Statewide Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

	OCT 2026	SEP 2026	OCT 2025	Over the Month net	Over the Month percent	Over the Year net	Over the Year percent
Georgia	**15,460**	**15,874**	**19,474**	**-414**	**-2.6%**	**-4,014**	**-20.6%**

County Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

	LWDA Area	OCT 2026	SEP 2026	OCT 2025	Over the Month net	Over the Month percent	Over the Year net	Over the Year percent
Appling	16	48	64	72	-16	-25.0%	-24	-33.3%
Atkinson	18	17	6	13	11	183.3%	4	30.8%
Bacon	18	11	12	31	-1	-8.3%	-20	-64.5%
Baker	17	3	1	3	2	200.0%	0	0.0%
Baldwin	11	50	41	39	9	22.0%	11	28.2%
Banks	2	14	11	48	3	27.3%	-34	-70.8%
Barrow	9	105	101	104	4	4.0%	1	1.0%
Bartow	1	154	163	186	-9	-5.5%	-32	-17.2%
Ben Hill	18	29	44	41	-15	-34.1%	-12	-29.3%
Berrien	18	26	23	39	3	13.0%	-13	-33.3%
Bibb	11	225	238	268	-13	-5.5%	-43	-16.0%
Bleckley	16	13	8	10	5	62.5%	3	30.0%
Brantley	18	17	24	22	-7	-29.2%	-5	-22.7%
Brooks	18	11	17	22	-6	-35.3%	-11	-50.0%
Bryan	20	47	52	61	-5	-9.6%	-14	-23.0%
Bulloch	20	63	74	104	-11	-14.9%	-41	-39.4%
Burke	12	82	73	139	9	12.3%	-57	-41.0%
Butts	8	39	29	39	10	34.5%	0	0.0%
Calhoun	17	3	7	5	-4	-57.1%	-2	-40.0%
Camden	20	36	36	35	0	0.0%	1	2.9%
Candler	16	12	12	18	0	0.0%	-6	-33.3%
Carroll	8	148	166	171	-18	-10.8%	-23	-13.5%
Catoosa	1	47	76	48	-29	-38.2%	-1	-2.1%
Charlton	19	10	5	6	5	100.0%	4	66.7%
Chatham	20	370	321	411	49	15.3%	-41	-10.0%
Chattahoochee	14	6	2	6	4	200.0%	0	0.0%
Chattooga	1	30	146	29	-116	-79.5%	1	3.4%
Cherokee	7	266	260	271	6	2.3%	-5	-1.8%
Clarke	9	103	119	119	-16	-13.4%	-16	-13.4%
Clay	14	1	0	1	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Clayton	7	662	666	836	-4	-0.6%	-174	-20.8%
Clinch	18	1	4	7	-3	-75.0%	-6	-85.7%
Cobb	4	1,017	1,133	1,235	-116	-10.2%	-218	-17.7%
Coffee	18	64	58	76	6	10.3%	-12	-15.8%
Colquitt	17	26	34	29	-8	-23.5%	-3	-10.3%
Columbia	13	130	155	176	-25	-16.1%	-46	-26.1%
Cook	18	11	18	28	-7	-38.9%	-17	-60.7%
Coweta	8	143	179	154	-36	-20.1%	-11	-7.1%
Crawford	11	7	8	6	-1	-12.5%	1	16.7%
Crisp	15	25	28	29	-3	-10.7%	-4	-13.8%

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					net	percent	net	percent
Dade	1	8	5	49	3	60.0%	-41	-83.7%
Dawson	2	19	22	36	-3	-13.6%	-17	-47.2%
Decatur	17	32	33	32	-1	-3.0%	0	0.0%
DeKalb	5	1,273	1,366	1,620	-93	-6.8%	-347	-21.4%
Dodge	16	11	14	19	-3	-21.4%	-8	-42.1%
Dooly	15	6	8	7	-2	-25.0%	-1	-14.3%
Dougherty	17	136	158	185	-22	-13.9%	-49	-26.5%
Douglas	7	282	311	307	-29	-9.3%	-25	-8.1%
Early	17	11	15	23	-4	-26.7%	-12	-52.2%
Echols	18	3	3	2	0	0.0%	1	50.0%
Effingham	20	58	56	71	2	3.6%	-13	-18.3%
Elbert	9	45	83	21	-38	-45.8%	24	114.3%
Emanuel	16	44	54	74	-10	-18.5%	-30	-40.5%
Evans	16	7	5	16	2	40.0%	-9	-56.3%
Fannin	1	18	19	10	-1	-5.3%	8	80.0%
Fayette	7	104	119	132	-15	-12.6%	-28	-21.2%
Floyd	1	186	149	195	37	24.8%	-9	-4.6%
Forsyth	2	222	197	231	25	12.7%	-9	-3.9%
Franklin	2	24	48	30	-24	-50.0%	-6	-20.0%
Fulton	6	2,051	2,138	2,372	-87	-4.1%	-321	-13.5%
Gilmer	1	33	171	25	-138	-80.7%	8	32.0%
Glascock	13	0	0	5	0	0.0%	-5	-100.0%
Glynn	20	92	86	143	6	7.0%	-51	-35.7%
Gordon	1	244	166	143	78	47.0%	101	70.6%
Grady	17	10	16	19	-6	-37.5%	-9	-47.4%
Greene	9	12	18	17	-6	-33.3%	-5	-29.4%
Gwinnett	7	1,262	1,248	1,357	14	1.1%	-95	-7.0%
Habersham	2	31	31	57	0	0.0%	-26	-45.6%
Hall	2	201	205	417	-4	-2.0%	-216	-51.8%
Hancock	13	13	7	13	6	85.7%	0	0.0%
Haralson	1	23	35	43	-12	-34.3%	-20	-46.5%
Harris	14	24	32	31	-8	-25.0%	-7	-22.6%
Hart	2	30	42	41	-12	-28.6%	-11	-26.8%
Heard	8	11	9	12	2	22.2%	-1	-8.3%
Henry	7	526	425	542	101	23.8%	-16	-3.0%
Houston	11	181	201	202	-20	-10.0%	-21	-10.4%
Irwin	18	19	9	18	10	111.1%	1	5.6%
Jackson	9	76	76	143	0	0.0%	-67	-46.9%
Jasper	9	18	11	17	7	63.6%	1	5.9%
Jeff Davis	16	13	21	41	-8	-38.1%	-28	-68.3%
Jefferson	12	36	26	39	10	38.5%	-3	-7.7%
Jenkins	13	46	8	12	38	475.0%	34	283.3%
Johnson	16	4	8	14	-4	-50.0%	-10	-71.4%
Jones	11	18	21	0	-3	-14.3%	18	0.0%
Lamar	8	16	34	21	-18	-52.9%	-5	-23.8%
Lanier	18	9	6	18	3	50.0%	-9	-50.0%
Laurens	16	99	89	125	10	11.2%	-26	-20.8%
Lee	17	24	35	28	-11	-31.4%	-4	-14.3%
Liberty	20	59	81	110	-22	-27.2%	-51	-46.4%
Lincoln	13	8	10	10	-2	-20.0%	-2	-20.0%

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Long	20	19	19	15	0	0.0%	4	26.7%
Lowndes	18	137	135	197	2	1.5%	-60	-30.5%
Lumpkin	2	16	23	28	-7	-30.4%	-12	-42.9%
Macon	15	14	20	22	-6	-30.0%	-8	-36.4%
Madison	9	14	28	53	-14	-50.0%	-39	-73.6%
Marion	15	7	10	3	-3	-30.0%	4	133.3%
McDuffie	13	39	69	98	-30	-43.5%	-59	-60.2%
McIntosh	20	14	13	20	1	7.7%	-6	-30.0%
Meriwether	8	22	27	22	-5	-18.5%	0	0.0%
Miller	17	3	11	4	-8	-72.7%	-1	-25.0%
Mitchell	17	17	21	15	-4	-19.0%	2	13.3%
Monroe	11	30	21	33	9	42.9%	-3	-9.1%
Montgomery	16	8	6	69	2	33.3%	-61	-88.4%
Morgan	9	23	18	21	5	27.8%	2	9.5%
Murray	1	145	138	217	7	5.1%	-72	-33.2%
Muscogee	14	289	287	316	2	0.7%	-27	-8.5%
Newton	9	208	209	283	-1	-0.5%	-75	-26.5%
Oconee	9	16	16	25	0	0.0%	-9	-36.0%
Oglethorpe	9	10	16	15	-6	-37.5%	-5	-33.3%
Paulding	1	231	245	262	-14	-5.7%	-31	-11.8%
Peach	11	37	43	32	-6	-14.0%	5	15.6%
Pickens	1	30	26	28	4	15.4%	2	7.1%
Pierce	18	18	14	20	4	28.6%	-2	-10.0%
Pike	8	17	21	16	-4	-19.0%	1	6.3%
Polk	1	49	47	61	2	4.3%	-12	-19.7%
Pulaski	11	8	12	11	-4	-33.3%	-3	-27.3%
Putnam	11	21	18	23	3	16.7%	-2	-8.7%
Quitman	14	1	1	2	0	0.0%	-1	-50.0%
Rabun	2	7	26	9	-19	-73.1%	-2	-22.2%
Randolph	14	5	6	4	-1	-16.7%	1	25.0%
Richmond	12	399	371	615	28	7.5%	-216	-35.1%
Rockdale	7	193	205	202	-12	-5.9%	-9	-4.5%
Schley	15	3	3	2	0	0.0%	1	50.0%
Screven	20	26	27	33	-1	-3.7%	-7	-21.2%
Seminole	17	5	8	3	-3	-37.5%	2	66.7%
Spalding	8	113	96	129	17	17.7%	-16	-12.4%
Stephens	2	25	41	42	-16	-39.0%	-17	-40.5%
Stewart	14	5	7	6	-2	-28.6%	-1	-16.7%
Sumter	15	28	43	68	-15	-34.9%	-40	-58.8%
Talbot	14	8	3	11	5	166.7%	-3	-27.3%
Taliaferro	13	2	3	8	-1	-33.3%	-6	-75.0%
Tattnall	16	14	18	63	-4	-22.2%	-49	-77.8%
Taylor	15	6	13	8	-7	-53.8%	-2	-25.0%
Telfair	16	13	11	44	2	18.2%	-31	-70.5%
Terrell	17	11	21	16	-10	-47.6%	-5	-31.3%
Thomas	17	47	46	70	1	2.2%	-23	-32.9%
Tift	18	63	41	35	22	53.7%	28	80.0%
Toombs	16	44	25	265	19	76.0%	-221	-83.4%
Towns	2	2	7	9	-5	-71.4%	-7	-77.8%
Treutlen	16	8	11	49	-3	-27.3%	-41	-83.7%

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LWDA Area		OCT 2026	SEP 2026	OCT 2025	Over the Month		Over the Year	
					net	percent	net	percent
Troup	8	100	126	127	-26	-20.6%	-27	-21.3%
Turner	18	5	9	16	-4	-44.4%	-11	-68.8%
Twiggs	11	14	5	5	9	180.0%	9	180.0%
Union	2	6	16	11	-10	-62.5%	-5	-45.5%
Upson	8	44	47	28	-3	-6.4%	16	57.1%
Walker	1	45	182	70	-137	-75.3%	-25	-35.7%
Walton	9	122	108	131	14	13.0%	-9	-6.9%
Ware	18	57	41	36	16	39.0%	21	58.3%
Warren	13	19	17	21	2	11.8%	-2	-9.5%
Washington	13	15	16	27	-1	-6.3%	-12	-44.4%
Wayne	16	23	38	28	-15	-39.5%	-5	-17.9%
Webster	15	2	0	5	2	0.0%	-3	-60.0%
Wheeler	16	5	8	29	-3	-37.5%	-24	-82.8%
White	2	26	16	36	10	62.5%	-10	-27.8%
Whitfield	1	386	485	1,033	-99	-20.4%	-647	-62.6%
Wilcox	16	7	9	7	-2	-22.2%	0	0.0%
Wilkes	13	16	36	7	-20	-55.6%	9	128.6%
Wilkinson	11	10	12	8	-2	-16.7%	2	25.0%
Worth	17	26	25	28	1	4.0%	-2	-7.1%

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

	OCT 2026	SEP 2026	OCT 2025	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				net	percent	net	percent
Albany MSA	197	239	257	-42	-17.6%	-60	-23.3%
Athens-Clarke County MSA	143	179	212	-36	-20.1%	-69	-32.5%
Atlanta MD	7,609	7,720	8,790	-111	-1.4%	-1,181	-13.4%
Atlanta MSA	9,300	9,556	10,787	-256	-2.7%	-1,487	-13.8%
Augusta-Richmond County MSA	658	678	1,038	-20	-2.9%	-380	-36.6%
Brunswick-St. Simons MSA	123	123	185	0	0.0%	-62	-33.5%
Columbus MSA	339	341	373	-2	-0.6%	-34	-9.1%
Dalton MSA	531	623	1,250	-92	-14.8%	-719	-57.5%
Gainesville MSA	201	205	417	-4	-2.0%	-216	-51.8%
Hinesville MSA	78	100	125	-22	-22.0%	-47	-37.6%
Macon-Bibb County MSA	294	293	346	1	0.3%	-52	-15.0%
Marietta MD	1,691	1,836	1,997	-145	-7.9%	-306	-15.3%
Rome MSA	186	149	195	37	24.8%	-9	-4.6%
Savannah MSA	475	429	543	46	10.7%	-68	-12.5%
Valdosta MSA	160	161	239	-1	-0.6%	-79	-33.1%
Warner Robins MSA	218	244	234	-26	-10.7%	-16	-6.8%

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Regional Commission (RC) Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

	OCT 2026	SEP 2026	OCT 2025	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				net	percent	net	percent
Atlanta Regional Commission	7,858	8,068	9,105	-210	-2.6%	-1,247	-13.7%
Central Savannah River RC	805	791	1,170	14	1.8%	-365	-31.2%
Coastal RC	784	765	1,003	19	2.5%	-219	-21.8%
Georgia Mountains RC	401	488	764	-87	-17.8%	-363	-47.5%
Heart of Georgia RC	373	401	943	-28	-7.0%	-570	-60.4%
Middle Georgia RC	601	620	627	-19	-3.1%	-26	-4.1%
Northeast Georgia RC	752	803	949	-51	-6.4%	-197	-20.8%
Northwest Georgia RC	1,629	2,053	2,399	-424	-20.7%	-770	-32.1%
River Valley RC	430	463	521	-33	-7.1%	-91	-17.5%
Southern Georgia RC	508	469	627	39	8.3%	-119	-19.0%
Southwest Georgia RC	354	431	460	-77	-17.9%	-106	-23.0%
Three Rivers RC	653	734	719	-81	-11.0%	-66	-9.2%

Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

	OCT 2026	SEP 2026	OCT 2025	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				net	percent	net	percent
Atlanta Regional LWDA	3,295	3,234	3,647	61	1.9%	-352	-9.7%
Central Savannah River Area LWDA	805	791	1,170	14	1.8%	-365	-31.2%
City of Atl./Bal. Fulton Co. LWDA	2,051	2,138	2,372	-87	-4.1%	-321	-13.5%
Coastal Georgia LWDA	784	765	1,003	19	2.5%	-219	-21.8%
Cobb County LWDA	1,017	1,133	1,235	-116	-10.2%	-218	-17.7%
DeKalb County LWDA	1,273	1,366	1,620	-93	-6.8%	-347	-21.4%
Georgia Mountains LWDA	623	685	995	-62	-9.1%	-372	-37.4%
Heart of GA-Altamaha LWDA	373	401	943	-28	-7.0%	-570	-60.4%
Lower Chattahoochee LWDA	339	338	377	1	0.3%	-38	-10.1%
Middle Flint LWDA	91	125	144	-34	-27.2%	-53	-36.8%
Middle Georgia LWDA	601	620	627	-19	-3.1%	-26	-4.1%
Northeast Georgia LWDA	752	803	949	-51	-6.4%	-197	-20.8%
Northwest Georgia LWDA	1,629	2,053	2,399	-424	-20.7%	-770	-32.1%
Southern Georgia LWDA	508	469	627	39	8.3%	-119	-19.0%
Southwest Georgia LWDA	354	431	460	-77	-17.9%	-106	-23.0%
West Central Georgia LWDA	653	734	719	-81	-11.0%	-66	-9.2%

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