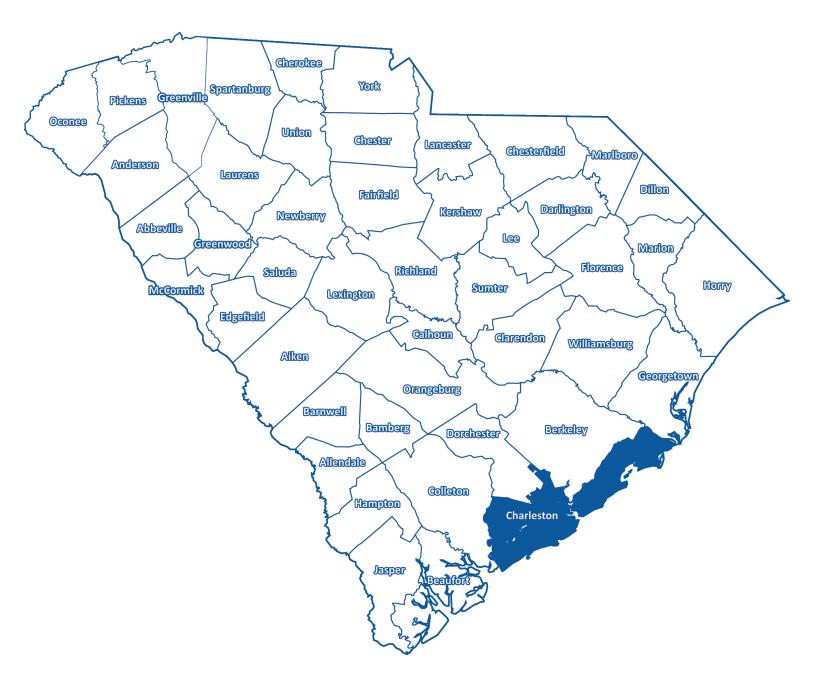
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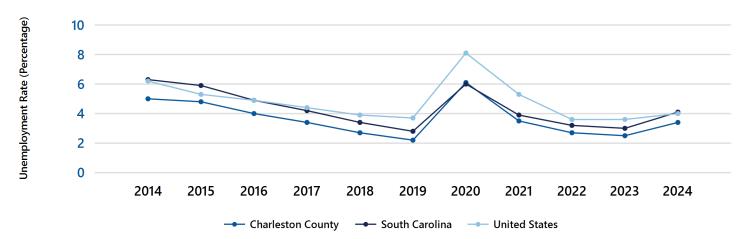
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ANNUAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (UNADJUSTED)

CHARLESTON COUNTY

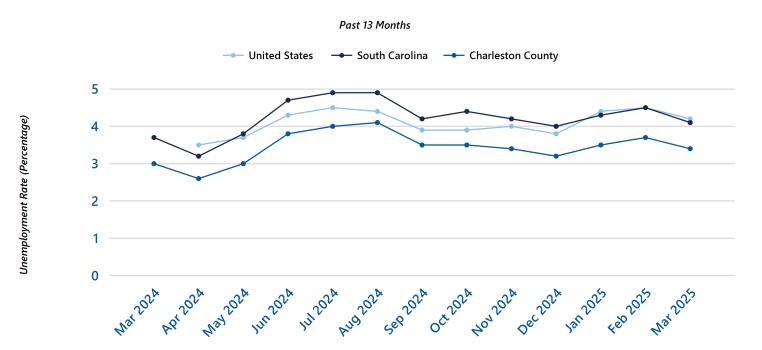
SOUTH CAROLINA

UNITED STATES

Year	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
2024	223,688	7,760	3.4%	2,430,453	105,178	4.1%	161,346,000	6,761,000	4.0%
2023	218,826	5,517	2.5%	2,401,212	74,248	3.0%	161,037,000	6,080,000	3.6%
2022	210,122	5,870	2.7%	2,330,548	77,339	3.2%	158,291,000	5,996,000	3.6%
2021	203,163	7,423	3.5%	2,272,940	92,676	3.9%	152,581,000	8,623,000	5.3%
2020	194,931	12,752	6.1%	2,201,090	140,613	6.0%	147,795,000	12,947,000	8.1%
2019	202,934	4,604	2.2%	2,263,682	64,405	2.8%	157,538,000	6,001,000	3.7%
2018	197,117	5,471	2.7%	2,206,821	76,542	3.4%	155,761,000	6,314,000	3.9%
2017	193,265	6,809	3.4%	2,168,104	94,845	4.2%	153,337,000	6,982,000	4.4%
2016	191,182	7,888	4.0%	2,145,584	110,199	4.9%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%
2015	186,352	9,391	4.8%	2,108,786	132,281	5.9%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2014	180,992	9,568	5.0%	2,063,369	138,475	6.3%	146,305,000	9,617,000	6.2%

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce

MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (UNADJUSTED)



Period	CHARLESTON COUNTY	SOUTH CAROLINA	UNITED STATES
Mar 2025	3.4%	4.1%	4.2%
Feb 2025	3.7%	4.5%	4.5%
Jan 2025	3.5%	4.3%	4.4%
Dec 2024	3.2%	4.0%	3.8%
Nov 2024	3.4%	4.2%	4.0%
Oct 2024	3.5%	4.4%	3.9%
Sep 2024	3.5%	4.2%	3.9%
Aug 2024	4.1%	4.9%	4.4%
Jul 2024	4.0%	4.9%	4.5%
Jun 2024	3.8%	4.7%	4.3%
May 2024	3.0%	3.8%	3.7%
Apr 2024	2.6%	3.2%	3.5%
Mar 2024	3.0%	3.7%	%

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce



AREA JOB OPENINGS

	CHARLESTON COUNTY			SOUTH CAROLINA			
Period	Employed	Unemployed	Unenmp. Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	
Mar 2025	226,534	7,852	3.4%	2,445,419	105,657	4.1%	
Feb 2025	224,386	8,711	3.7%	2,443,050	107,112	4.2%	
Jan 2025	223,861	8,019	3.5%	2,439,667	109,341	4.3%	
Dec 2024	224,238	7,466	3.2%	2,437,016	112,637	4.4%	
Nov 2024	224,059	7,858	3.4%	2,437,183	112,954	4.4%	
Oct 2024	224,968	8,221	3.5%	2,436,946	114,211	4.5%	
Sep 2024	223,811	8,004	3.5%	2,435,531	115,873	4.5%	
Aug 2024	223,441	9,557	4.1%	2,433,798	116,576	4.6%	
Jul 2024	225,928	9,332	4.0%	2,432,238	115,123	4.5%	
Jun 2024	225,524	8,825	3.8%	2,430,644	111,177	4.4%	
May 2024	224,269	7,023	3.0%	2,428,597	105,424	4.2%	
Apr 2024	224,061	5,966	2.6%	2,426,252	99,053	3.9%	
Mar 2024	223,190	6,868	3.0%	2,424,087	93,207	3.7%	

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce & The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine $^{\textcircled{B}}$ data series South Carolina Data is Seasonally Adjusted



EMPLOYERS BY SIZE OF ESTABLISHMENT

Employees	Charleston County	South Carolina
0 to 4	17,387	149,729
5 to 9	2,861	24,110
10 to 19	2,075	17,496
20 to 49	1,666	12,948
50 to 99	643	4,975
100 to 249	325	3,073
250 to 499	77	916
500 to 999	28	432
1000 +	23	310

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce

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EMPLOYMENT BY SIZE OF ESTABLISHMENT

Employees	Charleston County	South Carolina
0 to 4	18,158	155,608
5 to 9	18,946	160,647
10 to 19	28,221	238,241
20 to 49	50,730	392,268
50 to 99	44,071	344,954
100 to 249	49,188	467,138
250 to 499	26,143	312,936
500 to 999	18,564	296,370
1000 +	82,874	840,883

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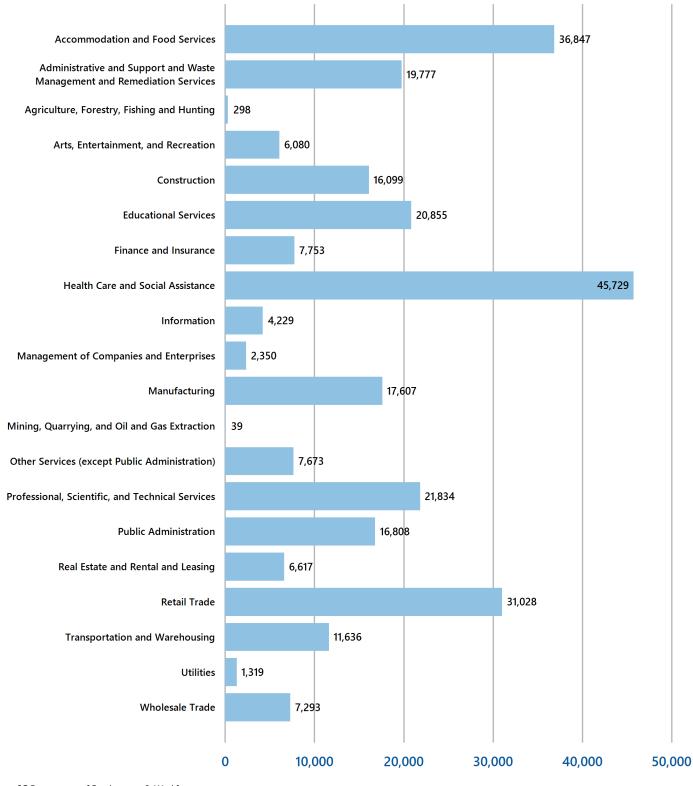
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CHARLESTON COUNTY
CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
DEPT OF DEFENSE
GREYSTAR MANAGEMENT SERVICES LP
HARRIS TEETER LLC
KELLY SERVICES USA LLC
Kiawah Island Inn Company LLC
MEDICAL UNIV OF SC HOSPITAL AUTHORI
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SC
Mercedes-Benz Vans, LLC
MUSC Community Physicians
Roper St. Francis Healthcare
THE BOEING CO
TRIDENT MEDICAL CENTER LLC
UNIVERSITY MEDICAL ASSOCIATES INC
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce



EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)



TOP 20 OCCUPATIONAL OPENINGS

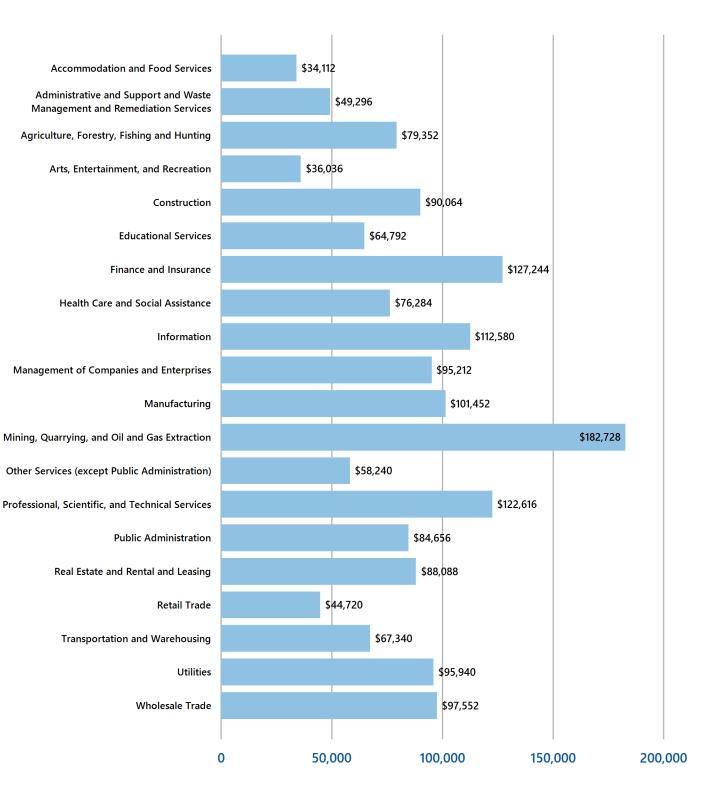
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OCCUPATION NAME (SOC CODE)	JOB OPENINGS
Registered Nurses (29-1141)	980
Retail Salespersons (41-2031)	742
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)	554
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products (41-4012)	423
Fast Food and Counter Workers (35-3023)	382
Waiters and Waitresses (35-3031)	316
Food Service Managers (11-9051)	307
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General (49-9071)	307
Customer Service Representatives (43-4051)	293
Hotel, Motel, and Resort Desk Clerks (43-4081)	240
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners (37 -2011)	233
Managers, All Other (11-9199)	227
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive (43-6014)	221
Medical and Health Services Managers (11-9111)	207
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners (37-2012)	204
Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other (29-2099)	196
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand (53-7062)	185
General and Operations Managers (11-1021)	178
Stockers and Order Fillers (53-7065)	178
Sales Managers (11-2022)	172

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce & The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine $^{\textcircled{B}}$ data series



AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE BY INDUSTRY



Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)



LABOR MARKET PROJECTIONS

Total Employment by Industry

TRIDENT	2022	2032			
	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment	Change	Percent Change	Annual Percent
Total All Industries	412,580	465,123	52,543	12.74%	1.21%
Health Care and Social Assistance	46,198	54,529	8,331	18.03%	1.67%
Accommodation and Food Services	45,049	53,735	8,686	19.28%	1.78%
Retail Trade	42,219	47,026	4,807	11.39%	1.08%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	31,662	36,039	4,377	13.82%	1.30%
Manufacturing	29,959	34,077	4,118	13.75%	1.30%
Educational Services	27,887	30,181	2,294	8.23%	0.79%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediat	27,794	31,071	3,277	11.79%	1.12%
Construction	21,384	21,994	610	2.85%	0.28%
Other Services (except Government)	18,336	19,597	1,261	6.88%	0.67%
Transportation and Warehousing	17,691	21,070	3,379	19.10%	1.76%
Wholesale Trade	12,319	13,222	903	7.33%	0.71%
Finance and Insurance	10,302	12,447	2,145	20.82%	1.91%
Information	8,498	9,910	1,412	16.62%	1.55%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7,518	8,684	1,166	15.51%	1.45%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	6,029	6,892	863	14.31%	1.35%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2,911	4,049	1,138	39.09%	3.35%
Utilities	1,249	1,294	45	3.60%	0.35%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,211	1,220	9	0.74%	0.07%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	194	228	34	17.53%	1.63%

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce - Industry Projections

