

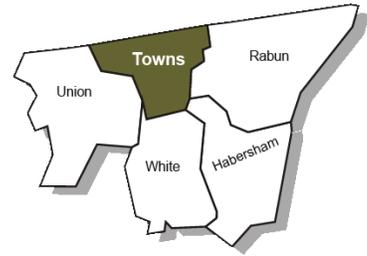


Georgia

Area Labor Profile

Towns

County



Updated: Dec 2016

Labor Force Activity - 2015

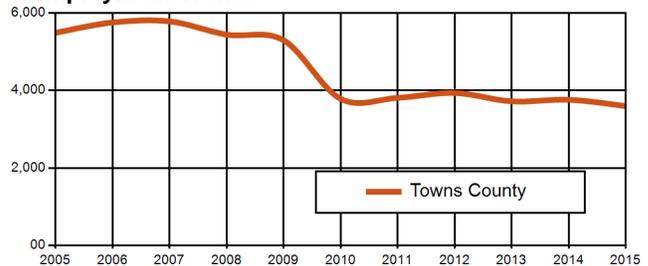
2015 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Towns	3,900	3,596	304	7.8%
Habersham	18,844	17,785	1,059	5.6%
Rabun	6,529	6,096	433	6.6%
Union	9,786	9,278	508	5.2%
White	13,740	13,042	698	5.1%
Towns Area	52,799	49,797	3,002	5.7%
Georgia	4,770,873	4,490,931	279,942	5.9%
United States	157,129,917	148,833,417	8,296,333	5.3%
Clay, NC	4,100	3,849	251	6.0%

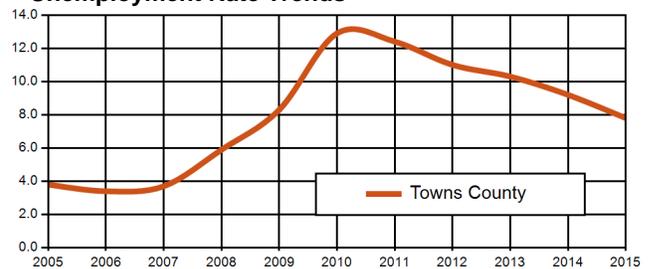
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

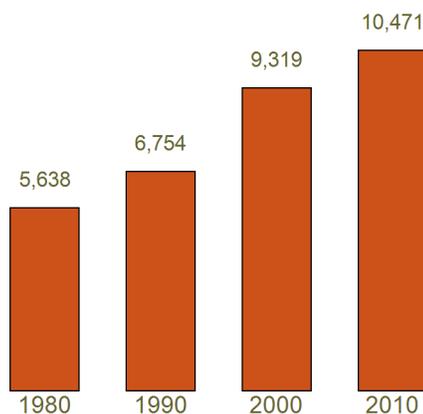
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2010 Census	2015 Rank	2015 Estimate	% Change 2000-2015	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
Towns	10,471	247	11,182	6.8	12,142	16.0
City of Hiawassee	880					
Towns Area	128,614		132,748	3.2	144,528	12.4
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
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

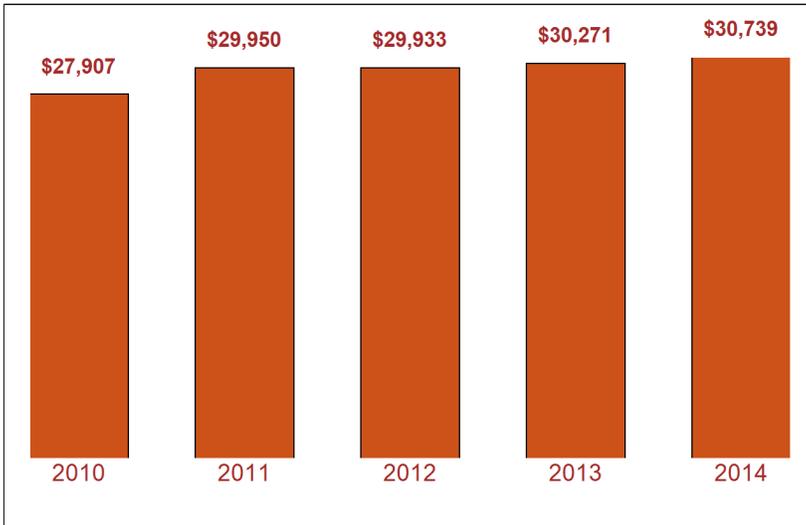
INDUSTRY	Towns				Towns Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	66	257	7.3	644	606	8,136	21.4	769
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	3	*	*	*	43	537	1.4	828
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	3	*	*	*	9	42	0.1	1,060
Construction	48	129	3.7	618	393	1,672	4.4	686
Manufacturing	12	114	3.2	682	161	5,885	15.5	786
Beverage and Tobacco Product	1	*	*	*	7	49	0.1	527
Printing and Related Support Activities	2	*	*	*	13	57	0.2	540
Chemical	2	*	*	*	6	*	*	*
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	1	*	*	*	12	60	0.2	769
Fabricated Metal Product	1	*	*	*	19	382	1.0	802
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Furniture and Related Product	1	*	*	*	15	73	0.2	537
Miscellaneous	3	17	0.5	683	20	988	2.6	1,175
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	4	59	0.2	515
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	4	197	0.5	599
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	5	1,011	2.7	572
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	6	129	0.3	889
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	8	*	*	*
Food	0	0	0.0	0	15	*	*	*
Wood Product	0	0	0.0	0	19	129	0.3	660
Service-Providing	231	2,722	77.3	504	2,311	22,665	59.8	536
Utilities	1	*	*	*	16	443	1.2	1,086
Wholesale Trade	7	12	0.3	793	106	514	1.4	818
Retail Trade	54	388	11.0	349	519	5,572	14.7	450
Transportation and Warehousing	9	17	0.5	519	66	758	2.0	809
Information	4	34	1.0	493	33	514	1.4	739
Finance and Insurance	17	64	1.8	821	138	749	2.0	894
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	21	95	2.7	380	122	346	0.9	509
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	23	53	1.5	1,000	223	685	1.8	762
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	8	493	1.3	1,031
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	13	*	*	*	137	938	2.5	501
Educational Services	2	*	*	*	24	1,953	5.1	594
Health Care and Social Assistance	30	550	15.6	615	289	3,229	8.5	681
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	4	63	1.8	265	42	451	1.2	322
Accommodation and Food Services	34	771	21.9	317	323	5,187	13.7	287
Other Services (except Public Administration)	12	27	0.8	458	175	715	1.9	461
Unclassified - industry not assigned	13	7	0.2	428	90	118	0.3	575
Total - Private Sector	310	2,986	84.8	516	2,917	30,801	81.2	597
Total - Government	18	534	15.2	545	177	7,131	18.8	645
Federal Government	3	24	0.7	842	36	273	0.7	910
State Government	9	63	1.8	636	69	1,228	3.2	647
Local Government	6	447	12.7	516	72	5,630	14.8	631
ALL INDUSTRIES	328	3,521	100.0	520	3,094	37,932	100.0	606
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.

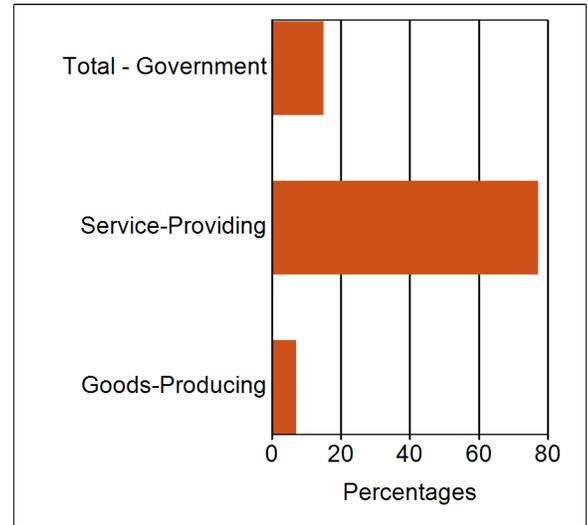
Towns Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Towns Industry Mix 2016

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Ten Largest Employers - 2015*

Towns

Advanced Digital Cable, Inc.
 Anchor South Payroll Services, LLC
 Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation
 Brasstown Manor
 Chatuge Regional Hospital, Inc.
 Fieldstone Family Entertainment Center
 Ingles Markets, Inc.
 K-B Health Technology, Inc.
 Sodexo USA
 Young Harris College

*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

Towns Area

Ethicon, Inc.
 Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership
 Georgia Department of Corrections
 Ingles Markets Inc Georgia Regional
 Mountain Education Center, Inc.
 Mt. Vernon Mills, Inc.
 PCS
 Piedmont College
 United Community Bank
 Young Harris College

COUNTY

Habersham
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 Towns

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Towns

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Towns, GA	2,837	74.0
Union, GA	321	8.4
Clay, NC	204	5.3
Rabun, GA	103	2.7
Gwinnett, GA	79	2.1
Fulton, GA	54	1.4
Cobb, GA	38	1.0
Cherokee, NC	34	0.9
Other	162	4.2
Total Residents:	3,832	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Towns

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Towns, GA	2,837	66.4
Union, GA	556	13.0
Clay, NC	341	8.0
Cherokee, NC	302	7.1
Habersham, GA	81	1.9
Gilmer, GA	35	0.8
Fannin, GA	32	0.7
Hamilton, TN	20	0.5
Other	66	1.5
Total Residents:	4,270	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

Towns Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	7.2%	3.0%	8.0%	6.0%	5.1%	12.5%
Some High School	12.6%	17.9%	15.0%	9.9%	11.1%	12.8%
High School Grad/GED	33.3%	36.1%	32.2%	34.3%	33.5%	31.6%
Some College	22.3%	37.7%	23.3%	20.1%	20.3%	18.9%
College Grad 2 Yr	6.2%	3.1%	7.4%	8.9%	7.0%	4.0%
College Grad 4 Yr	11.2%	2.0%	8.9%	13.0%	13.9%	11.4%
Post Graduate Studies	7.3%	0.2%	5.3%	7.8%	9.1%	8.8%
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
Habersham	366	--	366
Rabun	157	--	157
Towns	83	--	83
Union	180	--	180
White	565	--	565
Towns Area	1,351	--	1,351



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

Towns Area

Habersham

North Georgia Technical College	www.northgatech.edu
Piedmont College	www.piedmont.edu

Union

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

Truett-McConnell College	www.truett.edu
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Towns

Young Harris College	www.yhc.edu
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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 - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	31	23	67	-25.8	191.3
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General°	53	38	86	-28.3	126.3
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	82	71	74	-13.4	4.2
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	25	28	35	12.0	25.0
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	36	30	58	-16.7	93.3
Business Administration, Management and Operations, Other	7	12	32	71.4	166.7
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	10	5	5	-50.0	0.0
Commercial Photography°	16	13	33	-18.8	153.8
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	2	4	9	100.0	125.0
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	68	72	56	5.9	-22.2
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	28	33	50	17.9	51.5
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
Electrician°	10	27	32	170.0	18.5
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	50	55	98	10.0	78.2
Environmental Control Technologies/Technicians, Other	10	5	10	-50.0	100.0
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
Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General°	29	53	177	82.8	234.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/°	52	42	90	-19.2	114.3
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	11	37	21	236.4	-43.2
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	31	27	58	-12.9	114.8
Lineworker°	45	52	45	15.6	-13.5
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	19	23	48	21.1	108.7
Marine Maintenance/Fitter and Ship Repair Technology/Technician	10	4	9	-60.0	125.0
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	5	1	1	-80.0	0.0
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder°	7	7	14	0.0	100.0
Medical Office Assistant/Specialist°	20	6	28	-70.0	366.7
Medical/Clinical Assistant	18	30	62	66.7	106.7
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	16	12	51	-25.0	325.0
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	11	13	21	18.2	61.5
Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing°	4	2	7	-50.0	250.0
Tool and Die Technology/Technician°	8	5	7	-37.5	40.0
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design°	5	7	7	40.0	0.0

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Welding Technology/Welder°	88	87	141	-1.1	62.1

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. and Math	Life and Eng.	Soc. Svcs.	Comm. and Svcs	Legal	Ed. and Training	Arts and Design	Health Prac.	Health Support
Habersham	1,088	101	91	130	115	83	0	10	238	84	111	125
Rabun	243	41	32	36	6	0	17	14	11	35	6	45
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	2,378	520	186	291	163	96	46	32	280	166	270	328

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor (cont.)

	TOTAL	Protect. Svcs.	Food Prep.	Ground Cleaning	Personal Care	Sales	Office Support	Farm. and Forestry	Cons- truction	Installation Main.	Prod.	Trans. and Moving
Habersham	7,745	65	196	93	169	482	1,639	50	224	593	2,591	1,643
Rabun	1,207	54	147	68	54	86	318	4	32	127	145	172
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	14,593	303	666	310	349	1,230	3,417	73	527	1,100	3,776	2,842

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)

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