

Industries with the Most Expected Job Growth

Nearly 100 industry subsectors were analyzed to identify the 20 expected to have the most job growth in Georgia from 2018-2020. The 20 industries in the chart below represent over three-fourths of the total job growth in all industry subsectors in Georgia during the projected period. The base employment, projected employment, and total job growth are listed for each industry.

Industry	2018 Base Employment	2020 Projected Employment	Employment Change
Food Services & Drinking Places	380,410	404,360	23,950
Specialty Trade Contractors	113,640	133,940	20,300
Administrative & Support Services	296,270	315,990	19,720
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	256,280	271,950	15,670
Educational Services	390,990	406,070	15,080
Ambulatory Health Care Services	207,950	218,720	10,770
Warehousing & Storage	48,940	57,870	8,930
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	109,340	116,040	6,700
Management of Companies & Enterprises	70,740	77,180	6,440
Construction of Buildings	39,440	45,170	5,730
Real Estate	46,020	50,890	4,870
Social Assistance	78,790	83,560	4,770
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	30,580	35,140	4,560
Crop Production	74,550	78,750	4,200
Bldg Material & Garden Equip & Supplies Dealers	40,710	44,580	3,870
Hospitals	186,630	190,490	3,860
Local Government, Exc Education & Hospitals	142,880	146,740	3,860
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	72,730	76,210	3,480
Motion Picture & Sound Recording Industries	14,610	17,620	3,010
Private Households	21,060	24,060	3,000

Top Five Occupations within Industries with the Most Job Growth

Food Services and Drinking Places: combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food; waiters and waitresses; cooks, restaurant; supervisors of food preparation and serving workers; food preparation workers

Specialty Trade Contractors: electricians; construction laborers; plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters; heating, AC, and refrigeration mechanics and installers; supervisors of construction trades and extraction workers

Administrative and Support Services: laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand; janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners; customer service representatives; security guards; landscaping and groundskeeping workers

Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services: software developers, applications; management analysts; accountants and auditors; general and operations managers; lawyers

Educational Services: elementary school teachers, except special education; teacher assistants; middle school teachers, except special and career/technical education; secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education; substitute teachers

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Occupations within Industries with the Most Job Growth continued

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Ambulatory Health Care Services: medical assistants; registered nurses; licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses; receptionists and information clerks; home health aides

Warehousing and Storage: laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand; industrial truck and tractor operators; shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks; customer service representatives; stock clerks and order fillers

Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods: sales representatives, wholesale and manufacturing, except technical and scientific products; laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand; sales representatives, wholesale and manufacturing, technical and scientific products; general and operations managers; customer service representatives

Management of Companies and Enterprises: software developers, applications; general and operations managers; business operations specialists, all other; accountants and auditors; customer service representatives

Construction of Buildings: carpenters; construction laborers; first-line supervisors of construction trades and extraction workers; construction managers; general and operations managers

Real Estate: maintenance and repair workers, general; property, real estate, and community association managers; real estate sales agents; counter and rental clerks; office clerks, general

Social Assistance: personal care aides; childcare workers; preschool teachers, except special education; teacher assistants; social and human service assistants

Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction: construction laborers; electrical power-line installers and repairers; operating engineers and other construction equipment operators; supervisors of construction trades and extraction workers; pipelayers

Crop Production: farmworkers and laborers, crop, nursery, and greenhouse; farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural managers; agricultural equipment operators; first-line supervisors of farming, fishing, and forestry workers; heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers

Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers: retail salespersons; stock clerks and order fillers; supervisors of retail sales workers; cashiers; industrial truck and tractor operators

Hospitals: registered nurses; nursing assistants; respiratory therapists; medical assistants; medical secretaries

Local Government, excluding Education and Hospitals: police and sheriff's patrol officers; firefighters; maintenance and repair workers, general; court, municipal, and license clerks; supervisors of police and detectives

Insurance Carriers and Related Activities: insurance sales agents; insurance claims and policy processing clerks; customer service representatives; claims adjusters, examiners, and investigators; general and operations managers

Motion Picture and Sound Recording Industries: producers and directors; ushers, lobby attendants, and ticket takers; multimedia artists and animators; actors; film and video editors

Private Households: maids and housekeeping cleaners; childcare workers; personal care aides; personal care and service workers, all other; laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand

2018 - 2020

Short-term Employment Projections



Georgia Jobs expected to be in highest demand over the next two years

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GEORGIA'S TOP JOBS BY EDUCATION AND MOST EXPECTED ANNUAL OPENINGS FOR 2018-2020

Georgia's economy will continue to add jobs over this two-year employment projection cycle. With the state's economy showing an eighth consecutive year of job growth in 2018, most major industries in the state are continuing to expand and are projected to grow through 2020.

Over the projection period (2018-2020), we estimate that over 221,000 occupational separations will arise each year due to labor force exits. We also project that over 300,000 occupational separations will occur each year because of occupational transfers. Labor force exits are workers who leave the labor force permanently and includes retirees while occupational transfers leave a job for a different occupation. During this short-term projection cycle, Georgia occupational openings (sum of net employment change and occupational separations) will surpass 628,000 annually while total employment is projected to increase by over 212,000 from 2018-2020.

This brochure lists the jobs that will be in most demand from 2018-2020. Tables show occupations with the most annual openings by education level. Annual occupational separations from labor force exits and occupational transfers along with annual wages from the 2018 Edition of Georgia Wage Estimates are also displayed. Shown lastly are industries with the most job growth and the occupations within them.

Doctoral or Professional Degree

Occupation	Annual Occupational Separations		Annual Openings	Annual Wage
	Labor Force Exits	Occupational Transfers		
Lawyers	420	460	1,270	\$138,300
Postsecondary Teachers, All Other	200	210	530	\$81,500
Pharmacists	210	180	450	\$119,500
Physical Therapists	120	130	430	\$87,800
Physicians & Surgeons, All Other	160	120	410	\$242,700
Business Teachers, Postsecondary	100	100	270	\$87,800
Clinical, Counseling & School Psychologists	70	110	240	\$84,800
Education Teachers, Postsecondary	80	90	220	\$67,100
Family & General Practitioners	60	50	180	\$192,900
Engineering Teachers, Postsecondary	60	60	170	\$92,400

Master's Degree

Occupation	Annual Occupational Separations		Annual Openings	Annual Wage
	Labor Force Exits	Occupational Transfers		
Ed, Guidance, School & Vocational Counselors	380	680	1,310	\$56,300
Ed Admins, Elem & Secondary School	230	370	760	\$97,600

Master's Degree Continued

Occupation	Annual Occupational Separations		Annual Openings	Annual Wage
	Labor Force Exits	Occupational Transfers		
Instructional Coordinators	280	240	640	\$64,600
Healthcare Social Workers	180	320	600	\$52,900
Nurse Practitioners	100	140	400	\$105,500
Physician Assistants	80	150	380	\$104,100
Librarians	180	130	370	\$59,200
Speech-Language Pathologists	70	120	280	\$77,400
Occupational Therapists	70	90	250	\$81,200
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	60	100	180	\$41,100

Bachelor's Degree

Occupation	Annual Occupational Separations		Annual Openings	Annual Wage
	Labor Force Exits	Occupational Transfers		
General & Operations Managers	2,060	5,920	10,620	\$115,100
Registered Nurses	2,360	1,790	5,540	\$67,800
Elem School Teachers, Exc Spec Ed	1,790	2,010	4,840	\$55,700
Accountants & Auditors	1,230	2,400	4,750	\$76,500
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	1,150	2,110	3,830	\$73,900
Management Analysts	880	1,410	3,020	\$95,700
Software Developers, Applications	370	1,330	2,880	\$105,200
Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	540	1,410	2,750	\$65,900
Middle School Teachers, Exc Spec & Career/Tech Ed	940	1,050	2,540	\$57,500
Secondary School Teachers, Exc Spec & Career/Tech Ed	820	1,000	2,330	\$57,700

Associate's Degree

Occupation	Annual Occupational Separations		Annual Openings	Annual Wage
	Labor Force Exits	Occupational Transfers		
Preschool Teachers, Exc Spec Ed	690	860	1,910	\$30,100
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	280	570	1,110	\$54,000
Computer Network Support Specialists	170	440	830	\$70,800
Dental Hygienists	240	150	520	\$66,500
HR Assistants, Exc Payroll & Timekeeping	160	250	430	\$40,200
Electrical & Electronics Engineering Techs	120	200	400	\$60,300
Radiologic Technologists	150	140	360	\$56,000
Web Developers	70	180	350	\$79,100
Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	100	140	340	\$31,800
Physical Therapist Assistants	100	160	330	\$55,500

Postsecondary Nondegree Award

Occupation	Annual Occupational Separations		Annual Openings	Annual Wage
	Labor Force Exits	Occupational Transfers		
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	2,570	3,800	8,130	\$43,900
Nursing Assistants	2,470	2,050	5,230	\$25,500
Medical Assistants	1,050	1,470	3,140	\$33,000
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	800	1,530	2,740	\$40,400
Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	1,030	1,010	2,450	\$41,300
Heating, Air Cond & Refrig Mechanics & Installers	290	700	1,780	\$43,600
Hairdressers, Hairstylists & Cosmetologists	920	690	1,680	\$28,600
Dental Assistants	560	630	1,380	\$38,000
Telecom Equip Installers & Repairers, Exc Line Installers	320	680	1,170	\$56,100
Firefighters	280	530	1,000	\$37,900

Some College, No Degree

Occupation	Annual Occupational Separations		Annual Openings	Annual Wage
	Labor Force Exits	Occupational Transfers		
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	2,830	2,200	5,880	\$40,200
Teacher Assistants	2,140	1,780	4,680	\$21,400
Computer User Support Specialists	520	1,310	2,500	\$53,800

High School Diploma or Equivalent

Occupation	Annual Occupational Separations		Annual Openings	Annual Wage
	Labor Force Exits	Occupational Transfers		
Customer Service Representatives	5,400	7,930	15,440	\$35,300
Office Clerks, General	5,310	5,170	11,980	\$30,000
Secretaries & Admin Assistants, Exc Legal, Med & Executive	3,620	3,520	8,000	\$35,700
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	2,830	3,690	7,230	\$26,200
Childcare Workers	3,280	2,490	6,800	\$23,000
Sales Reps, Wholesale & Mfg, Exc Tech & Scientific Products	1,700	3,450	6,520	\$64,900
Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	2,030	3,710	6,330	\$42,600
Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	1,940	2,650	6,030	\$36,900
Personal Care Aides	2,270	1,710	5,220	\$22,300
Supervisors of Food Prep & Serving Workers	1,310	2,800	4,950	\$31,400

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