

Workforce and Training

2007 Area Labor Force

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Fannin County	10,815	10,377	438	4.0%
Labor Area	53,767	51,431	2,336	4.3%

Approximately 40% of the Fannin County workforce currently commutes outside of the county for employment. The majority travel to the nearby counties of Gilmer, Polk, TN, and Union.

Education of the Labor Force

	% of Labor Force
Some High School	29.5%
High School Grad/GED	39.2%
Some College	21.5%
College Grad (4yr.)	5.7%
Post Graduate Degree	4.0%

Top Fannin County Employers

- Fannin County Government
- Fannin County School System
- Fannin Regional Hospital
- Heritage Healthcare
- Ace Hardware & Building Center
- Ingles Markets
- Kismet Rubber Products Corp.

2007 Fannin Industry Summary

	Number of Firms	Average Employment	Percent of Total Employment	Average Weekly Wage
Agriculture/Forestry	2			
Construction	104	424	7.6%	\$590.00
Manufacturing	31	227	4.1%	\$455.00
Utilities	1			
Wholesale Trade	21	192	350.0%	\$596.00
Retail Trade	109	1,125	20.2%	\$416.00
Transportation and Warehousing	17	131	2.4%	\$580.00
Information	8	84	1.5%	\$613.00
Finance and Insurance	26	195	3.5%	\$631.00
Real Estate	40	92	1.7%	\$496.00
Professional and Technical Services	36	174	3.1%	\$588.00
Administrative and Waste Services	17	116	2.1%	\$572.00
Educational Services	3			
Health Care and Social Assistance	54	876	15.8%	\$642.00
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	7	51	0.9%	\$590.00
Accommodation and Food Services	53	604	10.9%	\$231.00
Other Services	25	95	1.7%	\$432.00
Government	32	926	16.7%	\$638.00

Labor and Training Services

Building on the strengths of the available workforce there are many programs and services available to assist employers with their workforce and training needs.

[Georgia Department of Labor – Blue Ridge Career Center](#)

The Blue Ridge Career Center is a Department of Labor One Stop facility offering a variety of services for business & industry including information on wage rates, workplace regulations, job posting, applicant screening and hiring assistance.

[Georgia Quick Start Training Program](#)

As part of Georgia's pro-business environment, Georgia Quick Start assists new, existing, and expanding businesses with finding and training qualified employees.

Quick Start is a nationally recognized training program that works through the state's technical schools to provide customized training at no charge for qualifying business and industry.

Appalachian Technical College

As the technical college serving our area Appalachian Tech is equipped to provide a variety of business and industry services including customized training, business process consulting, and OSHA training. In addition, Appalachian Tech is continually working to partner their graduates with area companies.

Georgia Work Ready Program

The Georgia Work Ready program provides employers with a tool to make quick evaluations of a person's skill level as it relates to the job requirements. Potential applicants provide employers with their Workeys certificate providing a solid foundation for all new hires.

Georgia Hire

Georgia Hire is a free online recruiting service that connects Georgia's college graduates with employers. Employers of any size or type can register and search for potential employees to meet their needs.