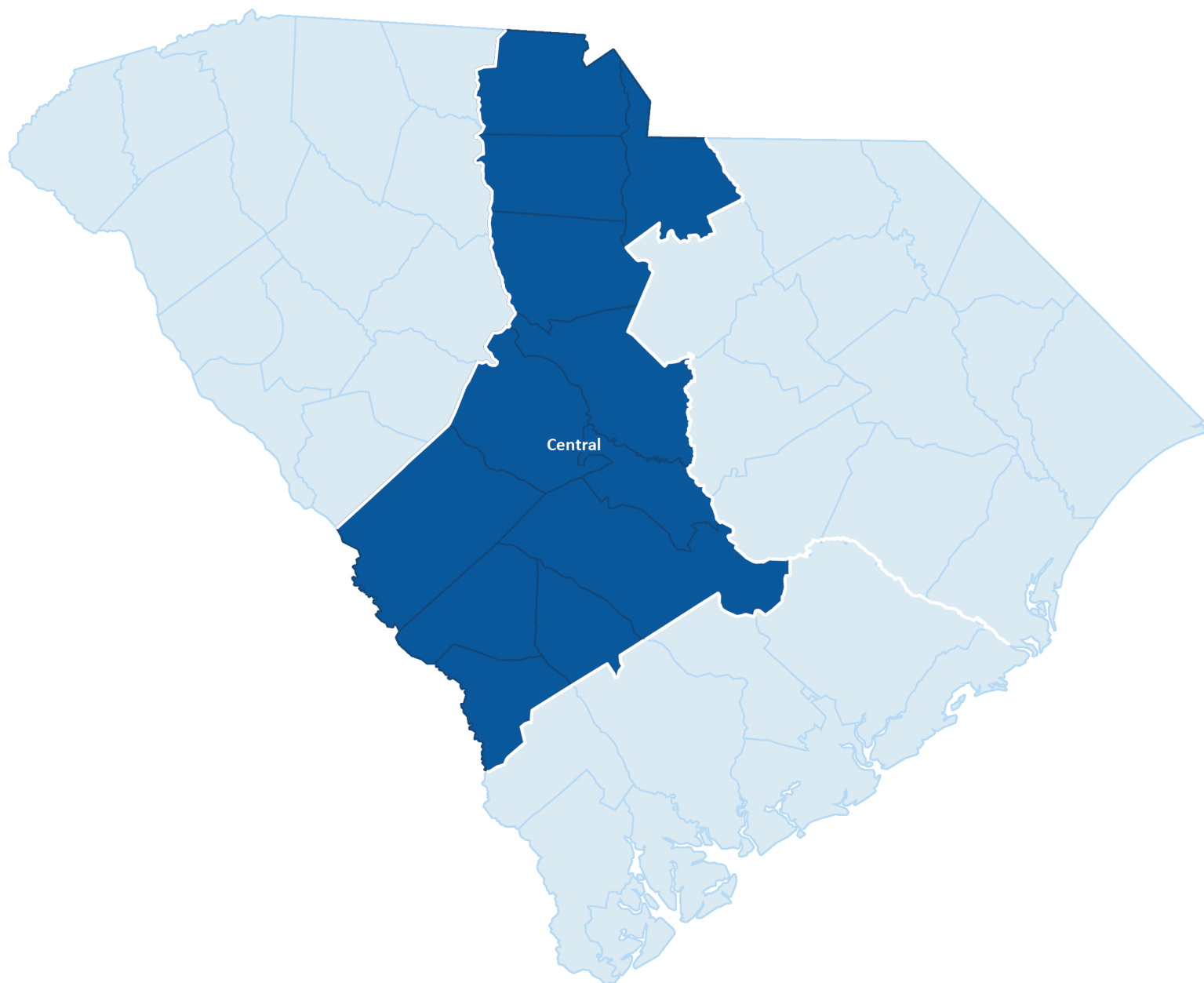


## CENTRAL WIOA REGION



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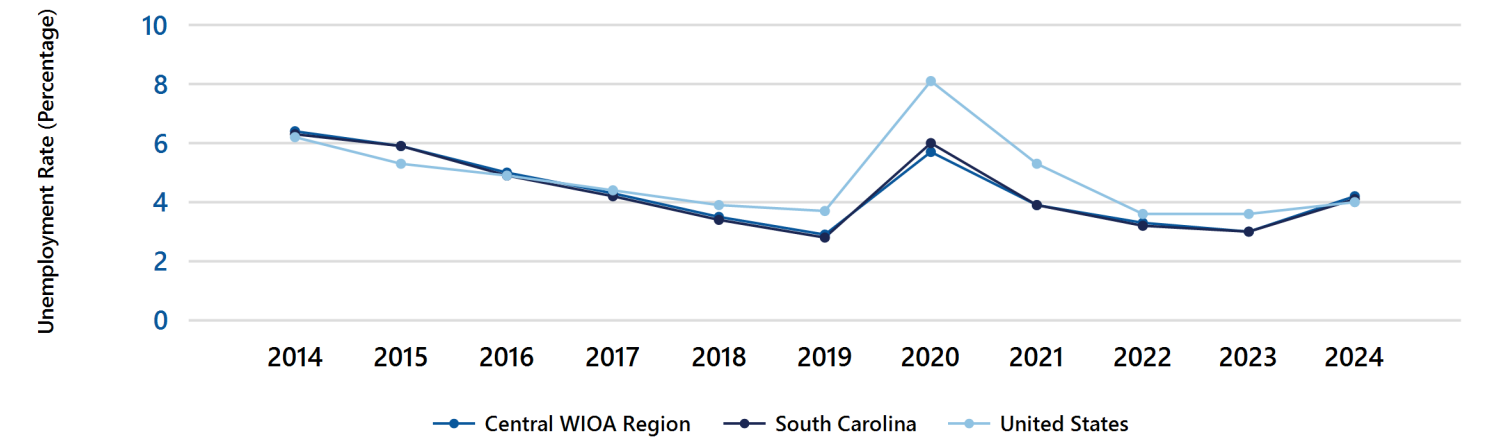
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ANNUAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (UNADJUSTED)



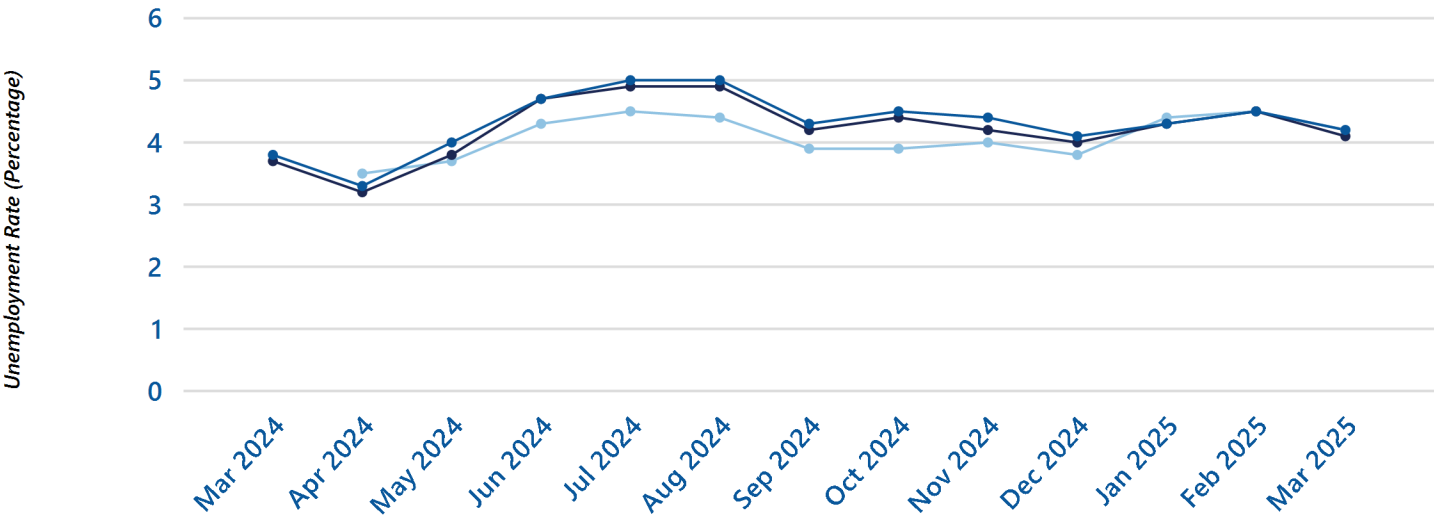
| CENTRAL WIOA REGION |            |        |      | SOUTH CAROLINA |         |      | UNITED STATES |            |      |
|---------------------|------------|--------|------|----------------|---------|------|---------------|------------|------|
| Year                | Employment | Unemp. | Rate | Employment     | Unemp.  | Rate | Employment    | Unemp.     | Rate |
| 2024                | 695,293    | 30,730 | 4.2% | 2,430,453      | 105,178 | 4.1% | 161,346,000   | 6,761,000  | 4.0% |
| 2023                | 688,185    | 21,486 | 3.0% | 2,401,212      | 74,248  | 3.0% | 161,037,000   | 6,080,000  | 3.6% |
| 2022                | 670,651    | 22,551 | 3.3% | 2,330,548      | 77,339  | 3.2% | 158,291,000   | 5,996,000  | 3.6% |
| 2021                | 656,796    | 26,802 | 3.9% | 2,272,940      | 92,676  | 3.9% | 152,581,000   | 8,623,000  | 5.3% |
| 2020                | 638,522    | 38,727 | 5.7% | 2,201,090      | 140,613 | 6.0% | 147,795,000   | 12,947,000 | 8.1% |
| 2019                | 649,416    | 19,138 | 2.9% | 2,263,682      | 64,405  | 2.8% | 157,538,000   | 6,001,000  | 3.7% |
| 2018                | 633,374    | 22,811 | 3.5% | 2,206,821      | 76,542  | 3.4% | 155,761,000   | 6,314,000  | 3.9% |
| 2017                | 629,201    | 28,307 | 4.3% | 2,168,104      | 94,845  | 4.2% | 153,337,000   | 6,982,000  | 4.4% |
| 2016                | 625,565    | 32,694 | 5.0% | 2,145,584      | 110,199 | 4.9% | 151,436,000   | 7,751,000  | 4.9% |
| 2015                | 617,937    | 39,060 | 5.9% | 2,108,786      | 132,281 | 5.9% | 148,834,000   | 8,296,000  | 5.3% |
| 2014                | 604,327    | 41,127 | 6.4% | 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 Central WIOA Region



| Period   | CENTRAL WIOA REGION | SOUTH CAROLINA | UNITED STATES |
|----------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mar 2025 | 4.2%                | 4.1%           | 4.2%          |
| Feb 2025 | 4.5%                | 4.5%           | 4.5%          |
| Jan 2025 | 4.3%                | 4.3%           | 4.4%          |
| Dec 2024 | 4.1%                | 4.0%           | 3.8%          |
| Nov 2024 | 4.4%                | 4.2%           | 4.0%          |
| Oct 2024 | 4.5%                | 4.4%           | 3.9%          |
| Sep 2024 | 4.3%                | 4.2%           | 3.9%          |
| Aug 2024 | 5.0%                | 4.9%           | 4.4%          |
| Jul 2024 | 5.0%                | 4.9%           | 4.5%          |
| Jun 2024 | 4.7%                | 4.7%           | 4.3%          |
| May 2024 | 4.0%                | 3.8%           | 3.7%          |
| Apr 2024 | 3.3%                | 3.2%           | 3.5%          |
| Mar 2024 | 3.8%                | 3.7%           | %             |

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce

## AREA JOB OPENINGS

## CENTRAL WIOA REGION

## SOUTH CAROLINA

| Period   | Employed | Unemployed | Unemp. Rate | Employed  | Unemployed | Unemp. Rate |
|----------|----------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Mar 2025 | 702,337  | 30,513     | 4.2%        | 2,445,419 | 105,657    | 4.1%        |
| Feb 2025 | 699,300  | 33,324     | 4.5%        | 2,443,050 | 107,112    | 4.2%        |
| Jan 2025 | 694,361  | 31,074     | 4.3%        | 2,439,667 | 109,341    | 4.3%        |
| Dec 2024 | 695,406  | 29,654     | 4.1%        | 2,437,016 | 112,637    | 4.4%        |
| Nov 2024 | 693,248  | 31,762     | 4.4%        | 2,437,183 | 112,954    | 4.4%        |
| Oct 2024 | 697,526  | 32,852     | 4.5%        | 2,436,946 | 114,211    | 4.5%        |
| Sep 2024 | 696,688  | 31,248     | 4.3%        | 2,435,531 | 115,873    | 4.5%        |
| Aug 2024 | 694,514  | 36,689     | 5.0%        | 2,433,798 | 116,576    | 4.6%        |
| Jul 2024 | 699,299  | 36,567     | 5.0%        | 2,432,238 | 115,123    | 4.5%        |
| Jun 2024 | 697,942  | 34,683     | 4.7%        | 2,430,644 | 111,177    | 4.4%        |
| May 2024 | 695,280  | 28,610     | 4.0%        | 2,428,597 | 105,424    | 4.2%        |
| Apr 2024 | 698,542  | 24,177     | 3.3%        | 2,426,252 | 99,053     | 3.9%        |
| Mar 2024 | 696,681  | 27,333     | 3.8%        | 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  | Central WIOA Region | South Carolina |
|------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 0 to 4     | 29,482              | 149,729        |
| 5 to 9     | 5,845               | 24,110         |
| 10 to 19   | 4,428               | 17,496         |
| 20 to 49   | 3,277               | 12,948         |
| 50 to 99   | 1,204               | 4,975          |
| 100 to 249 | 771                 | 3,073          |
| 250 to 499 | 221                 | 916            |
| 500 to 999 | 110                 | 432            |
| 1000 +     | 72                  | 310            |

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce

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## EMPLOYMENT BY SIZE OF ESTABLISHMENT

| Employees  | Central WIOA Region | South Carolina |
|------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 0 to 4     | 32,996              | 155,608        |
| 5 to 9     | 39,125              | 160,647        |
| 10 to 19   | 60,251              | 238,241        |
| 20 to 49   | 99,737              | 392,268        |
| 50 to 99   | 82,975              | 344,954        |
| 100 to 249 | 117,249             | 467,138        |
| 250 to 499 | 76,789              | 312,936        |
| 500 to 999 | 76,211              | 296,370        |
| 1000 +     | 175,482             | 840,883        |

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce

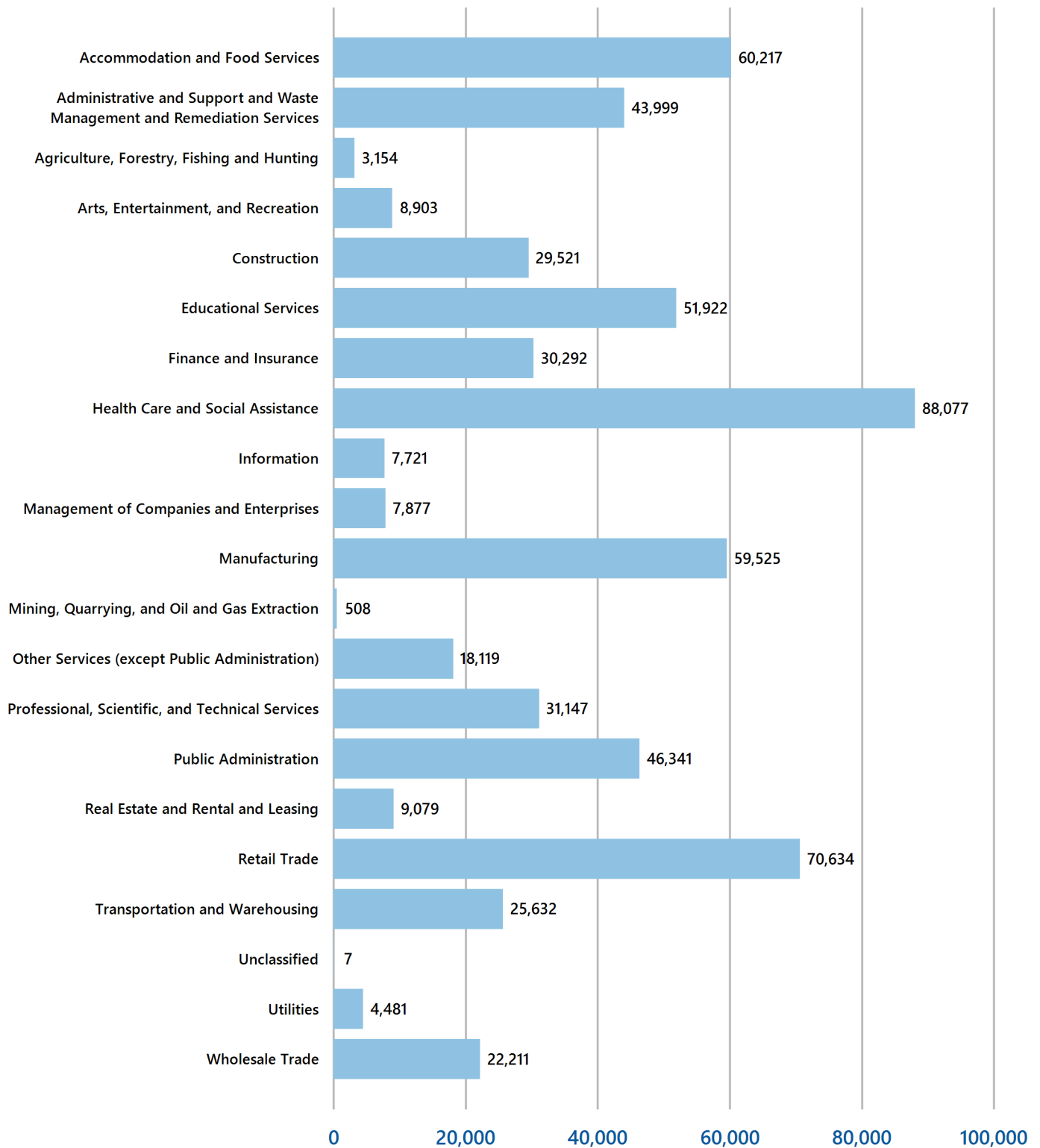
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## 20 LARGEST EMPLOYERS

|                                     |
|-------------------------------------|
| AMAZON COM SERVICES INC             |
| BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF SC        |
| CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS LLC          |
| LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT    |
| LEXINGTON COUNTY                    |
| LEXINGTON COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE DIS |
| LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1  |
| LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 5  |
| Lexington Health Inc                |
| LPL Financial LLC                   |
| MAU INC                             |
| MEDICAL UNIV OF SC HOSPITAL AUTHORI |
| Orangeburg County School District   |
| PRISMA HEALTH MIDLANDS              |
| RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  |
| RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1   |
| RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2   |
| SAVANNAH RIVER NUCLEAR SOLUTIONS LL |
| 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)



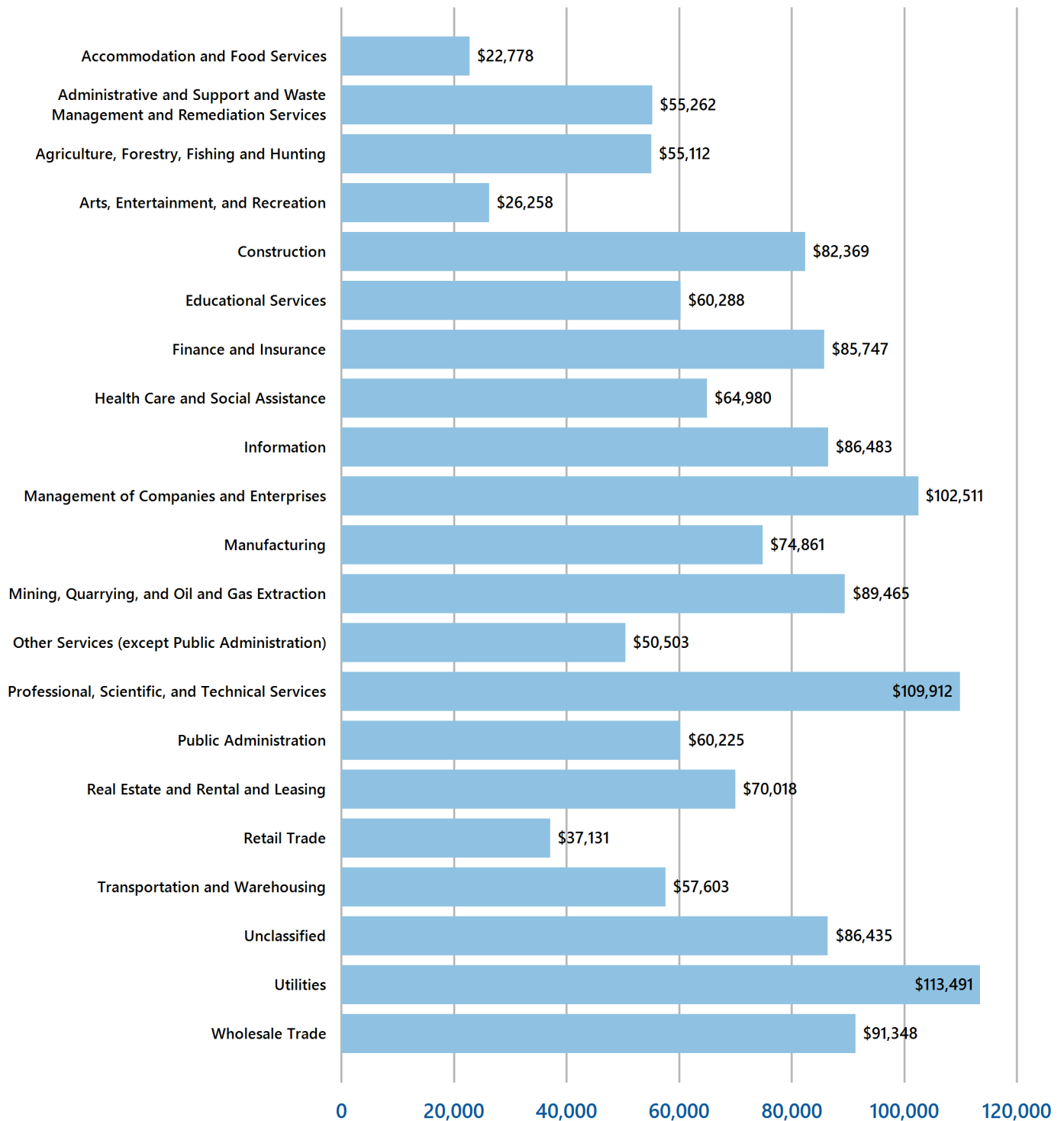
## TOP 20 OCCUPATIONAL OPENINGS

### CENTRAL WIOA REGION

| OCCUPATION NAME (SOC CODE)   | JOB OPENINGS |
|--|--------------|
| Registered Nurses (29-1141)  | 1482         |
| Retail Salespersons (41-2031)  | 963          |
| First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)   | 806          |
| Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products (41-4012) | 556          |
| Fast Food and Counter Workers (35-3023)  | 532          |
| Customer Service Representatives (43-4051)   | 508          |
| Medical and Health Services Managers (11-9111)   | 417          |
| Managers, All Other (11-9199)  | 406          |
| Maintenance and Repair Workers, General (49-9071)  | 399          |
| Food Service Managers (11-9051)  | 382          |
| Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand (53-7062)                                       | 377          |
| Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive (43-6014)              | 331          |
| Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other (29-2099)  | 327          |
| Nursing Assistants (31-1131)   | 314          |
| Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners (37-2011)                                | 311          |
| Software Developers (15-1252)  | 306          |
| General and Operations Managers (11-1021)  | 296          |
| Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (29-2061)  | 277          |
| Cashiers (41-2011)   | 268          |
| First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers (35-1012)                               | 268          |

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*

| CENTRAL WIOA<br>REGION  | 2022                    | 2032                    | Change | Percent Change | Annual Percent |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|----------------|----------------|
|   | Estimated<br>Employment | Projected<br>Employment |        |                |                |
| Total All Industries  | 672,678                 | 747,884                 | 75,206 | 11.18%         | 1.07%          |
| Health Care and<br>Social Assistance                                  | 71,359                  | 84,127                  | 12,768 | 17.89%         | 1.66%          |
| Retail Trade  | 70,764                  | 78,659                  | 7,895  | 11.16%         | 1.06%          |
| Manufacturing   | 62,208                  | 67,716                  | 5,508  | 8.85%          | 0.85%          |
| Accommodation and<br>Food Services                                    | 56,187                  | 61,546                  | 5,359  | 9.54%          | 0.92%          |
| Educational Services  | 52,931                  | 57,285                  | 4,354  | 8.23%          | 0.79%          |
| Administrative and<br>Support and Waste<br>Management and<br>Remediat | 49,140                  | 54,070                  | 4,930  | 10.03%         | 0.96%          |
| Professional,<br>Scientific, and<br>Technical Services                | 35,259                  | 40,122                  | 4,863  | 13.79%         | 1.30%          |
| Finance and<br>Insurance  | 34,767                  | 39,969                  | 5,202  | 14.96%         | 1.40%          |
| Other Services<br>(except Government)                                 | 29,631                  | 31,670                  | 2,039  | 6.88%          | 0.67%          |
| Construction  | 28,470                  | 29,102                  | 632    | 2.22%          | 0.22%          |
| Wholesale Trade   | 24,830                  | 26,637                  | 1,807  | 7.28%          | 0.71%          |
| Transportation and<br>Warehousing                                     | 23,375                  | 31,238                  | 7,863  | 33.64%         | 2.94%          |
| Management of<br>Companies and<br>Enterprises                         | 9,872                   | 13,736                  | 3,864  | 39.14%         | 3.36%          |
| Information   | 8,626                   | 9,882                   | 1,256  | 14.56%         | 1.37%          |
| Real Estate and<br>Rental and Leasing                                 | 8,581                   | 9,541                   | 960    | 11.19%         | 1.07%          |
| Arts, Entertainment,<br>and Recreation                                | 7,117                   | 7,855                   | 738    | 10.37%         | 0.99%          |
| Agriculture, Forestry,<br>Fishing and Hunting                         | 4,653                   | 4,585                   | -68    | -1.46%         | -0.15%         |
| Utilities   | 4,650                   | 4,826                   | 176    | 3.78%          | 0.37%          |
| Mining, Quarrying,<br>and Oil and Gas<br>Extraction                   | 1,117                   | 1,284                   | 167    | 14.95%         | 1.40%          |

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce - Industry Projections