



Investments in Union County July 2013—June 2018

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Prepared and obtained \$211,826 in federal and/or state grant funding for the county and/or the cities for community and economic development initiatives.

INFORMATION SERVICES

- Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) - Union County and the City of Blairsville
- 2015 Aerial Photography Project - Union County

PLANNING

- Comprehensive Plan Update - Union County and City of Blairsville
- Service Delivery Strategy Update - Union County and City of Blairsville
- Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
- Scenic Byway Management Plan Update - Union County
- National Register Nomination - Downtown District - City of Blairsville
- Urban Redevelopment Plan - City of Blairsville
- Preservation Assessment - City of Blairsville

WORKSOURCE GEORGIA MOUNTAINS

Assisted 79 individuals with workforce development services in one of three program areas: Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth.

FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES

- Provided \$30,000 in Revolving Loan Funding (RLF) for a business in Blairsville/Union County.

Project Spotlight

WorkSource Georgia Mountains has partnered with North Georgia Technical College (NGTC) to provide educational and vocational training to offenders at Carlton Colwell Detention Center. The goal is to provide necessary skills needed for offenders to improve their career pathways and earning potential upon their release. NGTC will provide GED and soft skills classes along with a 12 week culinary course for participants. Once completed, participants will have a nationally recognized ServSafe Certification and take part in an end of course buffet highlighting the skills and knowledge gained in training.





Georgia Mountains Regional Commission

UNION COUNTY, GEORGIA

TOTAL POPULATION

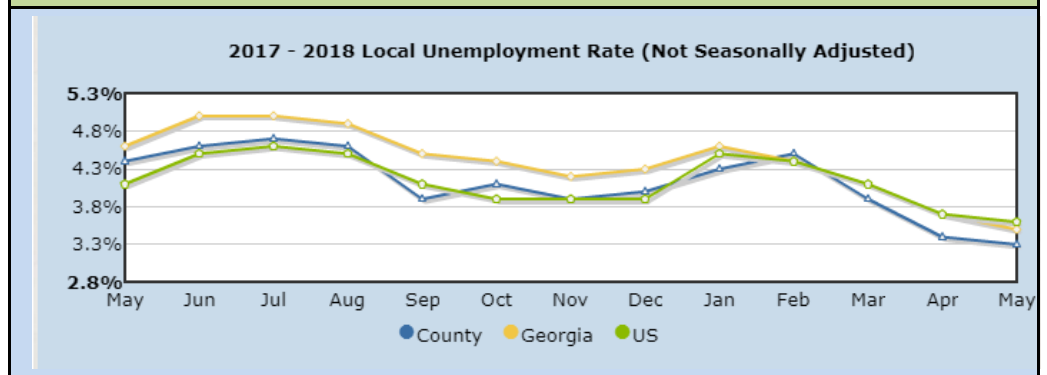
	2010	2016	CHANGE		AGE DISTRIBUTION	
			#	%	2016	
Georgia	9,713,521	10,310,371	596,850	6.1%	< 18 yo	16.6%
GMRC Region	601,216	670,327	69,111	11.5%	18-64	52.2%
Union County	21,321	22,928	1,607	7.5%	65+	31.2%
Blairsville city	621	576	-45	-7.2%		
Balance of Union Co.	20,700	22,352	1,652	8.0%		

MINIMAL EDUCATION

Adults age 25+ - 2016

< 9 th Grade	3.1%
9 th - 12 th	8.2%
HS Graduate	35.1%
Some College	21.7%
Assoc. Degree	9.5%
Bach. Degree	12.2%
Grad. Degree	10.2%

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS



COMMUTING PATTERNS - 2010

Origination of Union Co. Employees			Destination of Union Co. Residents		
Origin		Share	Destination		Share
Union Co.	GA	74.3%	Union Co.	GA	65.0%
Fannin Co.	GA	7.2%	Towns Co.	GA	6.8%
Cherokee Co.	NC	4.6%	Fannin Co.	GA	6.4%
Towns Co.	GA	4.5%	Cherokee Co.	NC	4.5%
Clay Co.	NC	4.2%	Clay Co.	NC	3.2%
White Co.	GA	1.5%	Hall Co.	GA	2.4%
Gilmer Co.	GA	0.9%	Gilmer Co.	GA	1.7%
Lumpkin Co.	GA	0.6%	White Co.	GA	1.5%
Cherokee Co.	GA	0.4%	Rabun Co.	GA	1.1%
Other		2.0%	Other		7.5%
Total Trips		7,153	Total Trips		8,173