

South Carolina Workforce Snapshot (Q4 2025)

Total Employment 2,489,407

Unemployment Rate 4.8%
(December 2025)

Adults 18-64 Years 3,122,143

2023-2024 Public High School Enrollment 235,616

2023 Fall Postsecondary Credit Enrollment 294,960



Top Industries (Q2 2025)

Industry	Employed	% of Total Employment
Health Care & Social Assistance	326,496	14%
Retail Trade	268,030	12%
Manufacturing	261,808	11%
Accommodation & Food Services	250,446	11%
Educational Services	184,006	8%
Admin Support, Waste Mgmt & Remediation	155,135	7%

Industry Announced Investment 2020-2024

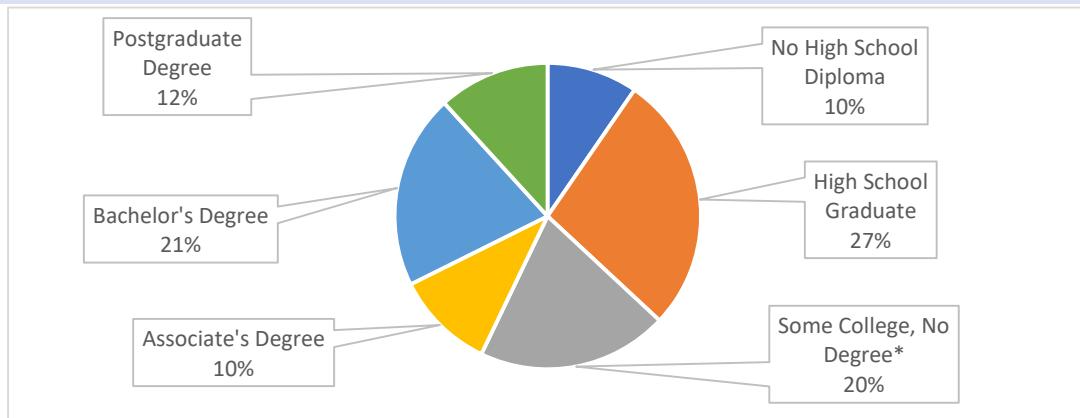
Total Announced Investment
\$34,979,853,726

Jobs Announced
58,154

Jobs Announced by Industry

Industry	Number of Jobs	% of Jobs Announcements
Manufacturing	43,937	76%
Office, HQ, & R&D (Service)	6,949	12%
Warehousing & Distribution	7,158	12%
Transportation	110	0%

Educational Attainment (Adults 25-64)



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

South Carolina Education Snapshot (2023-2024)

Public & Independent Universities and Colleges Enrollment (39)

Fall 2023 Enrollment (294,960)

Institution	Credit Enrollment
U.S.C. - Columbia	38,851
Clemson University	31,612
College of Charleston	13,573
Coastal Carolina University	11,745

2023-2024 Public/Independent Colleges and Universities Degrees Awarded (37,798)

Program	Degrees	% of Awarded
Business, Management, Marketing, & Related	8,446	22%
Health Professions & Related Programs	5,087	13%
Education	3,704	10%
Biological & Biomedical Sciences	2,827	7%
Engineering	2,332	6%

Technical Colleges (16)

Fall 2023 Enrollment - Credit (108,348) & Corporate and Community Education (CE) Programs (39,673)

Institution	Credit Enrollment	CE Enrollment (2023 Annualized)
Trident Technical College	20,315	3,750
Greenville Technical College	14,377	7,461
Midlands Technical College	12,474	12,904

2023-2024 Technical Colleges Program Completions (21,536 - Credit Awards Only)

Program	# of Credentials	% of Awarded
Liberal A/S, General Studies & Humanities	6,102	28%
Health Professions & Related Programs	4,394	20%
Business, Management, Marketing & Related	2,453	11%
Mechanic & Repair Technologies/Technicians	1,442	7%
Precision Production	1,342	6%

Public High Schools

2023-2024 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Student Course Enrollment (249,486)

CTE Student Cluster	Enrollment	% of CTE Enrollment
Information Technology	62,903	25%
Health Science	32,741	13%
Business, Management & Admin.	28,334	11%
Finance	21,731	9%
Ag., Food & Natural Resources	16,590	7%

High School CTE Certifications Awarded* (74,238)

Certification Focus	Total Certs Earned	% of Awarded
Health Science	17,473	24%
OSHA-10**	16,662	22%
Microburst EmployABILITY Soft Skills**	9,254	12%
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (TDL)	8,207	11%
ServSafe® Food Handler**	3,087	4%

*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