

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Florence County



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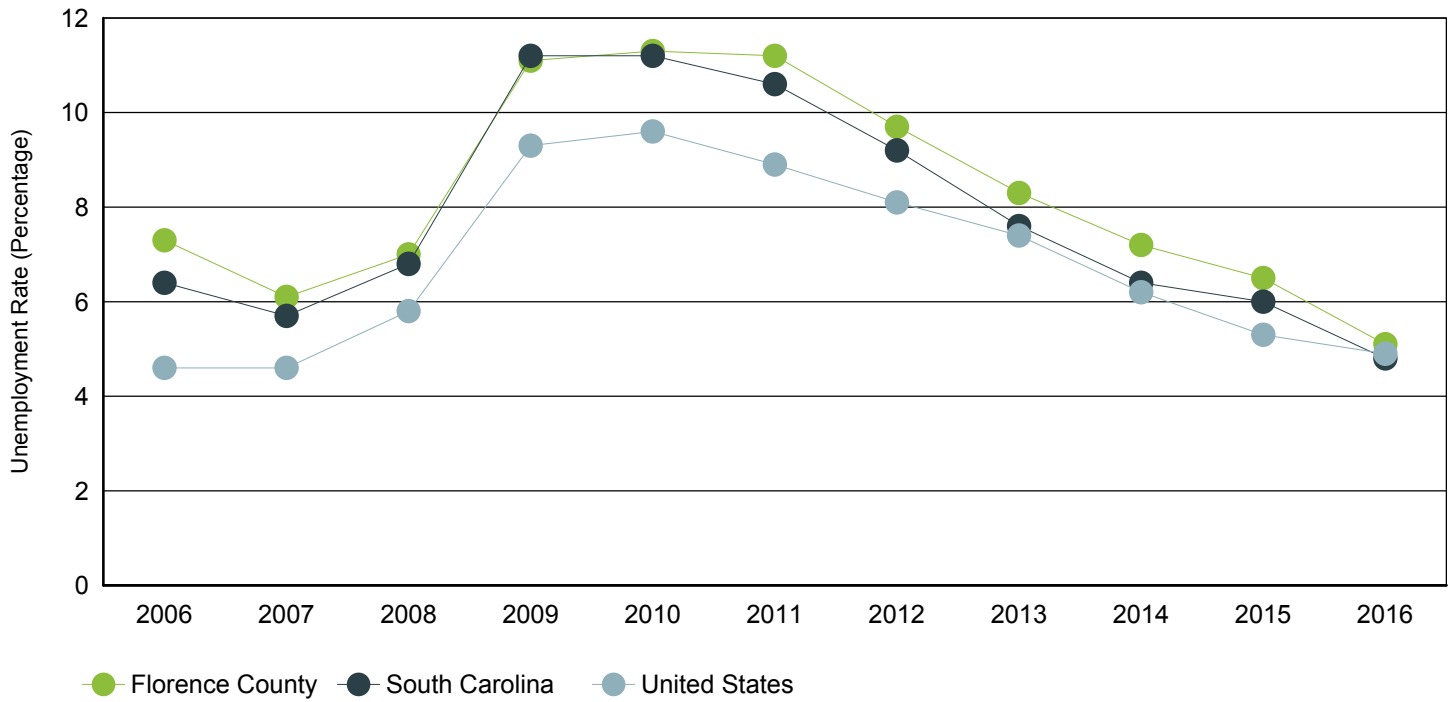
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## Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Trends

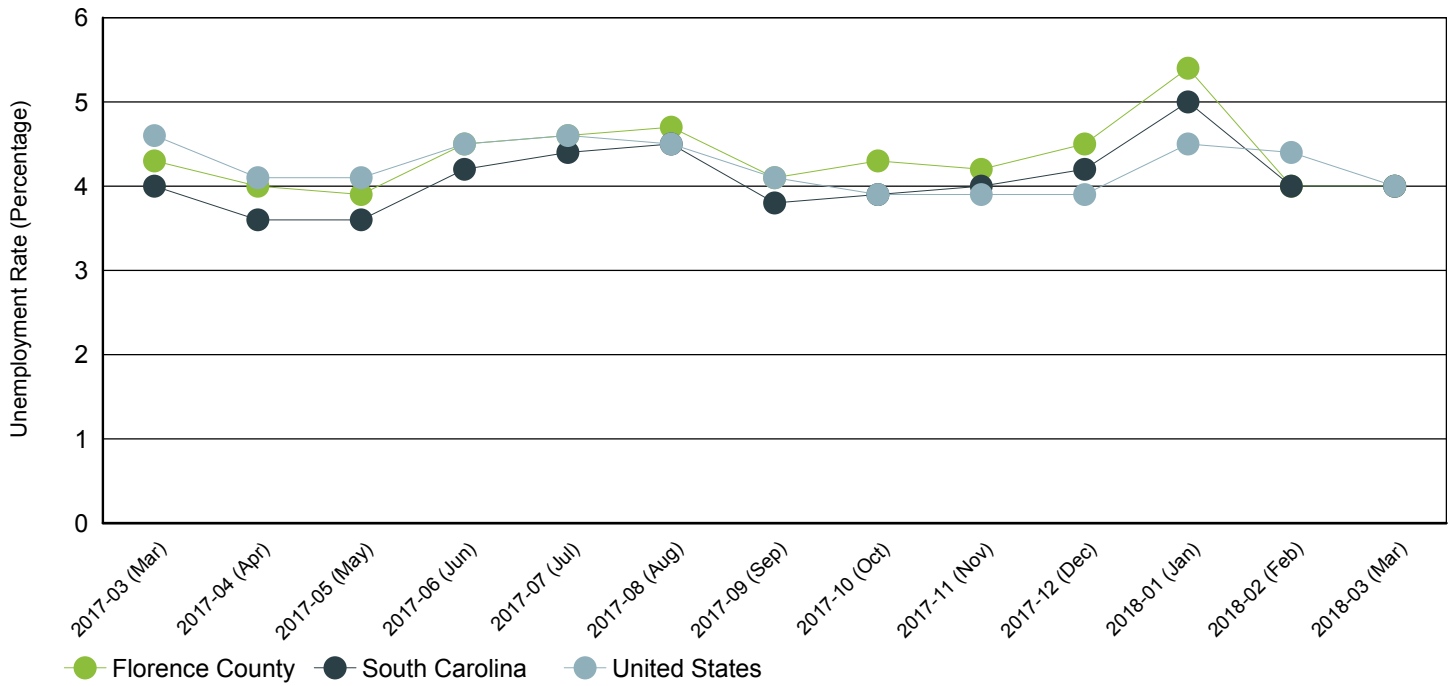


Year	Florence County			South Carolina			United States		
	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate
2016	62,189	3,361	5.1%	2,186,740	111,067	4.8%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%
2015	61,249	4,285	6.5%	2,134,637	135,746	6.0%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2014	60,237	4,667	7.2%	2,081,511	143,151	6.4%	146,305,000	9,617,000	6.2%
2013	59,635	5,374	8.3%	2,026,666	167,647	7.6%	143,929,000	11,460,000	7.4%
2012	58,697	6,276	9.7%	1,985,618	201,260	9.2%	142,469,000	12,506,000	8.1%
2011	57,197	7,233	11.2%	1,945,900	229,623	10.6%	139,869,000	13,747,000	8.9%
2010	56,905	7,268	11.3%	1,915,045	240,623	11.2%	139,064,000	14,825,000	9.6%
2009	56,550	7,090	11.1%	1,910,670	242,075	11.2%	139,877,000	14,265,000	9.3%
2008	58,463	4,400	7.0%	1,996,409	145,823	6.8%	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%
2007	58,784	3,799	6.1%	2,005,686	120,205	5.7%	146,047,000	7,078,000	4.6%
2006	57,651	4,514	7.3%	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	Florence 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	4.5%	4.2%	3.9%
Nov 2017	4.2%	4.0%	3.9%
Oct 2017	4.3%	3.9%	3.9%
Sep 2017	4.1%	3.8%	4.1%
Aug 2017	4.7%	4.5%	4.5%
Jul 2017	4.6%	4.4%	4.6%
Jun 2017	4.5%	4.2%	4.5%
May 2017	3.9%	3.6%	4.1%
Apr 2017	4.0%	3.6%	4.1%
Mar 2017	4.3%	4.0%	4.6%

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

## Area Job Openings

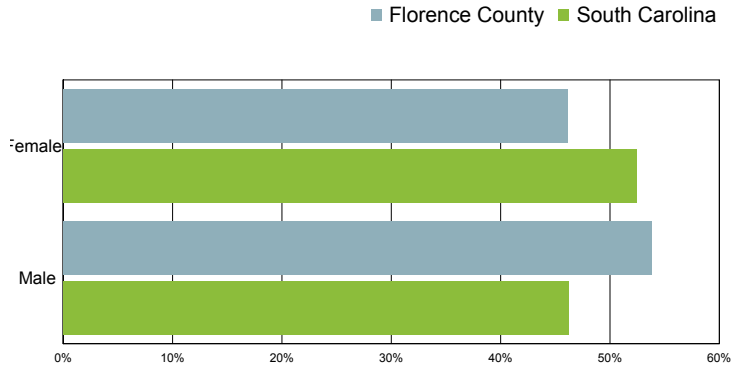
Period	Florence County				South Carolina			
	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings
Mar-18	63,091	2,855	4.0%	1,754	2,225,456	102,076	4.0%	59,107
Feb-18	62,579	3,186	4.0%	1,551	2,223,397	101,415	4.0%	57,596
Jan-18	61,876	3,506	5.4%	1,580	2,221,051	100,182	4.3%	51,746
Dec-17	62,080	2,929	4.5%	1,575	2,220,845	97,879	4.2%	56,028
Nov-17	62,541	2,772	4.2%	1,664	2,232,646	92,726	4.0%	60,228
Oct-17	62,776	2,796	4.3%	1,945	2,235,030	91,092	3.9%	57,940
Sep-17	63,422	2,694	4.1%	1,778	2,232,770	91,342	3.9%	58,456
Aug-17	63,332	3,147	4.7%	1,841	2,225,885	93,069	4.0%	61,865
Jul-17	63,732	3,070	4.6%	1,862	2,227,818	91,607	3.9%	62,395
Jun-17	64,010	2,990	4.5%	1,939	2,230,571	91,627	3.9%	66,498
May-17	64,217	2,605	3.9%	1,985	2,231,971	96,526	4.1%	65,966
Apr-17	64,043	2,682	4.0%	1,423	2,232,681	101,458	4.3%	63,951
Mar-17	63,957	2,874	4.3%	2,092	2,229,182	103,639	4.4%	59,863

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce & The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine® data series  
 South Carolina Data is Seasonally Adjusted

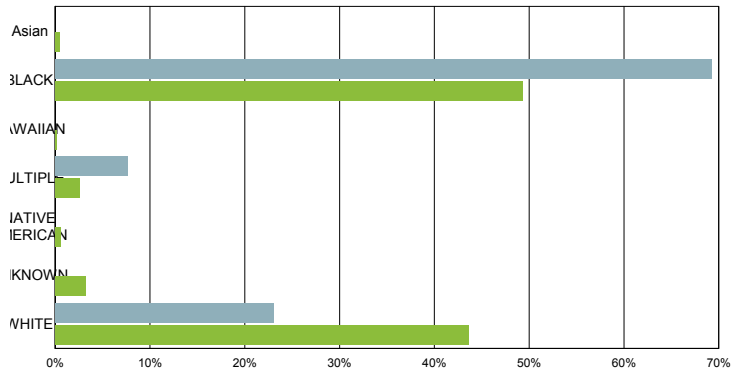
# Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

March 2018

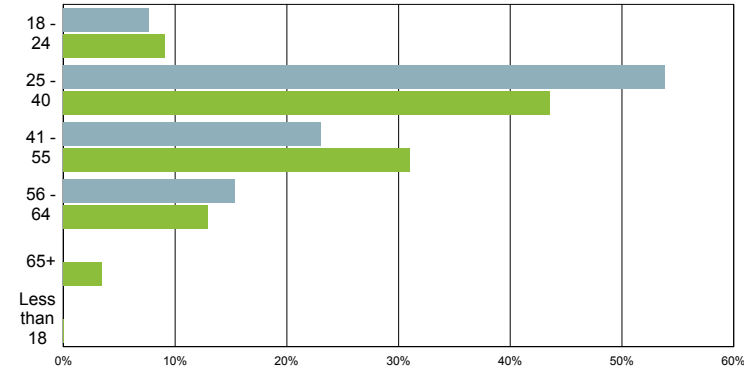
Gender	Florence County	South Carolina
Female	6	3,081
Male	7	2,717
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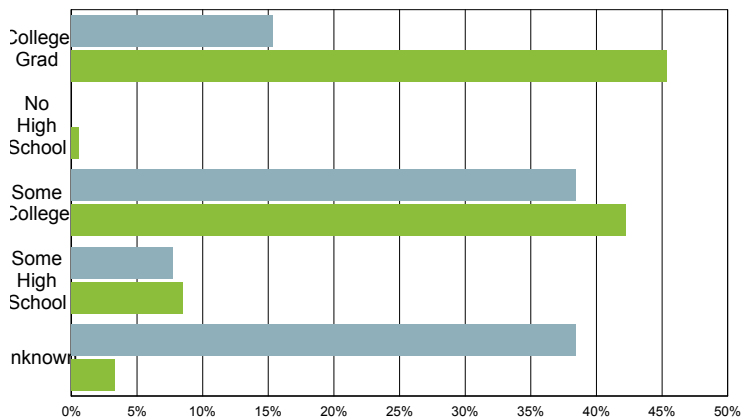
Race	Florence County	South Carolina
Asian	0	27
BLACK	9	2,896
MULTIPLE	1	152
WHITE	3	2,566



Age Group	Florence County	South Carolina
18 - 24	1	534
25 - 40	7	2,558
41 - 55	3	1,821
56 - 64	2	761
Unknown	0	200
Less than 18	0	2



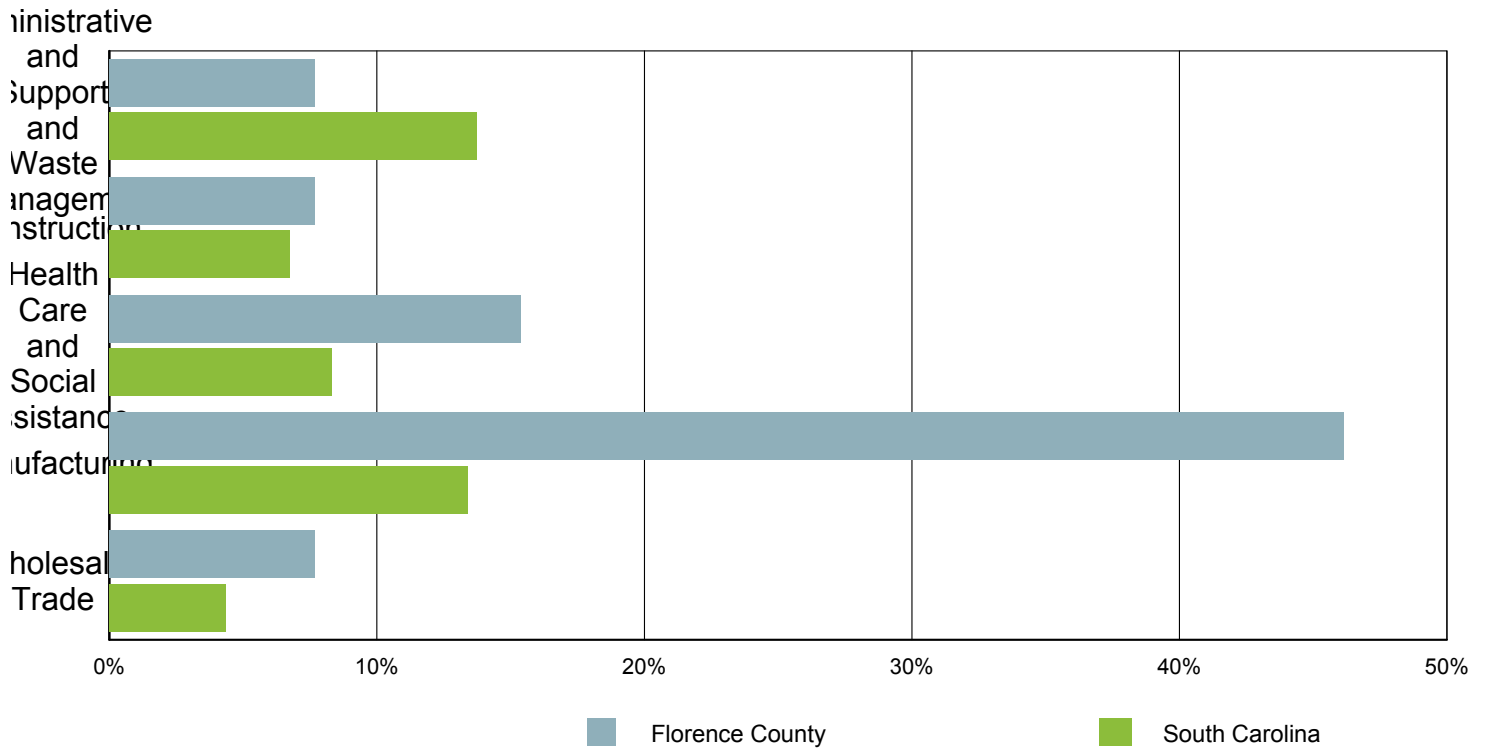
Education	Florence County	South Carolina
College Grad	2	2,665
Some College	5	2,483
Some High School	1	498
No High School	0	35
Unknown	5	195



Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

# Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claims by Industry

Industry Groups With Largest Number of Claims  
March 2018



Industry	Florence County	South Carolina
Construction	1	397
Manufacturing	6	788
Wholesale Trade	1	256
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	1	808
Educational Services	1	81
Health Care and Social Assistance	2	488
Unknown	1	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	Florence County	South Carolina
Unknown	13	5,876

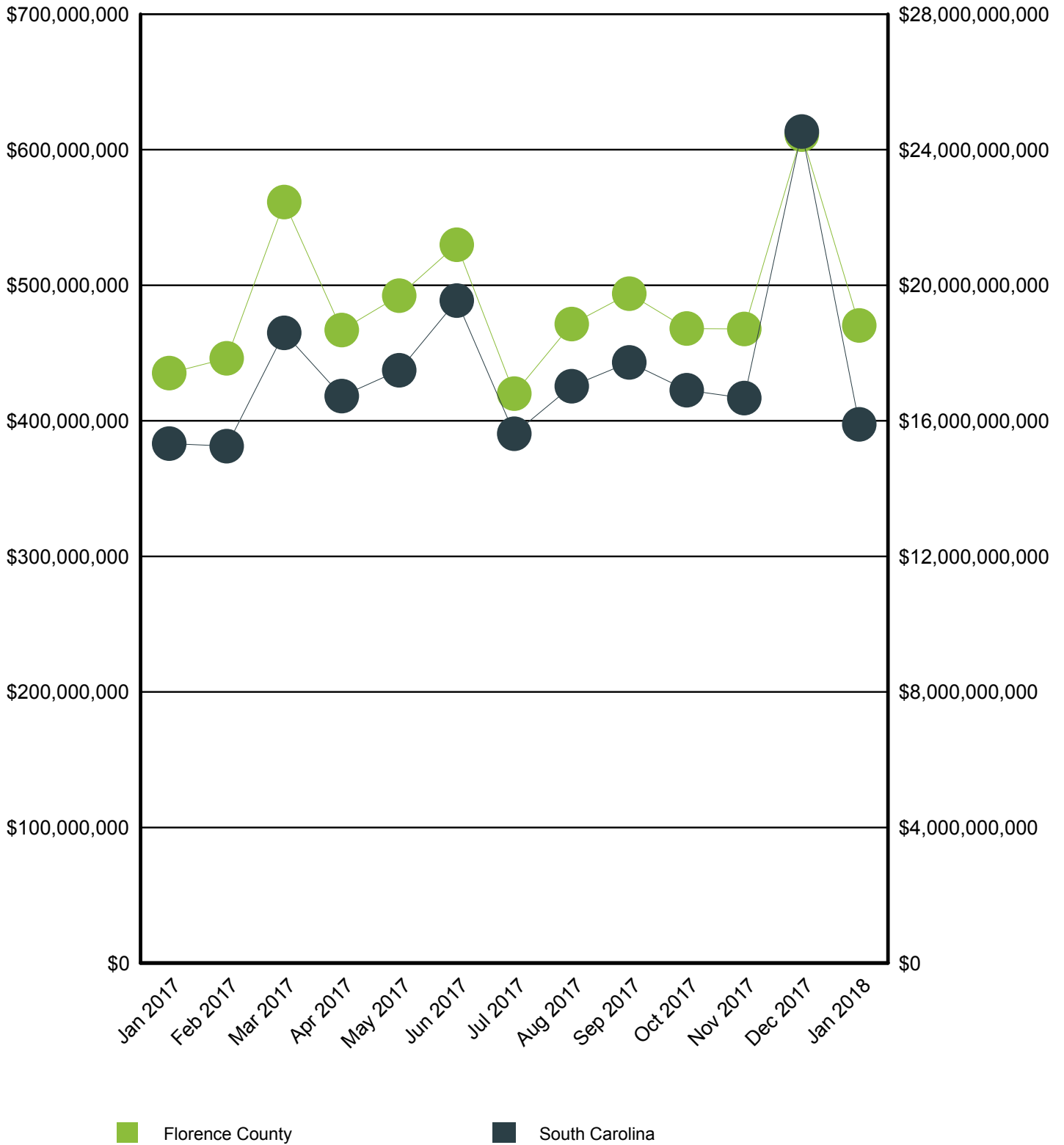
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# Retail Sales

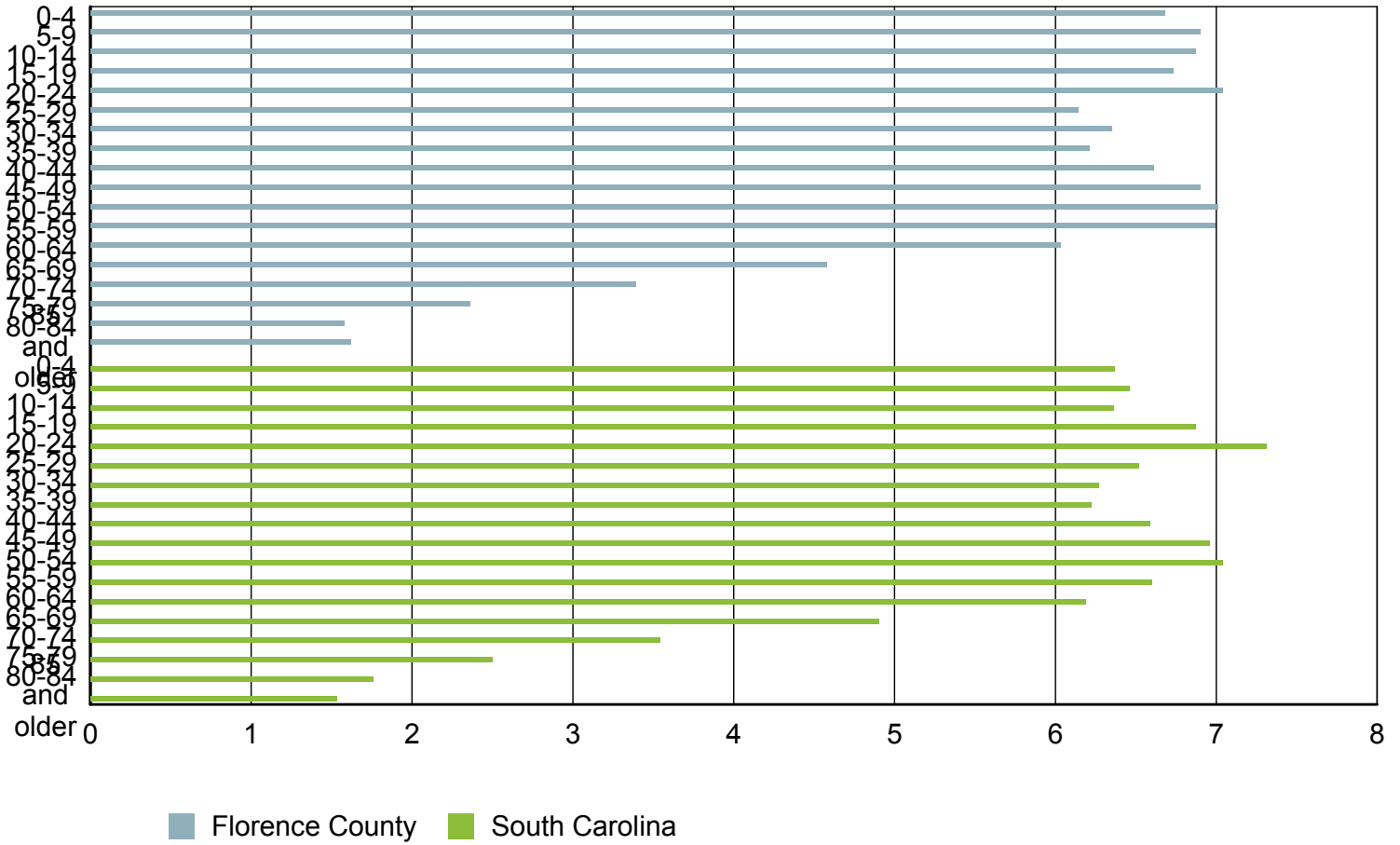
Florence County

South Carolina



Source: S.C. Department of Revenue

### Population by Age



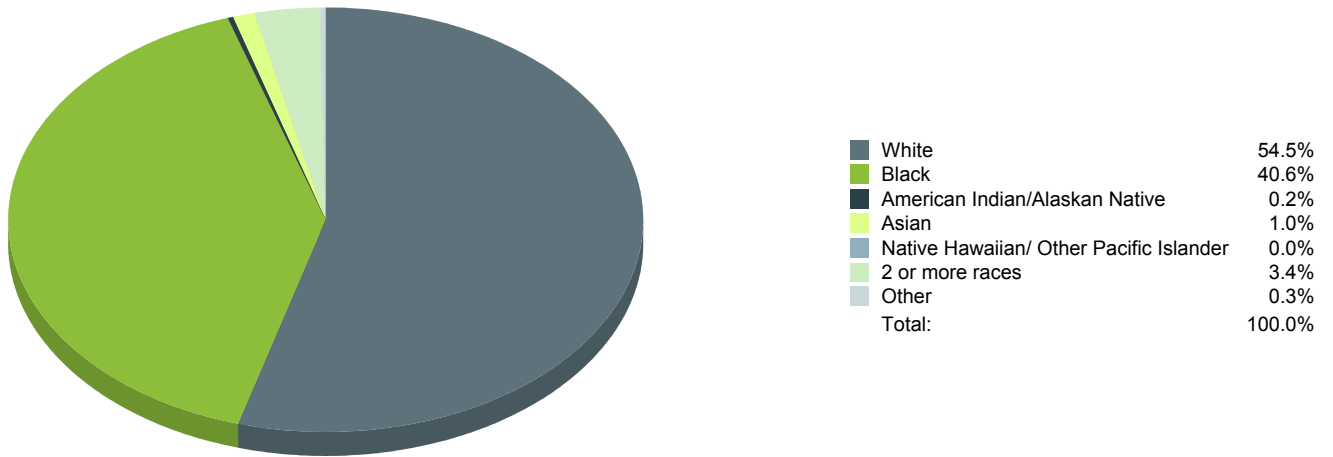
Age Range	Florence County	South Carolina	United States
0-4	9,181	298,242	20,052,112
5-9	9,484	302,111	20,409,060
10-14	9,438	297,443	20,672,609
15-19	9,240	321,540	21,715,074
20-24	9,672	342,237	22,099,887
25-29	8,438	305,167	21,243,365
30-34	8,729	293,464	20,467,912
35-39	8,535	291,183	19,876,161
40-44	9,083	308,158	20,998,001
45-49	9,477	325,660	22,109,946
50-54	9,629	329,431	22,396,322
55-59	9,597	309,061	20,165,892
60-64	8,291	289,690	17,479,211
65-69	6,294	229,251	13,189,508
70-74	4,663	165,797	9,767,522
75-79	3,243	117,187	7,438,750
80-84	2,176	82,223	5,781,697
85 and older	2,223	71,757	5,673,565

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

### Population by Race

Race	Florence County	%	South Carolina	%	United States	%
White	76,201	55.5%	3,144,146	66.0%	230,592,579	72.0%
Black	56,755	41.3%	1,298,534	27.3%	39,167,010	12.2%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	216	0.2%	14,732	0.3%	2,540,309	0.8%
Asian	1,378	1.0%	61,097	1.3%	15,231,962	4.8%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%	2,128	0.0%	526,347	0.2%
2 or more races	4,782	3.5%	169,670	3.6%	17,464,666	5.5%
Other	452	0.3%	74,130	1.6%	14,746,054	4.6%

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



### Population by Gender

Gender	Florence County	South Carolina	United States
Male	64,344	2,276,305	153,247,412
Female	73,049	2,403,297	158,289,182

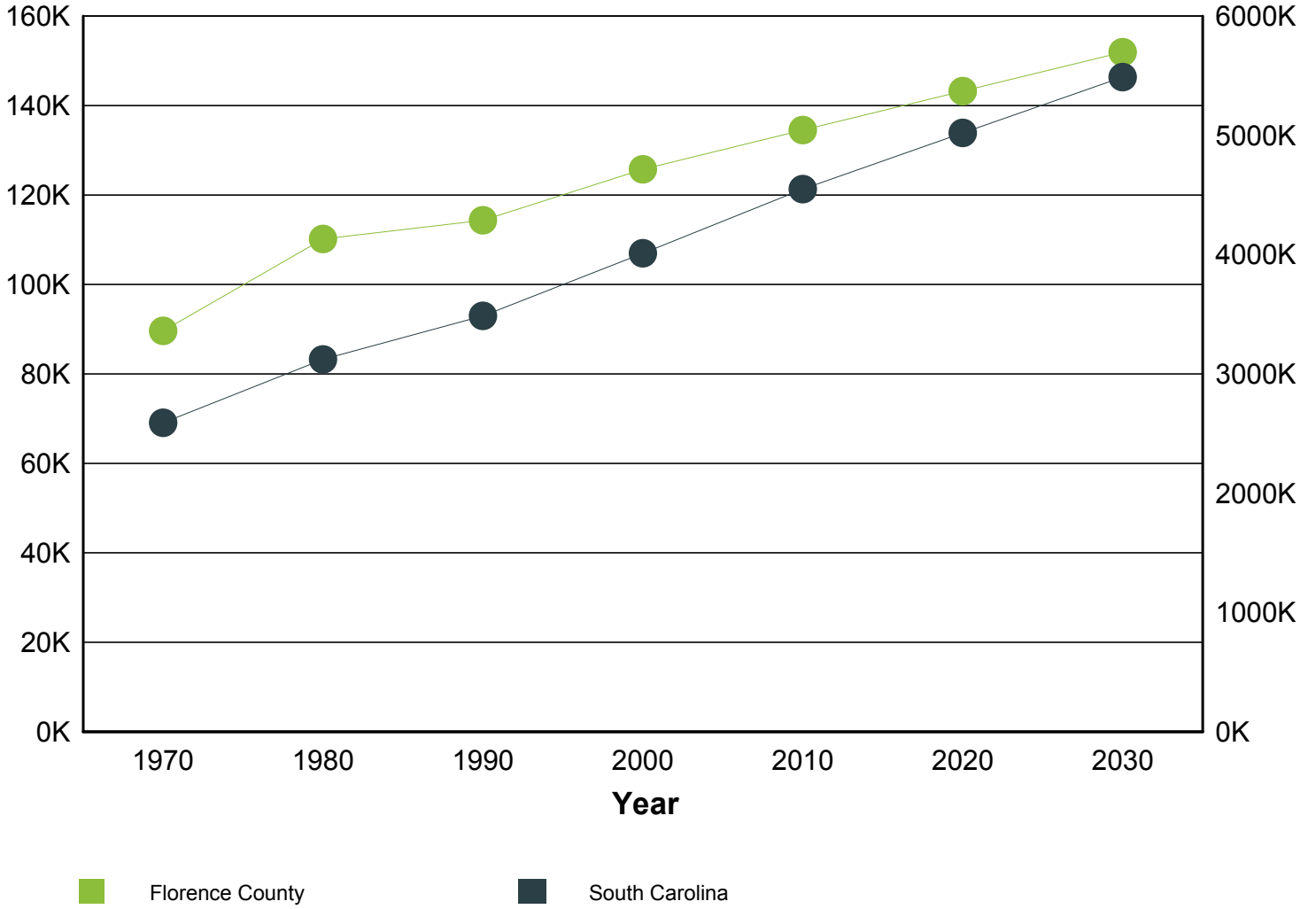
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# Population Change

Historical and Projected

Florence County

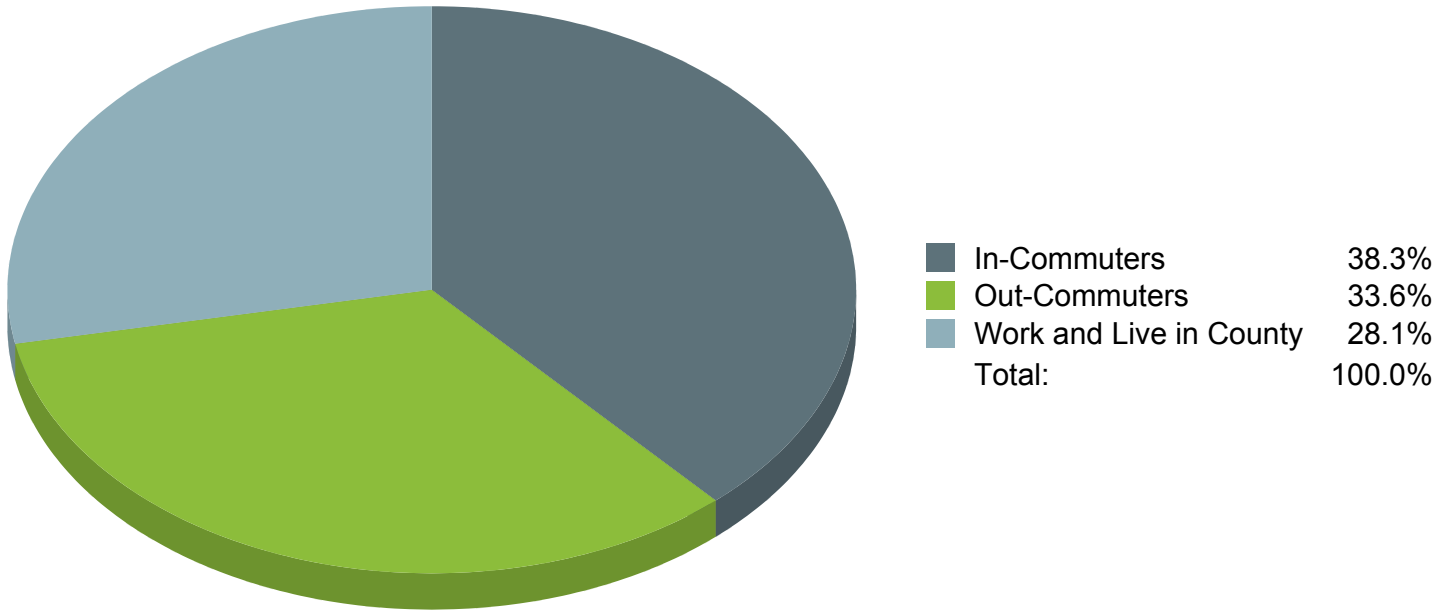
South Carolina



Year	Florence County	South Carolina
1970	89,636	2,590,713
1980	110,163	3,121,820
1990	114,344	3,486,310
2000	125,761	4,012,012
2010	134,510	4,549,150
2020	143,230	5,020,400
2030	151,940	5,488,460

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Commuting Patterns



Commuting Patterns	Workers
Work and Live in County	48,848
In-Commuters	66,689
Out-Commuters	58,395

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010

## Top 10 Places Residents Are Commuting To

Area	Workers
Darlington County, SC	3,212
Williamsburg County, SC	1,705
Marion County, SC	583
Horry County, SC	561
Sumter County, SC	354
Clarendon County, SC	348
Georgetown County, SC	276
Richland County, SC	262
Charleston County, SC	211
Chesterfield County, SC	197

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010

## Top 10 Places Residents Are Commuting From

Area	Workers
Darlington County, SC	8,050
Marion County, SC	2,175
Williamsburg County, SC	1,629
Dillon County, SC	1,331
Sumter County, SC	818
Clarendon County, SC	586
Horry County, SC	539
Lee County, SC	490
Georgetown County, SC	286
Chesterfield County, SC	276

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010

## Employers by Size of Establishment

Employees	Florence County	South Carolina
0 to 4	1,495	75,649
5 to 9	617	20,263
10 to 19	477	14,977
20 to 49	354	11,547
50 to 99	117	4,562
100 to 249	60	2,731
250 to 499	23	866
500 to 999	9	387
1000 +	0	293

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

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## Employment by Size of Establishment

Employees	Florence County	South Carolina
0 to 4	2,551	110,057
5 to 9	4,175	135,038
10 to 19	6,440	203,469
20 to 49	10,962	352,613
50 to 99	8,128	311,959
100 to 249	8,250	411,508
250 to 499	7,634	294,535
500 to 999	5,858	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

ASSURANT GROUP

CAROLINAS HOSPITAL SYSTEM

CITY OF FLORENCE

FLOCO FOODS INC

FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL

FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #3

FLORENCE DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE

FLORENCE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

HONDA OF SOUTH CAROLINA MFG INC

MCLEOD HEALTH

MCLEOD PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATES II

MCLEOD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

NIGHTINGALES NURSING & ATTENDANT CARE

OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY

QVC INC

RUIZ FOOD PRODUCTS INC

SC DEPT OF DISABILITIES & SPECIAL SERVICES

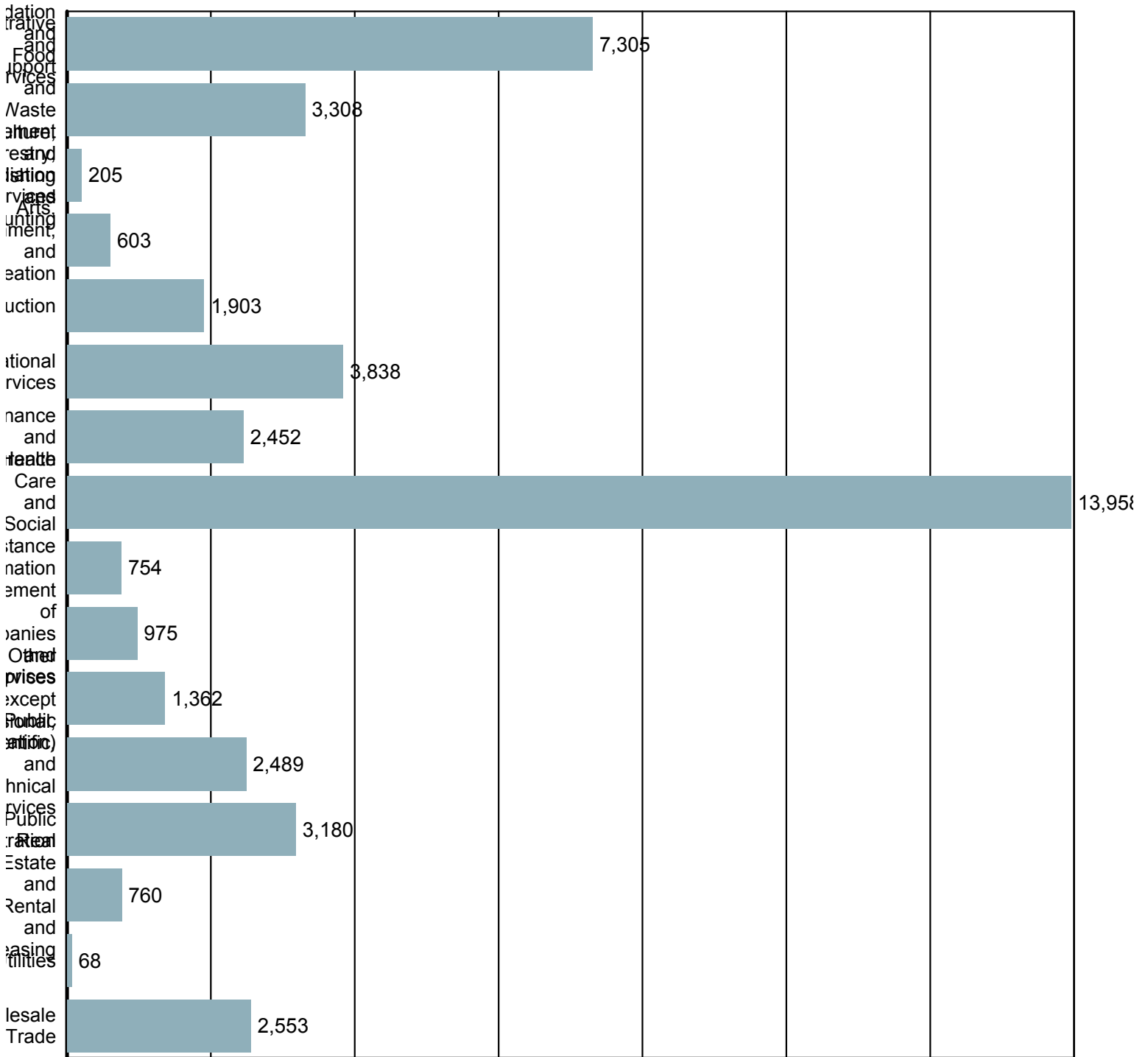
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

WESTROCK SERVICES INC

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



### Employment by Industry

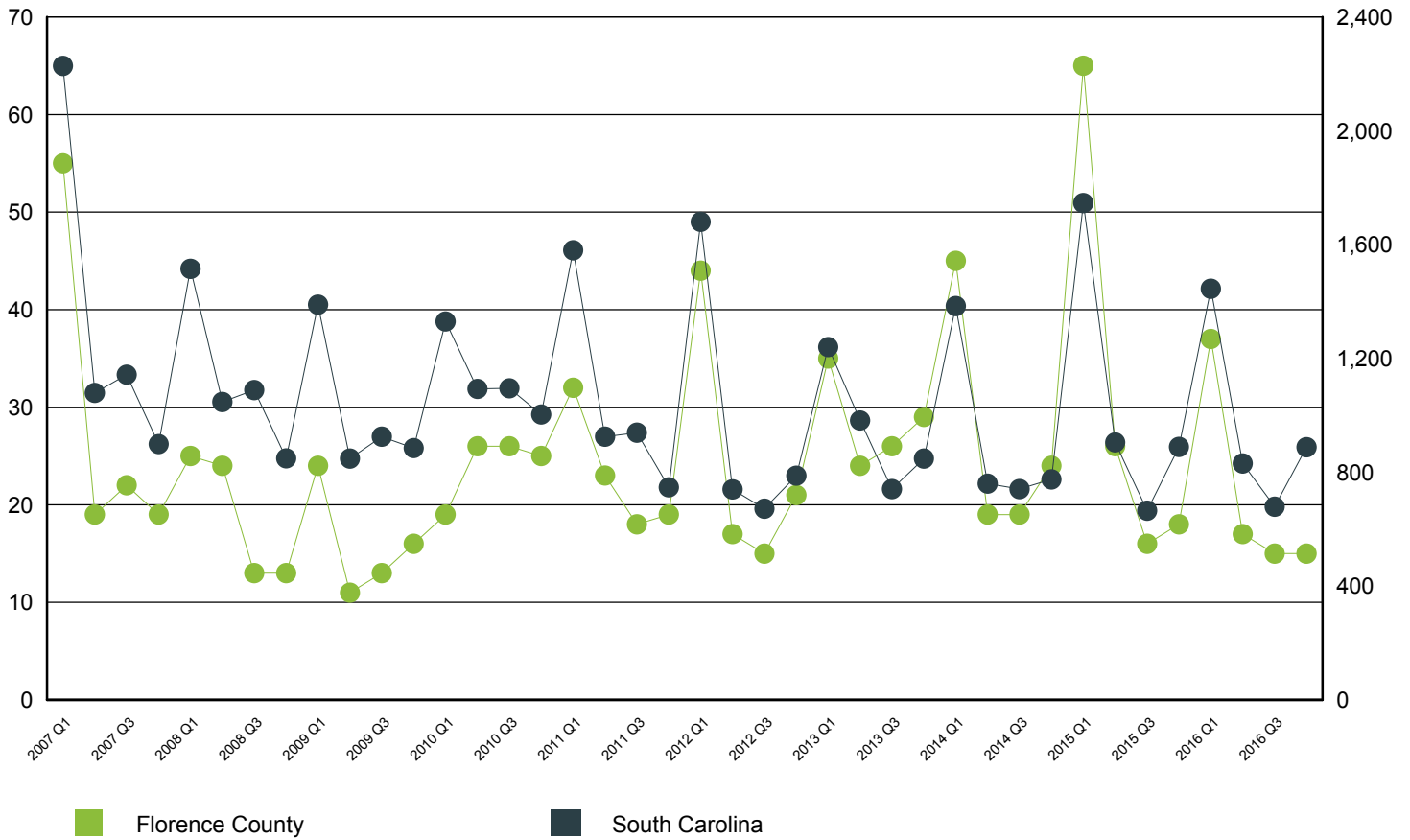


Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - 2017 Q3

# New Startup Firms

Florence County

South Carolina



Quarter	Florence County	South Carolina
2016 Q4	15	888
2016 Q3	15	679
2016 Q2	17	831
2016 Q1	37	1,445
2015 Q4	18	889
2015 Q3	16	665
2015 Q2	26	905
2015 Q1	65	1,746
2014 Q4	24	775
2014 Q3	19	741
2014 Q2	19	760
2014 Q1	45	1,384
2013 Q4	29	848
2013 Q3	26	741
2013 Q2	24	982
2013 Q1	35	1,240
2012 Q4	21	788
2012 Q3	15	672
2012 Q2	17	740
2012 Q1	44	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.

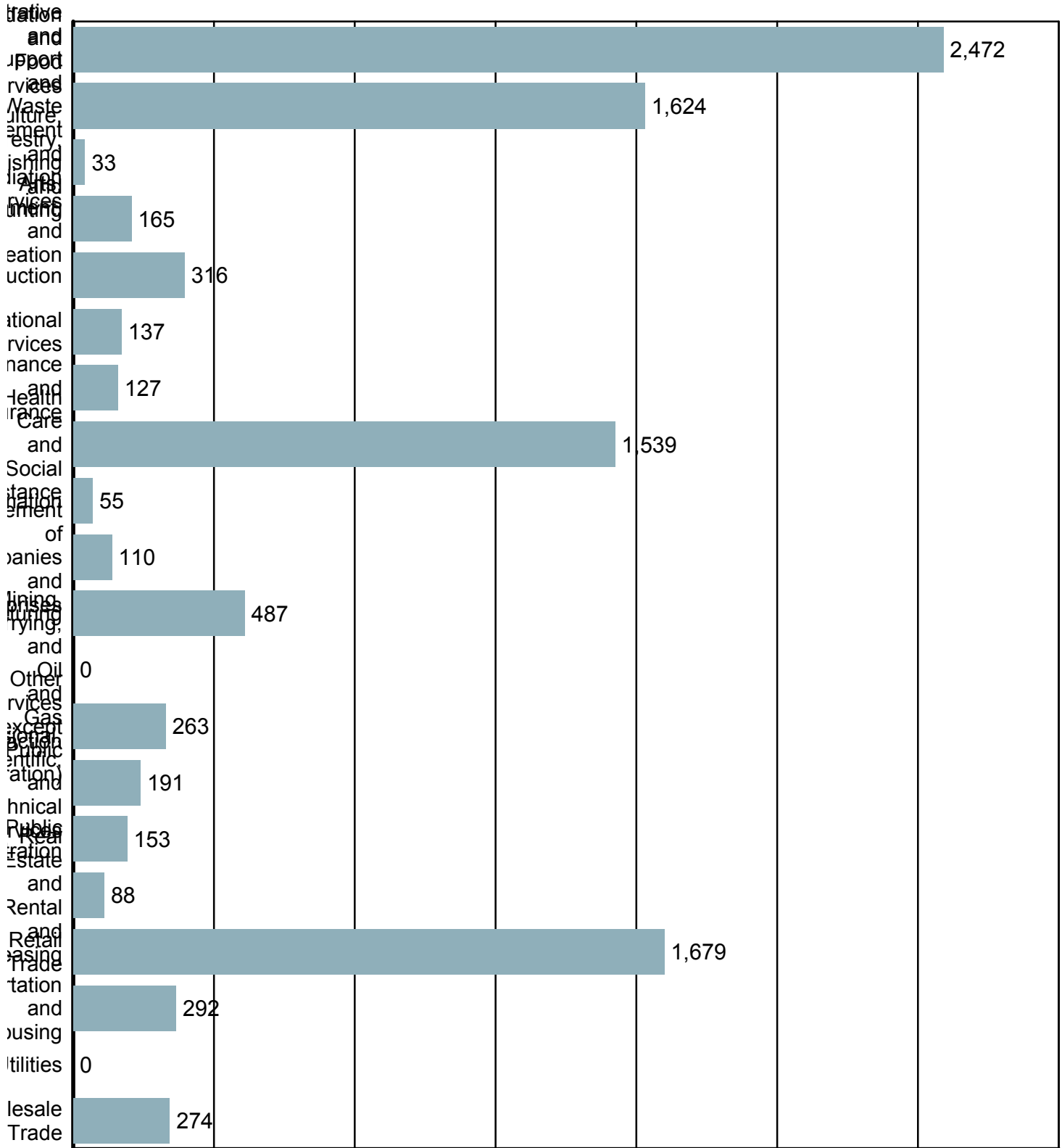
Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

## Top Occupational Openings

Occupation Name (Soccode)	Job Openings

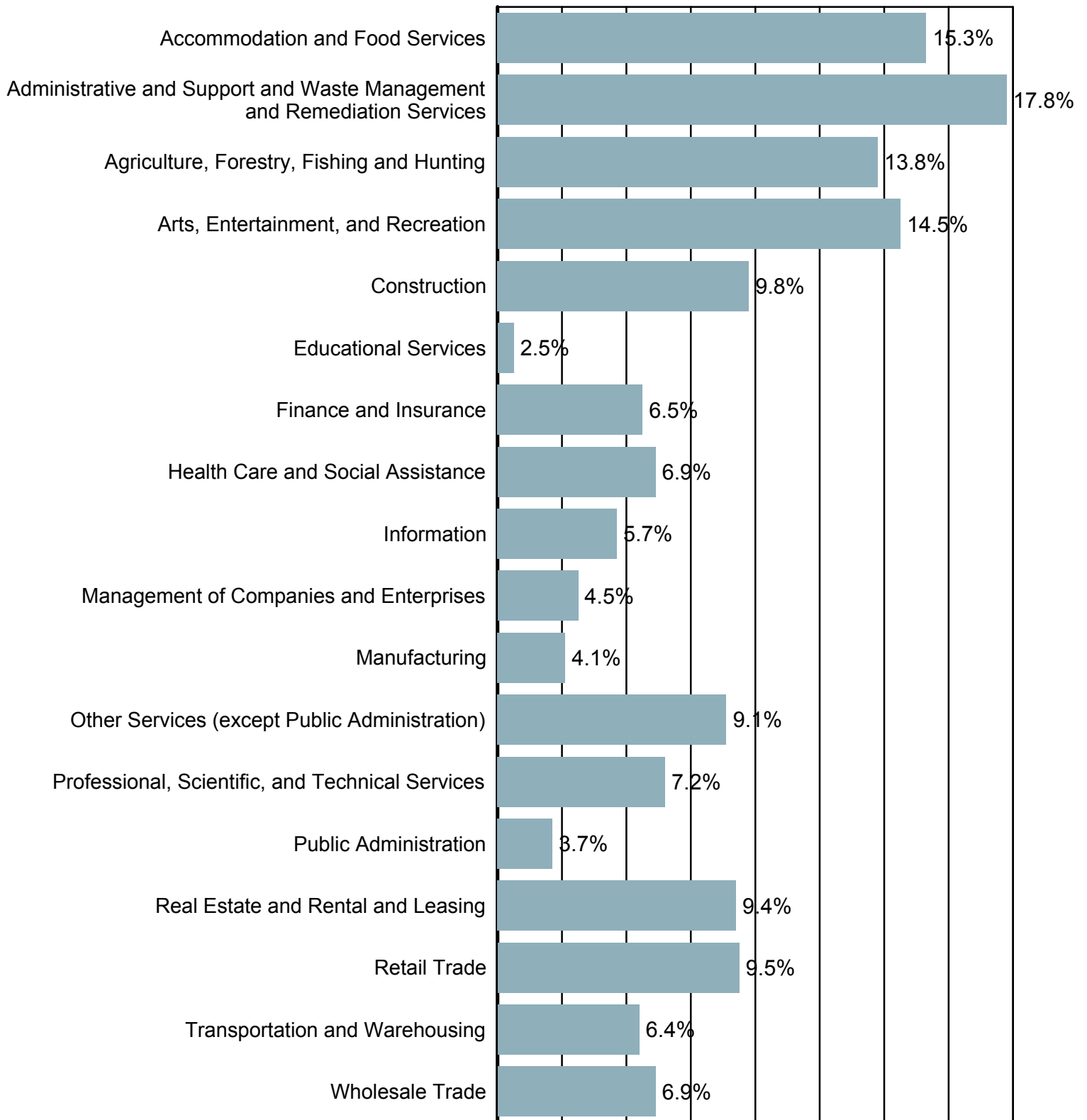
Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce & The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine® data series

### New Hires by Industry



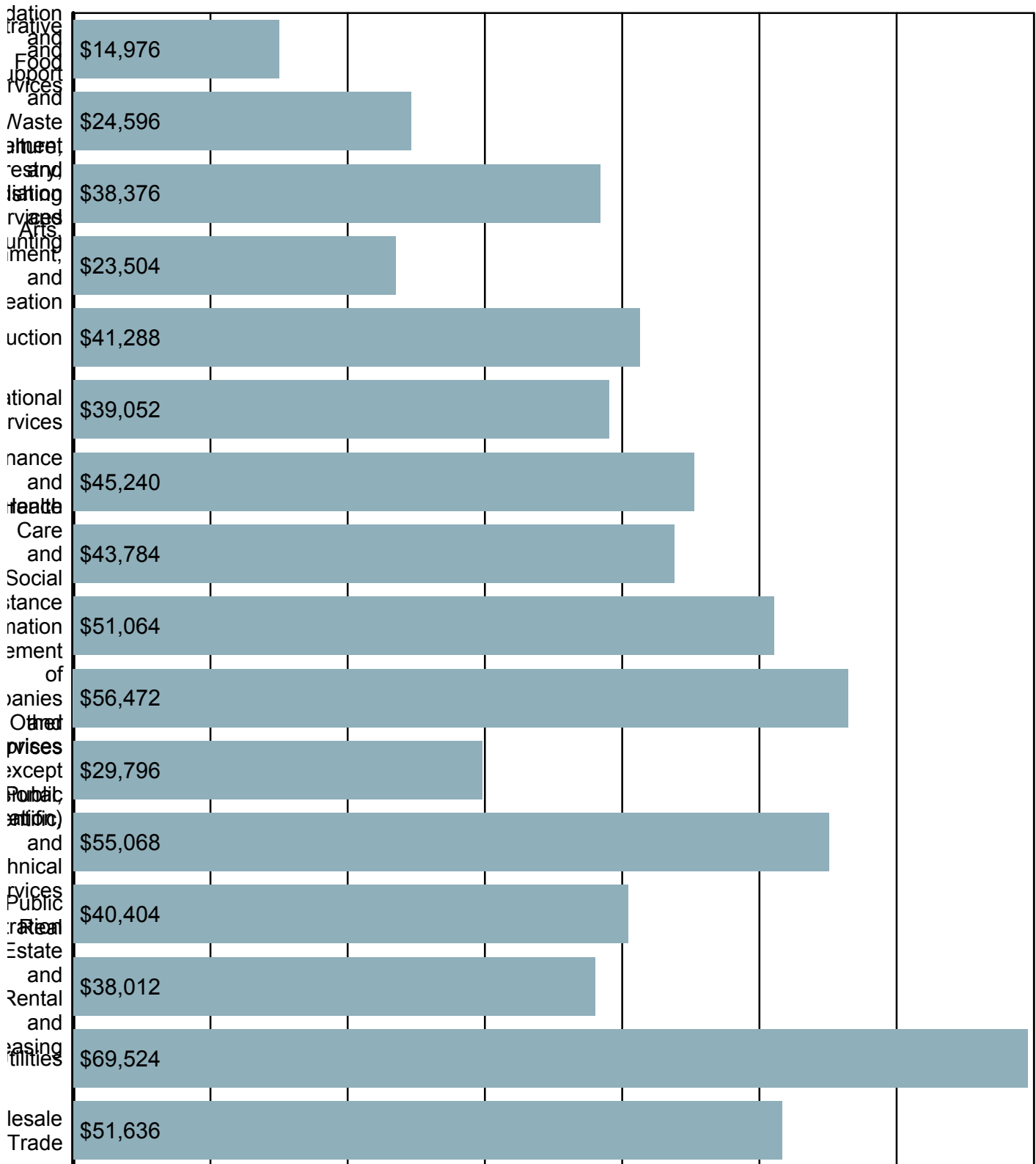
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics - 2016 Q2

### 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	1,259	2,708	3,752	13,497	13,809	13,607	10,575	3,601
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	0	9	4	22	40	52	40	33
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	0	8	7	8	11	0
Construction	17	44	74	325	385	381	295	122
Manufacturing	11	90	219	970	1,405	1,567	1,216	233
Wholesale Trade	12	59	111	528	635	718	559	170
Retail Trade	338	793	775	1,964	1,525	1,590	1,216	630
Transportation and Warehousing	0	57	156	415	465	501	359	96
Information	13	14	33	174	216	159	116	30
Finance and Insurance	0	26	84	669	698	487	358	101
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	3	8	39	135	164	212	169	86
Professional and Technical Services	19	36	105	552	632	535	440	179
Management of Companies and Enterprises	9	14	28	152	206	236	160	46
Administrative and Waste Services	23	142	210	838	755	662	471	226
Educational Services	3	25	105	796	1,036	1,218	1,147	396
Health Care and Social Assistance	29	285	662	3,091	3,440	3,304	2,563	738
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	49	42	58	152	105	95	83	40
Accommodation and Food Services	685	951	897	1,868	1,232	858	547	199
Other Services, Except Public Administration	38	79	82	272	274	295	239	128
Public Administration	8	32	111	560	585	727	581	146

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.

Pee Dee Industry	2014 Estimated Employment	2024 Projected Employment	Change	Percent Change	Annual Percent
Total Employment, All Jobs	124,996	139,263	14,267	11.41	1.09
Health care and social assistance	19,070	23,028	3,958	20.76	1.90
Educational services; state, local, and private	10,264	11,848	1,584	15.43	1.45
Administrative and support and waste management and remediat	4,335	5,444	1,109	25.58	2.30
Accommodation and food services	10,348	11,433	1,085	10.49	1.00
Retail Trade	15,211	16,145	934	6.14	0.60
Transportation and Warehousing	4,962	5,767	805	16.22	1.51
Professional, scientific, and technical services	3,084	3,875	791	25.65	2.31
Construction	3,158	3,821	663	20.99	1.92
Manufacturing	18,838	19,286	448	2.38	0.24
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting	2,965	3,389	424	14.30	1.35
Finance and insurance	3,931	4,294	363	9.23	0.89
Other services (except public administration)	3,586	3,866	280	7.81	0.75
Management of companies and enterprises	1,222	1,324	102	8.35	0.80
Real estate and rental and leasing	955	1,049	94	9.84	0.94
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	950	1,027	77	8.11	0.78
Information	1,016	1,067	51	5.02	0.49
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	122	126	4	3.28	0.32

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.

Pee Dee Occupation	2014 Estimated Employment	2024 Projected Employment	Openings (Replace)	Openings (Growth)	Annual Openings
Total, all occupations	124,996	139,263	2,986	1,498	4,484
Management occupations	6,648	7,611	145	97	242
Business and financial operations occupations	3,823	4,342	86	52	138
Computer and mathematical occupations	1,248	1,500	18	25	43
Architecture and engineering occupations	1,352	1,456	37	11	48
Life, physical, and social science occupations	512	542	16	4	20
Community and social service occupations	2,313	2,596	50	28	78
Legal occupations	650	760	12	11	23
Education, training, and library occupations	7,677	8,999	171	132	303
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations	755	808	19	6	25
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations	9,285	10,675	202	139	341
Healthcare support occupations	4,955	6,282	110	134	244
Protective service occupations	2,682	2,876	70	20	90
Food preparation and serving related occupations	10,081	11,127	352	117	469
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	4,027	4,584	82	56	138
Personal care and service occupations	2,740	3,281	55	54	109
Sales and related occupations	13,838	14,985	438	115	553
Office and administrative support occupations	16,892	18,131	341	144	485
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	2,143	2,389	55	25	80
Construction and extraction occupations	3,693	4,260	56	57	113
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	5,652	6,294	132	66	198
Production occupations	13,832	14,414	299	82	381
Transportation and material moving occupations	10,198	11,351	242	122	364

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.

Occupation	2014	2024	Percent Change	Replace	Growth	Total	Average Salary
	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment					
Home health aides	1,357	2,035	50	31	68	99	\$ 19,151
Occupational therapy assistants	48	68	42	1	2	3	\$ 60,683
Veterinary technologists and technicians	70	97	39	1	3	4	\$ 23,960
Statisticians	13	18	38	0	0	0	\$ 58,877
Assemblers and fabricators, all other	42	57	36	1	2	3	\$ 20,046
Personal care aides	789	1,063	35	6	27	33	\$ 18,837
Web developers	30	40	33	0	1	1	\$ 39,969
Computer numerically controlled machine tool programmers, me	15	20	33	0	0	0	\$ 43,794
Nurse practitioners	126	166	32	3	4	7	\$ 98,850
Insurance claims and policy processing clerks	36	47	31	1	1	2	\$ 32,830
Speech-language pathologists	125	163	30	3	4	7	\$ 76,776
Self-enrichment education teachers	143	186	30	3	4	7	\$ 45,184
Physical therapist assistants	87	113	30	2	3	5	\$ 57,587
Physical therapists	146	189	29	4	4	8	\$ 88,156
Software developers, applications	131	169	29	2	4	6	\$ 64,574
Diagnostic medical sonographers	66	85	29	1	2	3	\$ 50,431
Veterinarians	36	46	28	1	1	2	\$ 85,903
Health technologists and technicians, all other	62	79	27	1	2	3	\$ 37,462
Preschool teachers, except special education	456	579	27	13	12	25	\$ 20,809
Occupational therapists	124	156	26	2	3	5	\$ 75,260

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.

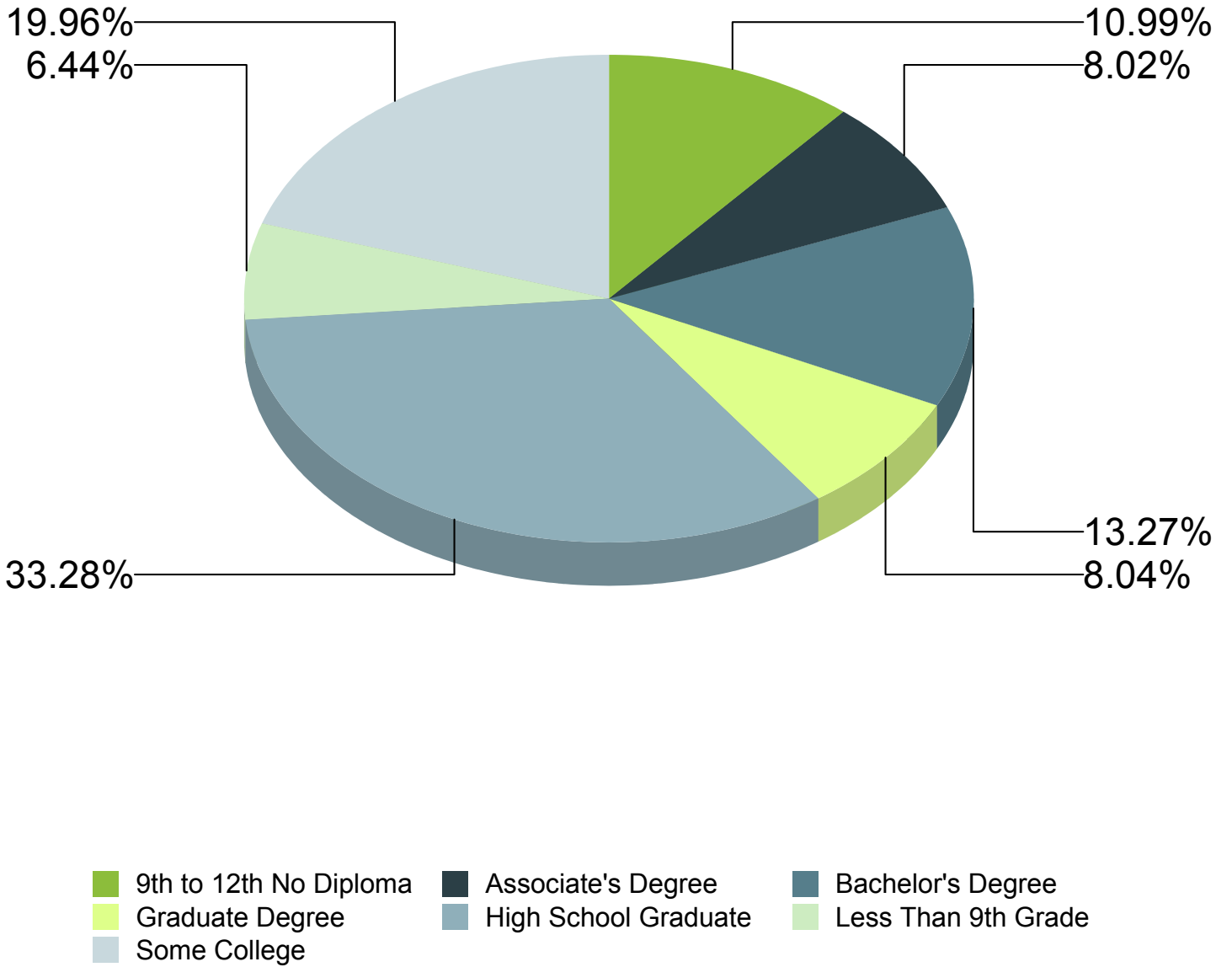
Occupation	2014	2024	Percent Change	Replace	Growth	Total	Average Salary
	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment					
Respiratory therapy technicians	17	13	-24	0	0	0	\$ 57,069
Postal service mail sorters, processors, and processing mach	82	63	-23	1	0	1	\$ 47,118
Fallers	18	14	-22	0	0	0	\$ 32,585
Postmasters and mail superintendents	29	24	-17	1	0	1	\$ 67,287
Medical transcriptionists	56	47	-16	1	0	1	\$ 35,635
Advertising and promotions managers	19	16	-16	1	0	1	\$ 70,744
Postal service mail carriers	298	256	-14	6	0	6	\$ 50,053
Postal service clerks	69	60	-13	1	0	1	\$ 48,433
Mail clerks and mail machine operators, except postal servic	62	54	-13	1	0	1	\$ 24,248
Cutting, punching, and press machine setters, operators, and	169	148	-12	2	0	2	\$ 35,896
Biological technicians	17	15	-12	0	0	0	\$ 31,764
Editors	17	15	-12	1	0	1	\$ 49,301
Word processors and typists	128	114	-11	0	0	0	\$ 29,279
Cooks, fast food	1,055	940	-11	28	0	28	\$ 17,418
Extruding and drawing machine setters, operators, and tender	240	214	-11	6	0	6	\$ 42,763
Lathe and turning machine tool setters, operators, and tende	190	170	-11	5	0	5	\$ 33,196
Computer operators	29	26	-10	0	0	0	\$ 39,515
Tool and die makers	111	103	-7	0	0	0	\$ 45,853
Furnace, kiln, oven, drier, and kettle operators and tenders	29	27	-7	1	0	1	\$ 32,035
Electrical and electronics engineering technicians	29	27	-7	1	0	1	\$ 58,354

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

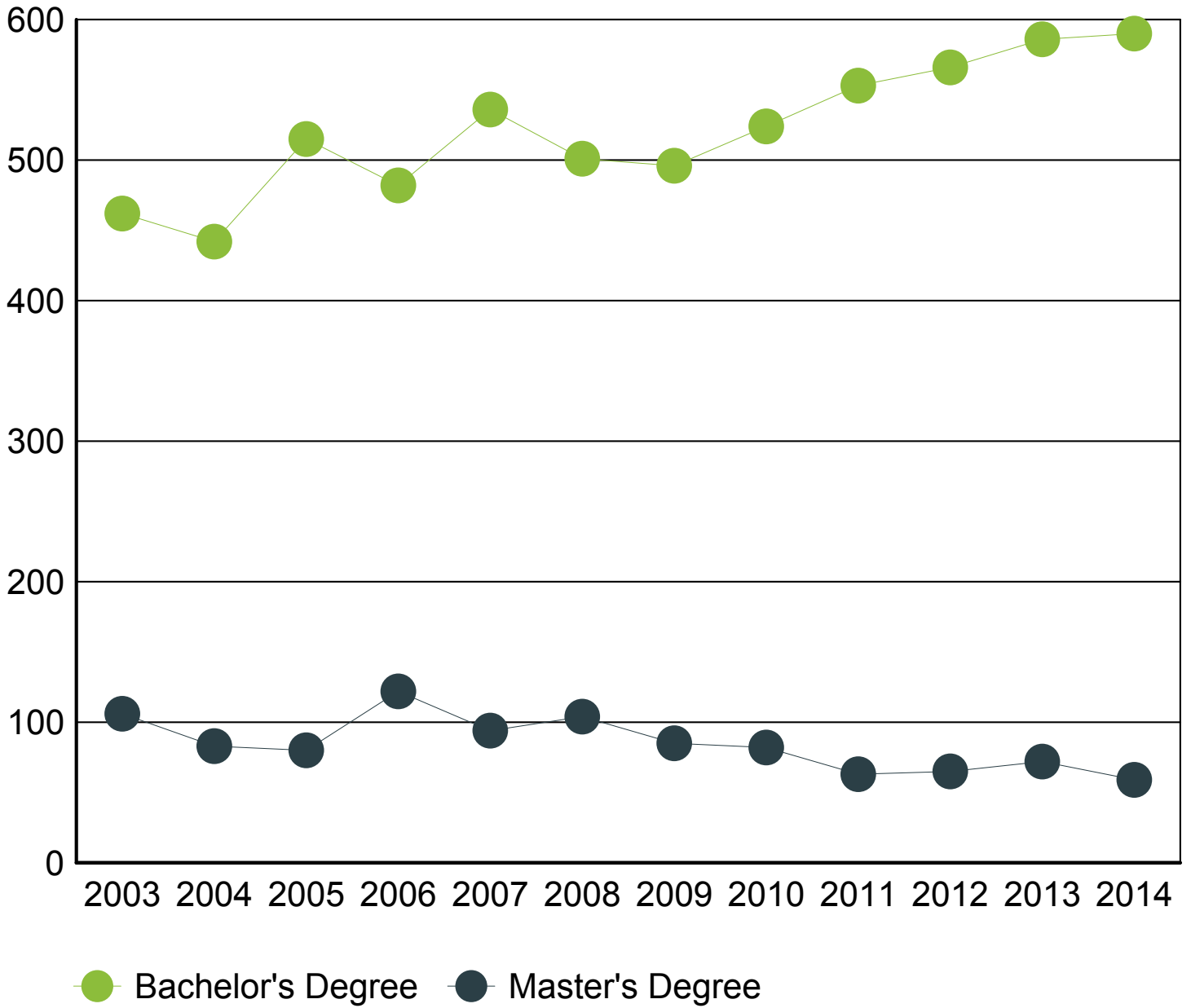
(Population 25 Years and Older)



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

### 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

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<http://WWW.FDTC.EDU>

2014 Degrees Awarded: 856

**Jolei's Hair Institute**

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Olanta, SC 29114

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<http://www.jhisoc.com>

2014 Degrees Awarded: 23

**Virginia College-Florence**

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Florence, SC 29501

843.407.2200

<http://www.vc.edu>

2014 Degrees Awarded: 185

**Francis Marion University**

4822 East Palmetto Street

Florence, SC 29506

843.661.1362

<http://www.fmarion.edu>

2014 Degrees Awarded: 655

**Kenneth Shuler School of Cosmetology-Florence**

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2014 Degrees Awarded: 77

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