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Savannah leads Georgia in 12-month labor growth

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0.3%

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Savannah's 12-month labor market growth rate leads all Georgia metro areas.

This growth reflects a surge in construction, hospitality, and logistics employment, driven by port activity and infrastructure investment. The city's workforce is expanding faster than any other in the state, signaling strong economic momentum.



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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics, September 2026 (seasonally unadjusted, metropolitan) · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-20-savannah-lab-bls-unemp-rate-chg-12m-msa

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Labor growth fuels housing demand

As new jobs emerge in Savannah’s core sectors, demand for housing is rising across Chatham, Effingham, and Bryan counties. This shift is not just about volume—it’s about quality, with new construction focused on mixed-use, walkable neighborhoods near employment hubs.

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Local hiring outpaces national trends

This momentum supports rising property values and a tighter rental market, especially in walkable areas near the riverfront and downtown.

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