

Lower Savannah Regional Workforce Snapshot (Q4 2025)

Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun and Orangeburg Counties

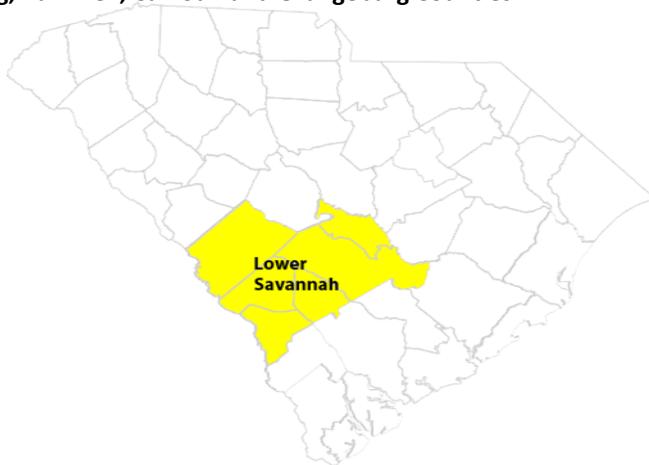
Total Employment 127,936

Unemployment Rate 6.0%
(December 2025)

Adults 18-64 Years 180,256

2023-2024 Public High School Enrollment 11,862

2023 Fall Postsecondary Credit Enrollment 18,804



Top Industries (Q2 2025)

Industry	Employed	% of Total Employment
Manufacturing	15,710	15%
Health Care & Social Assistance	13,189	12%
Retail Trade	12,770	12%
Admin Support, Waste Mgmt & Remediation	12,066	11%
Accommodation & Food Services	10,291	10%
Educational Services	9,672	9%

Industry Announced Investment 2020-2024

Total Announced Investment

\$2,849,660,000

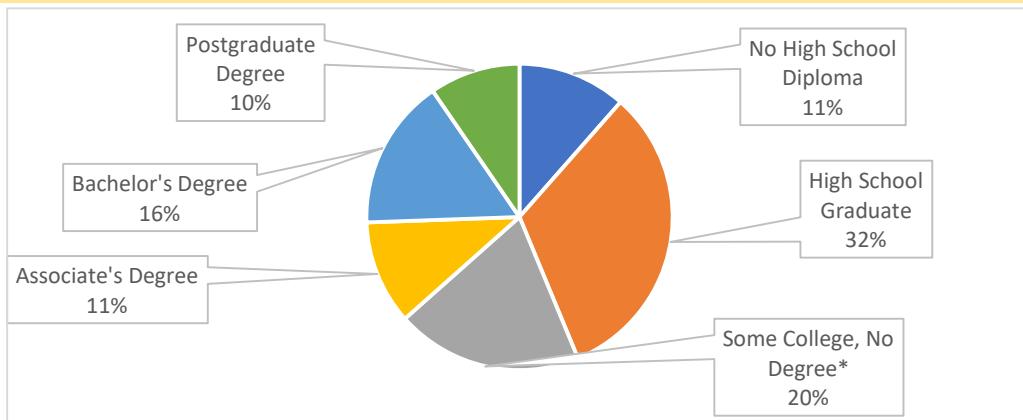
Jobs Announced

3,751

Jobs Announced by Industry

Industry	Number of Jobs	% of Jobs Announcements
Manufacturing	3,341	89%
Warehousing & Distribution	310	8%
Office, HQ, & R&D (Service)	100	3%

Educational Attainment (Adults 25-64)



*Includes Certificate level credentials (American Community Survey 2019-2023)

Lower Savannah Region Education Snapshot (2023-2024)

Public & Independent Universities and Colleges Enrollment

Fall 2023 Enrollment (11,733)

Institution	Credit Enrollment
South Carolina State University	3,397
U.S.C. - Aiken	4,677
U.S.C. - Salkehatchie	968
Claflin University	2,116
Voorhees College	575

2023-2024 Public/Independent Colleges and Universities Degrees Awarded (1,645)

Program (CIP Code)	Degrees	% of Awarded
Business, Management, Marketing, & Related	450	27%
Health Professions & Related Programs	204	12%
Education	146	9%
Psychology	141	9%
Liberal A/S, General Studies & Humanities	105	6%

Technical College(s)

Fall 2023 Enrollment - Credit (7,071) & Corporate and Community Education (CE) Programs

Institution	Credit Enrollment	CE Enrollment (2023 Annualized)
Aiken Technical College	3,009	1,066
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College	3,097	644
Denmark Technical College	965	278

2023-2024 Technical Colleges Program Completions (1,299 -Credit Awards Only)

Program	# of Credentials	% of Awarded
Health Professions & Related Programs	502	39%
Liberal A/S, General Studies & Humanities	308	24%
Business, Management & Admin.	90	7%
Mechanic & Repair Technologies/Technicians	67	5%
Computer & Information Sciences	66	5%

Public High Schools

2023-2024 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Student Course Enrollment (14,298)

CTE Student Cluster	Enrollment	% of CTE Enrollment
Business, Management & Admin.	2,512	18%
Information Technology	2,500	17%
Finance	1,331	9%
Ag., Food & Natural Resources	1,285	9%
Human Services/Family & Consumer Sciences	1,080	8%

High School CTE Certifications Awarded* (2,612)

Certification Focus	Total Certs Earned	% of Awarded
OSHA-10**	874	33%
Health Science	524	20%
Human Services/Family & Consumer Sciences	211	8%
ServSafe® Food Handler**	190	7%

*Students may earn multiple certifications within and across certification focus areas.

**Certifications falling under multiple clusters are reported independently of career clusters.

Sources: SCDEW, US Census, QCEW, SC Commerce, SC Tech, SC Dept. of Education & SC Commission on Higher Education