

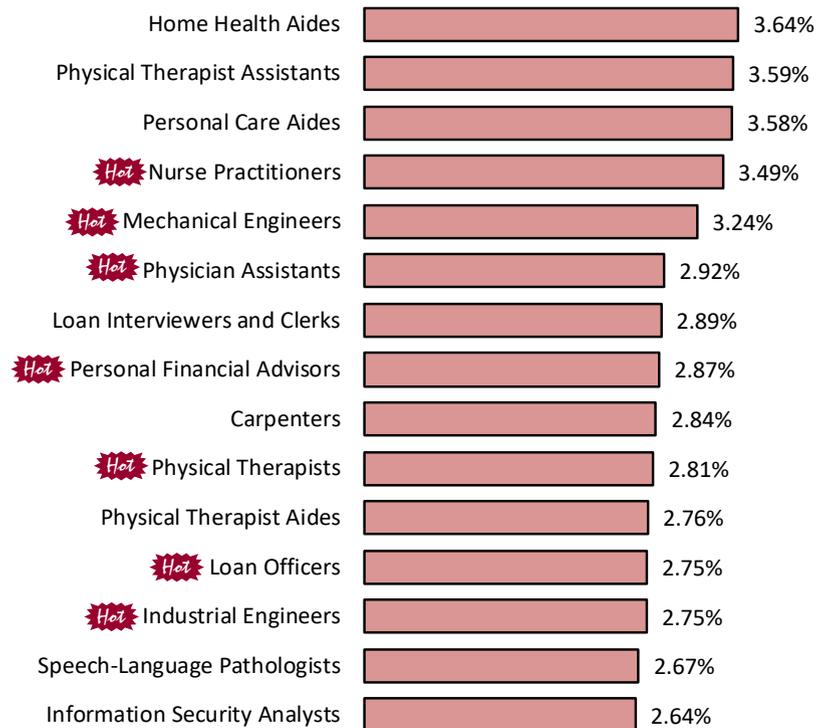
Fastest Growing Occupations

These fast-growing occupations have good employment prospects. Though fast growth does not always mean many new jobs, conditions are favorable for advancement and mobility in these occupations.

Seven of the listed occupations are in healthcare.

On a statewide basis, seven have earned the **Hot** designation for this projections period.

Nine of the 15 occupations generally require a bachelor's degree or higher.

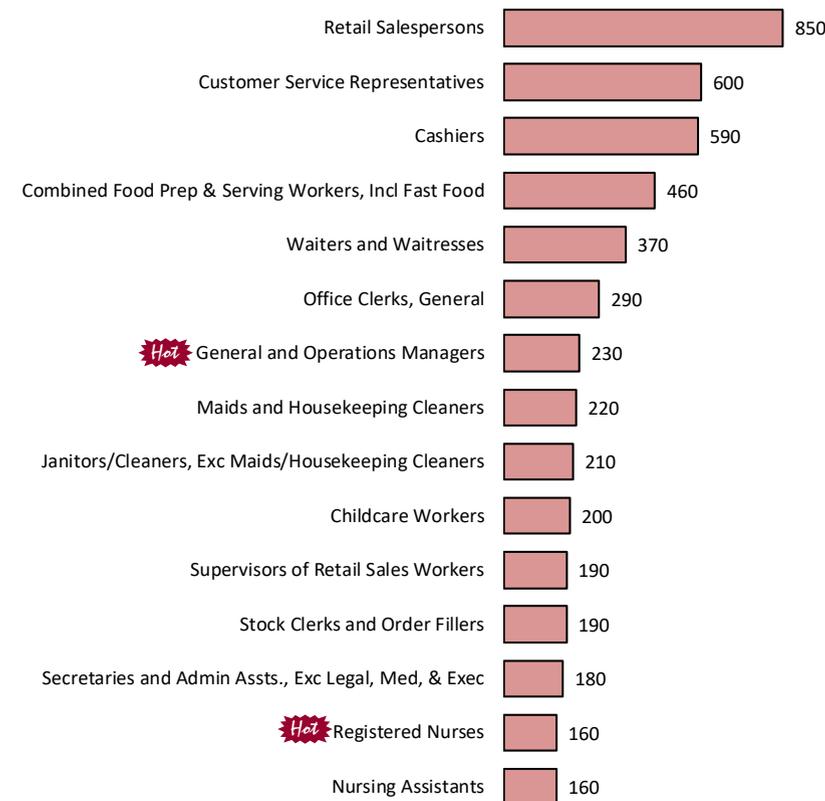


Occupations with the Most Annual Openings

Of all the job openings (4,900) on this list, most will result from the need to replace workers who exit the labor force or change jobs (4,520 or 92 percent) rather than from the creation of new jobs (380 or 8 percent).

Four of these jobs are in office and administrative support.

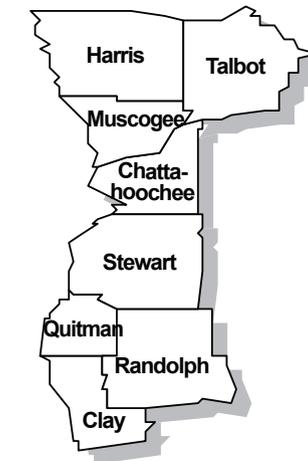
Two occupations have been designated as **Hot** on a statewide basis through 2026.



Georgia Area Workforce Trends

Projections to 2026

LWDA #14 – Lower Chattahoochee



This Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) area is made up of eight counties in west Georgia in and around the city of Columbus. It includes the following counties: Chattahoochee, Clay, Harris, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Stewart, and Talbot.

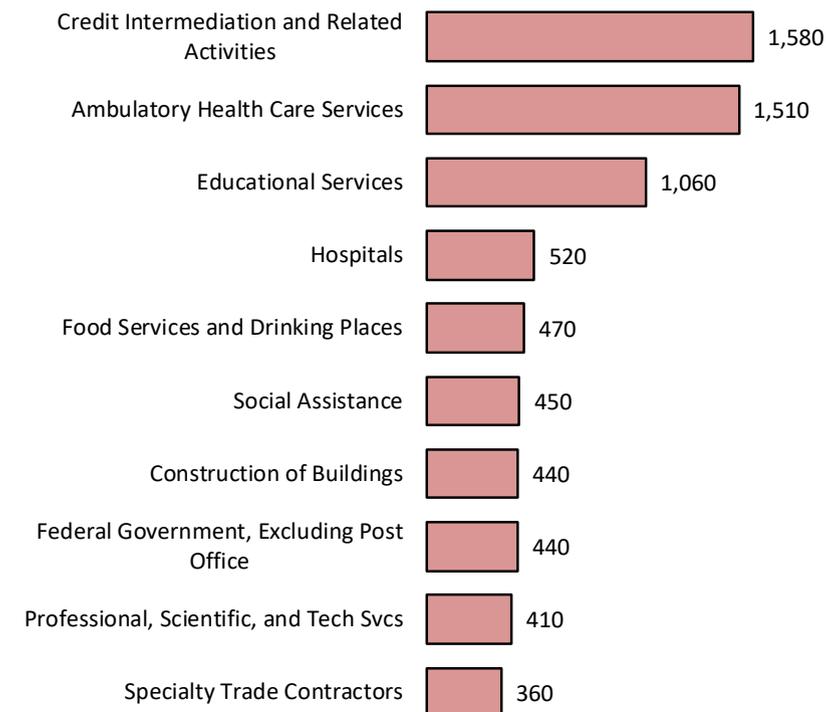


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Total Industry Growth

Total employment in Lower Chattahoochee LWDA #14 is projected to grow from just under 114,500 in 2016 to nearly 128,000 by the year 2026, which equates to an average of about 1,400 new jobs added each year. This area is the home of a regional medical center and a major military base. It is also the location of a large international insurer, as well as a major credit card holding company. Substantial employment can be found in education services, health services, finance and insurance, and the federal government.

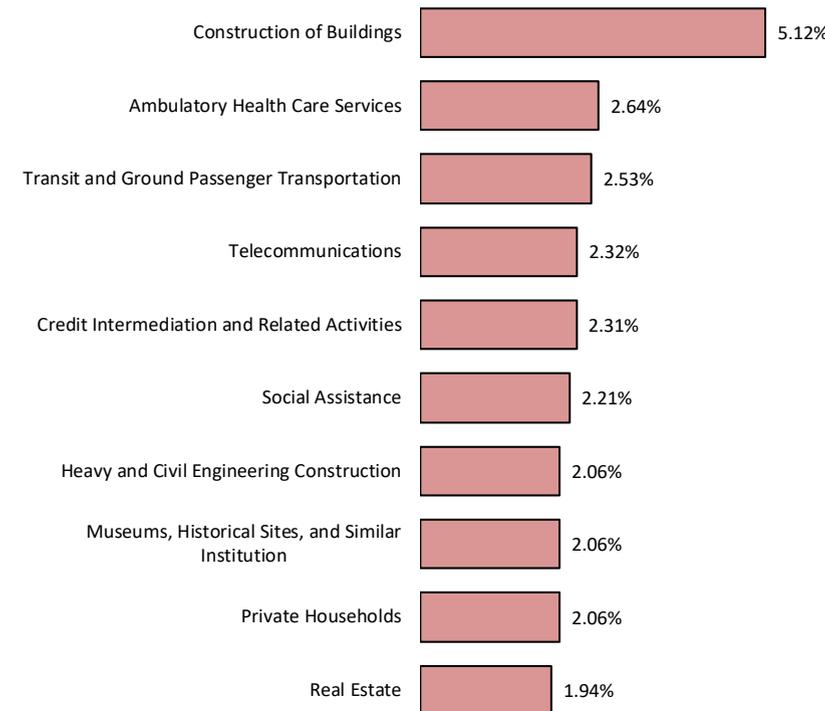
The top ten industries in this area with the most job growth are listed below.



Industry Rate of Growth

In LWDA #14 – Lower Chattahoochee, employment is projected to grow at a rate of about 1.1 percent per year through 2026. Job growth in the area is equal to the statewide annual average growth of 1.1 percent and is above the national average of 0.7 percent.

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



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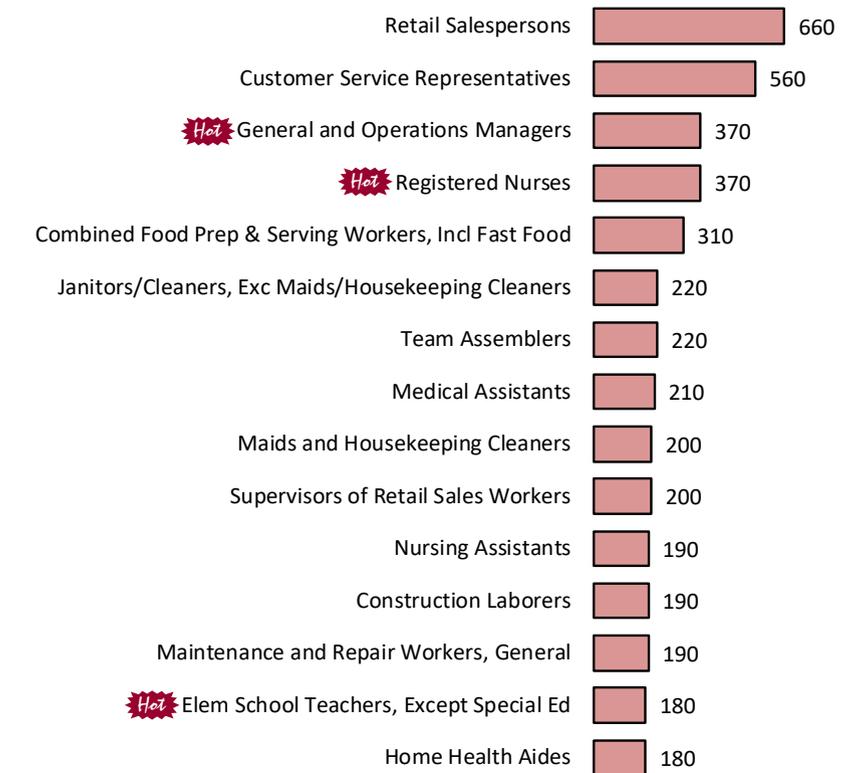
Occupations with the Most Growth

These 15 occupations – out of more than 800 - are projected to add about 4,300 jobs over the next 10 years, which will comprise 32 percent of all projected job growth in this area.

Three of the occupations generally require a bachelor's degree.

Four of these occupations are in the healthcare industry.

Three of the 15 occupations made the coveted list of Georgia's **Hot** Careers to 2026 for their fast job growth, high wages, and plentiful job openings.



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