

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Columbia, SC

Metropolitan Statistical Area



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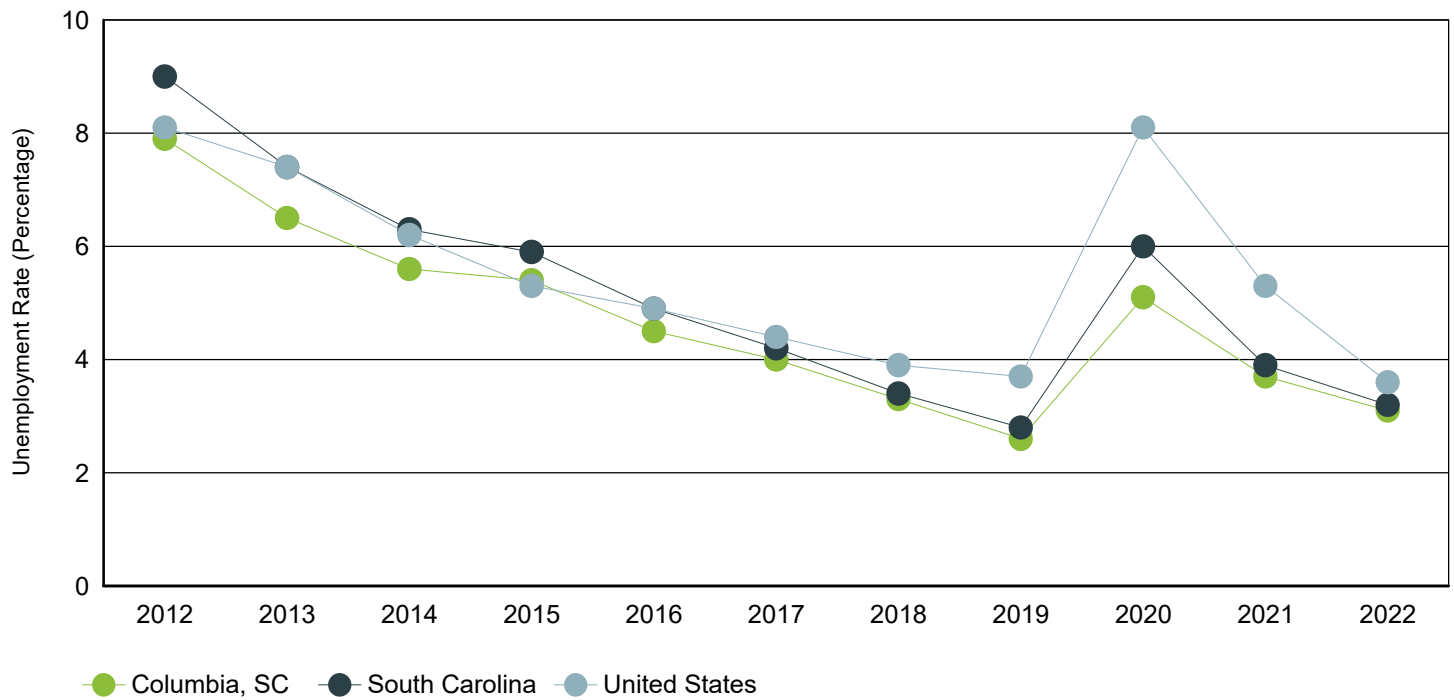
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Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Trends

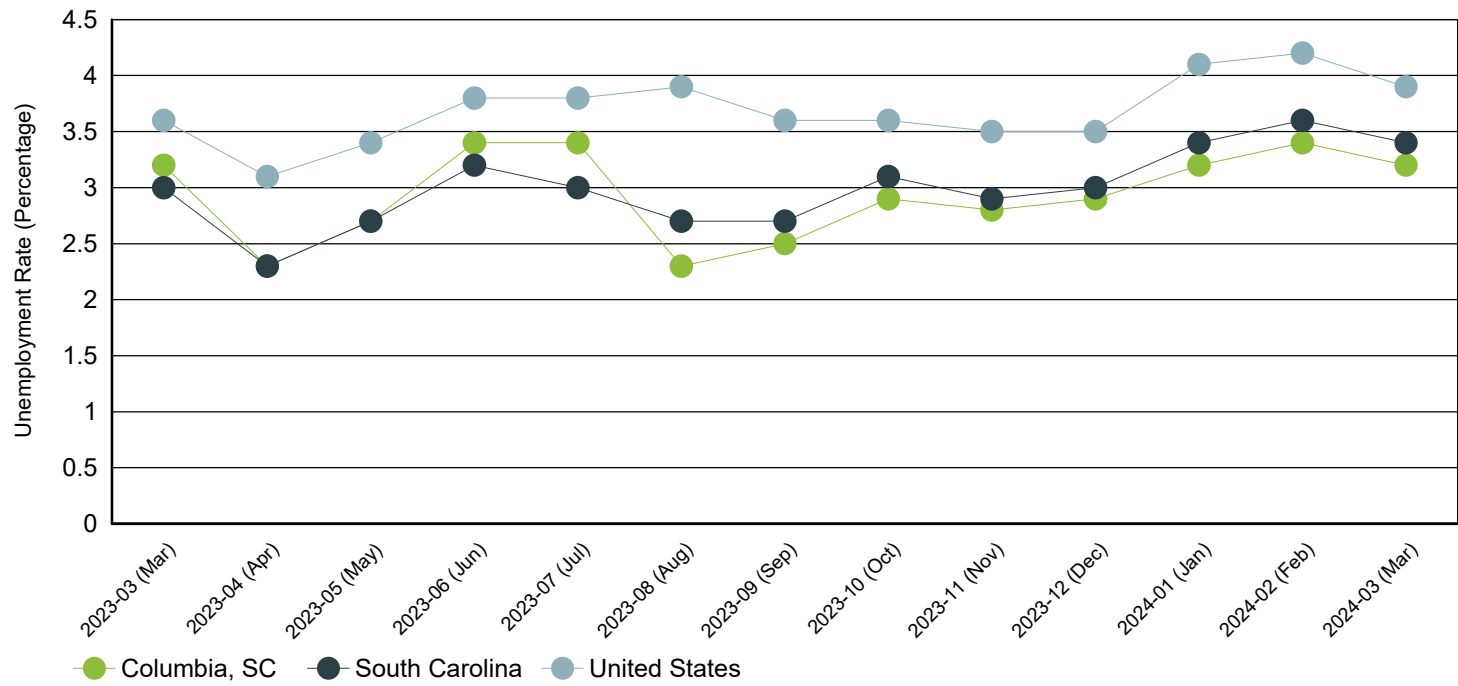


Columbia, SC				South Carolina			United States		
Year	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate
2022	388,695	12,330	3.1%	2,316,435	76,894	3.2%	158,291,000	5,996,000	3.6%
2021	383,823	14,612	3.7%	2,266,611	92,558	3.9%	152,581,000	8,623,000	5.3%
2020	374,904	20,272	5.1%	2,199,751	139,389	6.0%	147,795,000	12,947,000	8.1%
2019	383,652	10,299	2.6%	2,268,884	64,649	2.8%	157,538,000	6,001,000	3.7%
2018	377,106	12,684	3.3%	2,205,356	76,666	3.4%	155,761,000	6,314,000	3.9%
2017	378,113	15,957	4.0%	2,166,708	95,058	4.2%	153,337,000	6,982,000	4.4%
2016	384,046	18,290	4.5%	2,174,301	111,753	4.9%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%
2015	377,014	21,504	5.4%	2,134,087	133,750	5.9%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2014	367,597	21,869	5.6%	2,082,941	139,485	6.3%	146,305,000	9,617,000	6.2%
2013	357,930	24,920	6.5%	2,034,404	163,472	7.4%	143,929,000	11,460,000	7.4%
2012	350,699	29,936	7.9%	1,992,957	197,246	9.0%	142,469,000	12,506,000	8.1%

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

Monthly Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Past 13 Months



Period	Columbia, SC	South Carolina	United States
Mar 2024	3.2%	3.4%	3.9%
Feb 2024	3.4%	3.6%	4.2%
Jan 2024	3.2%	3.4%	4.1%
Dec 2023	2.9%	3.0%	3.5%
Nov 2023	2.8%	2.9%	3.5%
Oct 2023	2.9%	3.1%	3.6%
Sep 2023	2.5%	2.7%	3.6%
Aug 2023	2.3%	2.7%	3.9%
Jul 2023	3.4%	3.0%	3.8%
Jun 2023	3.4%	3.2%	3.8%
May 2023	2.7%	2.7%	3.4%
Apr 2023	2.3%	2.3%	3.1%
Mar 2023	3.2%	3.0%	3.6%

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

Area Job Openings

Period	Columbia, SC				South Carolina			
	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings
Mar-24	411,198	13,477	3.2%		2,399,623	77,961	3.1%	
Feb-24	404,836	14,364	3.4%		2,396,195	76,424	3.1%	
Jan-24	402,939	13,137	3.2%		2,396,514	75,325	3.0%	
Dec-23	401,735	12,015	2.9%		2,395,427	74,873	3.0%	
Nov-23	401,508	11,700	2.8%		2,395,934	74,957	3.0%	
Oct-23	399,909	12,075	2.9%	18,676	2,396,218	74,511	3.0%	91,724
Sep-23	399,586	10,162	2.5%	21,326	2,394,416	72,805	3.0%	101,555
Aug-23	400,810	9,397	2.3%	20,475	2,391,519	70,907	2.9%	102,287
Jul-23	402,146	14,014	3.4%	20,475	2,387,893	69,547	2.8%	112,508
Jun-23	396,135	13,871	3.4%	19,007	2,383,328	69,189	2.8%	113,533
May-23	397,170	11,108	2.7%	22,759	2,378,120	69,850	2.9%	124,397
Apr-23	396,554	9,438	2.3%	20,247	2,371,767	70,923	2.9%	117,601
Mar-23	393,017	13,053	3.2%	18,583	2,363,908	72,030	3.0%	111,937

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

Employers by Size of Establishment

Employees	Columbia, SC	South Carolina
0 to 4	16,487	131,475
5 to 9	3,514	17,980
10 to 19	2,726	12,142
20 to 49	2,131	8,734
50 to 99	746	3,033
100 to 249	458	1,895
250 to 499	136	613
500 to 999	66	304
1000 +	43	233

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2023 Q3

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Employment by Size of Establishment

Employees	Columbia, SC	South Carolina
0 to 4	18,389	132,343
5 to 9	23,458	118,704
10 to 19	37,214	164,578
20 to 49	65,231	265,021
50 to 99	51,438	209,933
100 to 249	70,474	293,805
250 to 499	45,253	209,837
500 to 999	43,183	210,928
1000 +	112,999	645,300

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2023 Q3

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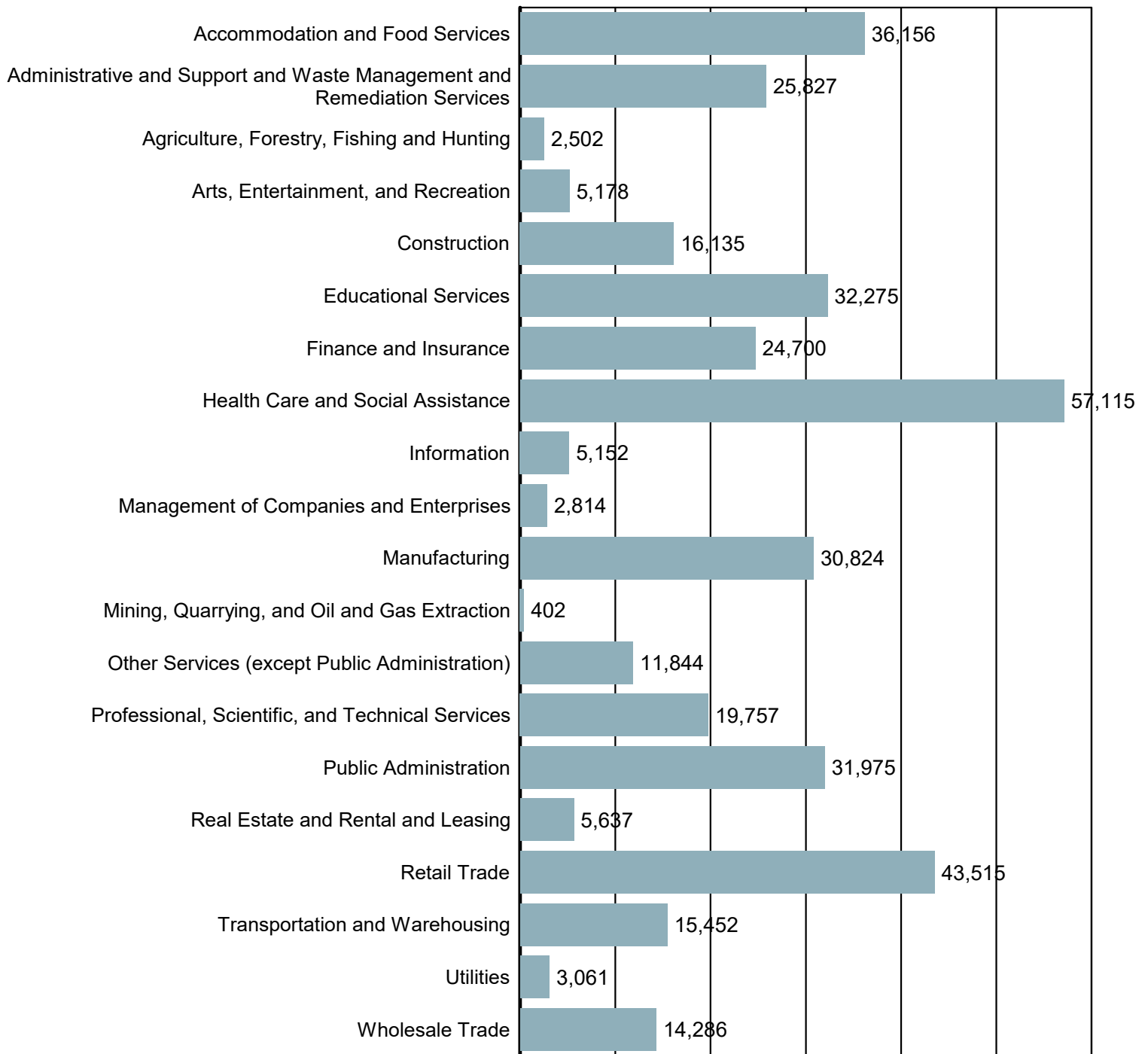
20 Largest Employers

(Listed Alphabetically)

Corporation Name
AMAZON COM SERVICES INC
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF SC
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS LLC
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
DEPT OF DEFENSE
LEXINGTON COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE DIS
LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1
LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 5
Lexington Health Inc
Prisma Health
PRISMA HEALTH MEDICAL GROUP - MIDLA
PRISMA HEALTH MIDLANDS
RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1
RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2
SC DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
UNIVERSAL PROTECTION SERVICE LLC
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC
WELLS FARGO & COMPANY INC

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2023 Q3

Employment by Industry



Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce
 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - 2023 Q3

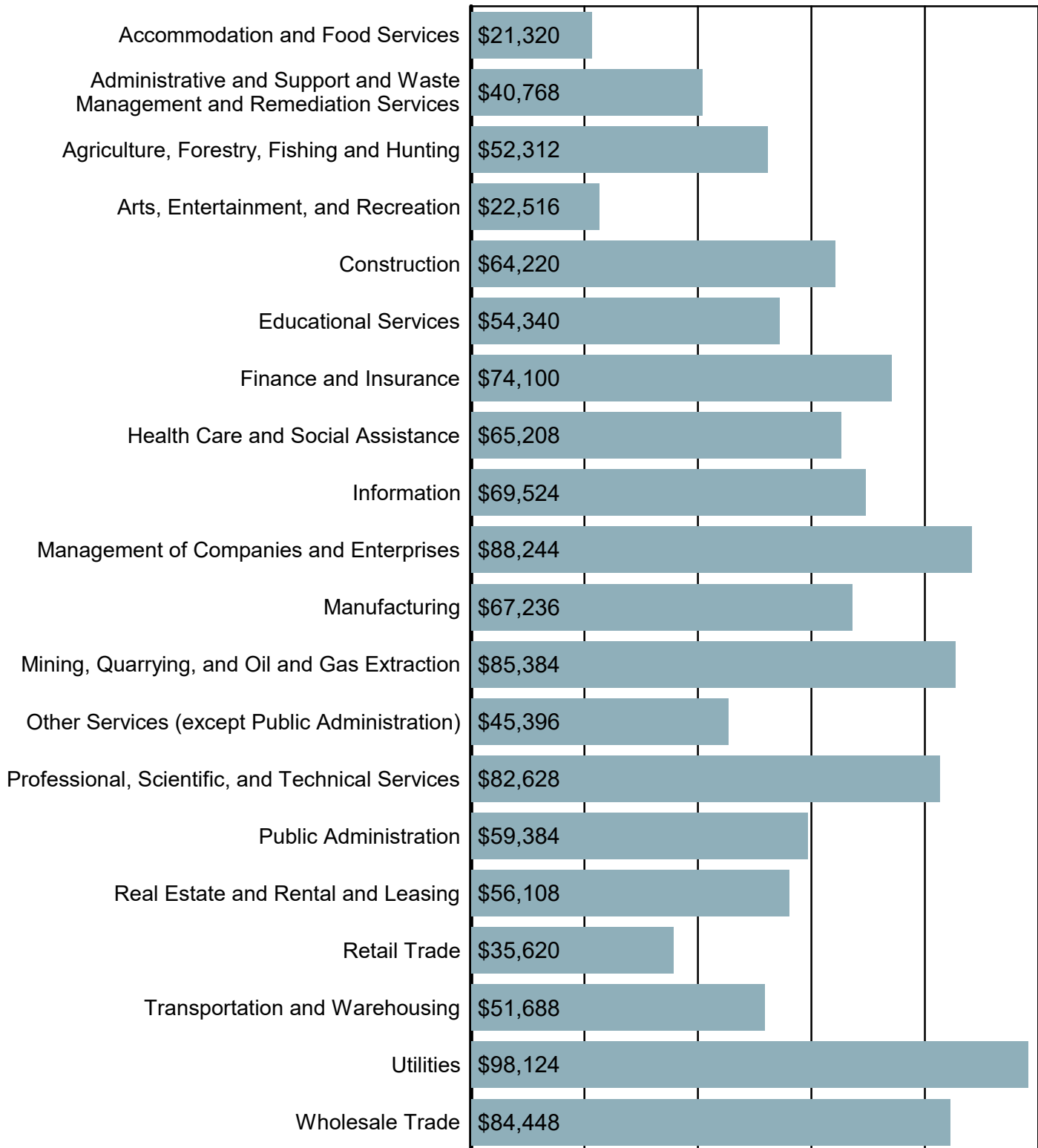
Top 20 Occupational Openings

Columbia, SC
October-2023

Occupation Name (Soccode)	Job Openings
Registered Nurses (29-1141)	931
Retail Salespersons (41-2031)	608
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)	500
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products (41-4012)	395
Fast Food and Counter Workers (35-3023)	360
Customer Service Representatives (43-4051)	337
Managers, All Other (11-9199)	268
Medical and Health Services Managers (11-9111)	264
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General (49-9071)	259
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand (53-7062)	251
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive (43-6014)	242
Food Service Managers (11-9051)	219
Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other (29-2099)	215
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners (37-2011)	214
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers (53-3032)	200
Nursing Assistants (31-1131)	192
Software Developers (15-1252)	175
General and Operations Managers (11-1021)	172
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers (35-1012)	171
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners (37-2012)	167

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

Average Annual Wage by Industry



Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - 2023 Q3

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.

Midlands Industry	2020 Estimated Employment	2030 Projected Employment	Change	Percent Change	Annual Percent
Total All Industries	371,173	409,069	37,896	10.21	0.98
Health Care and Social Assistance	43,677	54,345	10,668	24.42	2.21
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediat	27,334	32,552	5,218	19.09	1.76
Accommodation and Food Services	28,919	33,581	4,662	16.12	1.51
Government	41,035	43,380	2,345	5.71	0.56
Transportation and Warehousing	11,760	13,962	2,202	18.72	1.73
Other Services (except Government)	15,928	18,099	2,171	13.63	1.29
Retail Trade	37,504	39,663	2,159	5.76	0.56
Finance and Insurance	23,672	25,542	1,870	7.90	0.76
Educational Services	29,415	31,132	1,717	5.84	0.57
Manufacturing	24,534	25,961	1,427	5.82	0.57
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	17,208	18,419	1,211	7.04	0.68
Wholesale Trade	13,885	15,096	1,211	8.72	0.84
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,505	3,060	555	22.16	2.02
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	5,461	5,749	288	5.27	0.52
Information	4,634	4,882	248	5.35	0.52
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,923	2,091	168	8.74	0.84
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3,837	3,860	23	0.60	0.06
Construction	14,710	14,723	13	0.09	0.01
Mining	335	331	-4	-1.19	-0.12
Utilities	3,405	3,278	-127	-3.73	-0.38

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