

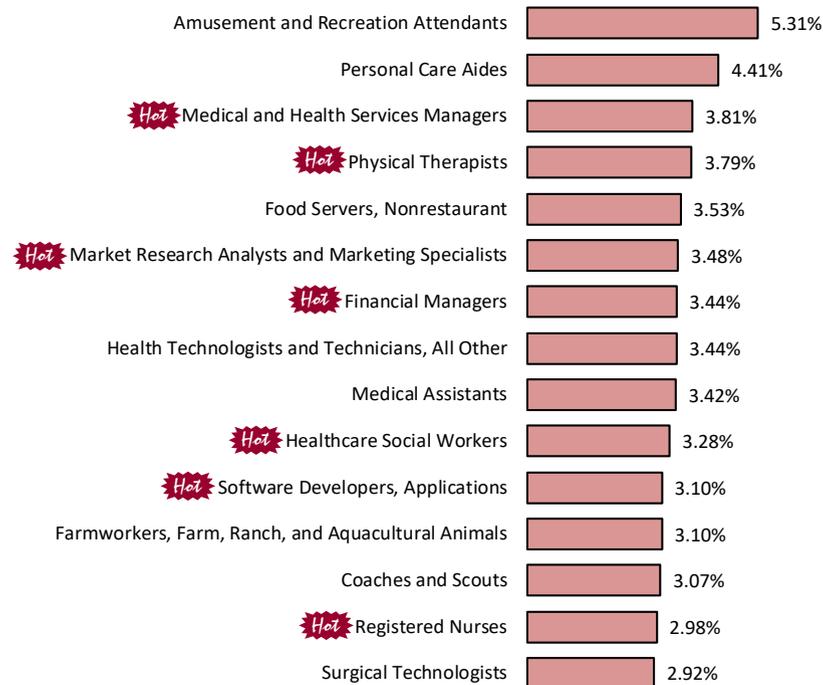
Fastest Growing Occupations

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.

Five fastest growing occupations are in health care and two are in management.

Seven jobs have earned the **Hot** label on a statewide basis for this period.

Eight of these occupations typically require at least a bachelor's degree or higher education.

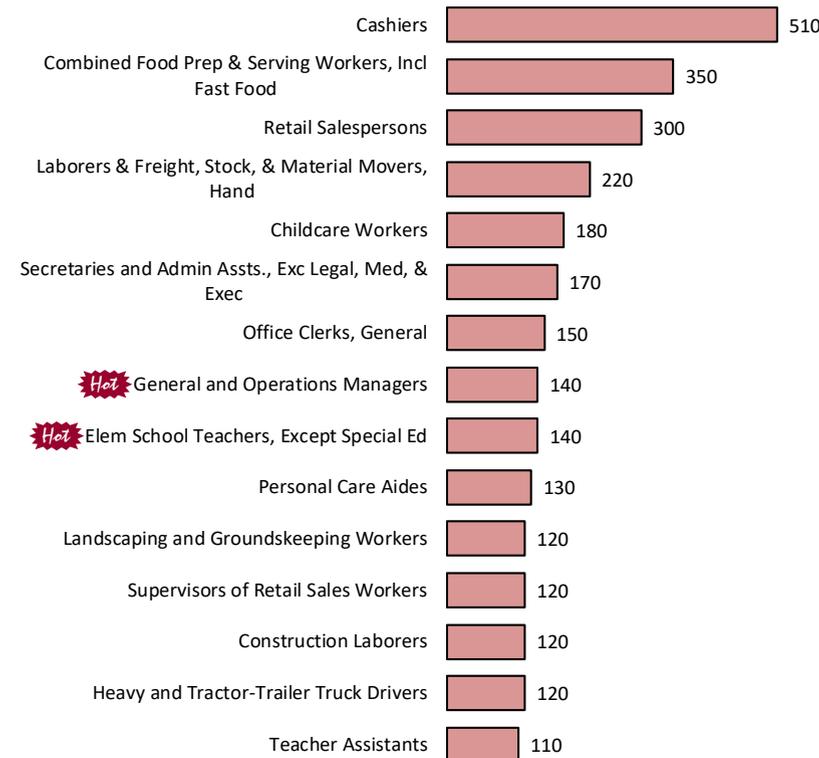


Occupations with the Most Annual Openings

Of all the job openings (2,880) on this list, most will result from the need to replace workers who exit the labor force or change jobs (2,520 or 87 percent) rather than from the creation of new jobs (360 or 13 percent).

Most of these occupations do not generally require any advanced training or college degree.

On a statewide basis, two occupations have been given the **Hot** label for this period.



Georgia Area Workforce Trends

Projections to 2026

LWDA #13 – East Central Georgia



This Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) encompasses nine counties in east central Georgia in and around the city of Sandersville between Athens and Augusta. It includes the following counties: Columbia, Glascock, Hancock, Lincoln, McDuffie, Taliaferro, Warren, Washington and Wilkes.

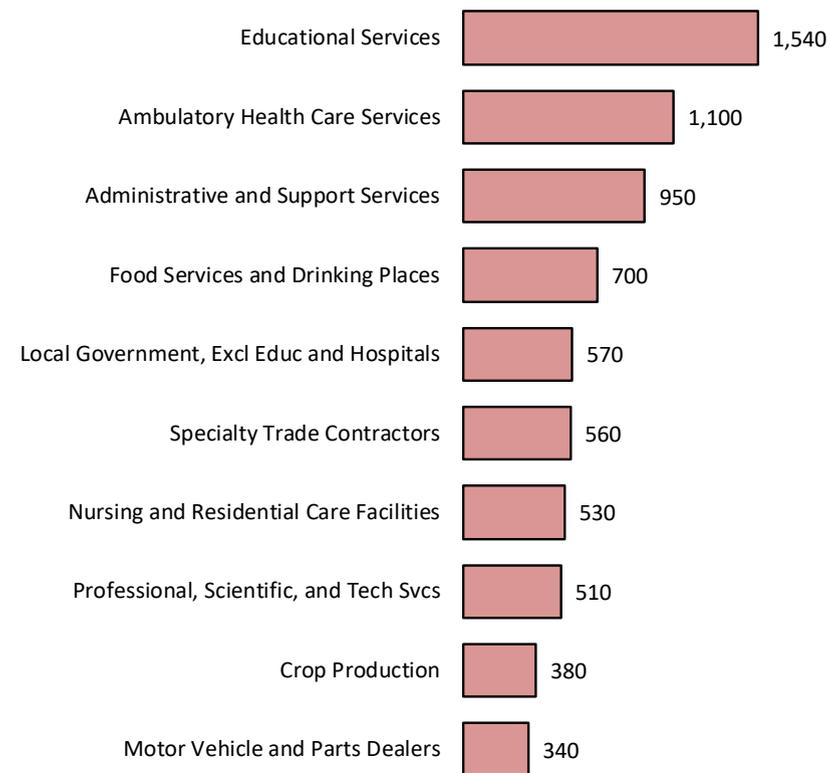


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Total Industry Growth

Total employment in East Central Georgia LWDA #13 is projected to grow from just under 64,000 in 2016 to nearly 76,000 by 2026, which equates to an average of over 1,200 new jobs added each year. This area is the nation's leading producer of kaolin, a type of white clay used in producing paper, paint, plastic, rubber, and many other goods. Key industries in the LWDA include educational services, health services, local government, administrative and support services, and agriculture.

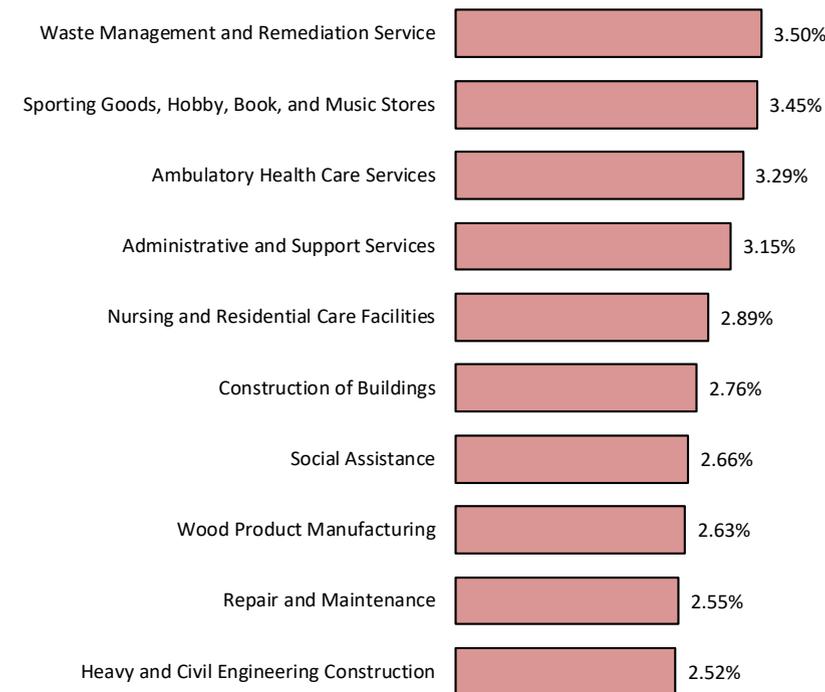
The top ten industries in this area with the most job growth are listed below.



Industry Rate of Growth

Employment growth in East Central Georgia LWDA #13 is expected to expand at an annual rate of 1.8 percent through the 2026 projection cycle. The annual average job growth in the area will top the state (1.1 percent) and surpass the nation (0.7 percent) over the period.

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



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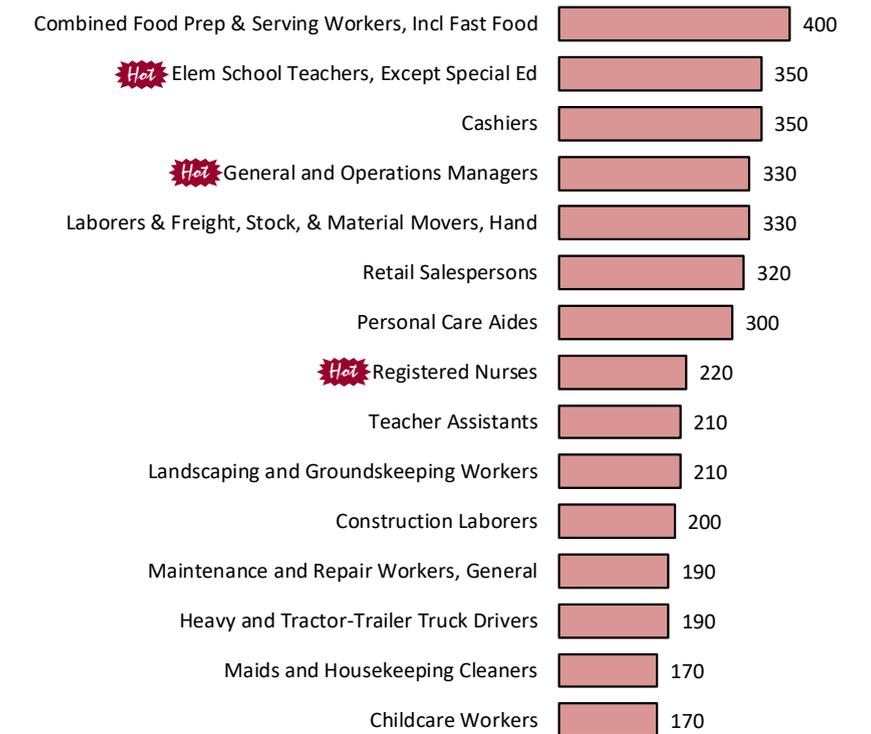
Occupations with the Most Growth

These 15 occupations – out of more than 800 - are projected to add nearly 4,000 jobs over the next 10 years, which equals about 32 percent of all projected job growth in this area.

Three occupations typically require a bachelor's degree.

Two occupations are in education, two are in personal care, and two are in sales.

Three occupations made the list of Georgia's **Hot** Careers to 2026 as a result of its fast job growth, high wages, and plentiful job openings during this period.



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