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Chemical Manufacturing

A Key Supplier to Georgia's Robust Manufacturing Industry

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Why Georgia for Chemical Manufacturing

Why Georgia for Chemicals:

- Strong manufacturing and construction industries
- Well-developed R&D market
- Highly-skilled workers
- Renowned workforce training program
- Excellent accessibility to market
- Business-friendly environment

UCB to Invest $2 Billion in Georgia, Establish First U.S. Manufacturing Facility

"By investing in Georgia, where our U.S. headquarters have been based for more than three decades, we are strengthening our biologics manufacturing capabilities, supporting our innovation pipeline, and creating high-quality jobs in a state that offers outstanding talent, a strong manufacturing tradition, and an ecosystem designed for sustainable, long-term success. This project is expected to generate approximately $5 billion in total economic impact, reflecting the broader value it will create for the region and its communities." Jean-Christophe Tellier, CEO of UCB

Source: "UCB to Invest $2 Billion in Georgia, Establish First U.S. Manufacturing Facility," Office of the Governor Press Release, 3.24.2026

Where Georgia Leads:



305
Chemical Manufacturing locations



24,600
Chemical Manufacturing jobs



$11.0B
Chemical Manufacturing GRP



11%
Anticipated job growth 2026-2036

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Industry Snapshot

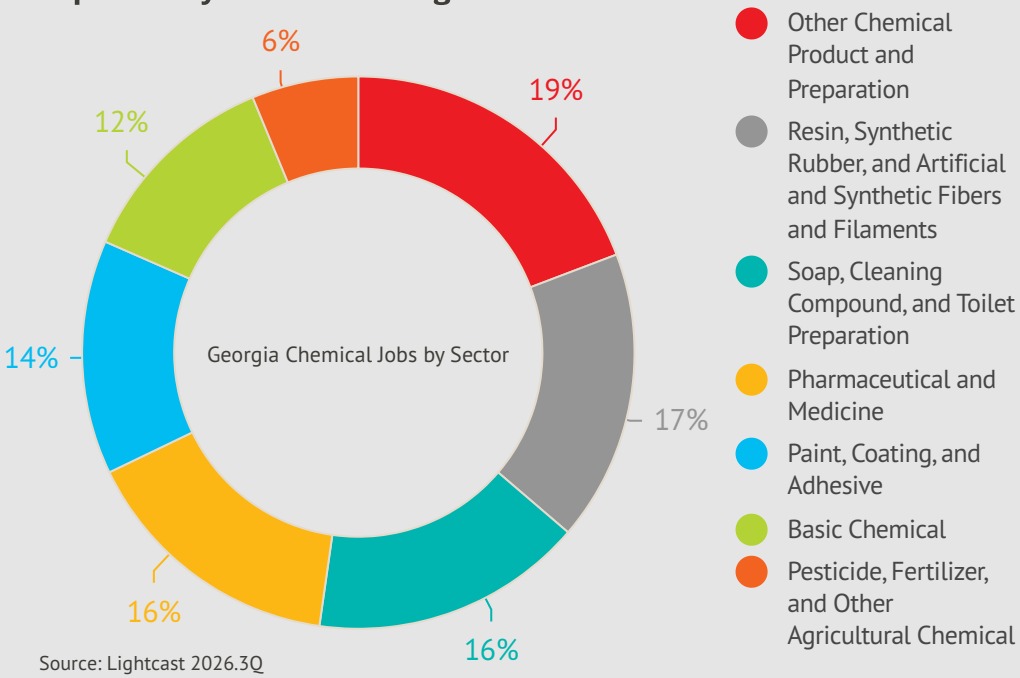
Despite the chemical manufacturing industry's recent resurgence at the national level, this industry has long been a constant in Georgia's economy. Chemical manufacturers seeking to expand or locate in Georgia can rely on the state's robust and growing manufacturing and construction industries to drive demand for their products.

Additionally, the varied composition of the state's chemical manufacturing industry gives existing and potential facilities ample room to grow.

Top sectors include:

- Other Chemical Products and Preparation
- Resin, Synthetic Rubber, and Artificial and Synthetic Fibers
- Soap, Cleaning Compound, and Toilet Preparation

Top Industry Sectors in Georgia



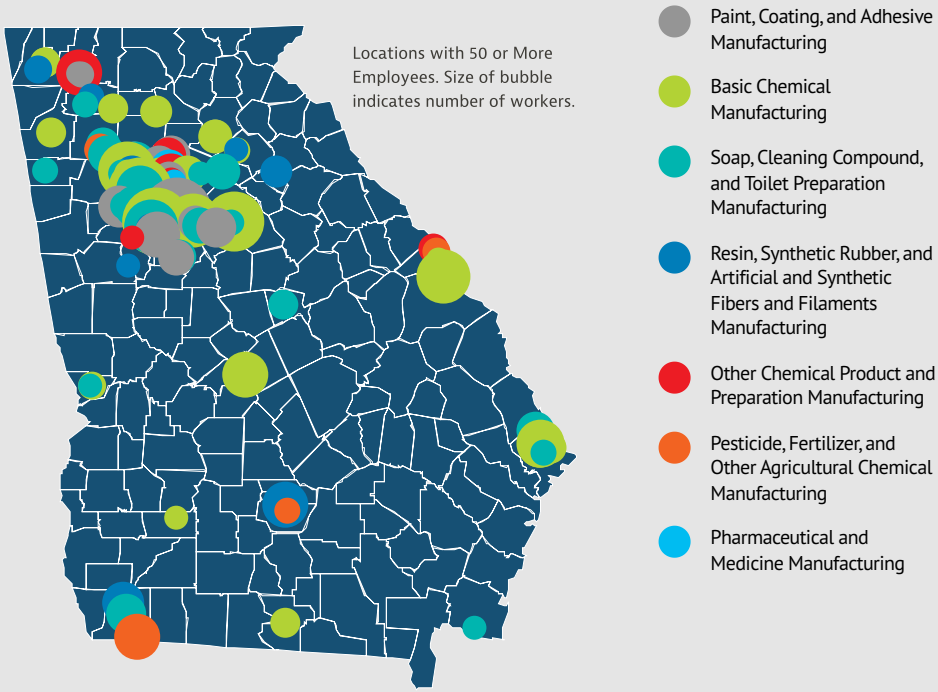
Source: Lightcast 2026.3Q

Top Employers

Georgia's chemical manufacturers produce diverse products - from pharmaceuticals and inorganic compounds to paints and fertilizers.

- **Basic Chemicals:** Huber Engineered Materials (529), Arxada (480)
- **Resin, Synthetic Rubber & Artificial Synthetic Fibers and Filaments:** Modern Dispersions South (185), DaniMer Scientific LLC (150)
- **Paint, Coating & Adhesives:** Plaid Enterprises (530), Sherwin-Williams (370)
- **Pesticide, Fertilizer & Other Agricultural Chemicals:** BASF Corp. (180), PF Harris Manufacturing Co. (85)
- **Pharmaceuticals & Medicine:** Genzyme Corporation (128), Parallel Bio (95)
- **Soap, Cleaning Compound & Toilet Preparation:** Zep Inc. (330), Clorox (250)

Chemical Manufacturers Around the State

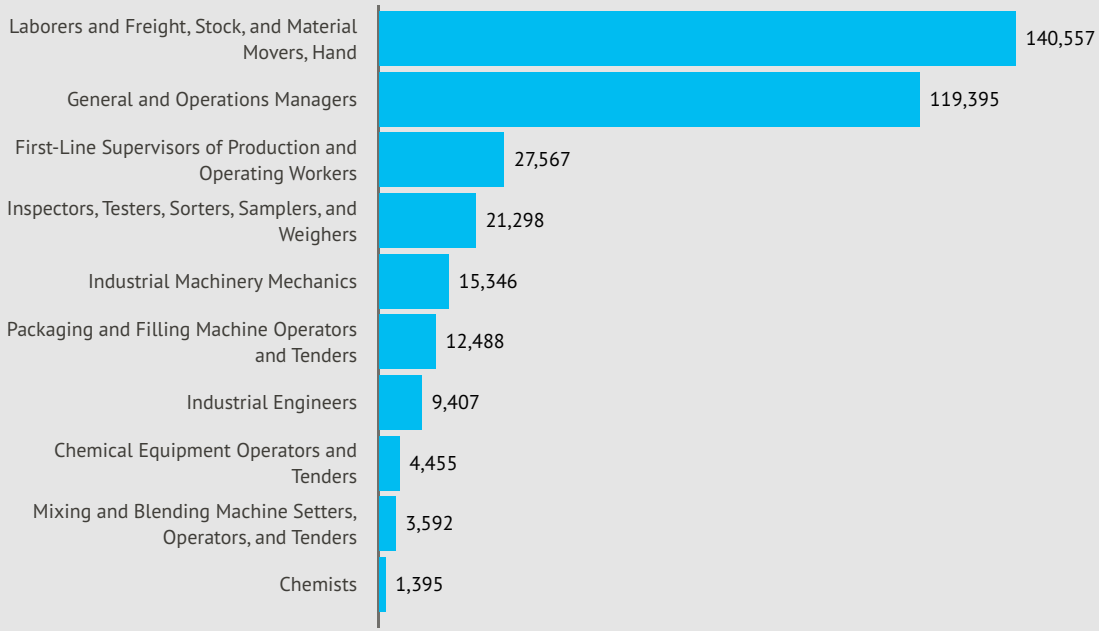


Talent Critical to Chemical Manufacturing

Based on staffing patterns for the chemical manufacturing industry, Georgia has an abundance of workers employed in critical occupations. Major occupations include:

- Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
- Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders
- Chemical Equipment Operators and Tenders
- Industrial Engineers
- Freight, Stock, and Material Movers

Georgia is Home to 355K Workers in Occupations Critical to the Industry



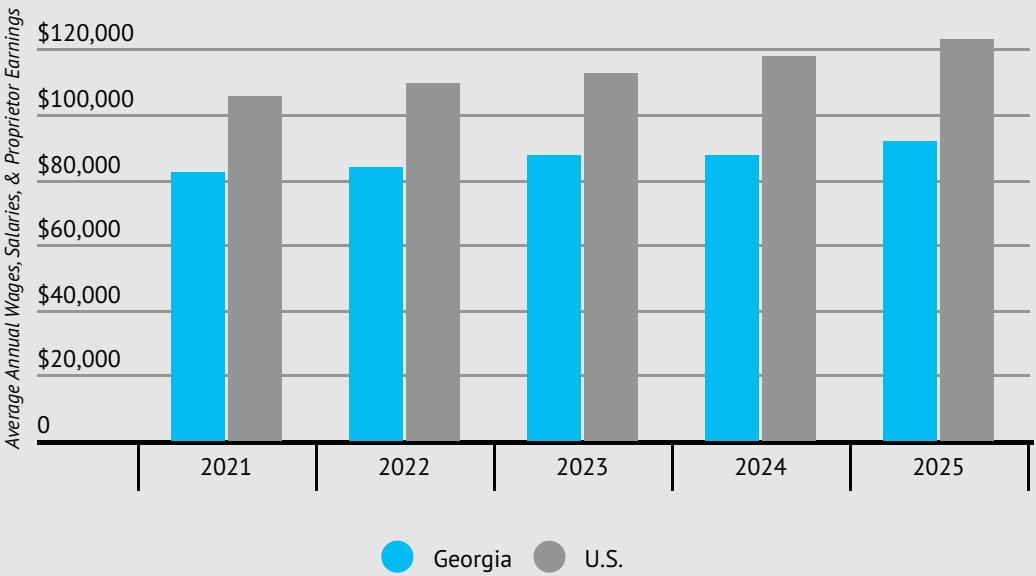
Source: Lightcast 2026.4Q

Quality Talent for Less

Georgia is known for its high-quality affordable workforce. Wage rates in the state typically fall below the national average, particularly in manufacturing occupations. The state's chemical manufacturing wages are no exception.

- Projected growth of 11% in chemical manufacturing industry workers over the next decade compared to 4% nationally
- Average hourly earnings of $37.29 compared to $41.28 nationally (based on top 10 chemical manufacturing industry staffing pattern occupations)

Chemical Manufacturing Wage Comparison, Georgia vs. the U.S.



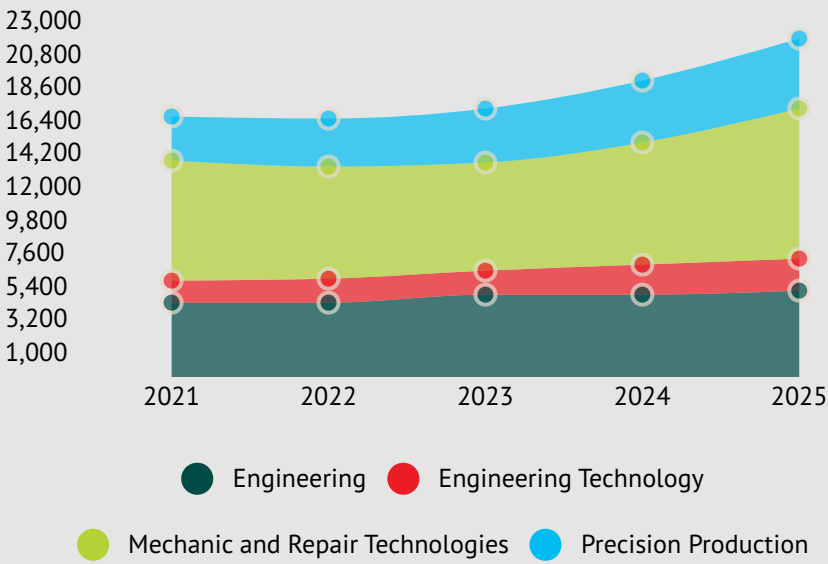
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People and Support Needed to Succeed

Georgia's high concentration of degree-seeking students and top-tier colleges and universities make the state one of the country's richest in top-level talent. These institutions also offer companies access to cutting-edge research and development partnerships.

- Since 2015, there has been a 47% increase in the number of graduates skilled in supporting Georgia's chemical manufacturing operations.
- Georgia Tech ranks 2nd for federally sponsored research expenditures and has benefited from a 70% uptick in research expenditures since 2019.
- Emory University is a top recipient of federally-funded medical research dollars, ranking among the top 20 universities nationwide.
- Other valuable partners in the state include: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and Georgia Tech's Manufacturing Institute (GTMI).

Post Secondary Completions at Georgia Colleges and Universities



Source: Lightcast 2026.4Q (2025 latest year for data), Georgia Institute of Technology (2024)

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