

Santee-Lynches Regional Workforce Snapshot (Q4 2025)

Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee and Sumter Counties

Total Employment 88,371

Unemployment Rate 5.8%
(December 2025)

Adults 18-64 Years 127,976

2023-2024 Public High School Enrollment 9,178

2023 Fall Postsecondary Credit Enrollment 6,591



Top Industries (Q2 2025)

Industry	Employed	% of Total Employment
Health Care & Social Assistance	10,433	17%
Retail Trade	9,150	14%
Manufacturing	9,053	14%
Accommodation & Food Services	6,316	10%
Educational Services	5,759	9%
Public Administration	4,763	8%

Industry Announced Investment 2020-2024

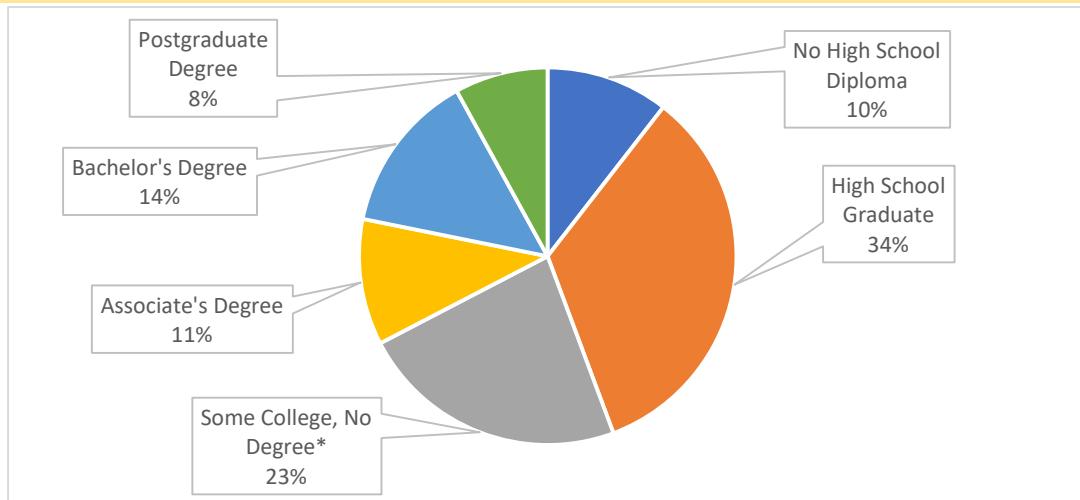
Total Announced Investment
\$1,386,220,000

Jobs Announced
2,168

Jobs Announced by Industry

Industry	Number of Jobs	% of Jobs Announcements
Manufacturing	1,947	90%
Office, HQ, & R&D (Service)	211	10%
Warehousing & Distribution	10	0%

Educational Attainment Adults (25-64)



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

Santee-Lynches Region Education Snapshot (2023-2024)

Public & Independent Universities and Colleges Enrollment

Fall 2023 Enrollment (2,469)

Institution	Credit Enrollment
U.S.C. - Sumter	1,953
Morris College	516

2023-2024 Public/Independent Colleges and Universities Degrees Awarded (262)

Program	Degrees	% of Awarded
Liberal A/S, General Studies & Humanities	188	72%
Business, Management, Marketing & Related	27	70%
Law Enforcement, Firefighting & Related	10	4%
Social Sciences	9	3%

Technical College(s)

Fall 2023 Enrollment - Credit (4,122) & Corporate and Community Education (CE) Programs

Institution	Credit Enrollment	CE Enrollment (2023 Annualized)
Central Carolina Technical College	4,122	874

2023-2024 Technical Colleges Program Completions (740 - Credit Awards Only)

Program	# of Credentials	% of Awarded
Health Professions & Related Programs	158	21%
Engineering Tech. & Engineering-Related	122	16%
Liberal A/S, General Studies & Humanities	106	14%
Business, Management & Admin.	93	13%
Precision Production	77	10%

Public High Schools

2023-2024 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Student Course Enrollment (10,464)

CTE Student Cluster	Enrollment	% of CTE Enrollment
Information Technology	3,089	30%
Business, Management & Admin.	1,179	11%
Finance	926	9%
Health Science	923	9%
Human Services/Family & Consumer Sciences	865	8%

High School CTE Certifications Awarded* (2,191)

Certification Focus	Total Certs Earned	% of Awarded
OSHA-10**	768	35%
Health Science	439	20%
ServSafe® Food Handler**	189	9%
Microburst EmployABILITY Soft Skills**	182	8%
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (TDL)	154	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