

Opportunity Occupations: Georgia

Exploring Economic Opportunity for Workers in the Southeast



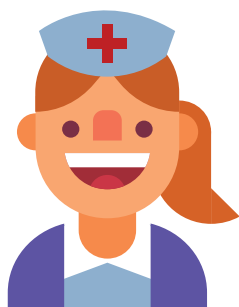
What Are Opportunity Occupations?

Opportunity occupations are occupations that are generally accessible to workers without a bachelor's degree and that pay more than the national median wage (\$41,950 in 2020), adjusted for local cost-of-living differences. They offer economic opportunity for middle-skill workers—those who have finished a high school degree but have not completed college—and for workers in certain occupations who do not have a high school degree.

What Are the Jobs?

Top 10 Opportunity Occupations

Median Annual Wage and Number of Employed in 2020



\$70K

Registered Nurses

73,230 employed



\$47K

Tractor-Trailer
Truck Drivers

62,390 employed



\$45K

Licensed Practical and
Vocational Nurses

22,170 employed



\$46K

Police and Sheriff's
Patrol Officers

21,870 employed



\$60K

Supervisors of Production
and Operating Workers

21,550 employed

 Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers -
\$64K/19,150 employed

 Electricians - **\$55K/16,590 employed**

 Supervisor of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers -
\$68K/16,730 employed

 Insurance Sales Agents - **\$44K/14,610 employed**

 Industrial Machine Mechanics - **\$52K/12,620 employed**

Where Are the Jobs?

Selected Metropolitan Areas

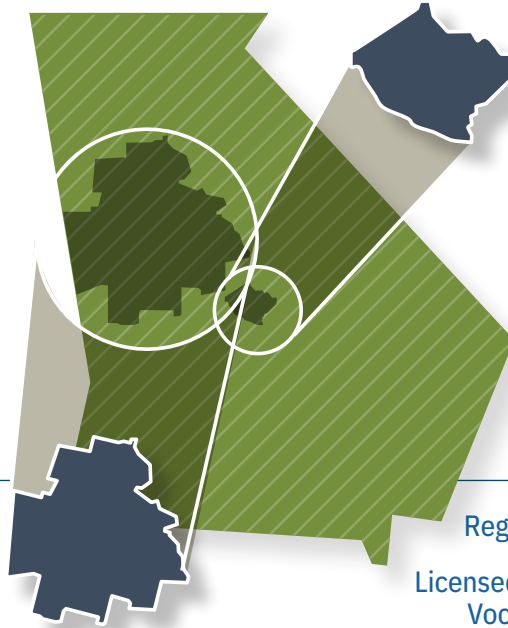
Top Opportunity Occupations, Median Wage, and Number of Employed in 2020

Atlanta, Sandy Springs, Roswell

22.4%

of workers are employed in opportunity occupations.

Occupation	Median Wage	Number of Employed
Registered Nurses	\$75K	38,910
Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$49K	38,410
Bookkeeping and Accounting Clerks	\$44K	21,560
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$50K	12,700
Auto Technicians and Mechanics	\$46K	12,090



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33.6%

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Occupation	Median Wage	Number of Employed
Registered Nurses	\$66K	2,190
Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurses	\$46K	870
Insurance Sales Agents	\$45K	650
Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	\$60K	600
Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$58K	450

Opportunity Occupations in Georgia

Distribution of Employment by Wages in 2019



45.4%

Lower Wage Employment

27.4%

Opportunity Employment

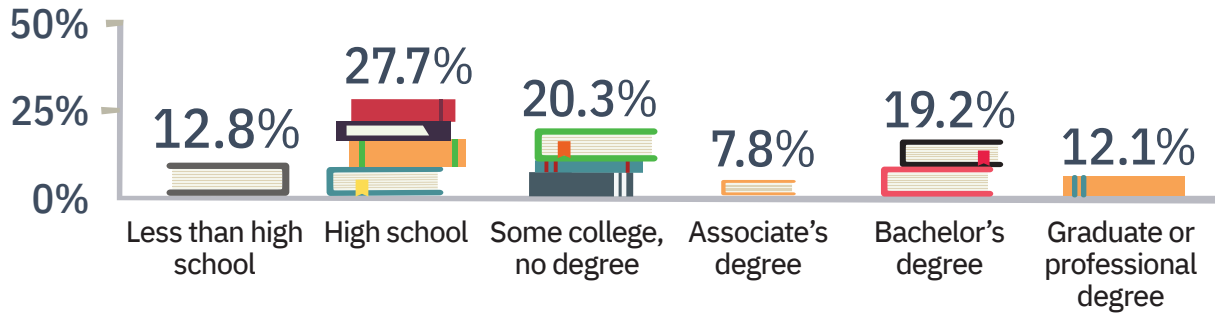
27.2%

Higher Wage, BA Degree Required

Educational Attainment in Georgia

How Many Pursue Higher Education?

Educational Attainment for People over 25 (2019)



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT FOR PEOPLE between 25 and 65 (2019)



MEDIAN EARNINGS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT FOR PEOPLE OVER 25 (2020)

