

Workforce

Regional Workforce- over 85,000

Lamar/West Ga Region December 2023, Preliminary data: 2.8% Unemployment rate

Lamar County is located within a workforce shed that commutes an average of 30 min in any direction and include more than 85,000 workers. The area workforce has options for career pathways at all school systems that includes business, health care, agribusiness, entertainment and many more. All counties in the area have a diverse manufacturing base but strong sectors include advanced manufacturing, technical textiles, second and third tier automotive and aircraft parts and services, metal fabrication, wood products and energy.

Though the workforce unemployment data shows low unemployment hovering around 3%, there is strong belief that there is a workforce currently traveling outside the region who would like to work closer to home post pandemic. That is based on anecdotal information provided by local employers who say most candidates applying for work in their facilities do have jobs elsewhere but desire less travel. **Download our Local Area Profile** from the documents at

the end of this page for details on our county's Labor shed and our draw area.

Area Employment Wage Statistics

Area	Number of Employees	Average Hourly Wage	Average Weekly Wage	Average Annual Wage
Lamar County	4,380	\$23.33	\$933	\$48,516
Atlanta MSA	2,831,252	\$34.28	\$1,371	\$71,292
Region 4/West Central GA Area	186,927	\$24.33	\$973	\$50,596
Georgia	4,793,712	\$31.23	\$1,249	\$64,948
United States	152,980,307	\$33.35	\$1,334	\$69,368



#Workforce Pipeline!



Atlanta Motive Power Services (AMPS) Chooses Lamar

BARNESVILLE- Atlanta Motive Power Service LLC, a sales and service provider for industrial batteries and chargers, announced it will open its new Barnesville operation in a new 20,000 sq. ft. building in Legacy Industrial Park off Hwy. 41.

“Our goal has always been to expand our business...

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[Gordon State Contributes over \\$120 million and 900 Jobs in Region Economy](#)

On Tuesday, Aug. 8, the University System of Georgia (USG) released a report that listed Gordon State College as having contributed more than \$120 million to the regional economy

and provided 990 jobs in fiscal year (FY) 2022.

GSC enrolled more than 3,100 students in FY22. Due to the...

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Lamar County Graduation Rate Increases!

Lamar County Graduation Rate exceeds 88%!

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Lamar County Workforce Readiness Sources

College and University Presence

Distance from Barnesville

Gordon State College
located in Barnesville

Southern Crescent Technical College
20 minute drive to Griffin or Thomaston Campus

University of Georgia Griffin Campus
20...

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Southern Crescent Technical College

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Georgia Military College Zebulon Campus

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GORDON STATE RANKED No. 18 AMONG TOP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Gordon State College is one of three University System of Georgia institutions ranked in the Top Public Schools in the Regional Colleges South category, according to the 2021 edition of the U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges list.

Gordon ranked No. 18 in Top Public Schools in the...

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