



Georgia

Area Labor Profile

Bleckley

County



Updated: Nov 2023

Labor Force Activity

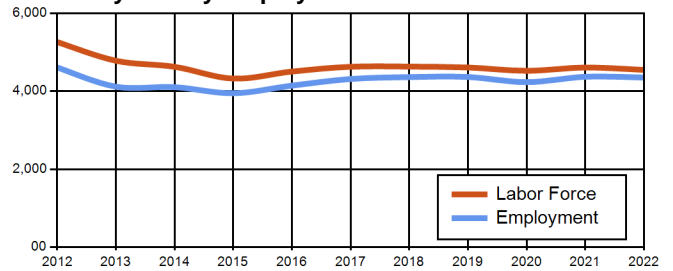
October 2023

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Bleckley	4,622	4,390	232	5.0%
Dodge	6,935	6,657	278	4.0%
Houston	71,694	69,492	2,202	3.1%
Laurens	19,242	18,396	846	4.4%
Pulaski	4,077	3,932	145	3.6%
Twiggs	2,746	2,613	133	4.8%
Wilkinson	4,044	3,907	137	3.4%
Bleckley Area	113,360	109,387	3,973	3.5%
Georgia	5,359,846	5,173,829	186,017	3.5%
United States	167,774,000	161,676,000	6,098,000	3.6%

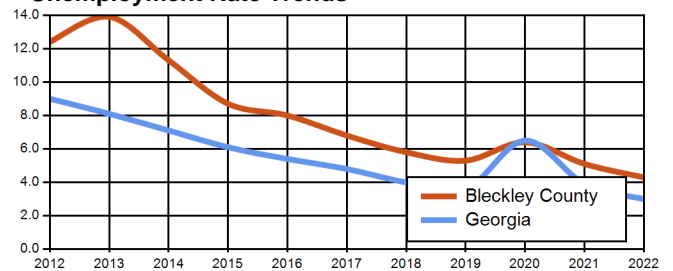
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

Bleckley County Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends

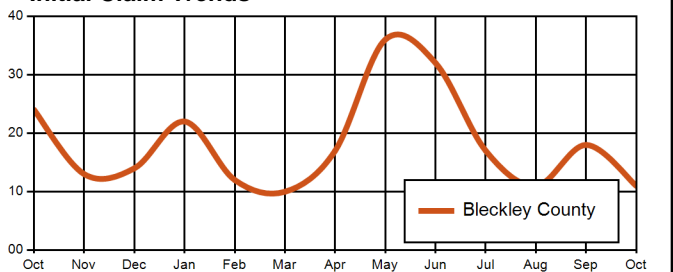


Initial Claims Activity

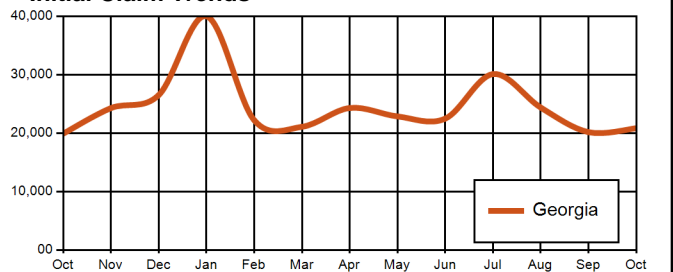
	October 2023	September 2023	August 2023	Total
Bleckley	11	18	11	40
Dodge	29	15	25	69
Houston	237	228	268	733
Laurens	82	74	136	292
Pulaski	11	6	16	33
Twiggs	14	14	13	41
Wilkinson	13	6	20	39
Bleckley Area	397	361	489	1,247

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

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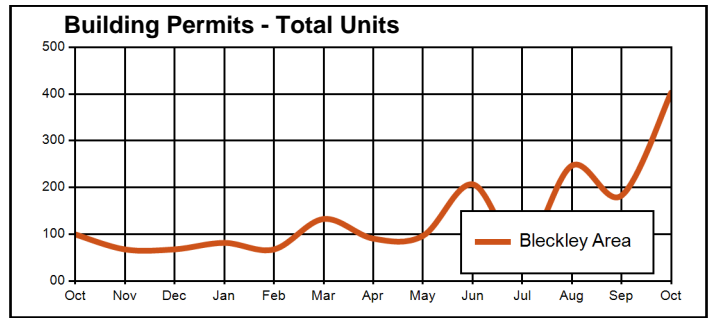
Initial Claim Trends



Building Permit Construction Activity

Bleckley Area				
	October 2023	September 2023	August 2023	Total
Totals	403	183	247	833
Family residential	143	128	177	448
Multi family resident	260	55	70	385

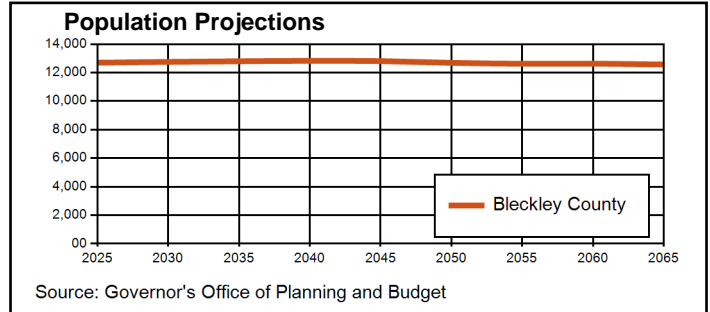
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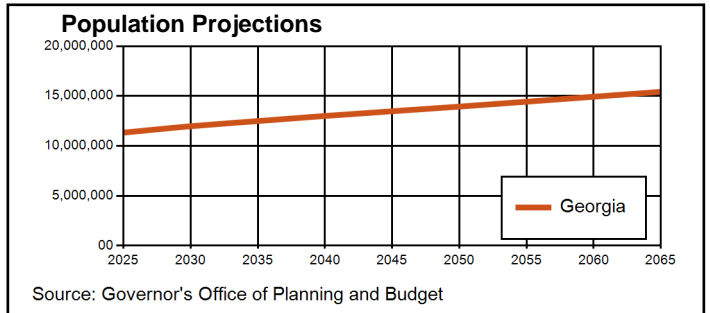
Population Activity

	Annual 2022	Annual 2021	Difference
Bleckley	12,257	12,607	-350
Dodge	19,802	19,759	43
Houston	169,631	166,829	2,802
Laurens	49,660	49,547	113
Pulaski	9,984	9,917	67
Twiggs	7,680	7,856	-176
Wilkinson	8,681	8,831	-150
Bleckley Area	277,695	275,346	2,349
Georgia	10,912,876	10,799,566	113,310
United States	333,287,557	331,893,745	1,393,812

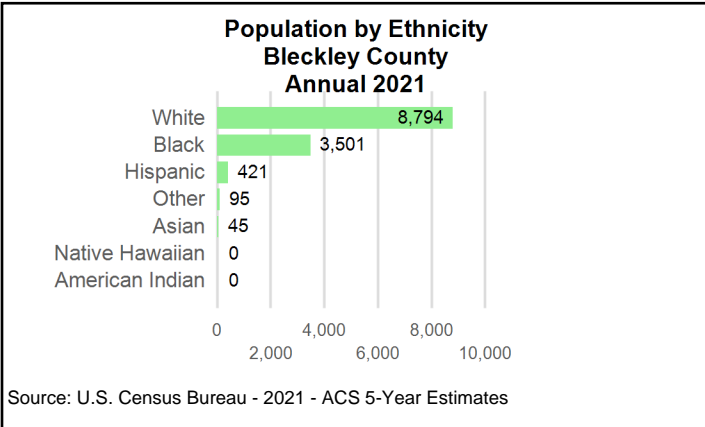
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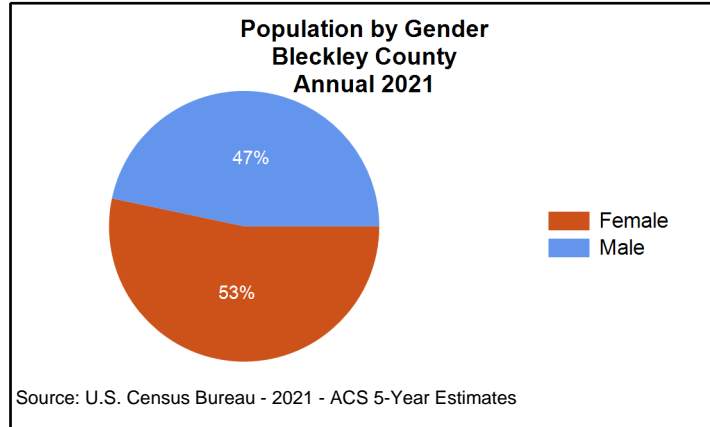
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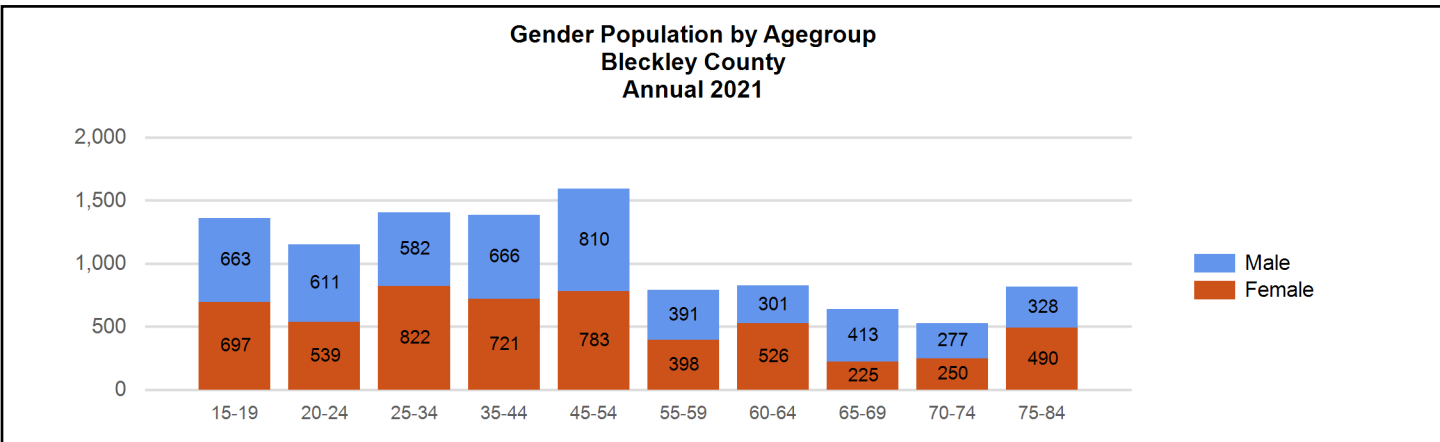
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2021 - ACS 5-Year Estimates



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Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2023

INDUSTRY	Bleckley				Bleckley Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE
		NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT	
Goods-Producing	29	467	16.0	1,084	627	14,254	14.3	1,103
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	10	76	2.6	1,140	82	526	0.5	914
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	13	1,072	1.1	1,381
Construction	13	*	*	*	367	3,569	3.6	1,053
Manufacturing	6	54	1.9	807	165	9,087	9.1	1,100
Leather and Allied Product	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Fabricated Metal Product	2	*	*	*	25	1,082	1.1	1,059
Machinery	1	*	*	*	7	114	0.1	1,443
Furniture and Related Product	1	*	*	*	12	348	0.3	687
Miscellaneous	1	*	*	*	12	100	0.1	931
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	4	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	5	83	0.1	760
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	7	241	0.2	1,401
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	7	920	0.9	1,540
Printing and Related Support Activities	0	0	0.0	0	10	40	0.0	574
Chemical	0	0	0.0	0	11	146	0.1	1,051
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	12	474	0.5	1,265
Food	0	0	0.0	0	13	4,390	4.4	959
Wood Product	0	0	0.0	0	14	453	0.5	1,085
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	0	0	0.0	0	16	528	0.5	1,576
Service-Providing	156	1,431	49.1	651	3,434	50,626	50.8	792
Utilities	0	0	0.0	0	12	326	0.3	1,310
Wholesale Trade	8	36	1.2	1,052	123	1,051	1.1	1,025
Retail Trade	40	427	14.7	622	927	12,189	12.2	616
Transportation and Warehousing	4	*	*	*	149	2,625	2.6	869
Information	1	*	*	*	46	535	0.5	1,138
Finance and Insurance	11	99	3.4	979	268	1,755	1.8	1,278
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	5	30	1.0	624	172	461	0.5	779
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	14	79	2.7	1,673	516	4,898	4.9	1,514
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	19	526	0.5	1,649
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	9	101	3.5	807	269	3,565	3.6	942
Educational Services	0	0	0.0	0	42	526	0.5	727
Health Care and Social Assistance	24	162	5.6	622	703	9,732	9.8	864
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	3	23	0.8	211	52	817	0.8	333
Accommodation and Food Services	21	302	10.4	291	593	10,441	10.5	375
Other Services (except Public Administration)	16	39	1.3	702	341	1,662	1.7	873
Unclassified - industry not assigned	23	6	0.2	1,612	648	369	0.4	1,130
Total - Private Sector	208	1,904	65.3	761	5,507	65,732	65.9	863
Total - Government	22	1,010	34.7	862	365	33,945	34.1	1,231
Federal Government	3	32	1.1	1,018	70	*	*	*
State Government	7	195	6.7	1,417	118	2,959	3.0	924
Local Government	12	783	26.9	717	177	13,765	13.8	939
ALL INDUSTRIES	230	2,914	100.0	796	5,872	99,674	100.0	988
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					384,496	4,793,199		1,247

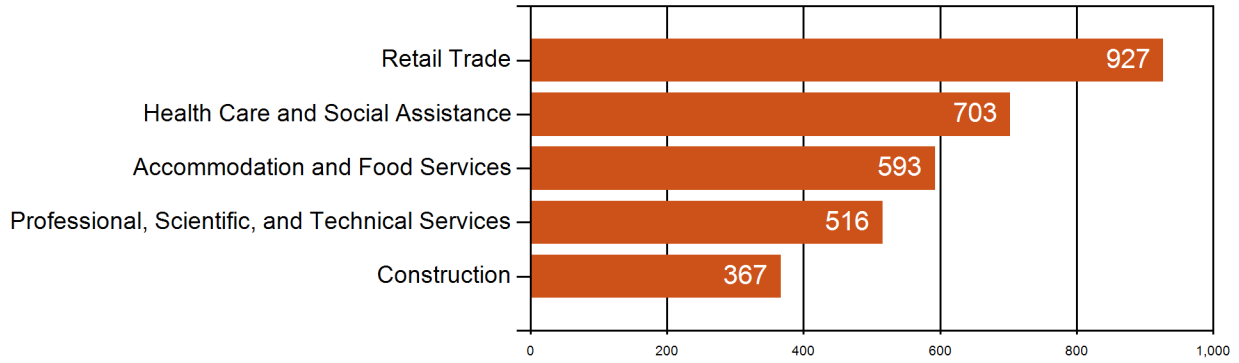
Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average 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 2nd Quarter of 2023.

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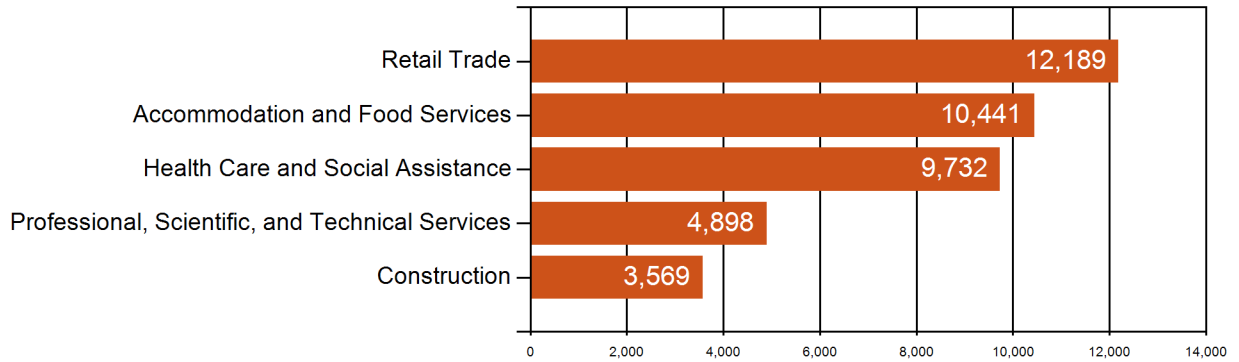
Top Industries - 2nd Quarter of 2023

Bleckley Area

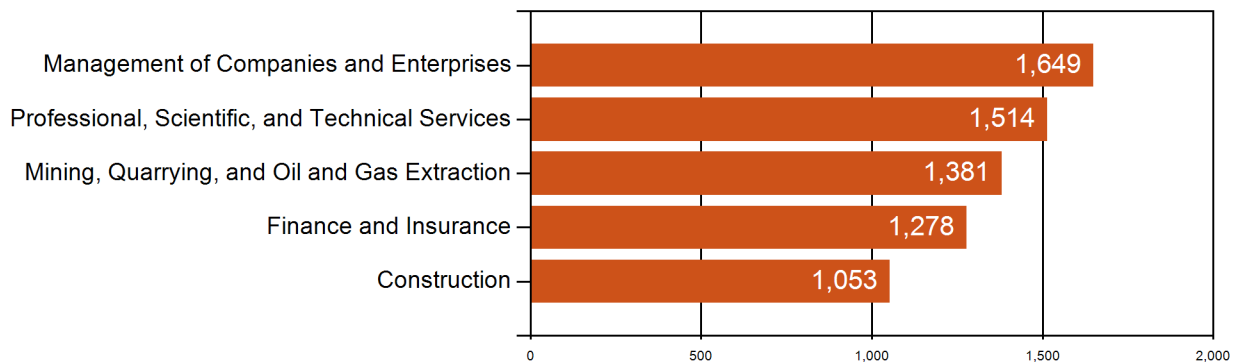
Top Industries by Firms



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
Welding Technology/Welder	424	490	560	15.6	14.3
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	363	179	244	-50.7	36.3
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician	295	239	242	-19.0	1.3
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	160	146	238	-8.8	63.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	139	162	177	16.5	9.3
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide	133	176	173	32.3	-1.7
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	112	91	128	-18.8	40.7
Business Administration and Management, General	219	148	120	-32.4	-18.9
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	133	142	115	6.8	-19.0
Network and System Administration/Administrator	99	110	108	11.1	-1.8

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
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	70	75	82	7.1	9.3
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	41	35	61	-14.6	74.3
Business Administration and Management, General	70	73	61	4.3	-16.4
Medical/Clinical Assistant	11	49	35	345.5	-28.6
Airframe Mechanics and Aircraft Maintenance Technology/Technician	30	34	27	13.3	-20.6
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	39	31	25	-20.5	-19.4
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	37	26	25	-29.7	-3.8
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	22	23	23	4.5	0.0
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	23	18	21	-21.7	16.7
Welding Technology/Welder	20	10	20	-50.0	100.0

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Technical College Degree Graduates - 2022

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2020	2021	2022	2020-2021	2021-2022
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	321	411	325	28.0	-20.9
Business Administration and Management, General	59	70	62	18.6	-11.4
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	34	18	30	-47.1	66.7
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	36	33	28	-8.3	-15.2
Dental Hygiene/Hygienist	28	30	27	7.1	-10.0
Logistics, Materials, and Supply Chain Management	23	27	26	17.4	-3.7
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	28	32	26	14.3	-18.8
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	26	30	20	15.4	-33.3
Medical/Clinical Assistant	7	25	20	257.1	-20.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	42	26	15	-38.1	-42.3

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Top Ten Largest Employers - 2023*

Bleckley County

Georgia Department of Corrections
 Gilmer Warehouse, LLC
 Heartland EMS, Inc.
 Innovative Grounds Management
 McDonalds
 Middle Georgia State College
 State Bank of Cochran
 The Scruggs Company
 Walmart
 Woody Butts Chevrolet, Inc.

*Note: Georgia Department of Corrections

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Bleckley Area

Academy Sports & Outdoors
 Fairview Park Hospital
 Frito-Lay, Inc.
 Kamin, LLC
 Perdue Farms Incorporated
 Publix Super Market, Inc.
 Robins Federal Credit Union
 The Kroger Company
 Walmart
 YKK AP America, Inc.

COUNTY

Twiggs
 Laurens
 Houston
 Wilkinson
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Education of the Labor Force

Bleckley Area

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT					
	OF TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	3.0%	0.9%	3.0%	1.4%	2.6%	6.4%
Some High School	7.6%	12.7%	5.4%	6.2%	6.9%	8.9%
High School Grad/GED	34.2%	38.5%	29.0%	29.5%	33.1%	42.2%
Some College	23.6%	35.7%	26.6%	20.0%	23.2%	17.4%
College Grad 2 Yr	9.3%	5.4%	10.5%	12.4%	9.8%	7.0%
College Grad 4 Yr	13.1%	6.5%	18.2%	17.5%	12.7%	9.0%
Post Graduate Studies	9.4%	0.4%	7.3%	13.1%	11.8%	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

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

Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

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