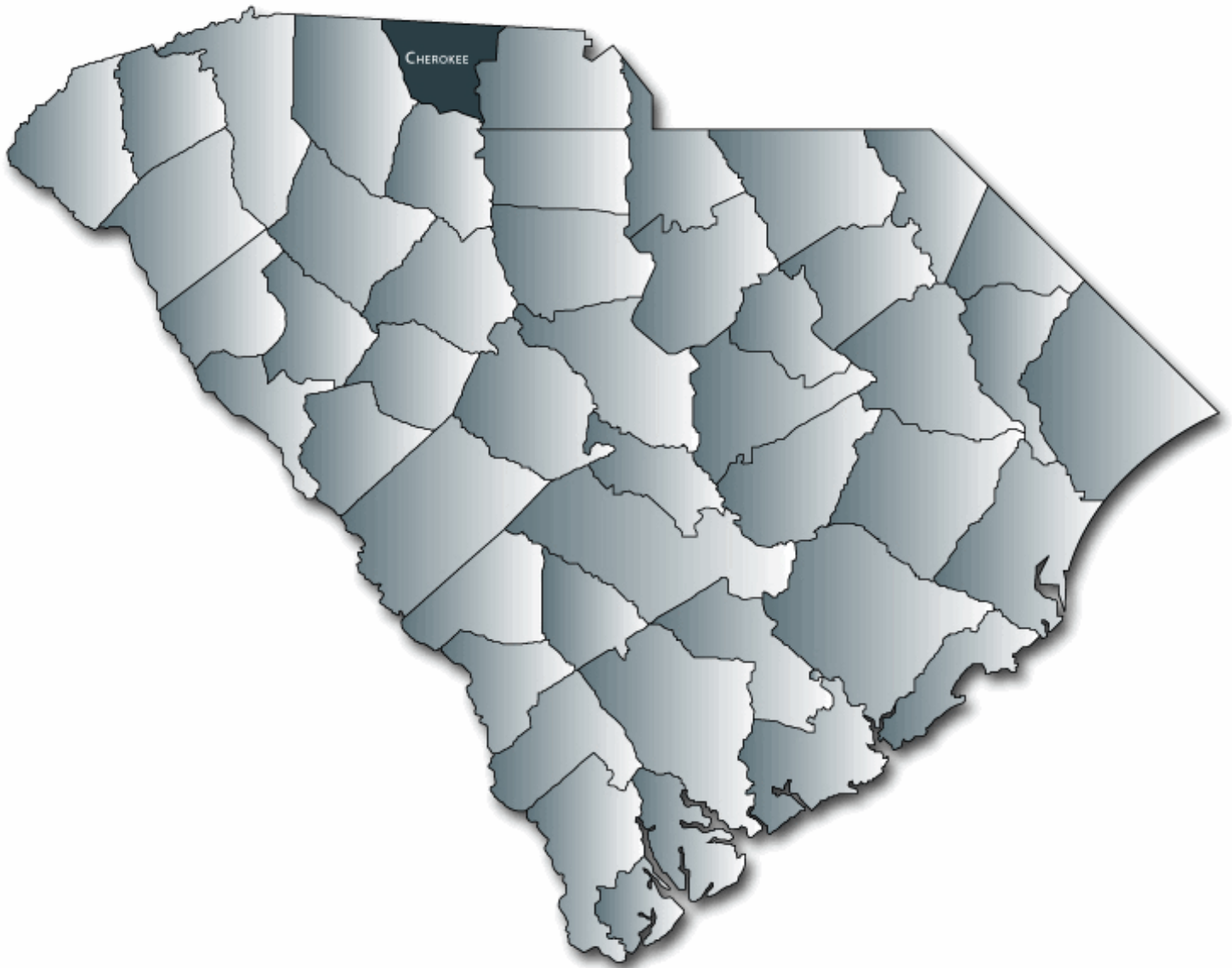


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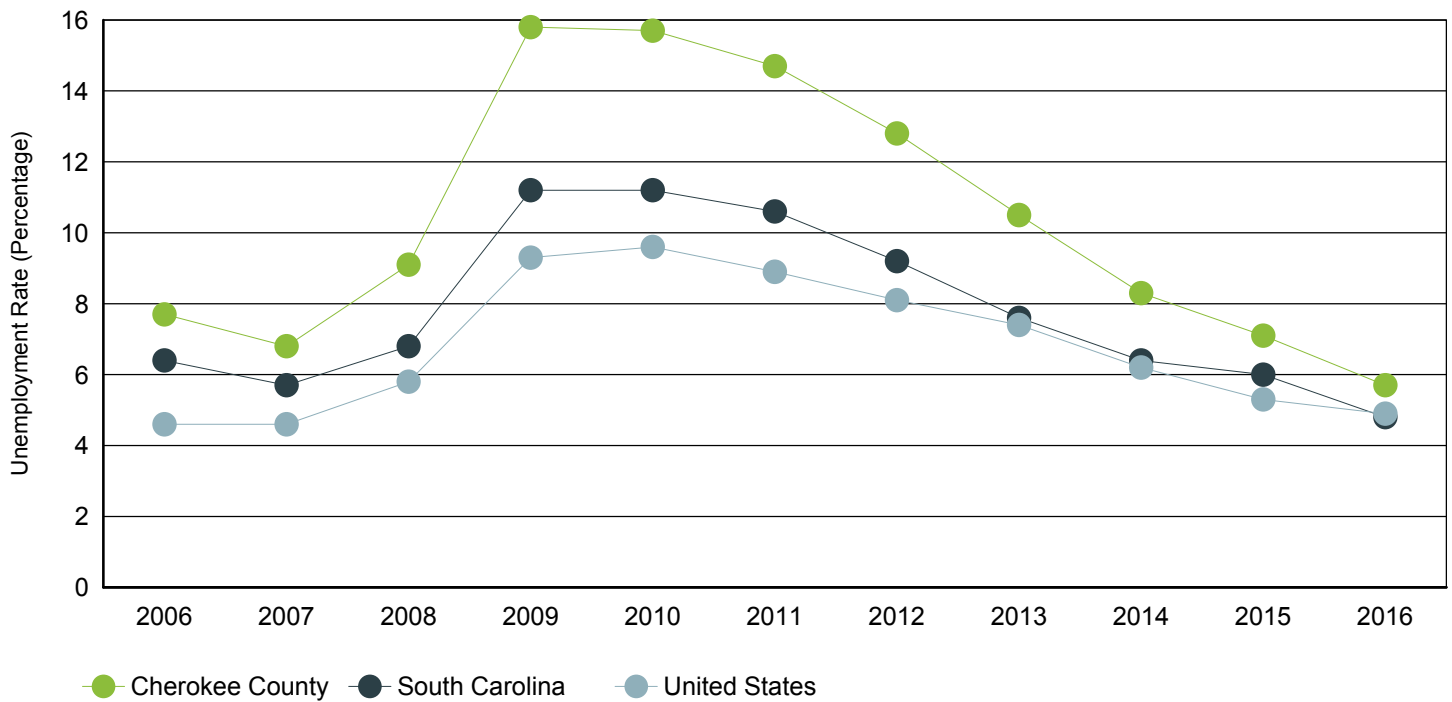
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Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

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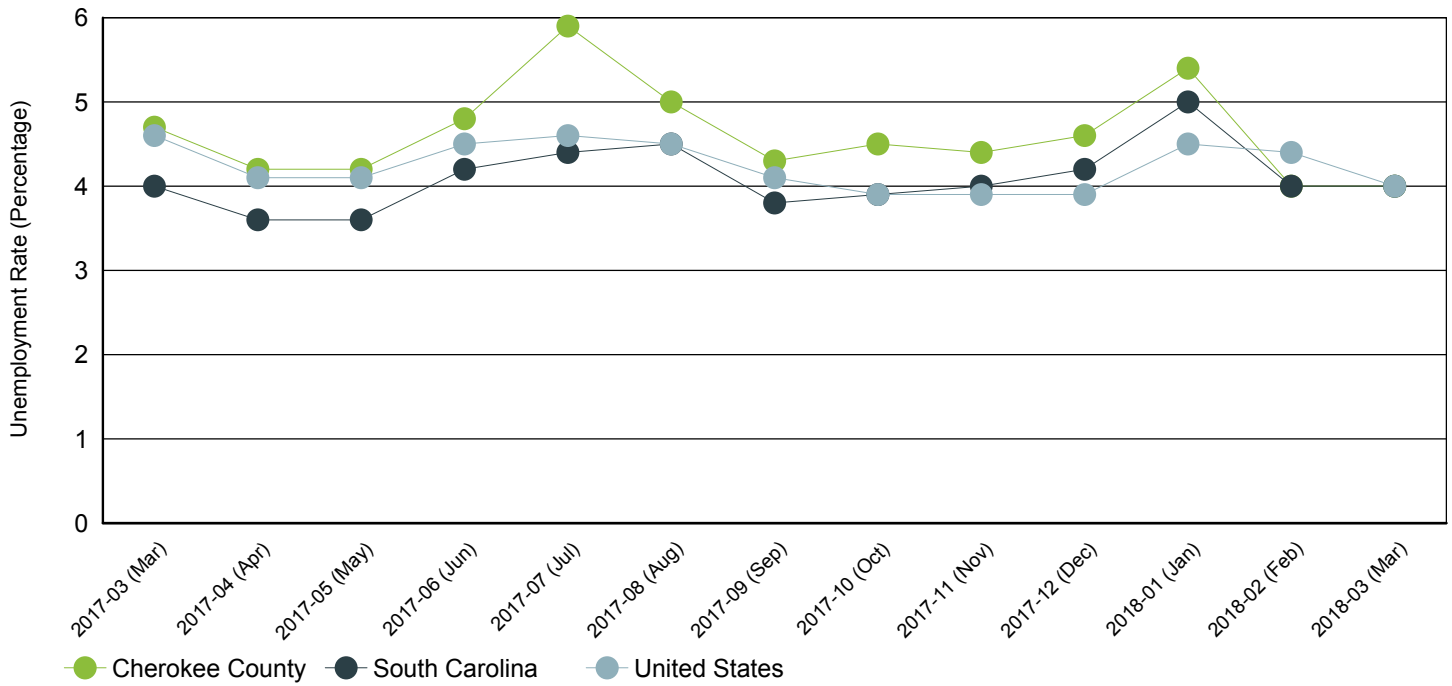


Year	Cherokee County			South Carolina			United States		
	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate
2016	22,269	1,349	5.7%	2,186,740	111,067	4.8%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%
2015	21,797	1,675	7.1%	2,134,637	135,746	6.0%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2014	21,719	1,959	8.3%	2,081,511	143,151	6.4%	146,305,000	9,617,000	6.2%
2013	21,273	2,491	10.5%	2,026,666	167,647	7.6%	143,929,000	11,460,000	7.4%
2012	20,705	3,046	12.8%	1,985,618	201,260	9.2%	142,469,000	12,506,000	8.1%
2011	20,162	3,482	14.7%	1,945,900	229,623	10.6%	139,869,000	13,747,000	8.9%
2010	19,956	3,727	15.7%	1,915,045	240,623	11.2%	139,064,000	14,825,000	9.6%
2009	21,538	4,056	15.8%	1,910,670	242,075	11.2%	139,877,000	14,265,000	9.3%
2008	23,231	2,315	9.1%	1,996,409	145,823	6.8%	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%
2007	23,543	1,714	6.8%	2,005,686	120,205	5.7%	146,047,000	7,078,000	4.6%
2006	23,177	1,925	7.7%	1,973,337	135,760	6.4%	144,427,000	7,001,000	4.6%

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

Monthly Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Past 13 Months



Period	Cherokee County	South Carolina	United States
Mar 2018	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Feb 2018	4.0%	4.0%	4.4%
Jan 2018	5.4%	5.0%	4.5%
Dec 2017	4.6%	4.2%	3.9%
Nov 2017	4.4%	4.0%	3.9%
Oct 2017	4.5%	3.9%	3.9%
Sep 2017	4.3%	3.8%	4.1%
Aug 2017	5.0%	4.5%	4.5%
Jul 2017	5.9%	4.4%	4.6%
Jun 2017	4.8%	4.2%	4.5%
May 2017	4.2%	3.6%	4.1%
Apr 2017	4.2%	3.6%	4.1%
Mar 2017	4.7%	4.0%	4.6%

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

Area Job Openings

Period	Cherokee County				South Carolina			
	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings
Mar-18	23,485	1,054	4.0%	434	2,225,456	102,076	4.0%	59,107
Feb-18	23,407	1,182	4.0%	373	2,223,397	101,415	4.0%	57,596
Jan-18	23,059	1,324	5.4%	415	2,221,051	100,182	4.3%	51,746
Dec-17	23,292	1,131	4.6%	440	2,220,845	97,879	4.2%	56,028
Nov-17	22,998	1,070	4.4%	424	2,232,646	92,726	4.0%	60,228
Oct-17	22,947	1,069	4.5%	447	2,235,030	91,092	3.9%	57,940
Sep-17	22,908	1,039	4.3%	432	2,232,770	91,342	3.9%	58,456
Aug-17	22,775	1,191	5.0%	419	2,225,885	93,069	4.0%	61,865
Jul-17	22,683	1,417	5.9%	439	2,227,818	91,607	3.9%	62,395
Jun-17	22,660	1,138	4.8%	420	2,230,571	91,627	3.9%	66,498
May-17	22,487	988	4.2%	387	2,231,971	96,526	4.1%	65,966
Apr-17	22,523	980	4.2%	265	2,232,681	101,458	4.3%	63,951
Mar-17	22,745	1,110	4.7%	383	2,229,182	103,639	4.4%	59,863

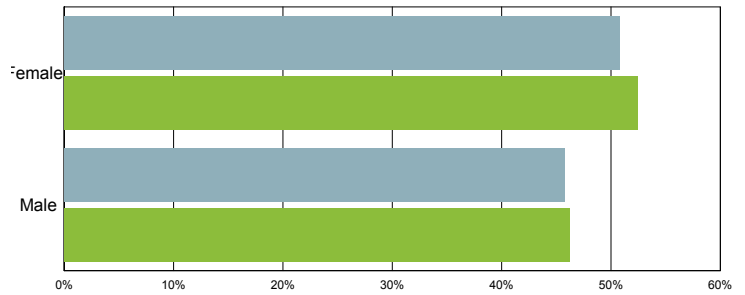
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Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

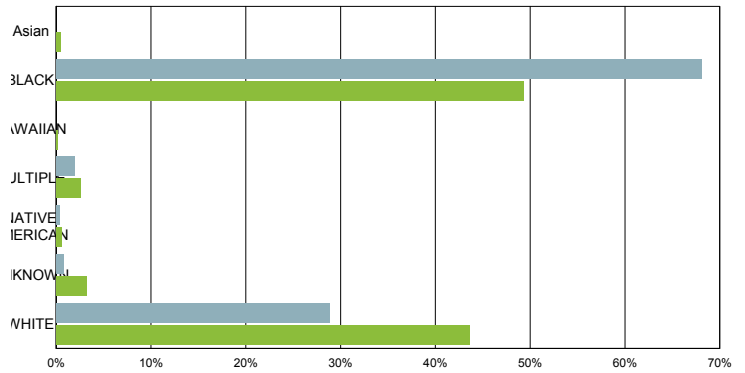
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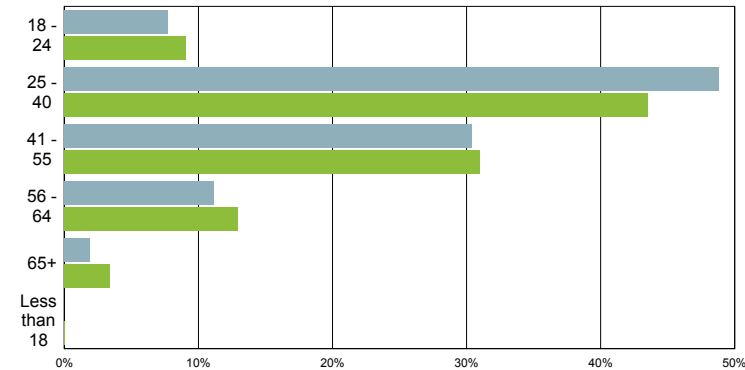
Gender	Cherokee County	South Carolina
Female	132	3,081
Male	119	2,717
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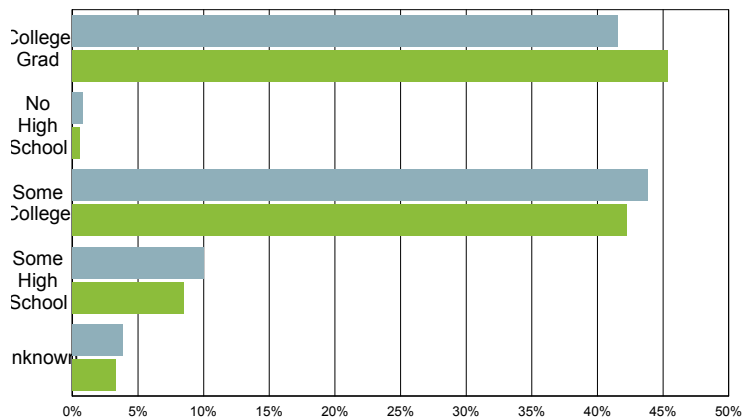
Race	Cherokee County	South Carolina
Asian	0	27
BLACK	177	2,896
MULTIPLE	5	152
NATIVE AMERICAN	1	35
UNKNOWN	2	190
WHITE	75	2,566



Age Group	Cherokee County	South Carolina
18 - 24	20	534
25 - 40	127	2,558
41 - 55	79	1,821
56 - 64	29	761
65+	5	200
Less than 18	0	2



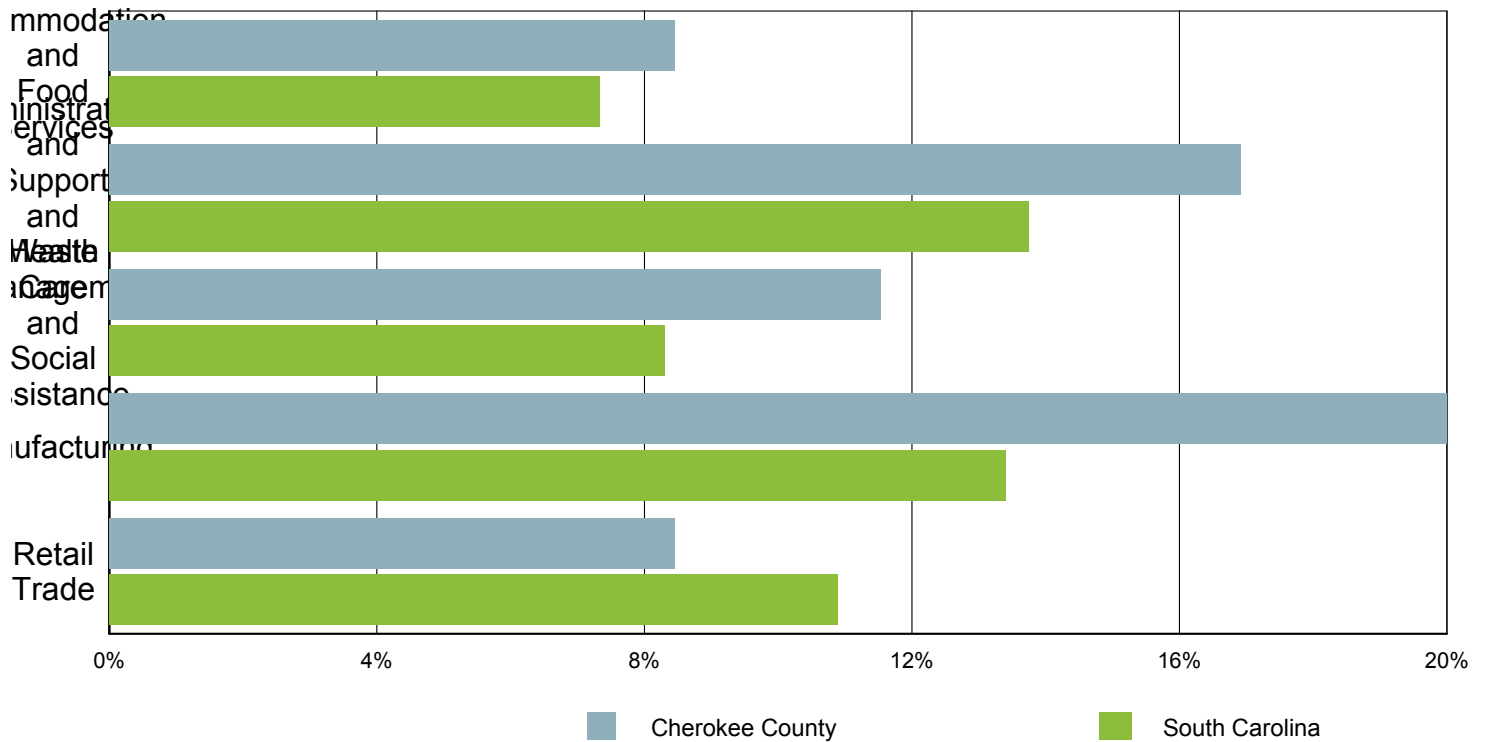
Education	Cherokee County	South Carolina
College Grad	108	2,665
Some College	114	2,483
Some High School	26	498
No High School	2	35
Unknown	10	195



Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claims by Industry

Industry Groups With Largest Number of Claims
March 2018



Industry	Cherokee County	South Carolina
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1	37
Construction	11	397
Manufacturing	52	788
Wholesale Trade	3	256
Retail Trade	22	640
Transportation and Warehousing	8	186
Finance and Insurance	19	193
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	4	85
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	8	342
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1	31
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	44	808
Educational Services	4	81
Health Care and Social Assistance	30	488
Accommodation and Food Services	22	431
Other Services (except Public Administration)	2	115
Public Administration	3	93
Unknown	26	792

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claims by Occupation

*Occupation Groups With Largest Number of Claims
March 2018*



South Carolina

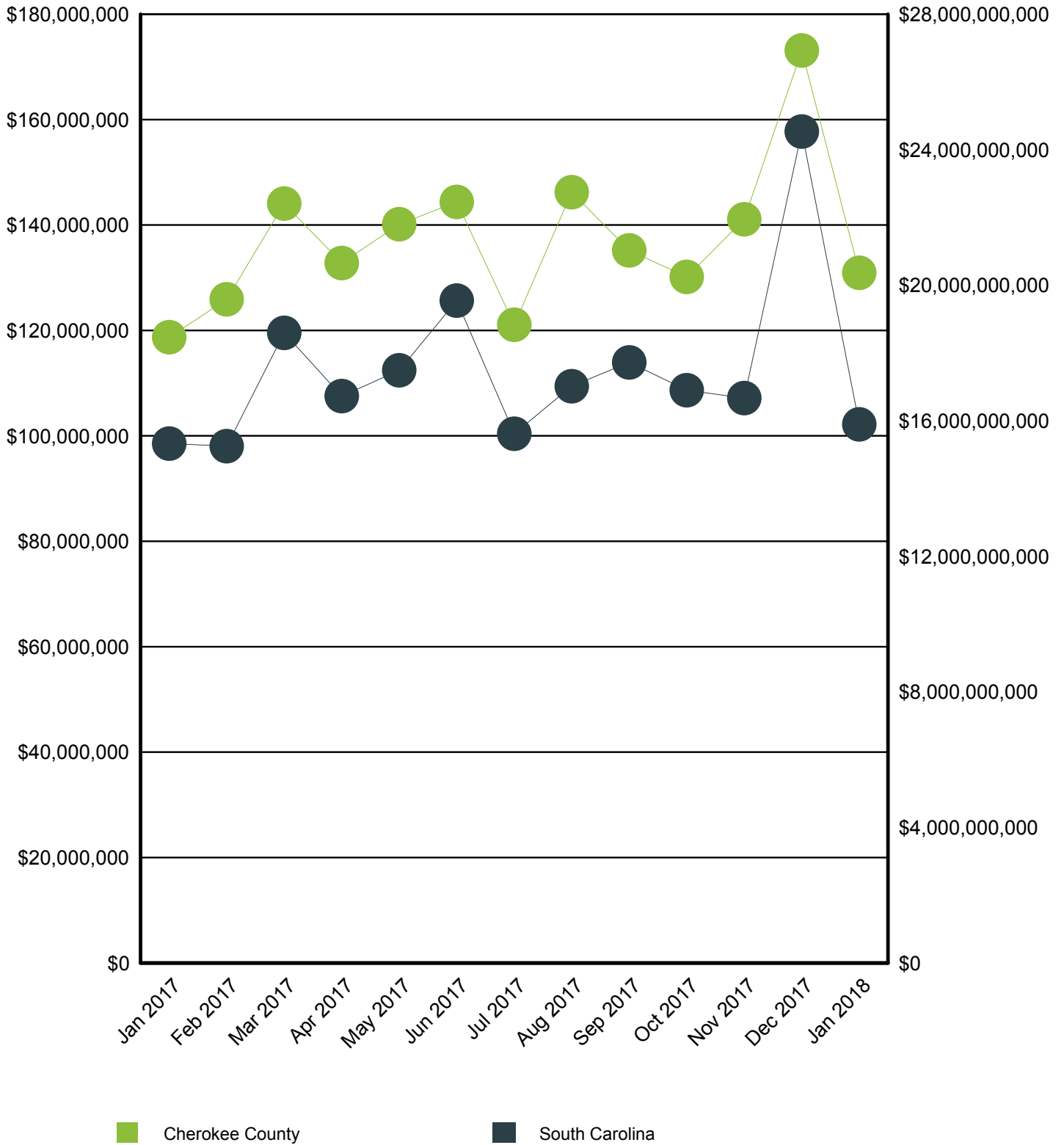
Occupation	Cherokee County	South Carolina
Unknown	260	5,876

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

Retail Sales

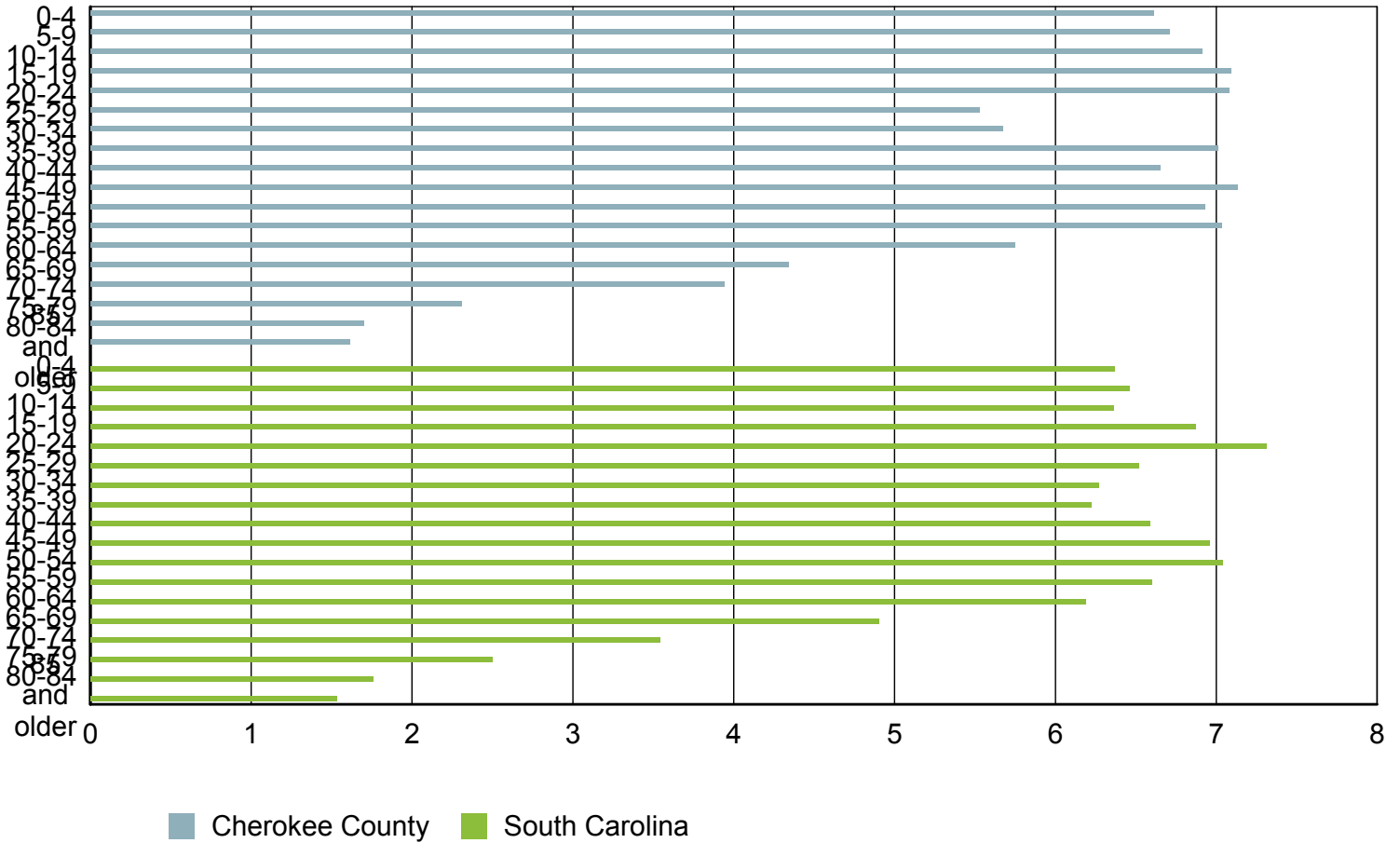
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Source: S.C. Department of Revenue

Population by Age



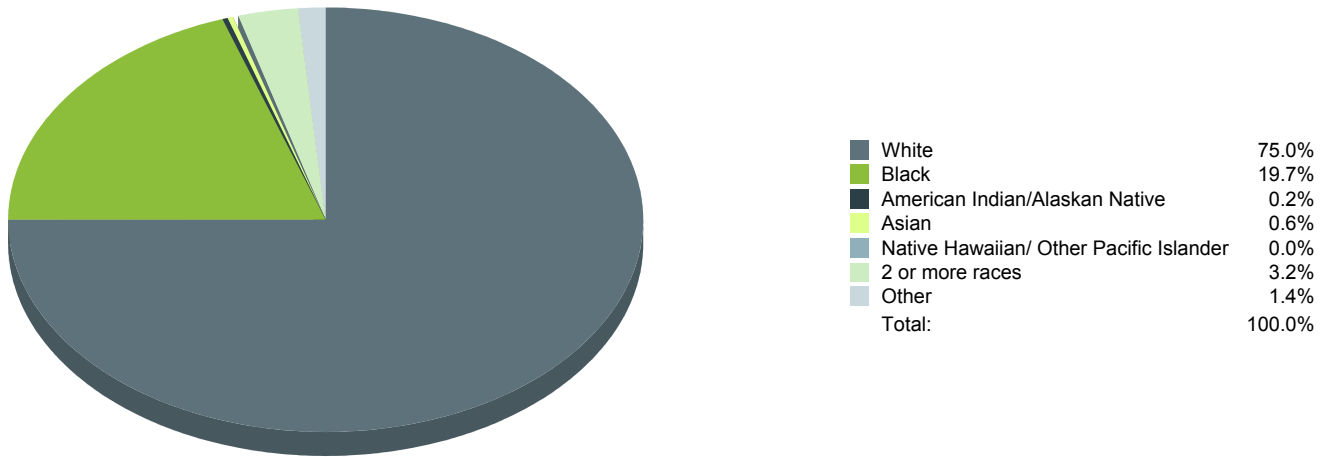
Age Range	Cherokee County	South Carolina	United States
0-4	3,673	298,242	20,052,112
5-9	3,732	302,111	20,409,060
10-14	3,840	297,443	20,672,609
15-19	3,939	321,540	21,715,074
20-24	3,934	342,237	22,099,887
25-29	3,075	305,167	21,243,365
30-34	3,153	293,464	20,467,912
35-39	3,896	291,183	19,876,161
40-44	3,699	308,158	20,998,001
45-49	3,966	325,660	22,109,946
50-54	3,852	329,431	22,396,322
55-59	3,909	309,061	20,165,892
60-64	3,194	289,690	17,479,211
65-69	2,414	229,251	13,189,508
70-74	2,189	165,797	9,767,522
75-79	1,282	117,187	7,438,750
80-84	946	82,223	5,781,697
85 and older	894	71,757	5,673,565

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Population by Race

Race	Cherokee County	%	South Carolina	%	United States	%
White	42,332	76.2%	3,144,146	66.0%	230,592,579	72.0%
Black	11,133	20.0%	1,298,534	27.3%	39,167,010	12.2%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	110	0.2%	14,732	0.3%	2,540,309	0.8%
Asian	310	0.6%	61,097	1.3%	15,231,962	4.8%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	13	0.0%	2,128	0.0%	526,347	0.2%
2 or more races	1,786	3.2%	169,670	3.6%	17,464,666	5.5%
Other	796	1.4%	74,130	1.6%	14,746,054	4.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey



Population by Gender

Gender	Cherokee County	South Carolina	United States
Male	26,936	2,276,305	153,247,412
Female	28,651	2,403,297	158,289,182

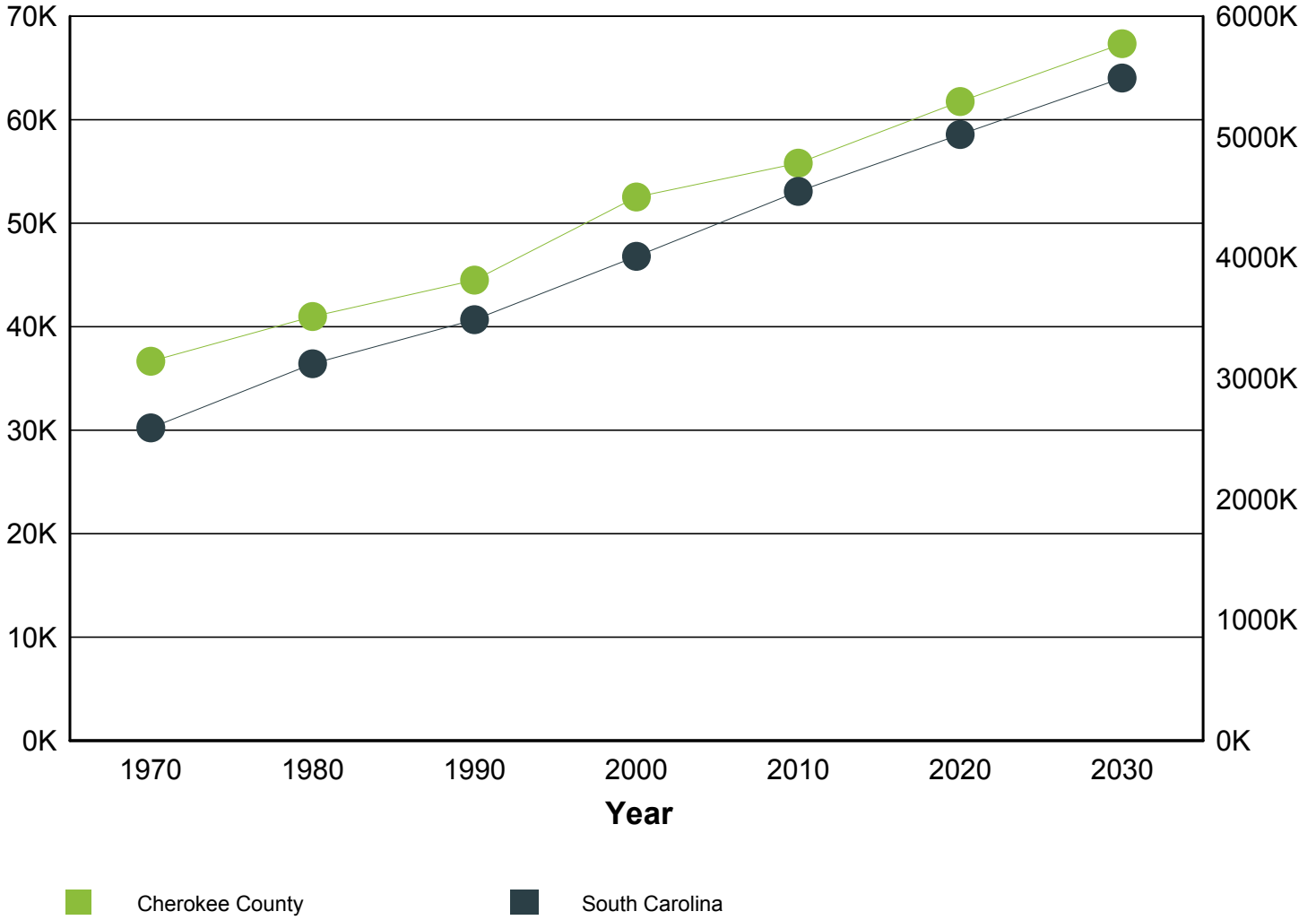
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Population Change

Historical and Projected

Cherokee County

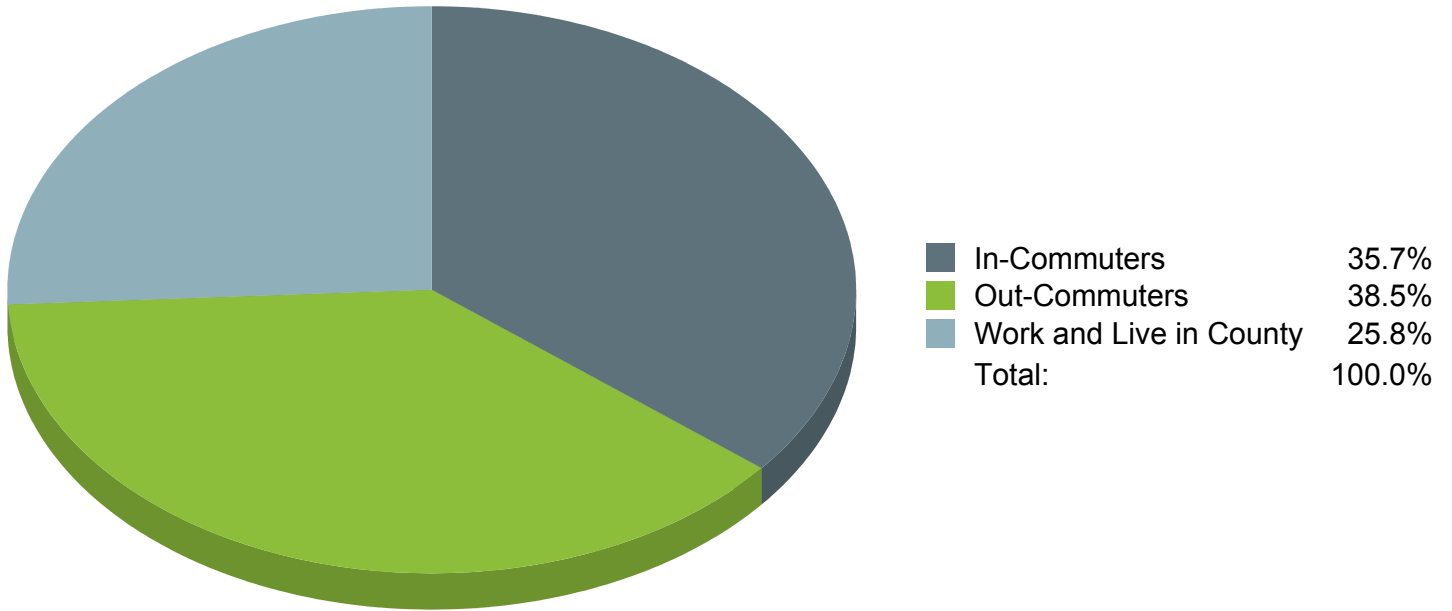
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Year	Cherokee County	South Carolina
1970	36,669	2,590,713
1980	40,983	3,121,820
1990	44,506	3,486,310
2000	52,537	4,012,012
2010	55,800	4,549,150
2020	61,760	5,020,400
2030	67,350	5,488,460

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Commuting Patterns



Commuting Patterns	Workers
Work and Live in County	14,007
In-Commuters	19,415
Out-Commuters	20,907

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010

Top 10 Places Residents Are Commuting To

Area	Workers
Spartanburg County, SC	3,940
CLEVELAND COUNTY, NC	728
Greenville County, SC	429
MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NC	336
York County, SC	283
GASTON COUNTY, NC	281
Union County, SC	176
RUTHERFORD COUNTY, NC	134
Anderson County, SC	111
ROWAN COUNTY, NC	65

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010

Top 10 Places Residents Are Commuting From

Area	Workers
Spartanburg County, SC	2,325
CLEVELAND COUNTY, NC	1,383
Union County, SC	399
York County, SC	394
RUTHERFORD COUNTY, NC	364
Greenville County, SC	92
IREDELL COUNTY, NC	90
GASTON COUNTY, NC	70
Anderson County, SC	53
HENDERSON COUNTY, NC	46

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010

Employers by Size of Establishment

Employees	Cherokee County	South Carolina
0 to 4	393	75,649
5 to 9	166	20,263
10 to 19	129	14,977
20 to 49	102	11,547
50 to 99	40	4,562
100 to 249	22	2,731
250 to 499	12	866
500 to 999	0	387
1000 +	0	293

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2017 Q3

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Employment by Size of Establishment

Employees	Cherokee County	South Carolina
0 to 4	706	110,057
5 to 9	1,100	135,038
10 to 19	1,766	203,469
20 to 49	3,077	352,613
50 to 99	2,694	311,959
100 to 249	3,293	411,508
250 to 499	4,174	294,535
500 to 999	0	262,992
1000 +	0	738,384

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2017 Q3

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20 Largest Employers

(Listed Alphabetically)

Corporation Name

AMBASSADOR PERSONNEL INC

BOYSEN USA LLC

BROWN PACKING COMPANY INC.

CHEROKEE COUNTY

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

DOLLAR TREE DISTRIBUTION INC

FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS CORPORATION

GAFFNEY HMA INC

HAMRICK MILLS

LIMESTONE COLLEGE INC

MILLIKEN & COMPANY MAGNOLIA FINISHI

NESTLE PREPARED FOOD COMPANY INC

NEWARK ELECTRONICS CORP

NIKE RETAIL SERVICES INC

PERSONNEL ASSOCIATES INC

PRIME RESOURCES CORP

SUMINOE TEXTILE OF AMERICA

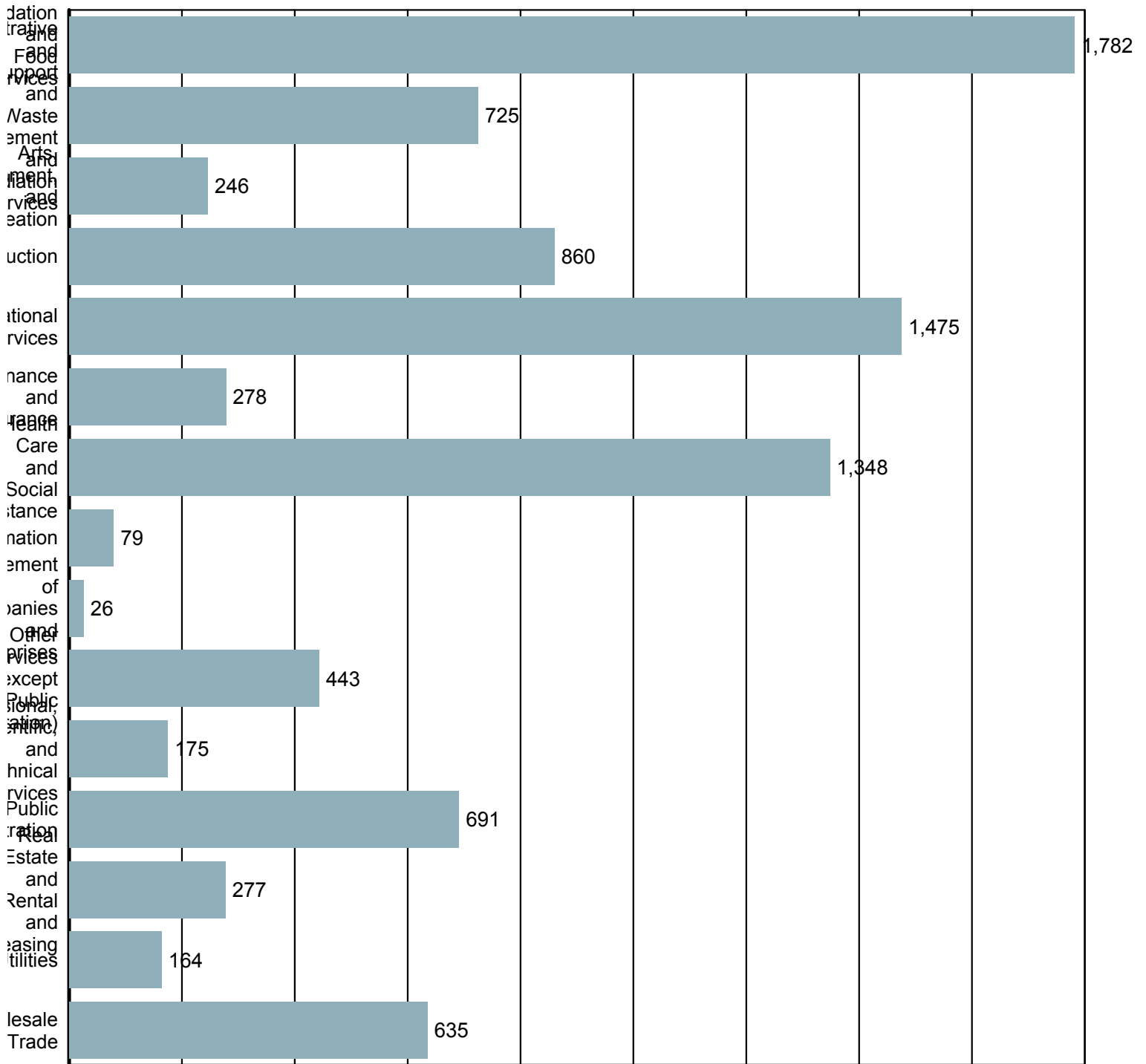
THE TIMKEN COMPANY

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WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2017 Q3

Employment by Industry

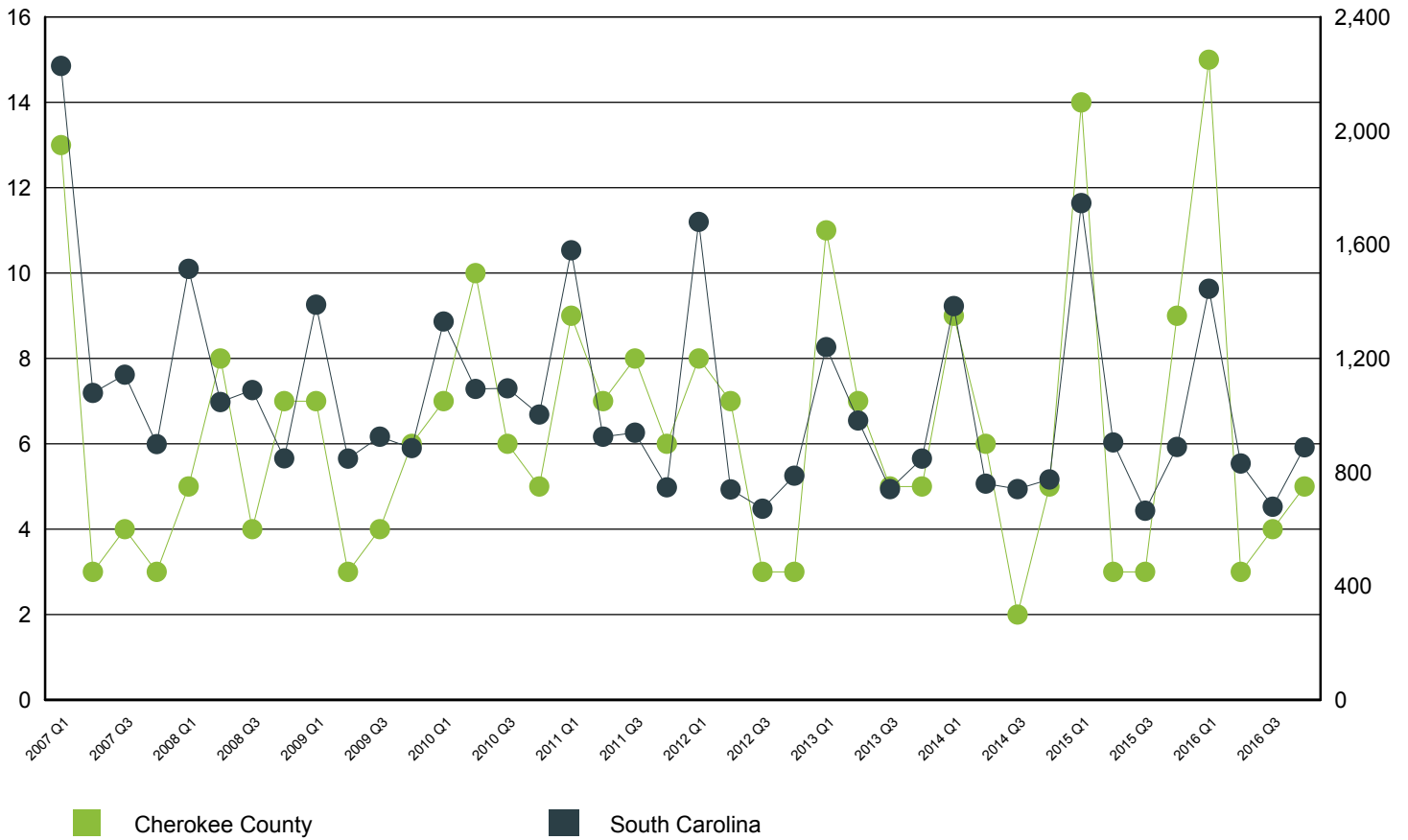


Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - 2017 Q3

New Startup Firms

Cherokee County

South Carolina



Quarter	Cherokee County	South Carolina
2016 Q4	5	888
2016 Q3	4	679
2016 Q2	3	831
2016 Q1	15	1,445
2015 Q4	9	889
2015 Q3	3	665
2015 Q2	3	905
2015 Q1	14	1,746
2014 Q4	5	775
2014 Q3	2	741
2014 Q2	6	760
2014 Q1	9	1,384
2013 Q4	5	848
2013 Q3	5	741
2013 Q2	7	982
2013 Q1	11	1,240
2012 Q4	3	788
2012 Q3	3	672
2012 Q2	7	740
2012 Q1	8	1,680

Note: A firm is included in the count when it does not have a UI Account Number in the previous quarter and has a Setup Date that falls in the quarter displayed.

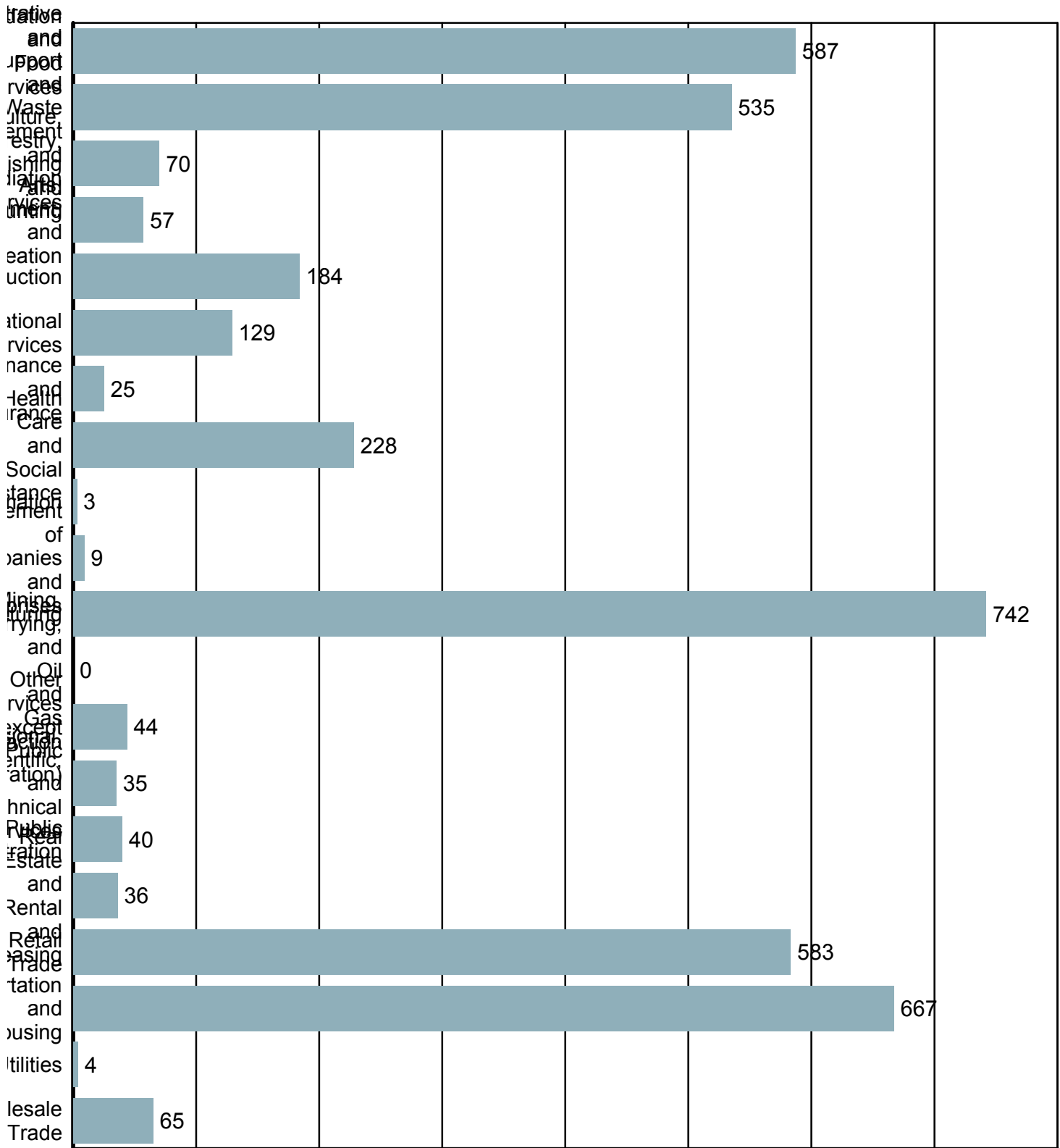
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Top Occupational Openings

Occupation Name (Soccode)	Job Openings

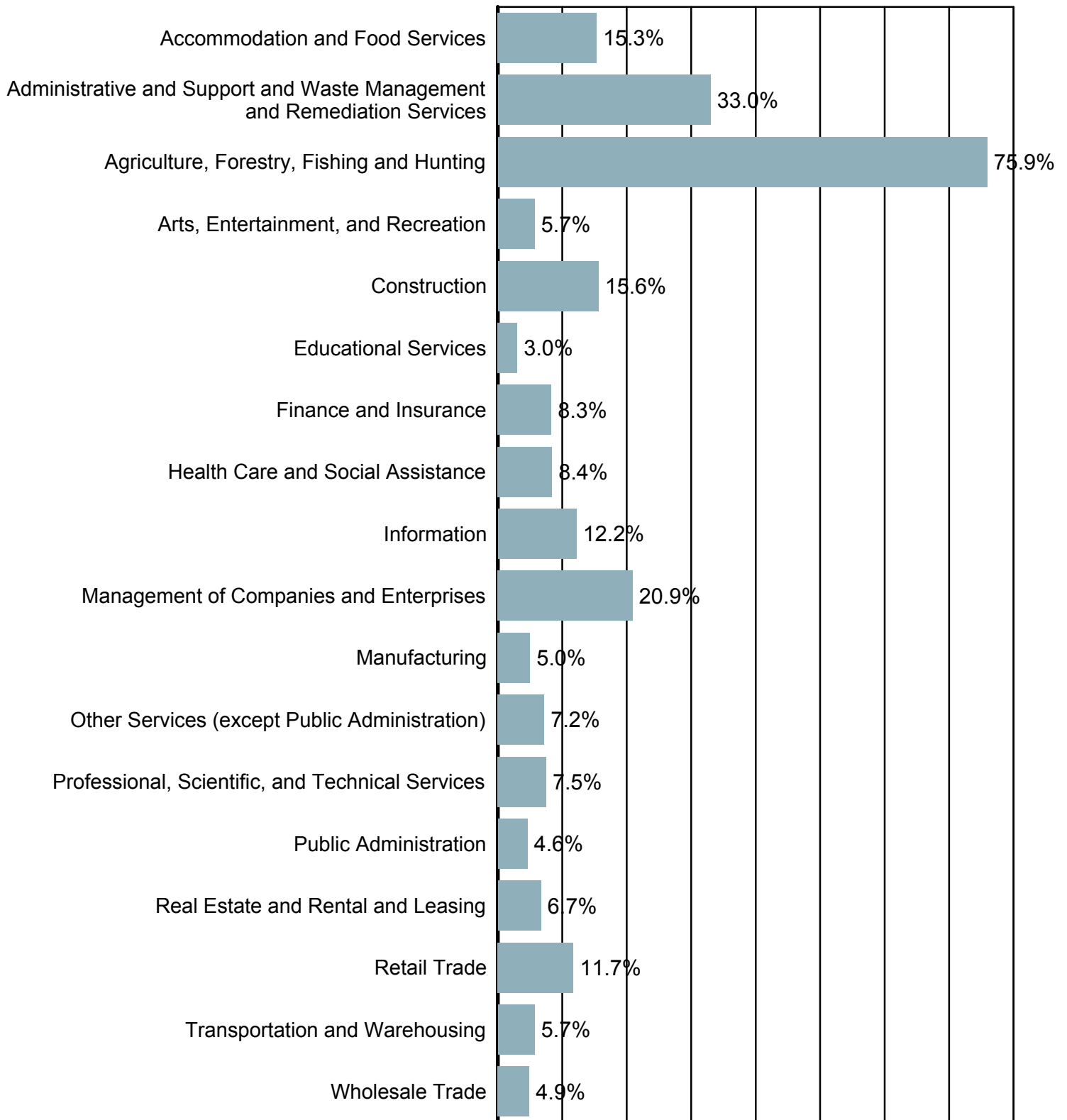
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New Hires by Industry



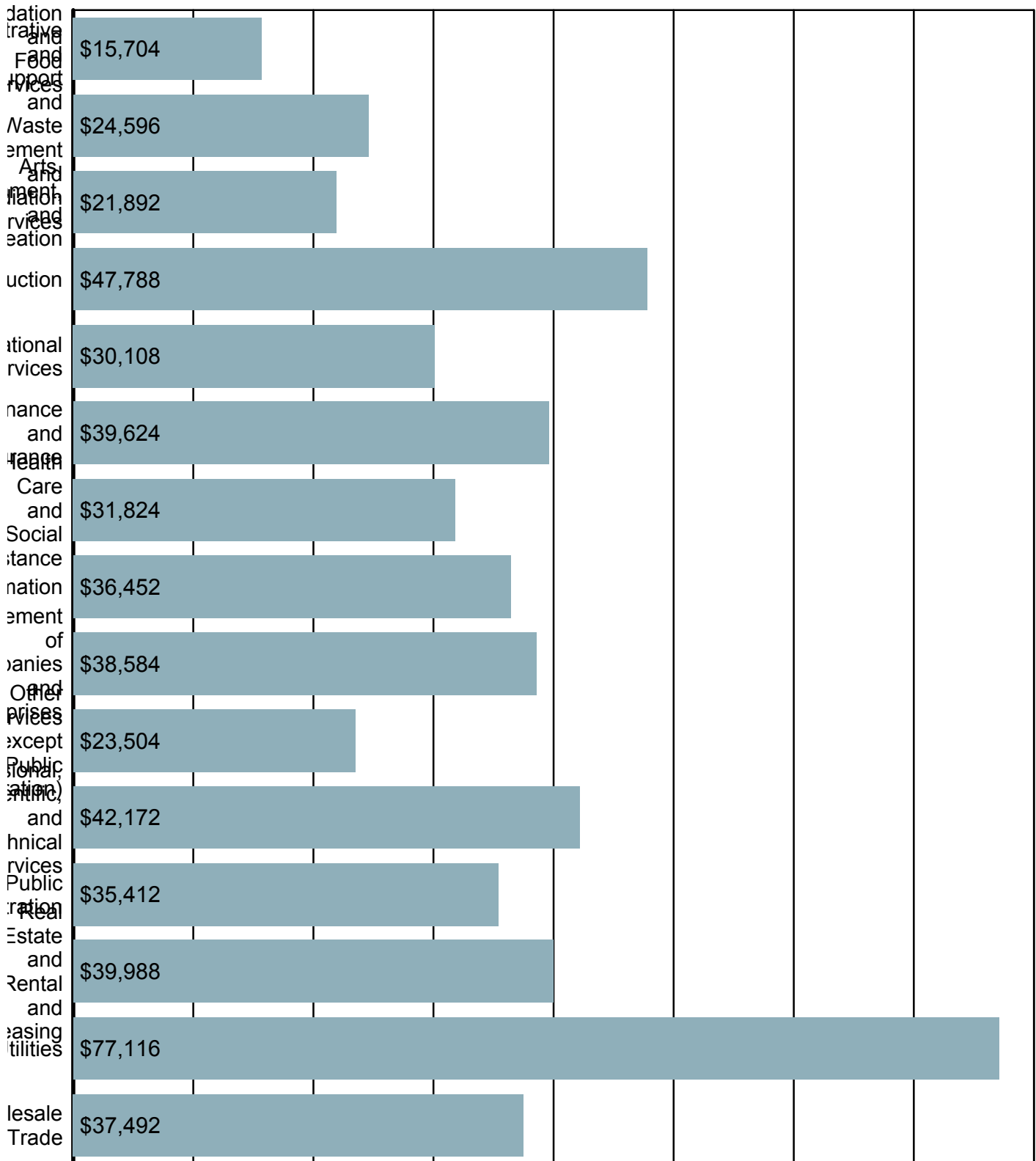
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics - 2016 Q2

Turnover by Industry



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics - 2013 Q3

Average Annual Wage by Industry



Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce
 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - 2017 Q3

Age of Workers by Industry

Industry	14-18	19-21	22-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Total, All Industries	454	970	1,101	3,693	4,209	4,546	3,321	1,024
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	3	0	9	21	22	18	12	19
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	3	4	20	37	55	33	8
Construction	6	18	20	115	158	152	109	46
Manufacturing	16	94	217	954	1,398	1,775	1,223	175
Wholesale Trade	0	13	26	148	178	188	144	42
Retail Trade	120	294	273	541	398	369	333	165
Transportation and Warehousing	7	13	29	116	179	263	173	35
Information	0	0	3	16	15	20	18	6
Finance and Insurance	4	8	9	75	71	66	59	22
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	0	3	6	52	71	61	43	12
Professional and Technical Services	0	9	8	48	66	58	48	34
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	4	6	6	6	8	9	0
Administrative and Waste Services	13	65	77	223	166	149	71	28
Educational Services	11	120	95	448	558	570	461	161
Health Care and Social Assistance	9	47	75	324	355	318	216	86
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	38	24	16	30	34	35	33	12
Accommodation and Food Services	215	216	182	344	263	206	125	55
Other Services, Except Public Administration	7	17	17	84	76	72	81	58
Public Administration	0	16	27	125	158	161	128	60

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics - 2016 Q2

Labor Market Projections

Total Employment by Industry
(County/Metropolitan Statistical Area Data Unavailable)

Note: Projections are available by Workforce Investment Area (WIA). The data displayed is selected from the appropriate WIA.

Upstate Industry	2014 Estimated Employment	2024 Projected Employment	Change	Percent Change	Annual Percent
Total Employment, All Jobs	160,330	179,772	19,442	12.13	1.15
Health care and social assistance	17,385	20,686	3,301	18.99	1.75
Manufacturing	33,147	35,937	2,790	8.42	0.81
Administrative and support and waste management and remediat	9,506	11,984	2,478	26.07	2.34
Educational services; state, local, and private	12,568	14,508	1,940	15.44	1.45
Wholesale trade	7,368	8,859	1,491	20.24	1.86
Transportation and Warehousing	7,647	9,056	1,409	18.43	1.71
Accommodation and food services	12,904	14,287	1,383	10.72	1.02
Construction	6,162	7,510	1,348	21.88	2.00
Retail Trade	18,600	19,746	1,146	6.16	0.60
Professional, scientific, and technical services	3,788	4,759	971	25.63	2.31
Finance and insurance	3,888	4,207	319	8.20	0.79
Other services (except public administration)	4,274	4,562	288	6.74	0.65
Management of companies and enterprises	1,955	2,117	162	8.29	0.80
Real estate and rental and leasing	1,163	1,278	115	9.89	0.95
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	1,235	1,336	101	8.18	0.79
Information	1,115	1,188	73	6.55	0.64
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	148	154	6	4.05	0.40
Utilities	349	350	1	0.29	0.03
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting	2,173	1,571	-602	-27.70	-3.19

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - Industry Projections

Labor Market Projections

Total Employment by Occupation
(County/Metropolitan Statistical Area Data Unavailable)

Note: Projections are available by Workforce Investment Area (WIA). The data displayed is selected from the appropriate WIA.

Upstate Occupation	2014 Estimated Employment	2024 Projected Employment	Openings (Replace)	Openings (Growth)	Annual Openings
Total, all occupations	160,330	179,772	3,879	2,083	5,962
Management occupations	7,752	8,266	178	85	263
Business and financial operations occupations	3,867	4,453	85	59	144
Computer and mathematical occupations	1,713	2,097	25	39	64
Architecture and engineering occupations	2,848	3,389	78	54	132
Life, physical, and social science occupations	507	555	14	5	19
Community and social service occupations	1,538	1,809	33	27	60
Legal occupations	646	745	11	10	21
Education, training, and library occupations	9,102	10,763	196	166	362
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations	1,608	1,796	40	19	59
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations	8,784	9,970	194	120	314
Healthcare support occupations	4,094	5,020	92	93	185
Protective service occupations	2,886	3,092	78	21	99
Food preparation and serving related occupations	12,975	14,448	457	157	614
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	4,698	5,394	95	70	165
Personal care and service occupations	3,476	4,177	79	70	149
Sales and related occupations	17,470	19,023	551	155	706
Office and administrative support occupations	22,946	25,018	486	229	715
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	1,418	1,054	37	0	37
Construction and extraction occupations	5,500	6,361	82	86	168
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	8,354	9,856	206	151	357
Production occupations	24,803	27,214	544	273	817
Transportation and material moving occupations	13,345	15,272	319	193	512

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - Occupational Projections

Labor Market Projections

Growing Occupations
(County/Metropolitan Statistical Area Data Unavailable)

Note: Projections are available by Workforce Investment Area (WIA). The data displayed is selected from the appropriate WIA.

Upstate Occupation	2014	2024	Percent Change	Replace	Growth	Total	Average Salary
	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment					
Occupational therapy assistants	81	126	56	2	4	6	\$ 63,892
Sales engineers	37	55	49	1	2	3	\$ 85,097
Electrical power-line installers and repairers	699	997	43	28	30	58	\$ 49,142
Physical therapist assistants	158	224	42	5	7	12	\$ 50,253
Computer-controlled machine tool operators, metal and plasti	339	475	40	10	14	24	\$ 36,945
Veterinary technologists and technicians	111	152	37	1	4	5	\$ 26,872
Home health aides	778	1,059	36	18	28	46	\$ 20,928
Healthcare social workers	88	119	35	2	3	5	\$ 47,266
Personal care aides	664	892	34	5	23	28	\$ 18,845
Sales representatives, wholesale and manufacturing, technica	370	495	34	8	12	20	\$ 59,908
Occupational therapists	118	157	33	2	4	6	\$ 91,864
Computer systems analysts	243	323	33	3	8	11	\$ 74,694
Helpers--brickmasons, blockmasons, stonemasons, and tile and	52	69	33	1	2	3	\$ 26,628
Mental health counselors	39	51	31	1	1	2	\$ 38,651
Millwrights	181	235	30	4	5	9	\$ 47,843
Industrial machinery mechanics	1,428	1,854	30	37	43	80	\$ 48,971
Computer, automated teller, and office machine repairers	37	48	30	1	1	2	\$ 45,912
Nurse practitioners	135	174	29	3	4	7	\$ 99,281
Self-enrichment education teachers	237	304	28	4	7	11	\$ 45,508
Web developers	46	59	28	1	1	2	\$ 38,206

Occupations are sorted by highest estimated percentage growth from estimate year to projection year.

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - Occupational Projections

Labor Market Projections

Declining Occupations

(County/Metropolitan Statistical Area Data Unavailable)

Note: Projections are available by Workforce Investment Area (WIA). The data displayed is selected from the appropriate WIA.

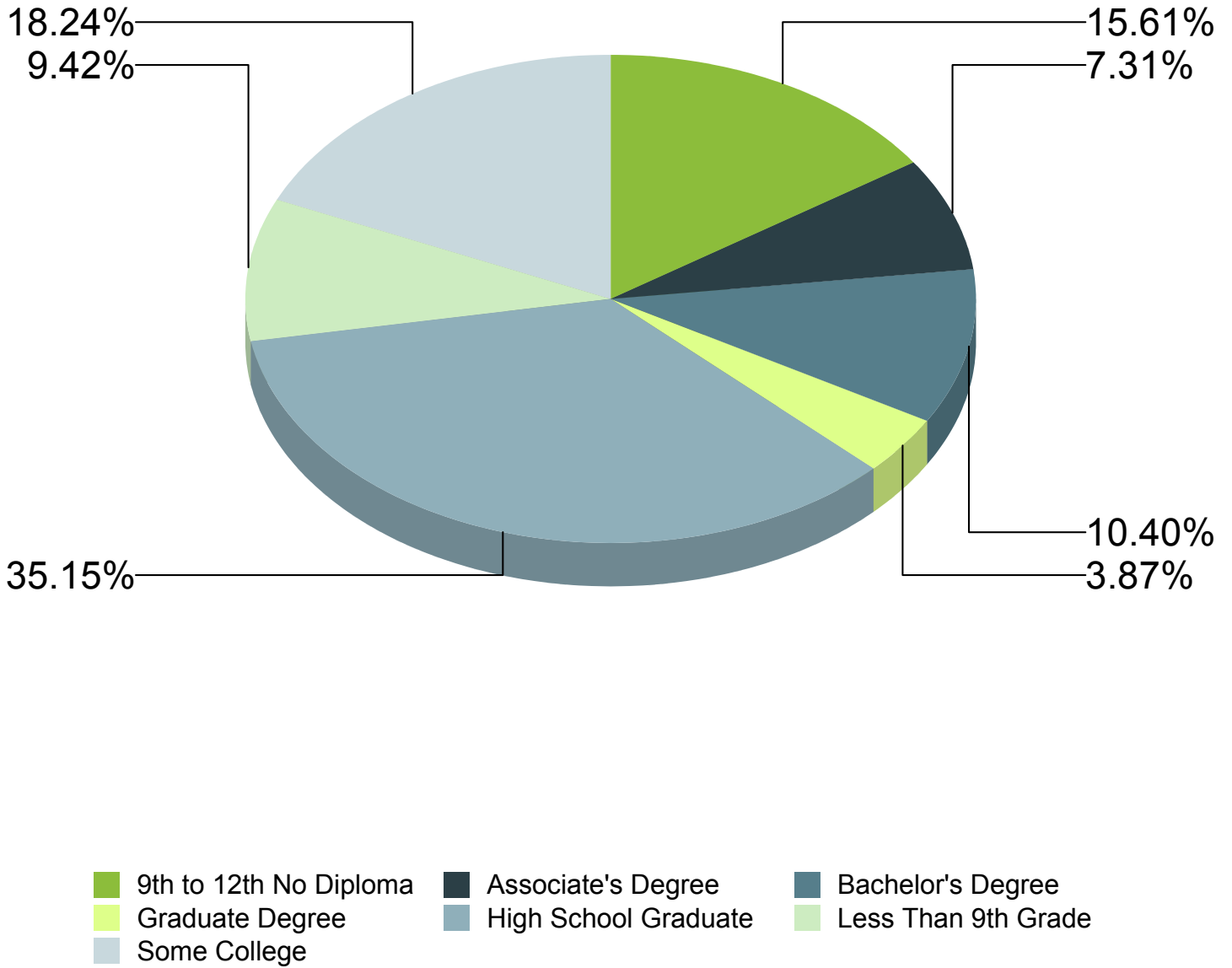
Upstate Occupation	2014 Estimated Employment	2024 Projected Employment	Percent Change	Replace	Growth	Total	Average Salary
Farmworkers and laborers, crop, nursery, and greenhouse	974	719	-26	26	0	26	\$ 22,009
Prepress technicians and workers	25	19	-24	0	0	0	\$ 30,290
Postal service mail carriers	340	287	-16	7	0	7	\$ 50,836
Postal service clerks	67	57	-15	1	0	1	\$ 47,914
Meter readers, utilities	27	23	-15	0	0	0	\$ 40,845
Postmasters and mail superintendents	24	21	-13	0	0	0	\$ 71,262
Tool grinders, filers, and sharpeners	16	14	-13	0	0	0	\$ 39,391
Cutting, punching, and press machine setters, operators, and	257	226	-12	3	0	3	\$ 36,449
Welding, soldering, and brazing machine setters, operators,	50	44	-12	1	0	1	\$ 37,993
Cooks, fast food	762	672	-12	20	0	20	\$ 16,942
Computer operators	20	18	-10	0	0	0	\$ 33,046
Extruding and drawing machine setters, operators, and tender	246	222	-10	6	0	6	\$ 35,708
Medical transcriptionists	64	58	-9	1	0	1	\$ 37,855
Molding, coremaking, and casting machine setters, operators,	156	143	-8	2	0	2	\$ 34,170
Heat treating equipment setters, operators, and tenders, met	106	98	-8	2	0	2	\$ 36,552
Textile bleaching and dyeing machine operators and tenders	466	435	-7	5	0	5	\$ 25,457
Textile knitting and weaving machine setters, operators, and	910	857	-6	15	0	15	\$ 28,720
Textile winding, twisting, and drawing out machine setters,	621	588	-5	10	0	10	\$ 26,935
Mail clerks and mail machine operators, except postal servic	42	40	-5	1	0	1	\$ 27,330
Printing press operators	426	406	-5	6	0	6	\$ 35,440

Occupations are sorted by highest estimated percentage decline from estimate year to projection year.

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Educational Attainment

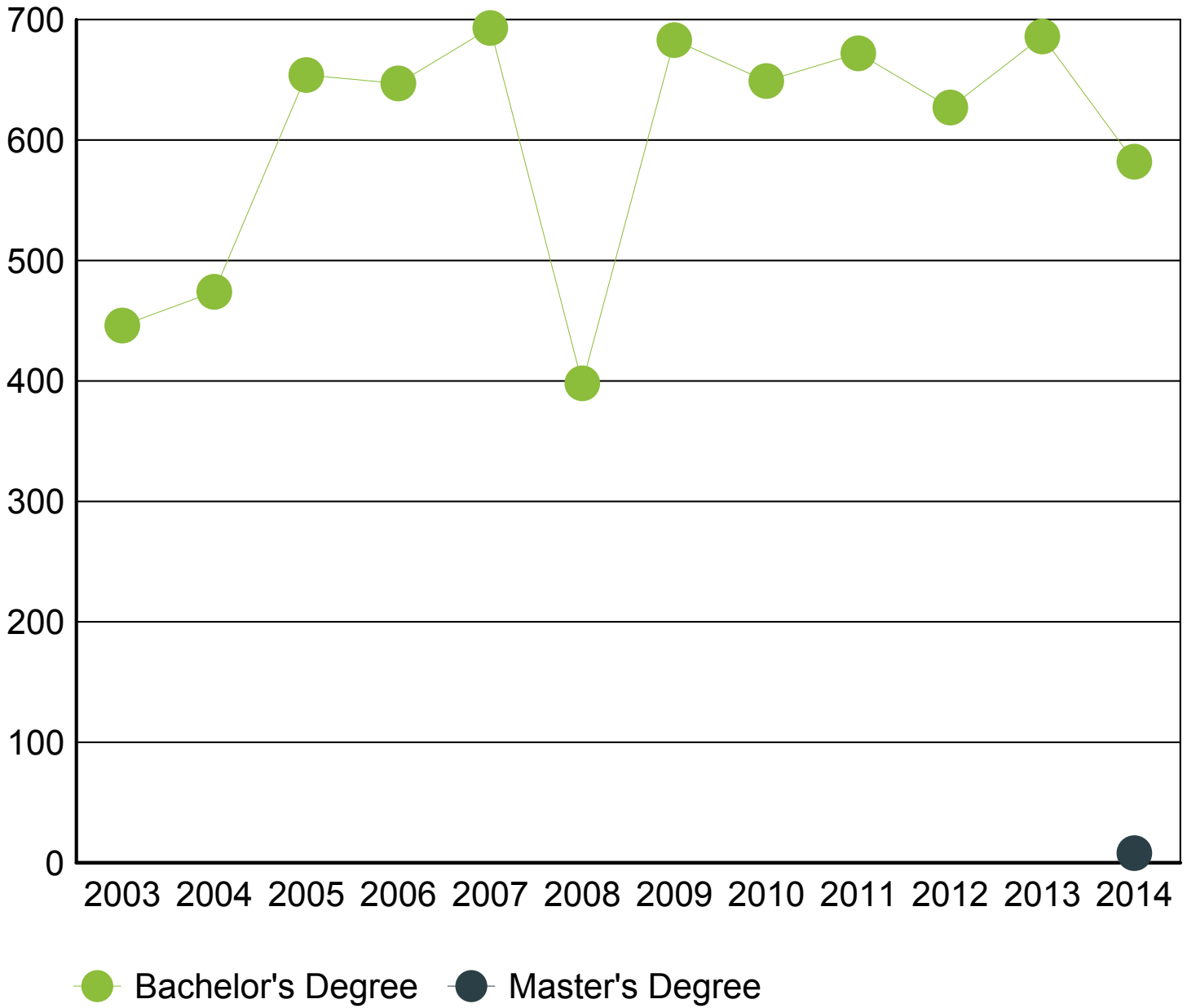
(Population 25 Years and Older)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey - 2013 5-Year Estimates

Graduate Trends

(Based On Graduates From Area Schools)



Source: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

Educational Institutions

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