

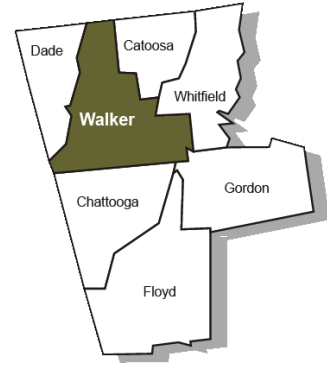


Georgia

Area Labor Profile

Walker

County



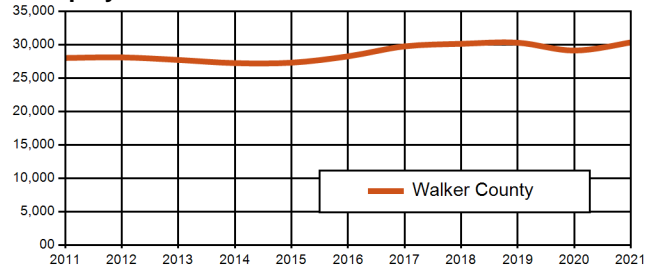
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Labor Force Activity - 2021

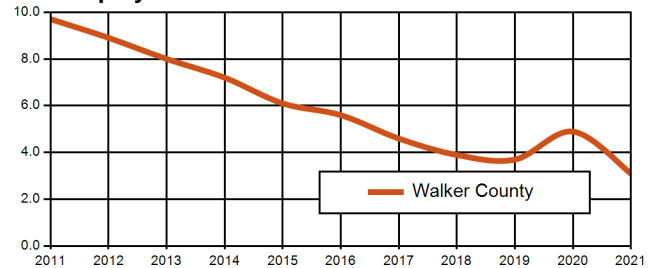
2021 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Walker	31,304	30,327	977	3.1%
Catoosa	33,457	32,551	906	2.7%
Chattooga	9,562	9,107	455	4.8%
Dade	8,049	7,839	210	2.6%
Floyd	43,891	42,277	1,614	3.7%
Gordon	28,846	27,923	923	3.2%
Whitfield	43,361	41,664	1,697	3.9%
<b>Walker Area</b>	<b>198,470</b>	<b>191,688</b>	<b>6,782</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
Georgia	5,186,969	4,983,732	203,237	3.9%
United States	161,204,000	152,581,000	8,623,000	5.3%
DeKalb, AL	31,097	30,308	789	2.5%
Hamilton, TN	184,161	176,741	7,420	4.0%

Employment Trends



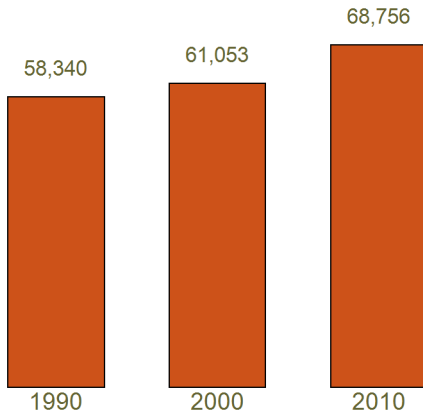
Unemployment Rate Trends



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.

Population Estimates



Population

	2010 Census	2021 Rank	2021 Estimate	% Change 2010-2021	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
<b>Walker</b>	<b>68,756</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>68,510</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>71,924</b>	<b>4.6</b>
City of LaFayette	7,121					
<b>Walker Area</b>	<b>839,935</b>		<b>878,969</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>872,664</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Georgia	9,687,653		10,799,566	11.5	11,335,283	17.0
United States	308,745,538		331,893,745	7.5	349,439,199	13.2
DeKalb, AL	69,610		71,813	3.2	91,301	31.2
Hamilton, TN	340,877		369,135	8.3	329,514	-3.3

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

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# Industry Mix - 4th Quarter of 2021

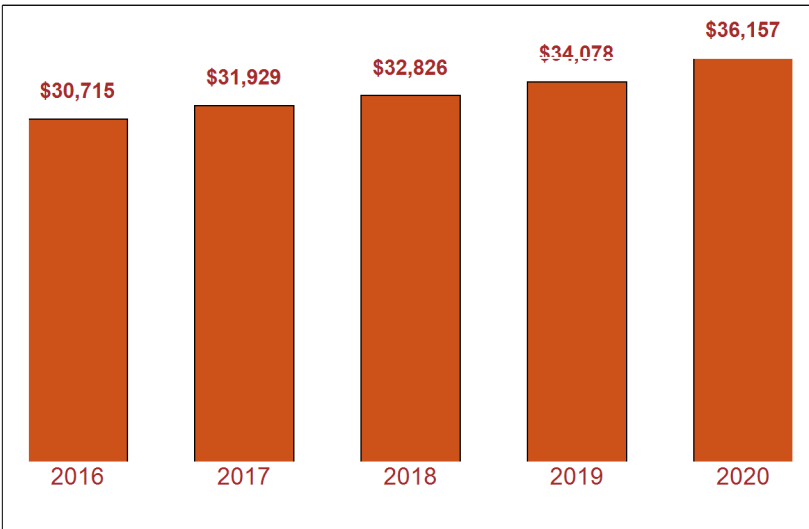
INDUSTRY	Walker				Walker Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>5,451</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>49,897</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>1,083</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	6	14	0.1	1,073	78	584	0.4	774
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	7	86	0.1	1,300
Construction	79	356	2.5	967	633	4,460	2.8	1,191
Manufacturing	50	5,081	35.9	901	692	44,766	28.1	1,076
Food	1	*	*	*	27	1,773	1.1	1,451
Textile Mills	5	*	*	*	78	9,095	5.7	927
Textile Product Mills	4	45	0.3	826	158	16,695	10.5	1,048
Paper	1	*	*	*	13	1,107	0.7	1,551
Printing and Related Support Activities	1	*	*	*	40	1,146	0.7	875
Chemical	6	183	1.3	1,583	61	2,466	1.5	1,388
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	42	2,072	1.3	1,315
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	1	*	*	*	15	312	0.2	1,182
Fabricated Metal Product	13	217	1.5	789	92	1,826	1.1	1,244
Machinery	4	52	0.4	1,674	40	579	0.4	1,131
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	4	22	0.0	1,086
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	3	*	*	*	9	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	1	*	*	*	16	2,058	1.3	933
Furniture and Related Product	5	56	0.4	789	29	662	0.4	847
Miscellaneous	3	*	*	*	23	793	0.5	970
Leather and Allied Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	3	115	0.1	1,391
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	7	57	0.0	913
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	9	659	0.4	1,470
Wood Product	0	0	0.0	0	23	625	0.4	1,216
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>5,801</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>6,712</b>	<b>88,136</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>931</b>
Utilities	0	0	0.0	0	15	532	0.3	1,859
Wholesale Trade	39	183	1.3	1,223	462	7,246	4.6	1,200
Retail Trade	134	1,382	9.8	586	1,446	18,751	11.8	660
Transportation and Warehousing	20	163	1.2	1,067	253	6,022	3.8	1,055
Information	6	36	0.3	994	57	586	0.4	1,141
Finance and Insurance	44	979	6.9	1,504	418	3,521	2.2	1,443
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	20	52	0.4	814	257	1,194	0.8	1,234
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	62	207	1.5	1,606	628	5,547	3.5	1,370
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1	*	*	*	22	570	0.4	2,042
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	30	433	3.1	605	371	6,330	4.0	717
Educational Services	3	*	*	*	50	1,755	1.1	910
Health Care and Social Assistance	75	967	6.8	736	867	19,287	12.1	1,199
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	8	294	2.1	602	102	1,057	0.7	526
Accommodation and Food Services	72	826	5.8	374	740	12,524	7.9	405
Other Services (except Public Administration)	55	275	1.9	1,032	508	2,799	1.8	835
<b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1,079</b>
<b>Total - Private Sector</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>11,308</b>	<b>79.8</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>8,122</b>	<b>138,033</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>986</b>
<b>Total - Government</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>2,859</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>21,078</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>906</b>
Federal Government	9	111	0.8	1,297	63	692	0.4	1,374
State Government	26	473	3.3	707	139	3,712	2.3	793
Local Government	31	2,275	16.1	788	199	16,674	10.5	911
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>14,167</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>8,523</b>	<b>159,110</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>975</b>
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia</b>					<b>351,397</b>	<b>4,607,081</b>		<b>1,294</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 4th Quarter of 2021.

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

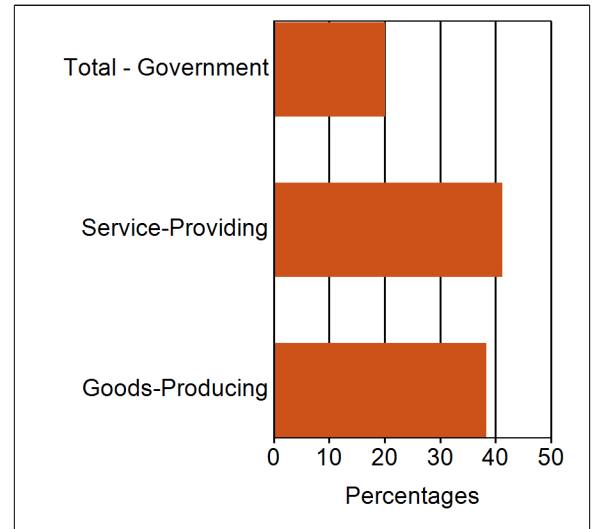
## Walker Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



## Walker Industry Mix 2021

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



## Top Ten Largest Employers - 2021\*

### Walker

BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee  
 Food City  
 Lucent Group, LLC  
 Nissin Brake Georgia  
 Roper Corporation  
 See Rock City, Inc.  
 Shaw Industries Group, Inc.  
 Unique Fabricating South  
 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 Fourth Quarter of 2021. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

### Walker Area

Engineered Floors, LLC  
 Floyd Healthcare Management, Inc.  
 Gordon Hospital  
 Gordon Hospital  
 Hamilton Medical Center, Inc.  
 Mohawk Carpet Distribution LP  
 Mohawk Carpet Distribution LP  
 Roper Corporation  
 Shaw Industries Group, Inc.  
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### COUNTY

Whitfield  
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## Education of the Labor Force

### Walker Area

### PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	9.7%	3.9%	7.6%	9.0%	8.2%	19.4%
Some High School	16.3%	24.4%	16.0%	13.8%	14.6%	17.1%
High School Grad/GED	33.1%	32.1%	29.8%	32.9%	34.6%	34.6%
Some College	22.1%	34.3%	23.8%	21.3%	20.3%	15.9%
College Grad 2 Yr	5.3%	2.3%	7.4%	6.4%	6.2%	2.4%
College Grad 4 Yr	8.8%	2.7%	11.5%	11.1%	9.7%	6.4%
Post Graduate Studies	4.7%	0.3%	3.9%	5.6%	6.4%	4.2%
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+. 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 - 2021



	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Catoosa	734	--	734
Chattooga	204	--	204
Dade	134	--	134
Floyd	1,049	--	1,049
Gordon	693	--	693
Walker	624	--	624
Whitfield	1,376	--	1,376
<b>Walker Area</b>	<b>4,814</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>4,814</b>

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

\* Private schools data is not available for 2021 from Georgia Independent School Association.

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

# Colleges and Universities

## Walker Area

### Floyd

Berry College	<a href="http://www.berry.edu">www.berry.edu</a>
Aviation Training Center (Satellite campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College)	<a href="http://www.gntc.edu">www.gntc.edu</a>
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	<a href="http://www.gntc.edu">www.gntc.edu</a>
Georgia Highlands College	<a href="http://www.highlands.edu">www.highlands.edu</a>
Shorter University	<a href="http://www.shorter.edu">www.shorter.edu</a>

### Walker

Covenant College	<a href="http://www.covenant.edu">www.covenant.edu</a>
Walker County Campus (Satellite campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College)	<a href="http://www.gntc.edu">www.gntc.edu</a>

### Whitfield

Dalton State College	<a href="http://www.daltonstate.edu/">www.daltonstate.edu/</a>
Whitfield Murray Campus (Satellite campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College)	<a href="http://www.gntc.edu">www.gntc.edu</a>

### Gordon

Gordon County Campus (Satellite campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College)	<a href="http://www.gntc.edu">www.gntc.edu</a>
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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 - 2021\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2019	2020	2021	2019-2020	2020-2021
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	159	193	201	21.4	4.1
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	51	56	49	9.8	-12.5
Aircraft Powerplant Technology/Technician°	15	24	28	60.0	16.7
Airframe Mechanics and Aircraft Maintenance Technology/Technician°	2	22	17	1000.0	-22.7
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	15	12	9	-20.0	-25.0
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	18	33	14	83.3	-57.6
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	159	136	164	-14.5	20.6

# Technical College Graduates - 2021\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2019	2020	2021	2019-2020	2020-2021
Business Administration and Management, General°	387	304	340	-21.4	11.8
Cardiovascular Technology/Technologist	10	8	7	-20.0	-12.5
Child Care and Support Services Management°	41	7	14	-82.9	100.0
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	171	127	115	-25.7	-9.4
Computer and Information Systems Security/Information Assurance°	6	7	12	16.7	71.4
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	95	66	61	-30.5	-7.6
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	194	319	330	64.4	3.4
Criminal Justice/Police Science°	4	13	14	225.0	7.7
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	30	76	87	153.3	14.5
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	6	4	12	-33.3	200.0
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation°	10	12	3	20.0	-75.0
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General°	156	101	12	-35.3	-88.1
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	74	70	35	-5.4	-50.0
Dental Assisting/Assistant	14	1	27	-92.9	2600.0
Diagnostic Medical Sonography/Sonographer and Ultrasound Technician	15	18	19	20.0	5.6
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General°	2	10	1	400.0	-90.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	72	84	50	16.7	-40.5
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General°	39	18	3	-53.8	-83.3
Electrician°	44	103	93	134.1	-9.7
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	112	15	107	-86.6	613.3
Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurial Studies°	1	2	3	100.0	50.0
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant°	24	38	35	58.3	-7.9
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician°	25	50	83	100.0	66.0
Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General°	147	91	87	-38.1	-4.4
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	10	16	12	60.0	-25.0
Human Resources Management/Personnel Administration, General°	72	71	80	-1.4	12.7
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	599	559	834	-6.7	49.2
Instrumentation Technology/Technician°	62	68	87	9.7	27.9
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	57	48	35	-15.8	-27.1
Logistics and Materials Management°	46	77	66	67.4	-14.3
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	39	52	21	33.3	-59.6
Mammography Technician/Technology°	2	2	1	0.0	-50.0
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	19	12	10	-36.8	-16.7
Mechanical Drafting and Mechanical Drafting CAD/CADD°	1	6	1	500.0	-83.3
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder°	22	11	15	-50.0	36.4
Medical Office Assistant/Specialist°	50	30	85	-40.0	183.3

## Technical College Graduates - 2021\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2019	2020	2021	2019-2020	2020-2021
Medical/Clinical Assistant	47	60	53	27.7	-11.7
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	57	38	35	-33.3	-7.9
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	10	1	10	-90.0	900.0
Operations Management and Supervision°	18	21	28	16.7	33.3
Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing°	60	17	22	-71.7	29.4
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	15	14	12	-6.7	-14.3
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	24	29	31	20.8	6.9
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	13	15	14	15.4	-6.7
Social Work, Other°	38	19	25	-50.0	31.6
Surgical Technology/Technologist°	23	39	37	69.6	-5.1
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	49	43	61	-12.2	41.9
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Desig	5	7	6	40.0	-14.3
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design°	8	16	14	100.0	-12.5
Welding Technology/Welder°	224	433	300	93.3	-30.7

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 2019, 2020, and 2021.

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

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