



Lamar

County



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## Area Labor Profile

### Labor Force Activity

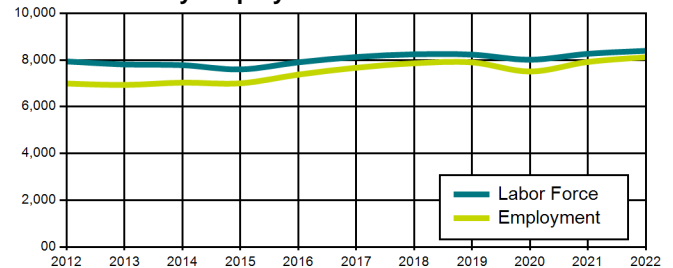
**December 2023**

|                   | Labor Force   | Employed      | Unemployed   | Rate        |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Lamar             | 8,546         | 8,304         | 242          | 2.8%        |
| Butts             | 11,580        | 11,282        | 298          | 2.6%        |
| Monroe            | 12,856        | 12,537        | 319          | 2.5%        |
| Pike              | 9,373         | 9,157         | 216          | 2.3%        |
| Spalding          | 30,024        | 29,049        | 975          | 3.2%        |
| Upson             | 11,961        | 11,618        | 343          | 2.9%        |
| <b>Lamar Area</b> | <b>84,340</b> | <b>81,947</b> | <b>2,393</b> | <b>2.8%</b> |
| Georgia           | 5,336,733     | 5,183,182     | 153,551      | 2.9%        |
| United States     | 166,661,000   | 160,754,000   | 5,907,000    | 3.5%        |

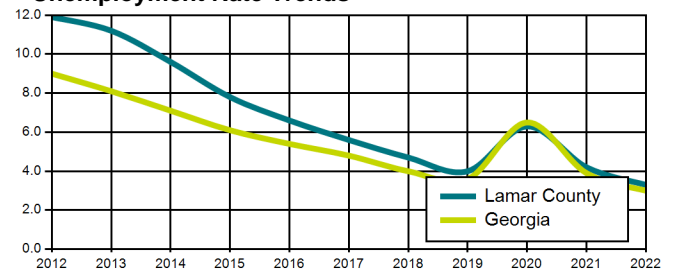
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

### Lamar County Employment Trends



### Unemployment Rate Trends

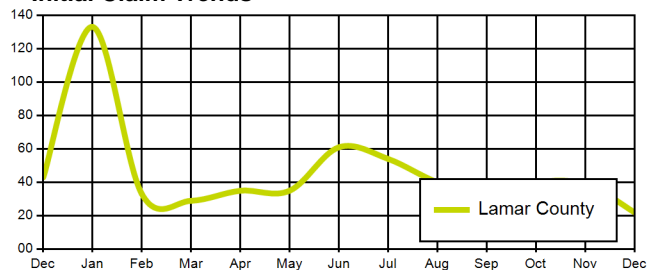


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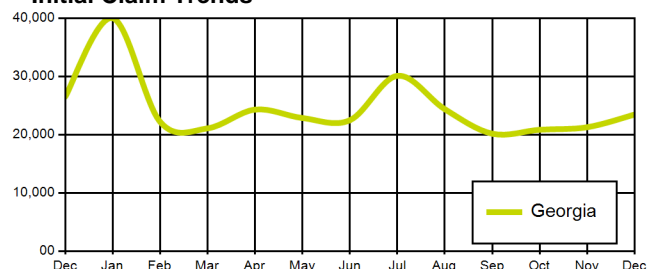
|                   | December 2023 | November 2023 | October 2023 | Total        |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Lamar             | 22            | 39            | 40           | 101          |
| Butts             | 36            | 26            | 47           | 109          |
| Monroe            | 37            | 30            | 38           | 105          |
| Pike              | 26            | 43            | 47           | 116          |
| Spalding          | 140           | 159           | 208          | 507          |
| Upson             | 74            | 139           | 103          | 316          |
| <b>Lamar Area</b> | <b>335</b>    | <b>436</b>    | <b>483</b>   | <b>1,254</b> |

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

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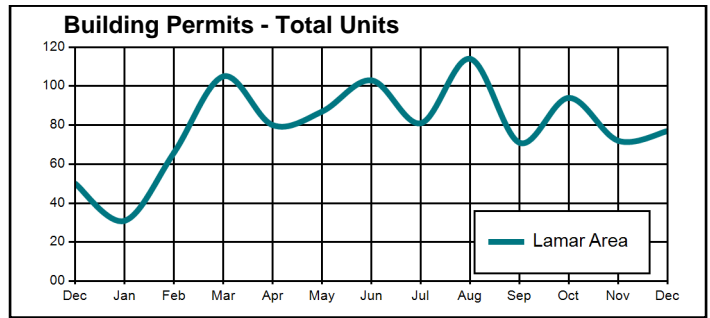
### Initial Claim Trends



## Building Permit Construction Activity

|                       | Lamar Area    |               |              |       |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------|
|                       | December 2023 | November 2023 | October 2023 | Total |
| Totals                | 77            | 72            | 94           | 243   |
| Family residential    | 77            | 72            | 94           | 243   |
| Multi family resident | 0             | 0             | 0            | 0     |

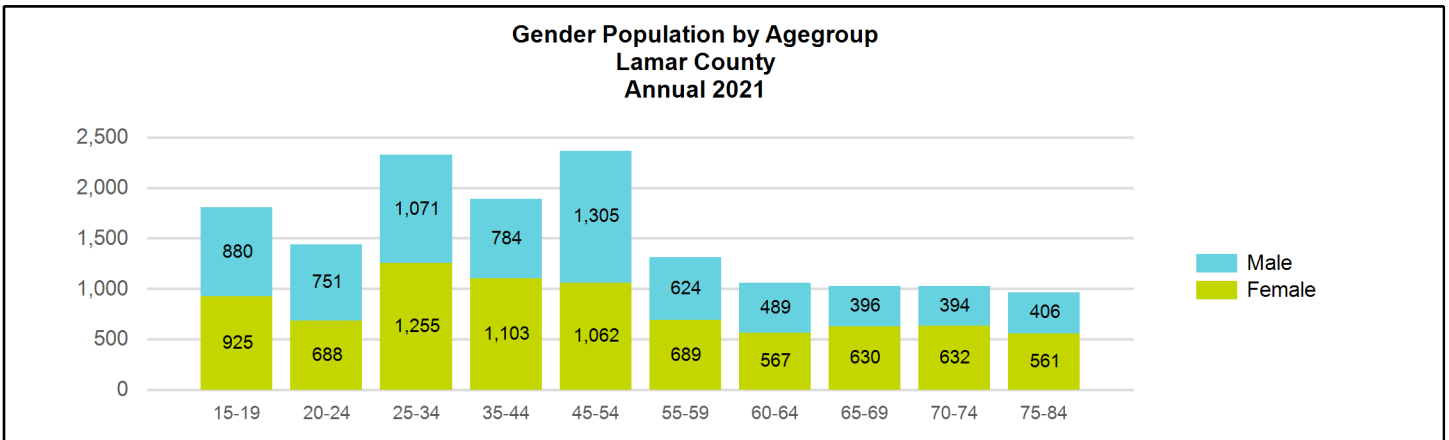
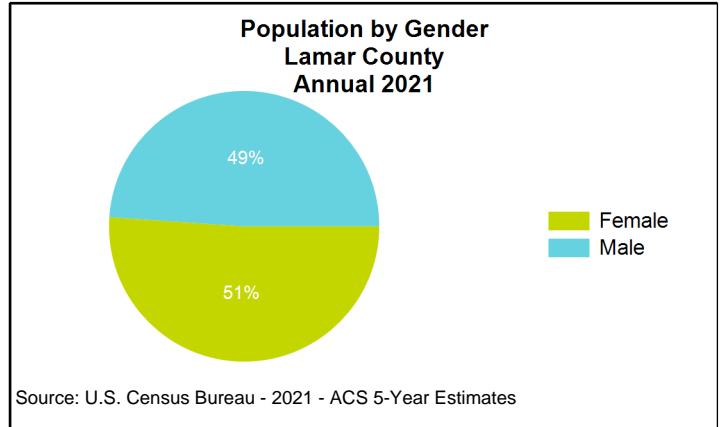
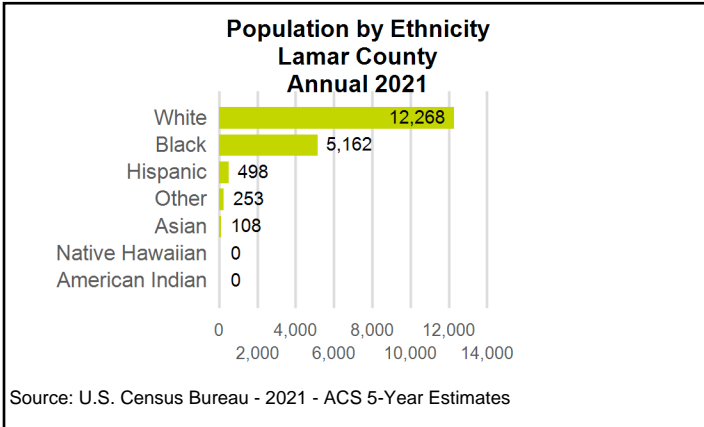
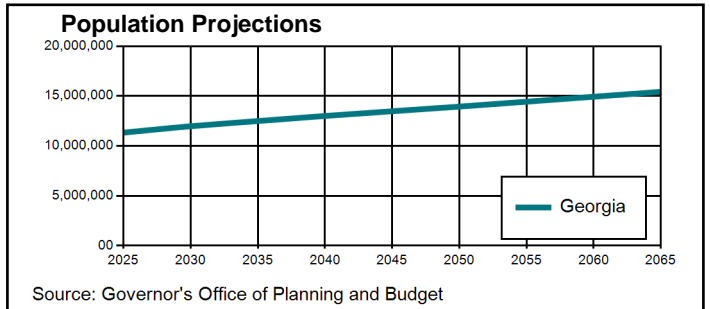
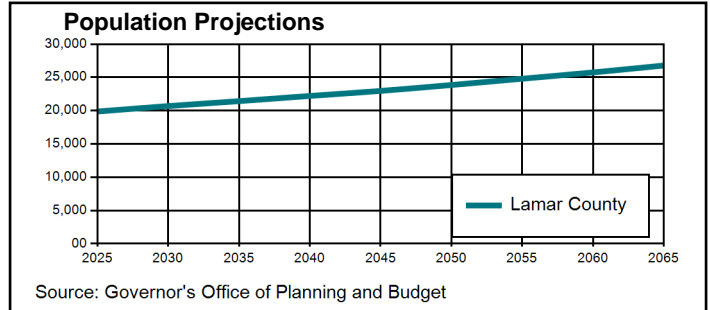
Source: U.S. Census Bureau.



## Population Activity

|                   | Annual 2022    | Annual 2021    | Difference   |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Lamar             | 19,467         | 19,080         | 387          |
| Butts             | 26,649         | 25,781         | 868          |
| Monroe            | 29,427         | 28,712         | 715          |
| Pike              | 19,990         | 19,477         | 513          |
| Spalding          | 68,919         | 67,909         | 1,010        |
| Upson             | 28,086         | 27,720         | 366          |
| <b>Lamar Area</b> | <b>192,538</b> | <b>188,679</b> | <b>3,859</b> |
| Georgia           | 10,912,876     | 10,799,566     | 113,310      |
| United States     | 333,287,557    | 331,893,745    | 1,393,812    |

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



# Industry Mix - 3rd Quarter of 2023

| INDUSTRY   | Lamar      |              |              |              | Lamar Area     |                  |              |              |
|--|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | NUMBER     | EMPLOYMENT   |              | WEEKLY       | NUMBER         | EMPLOYMENT       |              | WEEKLY       |
|  | OF FIRMS   | NUMBER       | PERCENT      | WAGE         | OF FIRMS       | NUMBER           | PERCENT      | WAGE         |
| <b>Goods-Producing</b>   | <b>69</b>  | <b>1,318</b> | <b>30.1</b>  | <b>1,034</b> | <b>593</b>     | <b>10,061</b>    | <b>18.6</b>  | <b>1,124</b> |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting                               | 10         | 66           | 1.5          | 799          | 49             | 246              | 0.5          | 1,007        |
| Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction                            | 2          | *            | *            | *            | 8              | 137              | 0.3          | 1,456        |
| Construction   | 34         | 205          | 4.7          | 1,144        | 376            | 2,586            | 4.8          | 1,154        |
| Manufacturing  | 23         | 1,036        | 23.7         | 1,024        | 160            | 7,092            | 13.1         | 1,111        |
| Food   | 3          | *            | *            | *            | 13             | 453              | 0.8          | 951          |
| Textile Product Mills  | 1          | *            | *            | *            | 3              | 361              | 0.7          | 1,079        |
| Wood Product   | 6          | 205          | 4.7          | 1,220        | 18             | 469              | 0.9          | 1,183        |
| Paper  | 1          | *            | *            | *            | 6              | 323              | 0.6          | 1,258        |
| Fabricated Metal Product   | 2          | *            | *            | *            | 24             | 621              | 1.1          | 854          |
| Machinery  | 4          | *            | *            | *            | 15             | 479              | 0.9          | 1,128        |
| Transportation Equipment   | 3          | 17           | 0.4          | 807          | 12             | 498              | 0.9          | 1,013        |
| Furniture and Related Product  | 2          | *            | *            | *            | 9              | *                | *            | *            |
| Miscellaneous  | 1          | *            | *            | *            | 9              | 62               | 0.1          | 923          |
| Apparel  | 0          | 0            | 0.0          | 0            | 1              | *                | *            | *            |
| Leather and Allied Product   | 0          | 0            | 0.0          | 0            | 1              | *                | *            | *            |
| Beverage and Tobacco Product   | 0          | 0            | 0.0          | 0            | 2              | *                | *            | *            |
| Primary Metal  | 0          | 0            | 0.0          | 0            | 2              | *                | *            | *            |
| Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component                           | 0          | 0            | 0.0          | 0            | 2              | *                | *            | *            |
| Petroleum and Coal Products  | 0          | 0            | 0.0          | 0            | 3              | *                | *            | *            |
| Nonmetallic Mineral Product  | 0          | 0            | 0.0          | 0            | 3              | 31               | 0.1          | 1,091        |
| Chemical   | 0          | 0            | 0.0          | 0            | 6              | *                | *            | *            |
| Printing and Related Support Activities                                  | 0          | 0            | 0.0          | 0            | 7              | *                | *            | *            |
| Textile Mills  | 0          | 0            | 0.0          | 0            | 7              | 597              | 1.1          | 898          |
| Plastics and Rubber Products   | 0          | 0            | 0.0          | 0            | 17             | 708              | 1.3          | 1,234        |
| <b>Service-Providing</b>   | <b>216</b> | <b>2,055</b> | <b>46.9</b>  | <b>856</b>   | <b>2,741</b>   | <b>31,345</b>    | <b>58.0</b>  | <b>816</b>   |
| Utilities  | 3          | 101          | 2.3          | 1,767        | 18             | 601              | 1.1          | 2,171        |
| Wholesale Trade  | 11         | *            | *            | *            | 139            | 1,693            | 3.1          | 1,466        |
| Retail Trade   | 40         | 492          | 11.2         | 613          | 570            | 6,957            | 12.9         | 604          |
| Transportation and Warehousing   | 10         | 23           | 0.5          | 765          | 124            | 1,767            | 3.3          | 1,004        |
| Information  | 2          | *            | *            | *            | 34             | 171              | 0.3          | 989          |
| Finance and Insurance  | 13         | 110          | 2.5          | 853          | 170            | 916              | 1.7          | 1,031        |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing                                       | 4          | *            | *            | *            | 137            | 327              | 0.6          | 750          |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services                         | 25         | 102          | 2.3          | 837          | 274            | 2,307            | 4.3          | 957          |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises                                  | 1          | *            | *            | *            | 5              | 139              | 0.3          | 907          |
| Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services | 15         | 90           | 2.1          | 658          | 216            | 2,264            | 4.2          | 760          |
| Educational Services   | 3          | 166          | 3.8          | 560          | 28             | 328              | 0.6          | 558          |
| Health Care and Social Assistance  | 35         | 296          | 6.8          | 683          | 369            | 7,002            | 12.9         | 979          |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation                                      | 7          | 55           | 1.3          | 1,616        | 40             | 300              | 0.6          | 676          |
| Accommodation and Food Services  | 33         | 224          | 5.1          | 356          | 358            | 5,181            | 9.6          | 375          |
| Other Services (except Public Administration)                            | 14         | 68           | 1.6          | 899          | 259            | 1,393            | 2.6          | 882          |
| <b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>                              | <b>51</b>  | <b>27</b>    | <b>0.6</b>   | <b>1,409</b> | <b>507</b>     | <b>288</b>       | <b>0.5</b>   | <b>971</b>   |
| <b>Total - Private Sector</b>  | <b>336</b> | <b>3,400</b> | <b>77.6</b>  | <b>929</b>   | <b>3,841</b>   | <b>41,695</b>    | <b>77.1</b>  | <b>892</b>   |
| <b>Total - Government</b>  | <b>33</b>  | <b>981</b>   | <b>22.4</b>  | <b>946</b>   | <b>260</b>     | <b>12,381</b>    | <b>22.9</b>  | <b>951</b>   |
| Federal Government   | 5          | 43           | 1.0          | 1,315        | 28             | 318              | 0.6          | 1,399        |
| State Government   | 14         | *            | *            | *            | 121            | 5,015            | 9.3          | 981          |
| Local Government   | 14         | 637          | 14.5         | 918          | 111            | 7,048            | 13.0         | 910          |
| <b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>  | <b>369</b> | <b>4,380</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>933</b>   | <b>4,101</b>   | <b>54,076</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>905</b>   |
| <b>ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia</b>  |            |              |              |              | <b>392,632</b> | <b>4,793,712</b> |              | <b>1,249</b> |

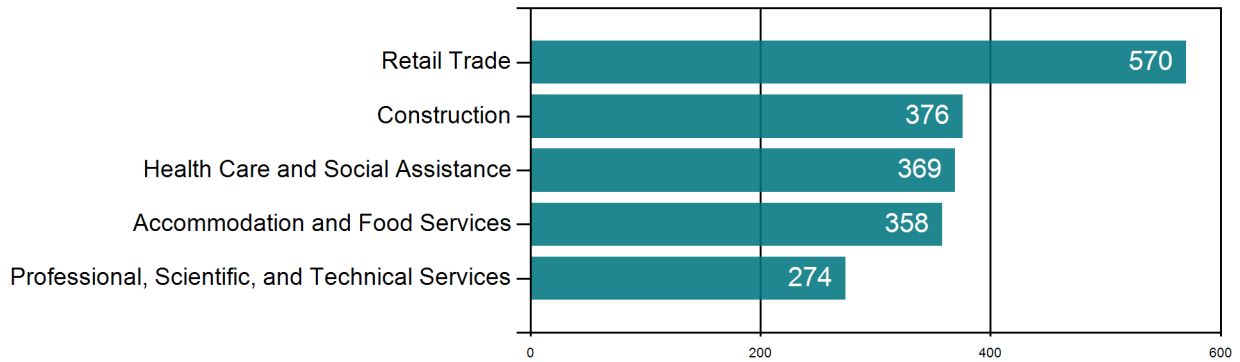
Note: \*Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the 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 2023.

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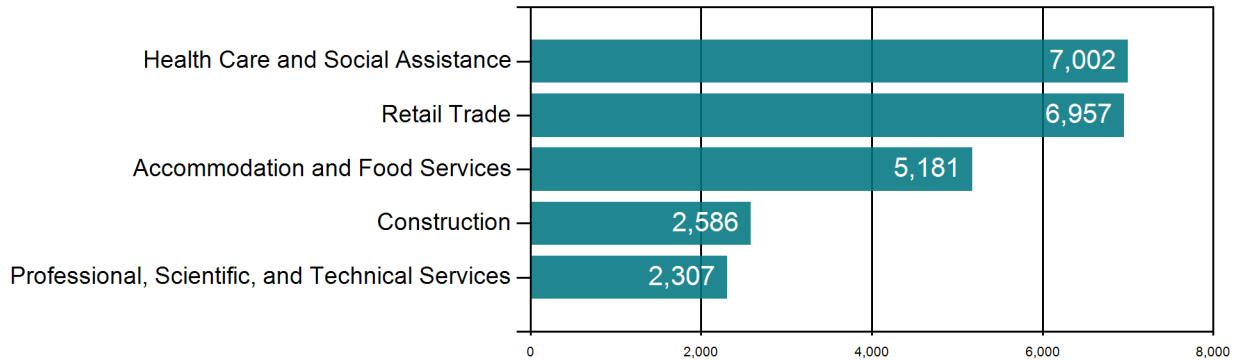
# Top Industries - 3rd Quarter of 2023

## Lamar Area

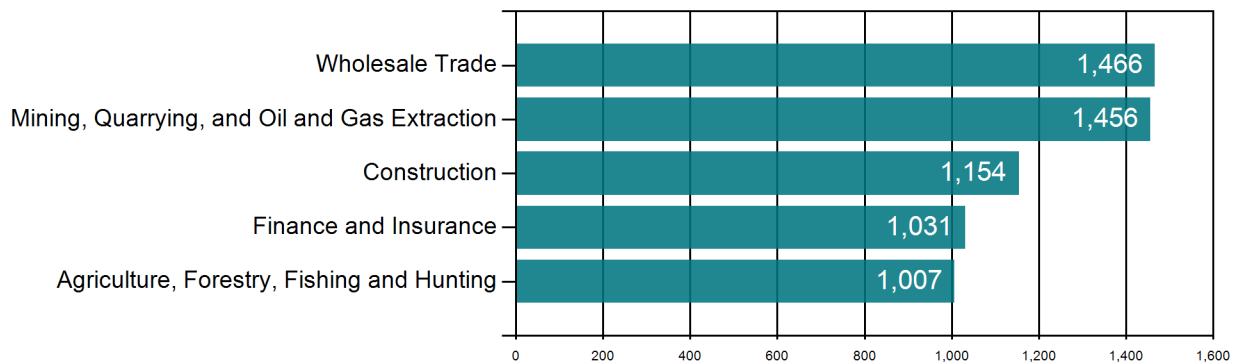
### Top Industries by Firms



### Top Industries by Employment



### Top Industries by Weekly Wages



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## Technical College Certificate Graduates - 2022

| PROGRAMS   | TOTAL GRADUATES |      |      | PERCENT CHANGE |           |
|--|-----------------|------|------|----------------|-----------|
|  | 2020            | 2021 | 2022 | 2020-2021      | 2021-2022 |
| Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing                        | 23              | 69   | 438  | 200.0          | 534.8     |
| Business Administration and Management, General                                  | 237             | 246  | 289  | 3.8            | 17.5      |
| Welding Technology/Welder  | 87              | 118  | 196  | 35.6           | 66.1      |
| Child Care Provider/Assistant  | 186             | 183  | 143  | -1.6           | -21.9     |
| Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping                                 | 74              | 126  | 132  | 70.3           | 4.8       |
| Small Business Administration/Management   | 38              | 124  | 127  | 226.3          | 2.4       |
| Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician                            | 198             | 126  | 116  | -36.4          | -7.9      |
| Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/ | 87              | 48   | 65   | -44.8          | 35.4      |
| Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide                           | 168             | 60   | 64   | -64.3          | 6.7       |
| Human Resources Management/Personnel Administration, General                     | 53              | 64   | 63   | 20.8           | -1.6      |

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

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

## Technical College Diploma Graduates - 2022

| PROGRAMS  | TOTAL GRADUATES |      |      | PERCENT CHANGE |           |
|---|-----------------|------|------|----------------|-----------|
|   | 2020            | 2021 | 2022 | 2020-2021      | 2021-2022 |
| Business Administration and Management, General         | 41              | 54   | 52   | 31.7           | -3.7      |
| Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training            | 50              | 63   | 46   | 26.0           | -27.0     |
| Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General                      | 48              | 42   | 32   | -12.5          | -23.8     |
| Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic) | 30              | 25   | 24   | -16.7          | -4.0      |
| Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping        | 20              | 16   | 21   | -20.0          | 31.3      |
| Welding Technology/Welder                               | 9               | 13   | 21   | 44.4           | 61.5      |
| Criminal Justice/Safety Studies                         | 21              | 18   | 20   | -14.3          | 11.1      |
| Early Childhood Education and Teaching                  | 21              | 33   | 20   | 57.1           | -39.4     |
| Medical/Clinical Assistant                              | 40              | 34   | 18   | -15.0          | -47.1     |
| Dental Assisting/Assistant                              | 16              | 8    | 14   | -50.0          | 75.0      |

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

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## Technical College Degree Graduates - 2022

| PROGRAMS   | TOTAL GRADUATES |      |      | PERCENT CHANGE |           |
|--|-----------------|------|------|----------------|-----------|
|  | 2020            | 2021 | 2022 | 2020-2021      | 2021-2022 |
| Business Administration and Management, General          | 43              | 53   | 59   | 23.3           | 11.3      |
| Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician | 32              | 31   | 53   | -3.1           | 71.0      |
| Early Childhood Education and Teaching                   | 28              | 31   | 30   | 10.7           | -3.2      |
| Criminal Justice/Safety Studies                          | 22              | 18   | 20   | -18.2          | 11.1      |
| Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping         | 19              | 17   | 18   | -10.5          | 5.9       |
| Rehabilitation and Therapeutic Professions, Other        | 14              | 19   | 14   | 35.7           | -26.3     |
| Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)  | 10              | 13   | 13   | 30.0           | 0.0       |
| Culinary Arts/Chef Training                              | 12              | 12   | 13   | 0.0            | 8.3       |
| Computer Programming/Programmer, General                 | 12              | 8    | 13   | -33.3          | 62.5      |
| Surgical Technology/Technologist                         | 12              | 9    | 13   | -25.0          | 44.4      |

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

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# Top Ten Largest Employers - 2023\*

## Lamar County

B&G Equipment Company, Inc.  
Continental Tire The Americas, LLC  
Ervin Cable Construction, LLC  
Gordon State College  
Heritage Inn of Barnesville, LLC  
Ingles Markets, Inc.  
Jordan Forest Products, LLC  
Peterbilt Of Atlanta, LLC  
Ranew Management Co., Inc.  
Rock Springs Christian Academy, Inc.

\*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 2023. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

## Lamar Area

American Woodmark Corporation  
Caterpillar, Inc.  
Dg Distribution Southeast, LLC  
Georgia Department of Corrections  
Homenurse, Inc.  
Impact Outsourcing Solutions IX, LLC  
Masterbrand Cabinets, Inc.  
Personnel Options  
Upson Regional Medical Center  
Wellstar Health System, Inc.

## COUNTY

Butts  
Spalding  
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# Education of the Labor Force

## Lamar Area

### PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

|                       | PERCENT<br>OF TOTAL | 18-24  | 25-34  | 35-44  | 45-64  | 65+    |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Elementary            | 3.3%                | 1.5%   | 3.0%   | 2.5%   | 2.0%   | 7.2%   |
| Some High School      | 11.9%               | 15.7%  | 11.3%  | 11.1%  | 11.2%  | 12.0%  |
| High School Grad/GED  | 38.2%               | 42.3%  | 36.5%  | 34.7%  | 37.6%  | 40.7%  |
| Some College          | 21.5%               | 29.3%  | 21.8%  | 21.3%  | 21.6%  | 17.1%  |
| College Grad 2 Yr     | 7.7%                | 5.3%   | 9.7%   | 8.8%   | 8.5%   | 5.7%   |
| College Grad 4 Yr     | 10.5%               | 5.6%   | 12.5%  | 12.8%  | 11.0%  | 8.9%   |
| Post Graduate Studies | 6.9%                | 0.4%   | 5.2%   | 8.7%   | 8.1%   | 8.4%   |
| 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

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2021: ACS 5-Year Estimates.

# Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

## Career Center(s)

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