



Atlanta's Top Employers, 2006

Rank	Company	Atlanta Employees	Employees Nationwide*	Product or Service
1	Gwinnett County Public Schools www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us	27,197	27,197	Public education, K-12
2	Emory University www.emory.edu	21,797	21,797	Education institution
3	Delta Air Lines www.delta.com	19,235	51,275	Air transportation
4	Publix Supermarkets www.publix.com	16,855	132,000	Grocer
5	Kroger Company www.kroger.com	15,500	290,000	Grocer
(tie)	Bellsouth Corp. www.bellsouth.com	15,500	15,500	Telecommunications, wireless comm., cable & digital TV, Internet & data services
7	Wal-Mart Stores www.wal-mart.com	14,700	1,200,000	Discount retailer
8	DeKalb County Public Schools www.deKalb.k12.ga.us	14,500	14,500	Public education, K-12
9	United States Postal Service www.usps.gov	14,000	753,000	U.S. postal service
10	Home Depot www.homedepot.com	13,184	325,000	Home improvement retailer
11	Cobb County Public Schools www.cobb.k12.ga.us	13,000	13,000	Public education, K-12
12	Fulton County School System www.fulton.k12.ga.us	10,892	10,892	Public education, K-12
13	UPS www.ups.com	10,500	384,000 (worldwide)	Express document and package delivery
14	Wellstar Health Systems www.wellstar.org	10,112	10,112	Health care services
15	Atlanta City Municipal Government www.atlantaga.gov	7,934	7,934	Atlanta City Government
16	SunTrust Banks Inc. www.suntrust.com	7,768	33,012	Financial services, bank holding company
17	Lockheed Martin Aeronautics www.lockheedmartin.com	7,531	130,000+	Aircraft design, development, manufacturing and support
18	IBM Corp. www.ibm.com	7,500	329,000	Hardware, software and consulting services
19	Northside Hospital www.northside.com	7,100	7,100	Health care services

20	Georgia Institute of Technology www.gatech.edu	7,075	7,075	University
21	Clayton County Public Schools www.clayton.k12.ga.us	6,826	6,826	Public education, K-12
21	Atlanta Public Schools www.atlanta.k12.ga.us	6,702	6,702	Public education, K-12
22	U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Headquarters www.cdc.com	6,500	21,000	Federal health agency that protects public health through prevention of disease
23	Wachovia Corporation www.wachovia.com	6,000	93,000	Financial services
24	Turner Broadcasting Systems www.turner.com	5,959	8,000	Producer of news and entertainment
25	Cox Enterprises www.coxenterprises.com	5,606	73,036	Newspapers, radio & TV, broadcasting, publishing, auto auctions, city Web sites
26	The Southern Company (including Georgia Power, etc.) www.southernco.com	5,490	26,000	Energy company
27	AT&T Corp. www.att.com	5,200	61,600	Full range of telecommunications services for business and government services
(tie)	Waffle House www.wafflehouse.com	5,200	16,650	Restaurant
29	Bank of America N.A. www.bankofamerica.com	5,115	177,236	Financial and investment services to consumer, small and commercial clients
30	Piedmont Hospital www.piedmonthospital.org	4,800	4,800	Health care services
31	The Coca-Cola Company www.coca-cola.com	4,720	8,758	non-alcoholic beverage marketer
32	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta www.choa.org	4,668	4,668	Children's Health care services
33	General Electric (GE Energy HQ here) www.ge.com	4,600	305,000	Aircraft engines, power generation, financial services. Medical imaging, television programming
34	AirTran Airways www.airtran.com	4,541	6,902	airline
35	MARTA (Metropolitan Rapid Transit Authority) www.itsmarta.com	4,500	4,500	Bus and rail transit
36	Grady Health Systems/Grady Hospital www.gradyhealthsystem.org	4,437	4,437	Health services
37	Cobb County Government www.cobbcounty.org	4,309	4,309	Local county government
38	Cingular www.cingular.com	4,200	64,000	Wireless voice & data services
39	Verizon Wireless	4,100	216,700	Telecommunications

	www.verizonwireless.com			
40	Cingular Wireless www.cingular.com	4,000	63,000	Wireless company
(tie)	Gwinnett Health Systems www.gwinnetthealth.org	4,000	4,000	Health care services
42	Georgia Power (employment also reflected in Southern Co. above) www.georgiapower.com	3,980	8,732	electricity
43	Georgia Pacific Corp www.gp.com	3,829	47,000	Building products and paper distribution operations, sales, marketing, packaging facility and research labs
44	DeKalb Medical Center www.dekalbmedicalcenter.org	3,575	3,575	Health care services
45	Southern Regional Medical Center www.southernregional.org	3,500	3,500	Health care services
46	Siemens Corporation (<i>units of Siemens are headquartered in metro Atlanta</i>) www.siemens.com	3,250	70,000	Electrical and communications company
47	St. Joseph's Hospital www.stjosephatlanta.org	2,300	44,000	Health care services
48	General Motors Doraville www.gm.com	2,300	324,000	Vehicle manufacturer
49	John H. Harland www.harland.net	2,000	5,686	Printed products, software services, Scantron
50	Southwire www.mysouthwire.com	1,952	3,600	Produces wire and cable products

Source: Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Research Dept.

BOLDING INDICATES THAT THE COMPANY IS HEADQUARTERED IN METRO ATLANTA

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