

**WorkLink Workforce Development Board  
Priority Populations Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**Location:** Clemson Center or Virtual via Zoom  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 13, 2026  
**Time:** 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Eastern Time)

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Topic: Priority Populations Committee Meeting

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## Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of Minutes – October 14, 2025 (Action Item)**
- 3. Guest Presentation – Paulette Dunn, SC Department of Veterans' Affairs**
- 4. William Hunter, One Stop Manager**
- 5. WorkLink Data and Community Profile**
- 6. Other Business**
- 7. Adjournment**

### Next Meeting:

Priority Populations Committee

**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026

**Format:** Clemson Center or Virtual via Zoom

**Priority Populations Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendance**

**Committee Members**

- Lisa Gillespie
- Pat Pruitt
- Cherri Boller
- Sandy Jordan
- Cynthia Sprinkle

**Board Staff**

- Windy Graham
- Jennifer Campbell

**Center Staff**

- William Hunter

**Guest Speaker**

- Sammie Stroud, Upstate Returning Citizens Program

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## Meeting Overview

The Priority Populations Committee focuses on addressing the workforce needs of individuals who face significant barriers to employment, including **youth facing barriers to employment, justice-involved individuals, low-income jobseekers, individuals with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness, the long-term unemployed, and veterans**. The committee met to review ongoing initiatives, discuss community partnerships, and explore strategies to improve access to employment, training, and supportive services for these priority groups.

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### **Program Updates**

#### **Upstate Returning Citizens Program**

Guest speaker **Sammie Stroud** provided an overview of the Upstate Returning Citizens Program, highlighting:

- Job fairs and employer engagement for individuals returning from incarceration
- Skill-building opportunities to support successful reentry
- Housing assistance and community reintegration services

#### **WorkLink Updates**

Windy Graham referenced reports included in the meeting packet and shared key data points:

- **South Carolina unemployment rate: 4.6%**
- **National disability population: 8.6%**

- **Local labor force with a disability:** 25.1%

(Source: U.S. Department of Labor)

## Committee Discussion

Members discussed:

- Proposed meeting dates for **2026**
- National Disability Employment Awareness Month activities
- Upcoming events and resources for veterans
- Continued support for at-risk populations through community partnerships and outreach

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## ❖ Action Items

- Committee members to review upcoming events and outreach opportunities related to disability employment and veteran services.
- Staff to continue monitoring and reporting workforce data trends.
- Follow-up on reentry support opportunities and potential partnerships highlighted during the presentation.

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## Next Meeting

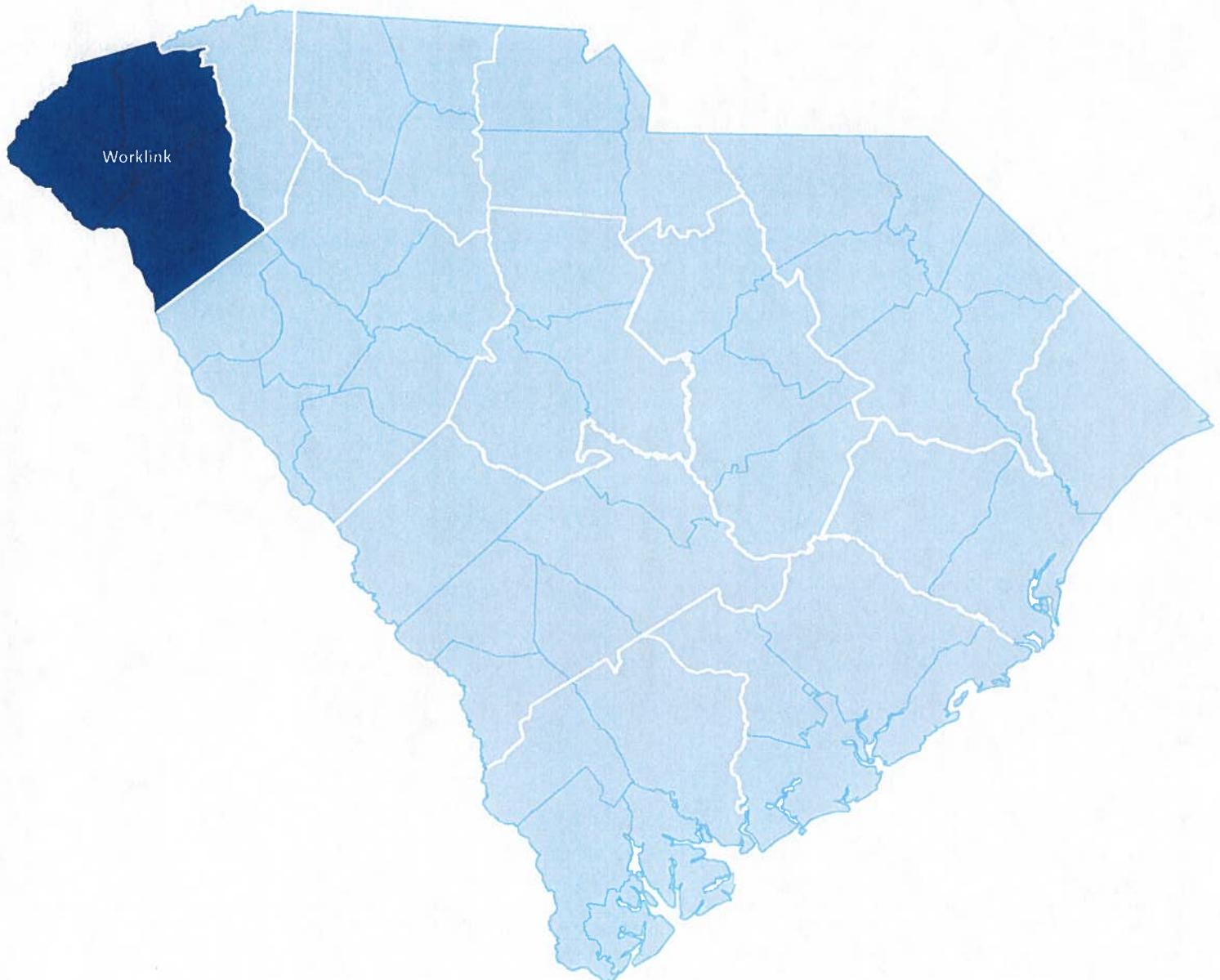
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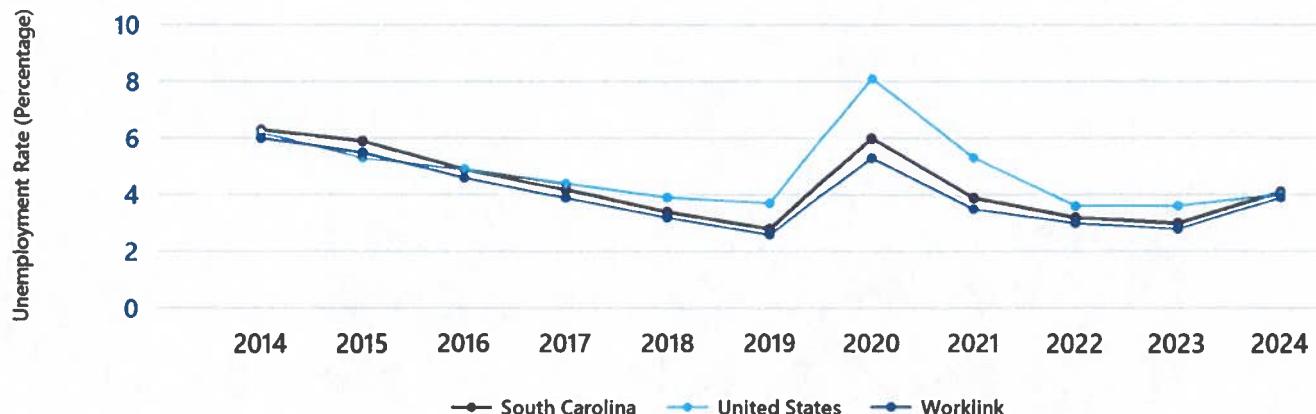
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## ANNUAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



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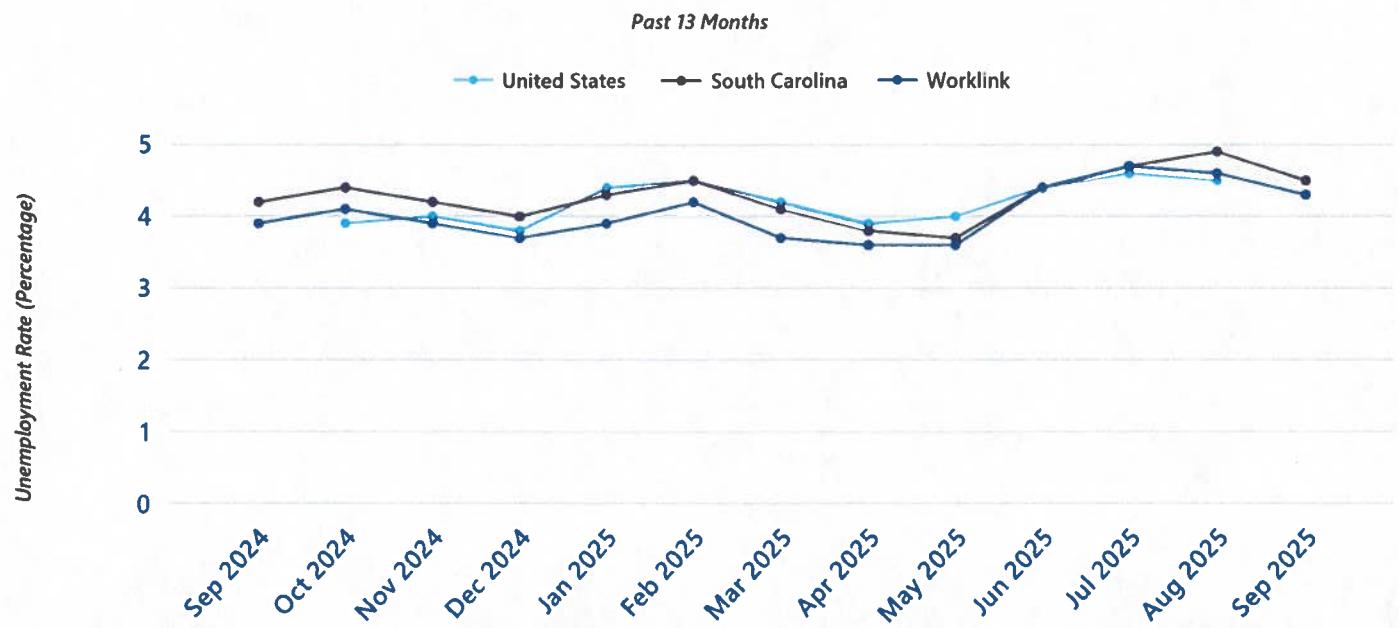
### SOUTH CAROLINA

### UNITED STATES

Year	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
2024	192,827	7,863	3.9%	2,430,453	105,178	4.1%	161,346,000	6,761,000	4.0%
2023	190,672	5,498	2.8%	2,401,212	74,248	3.0%	161,037,000	6,080,000	3.6%
2022	185,167	5,675	3.0%	2,330,548	77,339	3.2%	158,291,000	5,996,000	3.6%
2021	180,639	6,545	3.5%	2,272,940	92,676	3.9%	152,581,000	8,623,000	5.3%
2020	174,976	9,885	5.3%	2,201,090	140,613	6.0%	147,795,000	12,947,000	8.1%
2019	180,622	4,881	2.6%	2,263,682	64,405	2.8%	157,538,000	6,001,000	3.7%
2018	177,266	5,809	3.2%	2,206,821	76,542	3.4%	155,761,000	6,314,000	3.9%
2017	174,061	7,113	3.9%	2,168,104	94,845	4.2%	153,337,000	6,982,000	4.4%
2016	172,905	8,396	4.6%	2,145,584	110,199	4.9%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%
2015	167,013	9,791	5.5%	2,108,786	132,281	5.9%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2014	163,659	10,421	6.0%	2,063,369	138,475	6.3%	146,305,000	9,617,000	6.2%

Source: DEW LMI/BLS - Local Area Unemployment Statistics

## MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



Period	WORKLINK	SOUTH CAROLINA	UNITED STATES
Sep 2025	4.3%	4.5%	%
Aug 2025	4.6%	4.9%	4.5%
Jul 2025	4.7%	4.7%	4.6%
Jun 2025	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%
May 2025	3.6%	3.7%	4.0%
Apr 2025	3.6%	3.8%	3.9%
Mar 2025	3.7%	4.1%	4.2%
Feb 2025	4.2%	4.5%	4.5%
Jan 2025	3.9%	4.3%	4.4%
Dec 2024	3.7%	4.0%	3.8%
Nov 2024	3.9%	4.2%	4.0%
Oct 2024	4.1%	4.4%	3.9%
Sep 2024	3.9%	4.2%	%

Source: DEW LMI/BLS - Local Area Unemployment Statistics

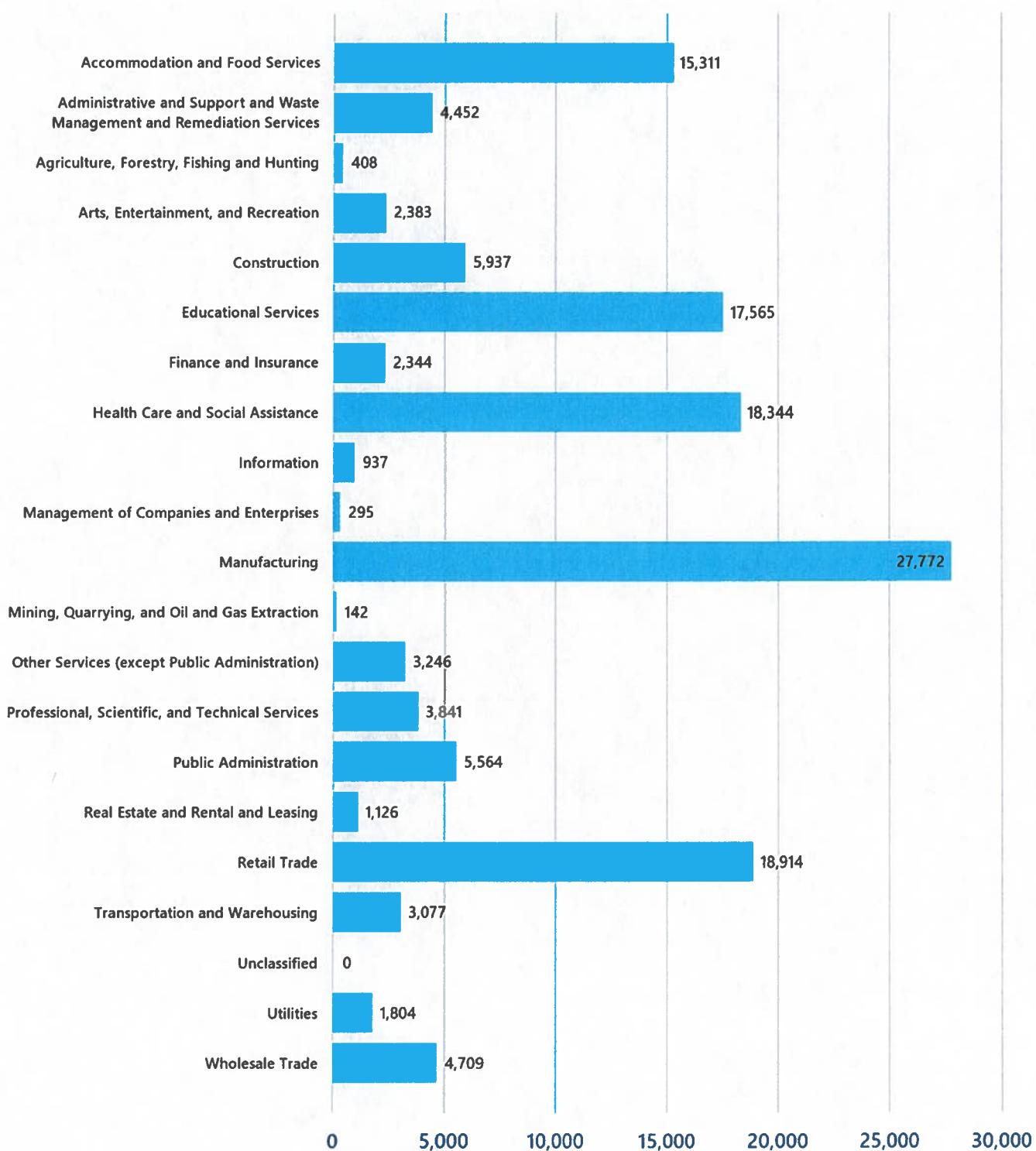
## 20 LARGEST EMPLOYERS

ANDERSON AREA MEDICAL CENTER
ANDERSON COUNTY
ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #2
ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1
ANMED HEALTH
Arthrex Manufacturing Inc
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS LLC
E&I ENGINEERING USA
E&I ENGINEERING USA CORPORATION
ELECTROLUX HOME PRODUCTS INC
Ingles Market Inc.
Kelly Services USA, LLC
MICHELIN NORTH AMERICA INC
OCONEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Prisma Health Upstate
ROBERT BOSCH CORPORATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PICKENS COUNTY
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

Source: South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce QCEW

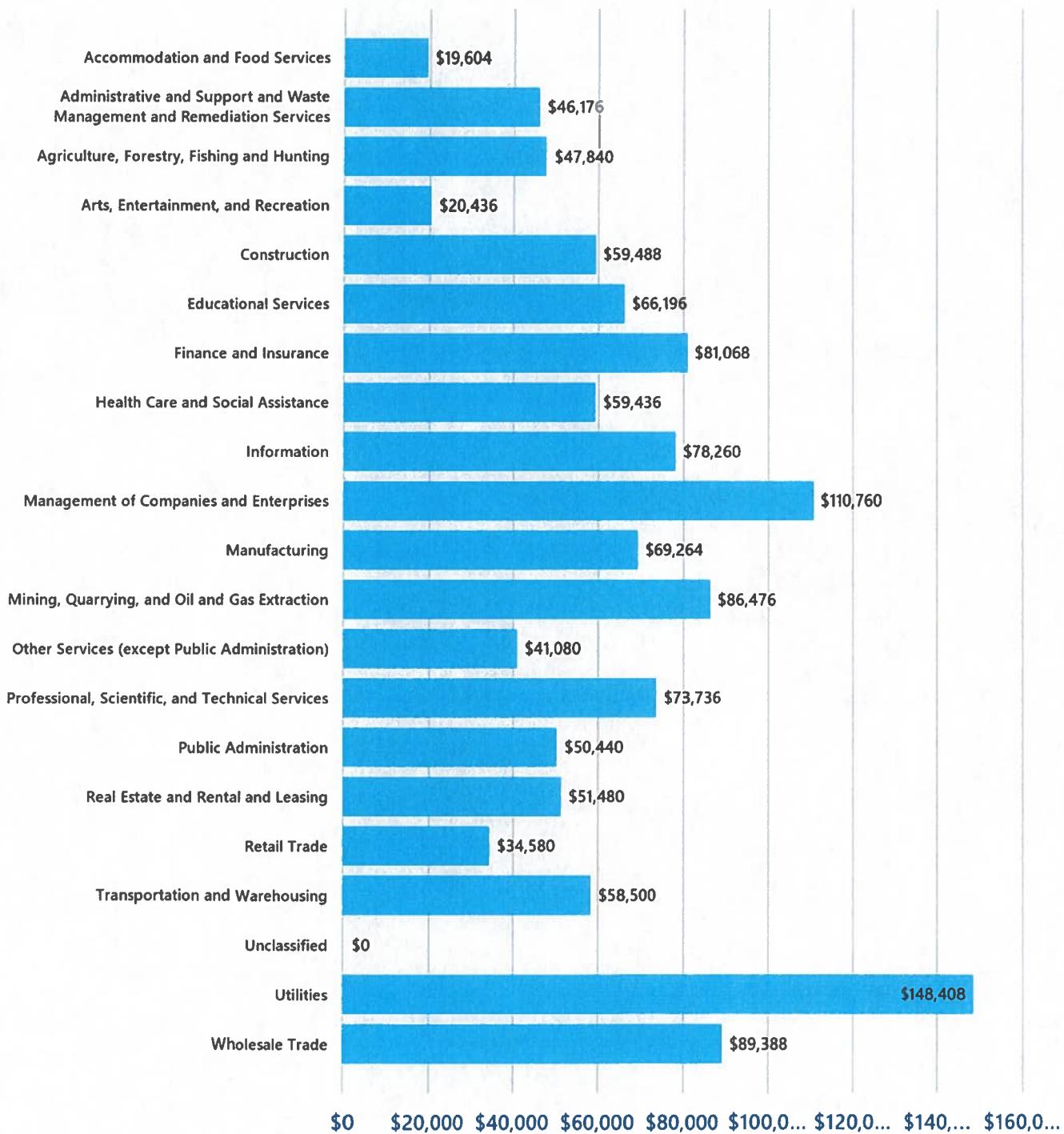
Note: This list is derived from unemployment insurance accounts and some employers may be duplicated due to variations in their reported name. Also, employers are listed alphabetically, not in rank order.

## EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



Source: South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce QCEW

## AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE BY INDUSTRY



Source: South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce QCEW

## LABOR MARKET PROJECTIONS

*Total Employment by Industry*

WORKLINK	2022	2032	Change	Percent Change	Annual Percent Change
	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment			
Total All Industries	146,363	159,043	12,680	8.7%	0.8%
Manufacturing	27,839	29,351	1,512	5.4%	0.5%
Retail Trade	18,663	20,702	2,039	10.9%	1.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	16,438	19,034	2,596	15.8%	1.5%
Educational Services	16,253	17,590	1,337	8.2%	0.8%
Accommodation and Food Services	14,936	15,737	801	5.4%	0.5%
Other Services (except Government)	6,366	6,806	440	6.9%	0.7%
Construction	6,184	6,316	132	2.1%	0.2%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	4,271	4,860	589	13.8%	1.3%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	4,251	4,694	443	10.4%	1.0%
Wholesale Trade	4,202	4,501	299	7.1%	0.7%
Transportation and Warehousing	2,659	3,571	912	34.3%	3.0%
Finance and Insurance	2,429	2,740	311	12.8%	1.2%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,161	2,332	171	7.9%	0.8%
Utilities	1,590	1,648	58	3.6%	0.4%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,188	1,285	97	8.2%	0.8%
Information	1,147	1,252	105	9.2%	0.9%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,015	973	-42	-4.1%	-0.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	250	348	98	39.2%	3.4%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	137	159	22	16.1%	1.5%

Source: South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce QCEW

## U.S. CENSUS BUREAU AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY DATA

The rest of this profile consists of data from the American Community Survey, which is administered annually by the U.S. Census Bureau. The survey contacts one percent of all residents annually to generate data on a range of topics. However, accurate data from a single year of survey responses can only be generated for areas containing at least 65,000 people; five-year averages are reported for less populated geographies. To ensure that data are available for all areas and comparable across the state, all Community Profiles use these five-year averages that cover the years 2019 through 2023. Estimates with overlapping years should not be compared, since the repetition of sample data leads to statistical errors. For viable comparisons, the two prior non-overlapping five-year averages (2009-2013 and 2014-2018) are also provided. Each year, as new data is released, the profiles will increase by one year in the same manner, ensuring that non-overlapping five-year averages are always what is being compared.

## SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

YEAR	TOTAL ENROLLED IN SCHOOL	ENROLLED IN SCHOOL NURSERY SCHOOL OR PRESCHOOL	ENROLLED IN SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN	ENROLLED IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADES 1-8	ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 9-12	ENROLLED IN COLLEGE OR GRADUATE SCHOOL
2013	102,527	5,038	5,764	38,179	19,588	33,958
2018	101,032	4,419	5,083	38,866	18,580	34,084
2023	103,594	4,385	6,241	39,610	20,112	33,246

Note: Based on Population 3 years and over enrolled in school

Source: Table DP02 - Selected Social Characteristics in the United States, U.S. Census Bureau

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

YEAR	TOTAL POPULATION 25 YEARS AND OVER	LESS THAN 9TH GRADE	9TH TO 12TH GRADE NO DIPLOMA	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE "INCLUDES EQUIV."	SOME COLLEGE NO DEGREE	ASSOCIATES DEGREE	BACHELORS DEGREE	GRADUATE OR PROF. DEGREE	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR HIGHER	BACHELORS DEGREE OR HIGHER
2013	253,606	15,918	29,355	80,485	51,062	23,910	32,869	20,007	N/A*	N/A*
2018	266,961	14,132	27,294	81,802	54,266	28,188	37,408	23,871	225,535	61,279
2023	285,370	9,562	26,072	86,413	54,286	31,671	46,744	30,622	249,736	77,366

Note: Based on Population 25 years and over

Source: Table DP02 - Selected Social Characteristics in the United States, U.S. Census Bureau

\*American Community Survey data from 2010 to 2017 do not include these estimates

## VETERAN STATUS

YEAR	TOTAL POPULATION	TOTAL VETERANS	TOTAL NONVETERANS
2013	297,735	30,544	267,191
2018	310,787	28,319	282,468
2023	331,572	24,188	307,384

Note: Civilian Population 18 years and over

Source: Table S2101 - Veteran Status in the United States, U.S. Census Bureau

## DISABILITY STATUS

YEAR	TOTAL NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION	TOTAL WITH A DISABILITY	TOTAL POPULATION UNDER 18 YEARS OLD	TOTAL POPULATION UNDER 18 YEARS OLD WITH A DISABILITY	TOTAL POPULATION 18 TO 64 YEARS OLD	TOTAL POPULATION 18 TO 64 YEARS OLD WITH A DISABILITY	TOTAL POPULATION 65 YEARS AND OVER	TOTAL POPULATION 65 YEARS AND OVER WITH A DISABILITY
2013	379,410	60,856	84,116	3,938	236,046	33,266	59,248	23,652
2018	392,766	65,861	84,214	4,468	239,161	33,694	69,391	27,699
2023	416,181	66,948	87,145	4,635	251,143	34,172	77,893	28,141

Note: Based on Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population

Source: Table DP02 - Selected Social Characteristics in the United States, U.S. Census Bureau

## RESIDENCE ONE YEAR AGO

YEAR	TOTAL POPULATION	SAME HOUSE	DIFFERENT HOUSE (IN THE U.S. OR ABROAD)	DIFFERENT HOUSE IN THE U.S.	DIFFERENT HOUSE IN THE U.S., SAME COUNTY	DIFFERENT HOUSE IN THE U.S., DIFFERENT COUNTY	DIFFERENT HOUSE IN THE U.S., DIFFERENT COUNTY SAME STATE	DIFFERENT HOUSE IN THE U.S., DIFFERENT COUNTY DIFFERENT STATE	DIFFERENT HOUSE, ABROAD
2013	378,445	318,693	N/A*	58,088	34,027	24,061	14,163	9,898	1,664
2018	391,024	329,716	N/A*	60,249	31,157	29,092	17,676	11,416	1,059
2023	415,710	357,444	58,266	57,045	24,776	32,269	17,058	15,211	1,221

Note: Based on Population 1 year and over

Source: Table DP02 - Selected Social Characteristics in the United States, U.S. Census Bureau

\*American Community Survey data from 2010 to 2019 do not include these estimates

\*Although the survey data in these years did not include a sum for Different House (in the U.S. or Abroad), LMI believes it can be calculated by finding the sum of Different House in the U.S. and Different House, Abroad.

## LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

YEAR	ENGLISH ONLY	OTHER THAN ENGLISH	SPANISH	EUROPEAN LANGUAGES	ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER LANGUAGES	OTHER LANGUAGES
2013	344,409	15,777	9,288	3,486	1,974	1,029
2018	356,879	16,794	10,534	3,529	1,956	775
2023	377,751	20,245	12,367	4,804	2,309	765

Note: Based on Population 5 years and over

Source: Table DP02 - Selected Social Characteristics, U.S. Census Bureau

## EMPLOYMENT STATUS

YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED
2013	177,896	157,167	20,729
2018	185,010	174,038	10,972
2023	197,773	188,412	9,361

Note: Based on Population 16 years and over

Source: Table DP03 - Selected Economic Characteristics, U.S. Census Bureau

## CLASS OF WORKER

YEAR	TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYED POPULATION	PRIVATE WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	GOVERNMENT WORKERS	SELF-EMPLOYED IN OWN NOT INCORPORATED BUSINESS WORKERS	UNPAID FAMILY WORKERS
2013	157,167	123,188	24,409	9,341	229
2018	174,038	138,919	25,123	9,669	327
2023	188,412	149,429	27,140	11,415	428

Note: Based on Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over

Source: Table DP03 - Selected Economic Characteristics, U.S. Census Bureau

## OCCUPATIONS

YEAR	TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYED POPULATION	MANAGEMENT, BUSINESS, SCIENCE, AND ARTS OCCUPATIONS	SERVICE OCCUPATIONS	SALES AND OFFICE OCCUPATIONS	NATURAL RESOURCES, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OCCUPATIONS	PRODUCTION, TRANSPORTATION, AND MATERIAL MOVING OCCUPATIONS
2013	157,167	49,260	27,120	37,705	16,026	27,056
2018	174,038	57,652	29,594	37,378	17,567	31,847
2023	188,412	69,907	31,644	35,071	18,311	33,479

Note: Based on Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over

Source: Table DP03 - Selected Economic Characteristics, U.S. Census Bureau

To see a more detailed explanation of these occupations, [click here](#).

## POPULATION

YEAR	WHITE	BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN	AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE	ASIAN	NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	SOME OTHER RACE	TWO OR MORE RACES
2013	323,429	44,151	1,026	3,725	164	3,751	6,136
2018	332,259	44,638	984	4,731	158	4,199	8,468
2023	340,154	41,837	1,458	5,055	85	8,633	22,166

*Note: Based on Total Population*

*Source: Table DP05 - ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau*

## TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

YEAR	TOTAL WORKERS	CAR, TRUCK, OR VAN DROVE ALONE	CAR, TRUCK, OR VAN CARPOOLED	PUBLIC TRANS. EXCLUDING TAXICAB	WALKED	BICYCLE	TAXICAB, MOTORCYCLE, OR OTHER MEANS	WORKED FROM HOME
2013	154,010	84.9%	9.0%	0.6%	1.9%	0.2%	0.9%	2.7%
2018	170,018	84.2%	9.4%	0.6%	1.4%	0.1%	0.8%	3.5%
2023	184,924	79.4%	9.5%	0.5%	1.3%	0.1%	1.0%	8.0%

Note: Based on Workers 16 years and over

Source: Table S0801 - Commuting Characteristics by Sex, U.S. Census Bureau

## TRAVEL TIME TO WORK

YEAR	LESS THAN 10 MINUTES	10 TO 14 MINUTES	15 TO 19 MINUTES	20 TO 24 MINUTES	25 TO 29 MINUTES	30 TO 34 MINUTES	35 TO 44 MINUTES	45 TO 59 MINUTES	60 OR MORE MINUTES
2013	14.7%	16.3%	16.5%	15.9%	5.9%	12.5%	6.1%	6.8%	5.3%
2018	12.7%	15.3%	17.4%	14.3%	7.3%	12.3%	6.8%	7.9%	6.0%
2023	13.0%	14.4%	15.5%	13.8%	8.3%	12.7%	7.3%	8.8%	6.3%

Note: Based on Workers 16 Years and over who did not work from home

Source: Table S0801 - Commuting Characteristics by Sex, U.S. Census Bureau

## VEHICLES AVAILABLE BY OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT

YEAR	TOTAL OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS	NO VEHICLES AVAILABLE	1 VEHICLE AVAILABLE	2 VEHICLES AVAILABLE	3 OR MORE VEHICLES AVAILABLE
2013	147,373	8,221	46,626	56,103	36,423
2018	155,825	10,636	46,926	56,726	41,537
2023	167,191	9,414	47,367	61,916	48,494

Source: Table DP04 - Selected Housing Characteristics, U.S. Census Bureau

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## South Carolina's Employment Situation: November 2025

### HOUSEHOLD SURVEY: LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Nationally, there is a monthly Current Population Survey of about 60,000 households conducted by the Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to determine employment status of the civilian population. This information, along with other inputs, are used by DEW to operate the Local Area Unemployment Statistics program, which estimates the number of individuals employed and those not employed, but actively seeking employment for statewide and a variety of substate geographies.

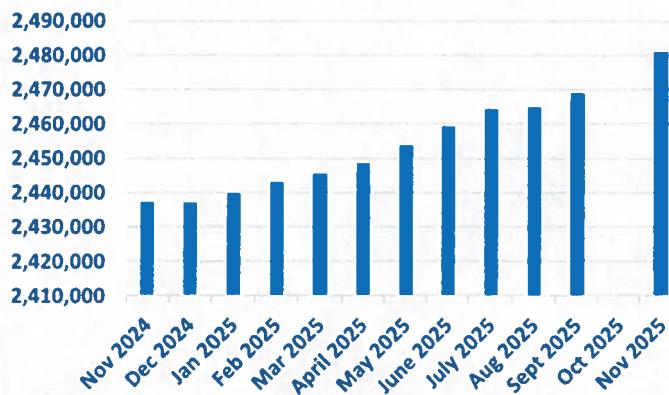
#### EMPLOYMENT:

- The seasonally adjusted number of South Carolina workers was estimated at 2,481,123.
- That is an increase of 43,940 people over the November 2024 estimate. *November over the month changes were not tabulated due to the Federal Government shutdown.*

#### LABOR FORCE:

- The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) was at 2,601,819 while the labor force participation rate was 58 percent.
- That is an increase of 51,682 individuals over the November 2024 estimate. *November over the month changes were not tabulated due to the Federal Government shutdown.*

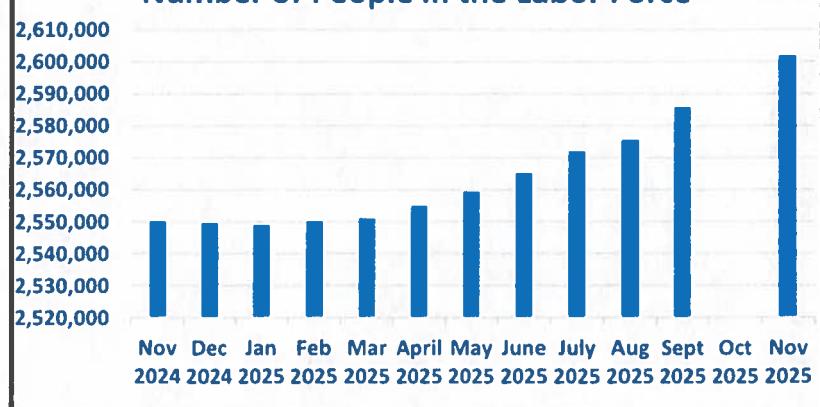
#### Number of People Employed



#### UNEMPLOYED:

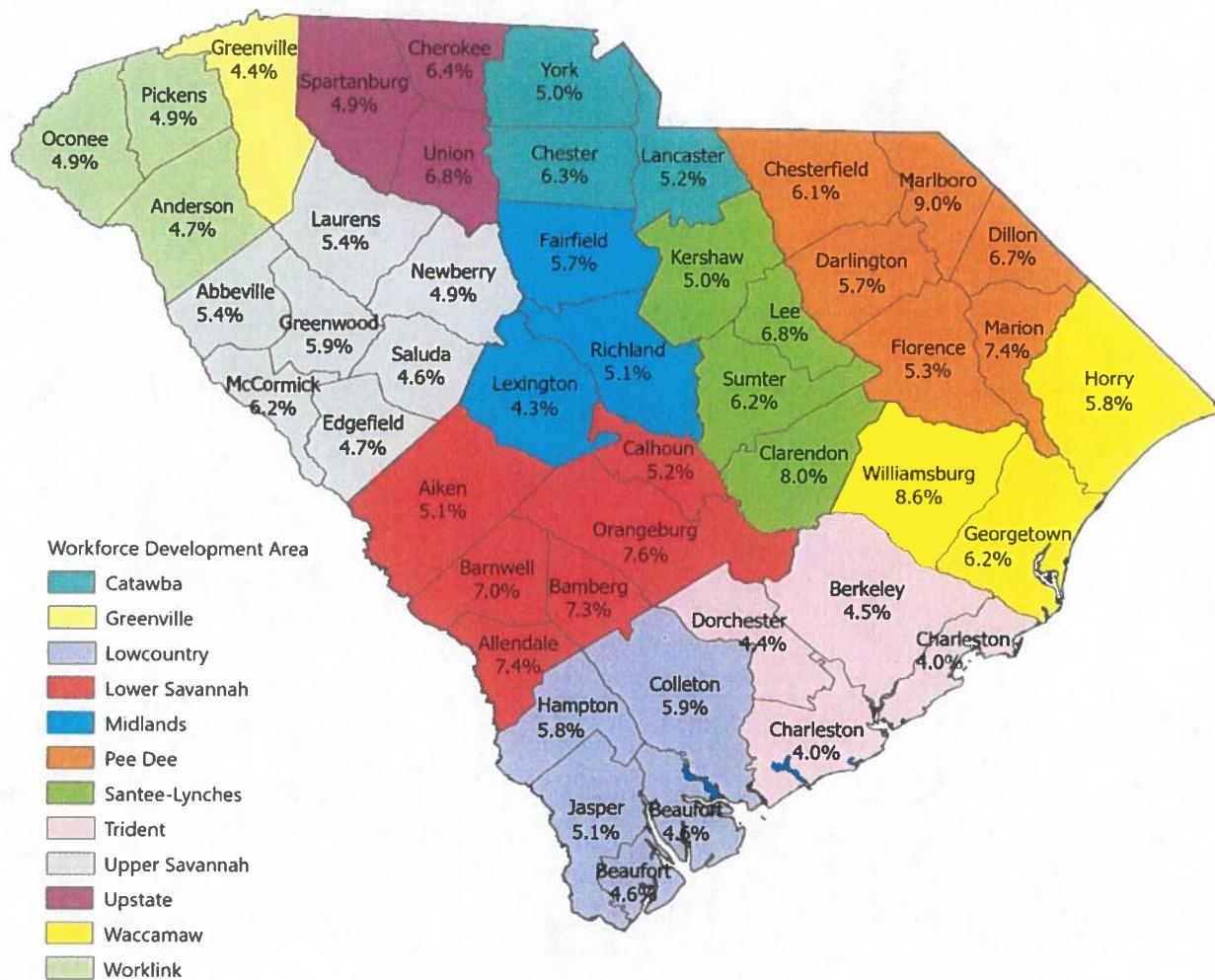
- The estimated number of unemployed people was 120,696.
- That is an increase of 7,742 from the November 2024 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.6 percent. The national unemployment rate was estimated at 4.6 percent, according to the Current Population survey. *November over the month changes were not tabulated due to the Federal Government shutdown.*

#### Number of People in the Labor Force



**Seasonally Adjusted:** Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a regular pattern each year (i.e. tourist-related hiring and school closings in the summer). These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other nonseasonal movements in data over time.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY COUNTY (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Name	Counties	Rate	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Charleston-North Charleston	Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester	4.2%	-	↑ 0.6 pts
Columbia	Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Richland, Saluda	4.8%	-	↑ 0.6 pts
Florence	Darlington, Florence	5.4%	-	↑ 0.7 pts
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	Anderson, Greenville, Laurens, Pickens	4.6%	-	↑ 0.7 pts
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	Beaufort, Jasper	4.7%	-	↑ 0.9 pts
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	Horry	5.8%	-	↑ 1.0 pts
Spartanburg	Spartanburg, Union	5.1%	-	↑ 0.7 pts
Sumter	Sumter	6.2%	-	↑ 0.7 pts

Not Seasonally Adjusted: Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from these data.

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY COUNTY, MSA, AND STATE**  
**(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

AREA	November 2025				October 2025 ***				November 2024			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOY- MENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOY- MENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOY- MENT LEVEL	RATE (%)
Marlboro County	8,339	7,592	747	9.0	-	-	-	-	8,139	7,545	594	7.3
Williamsburg County	11,249	10,282	967	8.6	-	-	-	-	10,055	9,371	684	6.8
Clarendon County	11,026	10,139	887	8.0	-	-	-	-	11,207	10,552	655	5.8
Orangeburg County	34,992	32,347	2,645	7.6	-	-	-	-	35,129	32,936	2,193	6.2
Allendale County	2,620	2,426	194	7.4	-	-	-	-	2,580	2,433	147	5.7
Marion County	12,071	11,180	891	7.4	-	-	-	-	11,591	10,887	704	6.1
Bamberg County	5,464	5,067	397	7.3	-	-	-	-	5,377	5,053	324	6.0
Barnwell County	7,771	7,228	543	7.0	-	-	-	-	8,175	7,721	454	5.6
Lee County	6,063	5,650	413	6.8	-	-	-	-	5,877	5,480	397	6.8
Union County	11,379	10,600	779	6.8	-	-	-	-	10,890	10,257	633	5.8
Dillon County	12,022	11,214	808	6.7	-	-	-	-	12,156	11,381	775	6.4
Cherokee County	23,606	22,090	1,516	6.4	-	-	-	-	22,886	21,561	1,325	5.8
Chester County	14,919	13,984	935	6.3	-	-	-	-	14,270	13,448	822	5.8
Georgetown County	27,771	26,051	1,720	6.2	-	-	-	-	27,368	26,068	1,300	4.8
McCormick County	3,446	3,233	213	6.2	-	-	-	-	3,379	3,206	173	5.1
Sumter County	43,440	40,732	2,708	6.2	-	-	-	-	41,521	39,228	2,293	5.5
Chesterfield County	18,235	17,124	1,111	6.1	-	-	-	-	18,164	17,320	844	4.6
Colleton County	15,526	14,605	921	5.9	-	-	-	-	15,727	14,972	755	4.8
Greenwood County	29,807	28,055	1,752	5.9	-	-	-	-	28,755	27,205	1,550	5.4
Hampton County	7,878	7,425	453	5.8	-	-	-	-	7,676	7,377	299	3.9
Horry County	177,981	167,651	10,330	5.8	-	-	-	-	167,843	159,718	8,125	4.8
Darlington County	29,467	27,778	1,689	5.7	-	-	-	-	28,172	26,776	1,396	5.0
Fairfield County	10,210	9,625	585	5.7	-	-	-	-	9,851	9,348	503	5.1
Abbeville County	10,478	9,908	570	5.4	-	-	-	-	10,422	9,962	460	4.4
Laurens County	32,132	30,399	1,733	5.4	-	-	-	-	31,018	29,608	1,410	4.5
Florence County	66,890	63,341	3,549	5.3	-	-	-	-	63,974	61,077	2,897	4.5
Calhoun County	6,744	6,393	351	5.2	-	-	-	-	6,509	6,218	291	4.5
Lancaster County	51,958	49,254	2,704	5.2	-	-	-	-	49,524	47,296	2,228	4.5
Aiken County	77,941	73,937	4,004	5.1	-	-	-	-	75,247	72,083	3,164	4.2
Jasper County	14,509	13,774	735	5.1	-	-	-	-	13,884	13,320	564	4.1
Richland County	216,234	205,222	11,012	5.1	-	-	-	-	208,901	199,437	9,464	4.5
Kershaw County	33,311	31,632	1,679	5.0	-	-	-	-	32,126	30,787	1,339	4.2
York County	161,816	153,731	8,085	5.0	-	-	-	-	154,128	147,619	6,509	4.2
Newberry County	18,834	17,915	919	4.9	-	-	-	-	18,216	17,445	771	4.2
Oconee County	37,211	35,380	1,831	4.9	-	-	-	-	35,829	34,435	1,394	3.9
Pickens County	67,170	63,899	3,271	4.9	-	-	-	-	64,891	62,219	2,672	4.1
Spartanburg County	174,339	165,717	8,622	4.9	-	-	-	-	167,499	160,337	7,162	4.3
Anderson County	103,346	98,519	4,827	4.7	-	-	-	-	99,740	95,921	3,819	3.8
Edgefield County	11,752	11,205	547	4.7	-	-	-	-	11,394	10,946	448	3.9
Beaufort County	87,344	83,290	4,054	4.6	-	-	-	-	83,658	80,488	3,170	3.8
Saluda County	8,891	8,480	411	4.6	-	-	-	-	8,606	8,297	309	3.6
Berkeley County	133,035	127,104	5,931	4.5	-	-	-	-	128,103	123,197	4,906	3.8
Dorchester County	89,271	85,361	3,910	4.4	-	-	-	-	85,980	82,747	3,233	3.8
Greenville County	294,862	281,808	13,054	4.4	-	-	-	-	285,221	274,425	10,796	3.8
Lexington County	160,918	153,929	6,989	4.3	-	-	-	-	155,319	149,656	5,663	3.6
Charleston County	240,736	231,022	9,714	4.0	-	-	-	-	231,917	224,059	7,858	3.4
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED</b>												
South Carolina	2,601,819	2,481,123	120,696	4.6	-	-	-	-	2,550,137	2,437,183	112,954	4.4

Current month's estimates are preliminary. All data are subject to revision.

\*\*\*October data was not collected due to the Federal Government shutdown.

**Not Seasonally Adjusted:** Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from these data.

## EMPLOYER SURVEY: CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

BLS conducts a monthly Current Employment Statistics survey of approximately 119,000 businesses and government agencies which yields national estimates of nonagricultural wage and salary employment, hours, and earnings by industry. These data are processed by DEW to generate comparable data for the state and its metropolitan statistical areas.

### NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 1,200 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,424,800.

#### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Statewide  
Nov-25

Jobs by Industry	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	October 2025 to November 2025		November 2024 to November 2025	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	October 2025
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	2,424,800	2,423,600	2,376,400	↑ 1,200	↑ 0.0%	↑ 48,400	↑ 2.0%
Construction	121,500	121,800	120,800	↓ -300	↓ -0.2%	↑ 700	↑ 0.6%
Manufacturing	260,500	261,000	263,000	↓ -500	↓ -0.2%	↓ -2,500	↓ -1.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	455,900	455,400	447,100	↑ 500	↑ 0.1%	↑ 8,800	↑ 2.0%
Information	30,900	30,900	28,700	No Change	No Change	↑ 2,200	↑ 7.7%
Financial Activities	126,900	127,500	124,000	↓ -600	↓ -0.5%	↑ 2,900	↑ 2.3%
Professional and Business Services	325,400	323,400	317,100	↑ 2,000	↑ 0.6%	↑ 8,300	↑ 2.6%
Education and Health Services	316,600	315,700	307,600	↑ 900	↑ 0.3%	↑ 9,000	↑ 2.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	298,300	298,300	282,800	No Change	No Change	↑ 15,500	↑ 5.5%
Other Services	93,800	93,800	91,800	No Change	No Change	↑ 2,000	↑ 2.2%
Government	390,500	391,200	389,000	↓ -700	↓ -0.2%	↑ 1,500	↑ 0.4%

### NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 1,200 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,424,800.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT  
South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted  
Nov-25

Area	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	October 2025 to November 2025		November 2024 to November 2025	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	October 2025
<b>Statewide</b>	2,424,800	2,423,600	2,376,400	↑ 1,200	↑ 0.0%	↑ 48,400	↑ 2.0%
Charleston/North Charleston	435,900	435,900	428,100	No Change	No Change	↑ 7,800	↑ 1.8%
Columbia	440,400	440,300	434,800	↑ 100	↑ 0.0%	↑ 5,600	↑ 1.3%
Florence	99,400	99,600	96,800	↓ -200	↓ -0.2%	↑ 2,600	↑ 2.7%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin	479,800	479,000	474,800	↑ 800	↑ 0.2%	↑ 5,000	↑ 1.1%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort	91,600	91,700	89,700	↓ -100	↓ -0.1%	↑ 1,900	↑ 2.1%
Myrtle Beach	161,700	162,400	155,300	↓ -700	↓ -0.4%	↑ 6,400	↑ 4.1%
Spartanburg	182,800	182,300	179,100	↑ 500	↑ 0.3%	↑ 3,700	↑ 2.1%
Sumter	39,100	39,100	38,000	No Change	No Change	↑ 1,100	↑ 2.9%

**Seasonally Adjusted:** Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a regular pattern each year (i.e. tourist-related hiring and school closings in the summer). These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other nonseasonal movements in data over time.

## WIOA Targeted Population Summary

Program: Title I - Workforce Development (WIOA)

LWDB/Region: WorkLink

Filter By Date - Participation Date

Start Date: 07/01/2025

End Date: 12/31/2025

Target Group	Total Enrolled	New Enrolled	Received Career Services	Received Training/Educ Svcs	Total Exited	With Credit	Empl at Exit	Avg Wage at Exit	Training Related at Exit	Emp Qtr 1	Emp Qtr 2	Emp Qtr 3	Emp Qtr 4	Training Related Qtr 1	Training Related Qtr 2	Training Related Qtr 3
	85	85	85	85	62	10	2	3	\$15.00	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Female	39	39	39	39	31	5	2	2	\$12.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	45	45	45	45	30	5	0	1	\$20.00	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
NA	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Age</b>																
18 and Under	22	22	22	21	1	1	1	1	\$12.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19 to 24	30	30	30	25	3	1	2	2	\$16.50	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
25 to 54	29	29	29	14	5	0	0	\$0.00	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 and Older	4	4	4	2	1	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>																
White	61	61	61	50	6	2	2	2	\$12.50	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
African American/Black	16	16	16	9	1	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ethnic Hispanic or Latino	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	8	8	8	5	2	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Educational Status</b>																
In-school; post Secondary School	8	8	8	8	7	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Within 2 Years of Exhausting TANF	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaiian Native	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Single Parent</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Facing Substantial Cultural Barriers	7.06%	7.06%	7.06%	4.84%	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eligible Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meets Governors Special Barrier	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
English Language Learner	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Basic Skills Deficient	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Offender	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Runaway Youth	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	+	0	0	0	0
Foster Care (All)	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
In Foster Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aged Out of Foster Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pregnant or Parenting Youth	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out of Home Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eligible Under Section 477	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Requires Additional Assistance	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30.59%	30.59%	30.59%	41.94%									

Long-Term Unemployed	9	9	9	9	6	6	2	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Public Assistance</b>																			
TANF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SNAP	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	9.41%	9.41%	9.41%	3.23%	3.23%	30.00%				50.00%									
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
General Assistance	1.18%	1.18%	1.18%	1.18%	1.18%	1.61%													
Living in the High Poverty Area	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Free or Reduced Lunch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Low Income	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Green Training</b>																			
Received Green Training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Target Group	Total Enrolled	New Enrolled	Received Career Services	Received Training/ Educ Svcs	Total Exited	With Credent	Empl at Exit	Avg Wage at Exit	Training Related at Exit	Emp Qtr 1	Emp Qtr 2	Emp Qtr 3	Emp Qtr 4	Training Related Qtr 1	Training Related Qtr 2	Training Related Qtr 3			
Total Rows: 59																			

## **Disability Statistics**

December 2025 Disability Employment Statistics Ages 16 years and over:

### **Labor Force Participation Rate**

- People with disabilities: 25.3%
- People without disabilities: 67.7%

### **Unemployment Rate**

- People with disabilities: 7.7%
- People without disabilities: 3.9%

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