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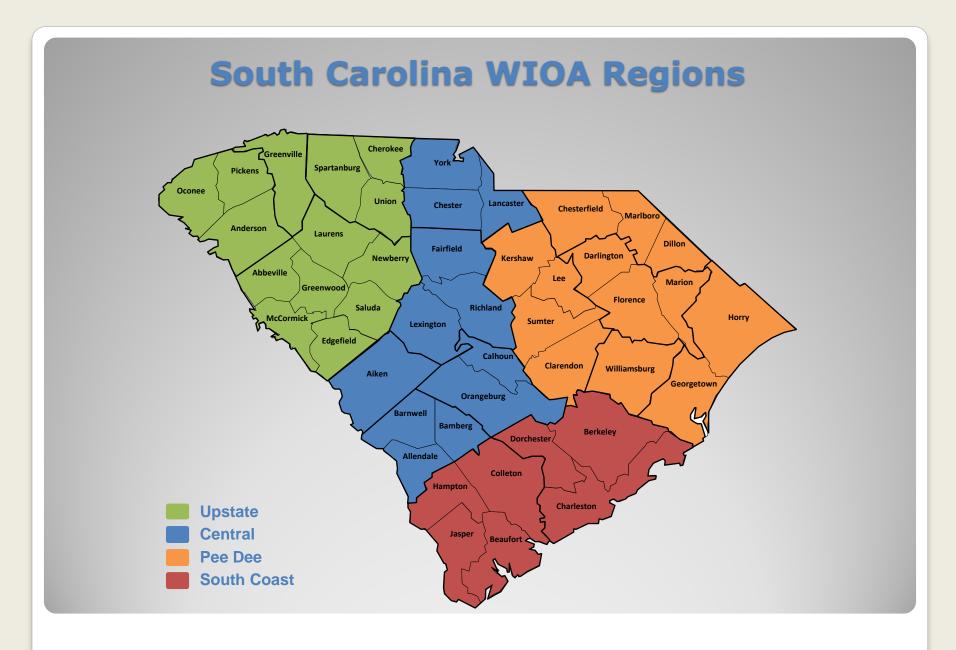
An In-depth Analysis of the State's Workforce
Part 4 – Top Origin and Destination Counties

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South Carolina Regional Commuting Patterns

- In the fall of 2015, the South Carolina State Workforce Development Board approved a regional system for workforce planning in accordance with the federal law *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA)*.

- Commuting patterns were part of the information used to determine the regional system.

- This presentation is the fourth of four in the commuting pattern series and focuses on the top origin and destination counties for each region's commuters.

South Carolina WIOA Regions

Upstate Region

Top 10 Counties Where Workers are Employed Who Live in the Region

Total Primary Jobs

	2013	
	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs	572,067	100.0%

Jobs Counts by Counties Where Workers are Employed - Primary Jobs

	2013	
	Count	Share
Greenville County, SC	202,316	35.4%
Spartanburg County, SC	96,510	16.9%
Anderson County, SC	52,012	9.1%
Pickens County, SC	30,032	5.2%
Greenwood County, SC	21,839	3.8%
Oconee County, SC	18,464	3.2%
Richland County, SC	18,250	3.2%
Laurens County, SC	15,228	2.7%
Cherokee County, SC	14,229	2.5%
Lexington County, SC	12,057	2.1%
All Other Locations	91,130	15.9%

Top 10 Counties Where Workers Live Who are Employed in the Region

Total Primary Jobs

	2013	
	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs	561,905	100.0%

Jobs Counts by Counties Where Workers Live - Primary Jobs

	2013	
	Count	Share
Greenville County, SC	164,436	29.3%
Spartanburg County, SC	92,117	16.4%
Anderson County, SC	65,158	11.6%
Pickens County, SC	38,356	6.8%
Laurens County, SC	22,639	4.0%
Oconee County, SC	22,315	4.0%
Greenwood County, SC	21,064	3.7%
Cherokee County, SC	16,085	2.9%
Richland County, SC	9,233	1.6%
Newberry County, SC	9,132	1.6%
All Other Locations	101,370	18.0%

Central Region

Top 10 Counties Where Workers are Employed Who Live in the Region

Total Primary Jobs

	2013	
	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs	507,954	100.0%

Jobs Counts by Counties Where Workers are Employed - Primary Jobs

	2013	
	Count	Share
Richland County, SC	142,295	28.0%
Lexington County, SC	80,938	15.9%
York County, SC	51,161	10.1%
Mecklenburg County, NC	38,615	7.6%
Aiken County, SC	35,119	6.9%
Orangeburg County, SC	21,013	4.1%
Lancaster County, SC	12,115	2.4%
Greenville County, SC	12,059	2.4%
Charleston County, SC	9,977	2.0%
Richmond County, GA	9,418	1.9%
All Other Locations	95,244	18.8%

Top 10 Counties Where Workers Live Who are Employed in the Region

Total Primary Jobs

	2013	
	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs	516,591	100.0%

Jobs Counts by Counties Where Workers Live - Primary Jobs

	2013	
	Count	Share
Richland County, SC	116,888	22.6%
Lexington County, SC	94,121	18.2%
York County, SC	50,131	9.7%
Aiken County, SC	35,416	6.9%
Orangeburg County, SC	22,980	4.4%
Lancaster County, SC	14,552	2.8%
Mecklenburg County, NC	12,534	2.4%
Kershaw County, SC	11,215	2.2%
Greenville County, SC	9,415	1.8%
Charleston County, SC	7,982	1.5%
All Other Locations	141,357	27.4%

Pee Dee Region

Top 10 Counties Where Workers are Employed Who Live in the Region

Total Primary Jobs

	2013	
	Count	**Share**
Total Primary Jobs	339,988	100.0%

Jobs Counts by Counties Where Workers are Employed - Primary Jobs

	2013	
	Count	**Share**
Horry County, SC	87,668	25.8%
Florence County, SC	48,898	14.4%
Sumter County, SC	25,488	7.5%
Richland County, SC	24,050	7.1%
Georgetown County, SC	16,962	5.0%
Darlington County, SC	16,527	4.9%
Charleston County, SC	10,062	3.0%
Kershaw County, SC	10,051	3.0%
Chesterfield County, SC	10,018	2.9%
Williamsburg County, SC	7,268	2.1%
All Other Locations	82,996	24.4%

Top 10 Counties Where Workers Live Who are Employed in the Region

Total Primary Jobs

	2013	
	Count	**Share**
Total Primary Jobs	299,531	100.0%

Jobs Counts by Counties Where Workers Live - Primary Jobs

	2013	
	Count	**Share**
Horry County, SC	84,844	28.3%
Florence County, SC	39,868	13.3%
Sumter County, SC	23,639	7.9%
Darlington County, SC	18,639	6.2%
Georgetown County, SC	16,783	5.6%
Chesterfield County, SC	10,679	3.6%
Kershaw County, SC	10,371	3.5%
Williamsburg County, SC	9,866	3.3%
Clarendon County, SC	7,238	2.4%
Marion County, SC	7,213	2.4%
All Other Locations	70,391	23.5%

South Coast Region

Top 10 Counties Where Workers are Employed Who Live in the Region

Total Primary Jobs

	2013	
	Count	**Share**
Total Primary Jobs	347,705	100.0%

Jobs Counts by Counties Where Workers are Employed - Primary Jobs

	2013	
	Count	**Share**
Charleston County, SC	171,267	49.3%
Beaufort County, SC	40,894	11.8%
Berkeley County, SC	36,756	10.6%
Dorchester County, SC	24,280	7.0%
Richland County, SC	10,496	3.0%
Colleton County, SC	7,080	2.0%
Greenville County, SC	6,257	1.8%
Jasper County, SC	4,595	1.3%
Lexington County, SC	4,509	1.3%
Horry County, SC	4,123	1.2%
All Other Locations	37,448	10.8%

Top 10 Counties Where Workers Live Who are Employed in the Region

Total Primary Jobs

	2013	
	Count	**Share**
Total Primary Jobs	344,622	100.0%

Jobs Counts by Counties Where Workers Live - Primary Jobs

	2013	
	Count	**Share**
Charleston County, SC	123,956	36.0%
Berkeley County, SC	58,742	17.0%
Dorchester County, SC	46,184	13.4%
Beaufort County, SC	38,452	11.2%
Colleton County, SC	10,048	2.9%
Jasper County, SC	6,709	1.9%
Horry County, SC	5,123	1.5%
Richland County, SC	4,906	1.4%
Orangeburg County, SC	4,636	1.3%
Hampton County, SC	4,544	1.3%
All Other Locations	41,322	12.0%

Data Source and Notes

- **Data Source: U. S. Census Bureau, 2015. OnTheMap Application. Longitudinal–Employer Household Dynamics (LEHD) Program. http://onthemap.ces.census.gov/**

- The LEHD data infrastructure is based upon several core datasets provided by state partners. These datasets include Unemployment Insurance (UI) wage data and the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) as well as federal civilian workers. Coverage currently excludes several groups of workers: uniformed military, self-employed workers and informally employed workers.

- For the purposes of *OnTheMap*, LEHD defines a job as a link between a worker and a firm at which the worker has been employed during the reference quarter (Quarter 2 [April-June] 2013) *and* during the quarter *prior* to the reference quarter. This definition of "job" is sometimes called a "Beginning of Quarter" job because it is assumed that the worker was employed at that firm on the first day of the reference quarter. Jobs are associated with both a home census block for the worker and a jobsite census block in an origin-destination format.

- This presentation uses the "primary job" variable. A primary job is the highest paying job for an individual worker for the year. The count of primary jobs is the same as the count of workers.

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