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Peter Biello: A quick series of aggressive rate cuts by the Federal Reserve will help boost Georgia's economy next year and the year after. That's according to the latest predictions coming from Georgia State University's economic forecasting center. Its director, Rajeev Dhawan, said yesterday he expects Georgia to gain nearly 72,000 jobs next year and 90,000 jobs the year after. That's after what he and many others expect to be a long awaited quarter point fed rate cut in September to mitigate a weakening labor market.

Rajeev Dhawan If they have to do a couple more and be more aggressive in November and December, so be it. But the whole point is, whatever they will do, they will do it much quickly. They're not going to do a two year regime of rate cutting. This is at the most 3 to 6 months.

Peter Biello: Dhawan says hiring has slowed, but there's no sign of a downturn. Meanwhile, Governor Brian Kemp office released numbers today showing more than \$20 billion in investment in Georgia during the fiscal year that ended in June. That includes more than 400 facility expansions or new locations, creating nearly 27,000 new private sector jobs.