

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Laurens County



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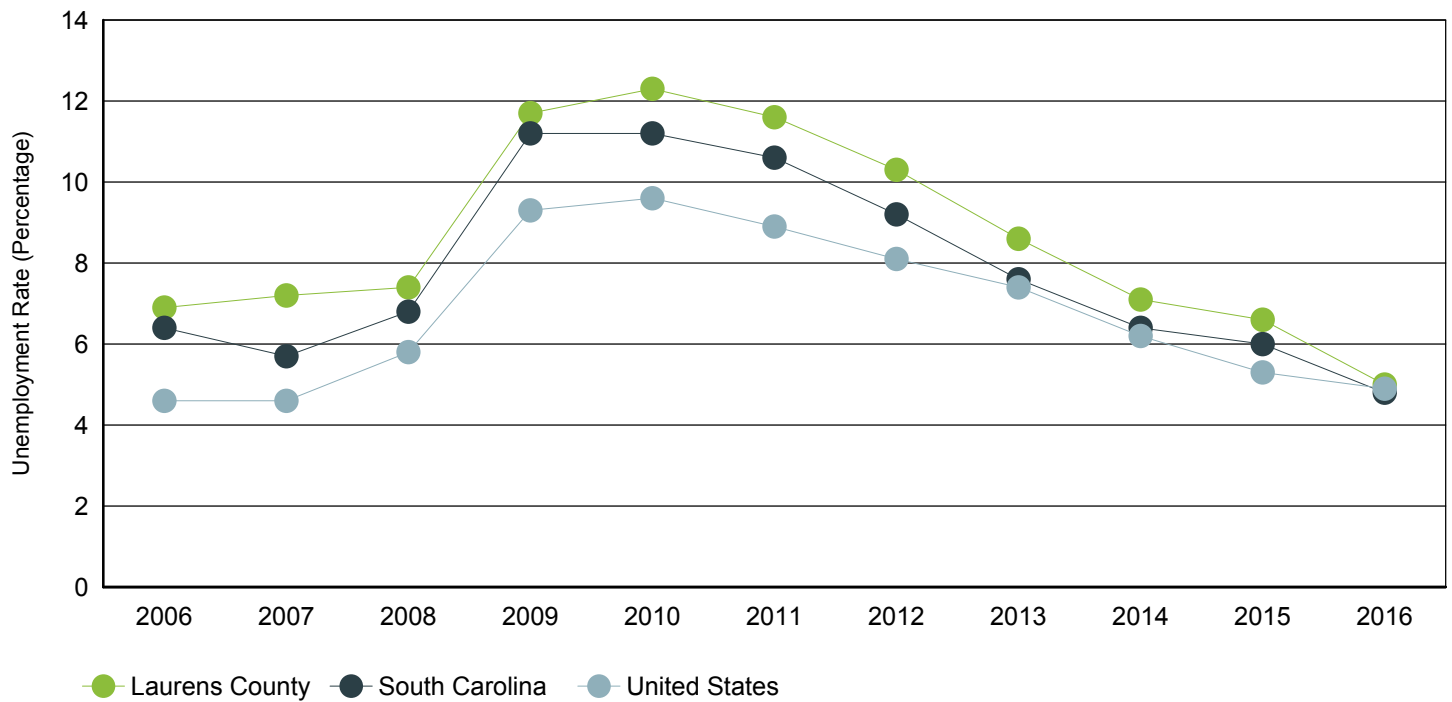
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## Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Trends

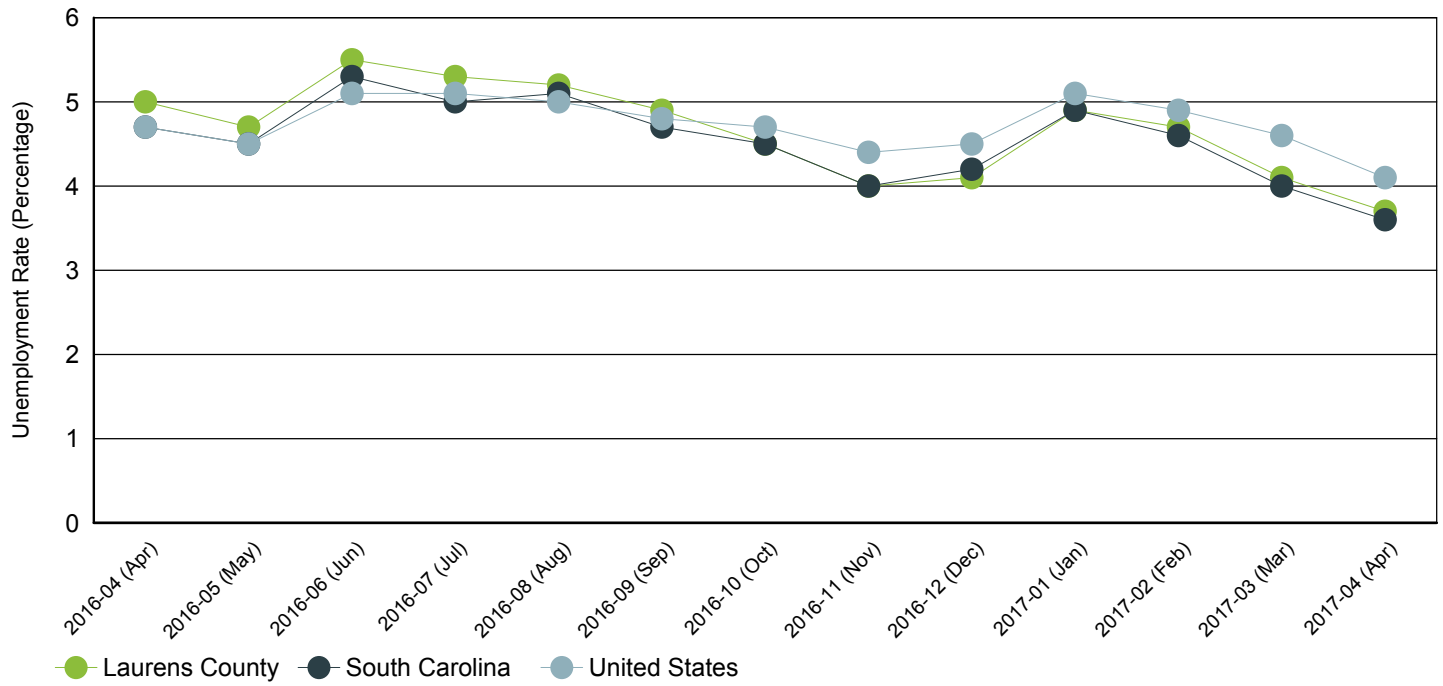


Year	Laurens County			South Carolina			United States		
	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate
2016	28,873	1,530	5.0%	2,186,740	111,067	4.8%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%
2015	28,309	1,990	6.6%	2,134,637	135,746	6.0%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2014	27,799	2,113	7.1%	2,081,511	143,151	6.4%	146,305,000	9,617,000	6.2%
2013	27,371	2,564	8.6%	2,026,666	167,647	7.6%	143,929,000	11,460,000	7.4%
2012	26,938	3,090	10.3%	1,985,618	201,260	9.2%	142,469,000	12,506,000	8.1%
2011	26,823	3,527	11.6%	1,945,900	229,623	10.6%	139,869,000	13,747,000	8.9%
2010	26,481	3,709	12.3%	1,915,045	240,623	11.2%	139,064,000	14,825,000	9.6%
2009	28,291	3,759	11.7%	1,910,670	242,075	11.2%	139,877,000	14,265,000	9.3%
2008	30,464	2,433	7.4%	1,996,409	145,823	6.8%	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%
2007	30,968	2,389	7.2%	2,005,686	120,205	5.7%	146,047,000	7,078,000	4.6%
2006	31,178	2,317	6.9%	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	Laurens County	South Carolina	United States
Apr 2017	3.7%	3.6%	4.1%
Mar 2017	4.1%	4.0%	4.6%
Feb 2017	4.7%	4.6%	4.9%
Jan 2017	4.9%	4.9%	5.1%
Dec 2016	4.1%	4.2%	4.5%
Nov 2016	4.0%	4.0%	4.4%
Oct 2016	4.5%	4.5%	4.7%
Sep 2016	4.9%	4.7%	4.8%
Aug 2016	5.2%	5.1%	5.0%
Jul 2016	5.3%	5.0%	5.1%
Jun 2016	5.5%	5.3%	5.1%
May 2016	4.7%	4.5%	4.5%
Apr 2016	5.0%	4.7%	4.7%

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

## Area Job Openings

Period	Laurens County				South Carolina			
	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings
Apr-17	29,192	1,133	3.7%	268	2,233,160	101,513	4.3%	63,951
Mar-17	29,215	1,253	4.1%	389	2,229,182	103,639	4.4%	59,863
Feb-17	29,054	1,429	4.7%	327	2,220,060	103,363	4.4%	61,052
Jan-17	28,726	1,472	4.9%	343	2,209,188	101,455	4.4%	64,254
Dec-16	29,000	1,246	4.1%	298	2,199,862	98,225	4.3%	55,454
Nov-16	29,060	1,223	4.0%	330	2,198,274	99,867	4.3%	59,494
Oct-16	29,105	1,361	4.5%	316	2,196,147	101,772	4.4%	59,888
Sep-16	28,857	1,476	4.9%	350	2,193,612	104,025	4.5%	61,522
Aug-16	28,897	1,596	5.2%	249	2,190,670	106,559	4.6%	63,800
Jul-16	28,980	1,607	5.3%	387	2,187,396	109,596	4.8%	61,572
Jun-16	28,991	1,676	5.5%	360	2,183,933	113,034	4.9%	61,518
May-16	28,967	1,428	4.7%	345	2,180,526	116,513	5.1%	63,126
Apr-16	28,884	1,531	5.0%	368	2,177,304	119,636	5.2%	67,021

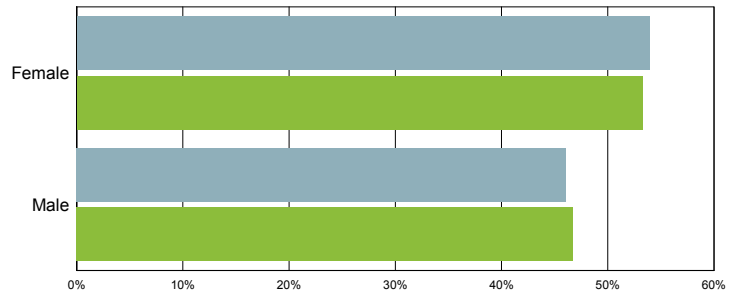
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# Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

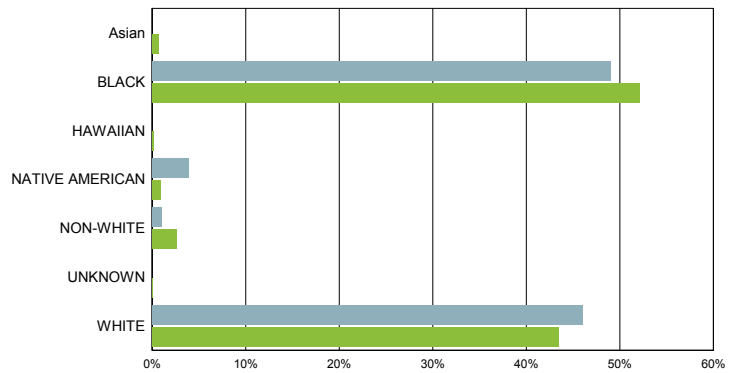
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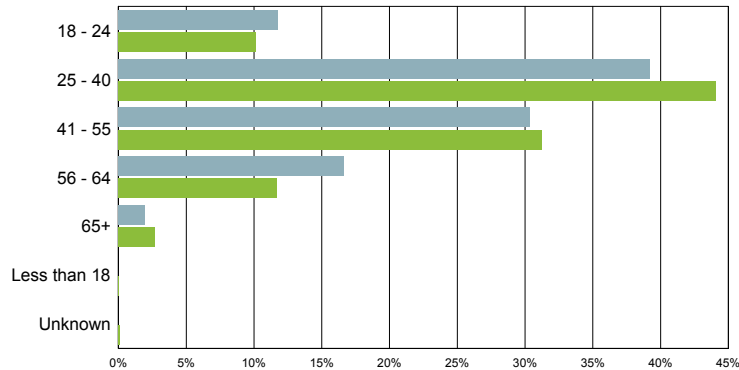
Gender	Laurens County	South Carolina
Female	55	3,752
Male	47	3,294



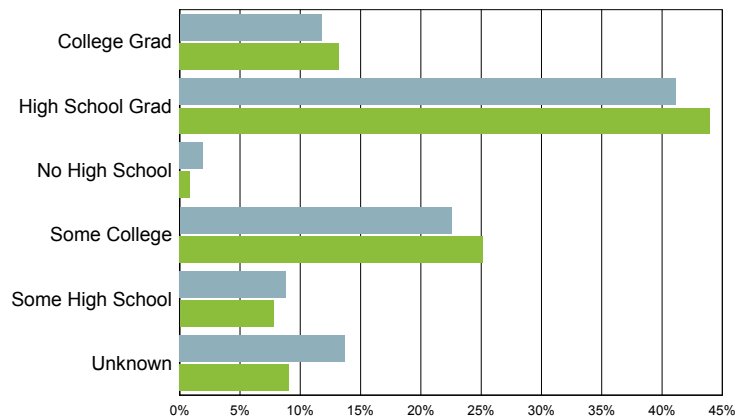
Race	Laurens County	South Carolina
Asian	0	48
BLACK	50	3,671
NATIVE AMERICAN	4	63
NON-WHITE	1	188
WHITE	47	3,064



Age Group	Laurens County	South Carolina
18 - 24	12	713
25 - 40	40	3,109
41 - 55	31	2,200
56 - 64	17	825
65+	2	188
Less than 18	0	3
Unknown	0	8



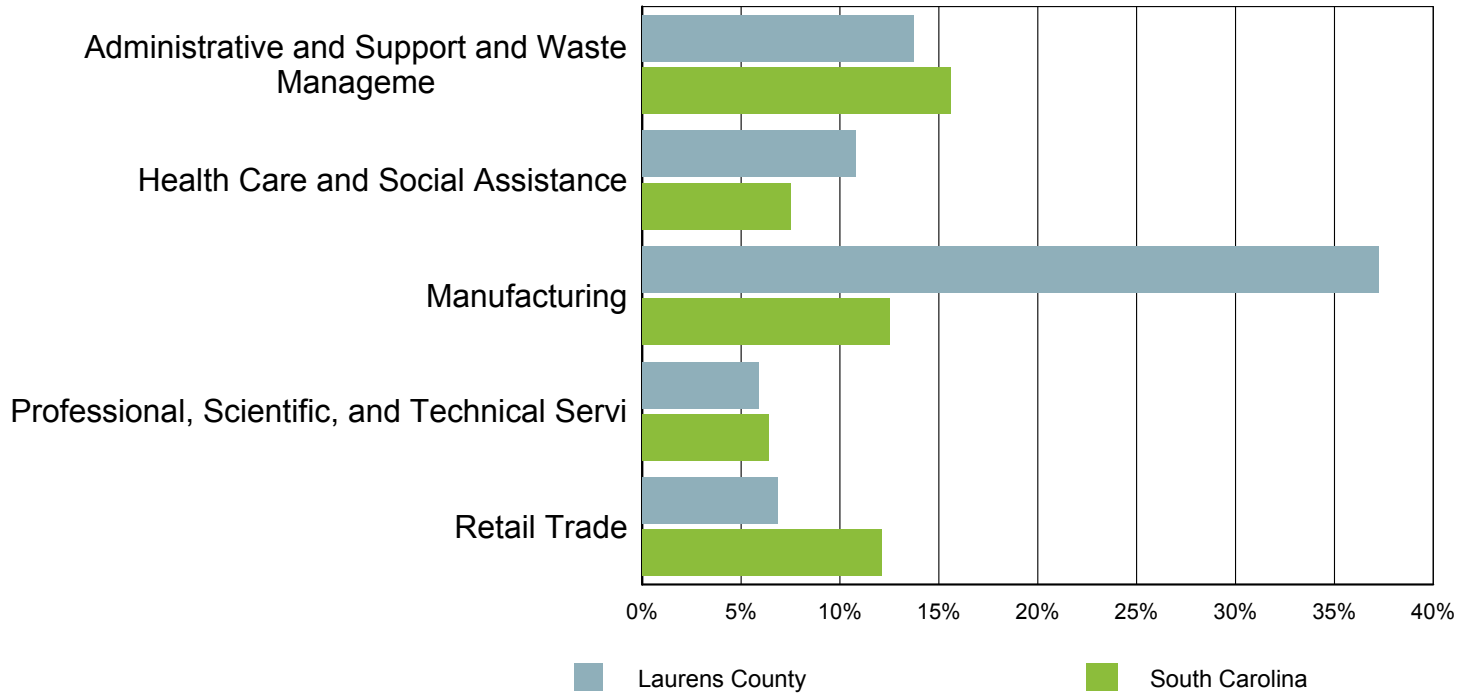
Education	Laurens County	South Carolina
College Grad	12	930
Some College	23	1,770
High School Grad	42	3,100
Some High School	9	549
No High School	2	60
Unknown	14	637



Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

# Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claims by Industry

Industry Groups With Largest Number of Claims  
April 2017

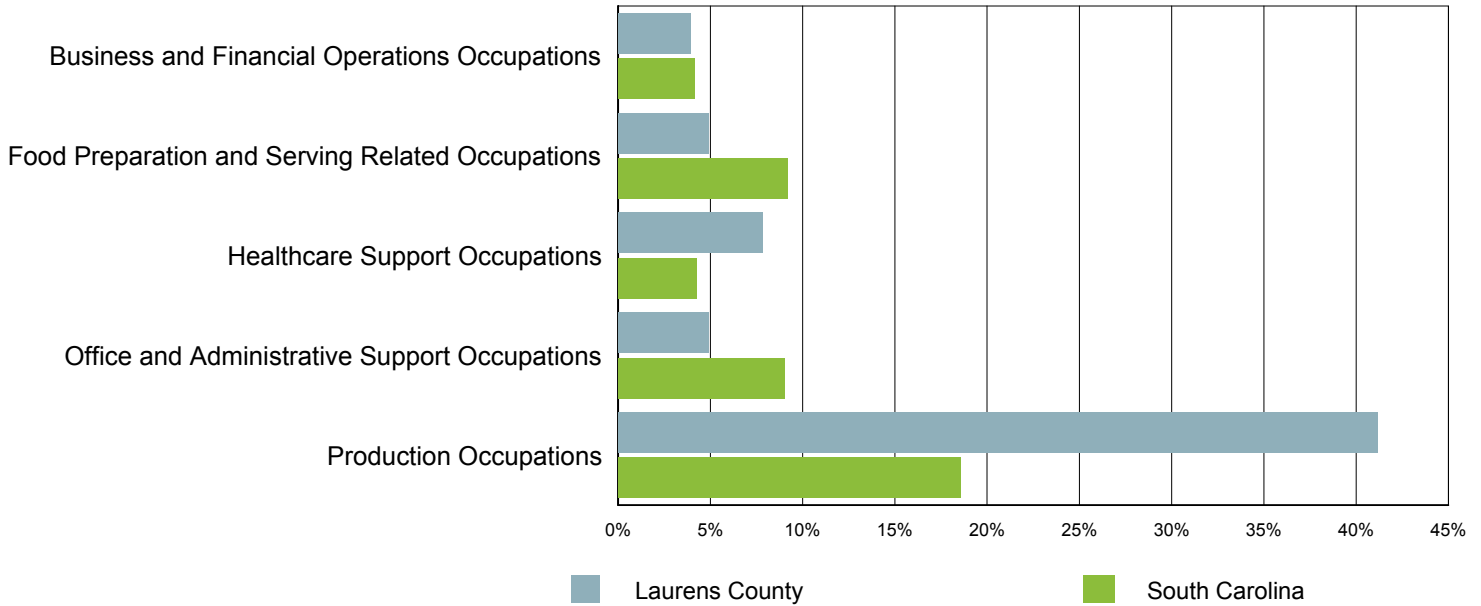


Industry	Laurens County	South Carolina
Construction	2	415
Manufacturing	38	882
Wholesale Trade	3	311
Retail Trade	7	855
Transportation and Warehousing	3	265
Information	1	117
Finance and Insurance	1	222
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Servi	6	450
Administrative and Support and Waste Manageme	14	1,100
Health Care and Social Assistance	11	531
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1	28
Accommodation and Food Services	5	611
Other Services (except Public Administration)	3	173
Unknown	7	678

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

# Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claims by Occupation

Occupation Groups With Largest Number of Claims  
April 2017



Occupation	Laurens County	South Carolina
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	2	141
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occ	1	42
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occu	1	232
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	4	291
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	3	150
Construction and Extraction Occupations	1	459
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	1	106
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	5	647
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	2	163
Healthcare Support Occupations	8	299
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	3	206
Management Occupations	2	473
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	5	636
Personal Care and Service Occupations	1	95
Production Occupations	42	1,311
Sales and Related Occupations	3	810
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	4	328
Unknown	14	441

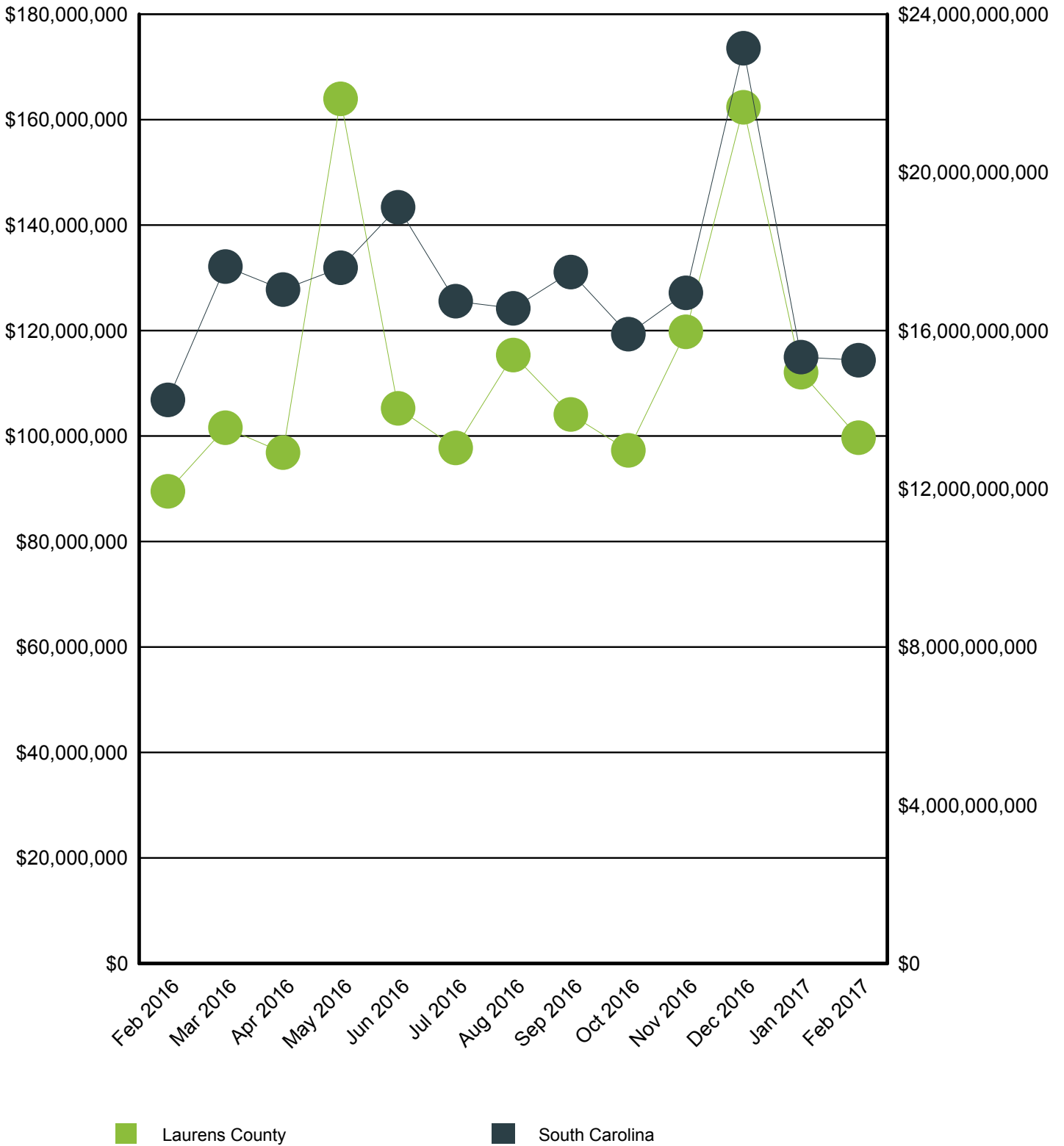
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# Retail Sales

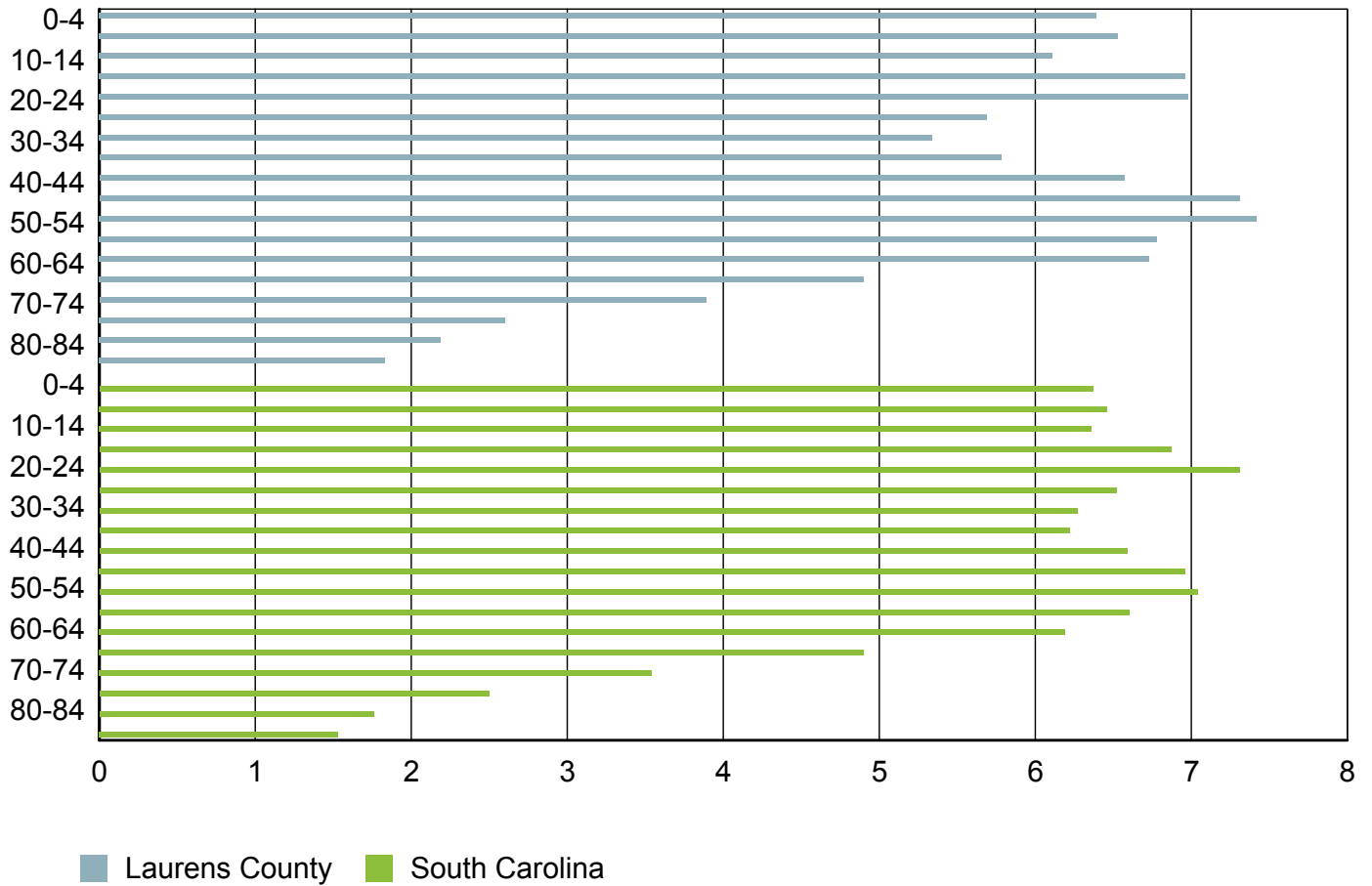
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Source: S.C. Department of Revenue

### Population by Age



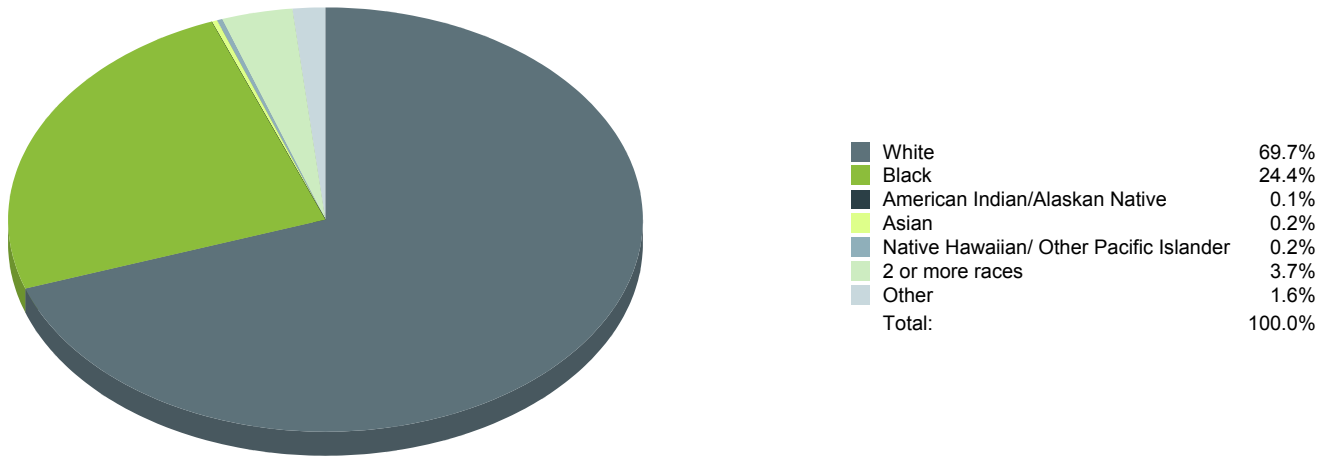
Age Range	Laurens County	South Carolina	United States
0-4	4,245	298,242	20,052,112
5-9	4,339	302,111	20,409,060
10-14	4,062	297,443	20,672,609
15-19	4,628	321,540	21,715,074
20-24	4,636	342,237	22,099,887
25-29	3,784	305,167	21,243,365
30-34	3,547	293,464	20,467,912
35-39	3,842	291,183	19,876,161
40-44	4,366	308,158	20,998,001
45-49	4,856	325,660	22,109,946
50-54	4,934	329,431	22,396,322
55-59	4,506	309,061	20,165,892
60-64	4,473	289,690	17,479,211
65-69	3,254	229,251	13,189,508
70-74	2,583	165,797	9,767,522
75-79	1,729	117,187	7,438,750
80-84	1,455	82,223	5,781,697
85 and older	1,218	71,757	5,673,565

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

### Population by Race

Race	Laurens County	%	South Carolina	%	United States	%
White	47,214	71.0%	3,144,146	66.0%	230,592,579	72.0%
Black	16,531	24.9%	1,298,534	27.3%	39,167,010	12.2%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	64	0.1%	14,732	0.3%	2,540,309	0.8%
Asian	164	0.3%	61,097	1.3%	15,231,962	4.8%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	136	0.2%	2,128	0.0%	526,347	0.2%
2 or more races	2,520	3.8%	169,670	3.6%	17,464,666	5.5%
Other	1,088	1.6%	74,130	1.6%	14,746,054	4.6%

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



### Population by Gender

Gender	Laurens County	South Carolina	United States
Male	32,163	2,276,305	153,247,412
Female	34,294	2,403,297	158,289,182

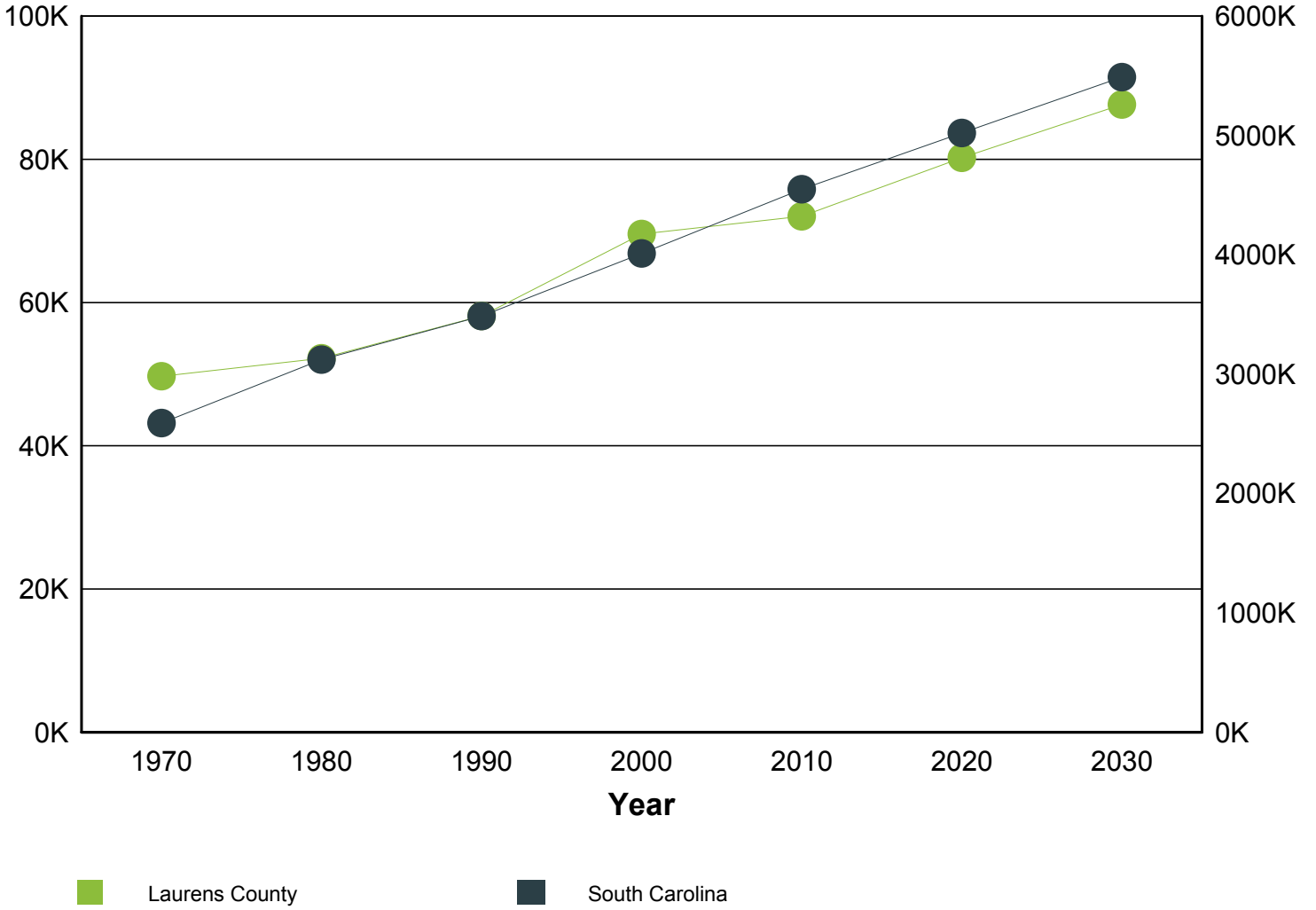
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# Population Change

Historical and Projected

Laurens County

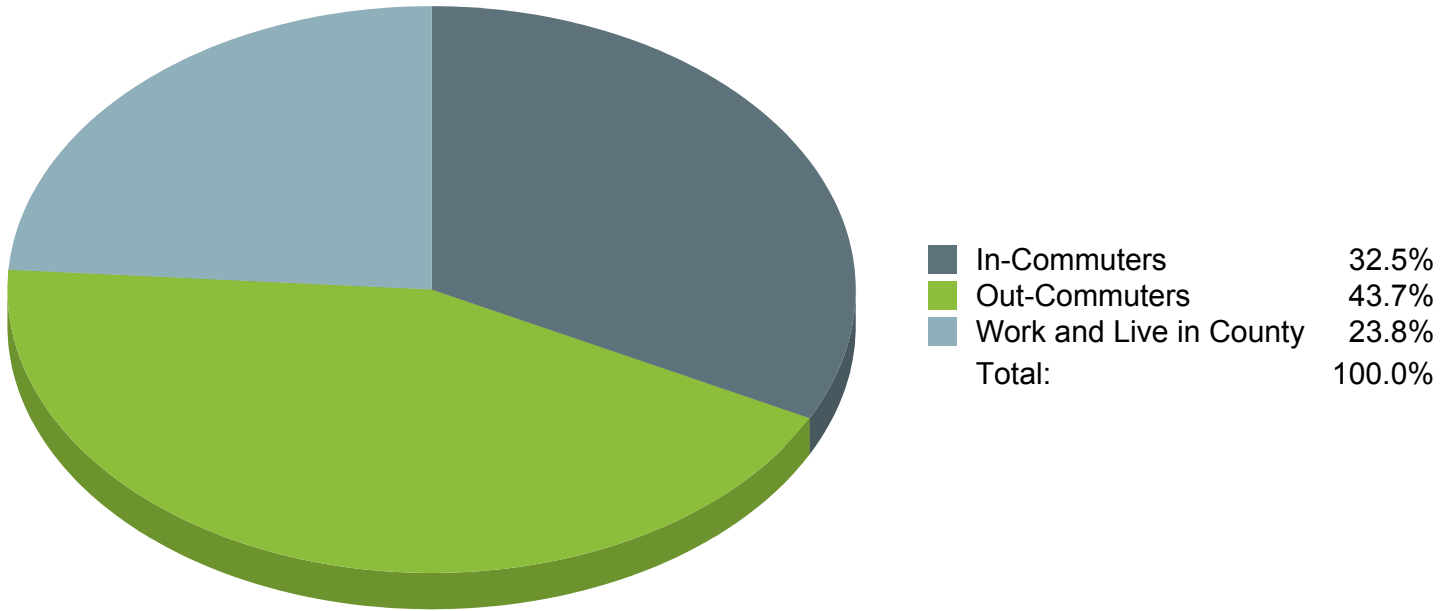
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Year	Laurens County	South Carolina
1970	49,713	2,590,713
1980	52,214	3,121,820
1990	58,132	3,486,310
2000	69,567	4,012,012
2010	72,040	4,549,150
2020	80,220	5,020,400
2030	87,660	5,488,460

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Commuting Patterns



Commuting Patterns	Workers
Work and Live in County	14,697
In-Commuters	20,069
Out-Commuters	26,931

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010

## Top 10 Places Residents Are Commuting To

Area	Workers
Greenville County, SC	6,982
Greenwood County, SC	1,805
Spartanburg County, SC	1,619
Newberry County, SC	633
Richland County, SC	297
Anderson County, SC	229
Union County, SC	81
Lexington County, SC	70
Abbeville County, SC	63
LIBERTY COUNTY, GA	47

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010

## Top 10 Places Residents Are Commuting From

Area	Workers
Greenville County, SC	2,241
Greenwood County, SC	723
Newberry County, SC	578
Spartanburg County, SC	556
Anderson County, SC	233
Union County, SC	183
Abbeville County, SC	153
Saluda County, SC	126
Lexington County, SC	93
Pickens County, SC	78

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010

## Employers by Size of Establishment

Employees	Laurens County	South Carolina
0 to 4	438	72,215
5 to 9	165	19,964
10 to 19	96	14,629
20 to 49	91	11,292
50 to 99	32	4,446
100 to 249	30	2,717
250 to 499	14	824
500 to 999	0	376
1000 +	0	286

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2016 Q3

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## Employment by Size of Establishment

Employees	Laurens County	South Carolina
0 to 4	776	109,185
5 to 9	1,118	133,038
10 to 19	1,322	199,397
20 to 49	2,820	346,711
50 to 99	2,300	305,282
100 to 249	4,718	411,824
250 to 499	5,301	284,463
500 to 999	0	256,747
1000 +	0	731,712

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2016 Q3

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## 20 Largest Employers

(Listed Alphabetically)

### Corporation Name

ASTEN JOHNSON INC

D & W FINE PACK LLC

EFFEX MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS LLC

GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM

KIMURA INC

LAURENS COUNTY

LAURENS COUNTY DISABILITIES & SPECI

LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #56

LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 55

MARATHON STAFFING INC

NATIONAL HEALTH CORPORATION

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

RICH PRODUCTS CORPORATION

SC DEPT OF DISABILITIES & SPECIAL N

SHAW CONSTRUCTORS

STERILITE CORPORATION

TEKNOR APEX COMPANY

WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

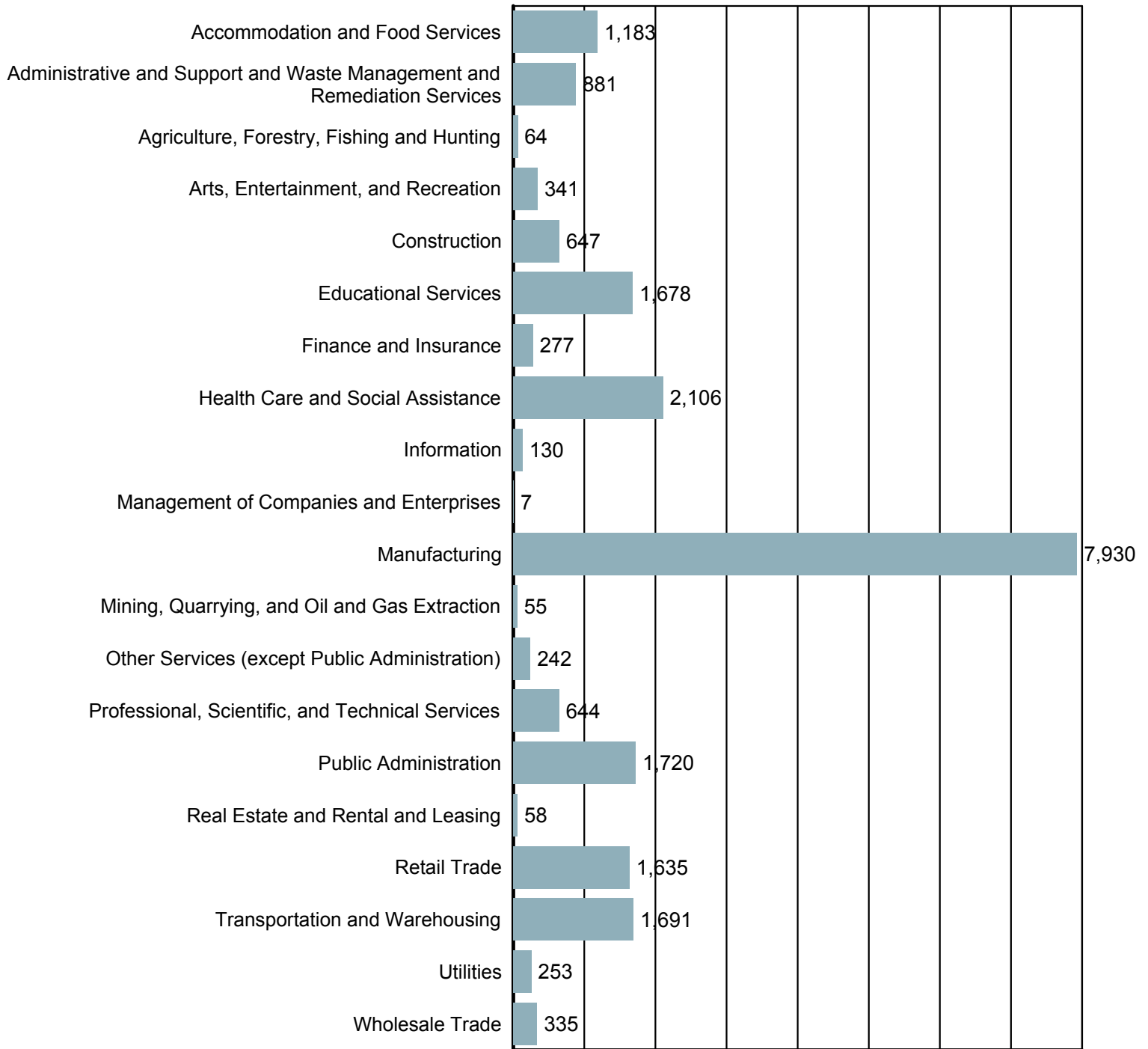
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Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2016 Q3



### Employment by Industry

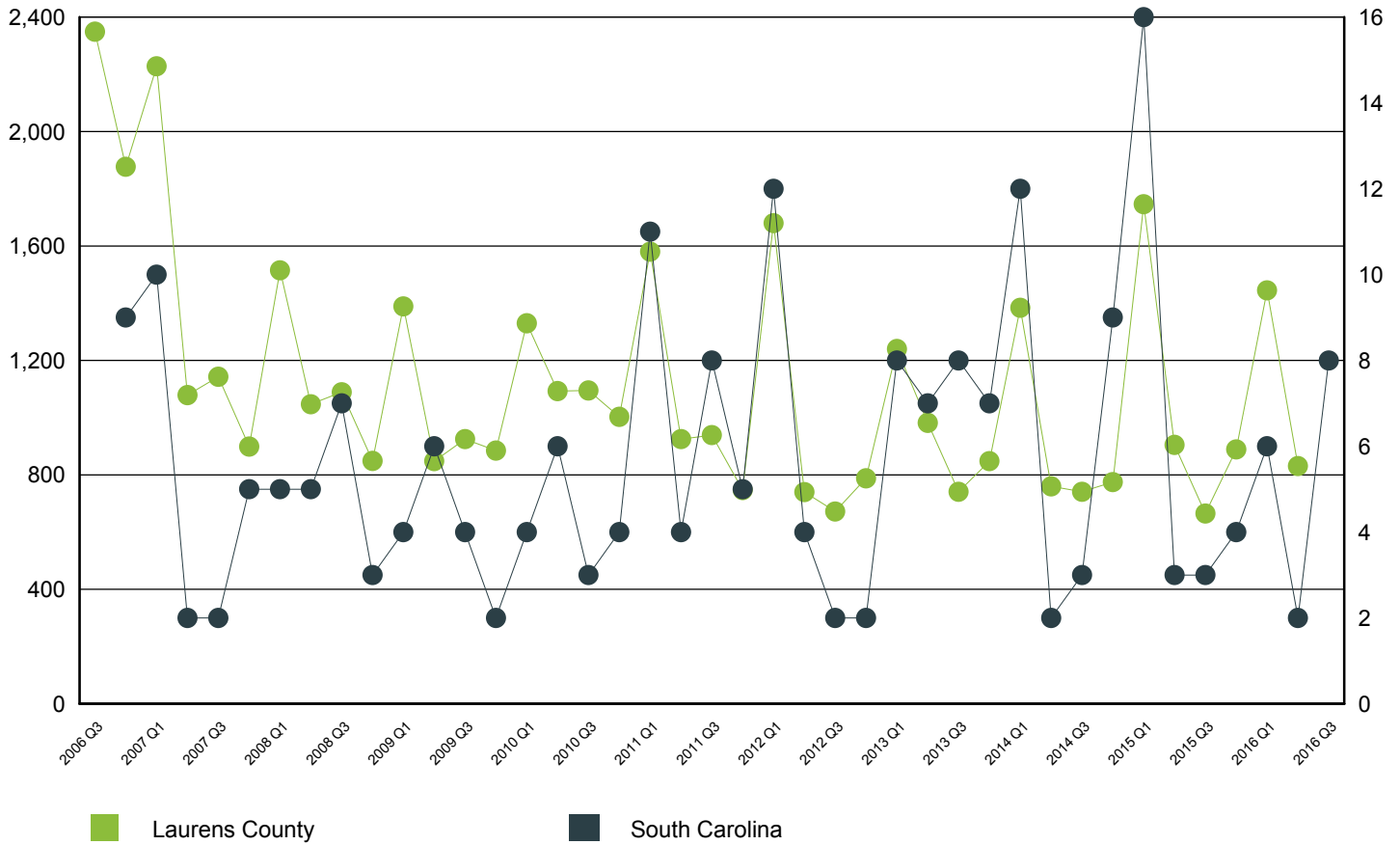


Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce  
 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - 2016 Q3

# New Startup Firms

Laurens County

South Carolina



Quarter	Laurens County	South Carolina
2016 Q2	2	831
2016 Q1	6	1,445
2015 Q4	4	889
2015 Q3	3	665
2015 Q2	3	905
2015 Q1	16	1,746
2014 Q4	9	775
2014 Q3	3	741
2014 Q2	2	760
2014 Q1	12	1,384
2013 Q4	7	848
2013 Q3	8	741
2013 Q2	7	982
2013 Q1	8	1,240
2012 Q4	2	788
2012 Q3	2	672
2012 Q2	4	740
2012 Q1	12	1,680
2011 Q4	5	747
2011 Q3	8	939

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

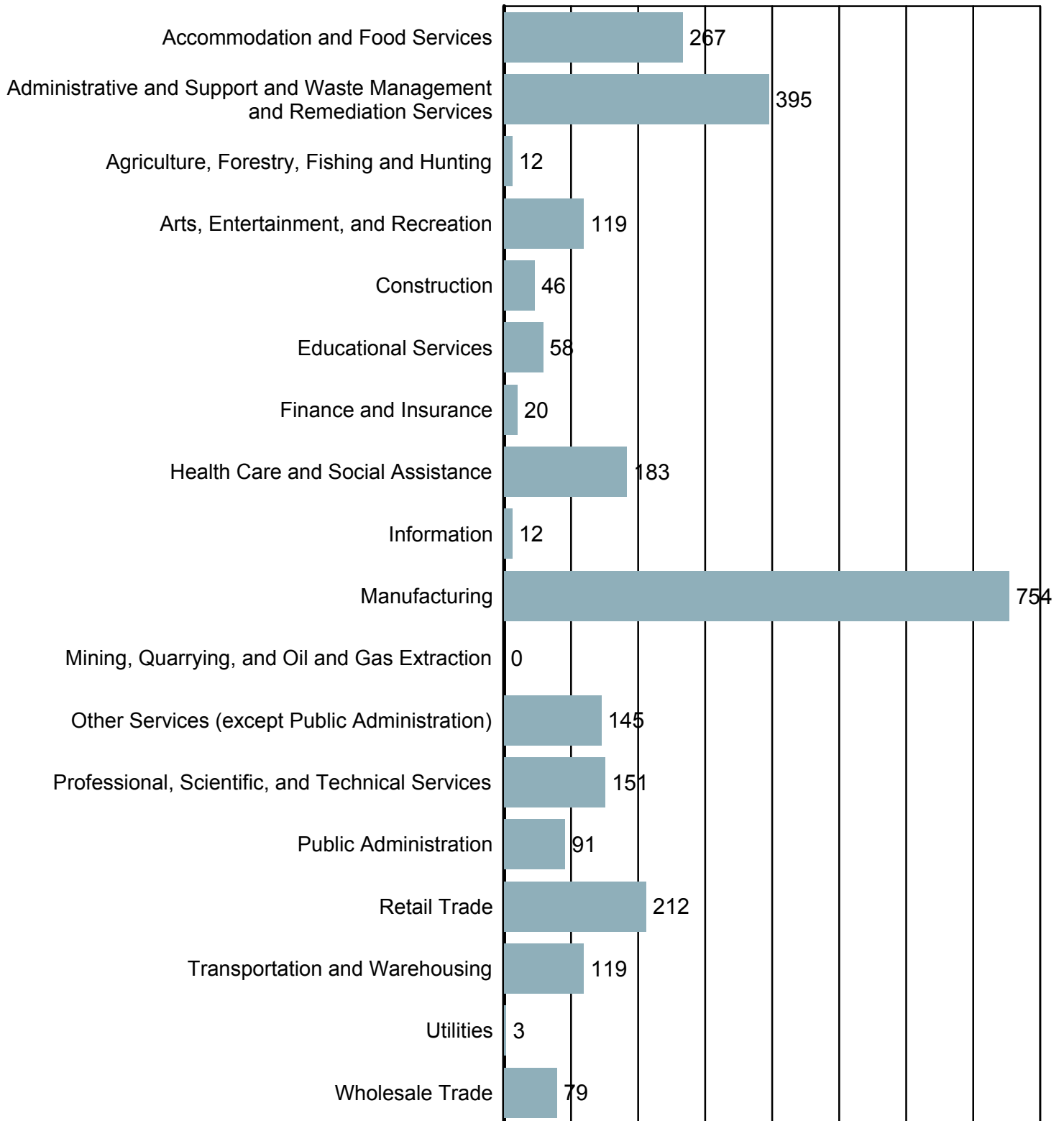
## Top 20 Occupational Openings

Laurens County  
April-2016

Occupation Name (Soccode)	Job Openings
Registered Nurses (29-1141)	46
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers (53-3032)	31
Physical Therapists (29-1123)	24
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)	19
Social and Human Service Assistants (21-1093)	15
Speech-Language Pathologists (29-1127)	14
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food (35-3021)	13
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General (49-9071)	9
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers (35-1012)	8
Customer Service Representatives (43-4051)	5
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers (51-1011)	5
Helpers--Production Workers (51-9198)	5
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (29-2061)	5
Cashiers (41-2011)	4
Coaches and Scouts (27-2022)	4
First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers (49-1011)	4
Food Servers, Nonrestaurant (35-3041)	4
Highway Maintenance Workers (47-4051)	4
Industrial Engineers (17-2112)	4
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators (53-7051)	4

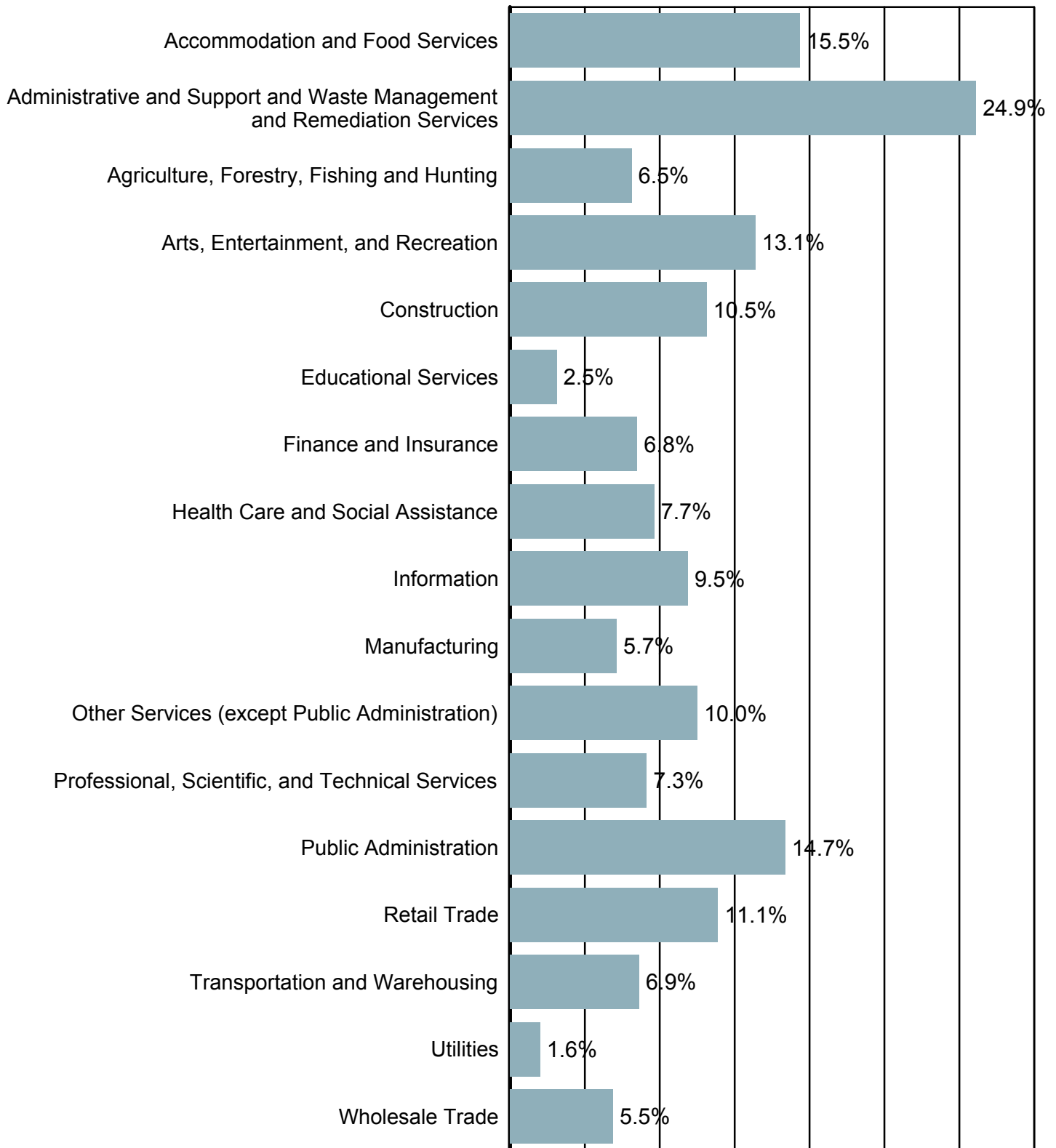
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### New Hires by Industry



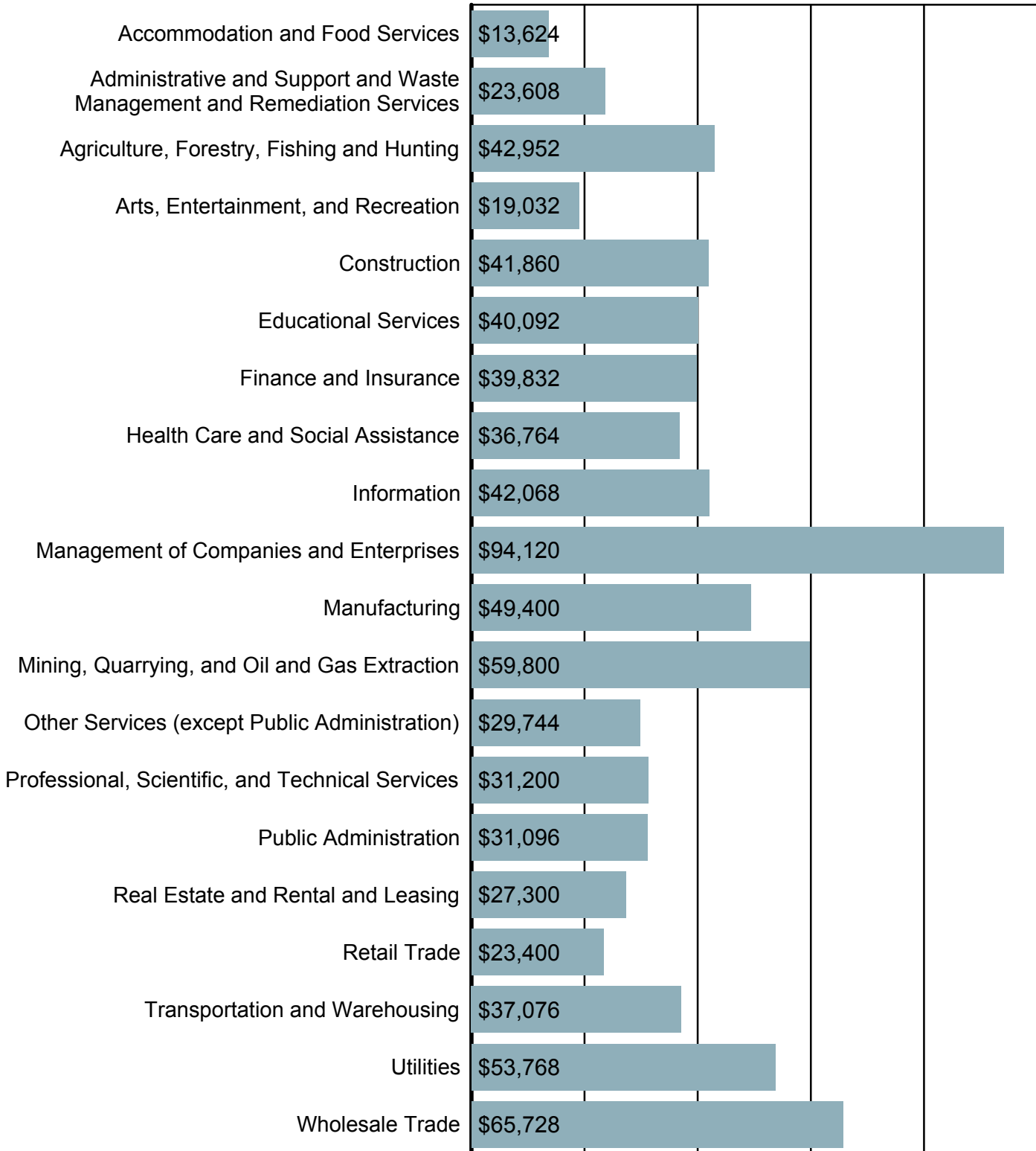
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics - 2014 Q1

### 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 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	292	778	1,120	4,103	4,532	4,654	3,200	1,090
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	11	17	21	18	5
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	9	14	52	76	85	56	12
Construction	5	11	28	97	136	126	68	31
Manufacturing	12	130	319	1,367	1,740	1,783	997	175
Wholesale Trade	0	11	16	89	115	98	107	35
Retail Trade	69	152	141	313	282	281	216	119
Transportation and Warehousing	7	79	95	259	275	301	233	88
Information	0	3	7	36	51	43	31	16
Finance and Insurance	0	7	9	67	51	56	44	16
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	0	0	0	5	6	4	4	0
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Servi	7	11	17	80	85	94	61	23
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0	0	4	5	3	0
Administrative and Support and Waste Manageme	15	50	84	302	231	190	139	86
Educational Services	3	17	81	321	428	492	385	143
Health Care and Social Assistance	8	58	102	443	437	425	340	111
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	30	30	10	35	31	39	30	17
Accommodation and Food Services	122	137	120	237	149	149	70	35
Other Services (except Public Administration)	3	16	18	91	92	87	62	54
Public Administration	6	57	58	294	323	371	331	121

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics - 2014 Q1

## 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.

Upper Savannah Industry	2012 Estimated Employment	2022 Projected Employment	Change	Percent Change	Annual Percent
Total Employment, All Jobs	86,033	96,225	10,192	11.85	1.13
Manufacturing	19,956	22,882	2,926	14.66	1.38
Health care and social assistance	9,260	11,562	2,302	24.86	2.25
Administrative and support and waste management and remediat	4,216	5,422	1,206	28.61	2.55
Educational services; state, local, and private	7,381	8,154	773	10.47	1.00
Construction	2,370	3,000	630	26.58	2.39
Retail Trade	7,360	7,836	476	6.47	0.63
Accommodation and food services	4,890	5,328	438	8.96	0.86
Transportation and Warehousing	2,693	3,024	331	12.29	1.17
Other services (except public administration)	2,773	3,102	329	11.86	1.13
Professional, scientific, and technical services	1,148	1,413	265	23.08	2.10
Wholesale trade	1,644	1,904	260	15.82	1.48
Government	8,278	8,516	238	2.88	0.28
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	860	957	97	11.28	1.07
Finance and insurance	1,214	1,275	61	5.02	0.49
Real estate and rental and leasing	278	322	44	15.83	1.48
Management of companies and enterprises	386	402	16	4.15	0.41
Information	618	629	11	1.78	0.18
Utilities	251	249	-2	-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.

Upper Savannah	2012	2022			
Occupation	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment	Openings (Replace)	Openings (Growth)	Annual Openings
Total, all occupations	86,033	96,225	2,012	1,113	3,125
Management occupations	6,114	5,961	112	38	150
Business and financial operations occupations	1,534	1,837	31	30	61
Computer and mathematical occupations	544	678	9	14	23
Architecture and engineering occupations	891	1,018	23	13	36
Life, physical, and social science occupations	308	318	9	1	10
Community and social service occupations	1,344	1,427	32	9	41
Legal occupations	390	434	6	4	10
Education, training, and library occupations	5,398	6,041	119	64	183
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations	565	612	14	5	19
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations	4,197	5,069	87	87	174
Healthcare support occupations	2,373	2,903	45	53	98
Protective service occupations	1,957	2,079	54	12	66
Food preparation and serving related occupations	5,762	6,305	199	55	254
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	3,157	3,667	64	51	115
Personal care and service occupations	2,422	2,871	48	45	93
Sales and related occupations	6,332	6,783	212	45	257
Office and administrative support occupations	10,777	11,886	248	116	364
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	3,145	3,240	88	14	102
Construction and extraction occupations	3,093	3,751	53	66	119
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	3,835	4,288	86	46	132
Production occupations	15,508	18,081	325	284	609
Transportation and material moving occupations	6,387	6,976	148	60	208

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.

Upper Savannah	2012	2022					
Occupation	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment	Percent Change	Replace	Growth	Total	Average Salary
Team assemblers	1,974	3,147	59	31	117	148	\$ 26,662
Computer-controlled machine tool operators, metal and plasti	248	390	57	7	14	21	\$ 34,104
Information security analysts	17	26	53	0	1	1	\$ 53,052
Physician assistants	57	83	46	1	3	4	\$ 74,300
Logisticians	183	264	44	2	8	10	\$ 58,681
Wholesale and retail buyers, except farm products	28	40	43	1	1	2	\$ 60,464
Diagnostic medical sonographers	20	28	40	0	1	1	\$ 55,002
Medical and health services managers	148	203	37	4	6	10	\$ 91,422
Surgical technologists	49	67	37	0	2	2	\$ 37,549
Medical secretaries	320	437	37	4	12	16	\$ 31,631
Meeting, convention, and event planners	11	15	36	0	0	0	\$ 37,078
Market research analysts and marketing specialists	39	53	36	0	1	1	\$ 55,219
Personal care aides	641	854	33	5	21	26	\$ 19,592
Industrial engineers	209	276	32	6	7	13	\$ 72,467
Human resources managers	44	58	32	1	1	2	\$ 81,552
Cardiovascular technologists and technicians	19	25	32	0	1	1	\$ 64,753
Healthcare social workers	54	71	31	1	2	3	\$ 56,543
Medical assistants	254	331	30	5	8	13	\$ 30,079
Management analysts	116	151	30	2	4	6	\$ 66,581
Veterinary technologists and technicians	50	65	30	0	2	2	\$ 21,938

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)

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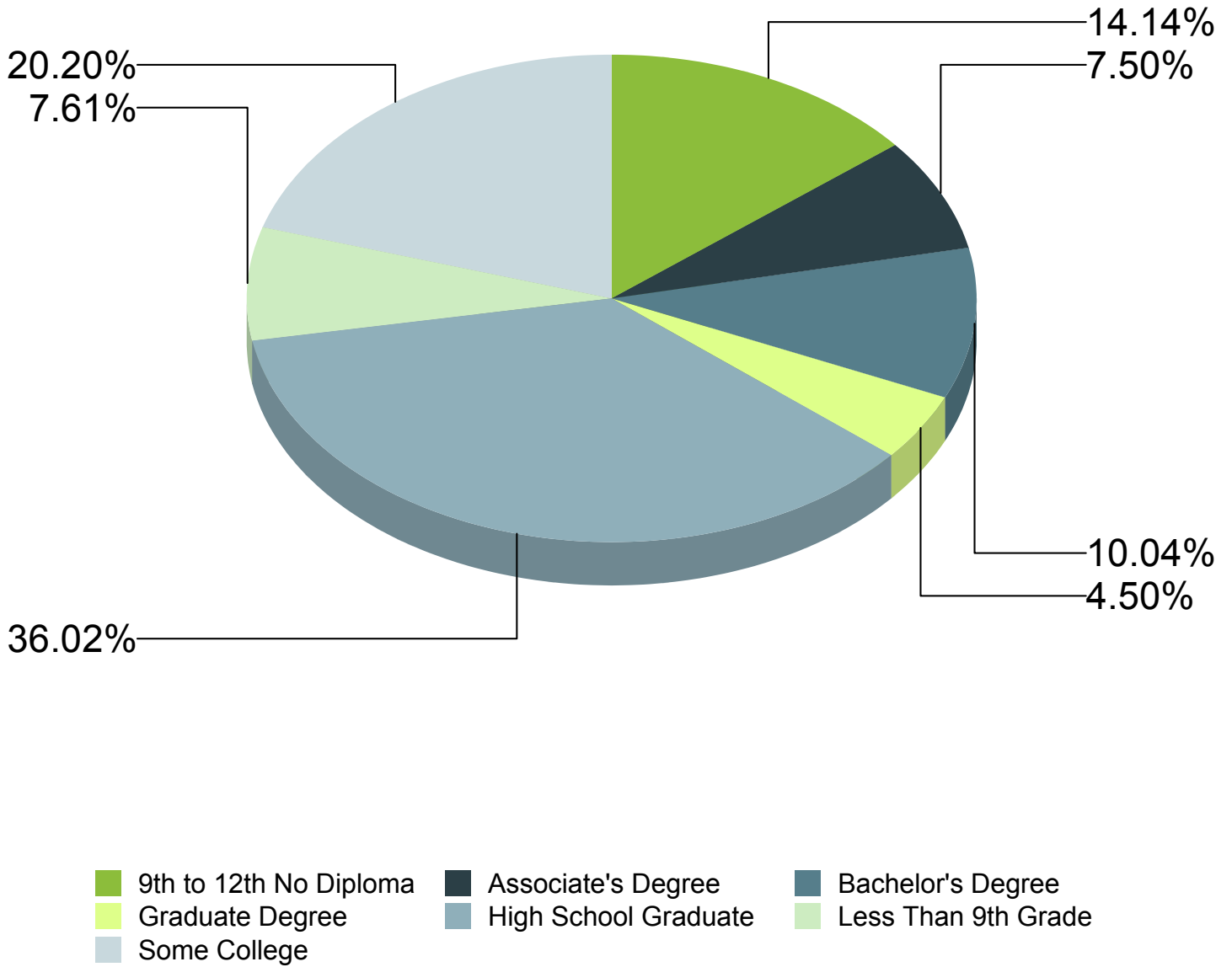
Upper Savannah	2012	2022					
Occupation	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment	Percent Change	Replace	Growth	Total	Average Salary
Fallers	76	49	-36	1	0	1	\$ 33,683
Sewing machine operators	239	194	-19	1	0	1	\$ 22,182
Textile cutting machine setters, operators, and tenders	49	40	-18	1	0	1	\$ 23,282
Meter readers, utilities	51	43	-16	1	0	1	\$ 31,175
Switchboard operators, including answering service	48	41	-15	1	0	1	\$ 25,540
Textile knitting and weaving machine setters, operators, and	567	486	-14	9	0	9	\$ 38,761
Grinding, lapping, polishing, and buffing machine tool sette	42	36	-14	1	0	1	\$ 30,671
Reporters and correspondents	24	21	-13	1	0	1	\$ 23,908
Postal service clerks	51	45	-12	1	0	1	\$ 46,811
Surveying and mapping technicians	13	12	-8	0	0	0	\$ 38,447
Chemical technicians	17	16	-6	0	0	0	\$ 53,403
Cutting, punching, and press machine setters, operators, and	96	91	-5	1	0	1	\$ 34,935
Multiple machine tool setters, operators, and tenders, metal	80	76	-5	2	0	2	\$ 27,731
Computer network support specialists	60	57	-5	1	0	1	\$ 44,733
Claims adjusters, examiners, and investigators	23	22	-4	0	0	0	\$ 58,973
Postal service mail carriers	226	218	-4	8	0	8	\$ 48,928
Mixing and blending machine setters, operators, and tenders	245	237	-3	7	0	7	\$ 30,446
First-line supervisors of farming, fishing, and forestry wor	172	167	-3	4	0	4	\$ 54,696
Mechanical drafters	35	34	-3	0	0	0	\$ 59,886
Order clerks	79	77	-3	2	0	2	\$ 27,296

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

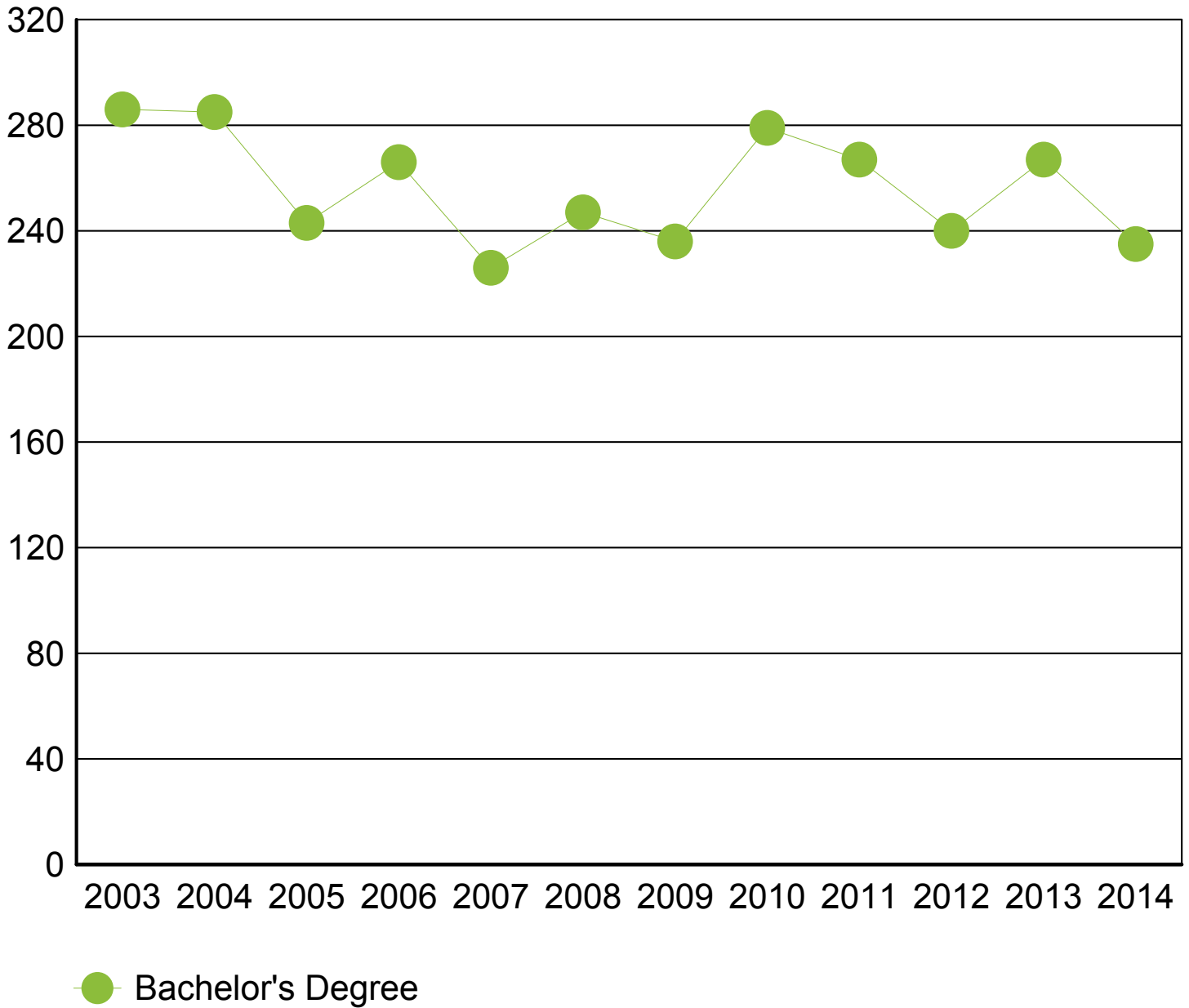
(Population 25 Years and Older)



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

Presbyterian College  
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Clinton, SC 29325  
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2014 Degrees Awarded: 311

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