

## 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 2019-2021. The 20 industries in the chart below represent well 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	2019 Base Employment	2021 Projected Employment	Employment Change
Food Services & Drinking Places	387,810	407,540	19,730
Ambulatory Health Care Services	224,520	243,510	18,990
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	262,090	277,610	15,520
Educational Services	394,090	408,500	14,410
Administrative & Support Services	293,850	301,320	7,470
Management of Companies & Enterprises	88,740	94,600	5,860
Self-Employed & Unpaid Family Workers	233,470	238,610	5,140
Hospitals	182,670	187,250	4,580
Warehousing & Storage	53,130	57,660	4,530
Social Assistance	81,980	85,740	3,760
Local Government, Exc Education & Hospitals	144,030	147,590	3,560
Private Households	21,010	24,540	3,530
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	36,270	39,550	3,280
Specialty Trade Contractors	118,730	121,820	3,090
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	73,260	76,070	2,810
General Merchandise Stores	105,220	107,940	2,720
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	110,980	113,610	2,630
Real Estate	48,400	50,930	2,530
Truck Transportation	52,280	54,640	2,360
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	55,140	57,420	2,280

## 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

**Ambulatory Health Care Services:** medical assistants; medical secretaries; registered nurses; receptionists and information clerks; home health aides

**Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services:** software developers, applications; accountants and auditors; lawyers; management analysts; computer systems analysts

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

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

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**Note:** These projections were completed prior to the novel coronavirus pandemic, known as COVID-19, and thus do not reflect its effect on the economy.

## Top Five Occupations within Industries with the Most Job Growth continued

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

**Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers:** farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural managers; managers, all other; real estate sales agents; construction laborers; supervisors of retail sales workers

**Hospitals:** registered nurses; nursing assistants; clinical laboratory technologists and technicians; licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses; radiologic technologists

**Warehousing and Storage:** industrial truck and tractor operators; laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand; stock clerks and order fillers; shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks; supervisors of transportation and material moving workers, except aircraft cargo handling

**Social Assistance:** personal care aides; childcare workers; preschool teachers, except special education; childcare workers; teacher assistants; child, family, and school social workers

**Local Government, excluding Education and Hospitals:** police and sheriff's patrol officers; firefighters; correctional officers and jailers; recreation workers; office clerks, general

**Private Households:** maids and housekeeping cleaners; childcare workers; personal care aides; cooks, private household; laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand

**Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries:** amusement and recreation attendants; fitness trainers and aerobics instructors; landscaping and groundskeeping workers; waiters and waitresses; customer service representatives

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

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

**General Merchandise Stores:** cashiers; retail salespersons; stock clerks and order fillers; supervisors of retail sales workers; supervisors of office and administrative support workers

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

**Real Estate:** real estate sales agents; maintenance and repair workers, general; counter and rental clerks; property, real estate, and community association managers; secretaries and administrative assistants, except legal, medical, and executive

**Truck Transportation:** heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers; laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand; bus and truck mechanics and diesel engine specialists; supervisors of transportation and material moving workers, except aircraft cargo handling; industrial truck and tractor operators

**Transportation Equipment Manufacturing:** assemblers and fabricators, all other, including team assemblers; aircraft structure, surfaces, rigging, and systems assemblers; aerospace engineers; supervisors of production and operating workers; inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers

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# 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 2019-2021

Georgia's economy will add jobs over this two-year employment projection though at a slower rate than the previous short-term period. With the state's economy showing a ninth consecutive year of average job growth in 2019, most major industries in the state are expanding and are projected to add workers through 2021.

Over the projection period (2019-2021), we estimate that nearly 208,000 occupational separations will arise each year due to labor force exits. We also project that over 342,000 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 621,000 annually while total employment is projected to increase by over 142,000 from 2019-2021.

This brochure lists the jobs that will be in most demand from 2019-2021. Tables show occupations with the most annual occupational openings by education level. Annual occupational separations from labor force exits and occupational transfers along with annual wages from the 2019 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	510	630	1,570	\$123,000
Physicians & Surgeons, All Other	210	160	660	\$224,200
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	190	240	610	\$113,900
Pharmacists	250	230	610	\$113,200
Physical Therapists	110	140	460	\$82,300
Clinical, Counseling, & School Psychologists	70	150	310	\$85,100
Dentists, General	90	40	230	\$168,400
Business Teachers, Postsecondary	70	90	220	\$90,300
Medical Scientists, Exc Epidemiologists	30	130	200	\$72,300
Veterinarians	50	50	170	\$87,000

## Master's Degree

Occupation	Annual Occupational Separations		Annual Openings	Annual Wage
	Labor Force Exits	Occupational Transfers		
Ed, Guidance, School, & Vocational Counselors	350	750	1,320	\$53,900
Instructional Coordinators	460	570	1,220	\$63,700

## Master's Degree Continued

Occupation	Annual Occupational Separations		Annual Openings	Annual Wage
	Labor Force Exits	Occupational Transfers		
Ed Admins, Elem & Secondary School	220	430	800	\$91,200
Nurse Practitioners	140	240	690	\$101,800
Healthcare Social Workers	120	270	460	\$50,600
Physician Assistants	60	170	410	\$98,400
Speech-Language Pathologists	70	130	350	\$74,100
Librarians	140	120	300	\$57,800
Occupational Therapists	70	110	290	\$78,300
Health Diagnosing & Treating Practitioners, All Other	100	70	190	\$102,600

## Bachelor's Degree

Occupation	Annual Occupational Separations		Annual Openings	Annual Wage
	Labor Force Exits	Occupational Transfers		
General & Operations Managers	1,850	5,820	9,060	\$107,400
Registered Nurses	2,320	2,140	6,200	\$65,800
Elem School Teachers, Exc Special Ed	1,710	2,340	5,000	\$53,800
Accountants & Auditors	1,140	2,620	4,520	\$71,900
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	1,090	2,770	4,220	\$71,100
Software Developers, Applications	440	1,810	3,490	\$100,400
Management Analysts	780	1,580	3,000	\$88,600
Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	510	1,690	2,860	\$63,500
Managers, All Other	750	1,490	2,650	\$111,800
Secondary School Teachers, Exc Spec & Career/Tech Ed	780	1,190	2,460	\$55,400

## Associate's Degree

Occupation	Annual Occupational Separations		Annual Openings	Annual Wage
	Labor Force Exits	Occupational Transfers		
Preschool Teachers, Exc Special Ed	660	1,020	1,950	\$29,500
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	310	670	1,230	\$51,600
Dental Hygienists	340	200	780	\$62,600
Computer Network Support Specialists	120	420	660	\$67,600
Radiologic Technologists	160	200	480	\$54,100
Physical Therapist Assistants	110	210	440	\$49,800
Respiratory Therapists	130	120	380	\$54,900
Electrical & Electronics Engineering Techs	110	220	370	\$63,100
Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	90	170	370	\$30,200
HR Assistants, Exc Payroll & Timekeeping	110	230	360	\$36,800

## Postsecondary Nondegree Award

Occupation	Annual Occupational Separations		Annual Openings	Annual Wage
	Labor Force Exits	Occupational Transfers		
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	2,780	4,900	8,940	\$40,000
Nursing Assistants	2,170	2,360	5,230	\$23,900
Medical Assistants	1,110	2,010	4,200	\$29,700
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	650	1,670	2,660	\$40,300
Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	900	1,130	2,530	\$39,700
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, & Cosmetologists	930	980	2,160	\$24,900
Dental Assistants	460	650	1,390	\$34,000
Heating, Air Cond, & Refrig Mechanics & Installers	290	750	1,220	\$39,700
Telecom Equip Installers & Repairers, Exc Line Installers	250	730	1,010	\$50,700
Firefighters	200	570	930	\$35,200

## Some College, No Degree

Occupation	Annual Occupational Separations		Annual Openings	Annual Wage
	Labor Force Exits	Occupational Transfers		
Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	2,420	2,220	4,900	\$37,700
Teacher Assistants	2,080	2,050	4,750	\$20,800
Computer User Support Specialists	420	1,440	2,380	\$50,600

## High School Diploma or Equivalent

Occupation	Annual Occupational Separations		Annual Openings	Annual Wage
	Labor Force Exits	Occupational Transfers		
Customer Service Representatives	5,240	9,310	15,300	\$32,900
Office Clerks, General	4,370	4,990	9,770	\$28,600
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	3,060	4,990	8,810	\$24,700
Secretaries & Admin Assistants, Exc Legal, Med, & Executive	3,500	4,140	7,620	\$32,300
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other, Incl Team Assemblers	2,360	4,350	6,760	\$28,500
Personal Care Aides	2,790	2,480	6,750	\$20,900
Supervisors of Food Prep & Serving Workers	1,530	3,820	6,180	\$27,700
Supervisors of Office & Admin Support Workers	1,880	3,370	5,770	\$52,900
Sales Representatives, Services, All Other	1,100	3,610	5,410	\$58,400
Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	1,550	3,380	5,360	\$41,100

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