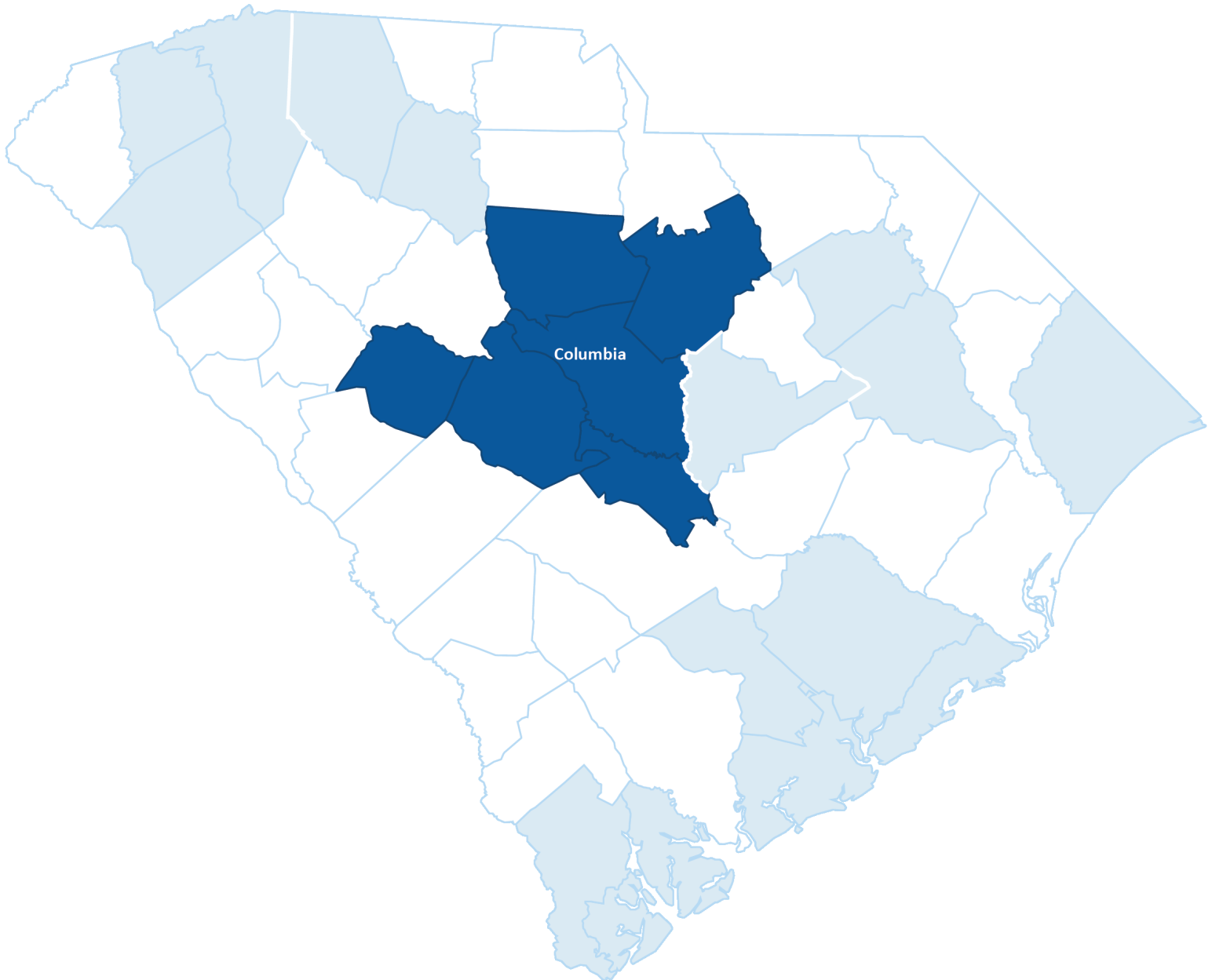


## COLUMBIA, SC



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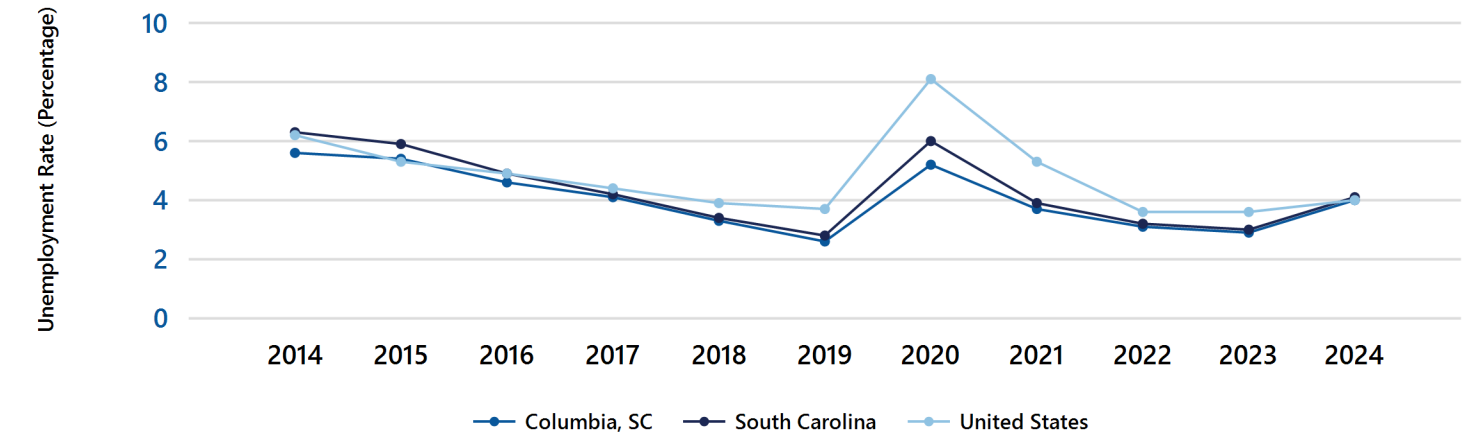
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ANNUAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (UNADJUSTED)



COLUMBIA, SC

SOUTH CAROLINA

UNITED STATES

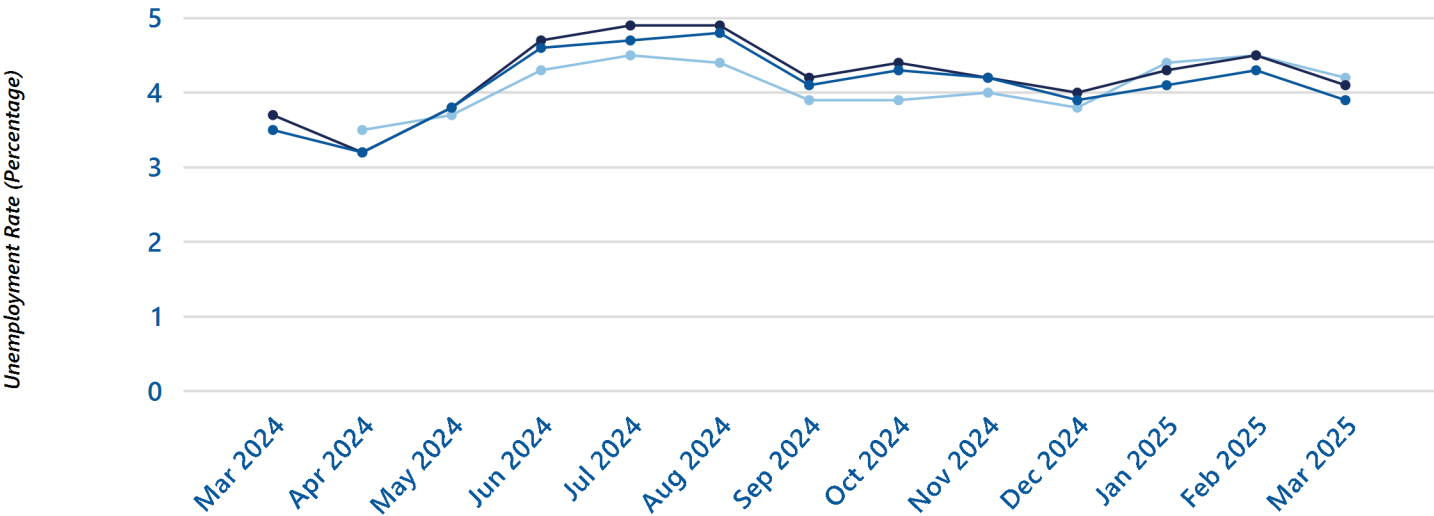
Year	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
2024	403,694	16,967	4.0%	2,430,453	105,178	4.1%	161,346,000	6,761,000	4.0%
2023	398,093	11,780	2.9%	2,401,212	74,248	3.0%	161,037,000	6,080,000	3.6%
2022	387,358	12,303	3.1%	2,330,548	77,339	3.2%	158,291,000	5,996,000	3.6%
2021	379,933	14,508	3.7%	2,272,940	92,676	3.9%	152,581,000	8,623,000	5.3%
2020	370,368	20,370	5.2%	2,201,090	140,613	6.0%	147,795,000	12,947,000	8.1%
2019	378,478	10,248	2.6%	2,263,682	64,405	2.8%	157,538,000	6,001,000	3.7%
2018	371,642	12,620	3.3%	2,206,821	76,542	3.4%	155,761,000	6,314,000	3.9%
2017	372,667	15,898	4.1%	2,168,104	94,845	4.2%	153,337,000	6,982,000	4.4%
2016	373,263	18,003	4.6%	2,145,584	110,199	4.9%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%
2015	372,543	21,267	5.4%	2,108,786	132,281	5.9%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2014	364,141	21,711	5.6%	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)

Past 13 Months

United States South Carolina Columbia, SC



Period	COLUMBIA, SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	UNITED STATES
Mar 2025	3.9%	4.1%	4.2%
Feb 2025	4.3%	4.5%	4.5%
Jan 2025	4.1%	4.3%	4.4%
Dec 2024	3.9%	4.0%	3.8%
Nov 2024	4.2%	4.2%	4.0%
Oct 2024	4.3%	4.4%	3.9%
Sep 2024	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%
Aug 2024	4.8%	4.9%	4.4%
Jul 2024	4.7%	4.9%	4.5%
Jun 2024	4.6%	4.7%	4.3%
May 2024	3.8%	3.8%	3.7%
Apr 2024	3.2%	3.2%	3.5%
Mar 2024	3.5%	3.7%	%

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce

## AREA JOB OPENINGS

## COLUMBIA, SC

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Period	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Mar 2025	409,004	16,789	3.9%	2,445,419	105,657	4.1%
Feb 2025	406,645	18,436	4.3%	2,443,050	107,112	4.2%
Jan 2025	403,640	17,110	4.1%	2,439,667	109,341	4.3%
Dec 2024	405,342	16,247	3.9%	2,437,016	112,637	4.4%
Nov 2024	403,743	17,569	4.2%	2,437,183	112,954	4.4%
Oct 2024	406,930	18,211	4.3%	2,436,946	114,211	4.5%
Sep 2024	405,903	17,362	4.1%	2,435,531	115,873	4.5%
Aug 2024	402,241	20,316	4.8%	2,433,798	116,576	4.6%
Jul 2024	405,720	20,212	4.7%	2,432,238	115,123	4.5%
Jun 2024	403,438	19,394	4.6%	2,430,644	111,177	4.4%
May 2024	402,791	15,979	3.8%	2,428,597	105,424	4.2%
Apr 2024	404,659	13,202	3.2%	2,426,252	99,053	3.9%
Mar 2024	403,902	14,829	3.5%	2,424,087	93,207	3.7%

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce & The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine® data series  
 South Carolina Data is Seasonally Adjusted

## EMPLOYERS BY SIZE OF ESTABLISHMENT

Employees	Columbia, SC	South Carolina
0 to 4	17,049	149,729
5 to 9	3,462	24,110
10 to 19	2,751	17,496
20 to 49	2,081	12,948
50 to 99	769	4,975
100 to 249	490	3,073
250 to 499	148	916
500 to 999	64	432
1000 +	49	310

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce

- Indicates that the requested data is suppressed

## EMPLOYMENT BY SIZE OF ESTABLISHMENT

Employees	Columbia, SC	South Carolina
0 to 4	19,349	155,608
5 to 9	23,181	160,647
10 to 19	37,529	238,241
20 to 49	63,304	392,268
50 to 99	52,664	344,954
100 to 249	75,231	467,138
250 to 499	51,705	312,936
500 to 999	43,246	296,370
1000 +	122,703	840,883

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce

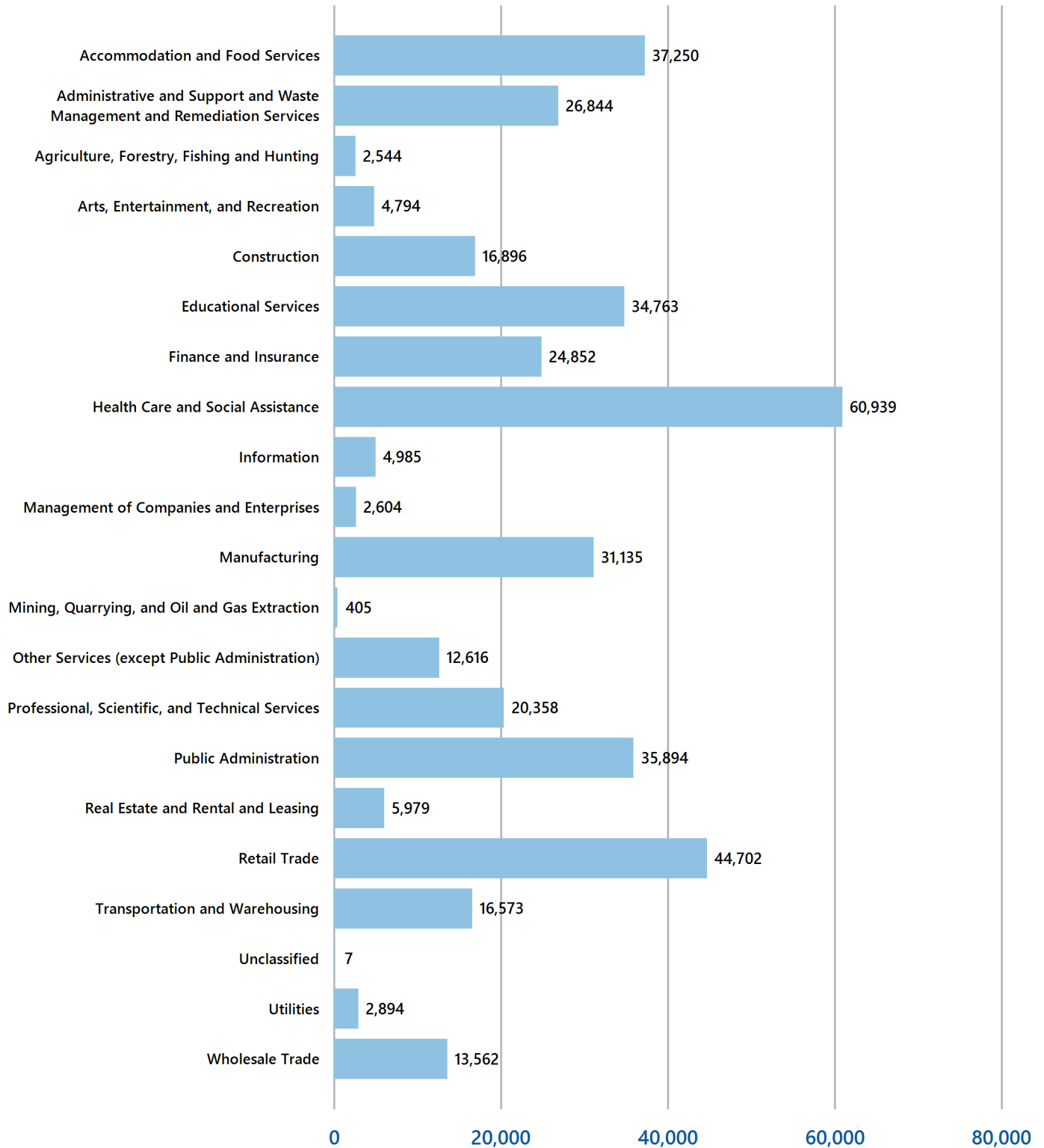
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## 20 LARGEST EMPLOYERS

AMAZON COM SERVICES INC
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF SC
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS LLC
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
DEPT OF DEFENSE
LEXINGTON COUNTY
LEXINGTON COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE DIS
LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1
LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 5
Lexington Health Inc
MICHELIN NORTH AMERICA INC
PRISMA HEALTH MIDLANDS
RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1
RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2
SC DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS CO
UNIVERSAL PROTECTION SERVICE LLC
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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)



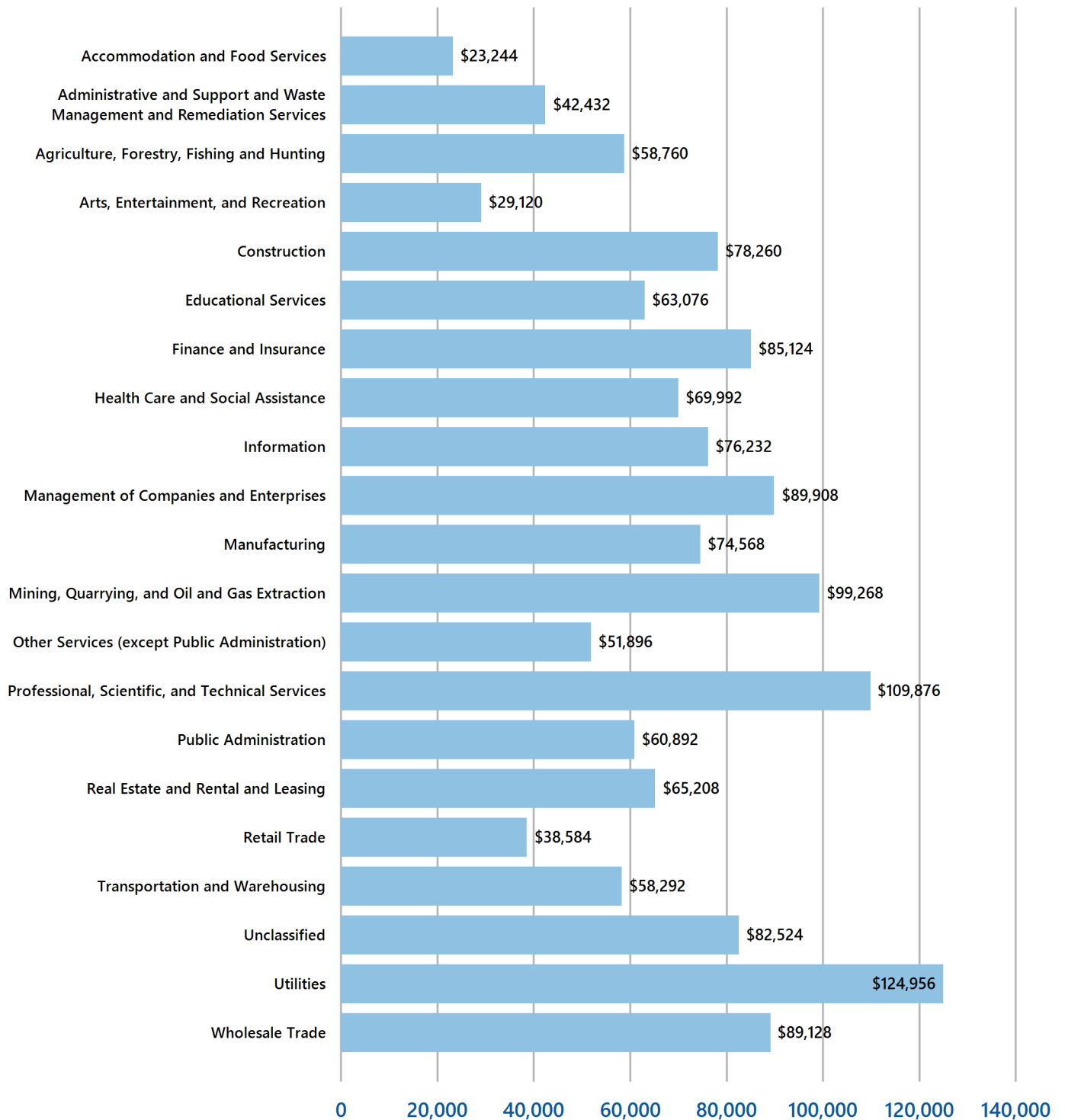
## TOP 20 OCCUPATIONAL OPENINGS

## COLUMBIA, SC

OCCUPATION NAME (SOC CODE)	JOB OPENINGS
Registered Nurses (29-1141)	931
Retail Salespersons (41-2031)	608
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)	500
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products (41-4012)	395
Fast Food and Counter Workers (35-3023)	360
Customer Service Representatives (43-4051)	337
Managers, All Other (11-9199)	268
Medical and Health Services Managers (11-9111)	264
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General (49-9071)	259
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand (53-7062)	251
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive (43-6014)	242
Food Service Managers (11-9051)	219
Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other (29-2099)	215
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners (37-2011)	214
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers (53-3032)	200
Nursing Assistants (31-1131)	192
Software Developers (15-1252)	175
General and Operations Managers (11-1021)	172
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers (35-1012)	171
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners (37-2012)	167

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce & The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine® 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*

MIDLANDS	2022	2032	Change	Percent Change	Annual Percent
	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment			
Total All Industries	395,823	440,912	45,089	11.39%	1.08%
Health Care and Social Assistance	45,609	53,224	7,615	16.70%	1.56%
Retail Trade	39,975	44,439	4,464	11.17%	1.06%
Accommodation and Food Services	32,774	36,880	4,106	12.53%	1.19%
Educational Services	30,732	33,260	2,528	8.23%	0.79%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediat	30,269	33,750	3,481	11.50%	1.09%
Finance and Insurance	26,635	30,420	3,785	14.21%	1.34%
Manufacturing	26,624	30,443	3,819	14.34%	1.35%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	21,494	24,457	2,963	13.79%	1.30%
Other Services (except Government)	16,608	17,749	1,141	6.87%	0.67%
Wholesale Trade	15,643	16,775	1,132	7.24%	0.70%
Construction	14,782	15,117	335	2.27%	0.22%
Transportation and Warehousing	12,525	16,415	3,890	31.06%	2.74%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	5,652	6,141	489	8.65%	0.83%
Information	4,862	5,395	533	10.96%	1.05%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	3,590	3,948	358	9.97%	0.96%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2,822	3,924	1,102	39.05%	3.35%
Utilities	2,741	2,844	103	3.76%	0.37%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,694	1,693	-1	-0.06%	-0.01%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	288	332	44	15.28%	1.43%

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce - Industry Projections