



## May 2014 Labor Supply versus Labor Demand

Online job advertisements in South Carolina, as reported by the Conference Board’s Help Wanted OnLine® (HWOL) data series, showed a decrease of -1,934 ads from April to May 2014. Compared to May 2013, South Carolina had an increase of 2,905 ads. Across the United States, online ads saw a decrease of -18,889 in the last month.

Labor demand in the Trident Workforce Area (Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties) was greatest with 14,393 posted advertisements. The Midlands Workforce Area (Fairfield, Lexington, and Richland counties) followed with 12,174 online ads. The workforce areas, except for Santee-Lynches, experienced some level of decrease from the previous month. Statewide, the labor supply (the unemployed) versus demand (online advertisements) ratio remained at 2:1.

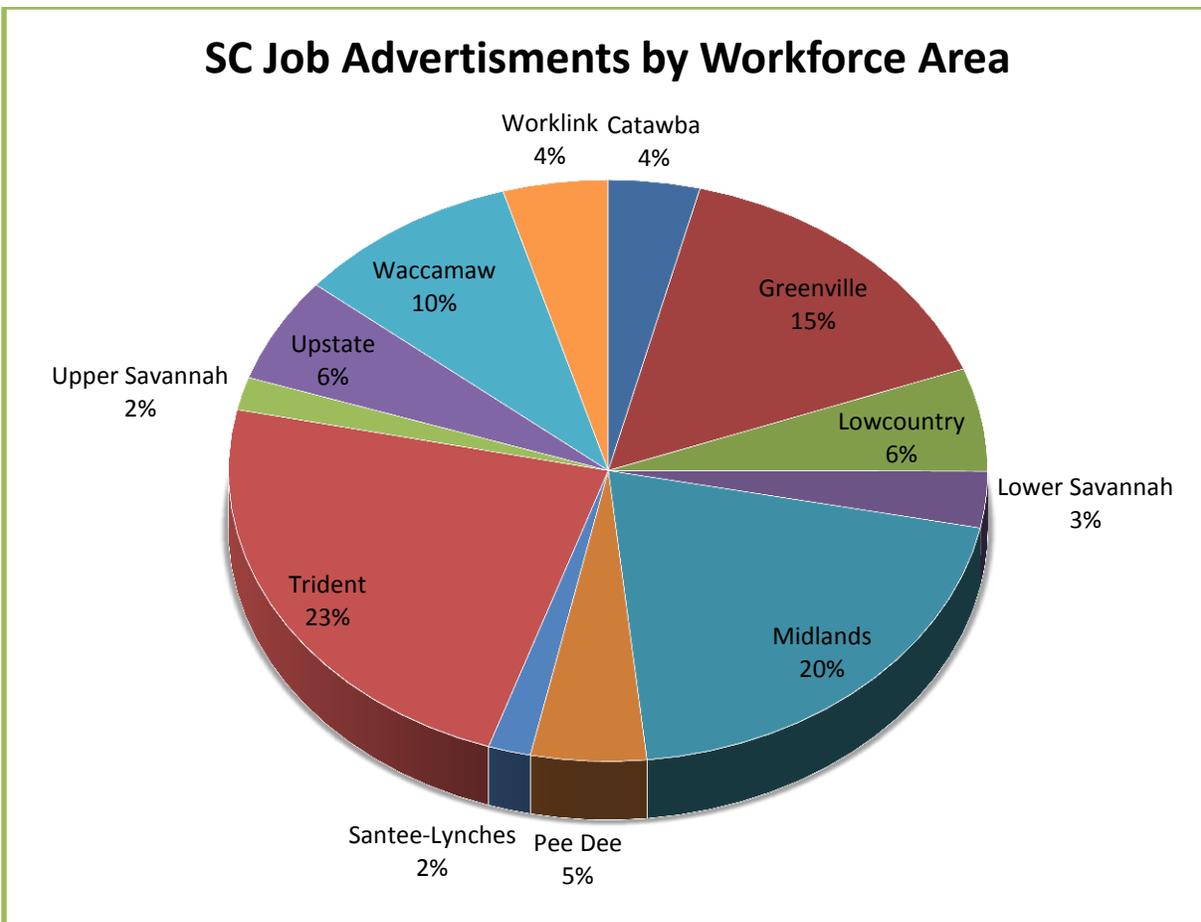
Of all the online ads in South Carolina, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers had the highest number of advertisements during May 2014 with 3,438, followed by Registered Nurses with 3,182. Rounding out the top five occupations were First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers, Retail Salespersons, and Customer Service Representatives.

### Supply-Demand Ratio by Workforce Area for May 2014

Workforce Area	Job Openings	Unemployed	Unemployed per Opening Ratio
Catawba	2,490	10,339	4:1
Greenville	9,545	9,872	1:1
Lowcountry	3,616	5,261	1:1
Lower Savannah	1,921	9,159	5:1
Midlands	12,174	15,986	1:1
Pee Dee	3,118	9,709	3:1
Santee-Lynches	1,179	5,367	5:1
Trident	14,393	15,223	1:1
Upper Savannah	1,058	6,080	6:1
Upstate	3,415	9,192	3:1
Waccamaw	5,986	10,339	2:1
Worklink	2,749	8,352	3:1
South Carolina (SA)	60,077	115,172	2:1
United States (SA)	4,904,142	9,799,000	2:1

(SA) Seasonally Adjusted

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine® data series, The US Department of Labor: Bureau of Labor Statistics, South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce: Labor Market Information



*The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine® (HWOL) data series measures online jobs advertisements (rounded) from about 16,000 major Internet job sites and smaller job sites that serve niche markets and smaller geographic areas. Online job advertisement may or may not have multiples job openings. The level of ads in print and online can change for reasons not related to overall job demand.*

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