

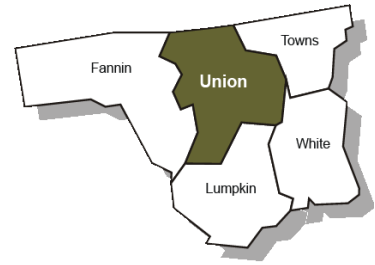


Georgia

## Area Labor Profile

Union

County



Updated: Feb 2022

### Labor Force Activity - 2020

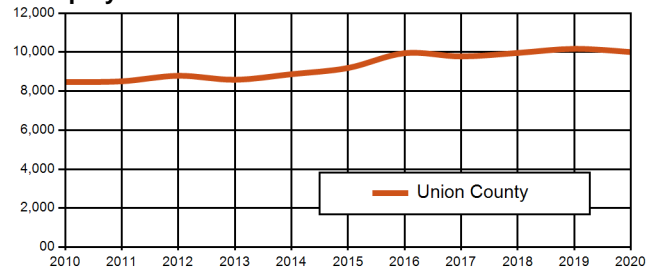
#### 2020 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Union	10,464	10,006	458	4.4%
Fannin	11,066	10,542	524	4.7%
Lumpkin	16,463	15,671	792	4.8%
Towns	3,841	3,585	256	6.7%
White	16,197	15,491	706	4.4%
<b>Union Area</b>	<b>58,031</b>	<b>55,295</b>	<b>2,736</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
Georgia	5,072,155	4,741,191	330,964	6.5%
United States	160,742,000	147,795,000	12,947,000	8.1%
Cherokee, NC	10,952	10,084	868	7.9%
Clay, NC	4,079	3,778	301	7.4%

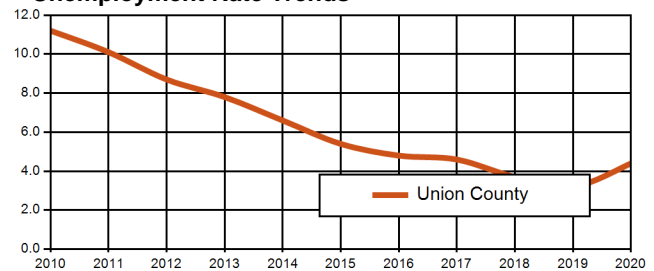
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

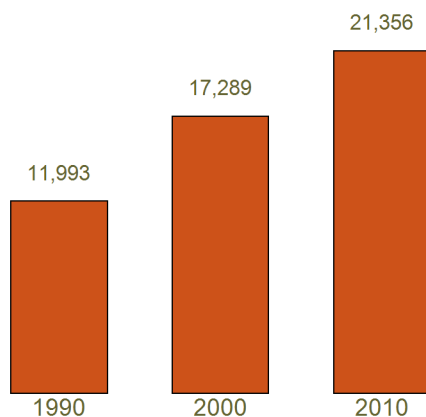
#### Employment Trends



#### Unemployment Rate Trends



#### Population Estimates



#### Population

	2010 Census	2020 Rank	2020 Estimate	% Change 2010-2020	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
<b>Union</b>	<b>21,356</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>25,358</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>25,456</b>	<b>19.2</b>
City of Blairsville	652					
<b>Union Area</b>	<b>149,195</b>		<b>169,984</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>181,229</b>	<b>21.5</b>
Georgia	9,687,653		10,710,017	10.6	11,335,283	17.0
United States	308,745,538		329,484,123	6.7	349,439,199	13.2
Cherokee, NC	26,250		29,073	10.8	32,693	24.5
Clay, NC	10,326		11,505	11.4	12,947	25.4

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, \*Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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# Industry Mix - 3rd Quarter of 2021

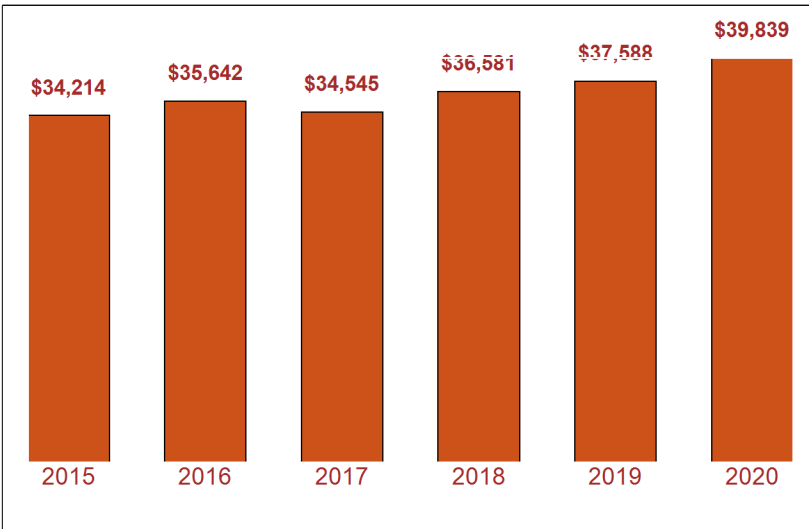
INDUSTRY	Union				Union Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>4,792</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>922</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	7	189	2.6	1,020	27	545	1.6	898
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	3	35	0.5	1,349	7	60	0.2	1,315
Construction	89	354	4.8	795	355	1,934	5.6	941
Manufacturing	30	427	5.8	874	143	2,252	6.5	901
Food	2	*	*	*	15	195	0.6	508
Apparel	1	*	*	*	3	*	*	*
Wood Product	2	*	*	*	11	138	0.4	890
Printing and Related Support Activities	6	11	0.1	354	10	17	0.0	400
Petroleum and Coal Products	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Chemical	2	*	*	*	8	55	0.2	1,098
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	4	73	0.2	877
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	1	*	*	*	6	39	0.1	906
Fabricated Metal Product	4	*	*	*	16	447	1.3	940
Machinery	2	*	*	*	5	104	0.3	896
Computer and Electronic Product	2	*	*	*	3	3	0.0	1,708
Transportation Equipment	2	*	*	*	10	507	1.5	1,079
Furniture and Related Product	3	9	0.1	473	11	34	0.1	635
Miscellaneous	1	*	*	*	14	94	0.3	635
Leather and Allied Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	3	135	0.4	953
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	17	219	0.6	592
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>4,392</b>	<b>59.7</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>22,995</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>691</b>
Utilities	3	14	0.2	538	10	336	1.0	1,153
Wholesale Trade	26	176	2.4	1,017	96	675	1.9	990
Retail Trade	96	1,265	17.2	572	494	5,303	15.3	588
Transportation and Warehousing	21	328	4.5	1,032	76	746	2.2	964
Information	5	32	0.4	1,195	37	*	*	*
Finance and Insurance	34	121	1.6	1,009	136	569	1.6	1,085
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	38	90	1.2	899	160	507	1.5	808
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	47	205	2.8	1,215	244	994	2.9	978
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3	*	*	*	4	*	*	*
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	30	134	1.8	676	147	826	2.4	725
Educational Services	1	*	*	*	23	1,411	4.1	474
Health Care and Social Assistance	82	643	8.7	959	296	3,571	10.3	972
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	7	52	0.7	291	49	553	1.6	472
Accommodation and Food Services	53	780	10.6	402	361	5,963	17.2	444
Other Services (except Public Administration)	35	149	2.0	628	164	803	2.3	594
<b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>851</b>
<b>Total - Private Sector</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>5,435</b>	<b>73.9</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>3,032</b>	<b>27,787</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>731</b>
<b>Total - Government</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>6,847</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>860</b>
Federal Government	6	53	0.7	1,147	24	266	0.8	1,126
State Government	15	193	2.6	678	59	1,863	5.4	968
Local Government	11	1,678	22.8	799	47	4,718	13.6	802
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>7,358</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>3,162</b>	<b>34,633</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>757</b>
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia</b>					<b>344,098</b>	<b>4,497,521</b>		<b>1,156</b>

Note: \*Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding. All figures are 3rd Quarter of 2021.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

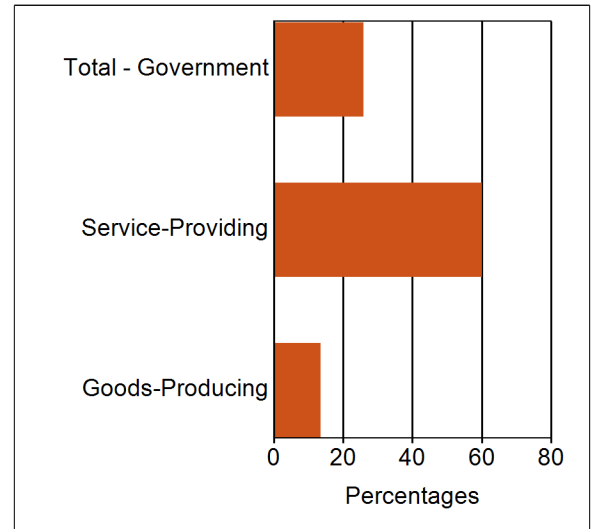
## Union Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



## Union Industry Mix 2021

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



## Top Ten Largest Employers - 2021\*

### Union

Corrugated Replacements Inc  
 Aviagen North America, Inc.  
 Chick-Fil-A  
 Davenport Transportation, Inc.  
 Ingles Markets, Inc.  
 Panel Built, Inc.  
 Regency Hospice of Georgia, LLC  
 The Home Depot  
 United Community Bank  
 Walmart

### Union Area

Chatuge Regional Hospital, Inc.  
 Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership  
 Mountain Education Center, Inc.  
 Northeast Georgia Medical Center  
 Truett-McConnell College  
 United Community Bank  
 University of North Georgia  
 Walmart  
 Walmart  
 Walmart

### COUNTY

Towns  
 White  
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\*Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2021. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

## Education of the Labor Force

### Union Area

### PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	6.3%	1.6%	1.6%	4.5%	5.2%	14.0%
Some High School	12.1%	17.8%	13.8%	10.0%	11.1%	11.4%
High School Grad/GED	34.4%	27.5%	37.8%	37.4%	35.2%	33.0%
Some College	23.2%	44.6%	26.1%	19.5%	20.1%	18.3%
College Grad 2 Yr	6.5%	4.8%	6.3%	8.4%	7.9%	4.2%
College Grad 4 Yr	10.5%	3.7%	10.0%	14.0%	11.8%	10.0%
Post Graduate Studies	7.0%	0.0%	4.5%	6.3%	8.9%	9.2%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. Some College category represents workers with some college with no degree less than two years.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

## High School Graduates - 2020



	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Fannin	217	--	217
Lumpkin	243	--	243
Towns	58	--	58
Union	197	--	197
White	244	--	244
<b>Union Area</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>959</b>

Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

\* Private schools data is not available for 2020 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

## Colleges and Universities

### Union Area

#### Lumpkin

University of North Georgia (Main Campus) [ung.edu/](http://ung.edu/)

#### Union

Blairsville Campus (Satellite campus of North Georgia Technical College) [www.northgatech.edu](http://www.northgatech.edu)

#### White

Truett McConnell University [www.truett.edu](http://www.truett.edu)

#### Towns

Young Harris College [www.yhc.edu](http://www.yhc.edu)

Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

## Technical College Graduates - 2020\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2018	2019	2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	118	157	149	33.1	-5.1
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	67	45	46	-32.8	2.2
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist°	32	30	33	-6.3	10.0
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	21	36	19	71.4	-47.2
Architectural Drafting and Architectural CAD/CADD°	1	2	4	100.0	100.0
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	101	99	79	-2.0	-20.2
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	261	204	248	-21.8	21.6
Business Administration and Management, General°	82	70	177	-14.6	152.9
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician°	11	19	21	72.7	10.5
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	118	216	134	83.1	-38.0
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	3	9	15	200.0	66.7
Commercial Photography°	22	33	13	50.0	-60.6
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	60	61	28	1.7	-54.1
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	206	205	267	-0.5	30.2

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PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2018	2019	2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	44	86	87	95.5	1.2
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	18	18	9	0.0	-50.0
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General°	57	153	92	168.4	-39.9
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	27	14	31	-48.1	121.4
Dental Assisting/Assistant	13	7	10	-46.2	42.9
Design and Visual Communications, General°	33	30	20	-9.1	-33.3
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General°	10	19	25	90.0	31.6
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	27	29	32	7.4	10.3
Electrical and Power Transmission Installation/Installer, General°	12	12	13	0.0	8.3
Electrician°	58	66	72	13.8	9.1
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	141	190	153	34.8	-19.5
Environmental Control Technologies/Technicians, Other	6	9	11	50.0	22.2
Fire Prevention and Safety Technology/Technician°	3	8	1	166.7	-87.5
Fire Science/Fire-fighting°	14	36	28	157.1	-22.2
Fire Services Administration	2	6	3	200.0	-50.0
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant°	12	26	11	116.7	-57.7
Graphic Design°	14	12	3	-14.3	-75.0
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician°	10	22	21	120.0	-4.5
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/°	84	123	113	46.4	-8.1
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	143	200	218	39.9	9.0
Interior Design°	27	23	44	-14.8	91.3
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	56	69	66	23.2	-4.3
Lineworker°	59	62	61	5.1	-1.6
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	73	84	69	15.1	-17.9
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	12	8	10	-33.3	25.0
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder°	11	1	15	-90.9	1400.0
Medical Office Assistant/Specialist°	63	76	84	20.6	10.5
Medical/Clinical Assistant	80	59	90	-26.3	52.5
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	28	39	39	39.3	0.0
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	125	92	82	-26.4	-10.9
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant°	8	9	8	12.5	-11.1
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	18	14	15	-22.2	7.1
Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing°	25	16	35	-36.0	118.8
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	18	19	17	5.6	-10.5
Surgical Technology/Technologist	31	17	9	-45.2	-47.1
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	21	22	32	4.8	45.5

## Technical College Graduates - 2020\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2018	2019	2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design°	20	11	7	-45.0	-36.4
Welding Technology/Welder°	453	464	289	2.4	-37.7

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates(°) are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

\*Data shown represents Annual 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

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