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# Metal Manufacturing

Forging Success for Georgia's Manufacturers

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# Why Georgia for Metal

## Why Georgia for Metal:

Georgia's metal manufacturing industry is a major supplier to key industries around the state such as automotive, aerospace, energy and construction equipment. As these industries grow, the fabricated metal industry expands its employment and gross state product (GSP) to keep up with the demand.

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

## Where Georgia Leads:



**647**

Metal  
Manufacturing  
locations



**46,940**

Metal  
Manufacturing  
jobs



**\$6.2B**

Metal  
Manufacturing  
GRP



**13%**

Projected Job Growth  
(2025-2035)

# Recent Metal Locations in Georgia

Over the last five years, metal companies have continued to grow and expand in Georgia. Here are a few recent examples of companies now calling Georgia home.

## **JS Link America Inc. to Create More than 500 Jobs in Columbus**

In September 2025, Governor Brian P. Kemp announced that JS Link America Inc. will invest about \$223 million to establish a rare earth permanent magnet manufacturing facility in Columbus. The new facility will create more than 520 new jobs in Muscogee County.

"From day one, Georgia's economic development team, local community leadership in Columbus, and Georgia Power all welcomed JS Link with a pro-business approach. Georgia's universities with their engineering programs also provide ready-made labor force for JS Link America."

Mr. Jun Y. Lee, CEO of JS Link America Inc.

## **GF Casting Solutions AG to create 350 jobs in Richmond County**

In May 2024, Governor Brian P. Kemp announced that GF Casting Solutions AG will invest more than \$184 million in a new manufacturing facility in Augusta. The facility will create 350 new jobs for Richmond County and produce cast aluminum parts for the automotive industry. Operations are expected to begin in 2027.

"Building a High Pressure Die Casting Facility is a very long-term investment. The new facility will complete our footprint to become truly global in the e-mobility market," said Carlos Vasto. "We are looking forward to bringing leading technology to the US and to creating advanced manufacturing jobs for several generations in Georgia. The location is ideal for addressing the thriving automotive industry in the region."

Carlos Vasto, President of GF Casting Solutions AG

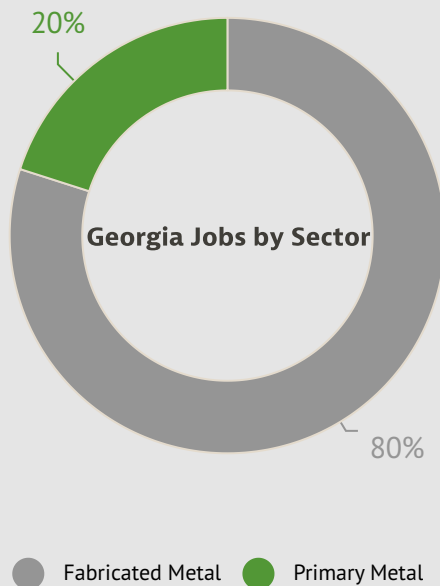
# Industry Snapshot

Georgia's metal companies manufacture everything from building materials to metal cans to composites used in transportation equipment and jewelry. Metal 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.

Fabricated metal manufacturing accounts for approximately 80% of the industry while primary metal manufacturing accounts for nearly 20%. Top sectors include:

- **Fabricated Metal:** Architectural & Structural Metal Product, Machine Shops; Turned Product; and Screw, Nut, and Bolt, Other Fabricated Metal Product
- **Primary Metal:** Nonferrous Metal, Alumina and Aluminum Production and Procession, and Steel Product Manufacturing

## Industry Sectors in Georgia



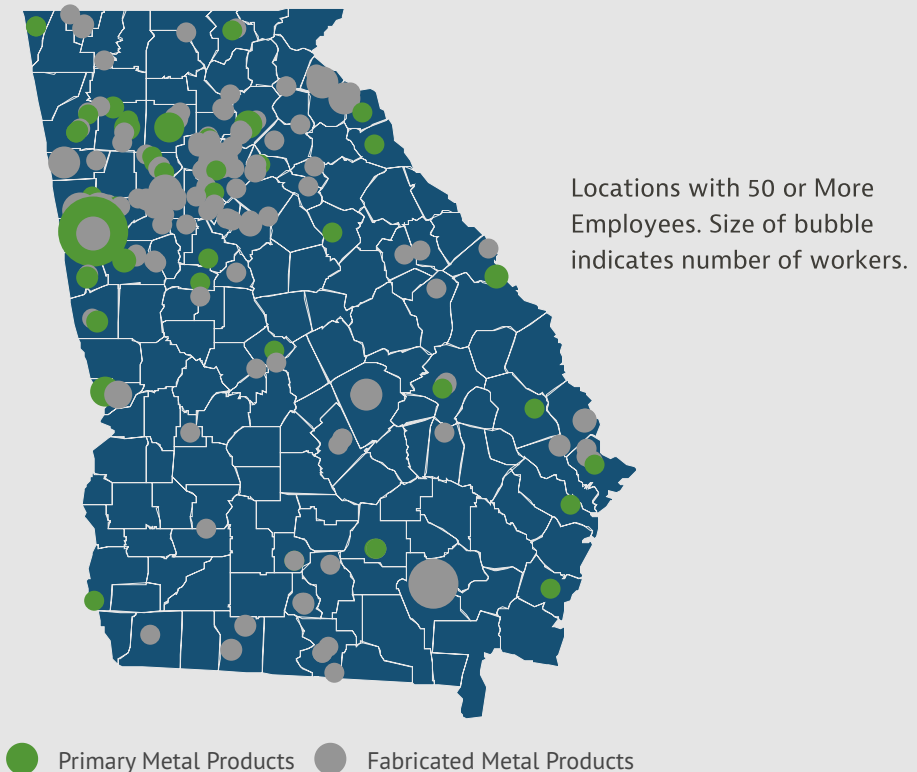
Source: Lightcast 2025.4Q

# Top Employers

Georgia's metal manufacturers supply a variety of industries, including metal for automotive and heavy equipment manufacturers.

- Southwire: 3,190 employees
- ADMARES: 1,400 employees
- Price Industries: 1,100 employees
- Minebea AccessSolutions USA Inc: 700 employees
- Janus International Group: 660 employees
- GLOCK Inc: 650 employees

## Fabricated Metal and Primary Metal Manufacturers

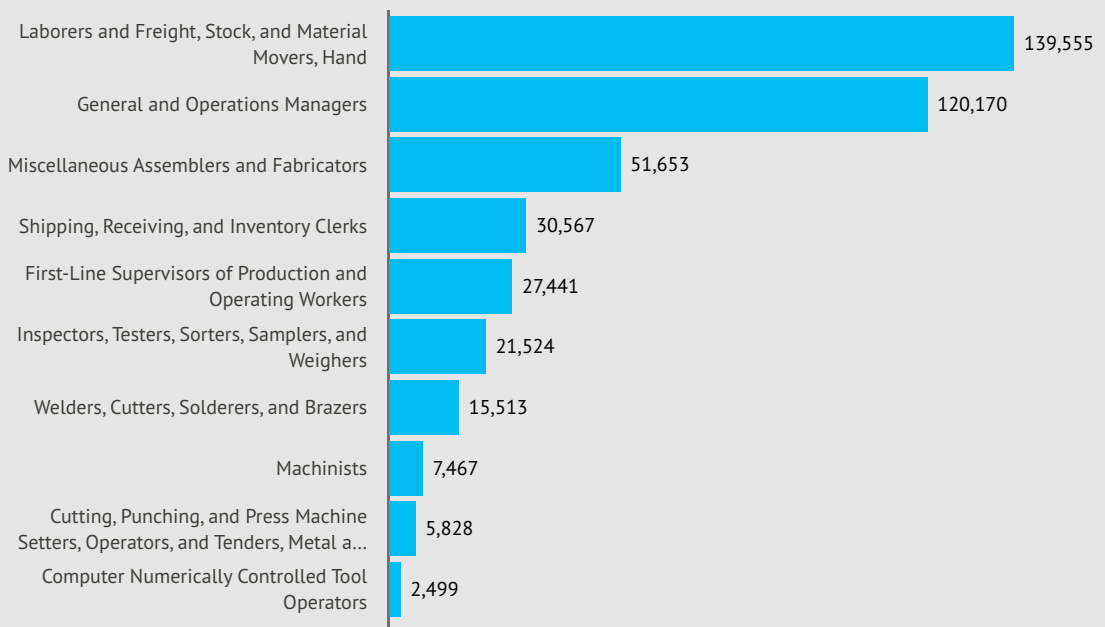


# Talent Critical to Metal Manufacturing

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

- General and Operations Managers
- Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators
- Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators and Tenders, Metal and Plastic
- Welders, Cutter, Solderers, and Brazers

## Georgia is Home to 422K Workers in Occupations Critical to the Industry



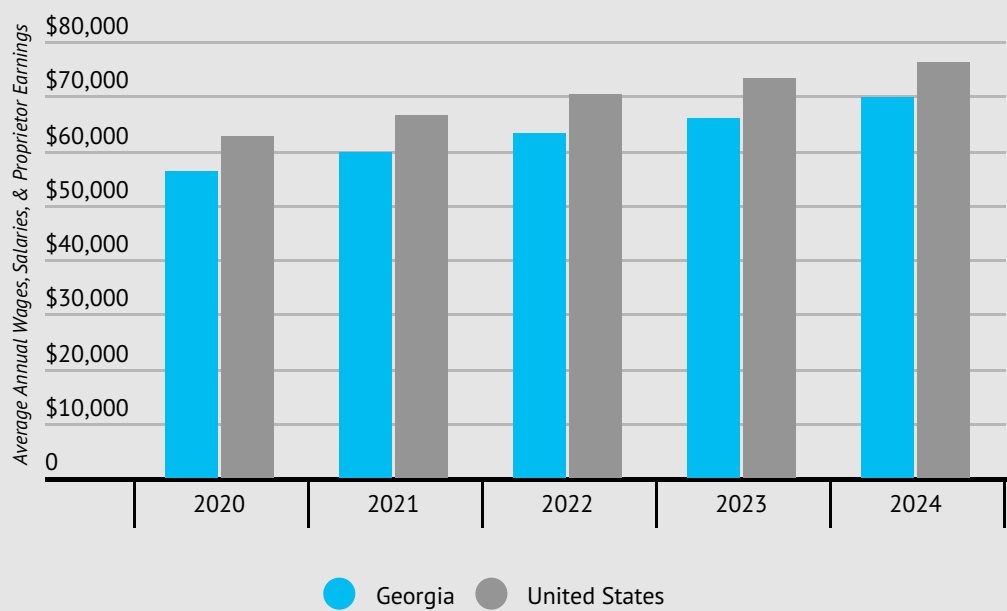
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# Quality Talent for Less

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 metal manufacturing wages are no exception.

- Projected growth of 13% in metal manufacturing industry employment over the next decade compared to 1% nationally
- Median hourly earnings of \$22.04 compared to \$23.41 nationally (based on top 10 metal staffing pattern occupations)

**Fabricated Metal Manufacturing Wage Comparison, Georgia vs. the U.S.**



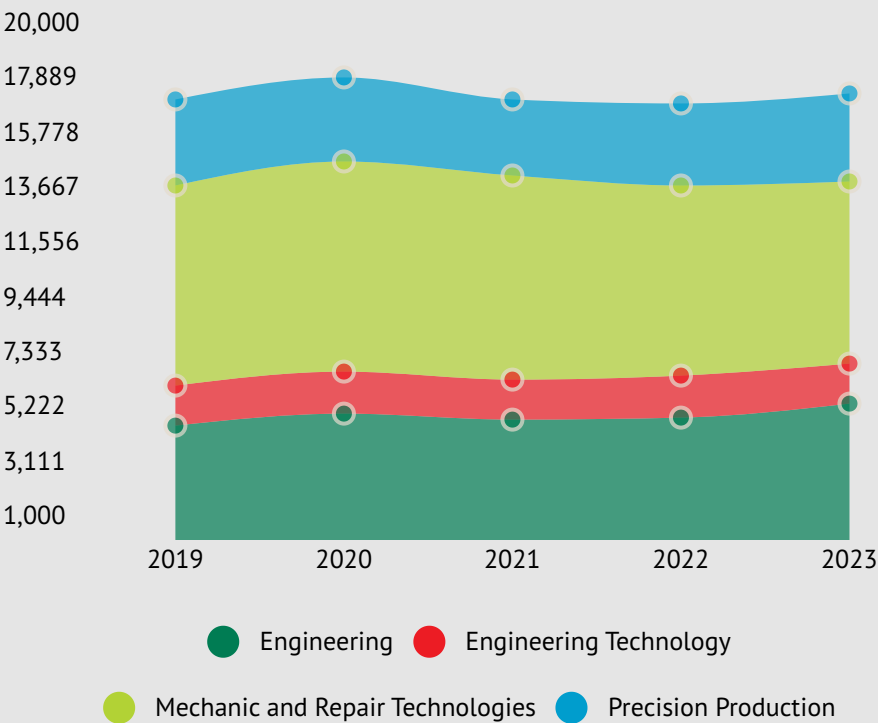
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# People and Support Needed to Succeed

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 2014, there has been a 34% increase in the number of graduates skilled in supporting Georgia's metal manufacturing operations.
- Georgia Tech ranks 2nd for engineering R&D funding nationally and has benefited from a 88% uptick in R&D funding since 2014.

## Post Secondary Completions at Georgia Colleges and Universities



Source: Lightcast 2025.4Q (2024 latest year for data)



## About Georgia Power Economic Development

Georgia Power has been helping companies locate in our state for more than 90 years. We offer a full array of products and services available at no cost. To receive confidential and proven assistance, please contact one of our experienced professionals:

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