



#### S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

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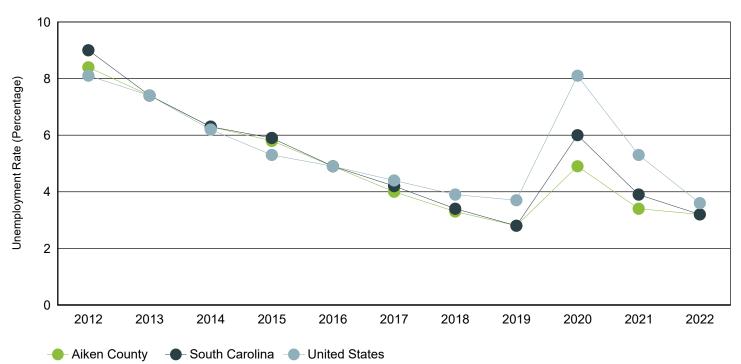
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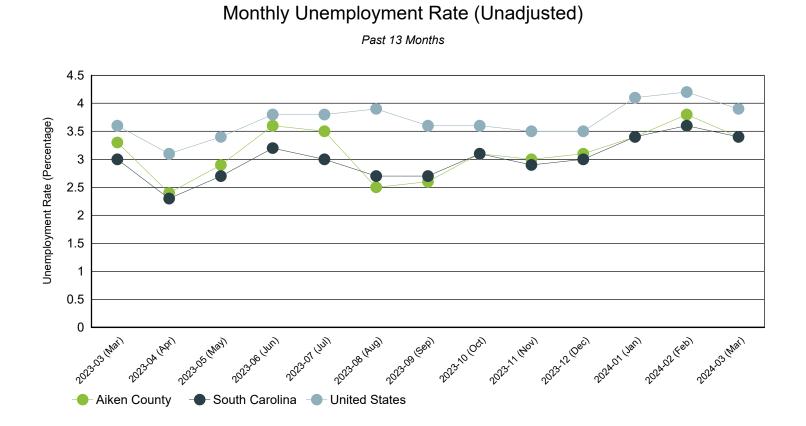
# Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Trends



	Aiken	South Carolina United States			ed States				
Year	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate
2022	70,726	2,306	3.2%	2,316,435	76,894	3.2%	158,291,000	5,996,000	3.6%
2021	71,099	2,478	3.4%	2,266,611	92,558	3.9%	152,581,000	8,623,000	5.3%
2020	70,180	3,594	4.9%	2,199,751	139,389	6.0%	147,795,000	12,947,000	8.1%
2019	71,459	2,077	2.8%	2,268,884	64,649	2.8%	157,538,000	6,001,000	3.7%
2018	70,108	2,374	3.3%	2,205,356	76,666	3.4%	155,761,000	6,314,000	3.9%
2017	69,563	2,926	4.0%	2,166,708	95,058	4.2%	153,337,000	6,982,000	4.4%
2016	70,293	3,614	4.9%	2,174,301	111,753	4.9%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%
2015	69,572	4,308	5.8%	2,134,087	133,750	5.9%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2014	68,338	4,616	6.3%	2,082,941	139,485	6.3%	146,305,000	9,617,000	6.2%
2013	67,531	5,358	7.4%	2,034,404	163,472	7.4%	143,929,000	11,460,000	7.4%
2012	66,929	6,148	8.4%	1,992,957	197,246	9.0%	142,469,000	12,506,000	8.1%

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce



Period	Aiken County	South Carolina	United States
Mar 2024	3.4%	3.4%	3.9%
Feb 2024	3.8%	3.6%	4.2%
Jan 2024	3.4%	3.4%	4.1%
Dec 2023	3.1%	3.0%	3.5%
Nov 2023	3.0%	2.9%	3.5%
Oct 2023	3.1%	3.1%	3.6%
Sep 2023	2.6%	2.7%	3.6%
Aug 2023	2.5%	2.7%	3.9%
Jul 2023	3.5%	3.0%	3.8%
Jun 2023	3.6%	3.2%	3.8%
May 2023	2.9%	2.7%	3.4%
Apr 2023	2.4%	2.3%	3.1%
Mar 2023	3.3%	3.0%	3.6%

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

# Area Job Openings

	Aiken County					South Care	olina	
Period	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings
Mar-24	72,935	2,566	3.4%		2,399,623	77,961	3.1%	
Feb-24	71,433	2,811	3.8%		2,396,195	76,424	3.1%	
Jan-24	71,111	2,510	3.4%		2,396,514	75,325	3.0%	
Dec-23	71,156	2,279	3.1%		2,395,427	74,873	3.0%	
Nov-23	71,336	2,209	3.0%		2,395,934	74,957	3.0%	
Oct-23	71,819	2,280	3.1%	3,266	2,396,218	74,511	3.0%	91,724
Sep-23	71,955	1,955	2.6%	3,850	2,394,416	72,805	3.0%	101,555
Aug-23	72,145	1,817	2.5%	3,582	2,391,519	70,907	2.9%	102,287
Jul-23	72,681	2,672	3.5%	3,582	2,387,893	69,547	2.8%	112,508
Jun-23	72,159	2,678	3.6%	3,410	2,383,328	69,189	2.8%	113,533
May-23	71,423	2,106	2.9%	3,950	2,378,120	69,850	2.9%	124,397
Apr-23	72,370	1,762	2.4%	3,687	2,371,767	70,923	2.9%	117,601
Mar-23	70,729	2,447	3.3%	3,449	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	Aiken County	South Carolina
0 to 4	2,455	131,475
5 to 9	654	17,980
10 to 19	443	12,142
20 to 49	288	8,734
50 to 99	104	3,033
100 to 249	64	1,895
250 to 499	18	613
500 to 999	9	304
1000 +	8	233

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2023 Q3 - Indicates that the requested data is suppressed

### Employment by Size of Establishment

Employees	Aiken County	South Carolina
0 to 4	2,939	132,343
5 to 9	4,352	118,704
10 to 19	6,164	164,578
20 to 49	8,600	265,021
50 to 99	7,100	209,933
100 to 249	9,880	293,805
250 to 499	6,192	209,837
500 to 999	5,810	210,928
1000 +	19,074	645,300

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#### 20 Largest Employers

(Listed Alphabetically)

Corporation Name

ACT FOR HEALTH INC

AGY AIKEN LLC

AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AIKEN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTERS INC

Battelle Savannah River Alliance LL

BRIDGESTONE AMERICAS TIRE OPERATION

CENTERRA GROUP LLC

CITY OF AIKEN

COUNTY OF AIKEN

EDWARD D. JONES ET AL.

HELTON MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC

HUBBELL POWER SYSTEMS

Kimberly Clark USA LLC

Savannah River Mission Completion L

SAVANNAH RIVER NUCLEAR SOLUTIONS LL

SHAW INDUSTRIES GROUP INC

SRP Federal Credit Union

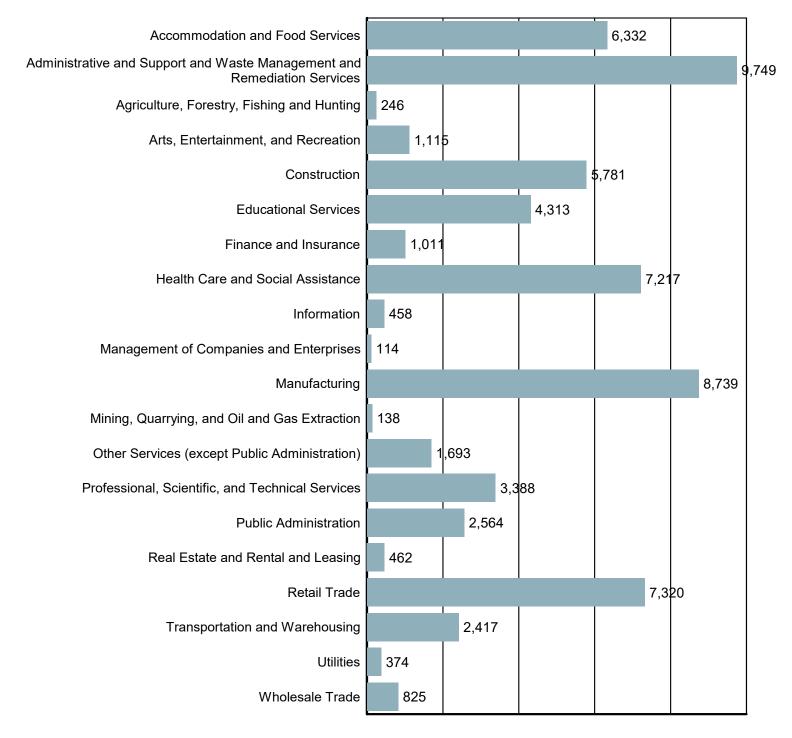
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UPS CUSTOMHOUSE BROKERAGE INC

WAL-MART ASSOCIATES 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

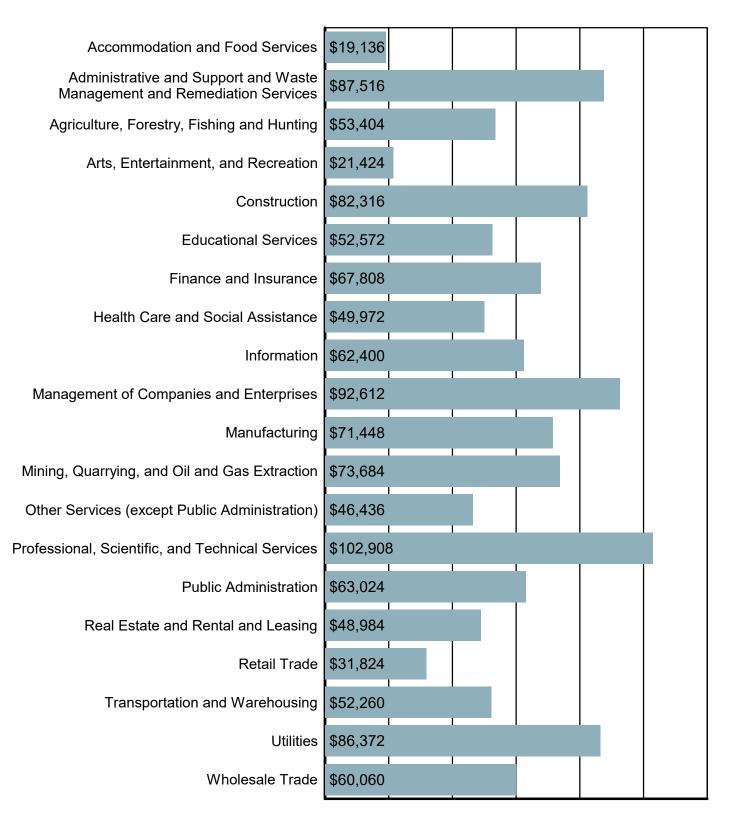
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Occupation Name (Soccode)	Job Openings
Registered Nurses (29-1141)	174
Retail Salespersons (41-2031)	123
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)	110
Customer Service Representatives (43-4051)	63
Fast Food and Counter Workers (35-3023)	60
Mechanical Engineers (17-2141)	56
Food Service Managers (11-9051)	55
Civil Engineers (17-2051)	46
Medical and Health Services Managers (11-9111)	46
Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other (29-2099)	45
Managers, All Other (11-9199)	45
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products (41-4012)	44
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive (43-6014)	44
Electrical Engineers (17-2071)	40
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers (35-1012)	40
Medical Assistants (31-9092)	40
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (29-2061)	39
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General (49-9071)	36
Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians (17-3026)	35
Dentists, General (29-1021)	34

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

#### Aiken County

#### 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.

Lower Savannah Industry	2020 Estimated Employment	2030 Projected Employment	Change	Percent Change	Annual Percent
Health Care and Social Assistance	11,823	14,820	2,997	25.35	2.29
Total All Industries	112,952	113,883	931	0.82	0.08
Finance and Insurance	1,975	2,626	651	32.96	2.89
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,103	1,556	453	41.07	3.50
Retail Trade	12,566	12,830	264	2.10	0.21
Accommodation and Food Services	8,739	8,986	247	2.83	0.28
Information	616	720	104	16.88	1.57
Transportation and Warehousing	4,056	4,155	99	2.44	0.24
Management of Companies and Enterprises	127	114	-13	-10.24	-1.07
Mining	122	105	-17	-13.93	-1.49
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	630	589	-41	-6.51	-0.67
Wholesale Trade	2,047	1,976	-71	-3.47	-0.35
Other Services (except Government)	5,003	4,927	-76	-1.52	-0.15
Utilities	814	696	-118	-14.50	-1.55
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediat	10,971	10,847	-124	-1.13	-0.11
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	3,122	2,970	-152	-4.87	-0.50
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,707	1,550	-157	-9.20	-0.96
Government	7,331	7,015	-316	-4.31	-0.44
Educational Services	9,863	9,277	-586	-5.94	-0.61
Construction	7,047	6,333	-714	-10.13	-1.06
Manufacturing	17,488	16,525	-963	-5.51	-0.56

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