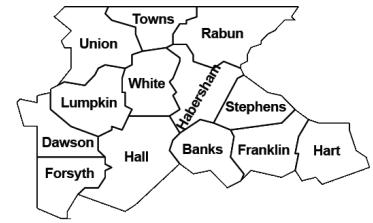




# Georgia Mountains

## Local Workforce Area



*Georgia*  
Area Labor Profile

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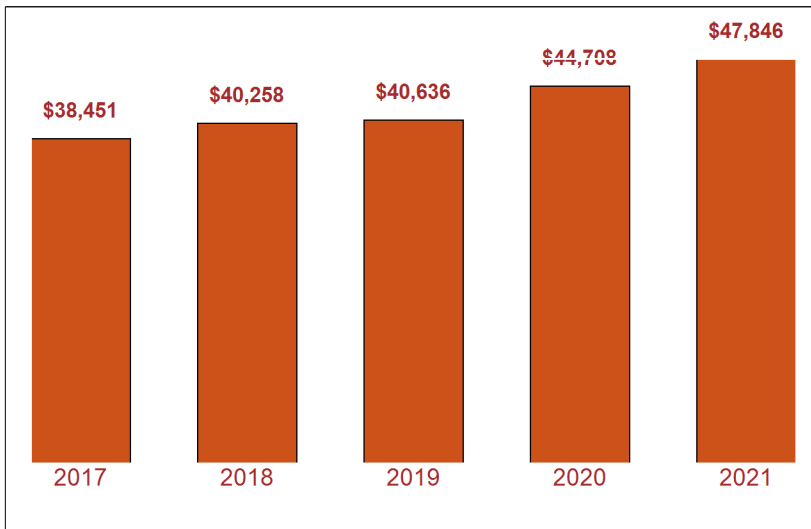
### Super Sector Industries – Quarterly Comparison

	Establishments			Employment			Weekly Wage		
	2022	2023	% Change	2022	2023	% Change	2022	2023	% Change
Construction	2,051	2,004	-2.3%	14,688	15,403	4.9%	1,126	1,290	14.6%
Education and Health Services	1,961	2,017	2.9%	36,095	38,039	5.4%	1,044	1,203	15.2%
Financial Activities	1,720	1,754	2.0%	7,719	7,632	-1.1%	1,531	1,471	-3.9%
Information	279	288	3.2%	3,610	3,470	-3.9%	1,665	1,854	11.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	1,718	1,768	2.9%	28,423	29,536	3.9%	606	681	12.4%
Manufacturing	934	940	0.6%	42,180	44,347	5.1%	1,121	1,182	5.4%
Natural Resources, Mining, and Agriculture	167	167	0.0%	1,943	1,850	-4.8%	957	1,042	8.9%
Other Services	1,062	1,101	3.7%	5,320	5,440	2.3%	684	797	16.5%
Professional and Business Services	3,468	3,480	0.3%	28,523	29,669	4.0%	1,175	1,224	4.2%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	3,866	3,884	0.5%	53,785	55,678	3.5%	922	986	6.9%
Unclassified	1,634	3,338	104.3%	1,271	2,083	63.9%	1,054	1,227	16.4%
Government	529	519	-1.9%	34,394	35,499	3.2%	881	985	11.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,389</b>	<b>21,260</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>257,949</b>	<b>268,644</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>8.7%</b>

Note: All figures are 1st Quarter of 2022 and 2023.

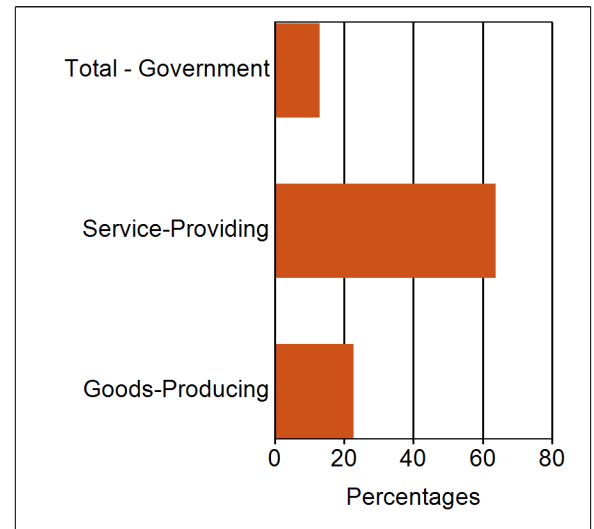
### Georgia Mountains Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



### Georgia Mountains Industry Mix 2023

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



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# Industry Mix - 1st Quarter of 2023

	Number OF Firms	Employment		WEEKLY WAGE
		NUMBER	PERCENT	
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>3,111</b>	<b>61,600</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>1,205</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	149	1,653	0.6	997
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	18	197	0.1	1,418
Construction	2,004	15,403	5.7	1,290
Manufacturing	940	44,347	16.5	1,182
Apparel	10	249	0.1	1,778
Beverage and Tobacco Product	39	726	0.3	1,012
Chemical	57	1,568	0.6	1,459
Computer and Electronic Product	50	1,488	0.6	2,359
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	32	1,242	0.5	1,434
Fabricated Metal Product	140	3,832	1.4	1,215
Food	108	16,784	6.2	1,013
Furniture and Related Product	57	1,423	0.5	1,104
Leather and Allied Product	1	*	*	*
Machinery	70	4,081	1.5	1,339
Miscellaneous	89	1,907	0.7	1,354
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	48	593	0.2	1,045
Paper	5	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	6	*	*	*
Plastics and Rubber Products	38	1,899	0.7	1,246
Primary Metal	9	685	0.3	1,347
Printing and Related Support Activities	64	1,385	0.5	1,357
Textile Mills	14	980	0.4	956
Textile Product Mills	20	207	0.1	762
Transportation Equipment	36	4,366	1.6	1,054
Wood Product	47	818	0.3	969
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>14,292</b>	<b>169,464</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>1,057</b>
Utilities	38	1,258	0.5	1,864
Wholesale Trade	1,033	12,395	4.6	1,557
Retail Trade	2,381	34,209	12.7	694
Transportation and Warehousing	432	7,816	2.9	1,215
Information	288	3,470	1.3	1,854
Finance and Insurance	969	5,310	2.0	1,677
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	785	2,322	0.9	1,002
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	2,214	10,799	4.0	1,556
Management of Companies and Enterprises	66	3,250	1.2	2,047
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,200	15,620	5.8	823
Educational Services	216	5,287	2.0	595
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,801	32,752	12.2	1,301
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	267	3,290	1.2	2,642
Accommodation and Food Services	1,501	26,246	9.8	435
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,101	5,440	2.0	797
<b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>	<b>3,338</b>	<b>2,083</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1,227</b>
<b>Total - Private Sector</b>	<b>20,741</b>	<b>233,145</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>1,097</b>
<b>Total - Government</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>35,499</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>985</b>
Federal Government	80	1,336	0.5	1,591
State Government	185	5,671	2.1	943
Local Government	254	28,492	10.6	965
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>21,260</b>	<b>268,644</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,082</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 1st Quarter of 2023.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

# Annual Labor Force Activity – 2022

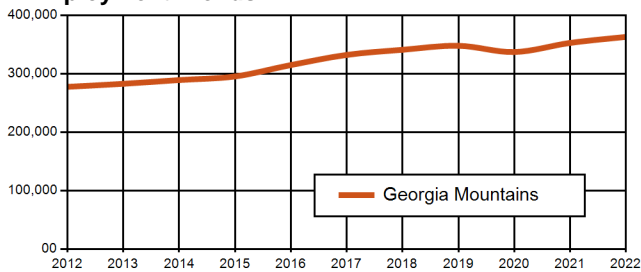
## ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force			Employed			Unemployed			Rate		
	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
Banks	10,311	10,897	5.7%	10,048	10,653	6.0%	263	244	-7.2%	2.6%	2.2%	-15.4%
Dawson	13,137	13,427	2.2%	12,784	13,097	2.4%	353	330	-6.5%	2.7%	2.5%	-7.4%
Forsyth	127,280	130,295	2.4%	124,100	127,263	2.5%	3,180	3,032	-4.7%	2.5%	2.3%	-8.0%
Franklin	9,984	9,990	0.1%	9,611	9,674	0.7%	373	316	-15.3%	3.7%	3.2%	-13.5%
Habersham	18,504	18,779	1.5%	17,842	18,201	2.0%	662	578	-12.7%	3.6%	3.1%	-13.9%
Hall	104,554	107,171	2.5%	101,742	104,611	2.8%	2,812	2,560	-9.0%	2.7%	2.4%	-11.1%
Hart	11,631	12,111	4.1%	11,178	11,745	5.1%	453	366	-19.2%	3.9%	3.0%	-23.1%
Lumpkin	17,595	18,582	5.6%	17,112	18,131	6.0%	483	451	-6.6%	2.7%	2.4%	-11.1%
Rabun	7,552	7,774	2.9%	7,314	7,548	3.2%	238	226	-5.0%	3.2%	2.9%	-9.4%
Stephens	10,435	10,640	2.0%	9,983	10,262	2.8%	452	378	-16.4%	4.3%	3.6%	-16.3%
Towns	4,037	4,066	0.7%	3,875	3,900	0.6%	162	166	2.5%	4.0%	4.1%	2.5%
Union	11,116	11,458	3.1%	10,811	11,157	3.2%	305	301	-1.3%	2.7%	2.6%	-3.7%
White	16,612	17,015	2.4%	16,187	16,609	2.6%	425	406	-4.5%	2.6%	2.4%	-7.7%
<b>Georgia Mountains</b>	<b>362,748</b>	<b>372,205</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>352,587</b>	<b>362,851</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>10,161</b>	<b>9,354</b>	<b>-7.9%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>-10.7%</b>
<b>LWDA</b>												
Georgia	5,179,121	5,234,275	1.1%	4,977,562	5,075,093	2.0%	201,559	159,182	-21.0%	3.9%	3.0%	-23.1%
United States	161,204,000	164,287,000	1.9%	152,581,000	158,291,000	3.7%	8,623,000	5,996,000	-30.5%	5.3%	3.6%	-32.1%

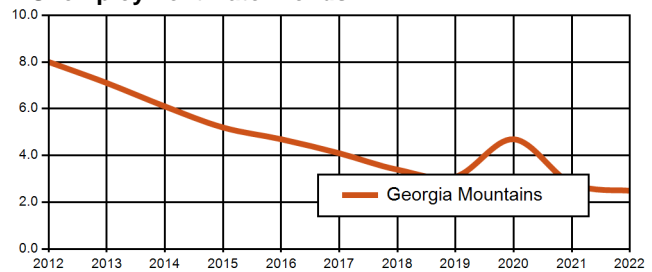
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

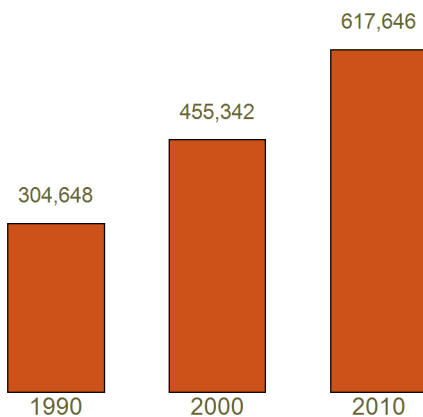
### Employment Trends



### Unemployment Rate Trends



### Population Estimates



### Population

	2010 Census	2022 Rank	2022 Estimate	% Change 2010-2022	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
Banks	18,395		19,328	5.1	20,867	13.4
Dawson	22,330		30,138	35.0	31,420	40.7
Forsyth	175,511		267,237	52.3	285,085	62.4
Franklin	22,084		24,128	9.3	25,069	13.5
Habersham	43,041		47,475	10.3	47,431	10.2
Hall	179,684		212,692	18.4	222,479	23.8
Hart	25,213		26,909	6.7	26,461	4.9
Lumpkin	29,966		34,796	16.1	36,027	20.2
Rabun	16,276		17,206	5.7	17,163	5.4
Stephens	26,175		26,767	2.3	26,744	2.2
Towns	10,471		12,972	23.9	14,589	39.3
Union	21,356		26,388	23.6	25,456	19.2
White	27,144		28,806	6.1	32,470	19.6
<b>Georgia Mountains</b>	<b>617,646</b>		<b>774,842</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>811,261</b>	<b>31.3</b>

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, \*Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

## Top Employers - 2023\*

### TEN LARGEST EMPLOYERS

#### Georgia Mountains

Fieldale Farms Corporation  
 Fox Racing Shox  
 Gold Creek Processing, LLC  
 Ingles Markets, Inc.  
 Kubota Manufacturing of America Corporation  
 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc.  
 Northside Hospital, Inc.  
 Pilgrim's Pride Corporation  
 Publix Super Markets, Inc.  
 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 First Quarter of 2023. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

### SIZE CLASS

Employees	Establishments	Employment
0 - 4	13,792	16,634
5 - 9	2,912	19,291
10 - 19	2,142	29,213
20 - 49	1,427	42,960
50 - 99	547	37,812
100 - 249	317	47,352
250 - 499	83	27,810
500 - 999	22	15,361
1000 - and over	17	29,062
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,259</b>	<b>265,495</b>

Note: Data shown for the First Quarter of 2023.

## Education of the Labor Force

### Georgia Mountains

#### PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	7.5%	4.9%	9.2%	6.4%	5.3%	13.6%
Some High School	11.8%	19.5%	11.9%	9.2%	9.4%	14.8%
High School Grad/GED	30.8%	34.9%	29.7%	27.3%	31.7%	31.2%
Some College	20.8%	33.7%	20.4%	18.4%	20.2%	16.6%
College Grad 2 Yr	5.9%	3.0%	6.3%	7.2%	7.1%	3.6%
College Grad 4 Yr	15.6%	3.7%	16.0%	22.3%	17.0%	12.2%
Post Graduate Studies	7.6%	0.4%	6.5%	9.2%	9.3%	8.0%
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 college with no degree less than two years.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

## High School Graduates - 2022



	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Banks	167	--	167
Dawson	287	--	287
Forsyth	3,946	--	3,946
Franklin	232	--	232
Habersham	469	--	469
Hall	2,371	--	2,371
Hart	231	--	231
Lumpkin	226	--	226
Rabun	156	--	156
Stephens	236	--	236
Towns	68	--	68
Union	218	--	218
White	252	--	252
<b>Georgia Mountains</b>	<b>8,859</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>8,859</b>

Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

\* Private schools data is not available for 2022 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

## Colleges and Universities

### Georgia Mountains Local Workforce Development Area

#### Lumpkin

University of North Georgia (Main Campus) [ung.edu/](http://ung.edu/)

#### Hall

University of North Georgia (Gainesville Campus) [ung.edu/campuses/gainesville/index.php](http://ung.edu/campuses/gainesville/index.php)  
 Brenau University [www.brenau.edu](http://www.brenau.edu)  
 Interactive College of Technology (Gainesville Campus) [www.ict.edu/](http://www.ict.edu/)  
 Lanier Technical College [www.laniertech.edu](http://www.laniertech.edu)

#### Franklin

Emmanuel College [www.ec.edu](http://www.ec.edu)

#### Habersham

North Georgia Technical College [www.northgatech.edu](http://www.northgatech.edu)  
 Piedmont College [www.piedmont.edu](http://www.piedmont.edu)

#### Stephens

Toccoa Falls College [www.tfc.edu](http://www.tfc.edu)

#### White

Truett McConnell University [www.truett.edu](http://www.truett.edu)

#### Towns

Young Harris College [www.yhc.edu](http://www.yhc.edu)

Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

# Technical College Graduates - 2022\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2020	2021	2022	2020-2021	2021-2022
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	149	147	103	-1.3	-29.9
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	46	39	31	-15.2	-20.5
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist°	33	30	54	-9.1	80.0
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	19	22	8	15.8	-63.6
Architectural Drafting and Architectural CAD/CADD°	4	3	1	-25.0	-66.7
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	79	85	34	7.6	-60.0
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	272	160	180	-41.2	12.5
Business Administration and Management, General°	177	248	231	40.1	-6.9
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician°	21	10	14	-52.4	40.0
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	134	209	170	56.0	-18.7
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	15	10	13	-33.3	30.0
Commercial Photography°	14	10	26	-28.6	160.0
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	28	50	32	78.6	-36.0
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	267	203	232	-24.0	14.3
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	87	80	60	-8.0	-25.0
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	11	11	7	0.0	-36.4
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	34	7	8	-79.4	14.3
Dental Assisting/Assistant	10	10	11	0.0	10.0
Design and Visual Communications, General°	20	24	29	20.0	20.8
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General°	25	7	6	-72.0	-14.3
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	32	48	32	50.0	-33.3
Electrical and Power Transmission Installation/Installer, General°	17	10	12	-41.2	20.0
Electrician°	72	92	98	27.8	6.5
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	153	103	84	-32.7	-18.4
Environmental Control Technologies/Technicians, Other	11	11	11	0.0	0.0
Fire Science/Fire-fighting°	28	29	15	3.6	-48.3
Fire Services Administration	3	1	2	-66.7	100.0
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant°	11	12	13	9.1	8.3
Graphic Design°	3	9	6	200.0	-33.3
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician°	21	15	27	-28.6	80.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology°	124	113	122	-8.9	8.0
Human Resources Management/Personnel Administration, General°	21	18	35	-14.3	94.4
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	247	196	183	-20.6	-6.6
Interior Design°	44	64	54	45.5	-15.6
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	66	63	63	-4.5	0.0
Lineworker°	61	81	76	32.8	-6.2

## Technical College Graduates - 2022\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2020	2021	2022	2020-2021	2021-2022
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	69	44	28	-36.2	-36.4
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	10	6	9	-40.0	50.0
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder°	15	15	20	0.0	33.3
Medical Office Assistant/Specialist°	84	64	58	-23.8	-9.4
Medical/Clinical Assistant	90	61	67	-32.2	9.8
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	48	44	37	-8.3	-15.9
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	82	110	107	34.1	-2.7
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant°	8	14	17	75.0	21.4
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	15	38	22	153.3	-42.1
Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing°	35	45	38	28.6	-15.6
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	17	19	17	11.8	-10.5
Surgical Technology/Technologist°	9	9	11	0.0	22.2
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	32	33	42	3.1	27.3
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design°	8	17	8	112.5	-52.9
Welding Technology/Welder°	289	372	198	28.7	-46.8

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates(°) are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

\*Data shown represents Annual 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

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