

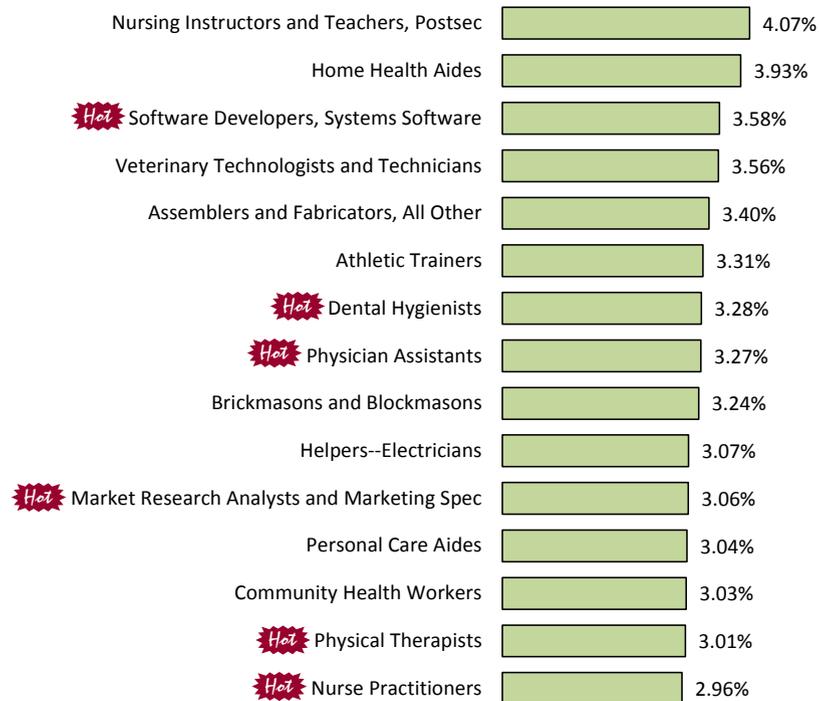
Fastest Growing Occupations

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 found in the healthcare industry.

Six jobs have been designated **Hot** on a statewide basis for the projections period through 2022.

Nine of the 15 occupations on the list typically require more than a high school diploma.



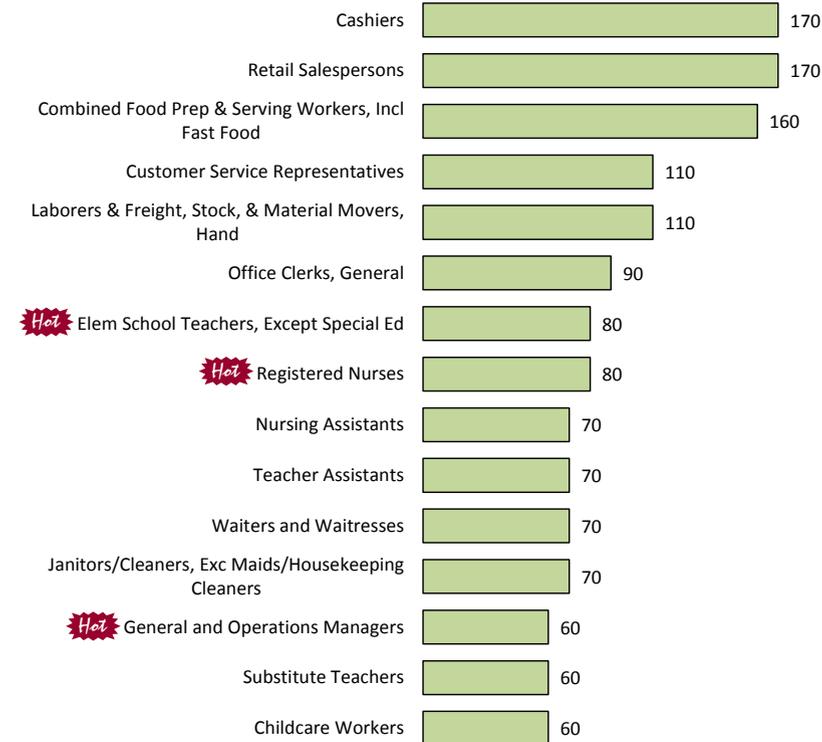
Occupations with the Most Annual Openings

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.

Five of the 15 jobs listed are in healthcare or education.

Nine of the jobs do not typically require education beyond high school.

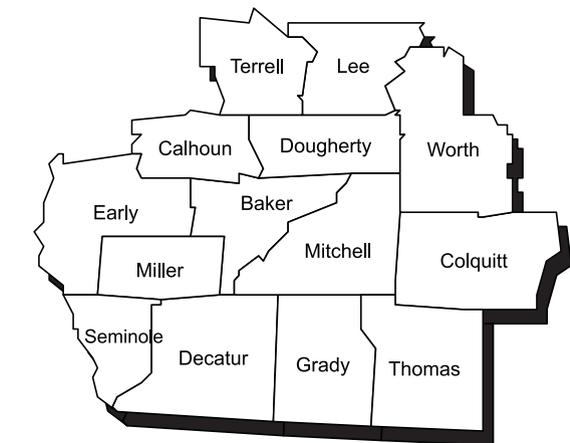
On a statewide basis, three of these occupations have earned the **Hot** label for this period.



Georgia Area Workforce Trends

Projections to 2022

WIA #17 – Southwest Georgia

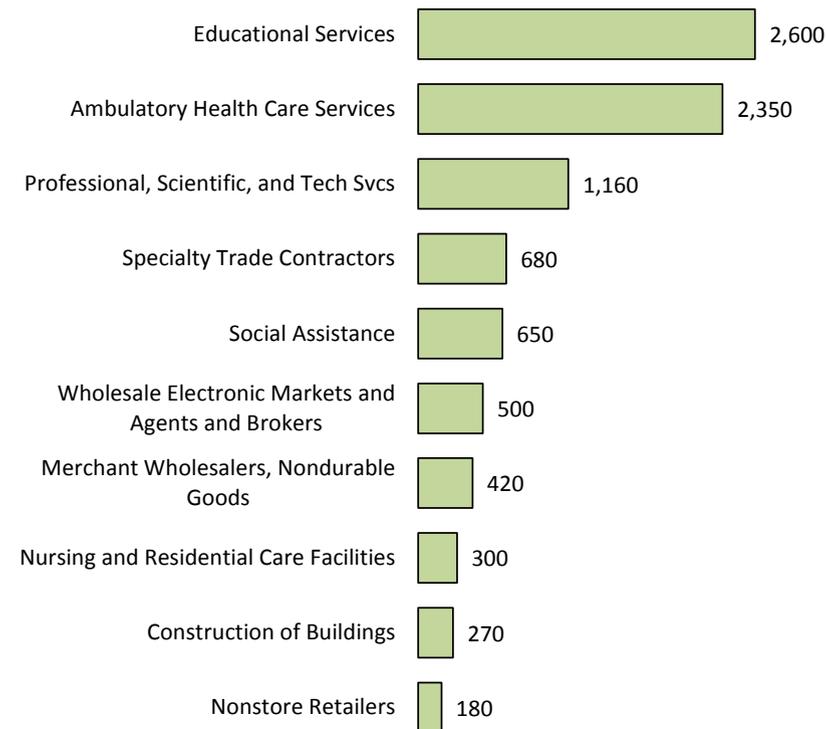


This area includes the 14 counties of southwest Georgia in and around the city of Albany. It includes the following counties: Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas and Worth.

Total Industry Growth

Total employment in Southwest Georgia WIA #17 is expected to increase from nearly 137,000 in 2012 to over 146,000 by 2022, which equates to an average of over 900 new jobs added each year. This area of Georgia is a chief producer of agricultural products in the state and is the largest producer of both peanuts and pecans in the United States. In addition to having substantial employment in education and healthcare, key industries in this area include agriculture, food manufacturing, and local government.

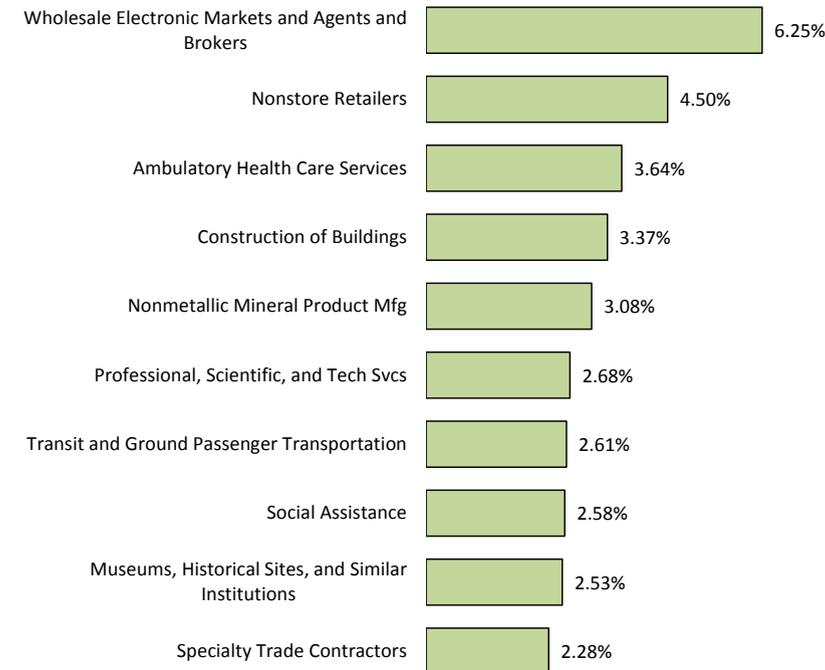
The top ten industries in this area with the most job growth are listed below.



Industry Rate of Growth

Employment in WIA #17 - Southwest Georgia is projected to be about 0.7 percent per year through the 2022 projection cycle and is one of five areas in Georgia where employment is projected to grow by less than 1.0 percent. The annual average job growth in the area will trail the state (1.5 percent) and the nation (1.1 percent) over the 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 add nearly 4,600 jobs over the next 10 years, which amounts to just under half of all the projected job growth for the area.

Five occupations typically require education or college course work beyond high school.

Three jobs are in healthcare and three are in education.

Two occupations have made the list of Georgia's **Hot** Careers to 2022 as a result of their fast job growth, high wages, and plentiful job openings over this period.

