

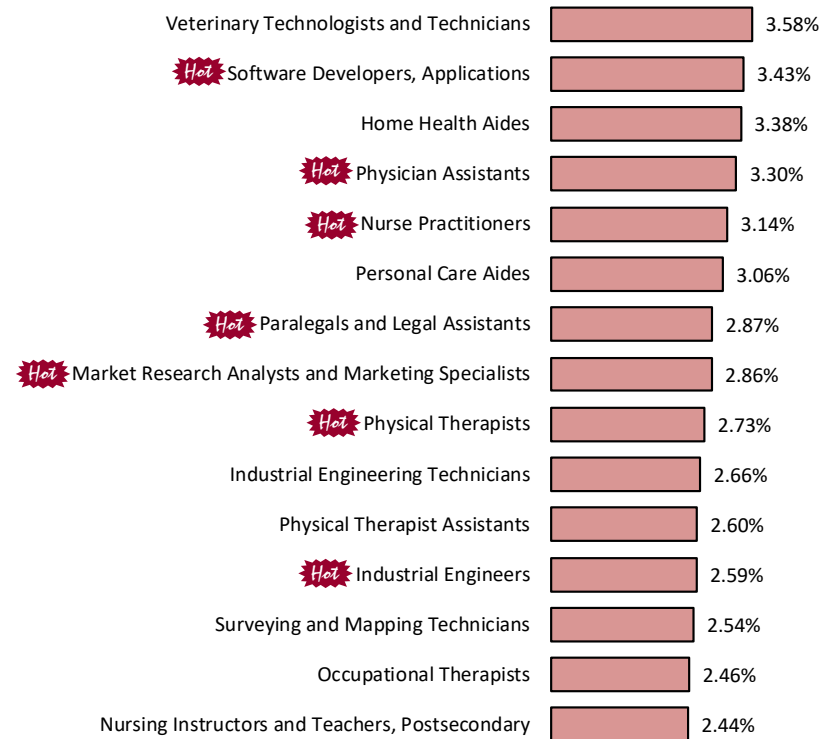
Fastest Growing Occupations

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 fastest growing occupations are in healthcare.

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

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

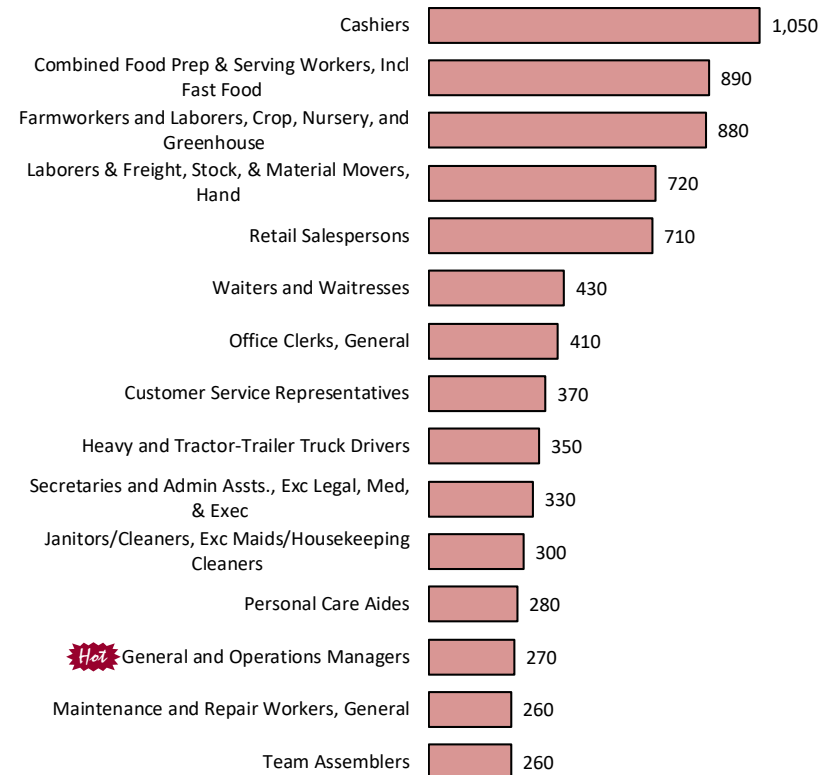


Occupations with the Most Annual Openings

Of all the job openings (7,510) on this list, most will result from the need to replace workers who exit the labor force or change jobs (7,030 or 94 percent) rather than from the creation of new jobs (480 or 6 percent).

On a statewide basis, one occupation earned the **Hot** label through 2026.

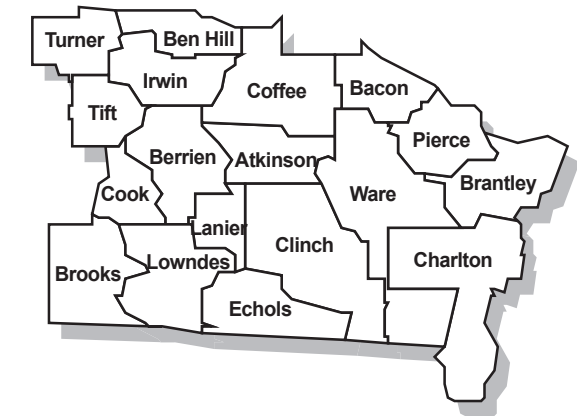
Three of the 15 jobs listed are in office and administration support, two are in transportation.



Georgia Area Workforce Trends

Projections to 2026

LWDA #18 – Southern Georgia



This Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) 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.

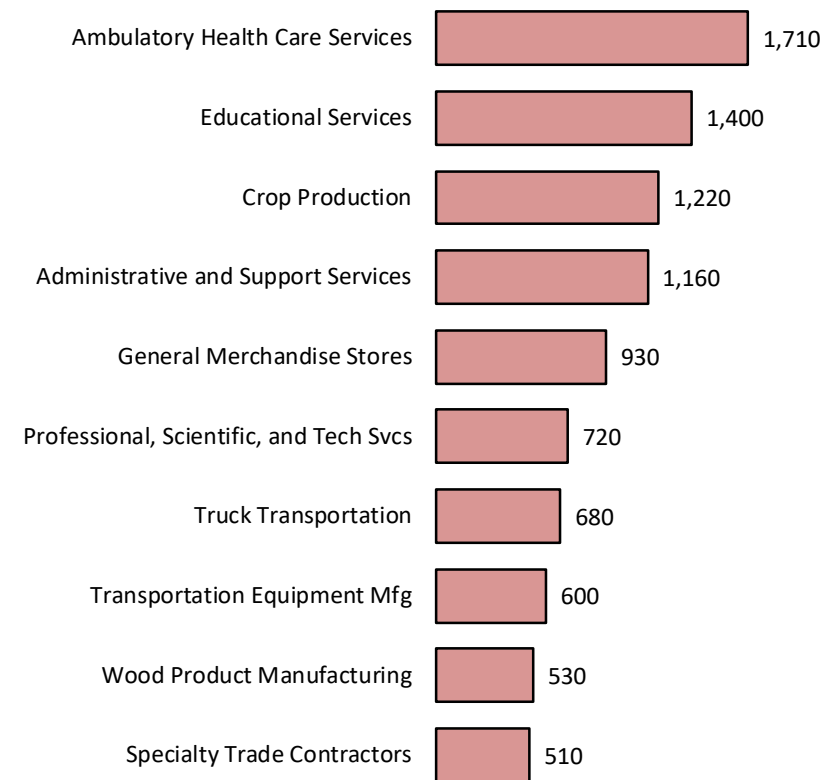


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Total Industry Growth

Total employment in Southern Georgia LWDA #18 is projected to grow from nearly 160,000 in 2016 to over 176,000 by 2026, which equates to an average of over 1,600 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 educational services, health services, agricultural, state and local government, and administrative and support services.

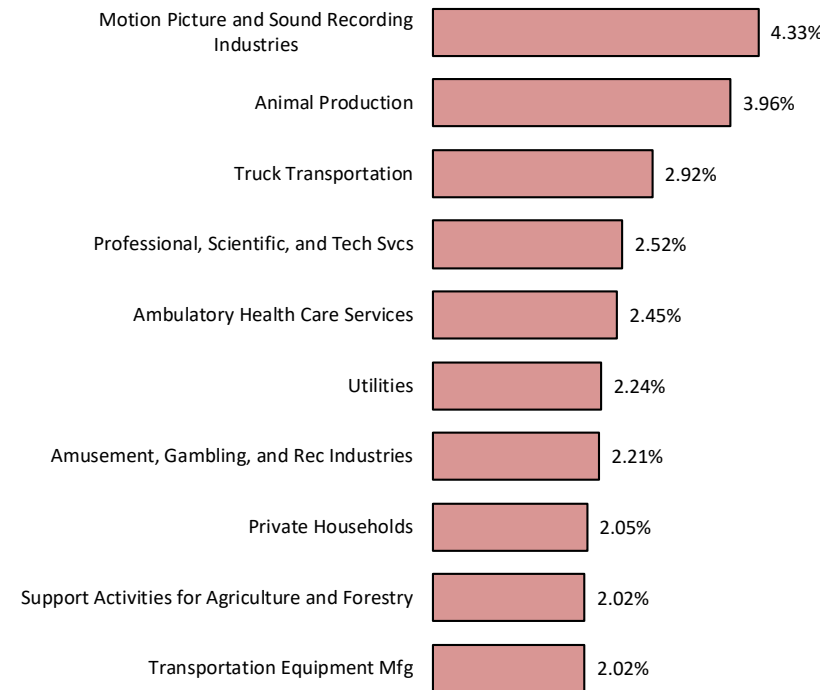
The top ten industries in this area with the most job growth are listed below.



Industry Rate of Growth

Through 2026, employment in LWDA #18 - Southern Georgia is expected to grow by an average of 1.0 percent per year. The annual average job growth in the area is just below the state (1.1 percent) average and tops the nation (0.7 percent) over the projections period.

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



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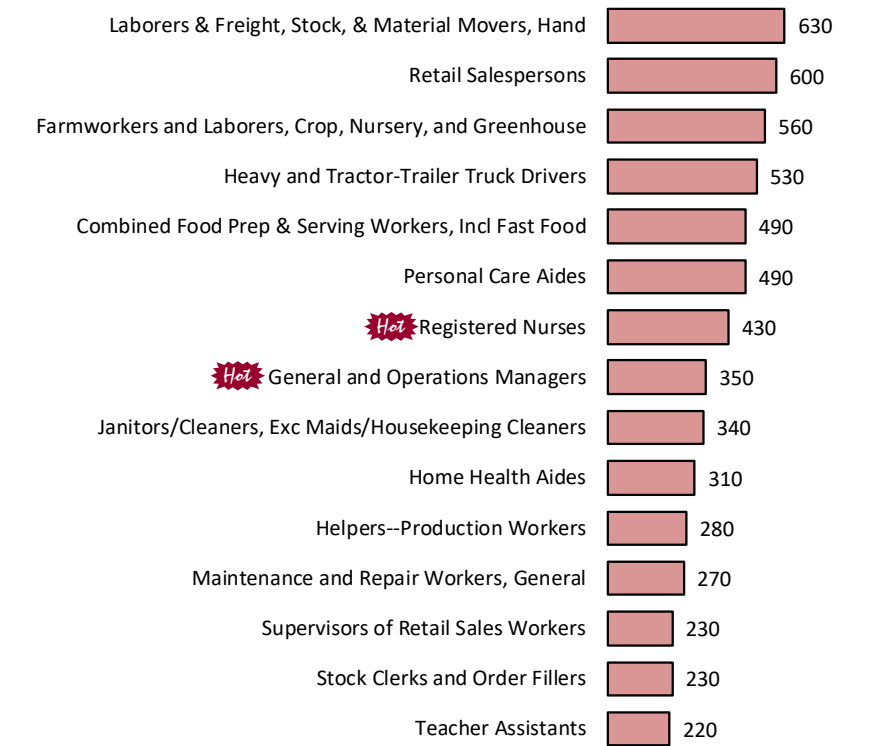
Occupations with the Most Growth

These 15 occupations – out of more than 800 - are projected to grow by nearly 6,000 jobs over the next 10 years, which is 36 percent of the total job growth in this area.

Four occupations typically require education beyond high school.

Two occupations on the list are in healthcare and two are transportation and material moving occupations.

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



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