,755	5,718	37
Taylor	7,783	7,758	25
Upson Area	148,480	146,434	2,046
Georgia	11,180,878	11,029,227	151,651
United States	340,110,988	334,914,895	5,196,093

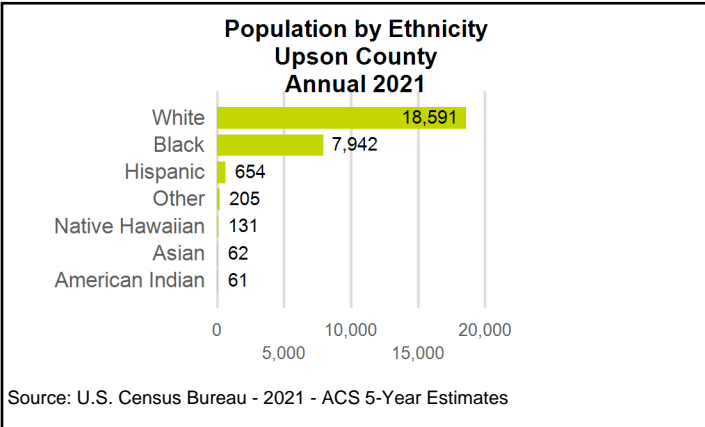
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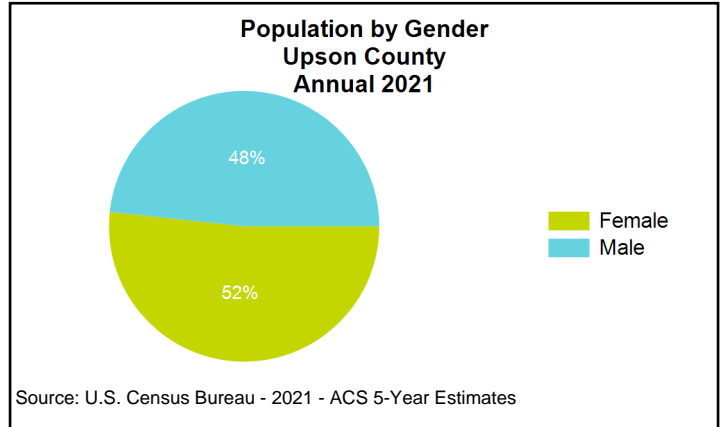
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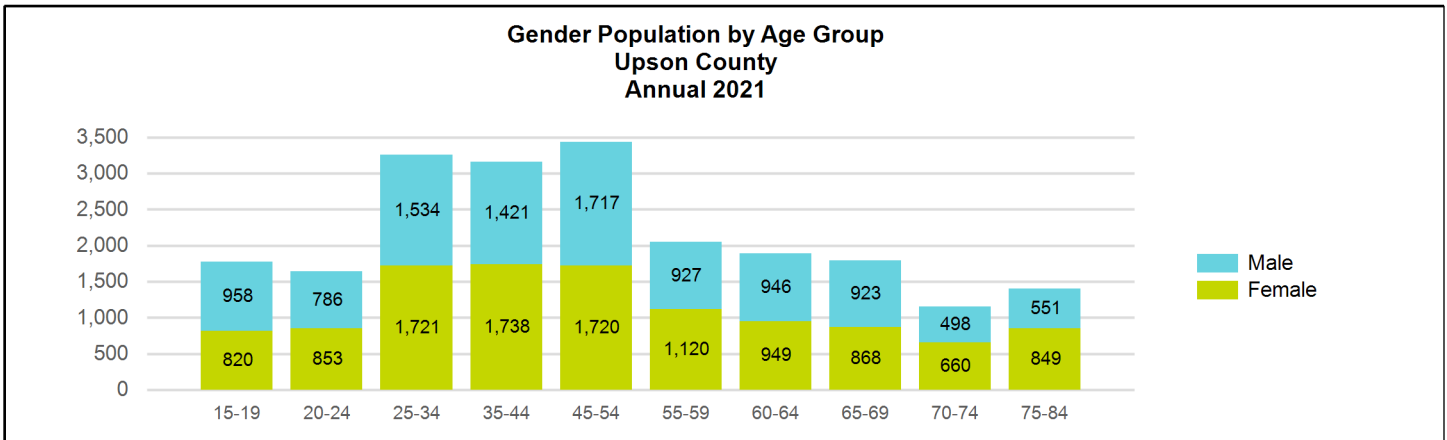
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2021 - ACS 5-Year Estimates



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Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2025

INDUSTRY	Upson				Upson Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	68	1,248	16.9	1,179	570	7,923	24.1	1,182
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	5	7	0.1	410	83	706	2.1	833
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	*	*	*	15	376	1.1	1,516
Construction	44	270	3.7	1,315	362	3,134	9.5	1,241
Manufacturing	18	970	13.2	1,146	110	3,707	11.3	1,165
Food	1	*	*	*	9	151	0.5	1,304
Textile Mills	3	255	3.5	1,113	7	382	1.2	1,117
Textile Product Mills	1	*	*	*	4	*	*	*
Wood Product	4	*	*	*	19	451	1.4	1,341
Paper	1	*	*	*	3	*	*	*
Printing and Related Support Activities	2	*	*	*	3	*	*	*
Chemical	2	*	*	*	4	98	0.3	1,288
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Fabricated Metal Product	3	65	0.9	1,204	13	469	1.4	1,004
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	0	0	0.0	0	4	23	0.1	912
Furniture and Related Product	0	0	0.0	0	5	25	0.1	941
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	9	31	0.1	1,096
Miscellaneous	0	0	0.0	0	10	52	0.2	1,362
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	11	1,057	3.2	1,049
Service-Providing	408	4,611	62.6	834	1,934	16,244	49.5	888
Utilities	4	59	0.8	1,297	19	630	1.9	2,492
Wholesale Trade	7	31	0.4	2,285	78	914	2.8	1,509
Retail Trade	88	1,024	13.9	557	419	3,383	10.3	555
Transportation and Warehousing	11	82	1.1	916	84	435	1.3	1,018
Information	10	55	0.7	1,056	35	126	0.4	1,116
Finance and Insurance	26	155	2.1	1,411	115	692	2.1	1,127
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	18	43	0.6	615	75	141	0.4	710
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	39	123	1.7	1,218	198	627	1.9	1,513
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	9	168	0.5	1,275
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	34	141	1.9	658	207	1,132	3.4	757
Educational Services	6	14	0.2	242	21	389	1.2	579
Health Care and Social Assistance	58	1,556	21.1	1,023	241	3,470	10.6	981
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	5	59	0.8	316	22	227	0.7	913
Accommodation and Food Services	53	840	11.4	377	204	2,785	8.5	392
Other Services (except Public Administration)	49	429	5.8	1,345	207	1,124	3.4	1,063
Unclassified - industry not assigned	28	23	0.3	953	176	209	0.6	1,197
Total - Private Sector	504	5,882	79.8	907	2,680	24,375	74.2	986
Total - Government	31	1,487	20.2	961	219	8,466	25.8	963
Federal Government	2	36	0.5	1,090	37	240	0.7	1,160
State Government	15	393	5.3	1,030	83	2,770	8.4	1,093
Local Government	14	1,058	14.4	931	99	5,456	16.6	888
ALL INDUSTRIES	535	7,370	100.0	918	2,899	32,840	100.0	980
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					394,870	4,899,057		1,339

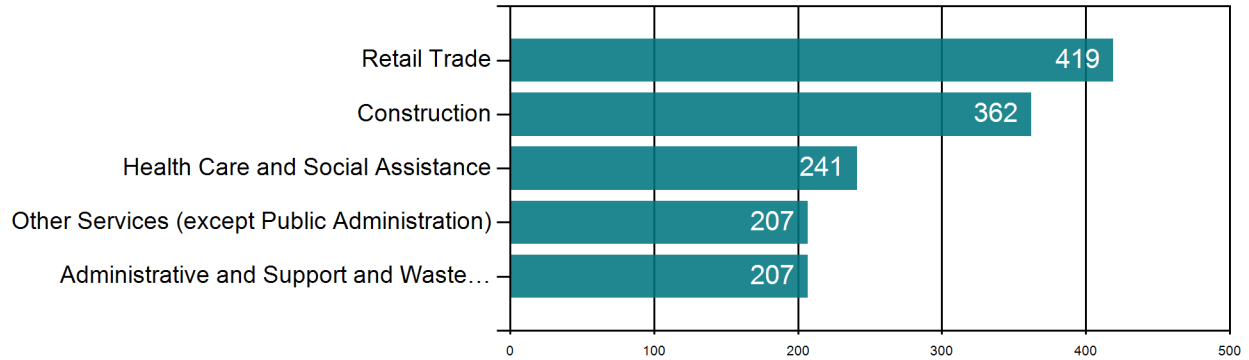
Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average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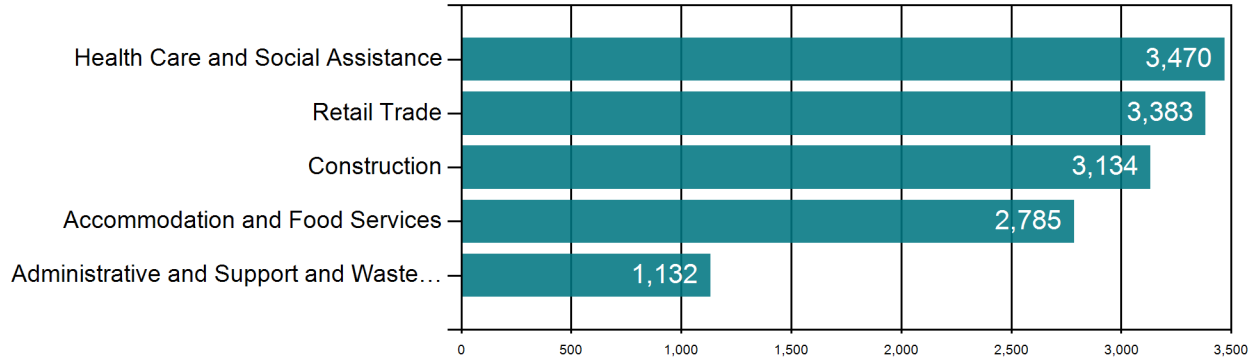
Top Industries - 2nd Quarter of 2025

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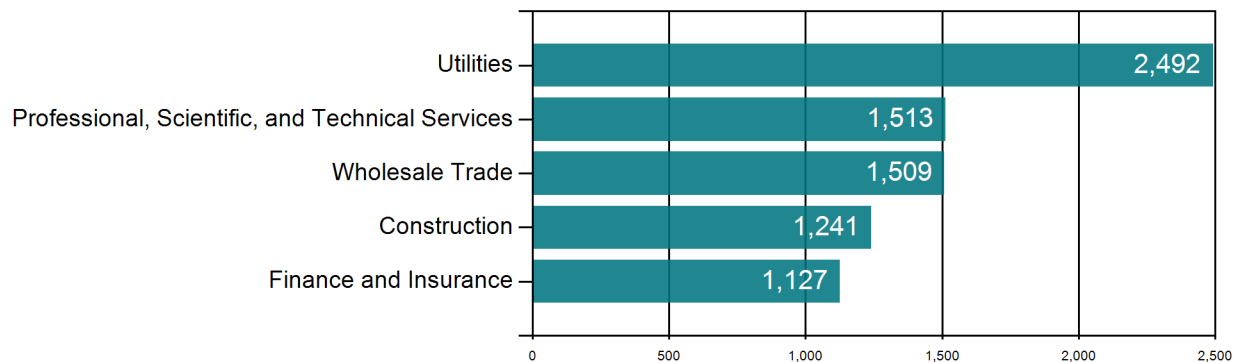
Top Industries by Firms



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	1,542	1,464	1,487	-5.1	1.6
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	508	628	653	23.6	4.0
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide	405	493	599	21.7	21.5
Business Administration and Management, General	624	480	555	-23.1	15.6
Child Care Provider/Assistant	518	480	554	-7.3	15.4
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	466	548	507	17.6	-7.5
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor	375	541	462	44.3	-14.6
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	395	446	401	12.9	-10.1
Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing	550	512	383	-6.9	-25.2
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician	289	365	360	26.3	-1.4

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	237	193	250	-18.6	29.5
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	208	243	248	16.8	2.1
Welding Technology/Welder	101	98	151	-3.0	54.1
Business Administration and Management, General	156	144	140	-7.7	-2.8
Medical/Clinical Assistant	108	66	95	-38.9	43.9
Carpentry/Carpenter	17	27	89	58.8	229.6
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	51	77	75	51.0	-2.6
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	55	49	61	-10.9	24.5
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	79	75	61	-5.1	-18.7
Electrician	50	48	53	-4.0	10.4

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
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	569	521	936	-8.4	79.7
Business Administration and Management, General	179	175	196	-2.2	12.0
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	104	94	127	-9.6	35.1
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	116	92	79	-20.7	-14.1
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	74	62	69	-16.2	11.3
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	98	98	69	0.0	-29.6
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	68	70	67	2.9	-4.3
Dental Hygiene/Hygienist	55	53	51	-3.6	-3.8
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician	74	62	51	-16.2	-17.7
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	61	46	44	-24.6	-4.3

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Top Ten Largest Employers - 2025*

Upson County

Harborview Thomaston, LLC
 Ingles Markets, Inc.
 Interfor U.S., Inc.
 Quad Graphics, Inc.
 Solo Cup Operating Corp
 Standard Textile Co, Inc.
 The Home Depot
 Tidal Wave Auto Spa
 Upson Regional Medical Center
 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

Upson Area

	<u>COUNTY</u>
Georgia Department of Corrections	Monroe
Georgia Power Company	Monroe
Gordon State College	Lamar
Mando America Corporation	Meriwether
Peterbilt Of Atlanta, LLC	Lamar
Quad Graphics, Inc.	Upson
Ranew's Management Company, Inc.	Lamar
Upson Regional Medical Center	Upson
Walmart	Upson
Walmart	Monroe

Education of the Labor Force

Upson Area

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT					
	OF TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	3.8%	1.2%	2.2%	1.9%	2.6%	9.0%
Some High School	12.1%	17.5%	8.3%	10.0%	11.5%	14.0%
High School Grad/GED	37.4%	39.7%	33.6%	34.5%	38.7%	38.6%
Some College	22.7%	30.4%	28.9%	25.7%	20.6%	16.5%
College Grad 2 Yr	7.5%	6.0%	10.8%	7.5%	7.8%	5.7%
College Grad 4 Yr	9.6%	4.9%	10.9%	11.1%	10.8%	8.3%
Post Graduate Studies	6.9%	0.3%	5.4%	9.4%	8.1%	7.9%
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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