

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Chester County



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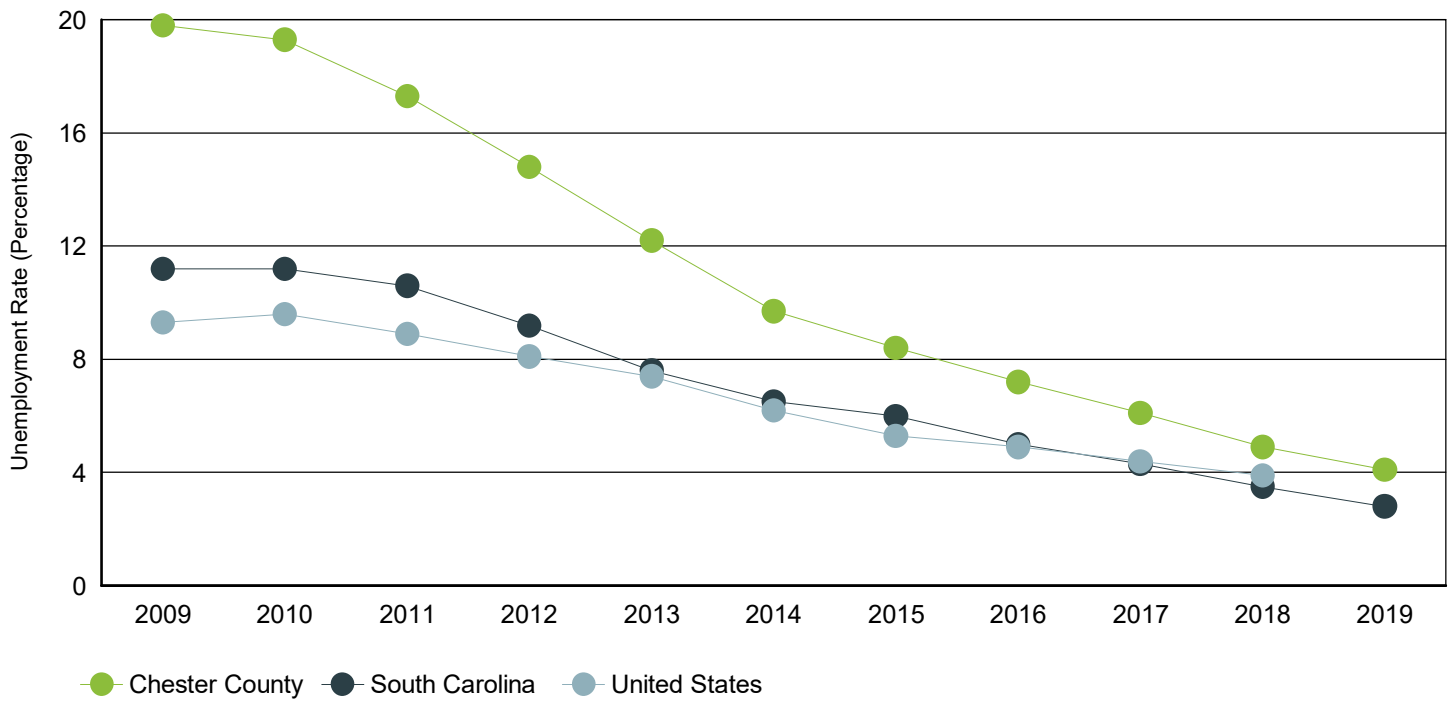
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## Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

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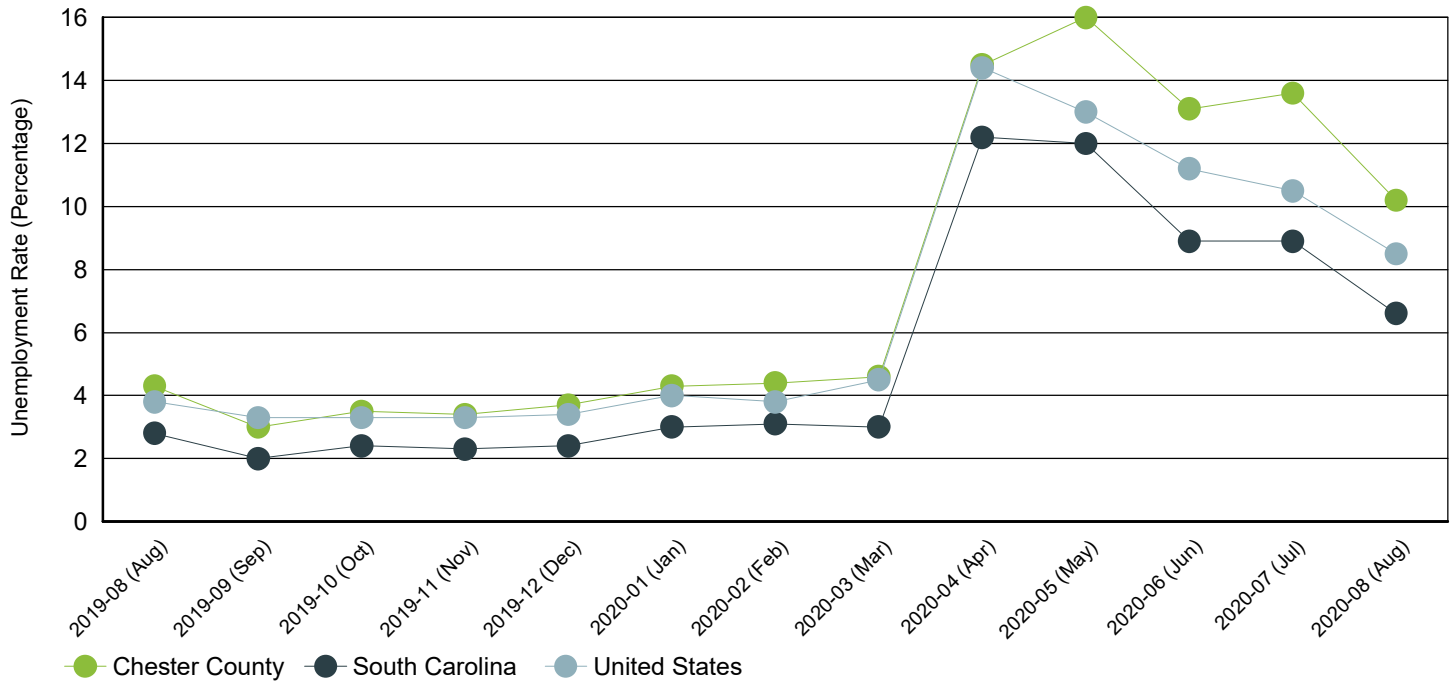


Year	Chester County			South Carolina			United States		
	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate
2018	12,496	648	4.9%	2,259,057	80,882	3.5%	155,761,000	6,314,000	3.9%
2017	12,505	815	6.1%	2,212,845	98,921	4.3%	153,337,000	6,982,000	4.4%
2016	12,446	969	7.2%	2,181,587	115,213	5.0%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%
2015	12,346	1,131	8.4%	2,137,158	135,838	6.0%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2014	12,129	1,302	9.7%	2,078,592	143,753	6.5%	146,305,000	9,617,000	6.2%
2013	12,005	1,670	12.2%	2,023,642	167,326	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%

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

# Monthly Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Past 13 Months



Period	Chester County	South Carolina	United States
Aug 2020	10.2%	6.6%	8.5%
Jul 2020	13.6%	8.9%	10.5%
Jun 2020	13.1%	8.9%	11.2%
May 2020	16.0%	12.0%	13.0%
Apr 2020	14.5%	12.2%	14.4%
Mar 2020	4.6%	3.0%	4.5%
Feb 2020	4.4%	3.1%	3.8%
Jan 2020	4.3%	3.0%	4.0%
Dec 2019	3.7%	2.4%	3.4%
Nov 2019	3.4%	2.3%	3.3%
Oct 2019	3.5%	2.4%	3.3%
Sep 2019	3.0%	2.0%	3.3%
Aug 2019	4.3%	2.8%	3.8%

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
Aug-20	12,412	1,412	10.2%	264	2,264,535	152,936	6.3%	49,905
Jul-20	12,310	1,943	13.6%	260	2,246,003	212,902	8.7%	45,266
Jun-20	12,294	1,861	13.1%	294	2,226,783	211,612	8.7%	37,666
May-20	11,672	2,217	16.0%	306	2,116,430	299,668	12.4%	38,053
Apr-20	11,531	1,953	14.5%	312	2,073,470	303,360	12.8%	51,518
Mar-20	13,055	636	4.6%	348	2,328,802	76,369	3.2%	57,374
Feb-20	13,031	594	4.4%	300	2,333,224	58,631	2.5%	52,662
Jan-20	12,990	585	4.3%	293	2,330,497	56,599	2.4%	52,639
Dec-19	12,996	496	3.7%	220	2,326,018	57,279	2.4%	59,953
Nov-19	13,019	459	3.4%	239	2,326,821	56,712	2.4%	55,821
Oct-19	13,097	469	3.5%	251	2,326,812	56,244	2.4%	68,386
Sep-19	12,959	407	3.0%	219	2,322,842	57,450	2.4%	66,100
Aug-19	12,965	577	4.3%	238	2,316,783	60,140	2.5%	67,729

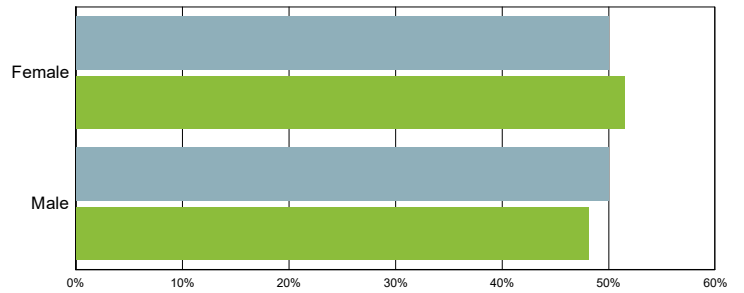
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 South Carolina Data is Seasonally Adjusted

# Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

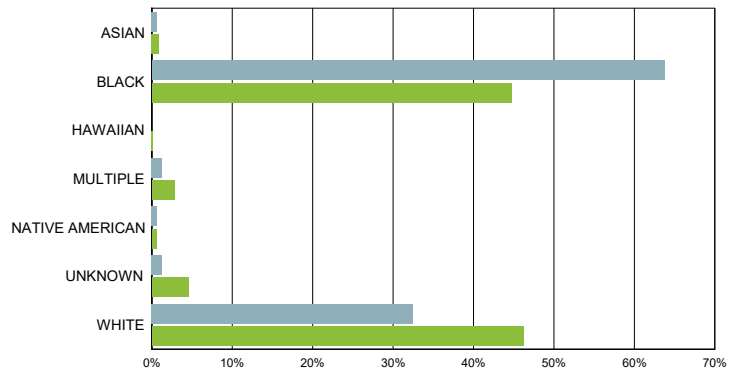
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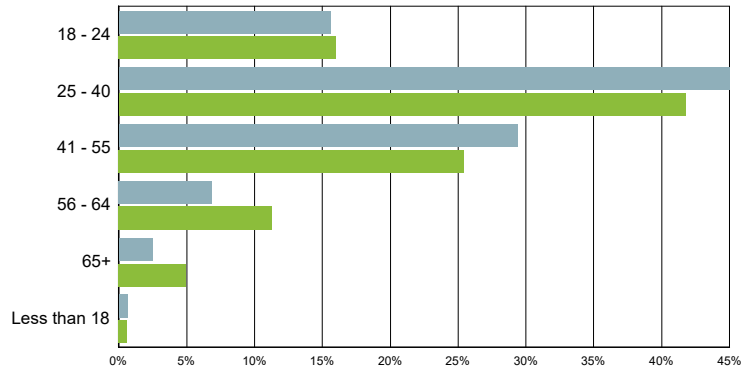
Gender	Chester County	South Carolina
Female	80	10,858
Male	80	10,154
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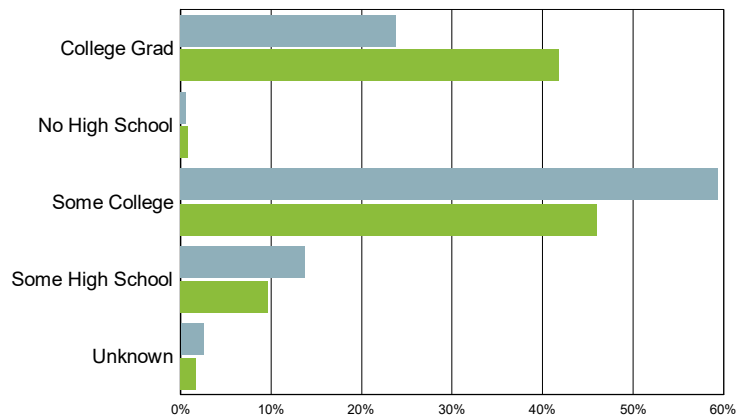
Race	Chester County	South Carolina
ASIAN	1	192
BLACK	102	9,439
MULTIPLE	2	614
NATIVE AMERICAN	1	125
UNKNOWN	2	958
WHITE	52	9,747



Age Group	Chester County	South Carolina
18 - 24	25	3,375
25 - 40	72	8,813
41 - 55	47	5,368
56 - 64	11	2,381
65+	4	1,040
Less than 18	1	126



Education	Chester County	South Carolina
College Grad	38	8,821
Some College	95	9,721
Some High School	22	2,030
No High School	1	178
Unknown	4	353



Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

## Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claims by Industry

Industry Groups With Largest Number of Claims  
August 2020



Industry	Chester County	South Carolina
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	2	94
Utilities	1	44
Construction	9	1,006
Manufacturing	33	2,190
Wholesale Trade	12	632
Retail Trade	13	1,945
Transportation and Warehousing	2	537
Finance and Insurance	1	326
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Servi	6	932
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3	111
Administrative and Support and Waste Manageme	18	2,308
Educational Services	2	639
Health Care and Social Assistance	10	1,809
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1	200
Accommodation and Food Services	11	1,988
Other Services (except Public Administration)	5	511
Public Administration	2	400
Unknown	29	4,896

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

# Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claims by Occupation

Occupation Groups With Largest Number of Claims  
August 2020



Occupation	Chester County	South Carolina
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	4	541
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occu	4	1,052
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	3	509
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	1	284
Construction and Extraction Occupations	9	1,183
Educational Instruction and Library Occupations	1	472
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	8	1,578
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	4	576
Healthcare Support Occupations	5	847
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	5	844
Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	5	179
Management Occupations	4	1,700
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	28	2,627
Personal Care and Service Occupations	3	686
Production Occupations	27	1,849
Sales and Related Occupations	13	2,048
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	24	1,721
Unknown	12	1,502

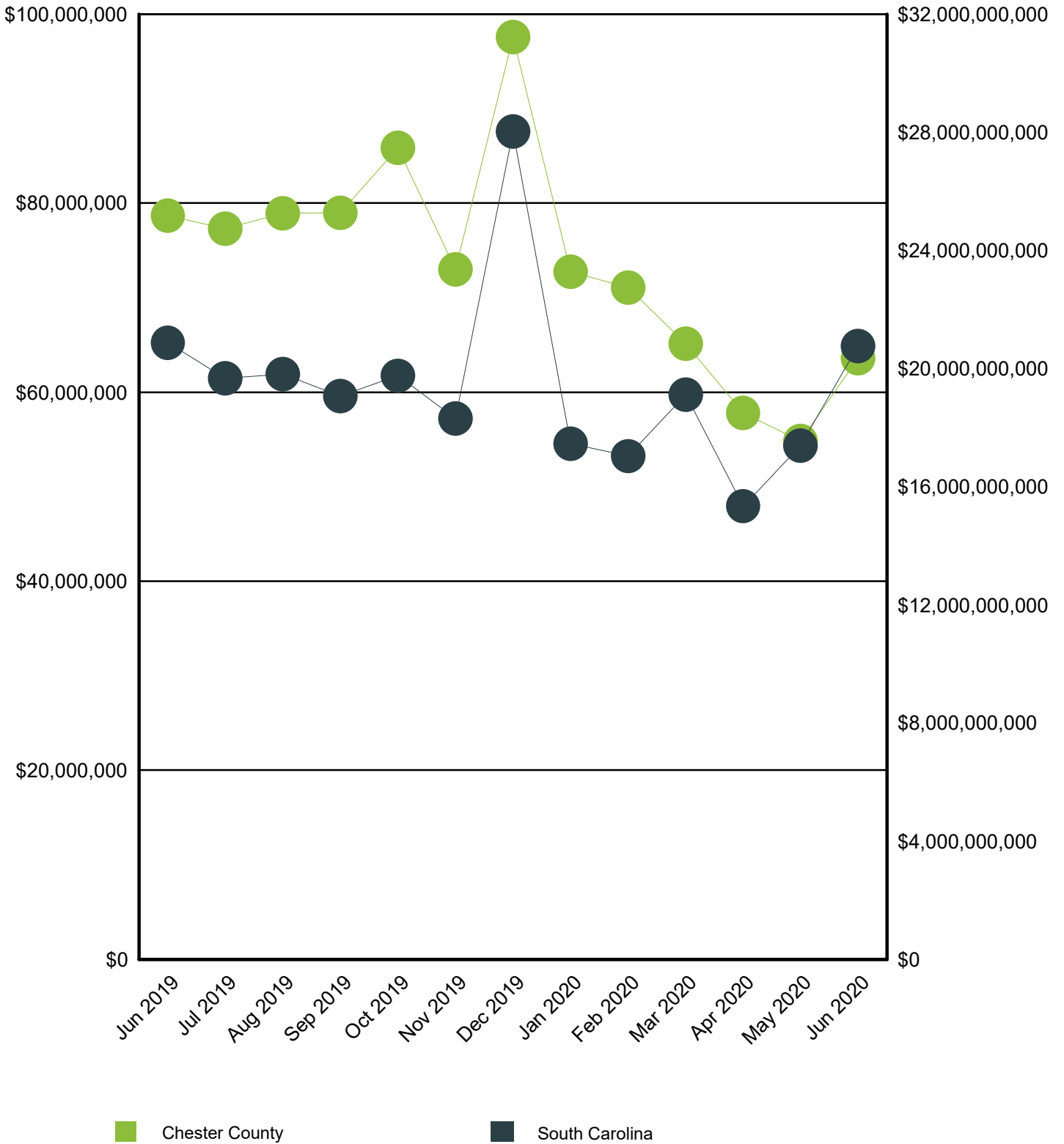
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# Retail Sales

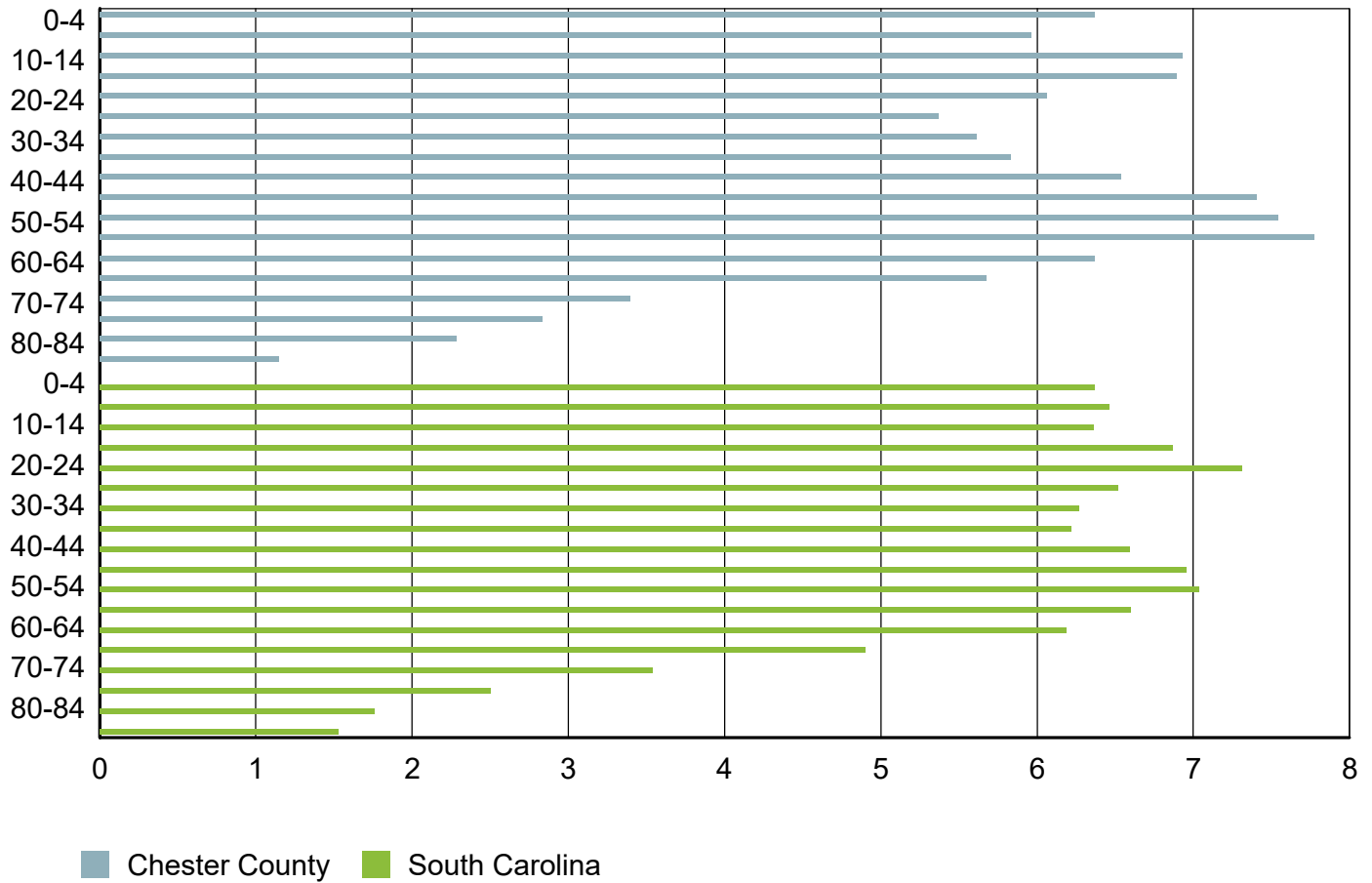
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Source: S.C. Department of Revenue

### Population by Age



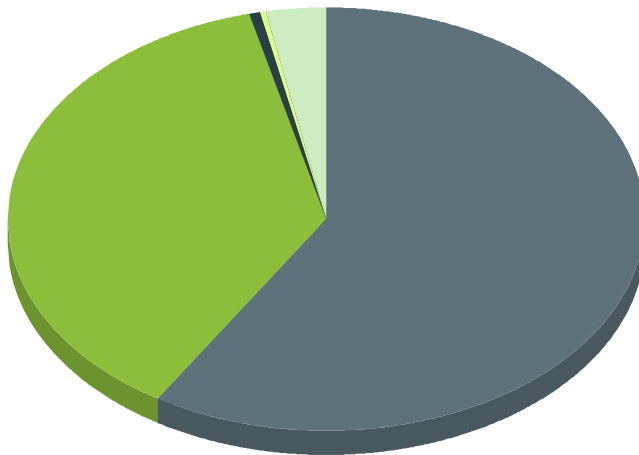
Age Range	Chester County	South Carolina	United States
0-4	2,094	298,242	20,052,112
5-9	1,961	302,111	20,409,060
10-14	2,280	297,443	20,672,609
15-19	2,266	321,540	21,715,074
20-24	1,994	342,237	22,099,887
25-29	1,767	305,167	21,243,365
30-34	1,846	293,464	20,467,912
35-39	1,916	291,183	19,876,161
40-44	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



White	59.0%
Black	37.1%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.6%
Asian	0.2%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
2 or more races	3.0%
Other	0.1%
Total:	100.0%

### 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

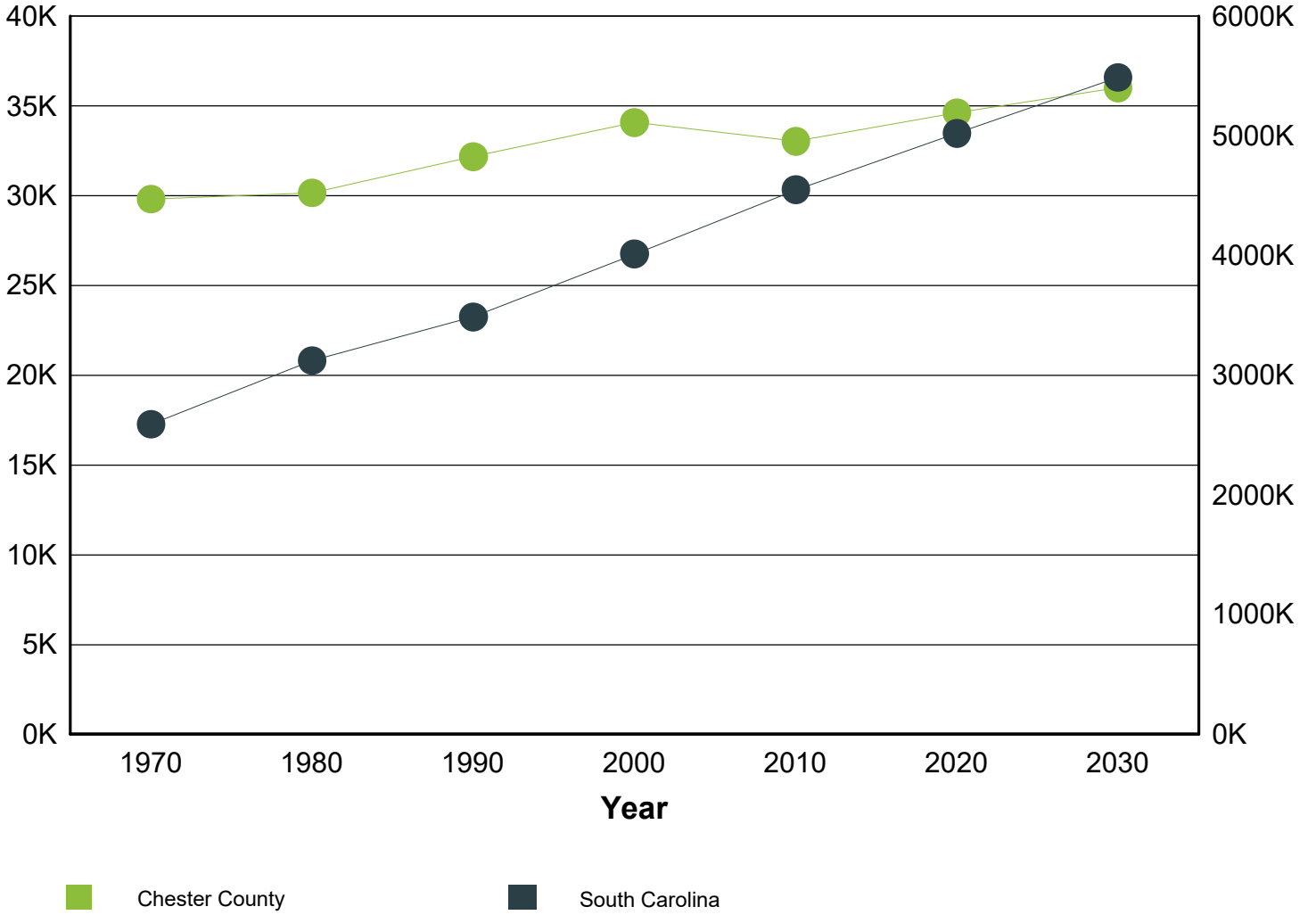
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# Population Change

Historical and Projected

Chester County

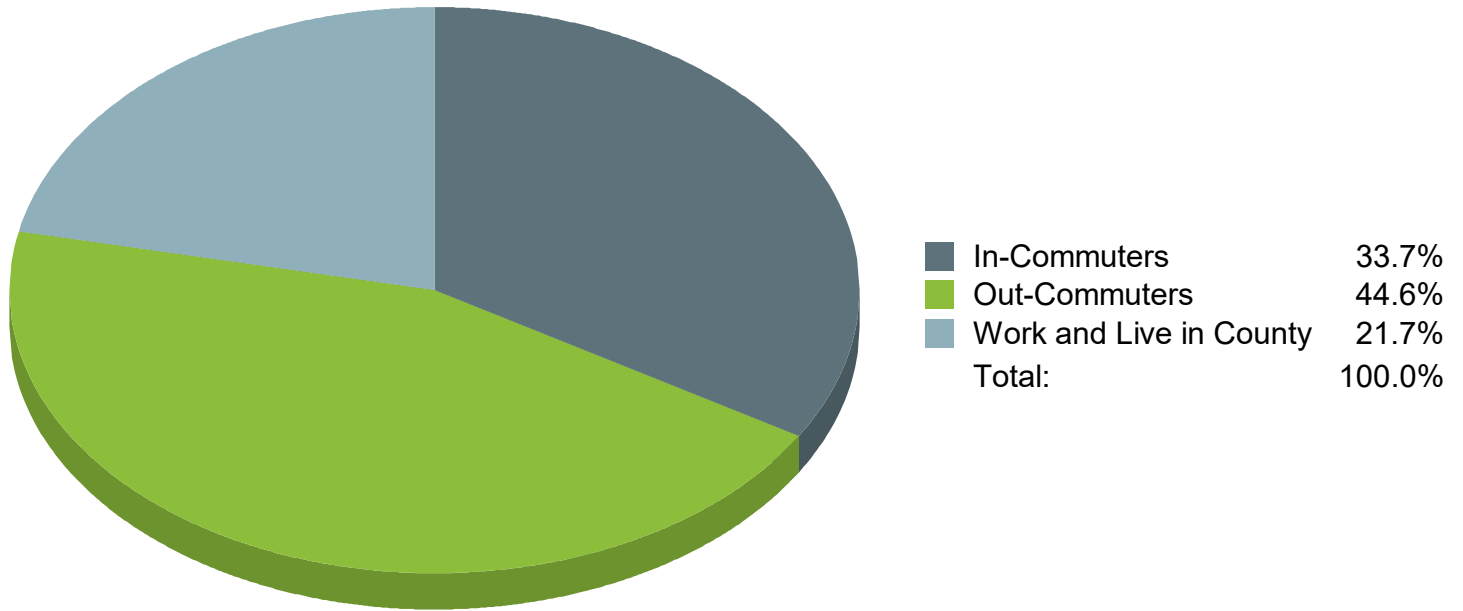
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Year	Chester County	South Carolina
1970	29,811	2,590,713
1980	30,148	3,121,820
1990	32,170	3,486,310
2000	34,068	4,012,012
2010	33,020	4,549,150
2020	34,620	5,020,400
2030	36,000	5,488,460

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	291	86,522
5 to 9	127	21,426
10 to 19	60	15,750
20 to 49	50	11,945
50 to 99	15	4,586
100 to 249	12	2,856
250 to 499	5	876
500 to 999	0	413
1000 +	0	306

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2020 Q1

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## Employment by Size of Establishment

Employees	Chester County	South Carolina
0 to 4	487	117,020
5 to 9	845	142,786
10 to 19	826	215,019
20 to 49	1,500	365,409
50 to 99	988	316,631
100 to 249	1,870	429,525
250 to 499	1,470	299,253
500 to 999	0	282,918
1000 +	0	794,497

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2020 Q1

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## 20 Largest Employers

(Listed Alphabetically)

### Corporation Name

BOISE CASCADE COMPANY

BORAL STONE PRODUCTS LLC

BUILDING MATERIALS MANUFACTURING CO

CAROLINA POLY INC

CHESTER COUNTY

CHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

CHESTER TELEPHONE COMPANY

ELECTRI GLASS FIBER AMERICA LLC

FOOTPRINT SOUTH CAROLINA LLC

GITI TIRE MANUFACTURING USA LTD

GUARDIAN INDUSTRIES CORPORATION

MEDICAL UNIV OF SC HOSPITAL AUTHORI

ROSEBURG SOUTH ENGINEERED WOOD LLC

S C DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION

SCHNEIDER NATIONAL CARRIERS INC

SUN FIBER LLC

TDY INDUSTRIES LLC

UNITED INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP INC

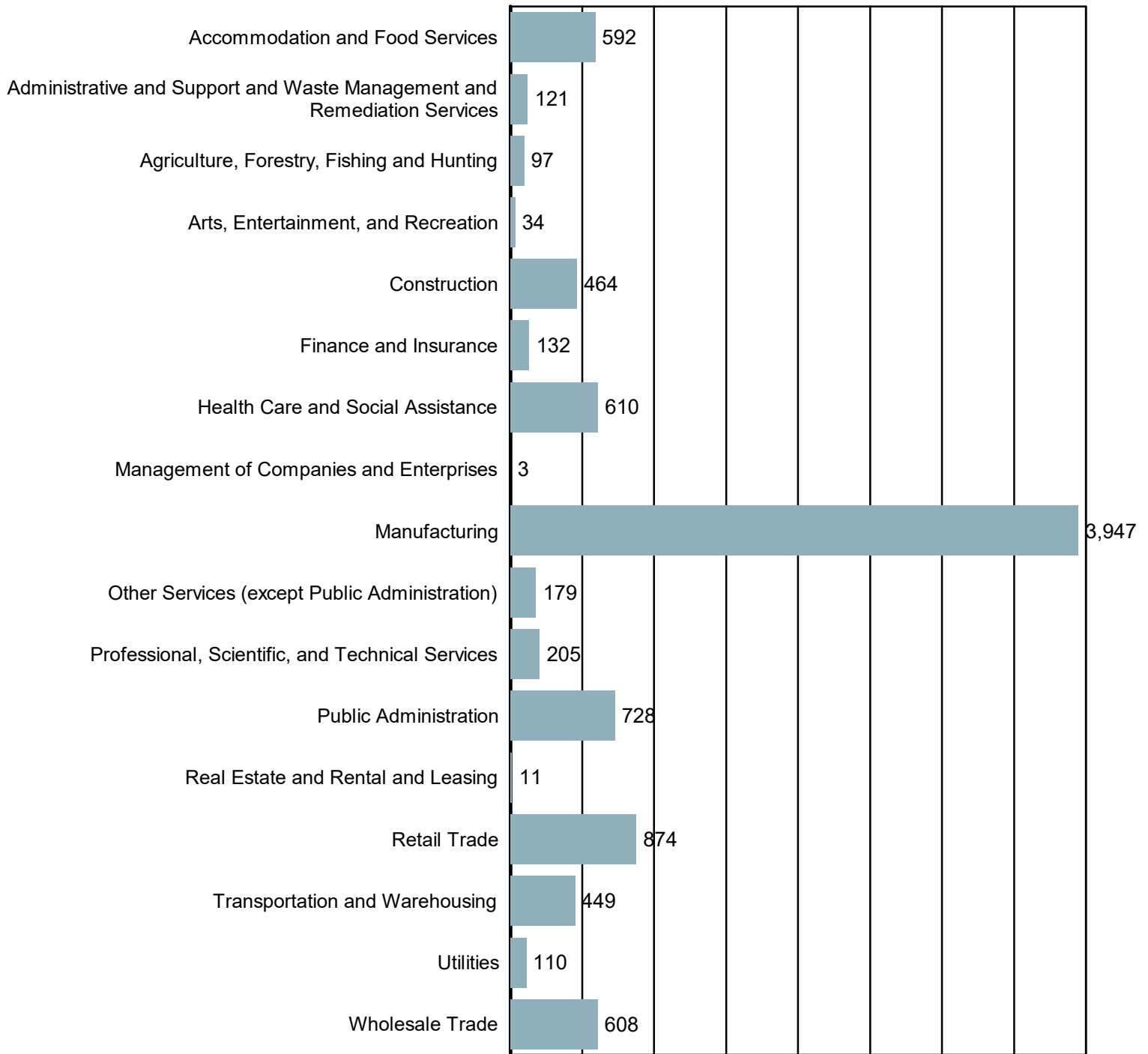
UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2020 Q1



### Employment by Industry

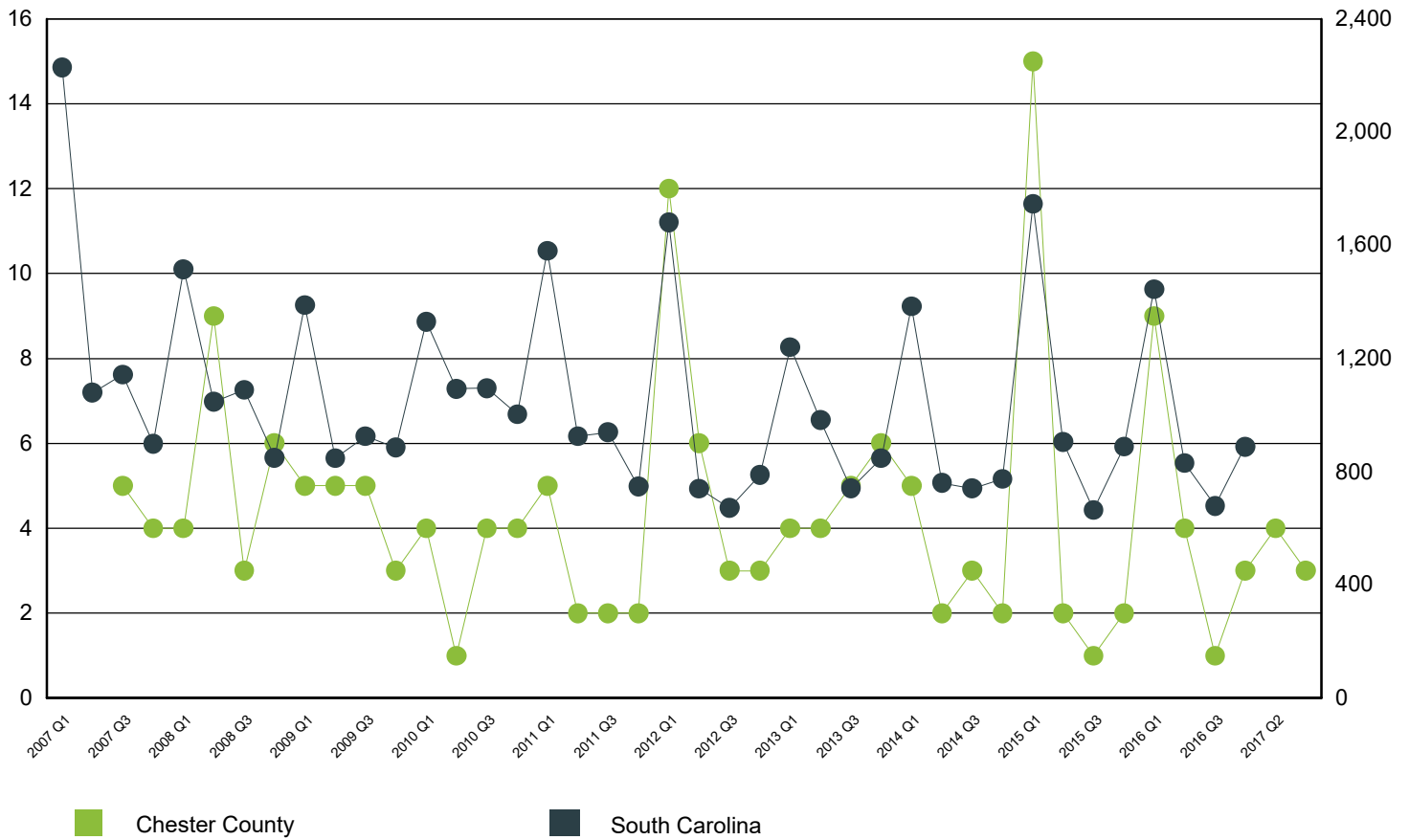


Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce  
 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - 2020 Q1

# 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

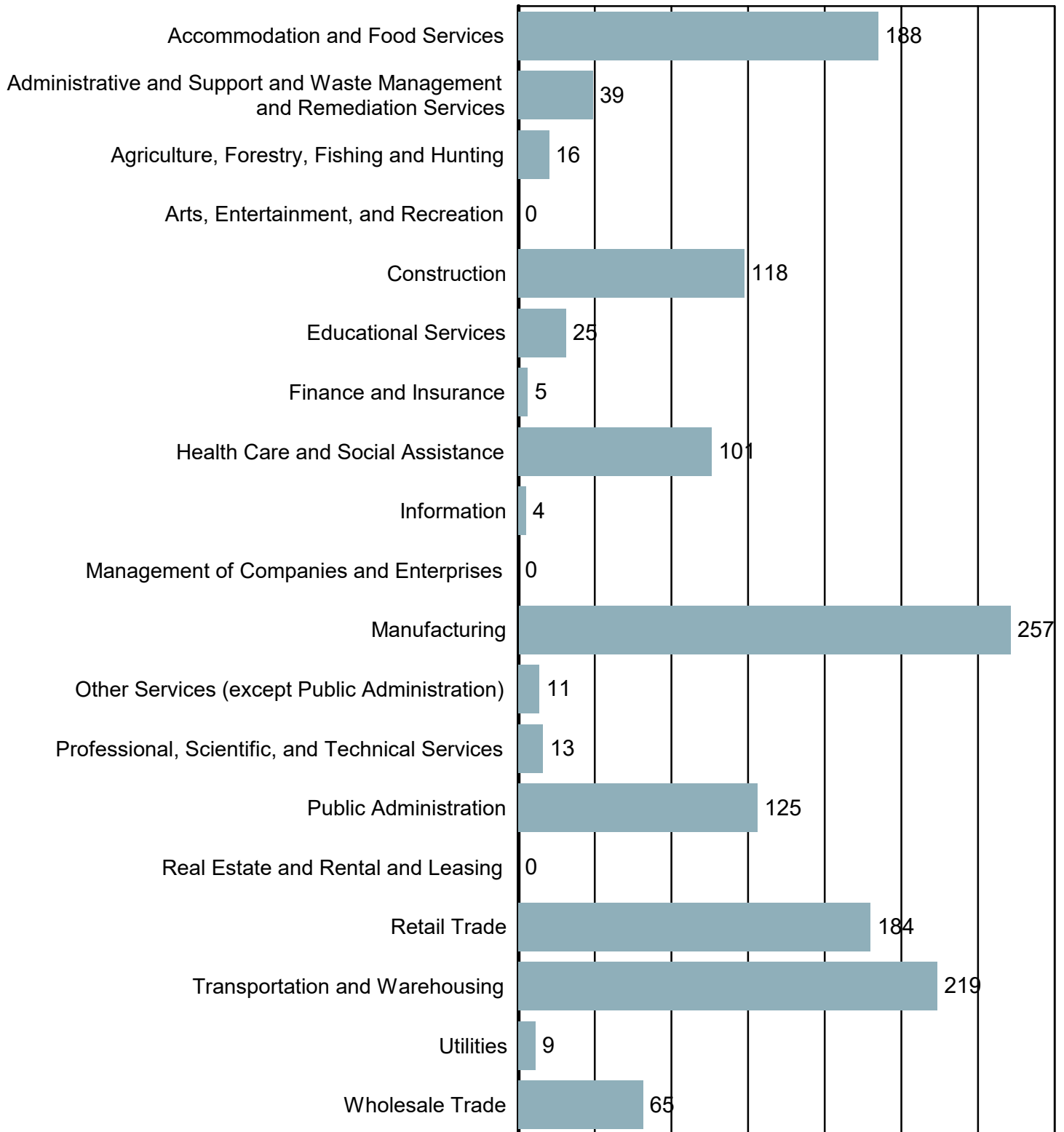
## Top 20 Occupational Openings

*Chester County  
August-2020*

Occupation Name (Soccode)	Job Openings
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners (37-2011)	16
Production Workers, All Other (51-9199)	15
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand (53-7062)	14
Food Service Managers (11-9051)	9
Managers, All Other (11-9199)	9
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers (53-3032)	8
Security Guards (33-9032)	7
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers (51-1011)	6
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators (53-7051)	6
Dietitians and Nutritionists (29-1031)	5
Helpers--Production Workers (51-9198)	5
Registered Nurses (29-1141)	5
Retail Salespersons (41-2031)	5
Customer Service Representatives (43-4051)	4
Driver/Sales Workers (53-3031)	4
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers (35-1012)	4
Industrial Production Managers (11-3051)	4
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers (51-9061)	4
Life, Physical, and Social Science Technicians, All Other (19-4099)	4
Shipping, Receiving, and Inventory Clerks (43-5071)	4

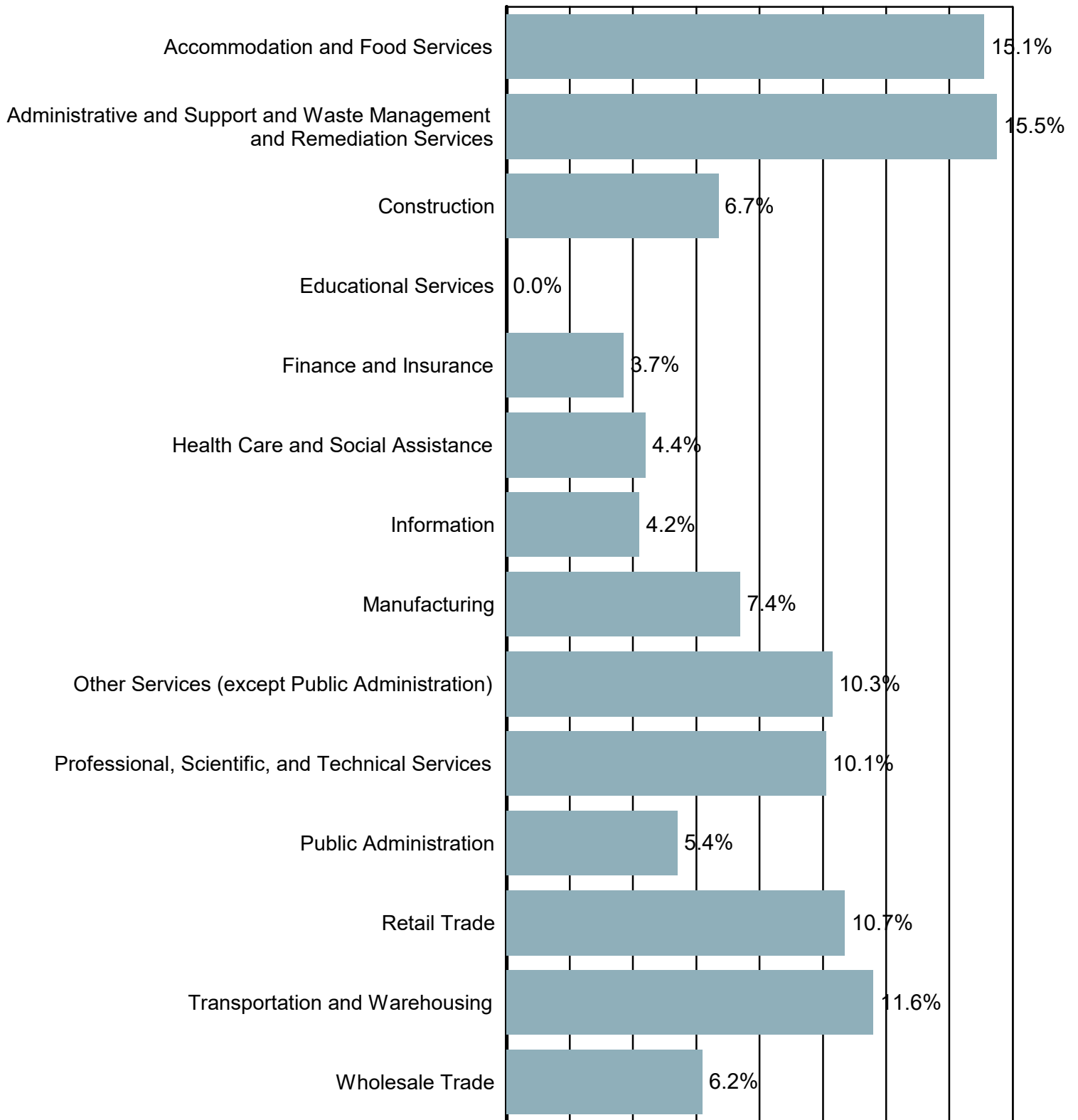
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### New Hires by Industry



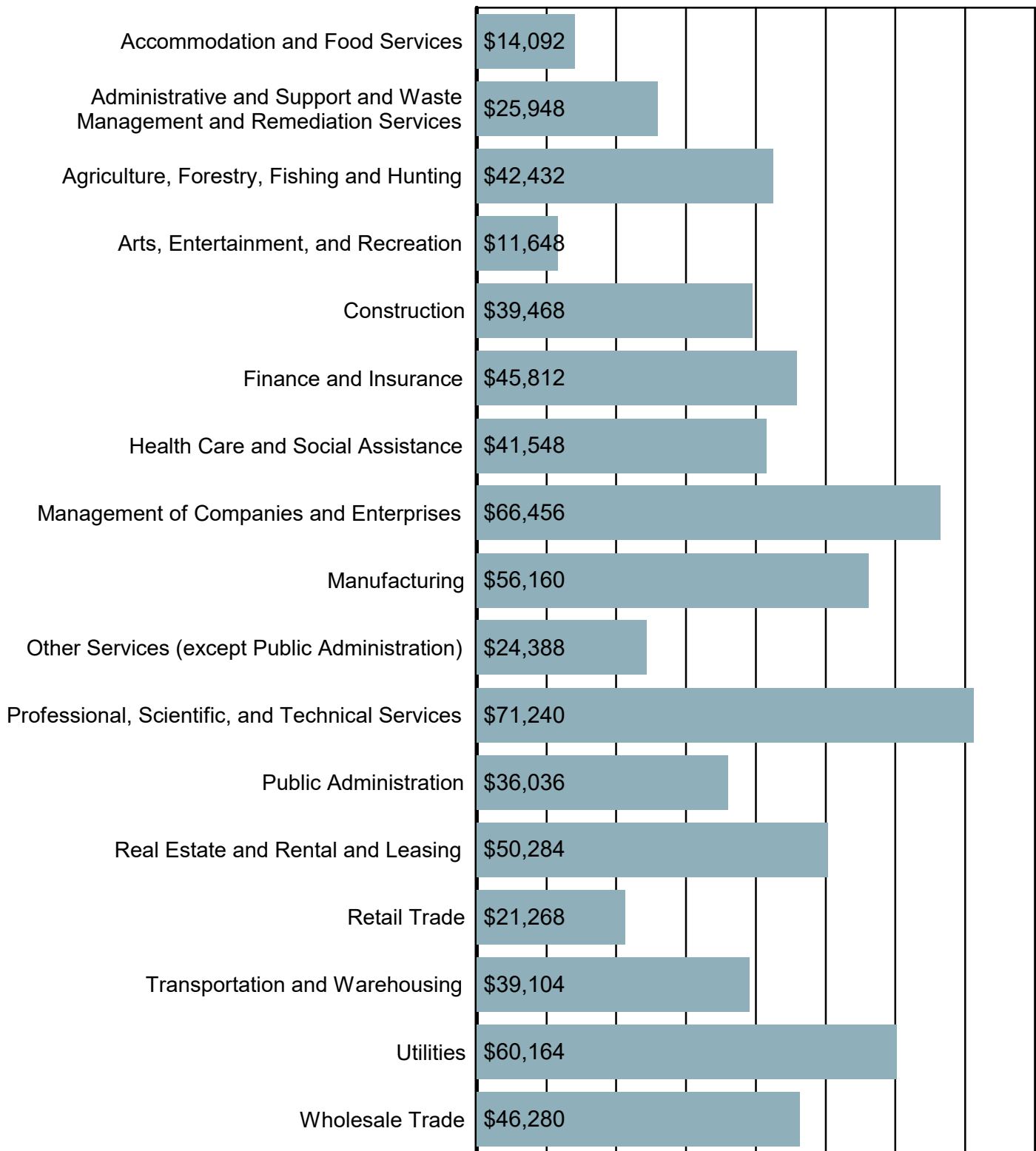
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics - 2016 Q2

### 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) - 2020 Q1

## 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 and Technical Services	0	6	6	21	33	27	34	24
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative and Waste Services	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	2016 Estimated Employment	2026 Projected Employment	Change	Percent Change	Annual Percent
Total All Industries	138,288	157,177	18,889	13.66	1.29
Health Care and Social Assistance	13,036	16,554	3,518	26.99	2.42
Accommodation and Food Services	11,623	14,884	3,261	28.06	2.50
Retail Trade	15,123	17,138	2,015	13.32	1.26
Transportation and Warehousing	3,761	5,156	1,395	37.09	3.21
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	8,423	9,544	1,121	13.31	1.26
Wholesale Trade	5,617	6,691	1,074	19.12	1.77
Educational Services	11,191	12,204	1,013	9.05	0.87
Construction	5,398	6,136	738	13.67	1.29
Manufacturing	17,074	17,735	661	3.87	0.38
Other Services (except Government)	6,884	7,466	582	8.45	0.81
Finance and Insurance	5,591	5,968	377	6.74	0.65
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,206	2,534	328	14.87	1.40
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,344	1,541	197	14.66	1.38
Information	2,158	2,268	110	5.10	0.50
Utilities	1,369	1,380	11	0.80	0.08

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	2016	2026			
Occupation	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment	Openings (Replace)	Openings (Growth)	Annual Openings
Total, All Occupations	138,288	157,177			
Management Occupations	8,260	8,962			
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	9,087	10,724			
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	2,534	2,865			
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	2,241	2,472			
Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	894	937			
Community and Social Service Occupations	1,542	1,825			
Legal Occupations	727	779			
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	8,234	9,223			
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	1,229	1,269			
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	6,057	7,396			
Healthcare Support Occupations	2,846	3,660			
Protective Service Occupations	1,930	2,023			
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	11,501	14,516			
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	4,059	4,839			
Personal Care and Service Occupations	5,762	6,962			
Sales and Related Occupations	14,652	16,680			
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	21,222	22,696			
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	1,854	1,731			
Construction and Extraction Occupations	4,858	5,463			
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	5,740	6,541			
Production Occupations	13,636	14,374			
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	9,423	11,240			

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	2016	2026	Percent Change	Replace	Growth	Total	Average Salary
	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment					
Home Health Aides	715	1,039	45				\$ 21,727
Physician Assistants	39	56	44				\$ 82,924
Nurse Practitioners	112	160	43				\$ 99,549
Personal Care Aides	1,153	1,591	38				\$ 20,778
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fas	3,260	4,497	38				\$ 18,775
Physical Therapists	96	130	35				\$ 80,117
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	34	45	32				\$ 66,801
Medical Assistants	481	635	32				\$ 31,604
Physical Therapist Assistants	38	50	32				\$ 46,457
Physical Therapist Aides	19	25	32				\$ 25,807
Occupational Therapists	58	76	31				\$ 76,890
Healthcare Social Workers	132	172	30				\$ 47,247
Software Developers, Applications	226	294	30				\$ 111,805
Cooks, Restaurant	1,197	1,553	30				\$ 24,189
Food Service Managers	222	288	30				\$ 54,530
Medical Secretaries	358	463	29				\$ 38,860
Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	123	159	29				\$ 117,240
Food Servers, Nonrestaurant	186	240	29				\$ 20,050
Medical and Health Services Managers	260	335	29				\$ 107,957
Clergy	14	18	29				\$ 53,197

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.

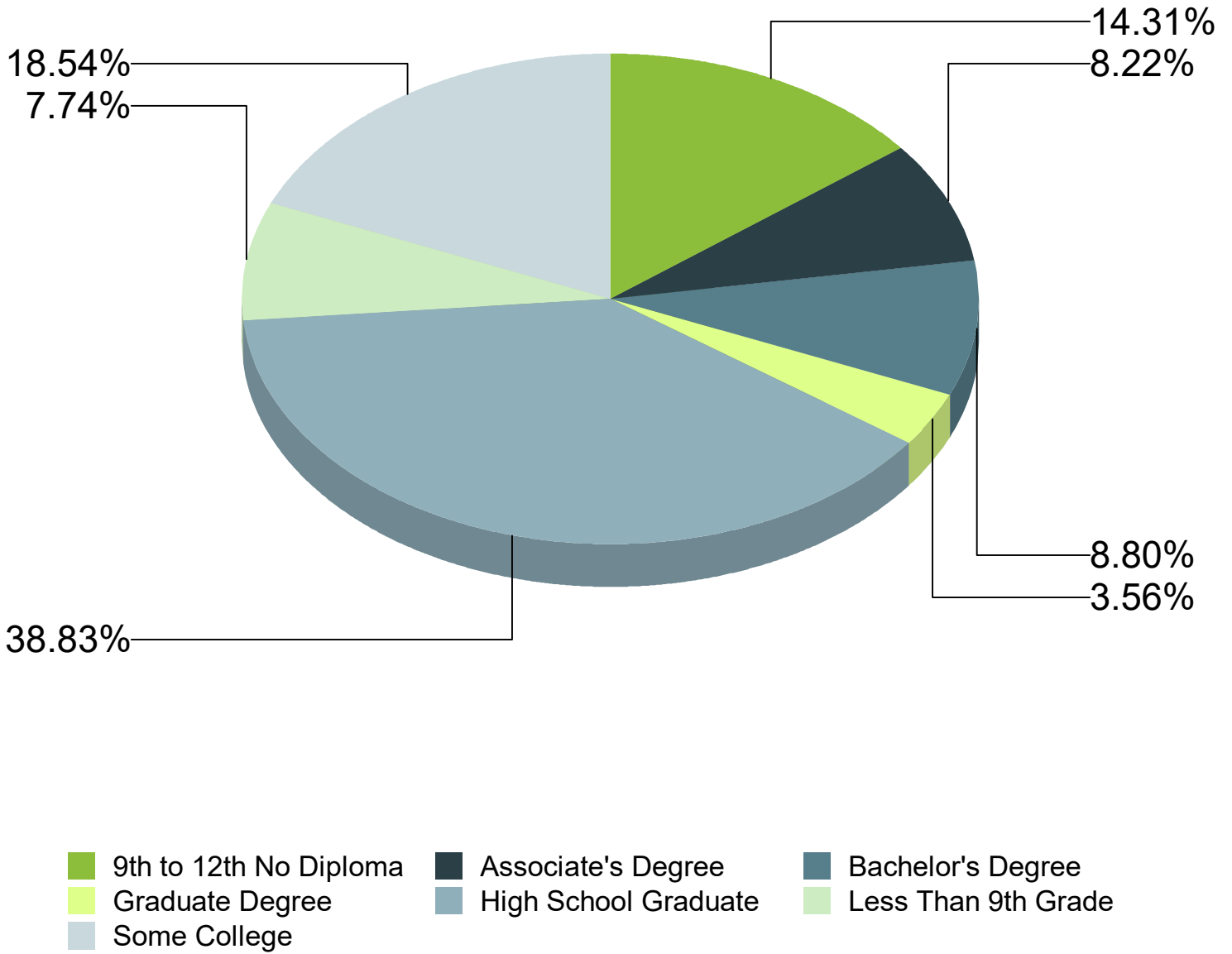
Catawba Occupation	2016	2026	Percent Change	Replace	Growth	Total	Average Salary
	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment					
Reporters and Correspondents	18	13	-28				\$ 72,986
Switchboard Operators, Including Answering Service	302	231	-24				\$ 23,098
Legal Secretaries	66	52	-21				\$ 27,521
Editors	65	52	-20				\$ 58,035
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistant	318	271	-15				\$ 59,506
Data Entry Keyers	116	101	-13				\$ 31,821
Logging Equipment Operators	98	87	-11				\$ 37,372
File Clerks	66	59	-11				\$ 30,759
Chemical Plant and System Operators	105	94	-10				\$ 55,431
Postmasters and Mail Superintendents	11	10	-9				\$ 82,638
Printing Press Operators	267	243	-9				\$ 36,579
Tellers	446	411	-8				\$ 29,678
Correctional Officers and Jailers	387	360	-7				\$ 36,397
Computer Programmers	350	326	-7				\$ 90,636
Chemical Equipment Operators and Tenders	207	193	-7				\$ 41,424
Paper Goods Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	472	442	-6				\$ 29,711
Extruding and Forming Machine Setters, Operators, and Tender	50	47	-6				\$ 39,038
First-Line Supervisors of Correctional Officers	17	16	-6				\$ 54,630
Forging Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and P	88	83	-6				\$ 41,701
Floral Designers	42	40	-5				\$ 23,858

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*