

Labor Market

The **Georgia Department of Labor** maintains a State Employment Security Office in Griffin. Currently, the office has on file over 10,000 active applicants of which more than 5,200 are within the age group of greatest ability (22-39).

Why is Griffin-Spalding home to such luminaries as Caterpillar and Hoshizaki as well as garnering the interest of high-tech corporations? We know that training and education are key components of the success of any firm, be it manufacturing, technological or in the realm of research and development. Fortunately, our location is such that employers have easy access to Griffin Technical College, Georgia Tech, Clayton College and State University, Georgia State College and so many other institutions...all within driving distance and several of which perform training on site for qualified industries!

In October 2013, according to Georgia Department of Labor preliminary estimates, there were 442,587 people in the civilian labor force in the Spalding County Labor Drawing Area. 404,707 are employed and 37,880 unemployed with an unemployment rate of 8.7%. This compares with Georgia's unemployment rate of 8.0 for the same month

Spalding County manufacturers have received a good response when existing employees were asked to recommend people to apply for available jobs. They have found that they cannot adequately process and interview the large number of applicants who respond. Some plants have signs stating that applications are only taken on certain days of the week, or that applicants should apply at the Griffin office of the Georgia Department of Labor.

Major segments of the labor pool, in addition to currently unemployed workers with industrial experience, include recent high school and vocational school graduates, school dropouts and returnees from military service. In addition, potential job seekers include: workers now commuting out of Spalding County but wanting comparable employment near their homes, housewives who would work if suitable nearby jobs were available and workers who are employed in fast food restaurants, other service jobs or are otherwise currently under-employed for their skill level.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates October 2013 (Preliminary)

Labor Drawing Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
SPALDING COUNTY	28,520	25,742	2,778	9.7%
Butts County	9,901	9,019	882	8.9%
Clayton County	129,778	116,853	12,925	10.0%
Coweta County	63,644	59,153	4,491	7.1%
Fayette County	53,277	49,526	3,751	7.0%
Henry County	106,315	97,848	8,467	8.0%
Lamar County	8,473	7,646	827	9.8%
Meriwether County	8,999	8,109	890	9.9%
Monroe County	14,076	13,029	1,047	7.4%
Pike County	8,146	7,557	589	7.2%
Upton County	11,458	10,225	1,233	10.8%
AREA TOTAL	442,587	404,707	37,880	8.7%
GEORGIA TOTAL	4,740,462	4,359,423	381,039	8.0%

2012 Industry Mix

2012 Industry Mix - Spalding County

Industry	Employment	Percent
Transportation & Warehousing	276	1%
Wholesale Trade	692	3%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	656	3%
Manufacturing	2,566	12%
Government - Federal, State & Local	4,415	21%
Construction	409	2%
Services	10,127	46%
Retail	2,471	12%
Total	21,612	100%

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