

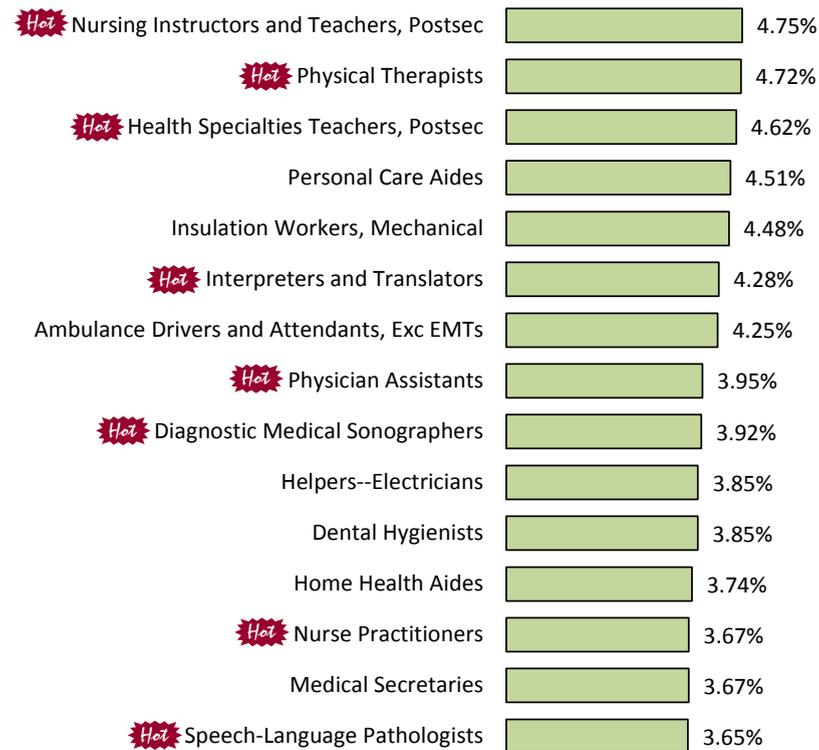
## Fastest Growing Occupations

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.

Seven of the fastest growing occupations are in healthcare.

Eight of the 15 occupations have earned the **Hot** label on a statewide basis for this period.

Nine of the occupations on the list typically require education beyond high school.



## Occupations with the Most Annual Openings

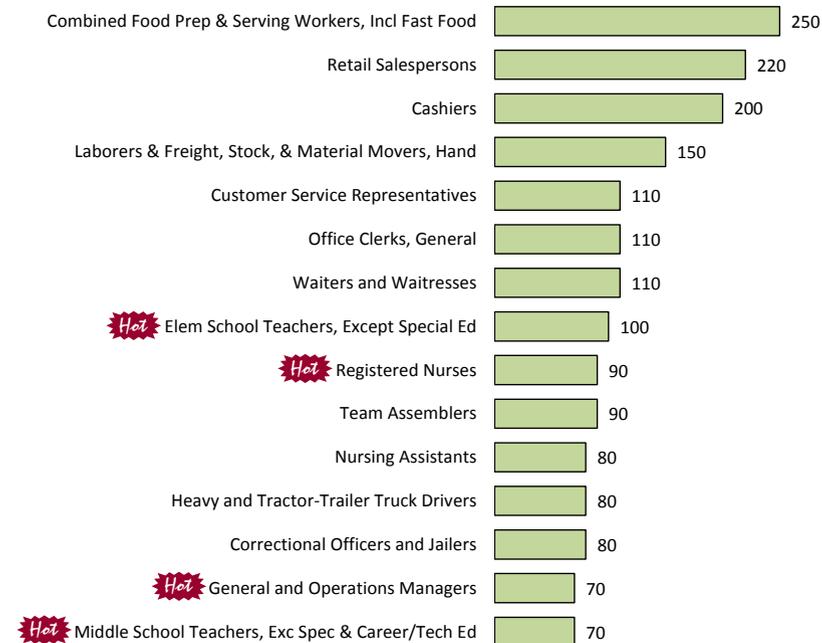
Most of the annual openings in this list will result from the need to replace workers who change jobs rather than from new job creation.

On a statewide basis, four jobs have earned the **Hot** label through 2022.

Two of the fifteen jobs listed are in transportation, two are in education.

Six of the occupations typically require education beyond high school.

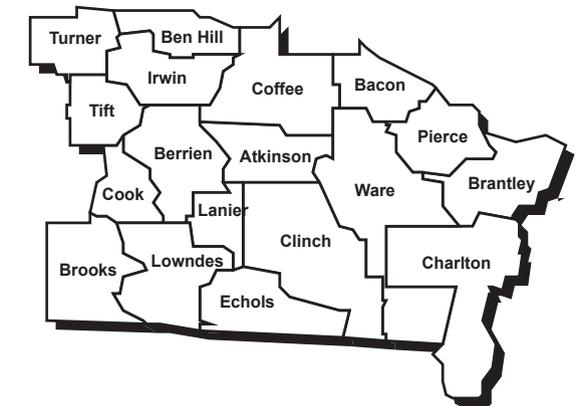
Although these occupations have many projected annual openings, more than half of them pay less than the state average wage.



# Georgia Area Workforce Trends

## Projections to 2022

### WIA #18 – Southern Georgia

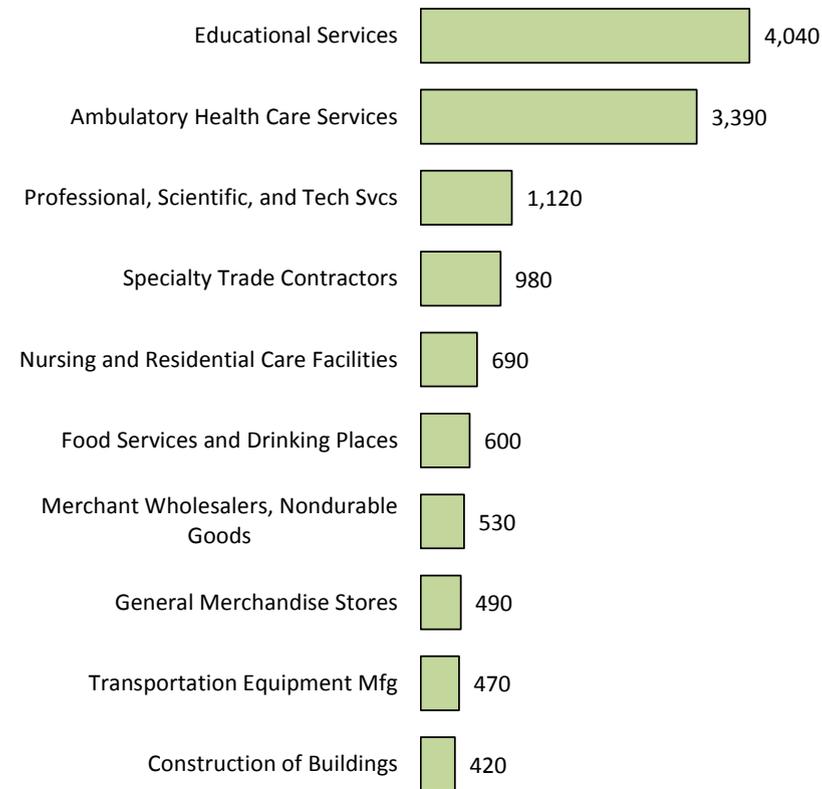


This area encompasses 18 counties of southeast Georgia near the Florida border in and around the cities of Tifton, Valdosta, and Waycross. It includes the following counties: Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Tift, Turner, and Ware.

## Total Industry Growth

Total employment in Southern Georgia WIA #18 is projected to grow from over 146,000 in 2012 to about 165,000 by 2022, which equates to an average of about 1,900 new jobs added each year. This area is the home of regional medical centers, universities, aircraft parts manufacturing, and mobile home manufacturing. Key industries include health services, educational services, agricultural production, wood product manufacturing, and transportation equipment manufacturing.

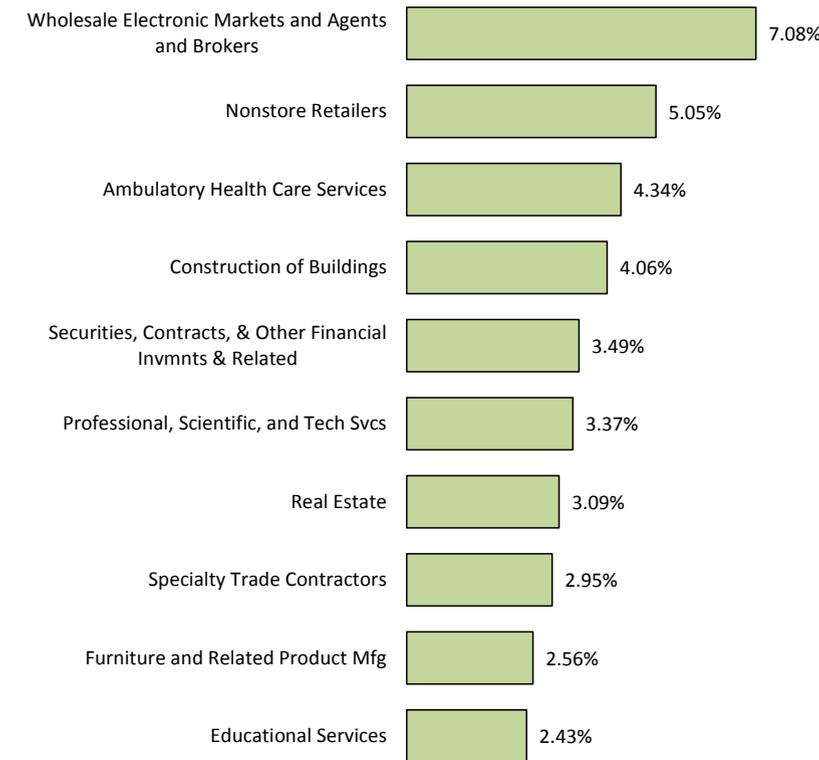
The top ten industries in this area with the most job growth are listed below.



## Industry Rate of Growth

Through 2022, employment in WIA #18 - Southern Georgia is expected to grow by an average of 1.2 percent per year. The annual average job growth in the area will trail the state (1.5 percent) but grow faster than the nation (1.1 percent) over the projections period.

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 grow by almost 6,500 jobs over the next 10 years, which is just over one-third of the total job growth in this area.

Seven occupations typically require education beyond high school.

Five of the occupations on the list are in health services and education.

Five occupations made the list of Georgia's **Hot** Careers to 2022 as a result of their fast job growth, high wages, and plentiful job openings during the period 2012-2022.

