



Greenwood Chamber of Commerce HR Roundtable

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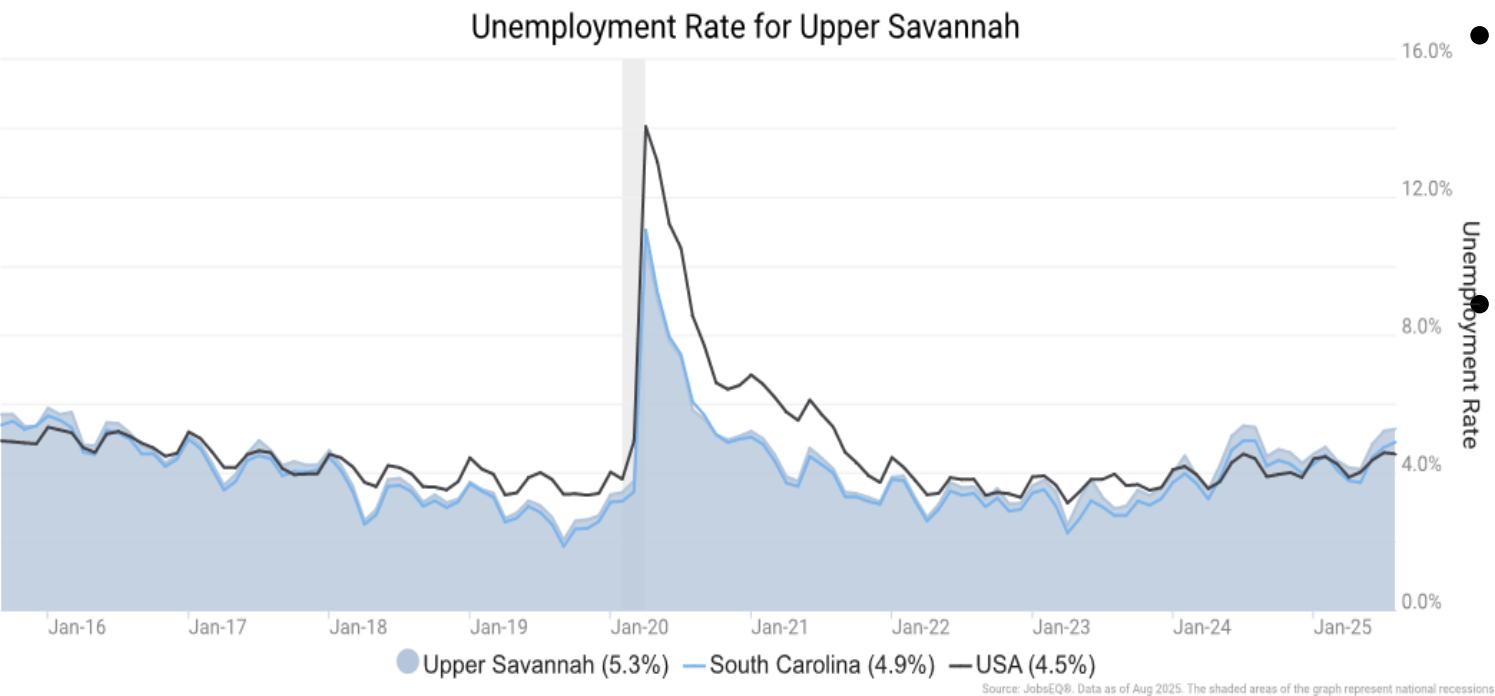
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In Demand Industries

2-Digit Industry	Empl	Annual Demand
Manufacturing	22,506	2,248
Health Care and Social Assistance	13,344	1,351
Retail Trade	8,246	1,094
Educational Services	7,247	696
Accommodation and Food Services	6,069	1,067
Public Administration	5,813	544
Construction	4,651	414
Other Services (except Public Administration)	3,729	432
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	3,638	415
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	2,788	334
Remaining Component Industries	11,085	1,107
Total - All Industries	89,115	9,693

- The top in demand industries are manufacturing and health care and social assistance.
- Annual demand for these industries continues to grow.

Employment Trends



- Upper Savannah overall has an unemployment rate of 5.3%.
- While slightly higher than the state average.

In Demand Occupations

Occupations		Active Job Ads
SOC	Occupation	
29-1141	Registered Nurses	1,787
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	1,175
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	1,067
49-9071	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	951
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	647
51-9199	Production Workers, All Other	626
35-1012	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	605
53-7065	Stockers and Order Fillers	578
35-3023	Fast Food and Counter Workers	535
11-9111	Medical and Health Services Managers	526

- Registered nurses and retail salespersons round out the top two occupations.
- With health care and social assistance, retail trade, and manufacturing occurring on this list.

Unemployment Trends

County	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025
Abbeville County, South Carolina	4.3	0.0	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.9	5.5	5.4
Edgefield County, South Carolina	4.0	4.2	3.7	3.3	3.4	4.1	4.7	4.7
Greenwood County, South Carolina	5.1	5.5	5.1	4.9	4.8	5.6	6.2	6.0
Laurens County, South Carolina	4.6	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.8	5.0	5.3
McCormick County, South Carolina	5.1	5.3	4.8	4.1	4.2	5.2	5.1	6.0
Newberry County, South Carolina	4.4	4.4	3.9	3.7	3.8	4.6	4.8	4.8
Saluda County, South Carolina	3.7	3.8	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.9	4.1	4.2

- Each county this year has ranged in terms of unemployment rates.
- The lowest in August being Saluda county.

Priority Occupations

- Every career cluster has at least 2 priority occupations.
- Some clusters have up to 24 priority occupations.

Cluster	High School Diploma or less	Higher Education Credential
Architecture & Construction	21	2
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications	3	0
Business Management & Administration	5	0
Finance	2	0
Government & Public Administration	1	0
Health Science	2	2
Hospitality & Tourism	2	0
Human Services	1	0
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	5	0
Manufacturing	13	2
Marketing	4	0
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	10	2

¹The 16 career clusters are utilized by the S.C. Department of Education in K-12 schools. The clusters originate from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) and National Association for State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc).

Cost of Living

	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power	Cost of Living Index (Base Greenwood County, South Carolina)	Greenwood County, South Carolina Purchasing Power
Greenwood County, South Carolina	\$53,123	84.9	\$62,535	100.0	\$53,123
South Carolina	\$60,959	91.8	\$66,407	108.1	\$56,412
USA	\$75,686	100.0	\$75,686	117.7	\$64,295

Source: JobsEQ®
Cost of Living per COLI, data as of 2025Q2, imputed by Chmura where necessary.
Total - All Industries, Total Employment, Greenwood County, South Carolina

- The cost of living in Greenwood County is 15.1 percent lower than the national average.
- This means the purchasing power of a dollar goes farther. One dollar in the county will purchase \$1.18 worth of goods and services (in terms of national pricing).

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