Area Labor Profile

Bleckley County



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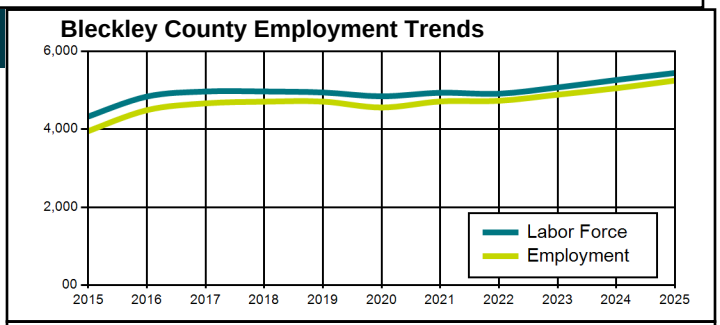
Labor Force Activity

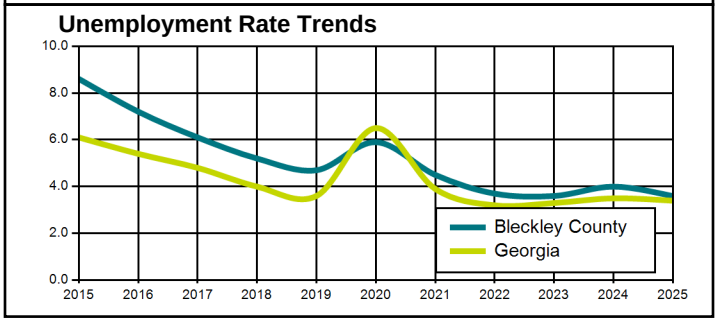
August 2026

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Bleckley	5,614	5,424	190	3.4%
Dodge	8,227	7,956	271	3.3%
Houston	77,287	74,866	2,421	3.1%
Laurens	20,881	20,104	777	3.7%
Pulaski	3,677	3,545	132	3.6%
Twiggs	2,760	2,634	126	4.6%
Wilkinson	3,259	3,121	138	4.2%
Bleckley Area	**121,705**	**117,650**	**4,055**	**3.3%**
Georgia	5,498,516	5,311,550	186,966	3.4%
United States	170,048,000	162,667,000	7,381,000	4.3%

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.

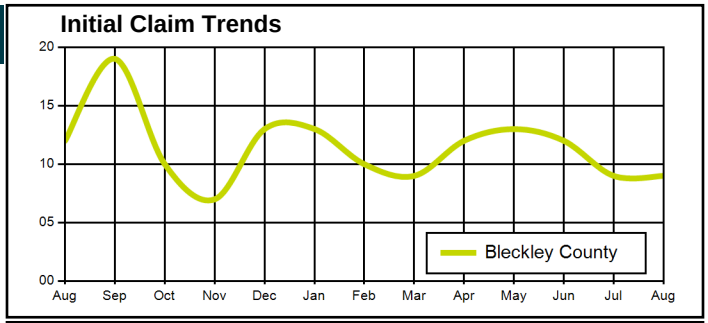


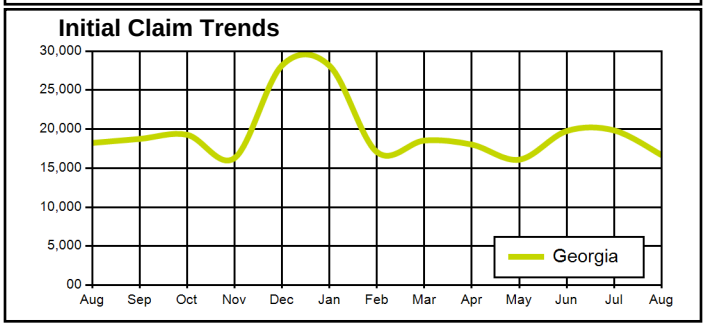


Initial Claims Activity

	August 2026	July 2026	June 2026	Total
Bleckley	9	9	12	30
Dodge	9	26	14	49
Houston	198	222	205	625
Laurens	78	113	77	268
Pulaski	15	7	6	28
Twiggs	9	14	9	32
Wilkinson	9	8	10	27
Bleckley Area	**327**	**399**	**333**	**1,059**

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



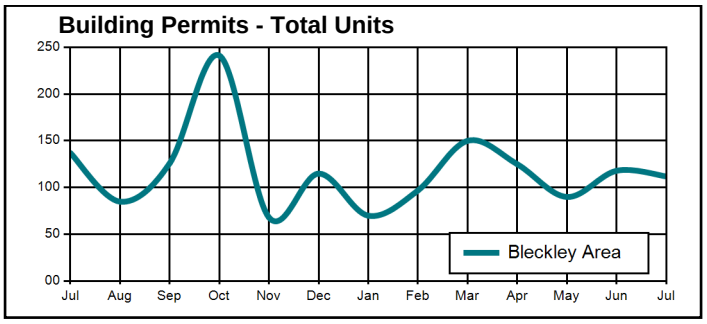


Building Permit Construction Activity

Bleckley Area

	July 2026	June 2026	May 2026	Total
Totals	112	118	90	320
Family residential	112	118	90	320
Multi family resident	0	0	0	0

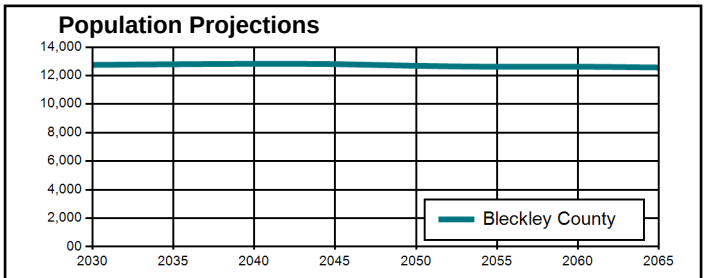
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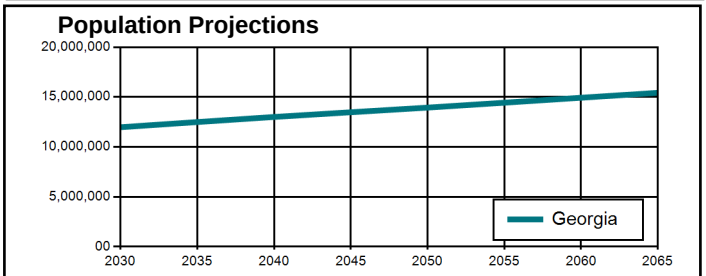
Population Activity

	Annual 2025	Annual 2024	Difference
Bleckley	12,698	12,626	72
Dodge	20,446	19,630	816
Houston	167,781	174,897	-7,116
Laurens	47,317	50,287	-2,970
Pulaski	10,567	10,180	387
Twiggs	7,786	7,728	58
Wilkinson	8,634	8,667	-33
Bleckley Area	**275,229**	**284,015**	**-8,786**
Georgia	11,335,283	11,180,878	154,405
United States	349,439,199	340,110,988	9,328,211

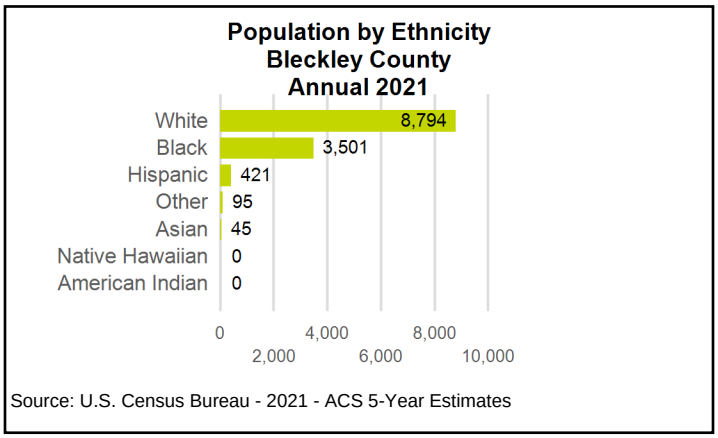
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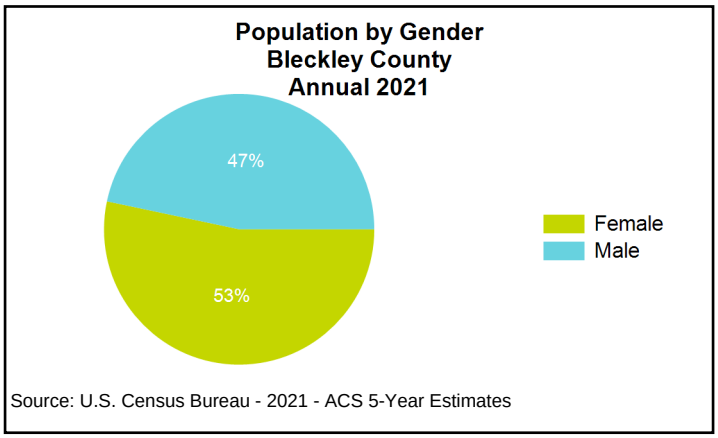
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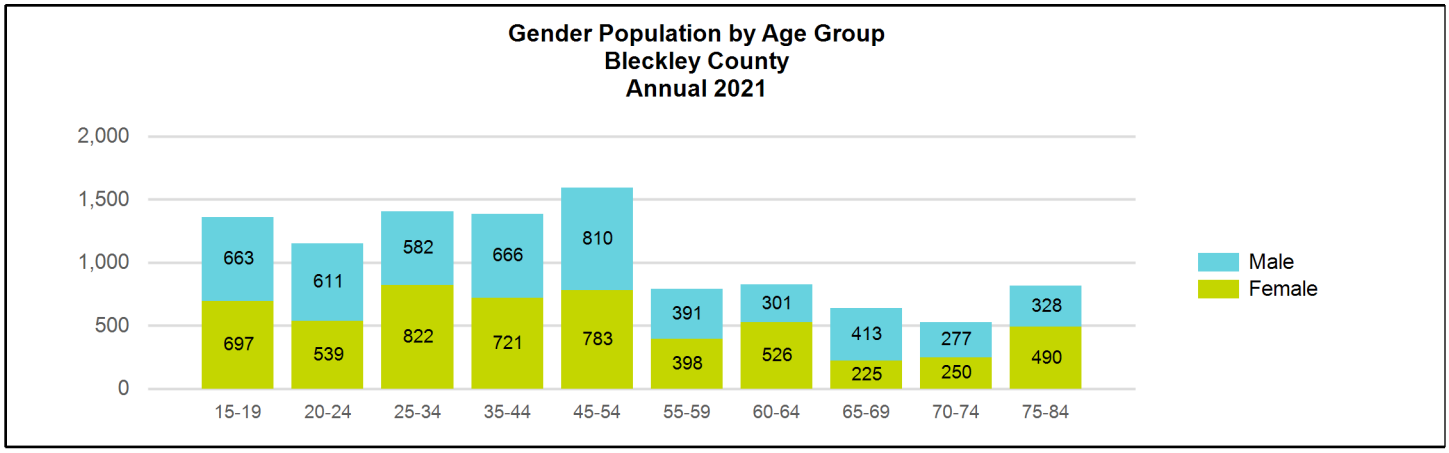
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2021 - ACS 5-Year Estimates



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Industry Mix - 1st Quarter of 2026

INDUSTRY	Bleckley NUMBER OF FIRMS	Bleckley EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	Bleckley EMPLOYMENT PERCENT	Bleckley WEEKLY WAGE	Bleckley Area NUMBER OF FIRMS	Bleckley Area EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	Bleckley Area EMPLOYMENT PERCENT	Bleckley Area WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	**31**	**800**	**24.7**	**1,117**	**689**	**14,854**	**14.8**	**1,300**
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	11	72	2.2	1,082	81	449	0.4	1,052
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	16	974	1.0	1,633
Construction	14	*	*	*	414	3,967	3.9	1,252
Manufacturing	6	44	1.4	850	178	9,464	9.4	1,299
Leather and Allied Product	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Fabricated Metal Product	2	*	*	*	26	1,083	1.1	1,326
Machinery	1	*	*	*	10	188	0.2	1,448
Furniture and Related Product	1	*	*	*	10	149	0.1	564
Miscellaneous	1	*	*	*	14	115	0.1	847
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	3	7	0.0	3,283
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	4	198	0.2	1,732
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	5	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	8	77	0.1	607
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	8	966	1.0	1,686
Chemical	0	0	0.0	0	9	152	0.2	1,434
Printing and Related Support Activities	0	0	0.0	0	10	30	0.0	570
Wood Product	0	0	0.0	0	14	410	0.4	1,339
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	0	0	0.0	0	15	587	0.6	1,677
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	16	661	0.7	1,561
Food	0	0	0.0	0	17	4,543	4.5	1,139
Service-Providing	**163**	**1,404**	**43.3**	**682**	**4,232**	**51,432**	**51.2**	**890**
Utilities	0	0	0.0	0	12	246	0.2	1,924
Wholesale Trade	8	23	0.7	1,332	126	1,044	1.0	1,138
Retail Trade	39	481	14.9	696	961	11,881	11.8	676
Transportation and Warehousing	4	3	0.1	1,005	144	2,207	2.2	946
Information	2	*	*	*	75	549	0.5	1,260
Finance and Insurance	9	63	1.9	1,191	288	1,871	1.9	1,833
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6	25	0.8	870	184	474	0.5	857
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	16	73	2.3	1,642	565	4,885	4.9	1,807
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	22	472	0.5	1,885
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	7	85	2.6	698	295	3,424	3.4	991
Educational Services	0	0	0.0	0	51	556	0.6	740
Health Care and Social Assistance	28	262	8.1	667	773	10,566	10.5	946
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2	*	*	*	74	938	0.9	327
Accommodation and Food Services	26	330	10.2	311	634	10,669	10.6	407
Other Services (except Public Administration)	16	34	1.0	869	406	1,880	1.9	830
Unclassified - industry not assigned	**13**	**8**	**0.2**	**1,049**	**295**	**190**	**0.2**	**1,009**
Total - Private Sector	**207**	**2,212**	**68.3**	**841**	**5,594**	**66,706**	**66.4**	**982**
Total - Government	**22**	**1,026**	**31.7**	**955**	**369**	**33,756**	**33.6**	**1,556**
Federal Government	3	32	1.0	1,256	72	*	*	*
State Government	7	230	7.1	1,486	120	3,632	3.6	969
Local Government	12	764	23.6	782	177	14,197	14.1	1,015
ALL INDUSTRIES	**229**	**3,239**	**100.0**	**877**	**5,963**	**100,467**	**100.0**	**1,175**
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					**397,423**	**4,860,547**		**1,539**

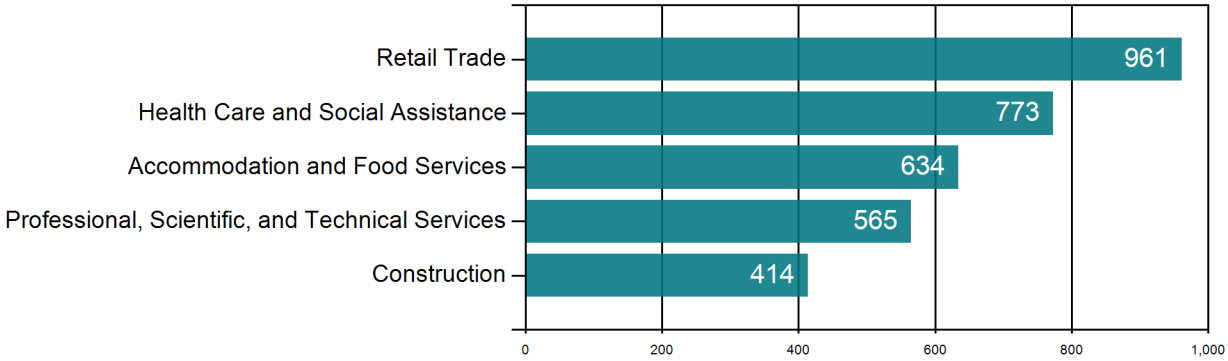
Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System(NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average 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 1st Quarter of 2026.

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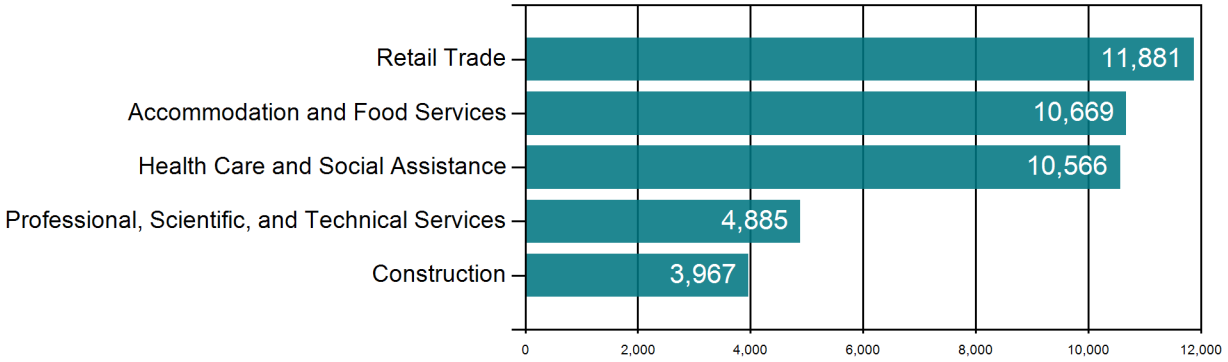
Top Industries - 1st Quarter of 2026

Bleckley Area

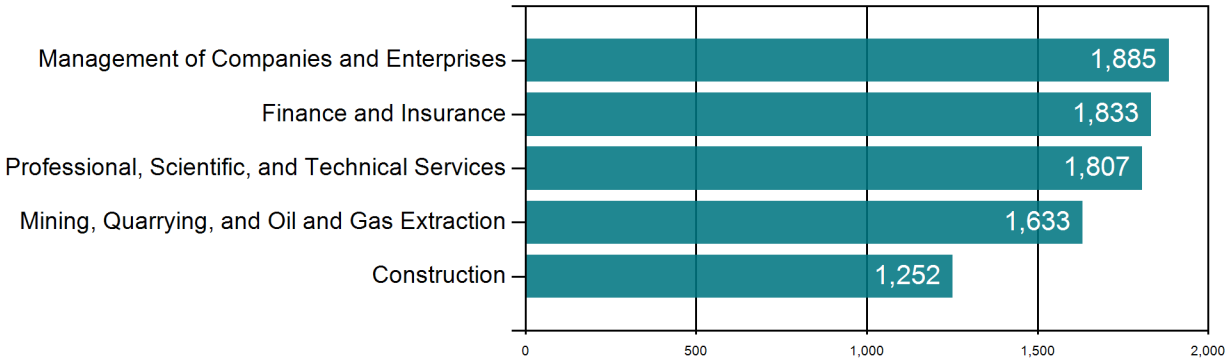
Top Industries by Firms



Top Industries by Employment



Top Industries by Weekly Wages



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Technical College Certificate Graduates - 2025

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2023	2024	2025	2023-2024	2024-2025
Welding Technology/Welder	635	540	853	-15.0	58.0
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician	296	298	650	0.7	118.1
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide	204	277	283	35.8	2.2
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	227	240	251	5.7	4.6
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	190	157	249	-17.4	58.6
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/	173	180	229	4.0	27.2
Airframe Mechanics and Aircraft Maintenance Technology/Technician	69	135	183	95.7	35.6
Business Administration and Management, General	147	151	169	2.7	11.9
Barbering/Barber	94	87	169	-7.4	94.3
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	124	123	163	-0.8	32.5

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

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

Technical College Diploma Graduates - 2025

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2023	2024	2025	2023-2024	2024-2025
Business Administration and Management, General	63	56	67	-11.1	19.6
Airframe Mechanics and Aircraft Maintenance Technology/Technician	14	13	45	-7.1	246.2
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	76	69	42	-9.2	-39.1
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	63	57	41	-9.5	-28.1
Medical/Clinical Assistant	32	37	33	15.6	-10.8
Welding Technology/Welder	23	21	18	-8.7	-14.3
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	18	21	15	16.7	-28.6
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	11	19	14	72.7	-26.3
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	11	14	13	27.3	-7.1
Dental Assisting/Assistant	9	6	13	-33.3	116.7

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

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Technical College Degree Graduates - 2025

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2023	2024	2025	2023-2024	2024-2025
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	273	673	1,005	146.5	49.3
Business Administration and Management, General	66	63	65	-4.5	3.2
Dental Hygiene/Hygienist	26	25	32	-3.8	28.0
Medical/Clinical Assistant	19	24	32	26.3	33.3
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	25	22	29	-12.0	31.8
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	16	16	18	0.0	12.5
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	29	13	16	-55.2	23.1
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	21	26	15	23.8	-42.3
Computer Programming/Programmer, General	10	14	14	40.0	0.0
Logistics, Materials, and Supply Chain Management	29	19	13	-34.5	-31.6

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

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University Graduate Completers - 2025

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2023	2024	2025	2023-2024	2024-2025
Business Administration and Management, General	222	213	254	-4.1	19.2
Law (LLB, JD)	123	104	142	-15.4	36.5
Medicine (MD)	131	102	139	-22.1	36.3
Educational Leadership and Administration, General	65	43	135	-33.8	214.0
Elementary Education and Teaching	122	110	113	-9.8	2.7
Secondary Education and Teaching	73	79	100	8.2	26.6
Pharmacy (PharmD [USA], PharmD or BS/BPharm [Canada])	114	109	98	-4.4	-10.1
Accounting	69	46	83	-33.3	80.4
Junior High/Intermediate/Middle School Education and Teaching	58	31	83	-46.6	167.7
Special Education and Teaching, General	34	48	77	41.2	60.4

Source: Integrated PostSecondary Education Data System

University Undergraduate Completers - 2025

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2023	2024	2025	2023-2024	2024-2025
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	504	487	417	-3.4	-14.4
Business Administration and Management, General	345	397	325	15.1	-18.1
Psychology, General	261	259	261	-0.8	0.8
Biology/Biological Sciences, General	165	198	170	20.0	-14.1
Computer and Information Sciences, General	149	148	157	-0.7	6.1
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	135	148	151	9.6	2.0
Engineering, General	138	101	108	-26.8	6.9
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies	102	110	97	7.8	-11.8
Accounting	80	99	86	23.8	-13.1
Journalism	114	74	84	-35.1	13.5

Source: Integrated PostSecondary Education Data System

Note: Graduates listed are from Brewton-Parker College, Fort Valley State University, Georgia College & State University, Mercer University, Middle Georgia State University (Main Campus), and Wesleyan College of which are from Local Workforce Development Area 11 and 16.

University All Other Completers: Data is not available at this time.

Top Ten Largest Employers - 2026*

Bleckley County

Aladdin Food Management Services, LLC
Georgia Department of Corrections
Heartland EMS, Inc.
McDonalds
Middle Georgia State College
S2 HR Solutions 1D, LLC
The Scruggs Company
Tsl Cochran, LLC
Walmart
Woody Butts Automotive

*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 First Quarterof 2026. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Bleckley Area

	COUNTY
Academy Sports & Outdoors	Twiggs
Fairview Park Hospital	Laurens
Frito-Lay, Inc.	Houston
Northrop Grumman Information Tech	Houston
Perdue Farms Incorporated	Houston
Publix Super Market, Inc.	Houston
The Kroger Company	Houston
The Scruggs Company	Bleckley
Walmart	Houston
YKK AP America, Inc.	Laurens

Education of the Labor Force

Bleckley Area

		PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
	PERCENT OF TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	3.1%	1.2%	2.6%	2.4%	2.6%	6.0%
Some High School	7.7%	13.2%	4.6%	5.4%	7.8%	9.0%
High School Grad/GED	32.1%	39.8%	28.6%	25.8%	30.9%	37.7%
Some College	23.5%	31.6%	24.9%	22.1%	23.7%	18.9%
College Grad 2 Yr	9.4%	6.0%	10.2%	12.2%	9.7%	7.8%
College Grad 4 Yr	14.2%	7.1%	21.3%	17.4%	13.7%	9.9%
Post Graduate Studies	10.1%	1.1%	7.7%	14.8%	11.7%	10.7%
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 - 2024: ACS 5-Year Estimates.

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