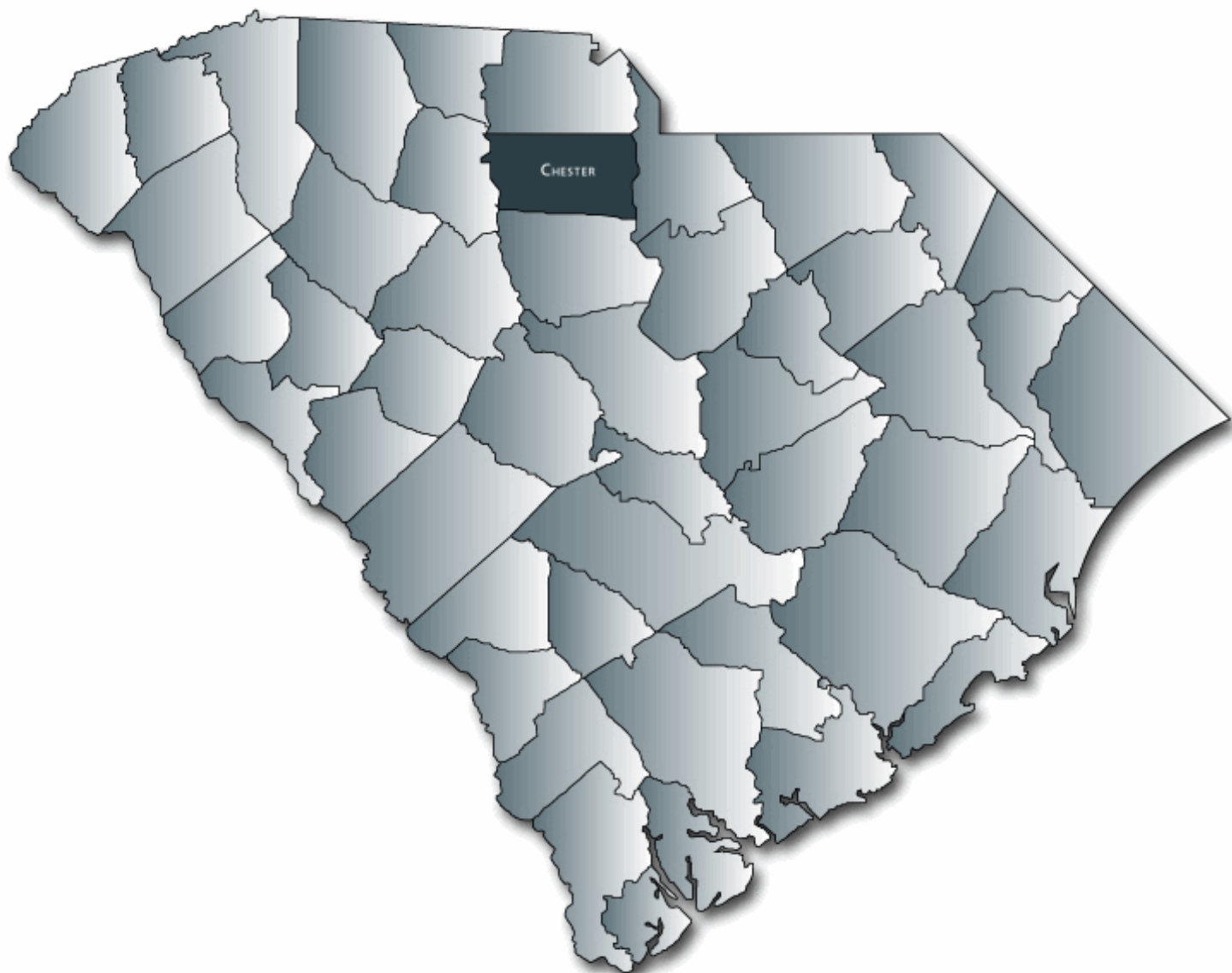


# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Chester County



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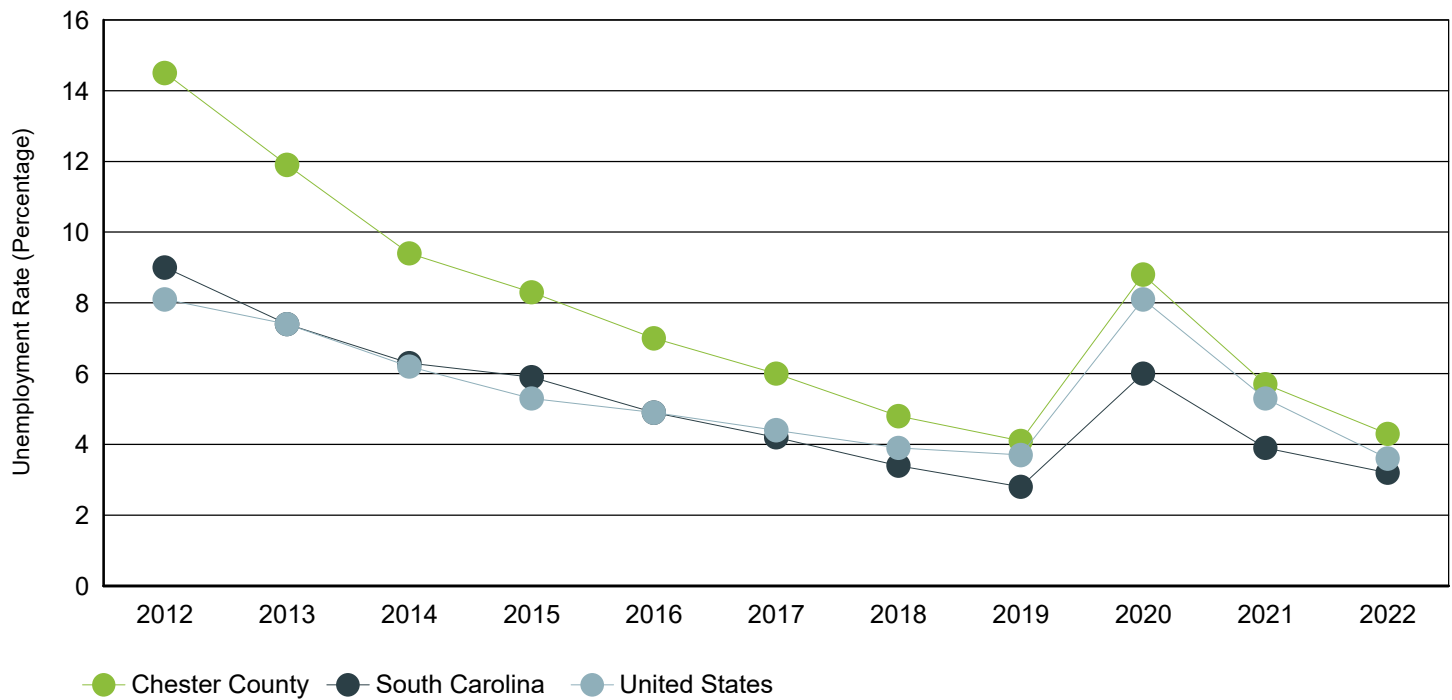
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## Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Trends

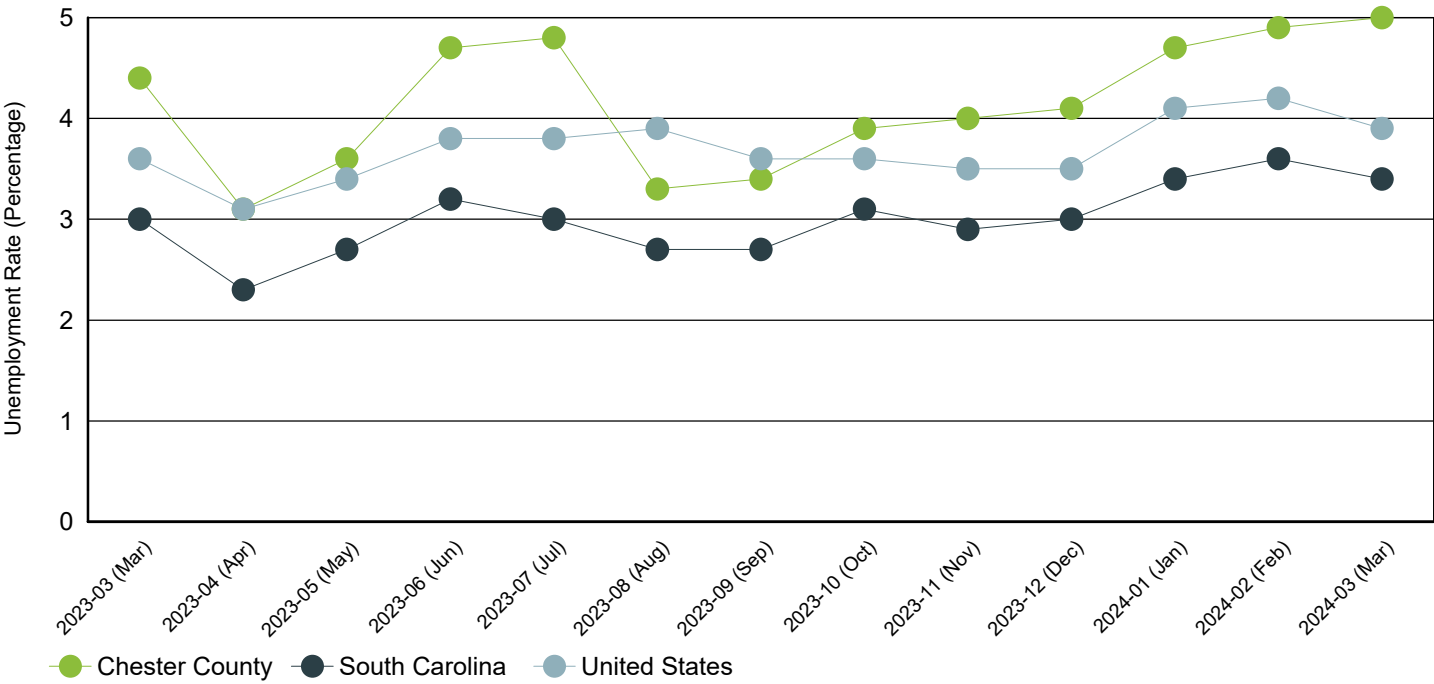


| Year | Chester County |       |       | South Carolina |         |      | United States |            |      |
|------|----------------|-------|-------|----------------|---------|------|---------------|------------|------|
|      | Employment     | Unemp | Rate  | Employment     | Unemp   | Rate | Employment    | Unemp      | Rate |
| 2022 | 12,717         | 566   | 4.3%  | 2,316,435      | 76,894  | 3.2% | 158,291,000   | 5,996,000  | 3.6% |
| 2021 | 12,490         | 755   | 5.7%  | 2,266,611      | 92,558  | 3.9% | 152,581,000   | 8,623,000  | 5.3% |
| 2020 | 12,018         | 1,160 | 8.8%  | 2,199,751      | 139,389 | 6.0% | 147,795,000   | 12,947,000 | 8.1% |
| 2019 | 12,417         | 529   | 4.1%  | 2,268,884      | 64,649  | 2.8% | 157,538,000   | 6,001,000  | 3.7% |
| 2018 | 12,199         | 615   | 4.8%  | 2,205,356      | 76,666  | 3.4% | 155,761,000   | 6,314,000  | 3.9% |
| 2017 | 12,245         | 785   | 6.0%  | 2,166,708      | 95,058  | 4.2% | 153,337,000   | 6,982,000  | 4.4% |
| 2016 | 12,404         | 940   | 7.0%  | 2,174,301      | 111,753 | 4.9% | 151,436,000   | 7,751,000  | 4.9% |
| 2015 | 12,328         | 1,115 | 8.3%  | 2,134,087      | 133,750 | 5.9% | 148,834,000   | 8,296,000  | 5.3% |
| 2014 | 12,154         | 1,264 | 9.4%  | 2,082,941      | 139,485 | 6.3% | 146,305,000   | 9,617,000  | 6.2% |
| 2013 | 12,069         | 1,634 | 11.9% | 2,034,404      | 163,472 | 7.4% | 143,929,000   | 11,460,000 | 7.4% |
| 2012 | 12,005         | 2,034 | 14.5% | 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   | Chester County | South Carolina | United States |
|----------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mar 2024 | 5.0%           | 3.4%           | 3.9%          |
| Feb 2024 | 4.9%           | 3.6%           | 4.2%          |
| Jan 2024 | 4.7%           | 3.4%           | 4.1%          |
| Dec 2023 | 4.1%           | 3.0%           | 3.5%          |
| Nov 2023 | 4.0%           | 2.9%           | 3.5%          |
| Oct 2023 | 3.9%           | 3.1%           | 3.6%          |
| Sep 2023 | 3.4%           | 2.7%           | 3.6%          |
| Aug 2023 | 3.3%           | 2.7%           | 3.9%          |
| Jul 2023 | 4.8%           | 3.0%           | 3.8%          |
| Jun 2023 | 4.7%           | 3.2%           | 3.8%          |
| May 2023 | 3.6%           | 2.7%           | 3.4%          |
| Apr 2023 | 3.1%           | 2.3%           | 3.1%          |
| Mar 2023 | 4.4%           | 3.0%           | 3.6%          |

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

## Area Job Openings

| Period | Chester County |            |             |              | South Carolina |            |             |              |
|--------|----------------|------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
|        | Employed       | Unemployed | Unemp. Rate | Job Openings | Employed       | Unemployed | Unemp. Rate | Job Openings |
| Mar-24 | 13,298         | 694        | 5.0%        |              | 2,399,623      | 77,961     | 3.1%        |              |
| Feb-24 | 13,110         | 673        | 4.9%        |              | 2,396,195      | 76,424     | 3.1%        |              |
| Jan-24 | 13,044         | 649        | 4.7%        |              | 2,396,514      | 75,325     | 3.0%        |              |
| Dec-23 | 13,241         | 565        | 4.1%        |              | 2,395,427      | 74,873     | 3.0%        |              |
| Nov-23 | 13,295         | 551        | 4.0%        |              | 2,395,934      | 74,957     | 3.0%        |              |
| Oct-23 | 13,269         | 539        | 3.9%        | 516          | 2,396,218      | 74,511     | 3.0%        | 91,724       |
| Sep-23 | 13,343         | 475        | 3.4%        | 619          | 2,394,416      | 72,805     | 3.0%        | 101,555      |
| Aug-23 | 13,483         | 458        | 3.3%        | 595          | 2,391,519      | 70,907     | 2.9%        | 102,287      |
| Jul-23 | 13,485         | 679        | 4.8%        | 595          | 2,387,893      | 69,547     | 2.8%        | 112,508      |
| Jun-23 | 13,431         | 664        | 4.7%        | 603          | 2,383,328      | 69,189     | 2.8%        | 113,533      |
| May-23 | 13,220         | 500        | 3.6%        | 674          | 2,378,120      | 69,850     | 2.9%        | 124,397      |
| Apr-23 | 13,151         | 423        | 3.1%        | 705          | 2,371,767      | 70,923     | 2.9%        | 117,601      |
| Mar-23 | 13,069         | 602        | 4.4%        | 640          | 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  | Chester County | South Carolina |
|------------|----------------|----------------|
| 0 to 4     | 469            | 131,475        |
| 5 to 9     | 113            | 17,980         |
| 10 to 19   | 66             | 12,142         |
| 20 to 49   | 45             | 8,734          |
| 50 to 99   | 18             | 3,033          |
| 100 to 249 | 11             | 1,895          |
| 250 to 499 | 6              | 613            |
| 500 to 999 | 0              | 304            |
| 1000 +     | 0              | 233            |

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

- Indicates that the requested data is suppressed

## Employment by Size of Establishment

| Employees  | Chester County | South Carolina |
|------------|----------------|----------------|
| 0 to 4     | 591            | 132,343        |
| 5 to 9     | 760            | 118,704        |
| 10 to 19   | 907            | 164,578        |
| 20 to 49   | 1,261          | 265,021        |
| 50 to 99   | 1,133          | 209,933        |
| 100 to 249 | 1,888          | 293,805        |
| 250 to 499 | 1,897          | 209,837        |
| 500 to 999 | 0              | 210,928        |
| 1000 +     | 0              | 645,300        |

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

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## 20 Largest Employers

(Listed Alphabetically)

### Corporation Name

ATI Specialty Materials, LLC

BOISE CASCADE CO

BUILDING MATERIALS MANUFACTURING CO

CAROLINA POLY INC

CHESTER COUNTY

CHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

CHESTER TELEPHONE COMPANY

E & J GALLO WINERY

GITI TIRE MANUFACTURING USA LTD

GUARDIAN INDUSTRIES CORPORATION

MEDICAL UNIV OF SC HOSPITAL AUTHORI

REHAB EMPLOYEE SERVICES LLC

ROSEBURG SOUTH ENGINEERED WOOD LLC

RS HOSPITALITY LLC

SC DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION

SCHNEIDER NATIONAL CARRIERS INC

SUN FIBER LLC

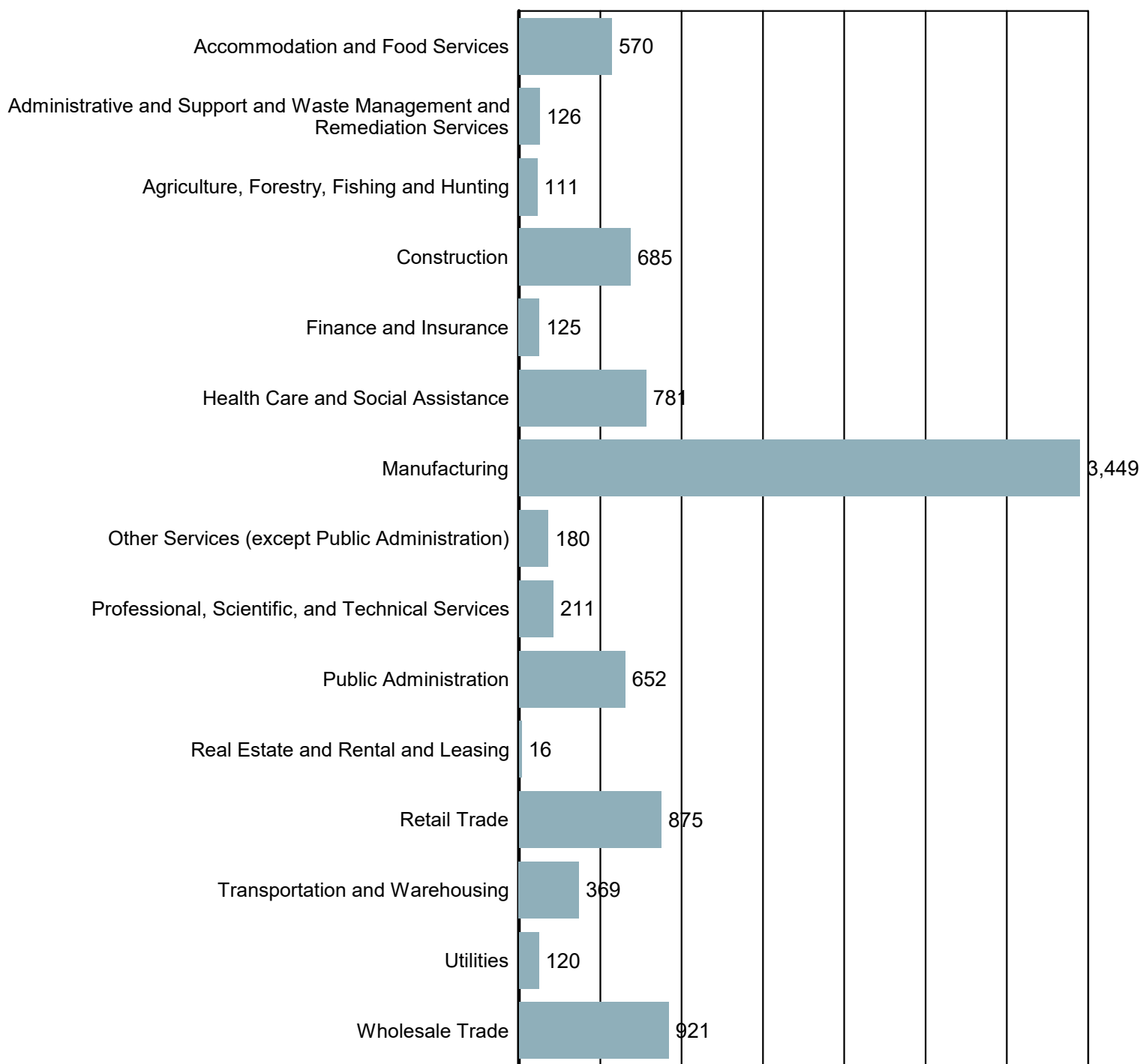
UNITED INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP INC

UNITED NATURAL FOODS 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

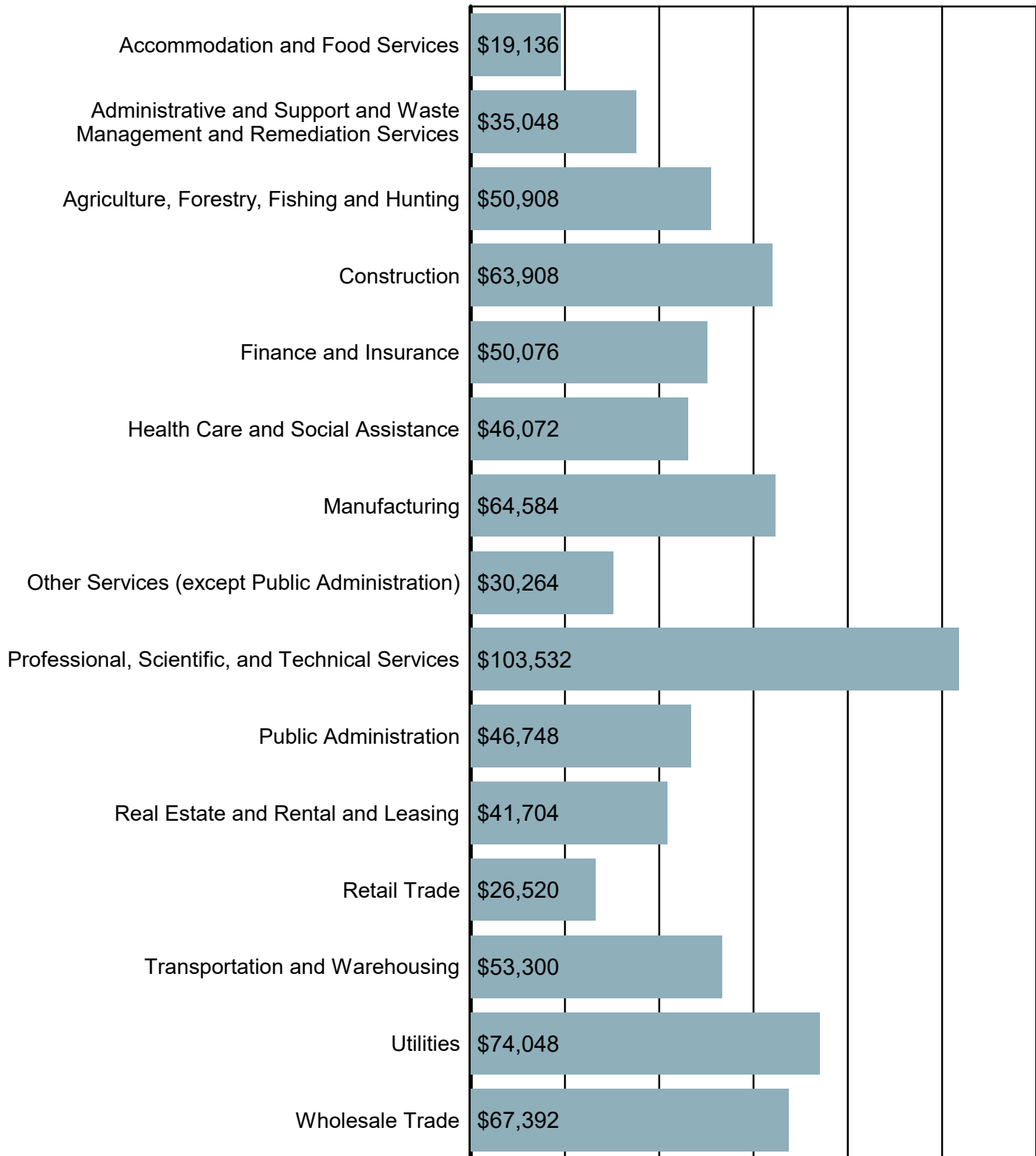
## Top 20 Occupational Openings

*Chester County  
October-2023*

| Occupation Name (Soccode)   | Job Openings |
|---|--------------|
| Registered Nurses (29-1141)   | 51           |
| Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand (53-7062)        | 17           |
| Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians (17-3026)          | 16           |
| First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)                | 15           |
| Retail Salespersons (41-2031)   | 15           |
| Nursing Assistants (31-1131)  | 14           |
| Stockers and Order Fillers (53-7065)                                    | 13           |
| Food Service Managers (11-9051)   | 12           |
| Production Workers, All Other (51-9199)                                 | 10           |
| Fast Food and Counter Workers (35-3023)                                 | 9            |
| Physical Therapists (29-1123)   | 9            |
| Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners (37-2011) | 8            |
| Medical and Health Services Managers (11-9111)                          | 8            |
| Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators (53-7051)                        | 7            |
| Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (29-2061)             | 7            |
| Maintenance and Repair Workers, General (49-9071)                       | 7            |
| Managers, All Other (11-9199)   | 7            |
| Coaches and Scouts (27-2022)  | 6            |
| General and Operations Managers (11-1021)                               | 6            |
| Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other (29-2099)               | 6            |

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.

| Catawba<br>Industry   | 2020<br>Estimated<br>Employment | 2030<br>Projected<br>Employment | Change | Percent<br>Change | Annual<br>Percent |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total All Industries  | 146,594                         | 183,758                         | 37,164 | 25.35             | 2.29              |
| Accommodation and Food Services                                 | 12,424                          | 16,469                          | 4,045  | 32.56             | 2.86              |
| Manufacturing   | 17,499                          | 21,403                          | 3,904  | 22.31             | 2.03              |
| Health Care and Social Assistance                               | 12,927                          | 16,361                          | 3,434  | 26.56             | 2.38              |
| Administrative and Support and Waste Management<br>and Remediat | 8,182                           | 11,451                          | 3,269  | 39.95             | 3.42              |
| Educational Services  | 11,939                          | 14,832                          | 2,893  | 24.23             | 2.19              |
| Retail Trade  | 16,545                          | 19,242                          | 2,697  | 16.30             | 1.52              |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services                | 8,429                           | 10,590                          | 2,161  | 25.64             | 2.31              |
| Finance and Insurance   | 5,517                           | 7,551                           | 2,034  | 36.87             | 3.19              |
| Government  | 7,402                           | 9,333                           | 1,931  | 26.09             | 2.35              |
| Wholesale Trade   | 6,152                           | 7,846                           | 1,694  | 27.54             | 2.46              |
| Other Services (except Government)                              | 7,178                           | 8,657                           | 1,479  | 20.60             | 1.89              |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises                         | 6,896                           | 8,142                           | 1,246  | 18.07             | 1.67              |
| Construction  | 6,404                           | 7,507                           | 1,103  | 17.22             | 1.60              |
| Information   | 2,702                           | 3,763                           | 1,061  | 39.27             | 3.37              |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation                             | 1,861                           | 2,504                           | 643    | 34.55             | 3.01              |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing                              | 1,806                           | 2,226                           | 420    | 23.26             | 2.11              |

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