

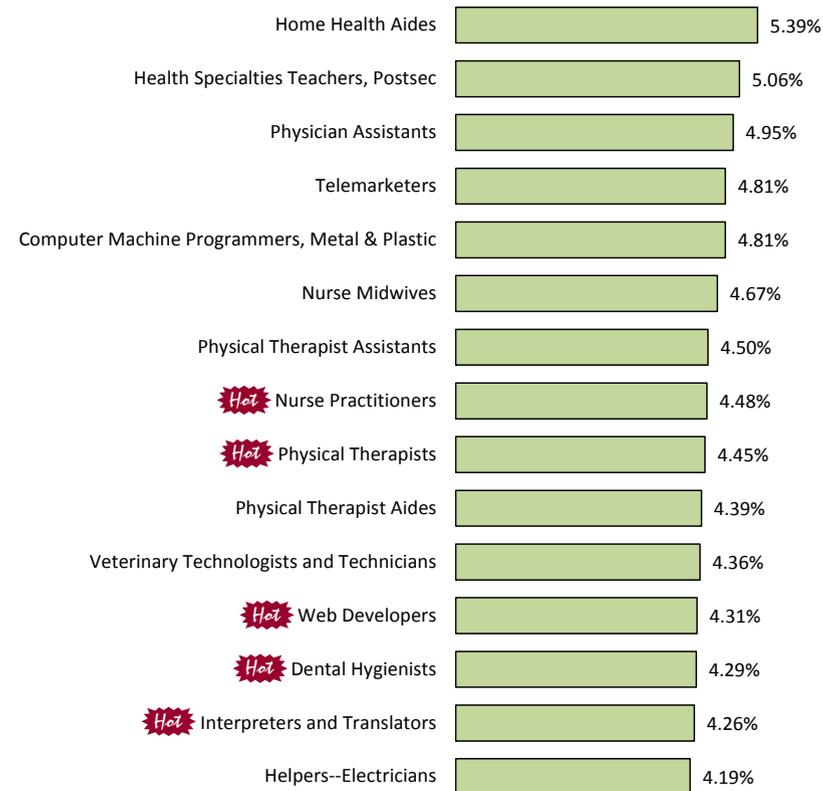
Fastest Growing Occupations

These fast-growing occupations will have better employment prospects than occupations with slow or declining employment. Also, conditions will be more favorable for mobility and advancement.

Nine of the 15 occupations are found mainly in health services.

Most of the listed occupations require a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent.

Five of the occupations have been designated as **Hot** on a statewide basis over the projections decade.



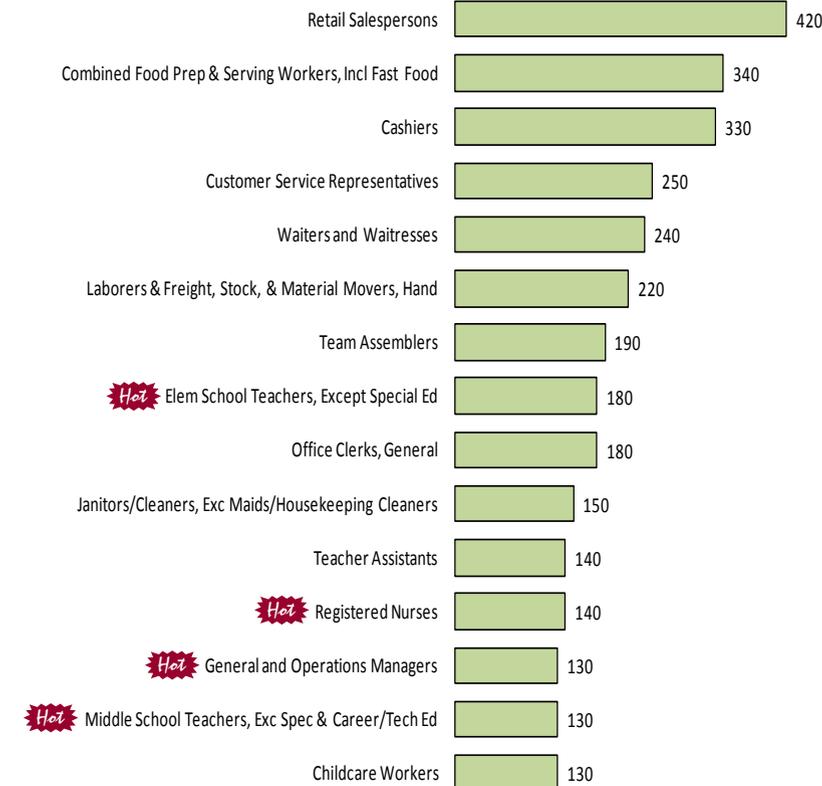
Occupations with the Most Annual Openings

Most of the annual openings in this list will result from the need to replace workers who change jobs rather than from new job creation.

Only three of these jobs require a college degree.

Four of these occupations have been designated as **Hot** on a statewide basis over the projections decade.

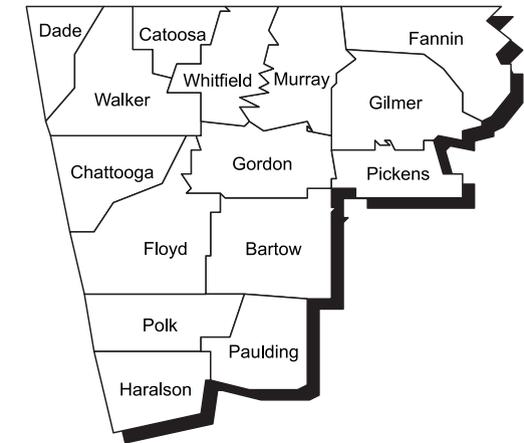
Many of the listed jobs are in education, office administration, or sales.



Georgia Area Workforce Trends

Projections to 2022

WIA #1 – Northwest Georgia



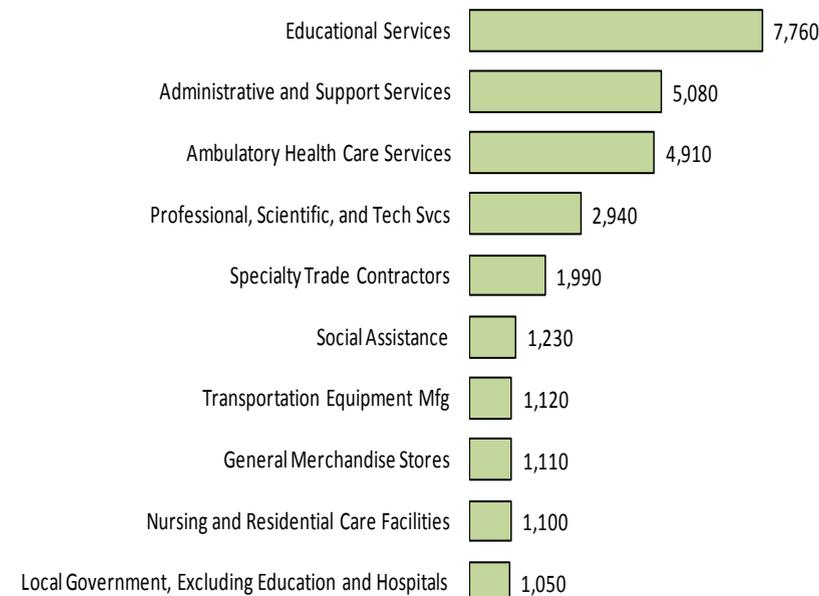
This area is made up of 15 counties in northwest Georgia in and around the cities of Dalton and Rome. It includes the following counties: Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Walker and Whitfield.

Total Industry Growth

Total employment in Northwest Georgia WIA #1 is expected to grow from over 265,000 jobs in 2012 to nearly 295,000 by the year 2022. This equates to an average of 3,000 new jobs added each year. This area of Georgia is home to the largest concentration of tufted carpet producers in the United States.

The demand for homes has started to gain traction around the nation, fueled by lower interest rates and an improved outlook for jobs. Builders are starting projects and the demand for the products manufactured in this area are picking back up. Northwest Georgia is well positioned to take advantage of an improving economy. In addition to the textile industry, other key industries include educational services, health services, administrative and support services, transportation equipment manufacturing, plastics and rubber products manufacturing, professional and technical services, and general merchandise stores.

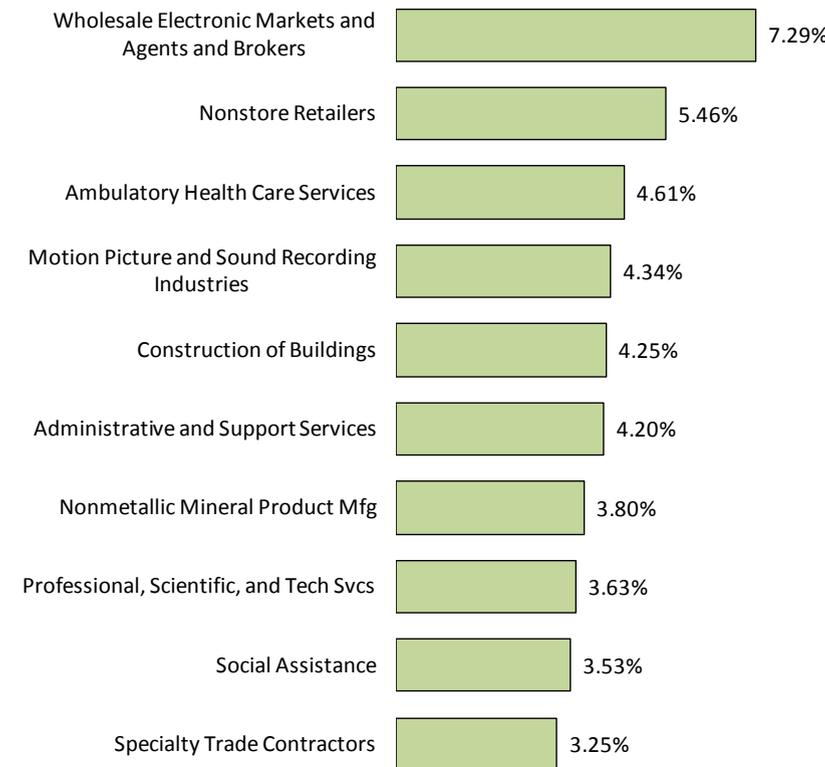
The top ten industries in this area with the most job growth are listed below.



Industry Rate of Growth

By 2022, jobs in the Northwest Georgia WIA are not expected to grow as fast annually as they will in the state. Georgia will add jobs at a rate of 1.5 percent while WIA #1 should expand by 1.1 percent per year, equaling the national average (1.1 percent).

The ten fastest growing industries in this area are listed below.



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Occupations with the Most Growth

These 15 occupations – out of more than 800 - are projected to add nearly 12,000 jobs over the next 10 years, a little over 40 percent of all projected job growth in Northwest Georgia.

Six of these occupations require training beyond a high school diploma or equivalent.

Four of these occupations have been designated as **Hot** during the projections period, as they are fast-growing, high-paying, and have at least 100 expected annual job openings on a statewide basis.

