

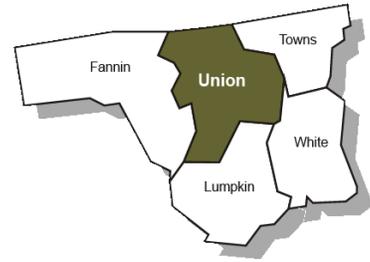


Georgia

Area Labor Profile

Union

County



Updated: Dec 2016

Labor Force Activity - 2015

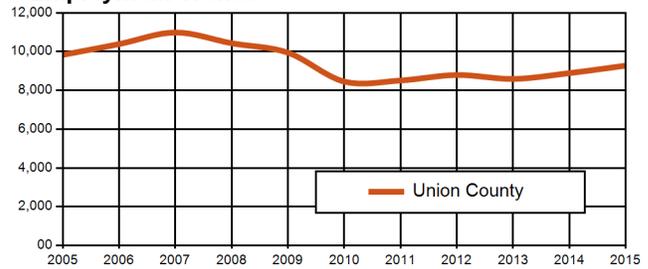
2015 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Union	9,786	9,278	508	5.2%
Fannin	10,094	9,484	610	6.0%
Lumpkin	15,170	14,360	810	5.3%
Towns	3,900	3,596	304	7.8%
White	13,740	13,042	698	5.1%
Union Area	52,690	49,760	2,930	5.6%
Georgia	4,770,873	4,490,931	279,942	5.9%
United States	157,129,917	148,833,417	8,296,333	5.3%
Cherokee, NC	11,170	10,445	725	6.5%
Clay, NC	4,100	3,849	251	6.0%

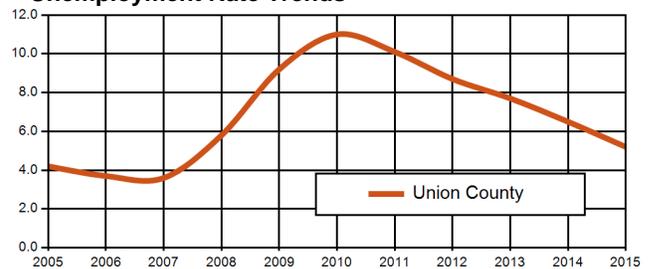
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

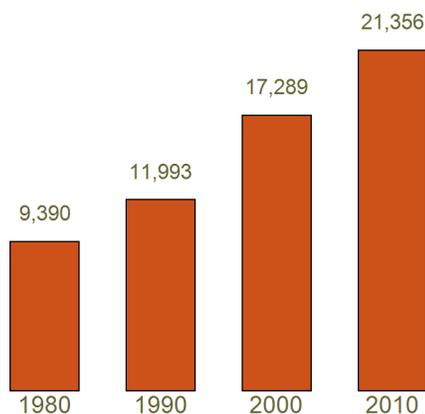
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2010 Census	2015 Rank	2015 Estimate	% Change 2000-2015	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
Union	21,356	171	22,267	4.3	23,241	8.8
City of Blairsville	652					
Union Area	149,195		155,360	4.1	171,526	15.0
Georgia	9,687,653		10,214,860	5.4	11,538,707	19.1
United States	308,745,538		321,418,820	4.1	349,439,199	13.2
Cherokee, NC	26,250		27,178	3.5	32,693	24.5
Clay, NC	10,326		10,703	3.7	12,947	25.4

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

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Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2016

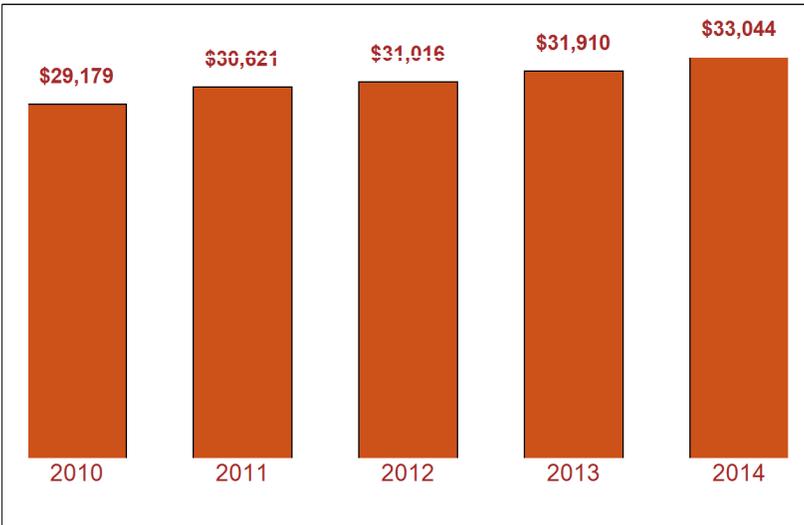
INDUSTRY	Union				Union Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	133	711	10.1	695	526	4,349	13.7	762
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	7	128	1.8	757	31	441	1.4	692
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	3	*	*	*	9	35	0.1	1,112
Construction	90	246	3.5	601	352	1,516	4.8	728
Manufacturing	33	325	4.6	725	134	2,357	7.4	792
Food	2	*	*	*	11	162	0.5	655
Beverage and Tobacco Product	1	*	*	*	11	118	0.4	460
Apparel	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Wood Product	3	*	*	*	13	324	1.0	523
Printing and Related Support Activities	4	11	0.2	359	12	20	0.1	393
Petroleum and Coal Products	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Chemical	2	*	*	*	6	38	0.1	779
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	5	152	0.5	876
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	2	*	*	*	8	35	0.1	634
Primary Metal	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Fabricated Metal Product	5	115	1.6	761	13	307	1.0	1,000
Machinery	2	*	*	*	5	116	0.4	850
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	2	*	*	*	10	*	*	*
Furniture and Related Product	4	10	0.1	430	13	31	0.1	523
Miscellaneous	1	*	*	*	14	66	0.2	558
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	5	88	0.3	428
Service-Providing	439	4,525	64.4	588	2,214	20,665	65.3	531
Utilities	3	11	0.2	574	11	307	1.0	1,027
Wholesale Trade	20	145	2.1	851	103	729	2.3	819
Retail Trade	93	1,167	16.6	419	456	4,810	15.2	442
Transportation and Warehousing	24	329	4.7	786	84	949	3.0	735
Information	3	*	*	*	32	*	*	*
Finance and Insurance	32	141	2.0	1,056	131	600	1.9	901
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	31	50	0.7	739	136	351	1.1	530
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	45	150	2.1	825	225	742	2.3	738
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1	*	*	*	4	*	*	*
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	15	89	1.3	880	114	682	2.2	509
Educational Services	4	*	*	*	19	1,218	3.8	447
Health Care and Social Assistance	77	650	9.2	817	268	3,574	11.3	704
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	8	36	0.5	177	41	333	1.1	342
Accommodation and Food Services	50	583	8.3	272	308	5,057	16.0	293
Other Services (except Public Administration)	33	132	1.9	487	165	589	1.9	510
Unclassified - industry not assigned	22	28	0.4	446	117	164	0.5	585
Total - Private Sector	594	5,264	74.9	602	2,740	25,014	79.0	571
Total - Government	36	1,765	25.1	605	139	6,631	21.0	667
Federal Government	7	50	0.7	931	25	239	0.8	937
State Government	17	209	3.0	562	64	1,802	5.7	758
Local Government	12	1,506	21.4	600	50	4,590	14.5	618
ALL INDUSTRIES	630	7,028	100.0	603	2,879	31,646	100.0	592
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					298,099	4,257,675		930

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 2016.

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

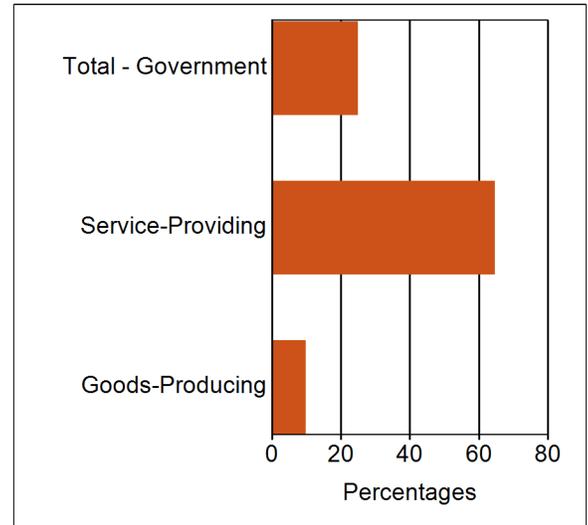
Union Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Union Industry Mix 2016

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Ten Largest Employers - 2015*

Union

Aviagen North America, Inc.
 Corrugated Replacement, Inc.
 Davenport Transportation, Inc.
 Ingles Markets, Inc.
 Mountain Education Center, Inc.
 Panel Built, Inc.
 Regency Hospice Of Georgia, LLC
 The Home Depot
 United Community Bank
 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 Third Quarter of 2015. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Union Area

Chatuge Regional Hospital, Inc.
 Fannin Regional Hospital
 Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership
 Mountain Education Center, Inc.
 United Community Bank
 University of North Georgia
 Walmart
 Walmart
 Walmart
 Young Harris College

COUNTY

Towns
 Fannin
 White
 Union
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 Lumpkin
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Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Union

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Union, GA	5,312	65.0
Towns, GA	556	6.8
Fannin, GA	521	6.4
Cherokee, NC	365	4.5
Clay, NC	261	3.2
Hall, GA	194	2.4
Gilmer, GA	139	1.7
White, GA	121	1.5
Other	704	8.6
Total Residents:	8,173	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Union

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Union, GA	5,312	74.3
Fannin, GA	513	7.2
Cherokee, NC	329	4.6
Towns, GA	321	4.5
Clay, NC	297	4.2
White, GA	105	1.5
Gilmer, GA	66	0.9
Lumpkin, GA	42	0.6
Other	168	2.3
Total Residents:	7,153	100.0

Note: Other category represents employment from U.S. counties only.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 County-To-County Worker Flow Files.

Education of the Labor Force

Union Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	6.3%	1.6%	1.6%	4.5%	5.2%	14.0%
Some High School	12.1%	17.8%	13.8%	10.0%	11.1%	11.4%
High School Grad/GED	34.4%	27.5%	37.8%	37.4%	35.2%	33.0%
Some College	23.2%	44.6%	26.1%	19.5%	20.1%	18.3%
College Grad 2 Yr	6.5%	4.8%	6.3%	8.4%	7.9%	4.2%
College Grad 4 Yr	10.5%	3.7%	10.0%	14.0%	11.8%	10.0%
Post Graduate Studies	7.0%	0.0%	4.5%	6.3%	8.9%	9.2%
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+. The "Some College" category represents workers with less than two years of college and no degree.

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

High School Graduates - 2015

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Fannin	180	--	180
Lumpkin	218	--	218
Towns	83	--	83
Union	180	--	180
White	565	--	565
Union Area	1,226	--	1,226



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

* Private schools data is not available for 2015 from Georgia Independent School Association.

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

Colleges and Universities

Union Area

Union

Blairsville Campus (Satellite campus of North Georgia Technical College) www.northgatech.edu

Lumpkin

University of North Georgia www.northgeorgia.edu

White

Truett-McConnell College www.truett.edu

Towns

Young Harris College 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 - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	127	124	251	-2.4	102.4

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General°	88	66	124	-25.0	87.9
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist°	16	21	43	31.3	104.8
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	104	91	96	-12.5	5.5
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	38	52	81	36.8	55.8
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	91	132	203	45.1	53.8
Business Administration and Management, General°	35	40	117	14.3	192.5
Business Administration, Management and Operations, Other	7	12	32	71.4	166.7
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician°	8	11	11	37.5	0.0
Child Care and Support Services Management°	2	2	1	0.0	-50.0
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	88	99	159	12.5	60.6
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	16	14	10	-12.5	-28.6
Commercial Photography°	16	13	33	-18.8	153.8
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	11	23	56	109.1	143.5
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	179	185	316	3.4	70.8
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	79	50	124	-36.7	148.0
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	26	22	24	-15.4	9.1
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	2	5	13	150.0	160.0
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General°	19	18	46	-5.3	155.6
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	23	25	30	8.7	20.0
Dental Assisting/Assistant	14	12	26	-14.3	116.7
Design and Visual Communications, General°	9	6	17	-33.3	183.3
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General°	15	8	12	-46.7	50.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching°	42	38	57	-9.5	50.0
Electrical and Power Transmission Installation/Installer, General°	12	10	16	-16.7	60.0
Electrician°	21	33	63	57.1	90.9
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	98	119	219	21.4	84.0
Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurial Studies°	4	1	9	-75.0	800.0
Environmental Control Technologies/Technicians, Other	10	5	10	-50.0	100.0
Fire Prevention and Safety Technology/Technician°	1	2	6	100.0	200.0
Fire Science/Fire-fighting°	9	15	12	66.7	-20.0
Fire Services Administration	1	2	13	100.0	550.0
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant°	18	20	21	11.1	5.0
Golf Course Operation and Grounds Management°	7	8	15	14.3	87.5
Graphic Design°	2	4	1	100.0	-75.0
Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General°	45	67	216	48.9	222.4
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/°	78	76	140	-2.6	84.2
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	90	116	148	28.9	27.6

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Interior Design°	3	6	45	100.0	650.0
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	84	53	130	-36.9	145.3
Lineworker°	45	52	45	15.6	-13.5
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	60	76	105	26.7	38.2
Marine Maintenance/Fitter and Ship Repair Technology/Technician	10	4	9	-60.0	125.0
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	5	1	6	-80.0	500.0
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	7	1	6	-85.7	500.0
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder°	13	11	17	-15.4	54.5
Medical Office Assistant/Specialist°	63	39	64	-38.1	64.1
Medical Office Management/Administration	8	5	19	-37.5	280.0
Medical/Clinical Assistant	143	135	230	-5.6	70.4
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	44	42	123	-4.5	192.9
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	144	147	248	2.1	68.7
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant°	21	13	21	-38.1	61.5
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	15	15	13	0.0	-13.3
Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing°	4	4	14	0.0	250.0
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	17	17	13	0.0	-23.5
Retailing and Retail Operations°	3	1	7	-66.7	600.0
Surgical Technology/Technologist	13	14	21	7.7	50.0
Tool and Die Technology/Technician°	8	5	7	-37.5	40.0
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design°	7	17	13	142.9	-23.5
Welding Technology/Welder°	206	210	352	1.9	67.6

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 2013, 2014, and 2015.

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

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor

	TOTAL	Mgt.	Bus. and Finance	Comp. and Arch. Math	and Eng.	Life and Soc. Svcs.	Comm. and Svcs	Legal	Ed. and Training	Arts and Design	Health Prac.	Health Support
Fannin	935	121	64	210	62	7	19	0	85	64	202	101
Lumpkin	264	42	0	31	21	0	9	2	47	45	43	24
Towns	130	40	30	4	0	0	0	0	16	0	21	19
Union	532	153	30	58	31	10	28	8	5	34	98	77
White	385	185	3	63	11	3	1	0	10	13	34	62
Subtotal Area	2,246	541	127	366	125	20	57	10	163	156	398	283

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor (cont.)

	TOTAL	Protect. Svcs.	Food Prep.	Ground Cleaning	Personal Care	Sales	Office Support	Farm. and Forestry	Constru- tion	Installation Main.	Prod.	Trans. and Moving
Fannin	4,001	28	265	123	68	599	1,100	22	192	296	560	748
Lumpkin	1,042	4	41	27	47	205	211	8	82	87	170	160
Towns	1,039	136	43	36	52	97	197	0	44	63	97	274
Union	2,370	34	124	43	24	305	824	0	154	132	314	416
White	2,232	14	156	70	50	260	439	19	73	185	629	337
Subtotal Area	10,684	216	629	299	241	1,466	2,771	49	545	763	1,770	1,935

Note: For current applicant data available for a specific occupation, contact the nearest Georgia Department of Labor Career Center.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor (active applicants as of October 2016).

Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

Career Center(s)

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