

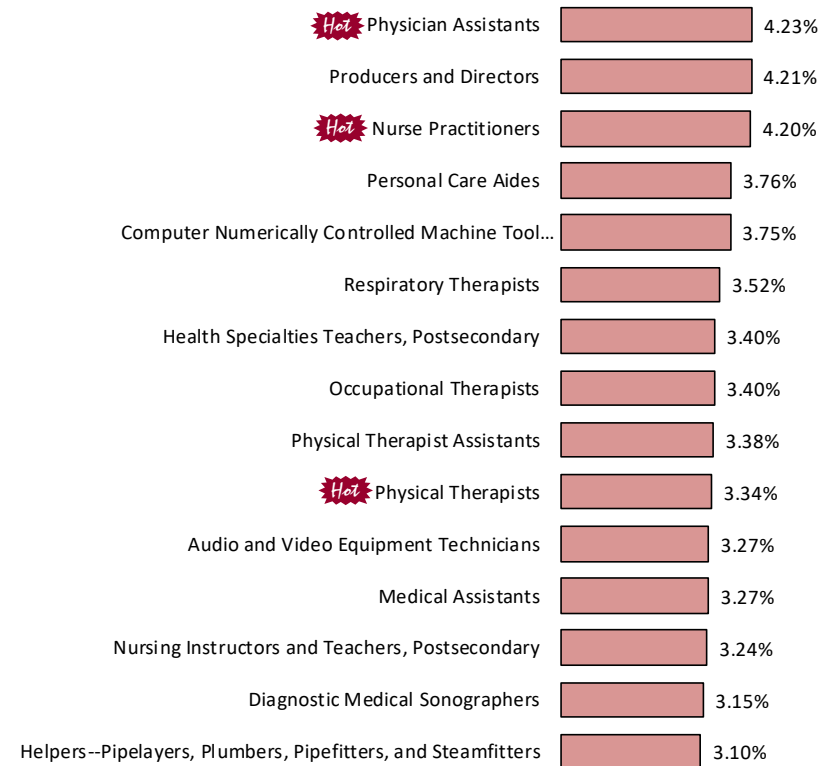
Fastest Growing Occupations

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.

More than half of these fastest growing occupations are in the healthcare field.

Just under half of these occupations generally require at least a bachelor's degree.

Three of these occupations have received the **Hot** label on a statewide basis through the 2026 projections period.

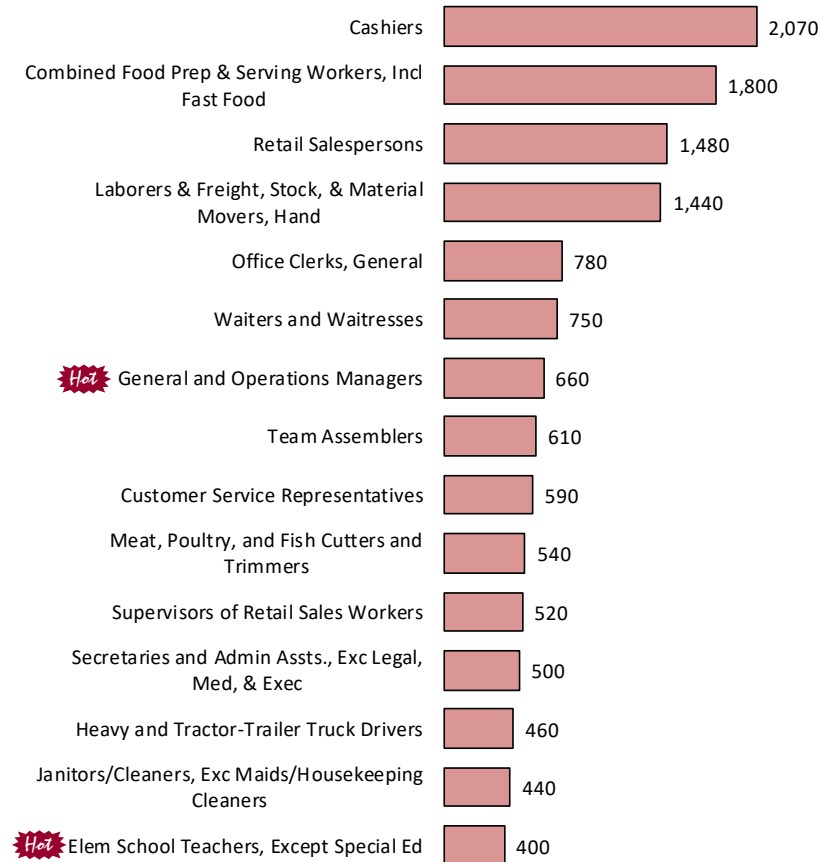


Occupations with the Most Annual Openings

Of all the job openings (13,040) on this list, most will result from the need to replace workers who exit the labor force or change jobs (11,710 or 90 percent) rather than from the creation of new jobs (1,330 or 10 percent).

Two of the 15 occupations generally require a bachelor's degree.

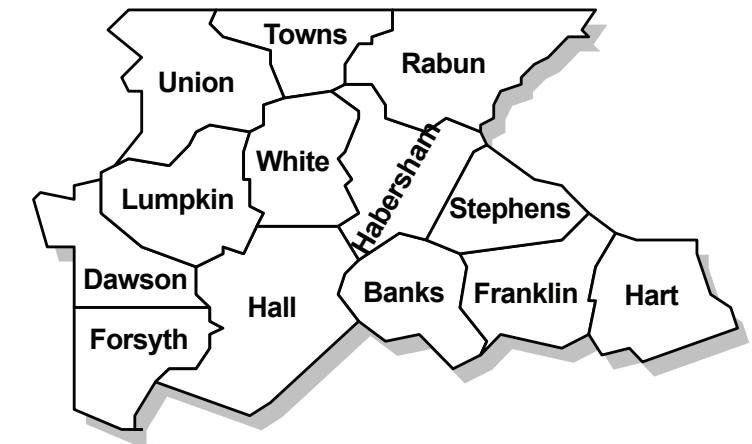
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Georgia Area Workforce Trends

Projections to 2026

LWDA #2 – Georgia Mountains



This Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) is made up of 13 counties in northeast Georgia comprising the southern tip of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It includes the following counties: Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White.



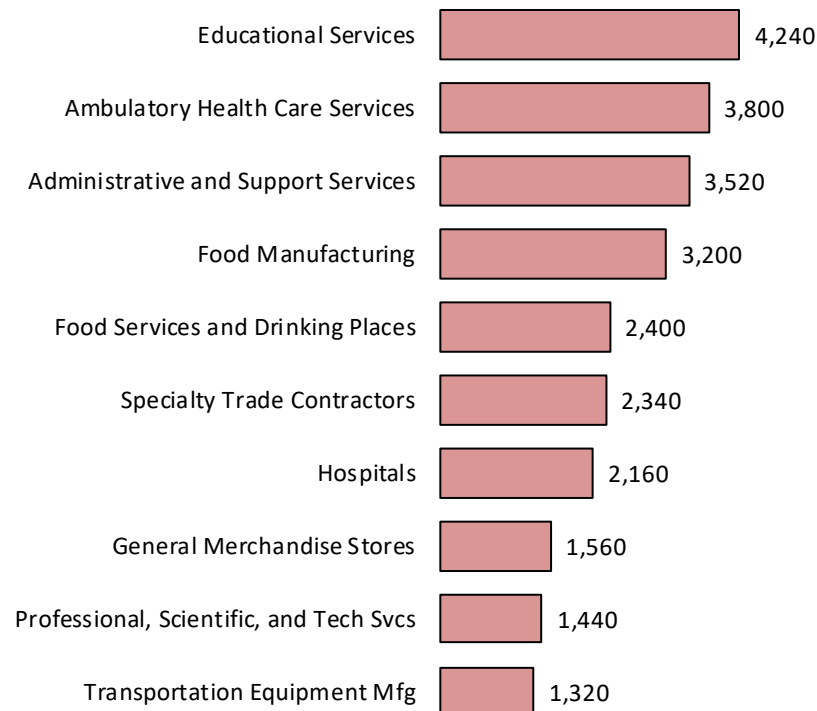
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Total Industry Growth

Total employment in Georgia Mountains LWDA #2 is expected to be nearly 301,500 by the year 2026, up from about 257,000 jobs in 2016. The growth equates to an average of almost 4,500 new jobs added each year. One of this area's main industries is poultry processing.

A principal city in the area, Gainesville, is often called the "Poultry Capital of the World", as it is the national leader in the production of broiler chickens and among the largest producers of chicken eggs, making it the state's largest manufacturer of food products. Key industries in addition to food product manufacturing include education, food and drinking places, administrative and support services, and health services.

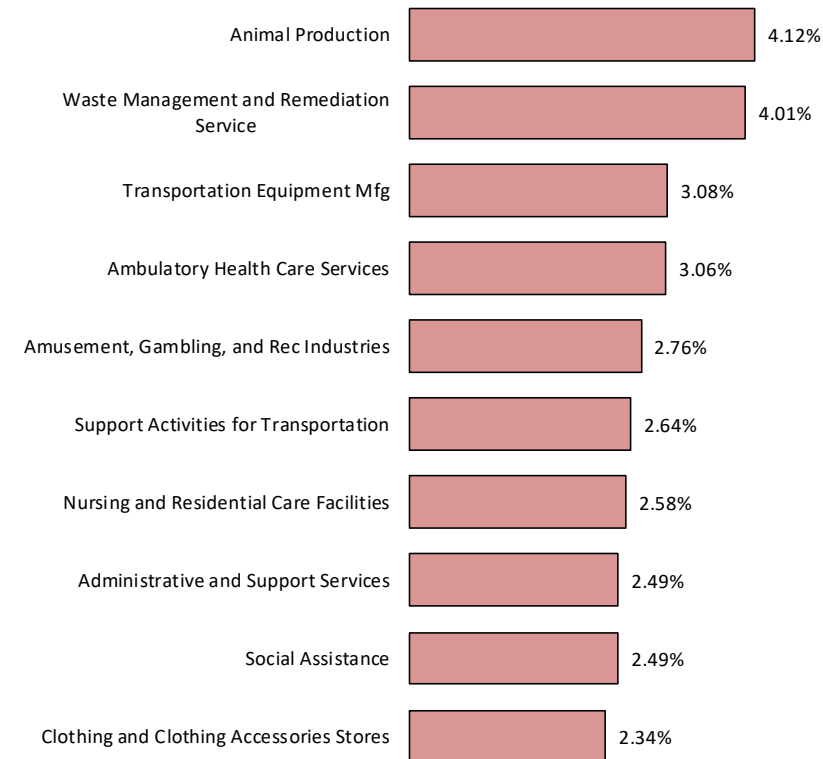
The top ten industries in this area with the most job growth are listed below.



Industry Rate of Growth

The Georgia Mountains LWDA is expected to show strong job growth through 2026. At 1.6 percent per year, the region is tied for second fastest projected job growth in the state. LWDA #2 will add jobs considerably faster than Georgia (1.1 percent) and the nation (0.6 percent).

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



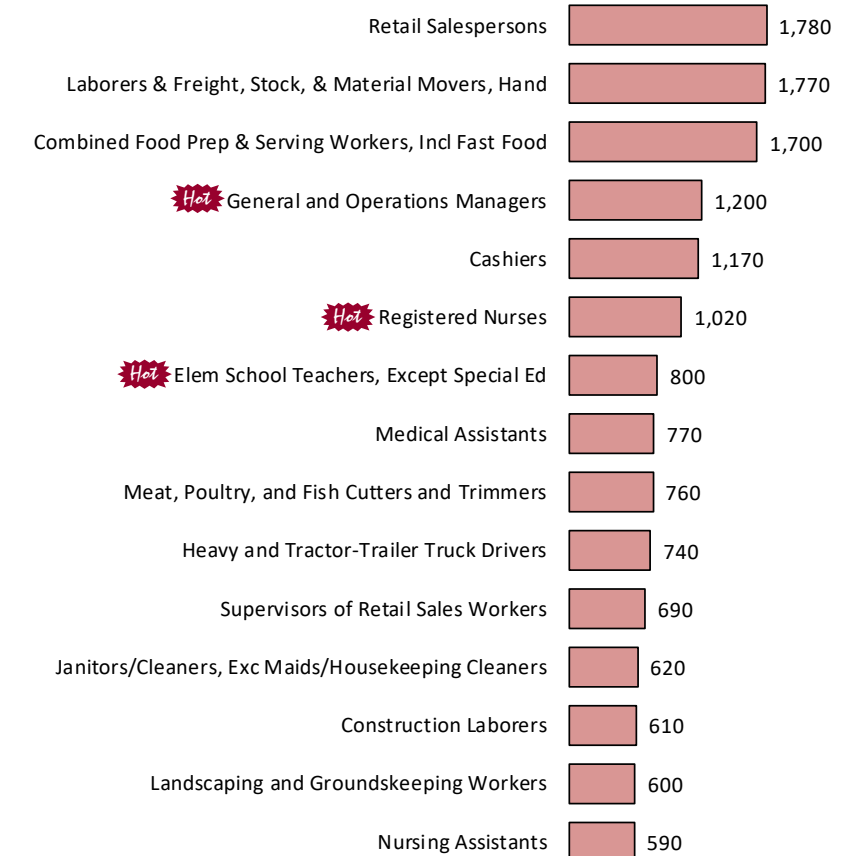
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Occupations with the Most Growth

These 15 occupations – out of more than 800 - are projected to add nearly 15,000 jobs over the next 10 years, over 33 percent of all projected job growth in the Georgia Mountains LWDA.

Three of these occupations (General/Operations Managers, Registered Nurses, and Elementary School Teachers) generally require a college degree.

On a statewide level, three of these occupations have received the **Hot** label for their fast growth, high wages, and plentiful job openings over the projected period.



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