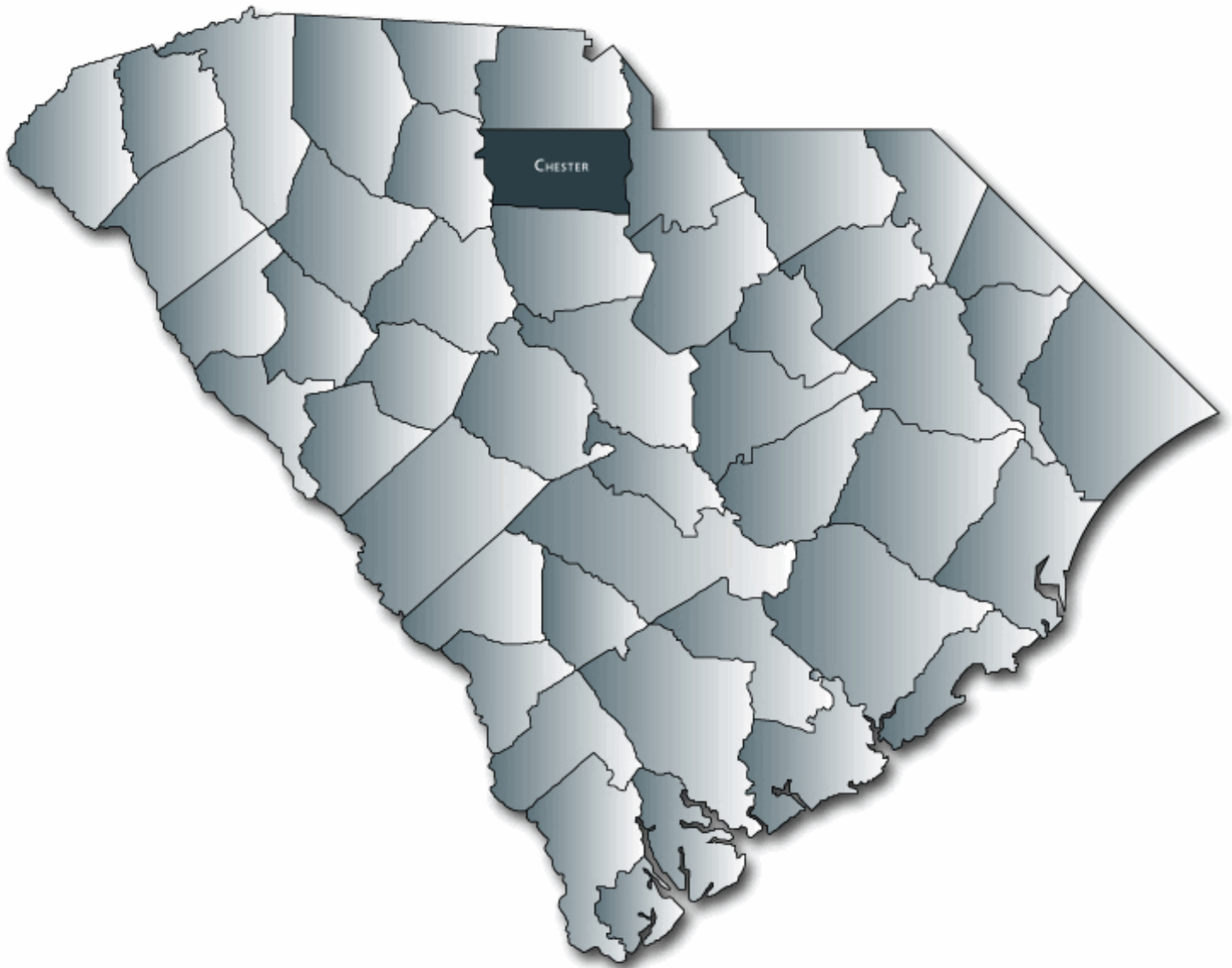


# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Chester County



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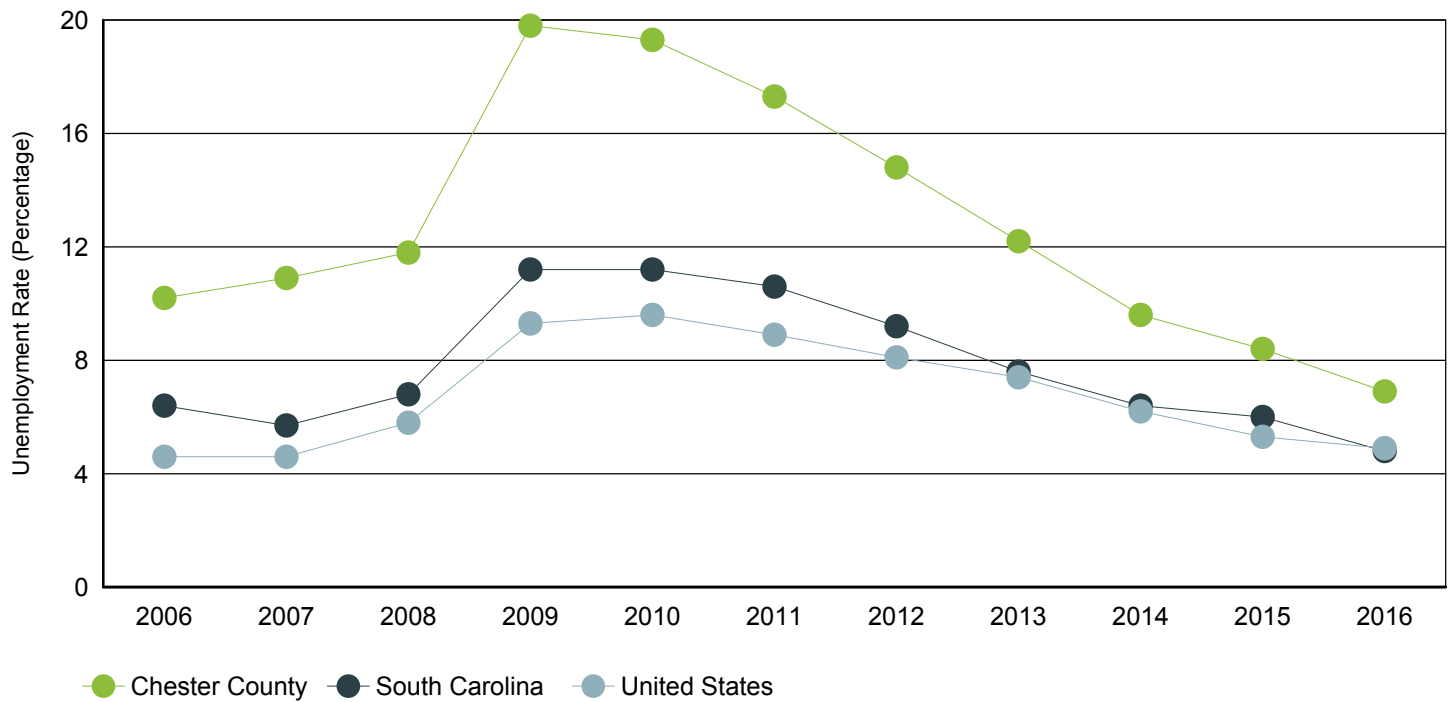
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## Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

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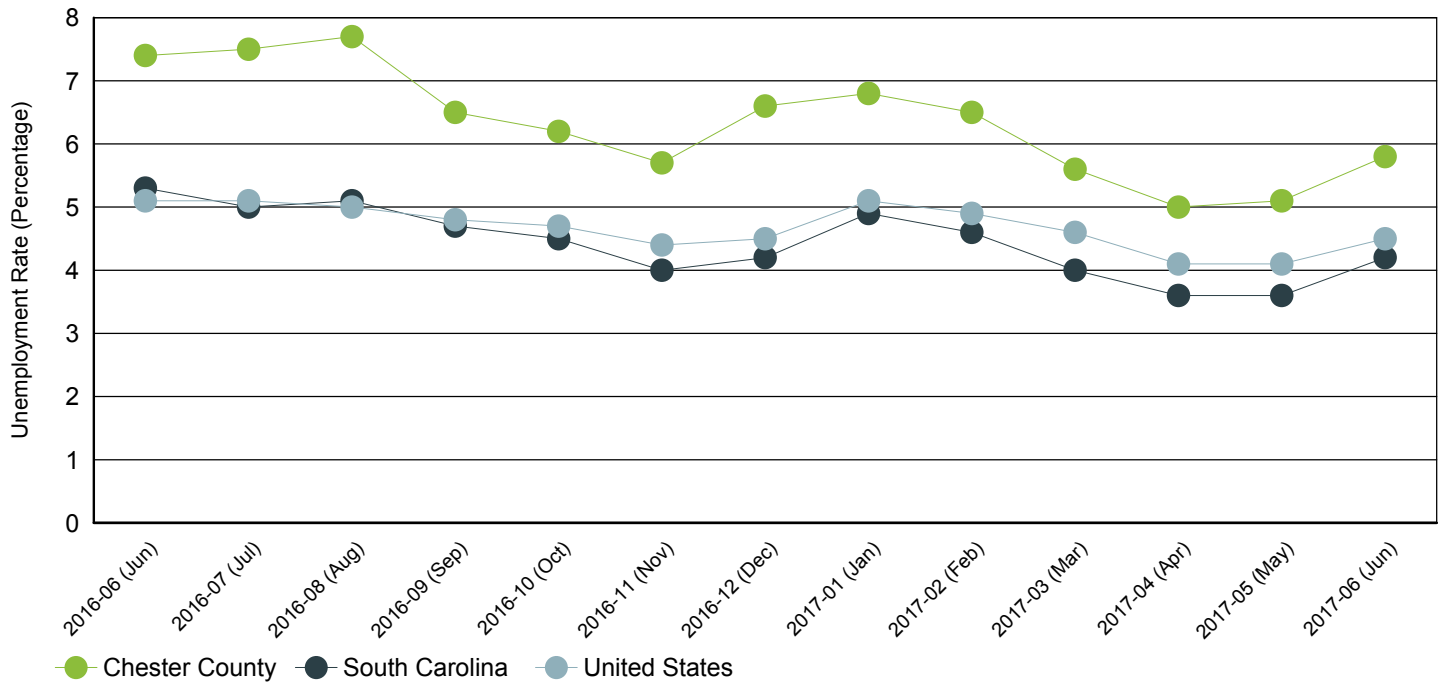


Year	Chester County			South Carolina			United States		
	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate
2016	12,771	941	6.9%	2,186,740	111,067	4.8%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%
2015	12,331	1,131	8.4%	2,134,637	135,746	6.0%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2014	12,146	1,296	9.6%	2,081,511	143,151	6.4%	146,305,000	9,617,000	6.2%
2013	12,023	1,673	12.2%	2,026,666	167,647	7.6%	143,929,000	11,460,000	7.4%
2012	11,961	2,074	14.8%	1,985,618	201,260	9.2%	142,469,000	12,506,000	8.1%
2011	11,914	2,497	17.3%	1,945,900	229,623	10.6%	139,869,000	13,747,000	8.9%
2010	11,860	2,829	19.3%	1,915,045	240,623	11.2%	139,064,000	14,825,000	9.6%
2009	12,534	3,098	19.8%	1,910,670	242,075	11.2%	139,877,000	14,265,000	9.3%
2008	13,505	1,809	11.8%	1,996,409	145,823	6.8%	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%
2007	13,788	1,687	10.9%	2,005,686	120,205	5.7%	146,047,000	7,078,000	4.6%
2006	14,511	1,648	10.2%	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	Chester County	South Carolina	United States
Jun 2017	5.8%	4.2%	4.5%
May 2017	5.1%	3.6%	4.1%
Apr 2017	5.0%	3.6%	4.1%
Mar 2017	5.6%	4.0%	4.6%
Feb 2017	6.5%	4.6%	4.9%
Jan 2017	6.8%	4.9%	5.1%
Dec 2016	6.6%	4.2%	4.5%
Nov 2016	5.7%	4.0%	4.4%
Oct 2016	6.2%	4.5%	4.7%
Sep 2016	6.5%	4.7%	4.8%
Aug 2016	7.7%	5.1%	5.0%
Jul 2016	7.5%	5.0%	5.1%
Jun 2016	7.4%	5.3%	5.1%

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

## Area Job Openings

Period	Chester County				South Carolina			
	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings
Jun-17	13,211	814	5.8%	221	2,229,882	91,710	4.0%	66,498
May-17	13,165	702	5.1%	225	2,231,971	96,526	4.1%	65,966
Apr-17	13,136	690	5.0%	171	2,232,681	101,458	4.3%	63,951
Mar-17	13,125	776	5.6%	212	2,229,182	103,639	4.4%	59,863
Feb-17	12,993	910	6.5%	209	2,220,060	103,363	4.4%	61,052
Jan-17	12,972	939	6.8%	202	2,209,188	101,455	4.4%	64,254
Dec-16	12,896	918	6.6%	170	2,199,862	98,225	4.3%	55,454
Nov-16	12,908	784	5.7%	179	2,198,274	99,867	4.3%	59,494
Oct-16	12,956	850	6.2%	201	2,196,147	101,772	4.4%	59,888
Sep-16	12,822	887	6.5%	204	2,193,612	104,025	4.5%	61,522
Aug-16	12,821	1,073	7.7%	138	2,190,670	106,559	4.6%	63,800
Jul-16	12,794	1,038	7.5%	228	2,187,396	109,596	4.8%	61,572
Jun-16	12,826	1,032	7.4%	246	2,183,933	113,034	4.9%	61,518

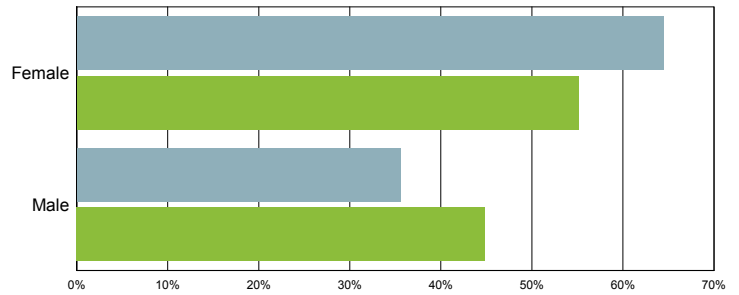
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# Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

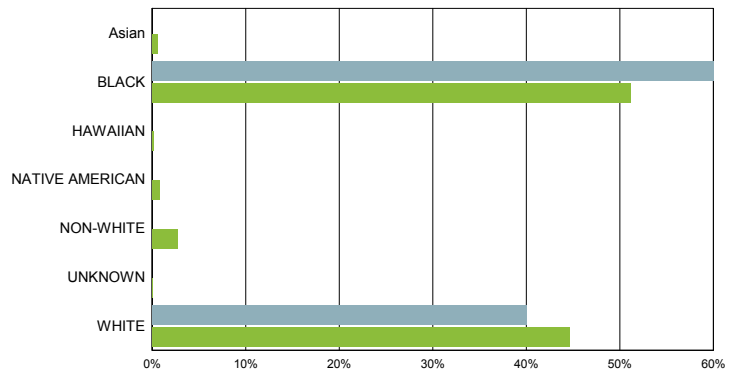
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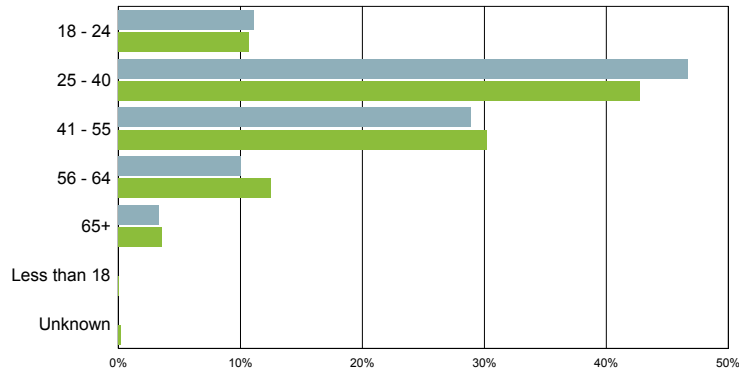
Gender	Chester County	South Carolina
Female	58	4,908
Male	32	3,996



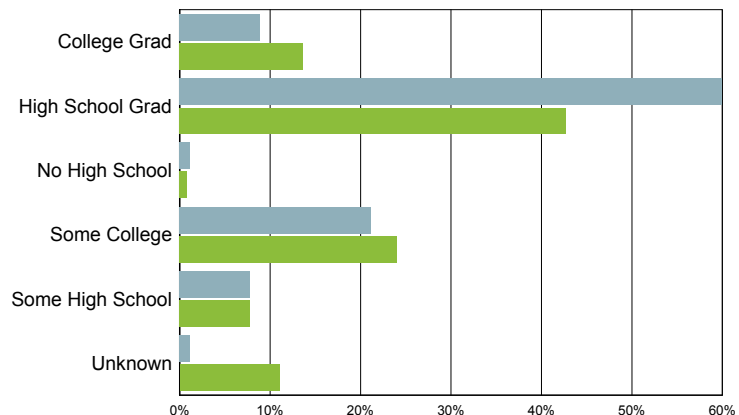
Race	Chester County	South Carolina
Asian	0	49
BLACK	54	4,551
WHITE	36	3,978



Age Group	Chester County	South Carolina
18 - 24	10	954
25 - 40	42	3,810
41 - 55	26	2,690
56 - 64	9	1,111
65+	3	316
Less than 18	0	6
Unknown	0	17



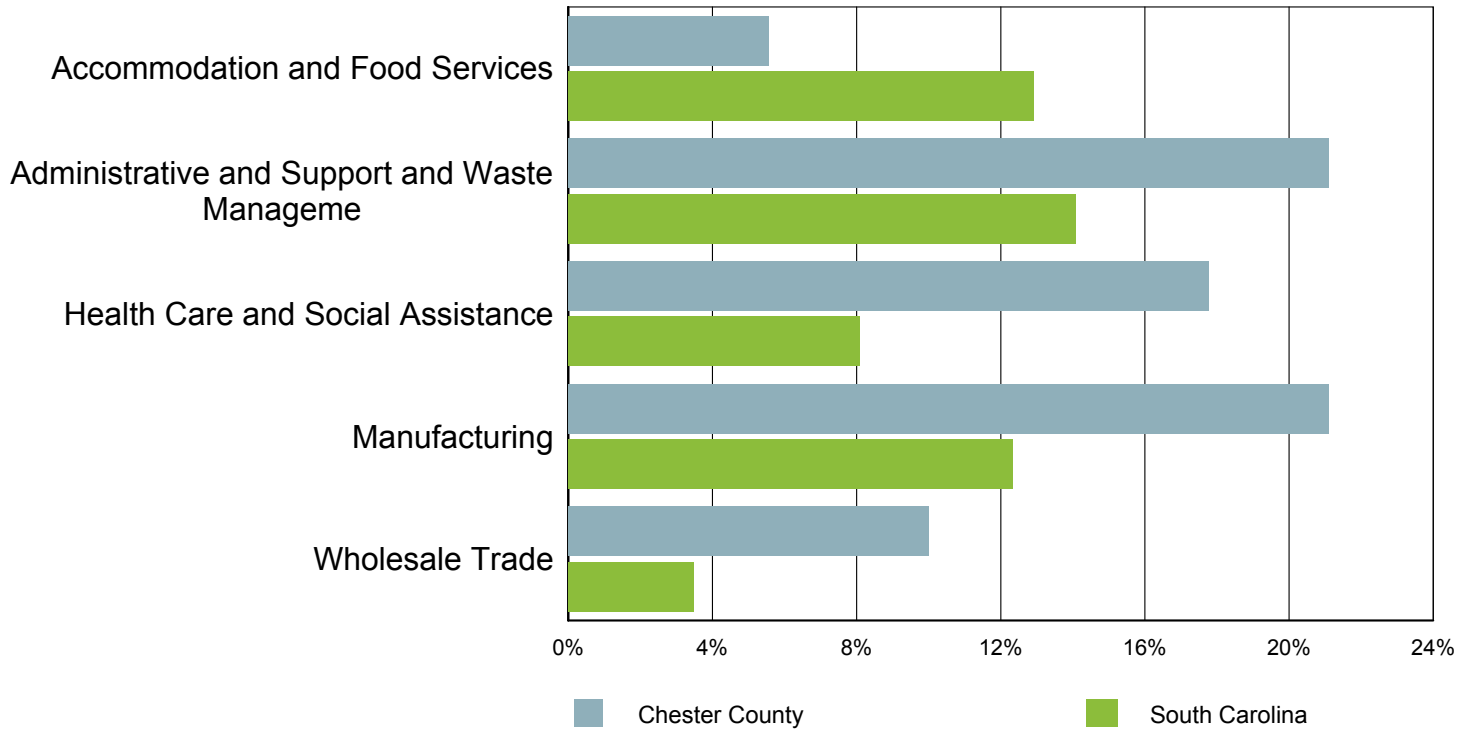
Education	Chester County	South Carolina
College Grad	8	1,211
Some College	19	2,142
High School Grad	54	3,804
Some High School	7	693
No High School	1	73
Unknown	1	981



Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

## Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claims by Industry

Industry Groups With Largest Number of Claims  
May 2017

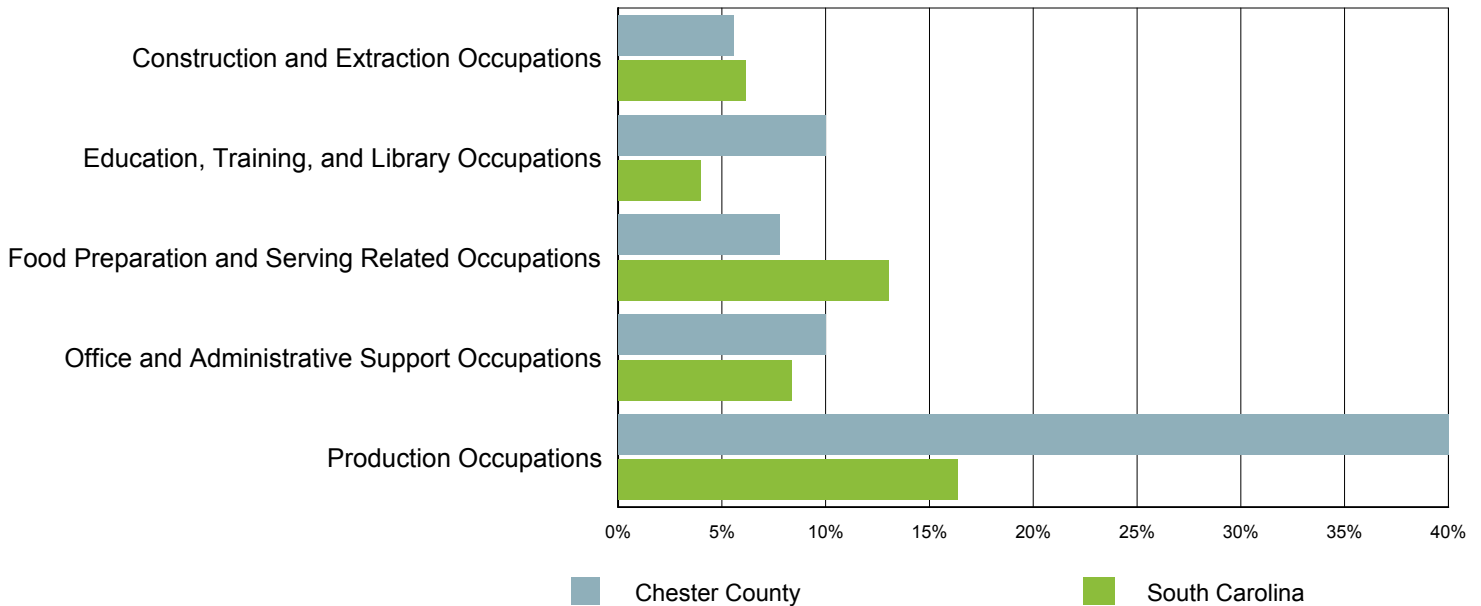


Industry	Chester County	South Carolina
Construction	2	485
Manufacturing	19	1,098
Wholesale Trade	9	310
Retail Trade	4	994
Transportation and Warehousing	2	218
Finance and Insurance	1	289
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1	104
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Servi	1	551
Administrative and Support and Waste Manageme	19	1,254
Health Care and Social Assistance	16	721
Accommodation and Food Services	5	1,150
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1	292
Public Administration	1	156
Unknown	9	766

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

# Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claims by Occupation

Occupation Groups With Largest Number of Claims  
May 2017



Occupation	Chester County	South Carolina
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occu	3	299
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	1	357
Community and Social Service Occupations	1	77
Construction and Extraction Occupations	5	549
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	9	355
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	7	1,161
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	3	237
Healthcare Support Occupations	1	346
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	2	306
Management Occupations	4	590
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	9	745
Production Occupations	36	1,458
Protective Service Occupations	2	103
Sales and Related Occupations	3	908
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	3	310
Unknown	1	576

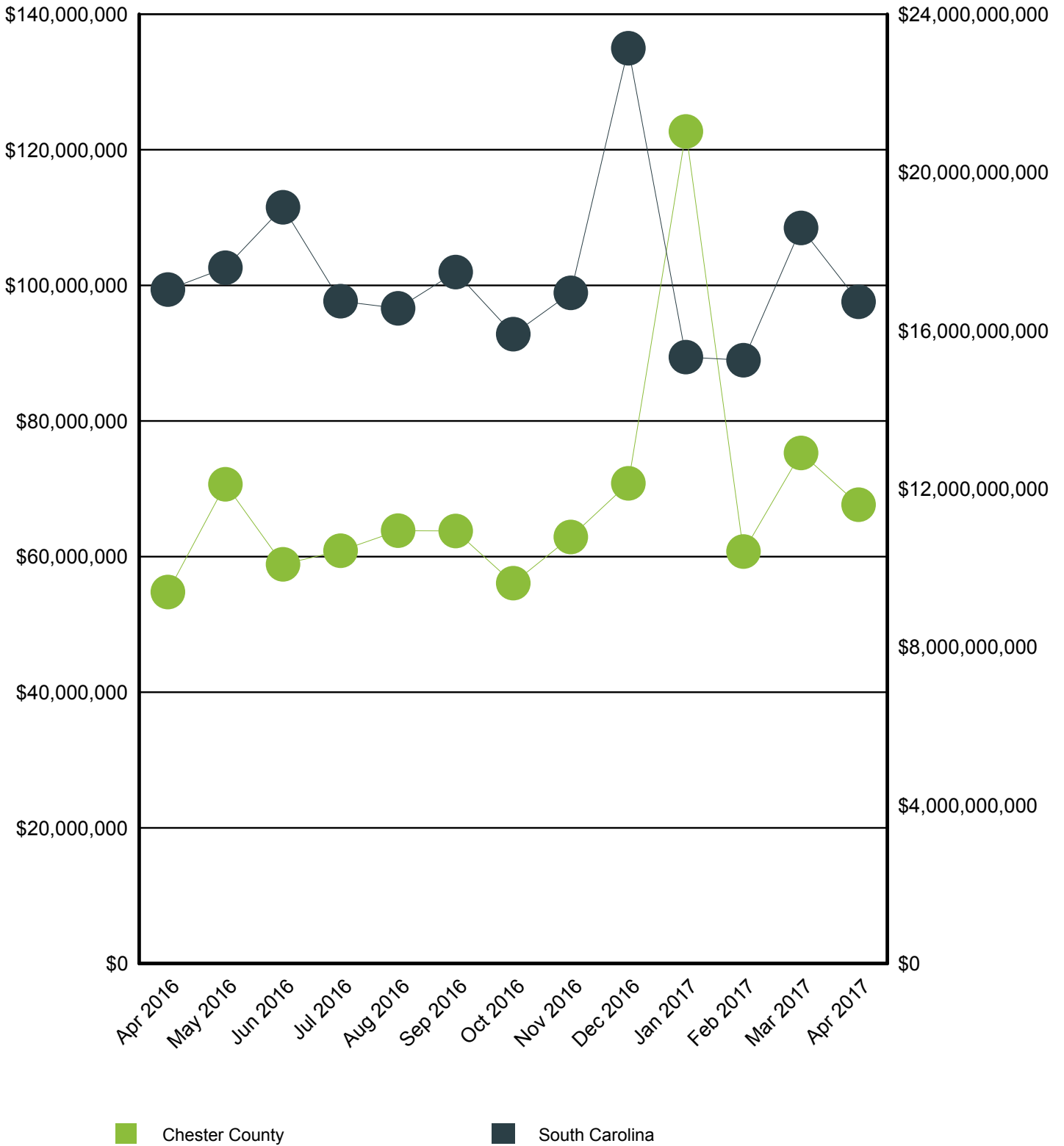
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# Retail Sales

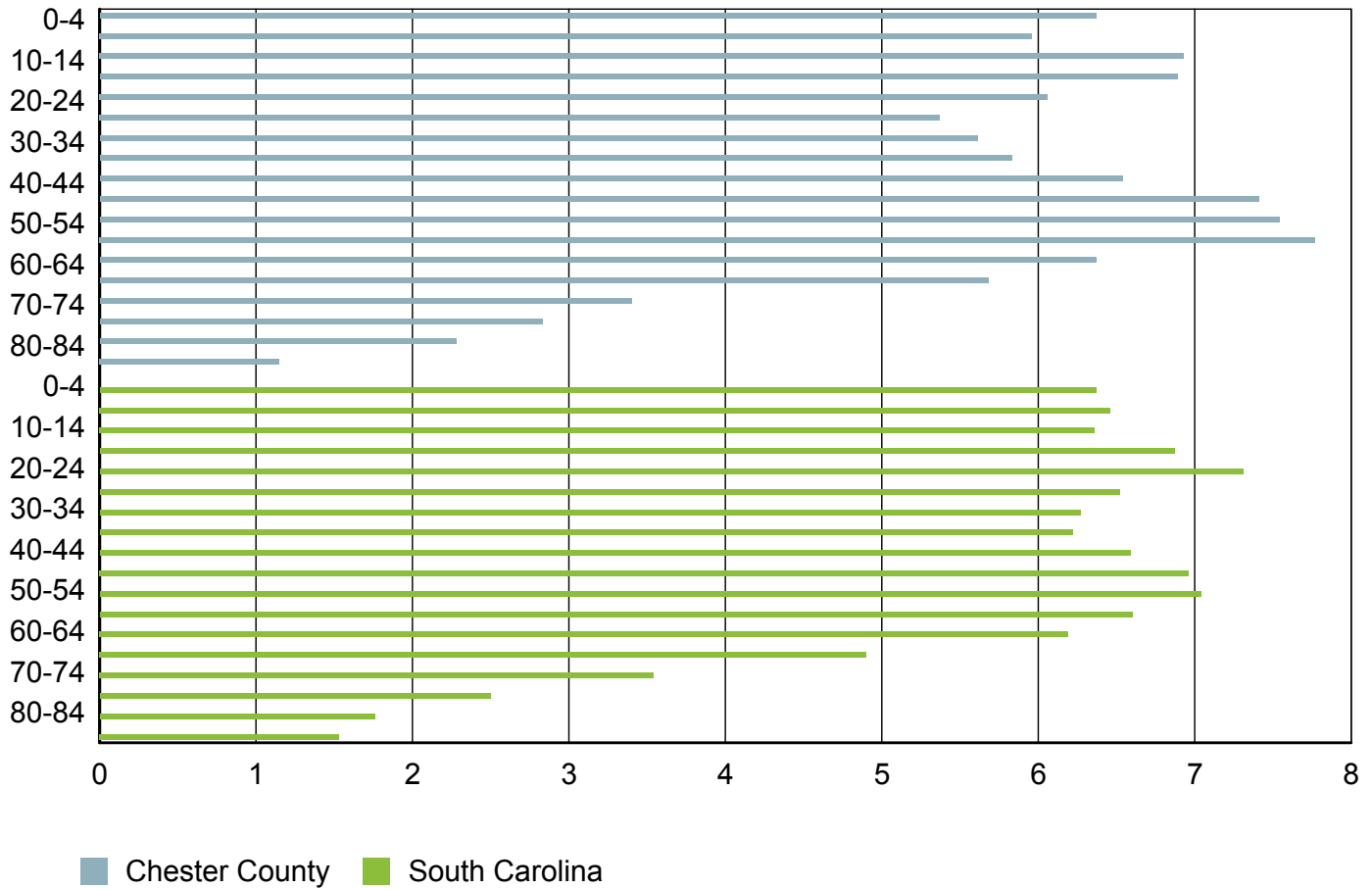
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Source: S.C. Department of Revenue

### Population by Age



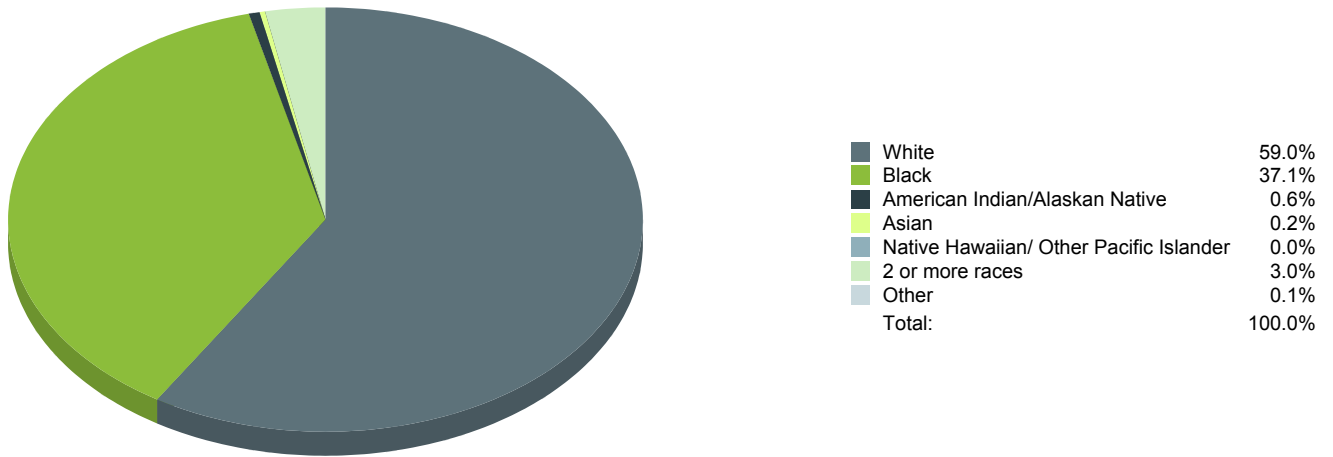
Age Range	Chester County	South Carolina	United States
0-4	2,094	298,242	20,052,112
5-9	1,961	302,111	20,409,060
10-14	2,280	297,443	20,672,609
15-19	2,266	321,540	21,715,074
20-24	1,994	342,237	22,099,887
25-29	1,767	305,167	21,243,365
30-34	1,846	293,464	20,467,912
35-39	1,916	291,183	19,876,161
40-44	2,149	308,158	20,998,001
45-49	2,436	325,660	22,109,946
50-54	2,479	329,431	22,396,322
55-59	2,554	309,061	20,165,892
60-64	2,096	289,690	17,479,211
65-69	1,866	229,251	13,189,508
70-74	1,117	165,797	9,767,522
75-79	932	117,187	7,438,750
80-84	748	82,223	5,781,697
85 and older	378	71,757	5,673,565

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

### Population by Race

Race	Chester County		South Carolina		United States	
		%		%		%
White	19,704	59.9%	3,144,146	66.0%	230,592,579	72.0%
Black	12,375	37.6%	1,298,534	27.3%	39,167,010	12.2%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	183	0.6%	14,732	0.3%	2,540,309	0.8%
Asian	69	0.2%	61,097	1.3%	15,231,962	4.8%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	8	0.0%	2,128	0.0%	526,347	0.2%
2 or more races	1,008	3.1%	169,670	3.6%	17,464,666	5.5%
Other	36	0.1%	74,130	1.6%	14,746,054	4.6%

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



### Population by Gender

Gender	Chester County	South Carolina	United States
Male	15,930	2,276,305	153,247,412
Female	16,949	2,403,297	158,289,182

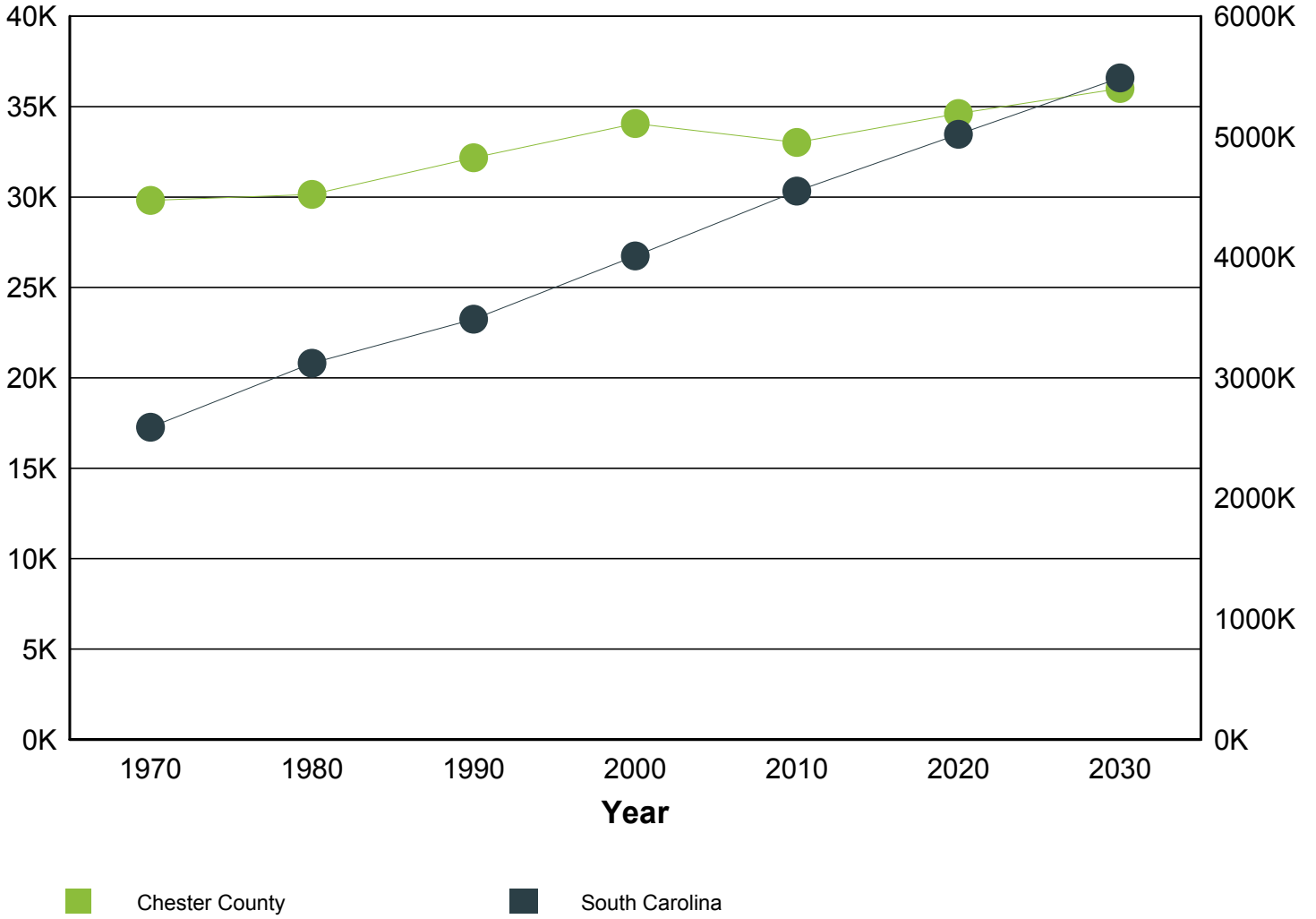
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# Population Change

Historical and Projected

Chester County

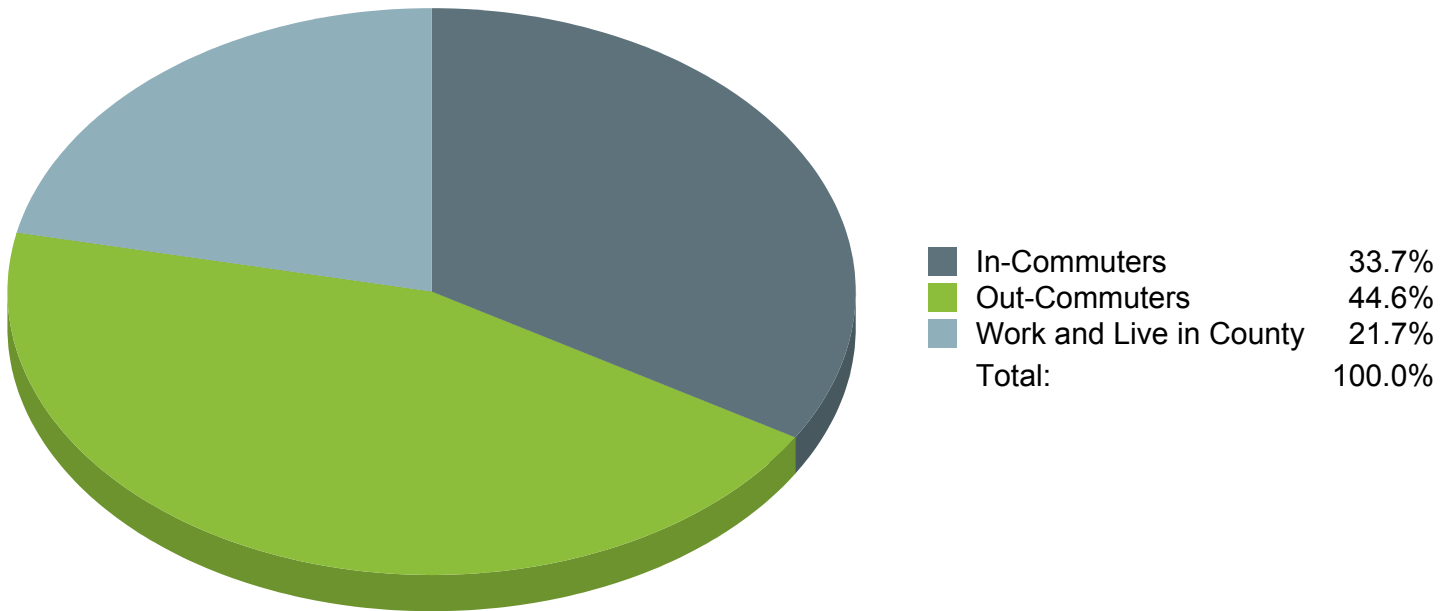
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Year	Chester County	South Carolina
1970	29,811	2,590,713
1980	30,148	3,121,820
1990	32,170	3,486,310
2000	34,068	4,012,012
2010	33,020	4,549,150
2020	34,620	5,020,400
2030	36,000	5,488,460

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Commuting Patterns



Commuting Patterns	Workers
Work and Live in County	6,093
In-Commuters	9,444
Out-Commuters	12,496

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010

## Top 10 Places Residents Are Commuting To

Area	Workers
York County, SC	3,301
MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NC	1,027
Lancaster County, SC	786
Fairfield County, SC	338
Richland County, SC	235
Union County, SC	102
GASTON COUNTY, NC	74
Lexington County, SC	55
Newberry County, SC	47
CABARRUS COUNTY, NC	47

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010

## Top 10 Places Residents Are Commuting From

Area	Workers
York County, SC	1,366
Lancaster County, SC	1,105
Fairfield County, SC	347
Union County, SC	117
Richland County, SC	85
UNION COUNTY, NC	50
MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NC	42
CLEVELAND COUNTY, NC	41
Clarendon County, SC	35
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, IN	29

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010

## Employers by Size of Establishment

Employees	Chester County	South Carolina
0 to 4	284	73,908
5 to 9	111	20,075
10 to 19	62	14,598
20 to 49	46	11,233
50 to 99	15	4,380
100 to 249	12	2,757
250 to 499	0	834
500 to 999	0	382
1000 +	0	297

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2016 Q4  
 - Indicates that the requested data is suppressed

## Employment by Size of Establishment

Employees	Chester County	South Carolina
0 to 4	487	110,956
5 to 9	750	133,646
10 to 19	815	198,475
20 to 49	1,310	342,297
50 to 99	1,064	301,791
100 to 249	2,037	415,922
250 to 499	0	289,015
500 to 999	0	261,477
1000 +	0	762,450

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2016 Q4  
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## 20 Largest Employers

*(Listed Alphabetically)*

### Corporation Name

BOISE CASCADE COMPANY

BORAL STONE PRODUCTS LLC

BUILDING MATERIALS MANUFACTURING CO

CHESTER COUNTY

CHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

CHESTER HMA INC

CHESTER TELEPHONE COMPANY

CITY OF CHESTER

GUARDIAN INDUSTRIES CORPORATION

HADDON HOUSE FOOD PRODUCTS INC

LIPPERT COMPONENTS MANUFACTURING IN

MORCON INC

MORNING STAR LLC

PPG INDUSTRIES FIBER GLASS PRODUCTS

S C DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION

SCHNEIDER NATIONAL CARRIERS INC

SUN FIBER LLC

TDY INDUSTRIES LLC

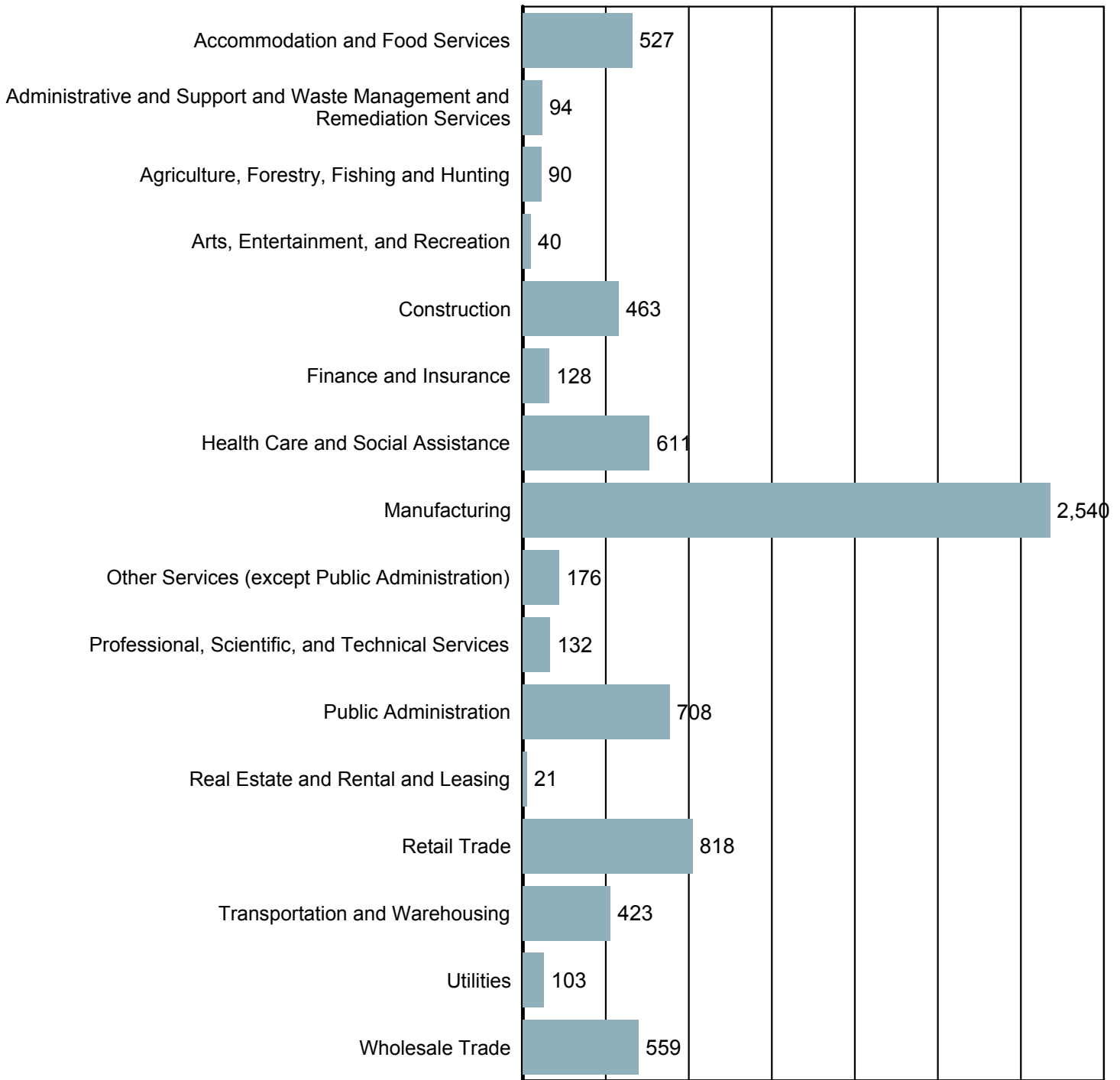
UNITED INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP INC

WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

*Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2016 Q4*



### Employment by Industry

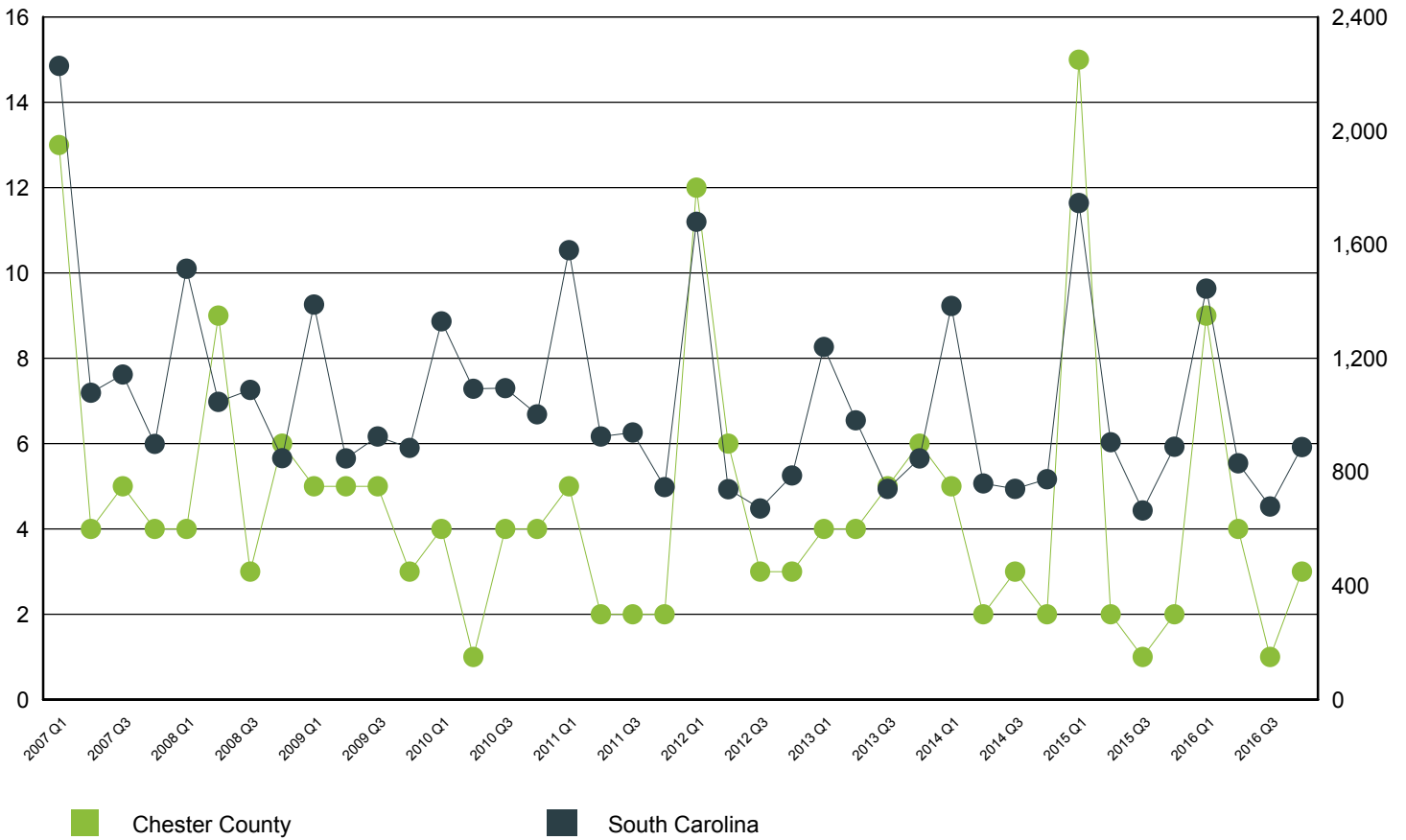


Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce  
 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - 2016 Q4

# New Startup Firms

Chester County

South Carolina



Quarter	Chester County	South Carolina
2016 Q4	3	888
2016 Q3	1	679
2016 Q2	4	831
2016 Q1	9	1,445
2015 Q4	2	889
2015 Q3	1	665
2015 Q2	2	905
2015 Q1	15	1,746
2014 Q4	2	775
2014 Q3	3	741
2014 Q2	2	760
2014 Q1	5	1,384
2013 Q4	6	848
2013 Q3	5	741
2013 Q2	4	982
2013 Q1	4	1,240
2012 Q4	3	788
2012 Q3	3	672
2012 Q2	6	740
2012 Q1	12	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.

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

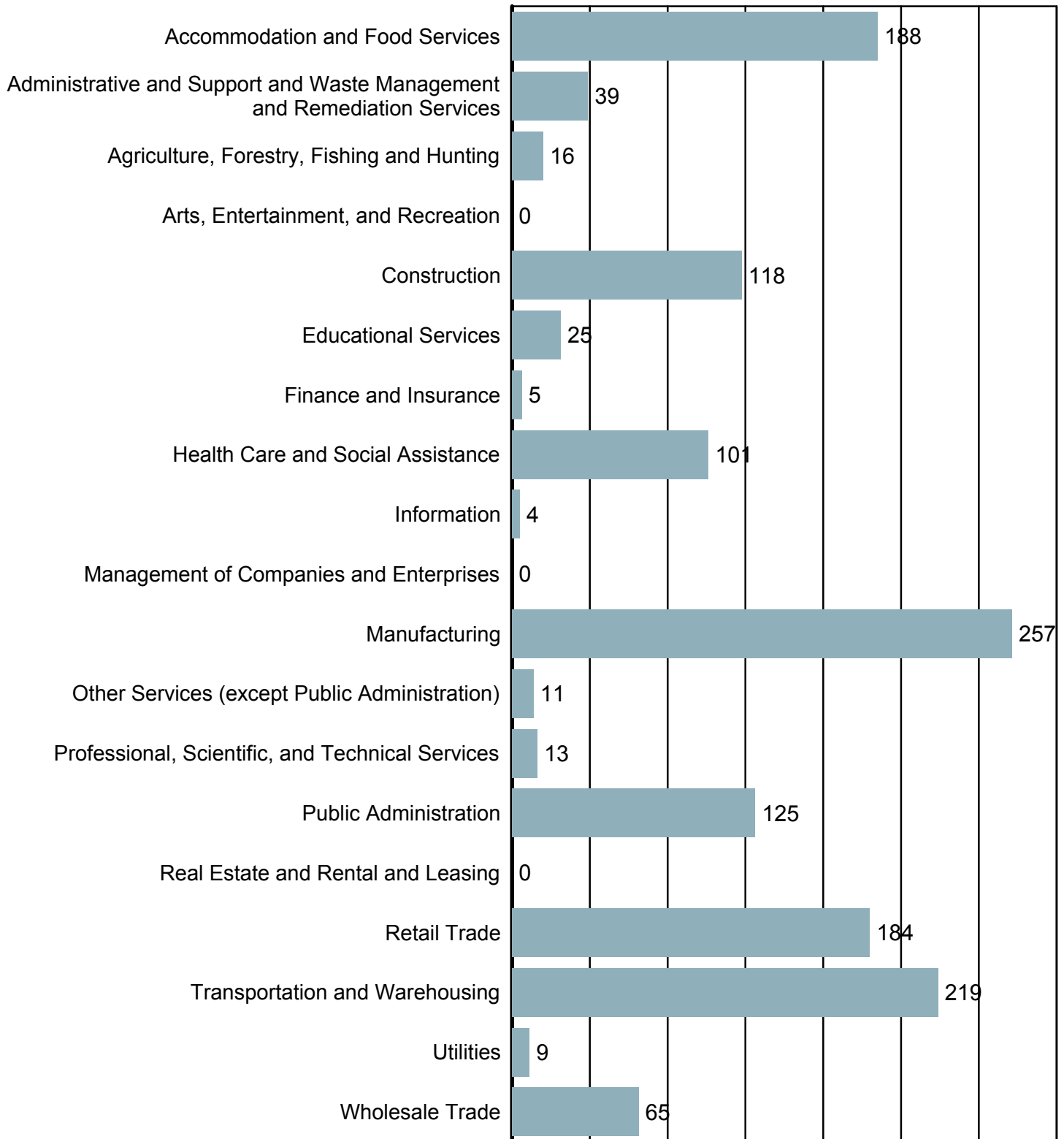
## Top 20 Occupational Openings

*Chester County  
April-2016*

Occupation Name (Soccode)	Job Openings
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers (53-3032)	28
Registered Nurses (29-1141)	28
Physical Therapists (29-1123)	16
Occupational Therapists (29-1122)	10
Physicians and Surgeons, All Other (29-1069)	5
Security Guards (33-9032)	5
Chemical Technicians (19-4031)	4
Civil Engineers (17-2051)	4
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food (35-3021)	4
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School (11-9032)	4
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers (35-1012)	4
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers (51-1011)	4
Medical Assistants (31-9092)	4
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters (47-2152)	4
Electricians (47-2111)	3
Family and General Practitioners (29-1062)	3
First-Line Supervisors of Protective Service Workers, All Other (33-1099)	3
First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material-Moving Machine and Vehicle Operators (53-1031)	3
Human Resources Specialists (13-1071)	3
Industrial Engineers (17-2112)	3

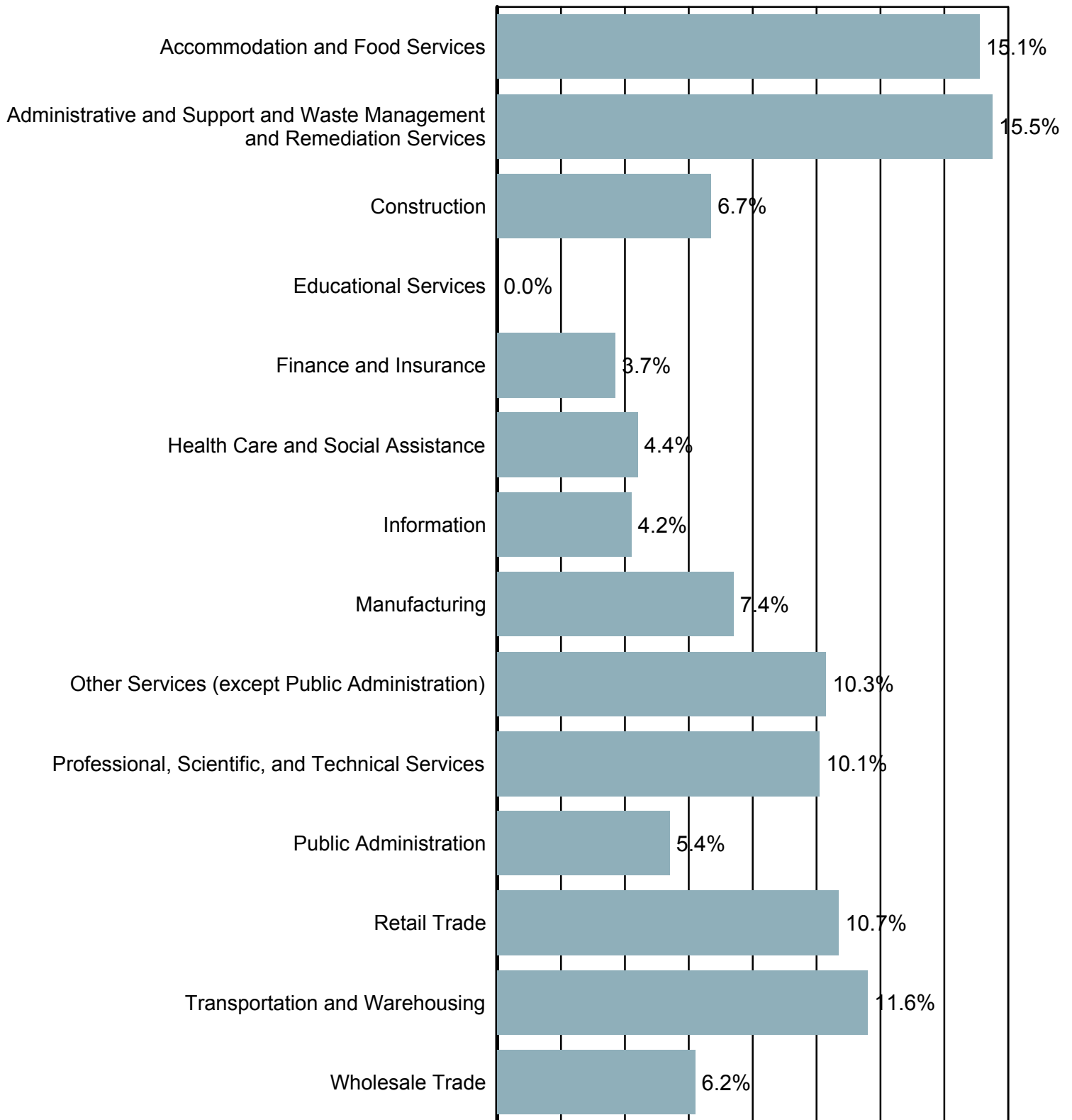
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### New Hires by Industry



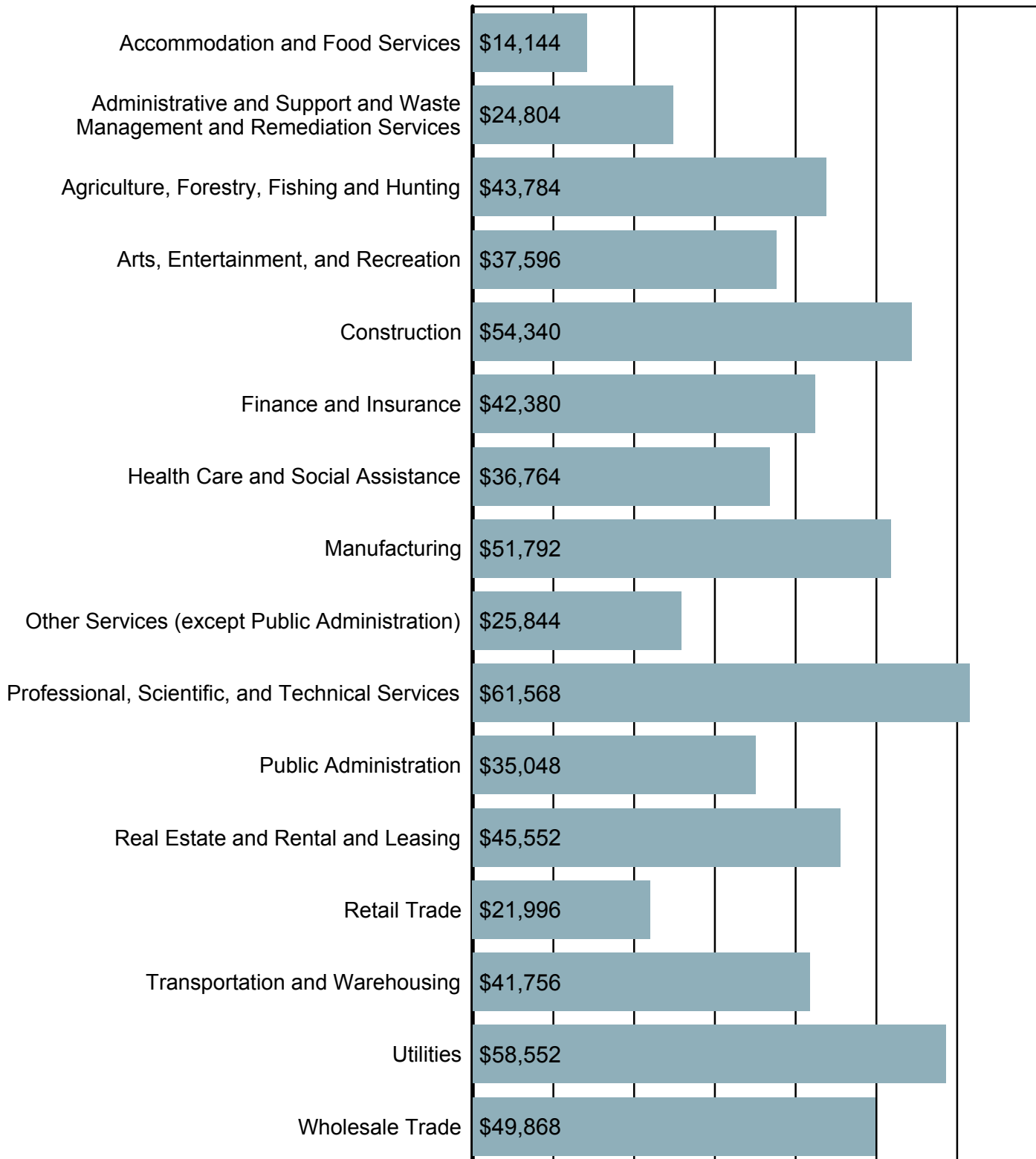
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics - 2016 Q2

### 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) - 2016 Q4

## Age of Workers by Industry

Industry	14-18	19-21	22-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Total, All Industries	127	244	394	1,683	1,899	2,169	1,589	561
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	0	0	5	17	22	14	20	6
Utilities	0	3	0	11	20	27	27	5
Construction	0	15	18	87	90	114	90	31
Manufacturing	0	55	109	519	623	756	460	56
Wholesale Trade	0	16	27	137	127	144	117	36
Retail Trade	32	63	68	167	133	150	136	61
Transportation and Warehousing	0	0	25	131	143	163	106	37
Information	0	0	3	13	35	35	26	15
Finance and Insurance	0	0	4	28	32	30	17	10
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	0	0	3	4	3	7	0	4
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Servi	0	6	6	21	33	27	34	24
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative and Support and Waste Manageme	0	4	6	19	20	25	21	13
Educational Services	0	0	24	150	232	241	164	77
Health Care and Social Assistance	0	2	17	104	122	146	134	51
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	0	0	0	2	5	6	9	6
Accommodation and Food Services	84	67	48	136	88	80	48	20
Other Services (except Public Administration)	0	3	4	23	25	45	43	43
Public Administration	0	5	24	114	147	160	134	65

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.

Catawba Industry	2014 Estimated Employment	2024 Projected Employment	Change	Percent Change	Annual Percent
Total Employment, All Jobs	119,823	133,476	13,653	11.39	1.08
Health care and social assistance	11,742	14,597	2,855	24.31	2.20
Administrative and support and waste management and remediat	8,418	10,610	2,192	26.04	2.34
Educational services; state, local, and private	10,693	12,343	1,650	15.43	1.45
Professional, scientific, and technical services	5,065	6,365	1,300	25.67	2.31
Accommodation and food services	10,155	11,239	1,084	10.67	1.02
Retail Trade	14,413	15,368	955	6.63	0.64
Construction	4,020	4,893	873	21.72	1.98
Wholesale trade	4,639	5,395	756	16.30	1.52
Finance and insurance	5,014	5,414	400	7.98	0.77
Manufacturing	16,002	16,320	318	1.99	0.20
Other services (except public administration)	3,401	3,650	249	7.32	0.71
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	1,953	2,113	160	8.19	0.79
Information	1,985	2,130	145	7.30	0.71
Real estate and rental and leasing	1,122	1,236	114	10.16	0.97
Management of companies and enterprises	997	1,080	83	8.33	0.80
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	30	87	57	190.00	11.23
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting	2,669	2,059	-610	-22.86	-2.56

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.

Catawba	2014	2024			
Occupation	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment	Openings (Replace)	Openings (Growth)	Annual Openings
Total, all occupations	119,823	133,476	2,900	1,494	4,394
Management occupations	8,111	8,813	176	88	264
Business and financial operations occupations	4,995	5,786	102	79	181
Computer and mathematical occupations	2,463	3,055	35	59	94
Architecture and engineering occupations	2,003	2,265	54	26	80
Life, physical, and social science occupations	840	898	26	7	33
Community and social service occupations	1,289	1,530	28	24	52
Legal occupations	683	786	12	10	22
Education, training, and library occupations	8,013	9,493	175	148	323
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations	1,451	1,629	37	19	56
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations	5,728	6,676	124	95	219
Healthcare support occupations	2,875	3,650	62	78	140
Protective service occupations	2,043	2,139	54	10	64
Food preparation and serving related occupations	9,517	10,580	342	115	457
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	2,976	3,463	60	49	109
Personal care and service occupations	4,504	5,299	113	80	193
Sales and related occupations	13,243	14,505	418	127	545
Office and administrative support occupations	18,896	20,210	398	154	552
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	1,785	1,389	46	0	46
Construction and extraction occupations	3,967	4,624	59	66	125
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	5,075	5,641	120	57	177
Production occupations	11,282	12,055	261	112	373
Transportation and material moving occupations	8,084	8,990	195	92	287

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.

Catawba Occupation	2014	2024	Percent Change	Replace	Growth	Total	Average Salary
	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment					
Clergy	19	29	53	0	1	1	\$ 42,309
Home health aides	767	1,093	43	17	33	50	\$ 18,816
Cartographers and photogrammetrists	12	17	42	0	0	0	\$ 49,999
Physician assistants	41	56	37	1	2	3	\$ 107,160
Physical therapist assistants	41	56	37	1	2	3	\$ 53,593
Nurse practitioners	58	79	36	1	2	3	\$ 96,993
Taxi drivers and chauffeurs	50	68	36	1	2	3	\$ 21,285
Credit counselors	14	19	36	0	0	0	\$ 36,463
Veterinary technologists and technicians	73	98	34	1	2	3	\$ 29,405
Computer systems analysts	755	1,008	34	10	25	35	\$ 76,338
Occupational therapy assistants	15	20	33	0	0	0	\$ 40,779
Excavating and loading machine and dragline operators	30	40	33	0	1	1	\$ 33,534
Mental health counselors	25	33	32	0	1	1	\$ 55,074
Conveyor operators and tenders	96	126	31	3	3	6	\$ 20,638
Helpers--electricians	92	120	30	1	3	4	\$ 29,086
Physical therapists	86	112	30	2	3	5	\$ 72,403
Education administrators, preschool and childcare center/pro	37	48	30	1	1	2	\$ 43,765
Healthcare social workers	179	231	29	4	5	9	\$ 49,277
Optometrists	31	40	29	1	1	2	\$ 95,767
Technical writers	14	18	29	0	0	0	\$ 61,171

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.

Catawba	2014	2024					
Occupation	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment	Percent Change	Replace	Growth	Total	Average Salary
Logging equipment operators	199	97	-51	5	0	5	\$ 35,370
Postmasters and mail superintendents	16	13	-19	0	0	0	\$ 67,709
Farmworkers and laborers, crop, nursery, and greenhouse	1,064	889	-16	28	0	28	\$ 20,501
Molding, coremaking, and casting machine setters, operators,	230	194	-16	3	0	3	\$ 24,962
Cutting, punching, and press machine setters, operators, and	149	126	-15	2	0	2	\$ 43,301
Postal service mail carriers	329	280	-15	6	0	6	\$ 50,603
Postal service clerks	48	41	-15	1	0	1	\$ 52,419
Meter readers, utilities	35	30	-14	1	0	1	\$ 33,961
Grinding, lapping, polishing, and buffing machine tool sette	312	270	-13	13	0	13	\$ 44,016
Extruding and drawing machine setters, operators, and tender	167	146	-13	4	0	4	\$ 28,889
Extruding, forming, pressing, and compacting machine setters	208	184	-12	8	0	8	\$ 36,166
Cooks, fast food	668	592	-11	18	0	18	\$ 17,179
Tool and die makers	74	66	-11	0	0	0	\$ 51,382
Jewelers and precious stone and metal workers	31	28	-10	0	0	0	\$ 42,920
Cutting and slicing machine setters, operators, and tenders	125	113	-10	2	0	2	\$ 34,067
Extruding and forming machine setters, operators, and tender	63	57	-10	1	0	1	\$ 43,166
Lathe and turning machine tool setters, operators, and tende	105	95	-10	3	0	3	\$ 35,272
Forging machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and p	53	48	-9	1	0	1	\$ 37,272
Heat treating equipment setters, operators, and tenders, met	123	113	-8	2	0	2	\$ 31,027
Plating and coating machine setters, operators, and tenders,	65	60	-8	2	0	2	\$ 34,977

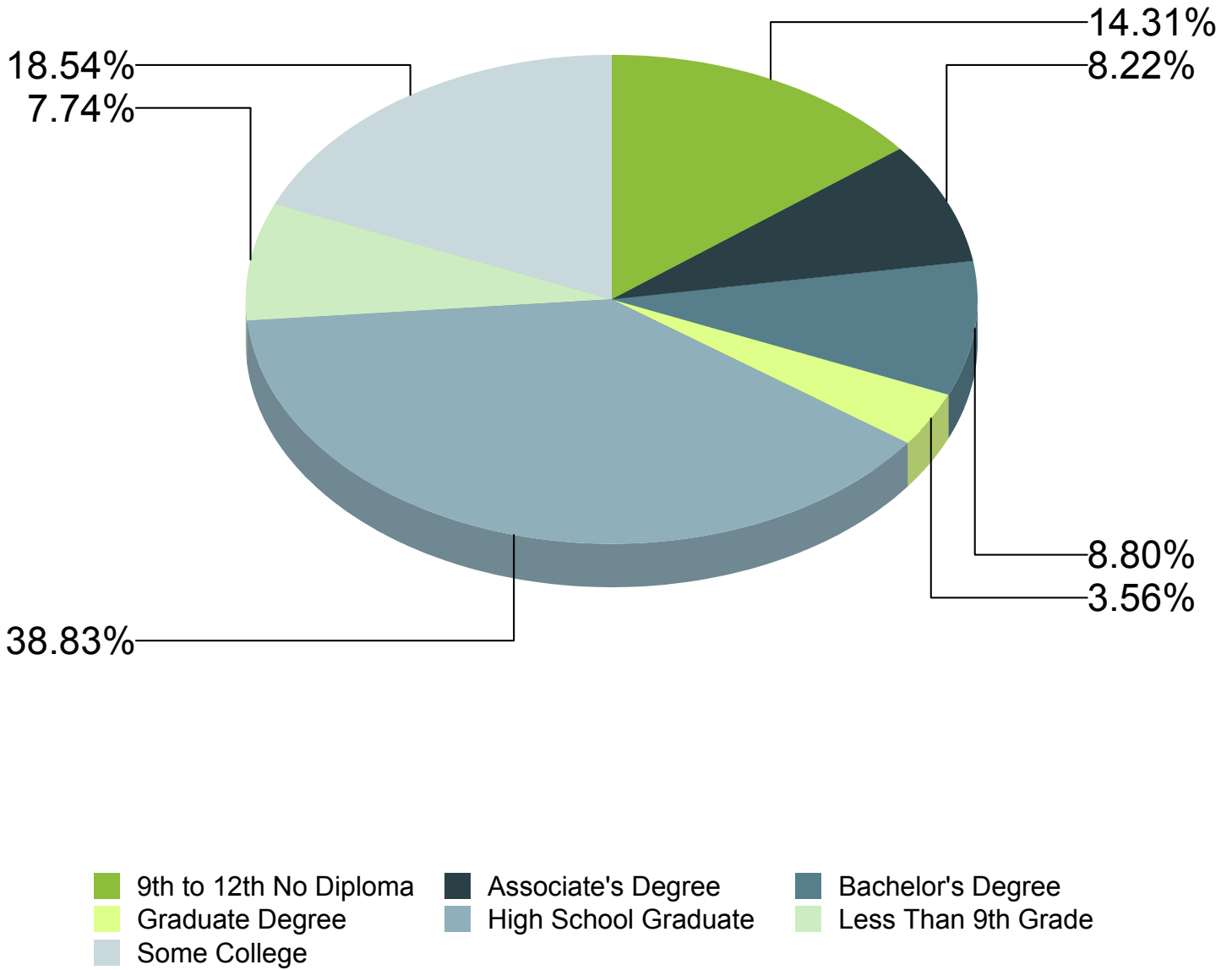
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*Occupations are sorted by highest estimated percentage decline from estimate year to projection year.*

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

# Educational Attainment

(Population 25 Years and Older)



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

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# Graduate Trends

*(Based On Graduates From Area Schools)*

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

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## Educational Institutions

Degrees Awarded:

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