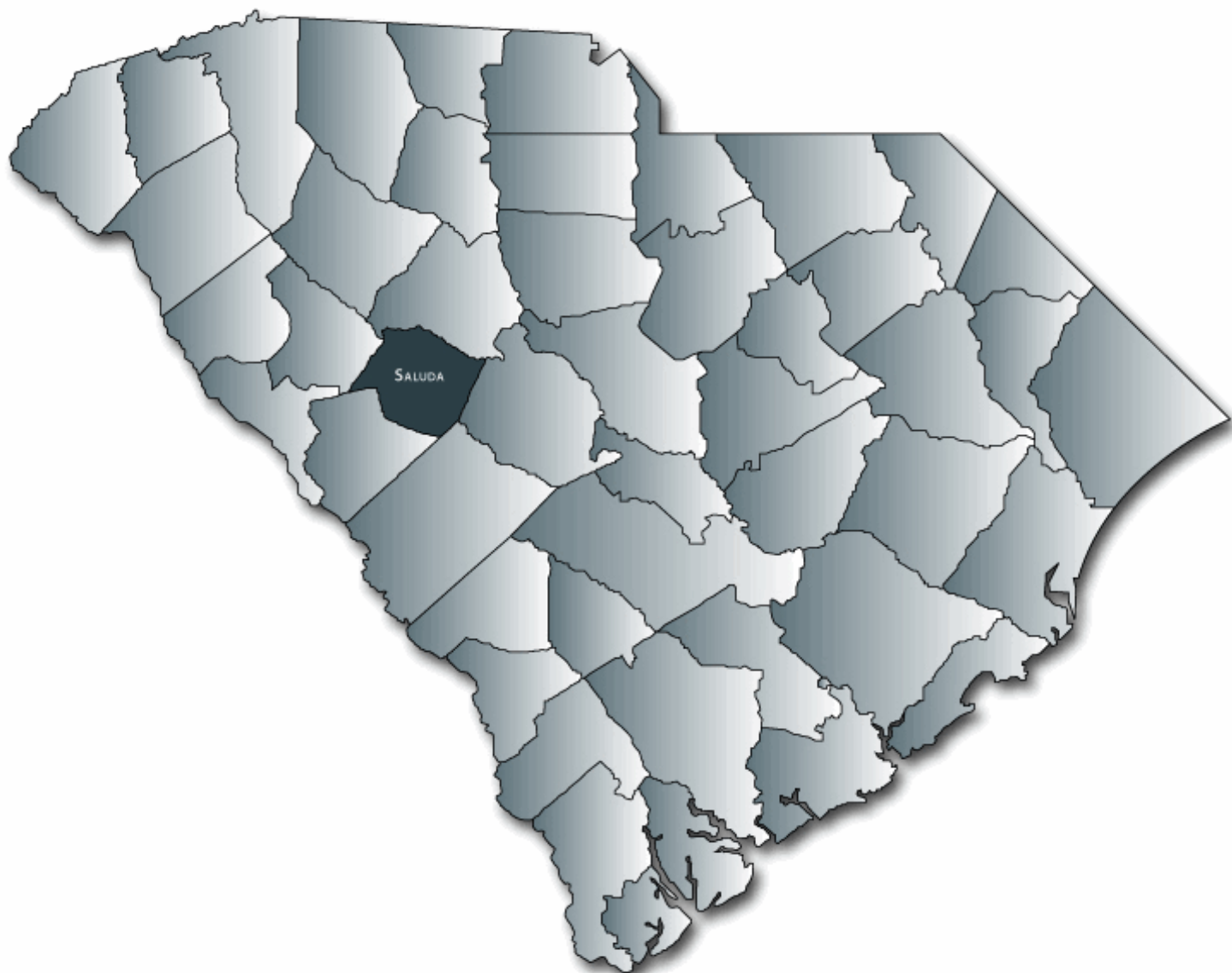


# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Saluda County



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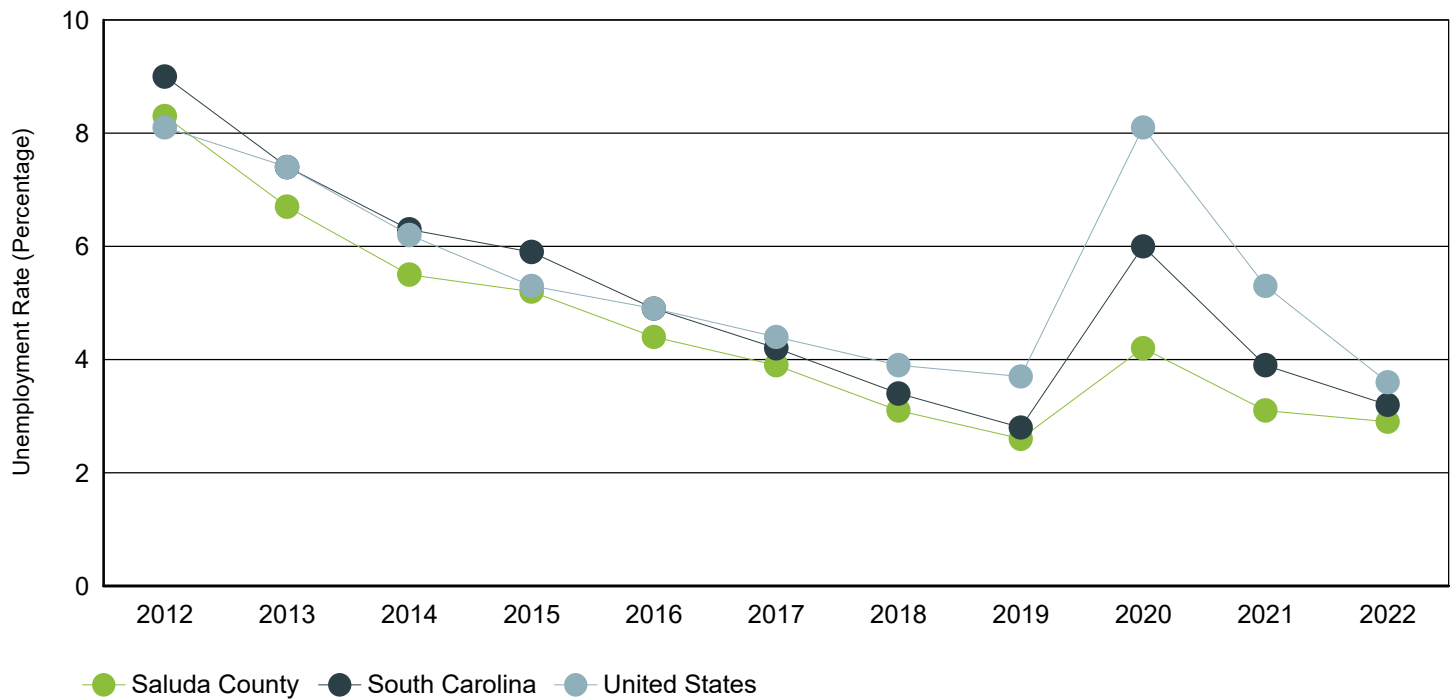
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## Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Trends

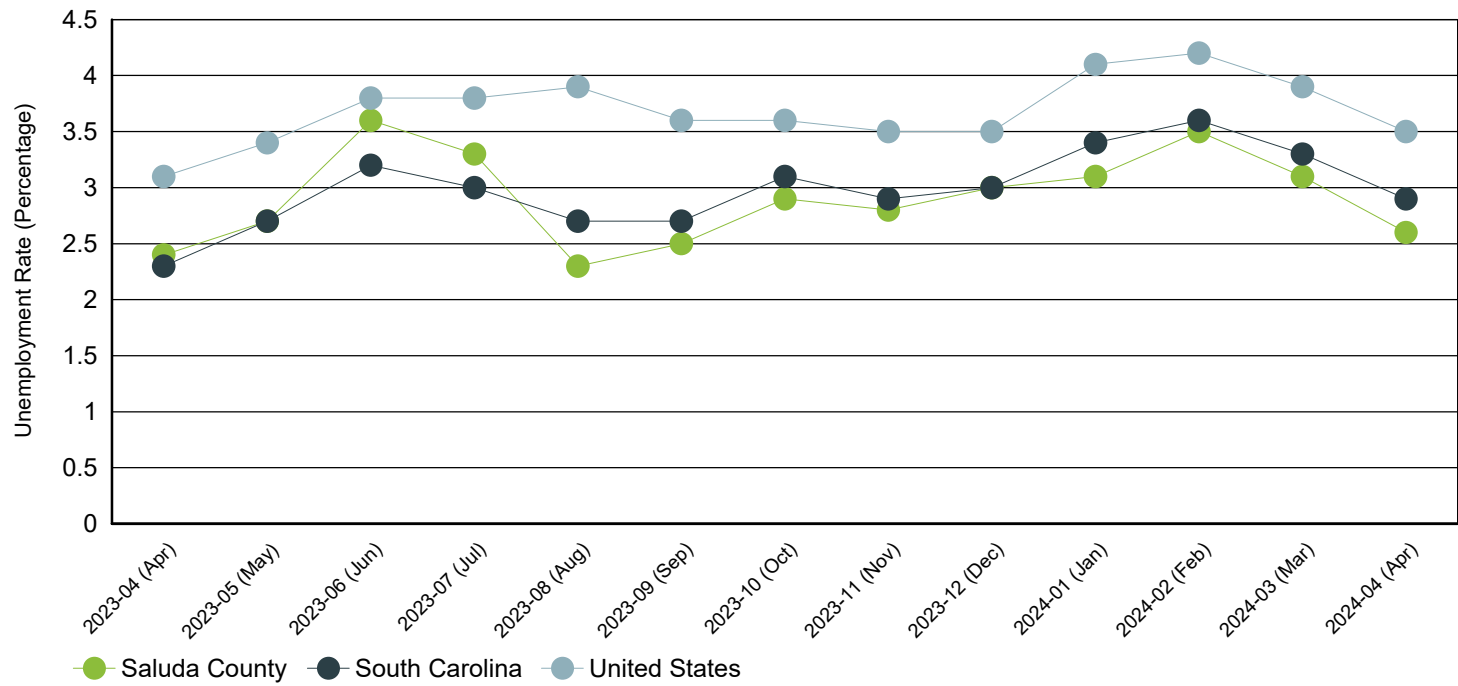


| Year | Saluda County |       |      | South Carolina |         |      | United States |            |      |
|------|---------------|-------|------|----------------|---------|------|---------------|------------|------|
|      | Employment    | Unemp | Rate | Employment     | Unemp   | Rate | Employment    | Unemp      | Rate |
| 2022 | 8,143         | 240   | 2.9% | 2,316,435      | 76,894  | 3.2% | 158,291,000   | 5,996,000  | 3.6% |
| 2021 | 8,126         | 264   | 3.1% | 2,266,611      | 92,558  | 3.9% | 152,581,000   | 8,623,000  | 5.3% |
| 2020 | 7,987         | 348   | 4.2% | 2,199,751      | 139,389 | 6.0% | 147,795,000   | 12,947,000 | 8.1% |
| 2019 | 8,400         | 224   | 2.6% | 2,268,884      | 64,649  | 2.8% | 157,538,000   | 6,001,000  | 3.7% |
| 2018 | 8,315         | 262   | 3.1% | 2,205,356      | 76,666  | 3.4% | 155,761,000   | 6,314,000  | 3.9% |
| 2017 | 8,356         | 336   | 3.9% | 2,166,708      | 95,058  | 4.2% | 153,337,000   | 6,982,000  | 4.4% |
| 2016 | 8,476         | 394   | 4.4% | 2,174,301      | 111,753 | 4.9% | 151,436,000   | 7,751,000  | 4.9% |
| 2015 | 8,367         | 458   | 5.2% | 2,134,087      | 133,750 | 5.9% | 148,834,000   | 8,296,000  | 5.3% |
| 2014 | 8,177         | 479   | 5.5% | 2,082,941      | 139,485 | 6.3% | 146,305,000   | 9,617,000  | 6.2% |
| 2013 | 8,018         | 578   | 6.7% | 2,034,404      | 163,472 | 7.4% | 143,929,000   | 11,460,000 | 7.4% |
| 2012 | 7,895         | 714   | 8.3% | 1,992,957      | 197,246 | 9.0% | 142,469,000   | 12,506,000 | 8.1% |

Source: S.C. Department of Employment &amp; Workforce

Monthly Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Past 13 Months



| Period   | Saluda County | South Carolina | United States |
|----------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Apr 2024 | 2.6%          | 2.9%           | 3.5%          |
| Mar 2024 | 3.1%          | 3.3%           | 3.9%          |
| Feb 2024 | 3.5%          | 3.6%           | 4.2%          |
| Jan 2024 | 3.1%          | 3.4%           | 4.1%          |
| Dec 2023 | 3.0%          | 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 | 3.3%          | 3.0%           | 3.8%          |
| Jun 2023 | 3.6%          | 3.2%           | 3.8%          |
| May 2023 | 2.7%          | 2.7%           | 3.4%          |
| Apr 2023 | 2.4%          | 2.3%           | 3.1%          |

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

## Area Job Openings

| Period | Saluda County |            |             |              | South Carolina |            |             |              |
|--------|---------------|------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
|        | Employed      | Unemployed | Unemp. Rate | Job Openings | Employed       | Unemployed | Unemp. Rate | Job Openings |
| Apr-24 | 8,745         | 234        | 2.6%        |              | 2,404,450      | 79,793     | 3.2%        |              |
| Mar-24 | 8,840         | 280        | 3.1%        |              | 2,399,640      | 77,948     | 3.1%        |              |
| Feb-24 | 8,650         | 312        | 3.5%        |              | 2,396,195      | 76,424     | 3.1%        |              |
| Jan-24 | 8,228         | 265        | 3.1%        |              | 2,396,514      | 75,325     | 3.0%        |              |
| Dec-23 | 8,270         | 254        | 3.0%        |              | 2,395,427      | 74,873     | 3.0%        |              |
| Nov-23 | 8,409         | 246        | 2.8%        |              | 2,395,934      | 74,957     | 3.0%        |              |
| Oct-23 | 8,496         | 256        | 2.9%        | 93           | 2,396,218      | 74,511     | 3.0%        | 91,724       |
| Sep-23 | 8,549         | 221        | 2.5%        | 140          | 2,394,416      | 72,805     | 3.0%        | 101,555      |
| Aug-23 | 8,407         | 197        | 2.3%        | 124          | 2,391,519      | 70,907     | 2.9%        | 102,287      |
| Jul-23 | 8,464         | 289        | 3.3%        | 124          | 2,387,893      | 69,547     | 2.8%        | 112,508      |
| Jun-23 | 8,290         | 307        | 3.6%        | 98           | 2,383,328      | 69,189     | 2.8%        | 113,533      |
| May-23 | 8,328         | 228        | 2.7%        | 116          | 2,378,120      | 69,850     | 2.9%        | 124,397      |
| Apr-23 | 8,257         | 199        | 2.4%        | 106          | 2,371,767      | 70,923     | 2.9%        | 117,601      |

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  | Saluda County | South Carolina |
|------------|---------------|----------------|
| 0 to 4     | 192           | 131,475        |
| 5 to 9     | 49            | 17,980         |
| 10 to 19   | 40            | 12,142         |
| 20 to 49   | 21            | 8,734          |
| 50 to 99   | 7             | 3,033          |
| 100 to 249 | 8             | 1,895          |
| 250 to 499 | 0             | 613            |
| 500 to 999 | 0             | 304            |
| 1000 +     | 0             | 233            |

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

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## Employment by Size of Establishment

| Employees  | Saluda County | South Carolina |
|------------|---------------|----------------|
| 0 to 4     | 284           | 132,343        |
| 5 to 9     | 345           | 118,704        |
| 10 to 19   | 541           | 164,578        |
| 20 to 49   | 645           | 265,021        |
| 50 to 99   | 424           | 209,933        |
| 100 to 249 | 1,236         | 293,805        |
| 250 to 499 | 0             | 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

ALLCAREGIVERS INC

AMICK FARMS LLC

ARCH ENTERPRISES LLC

Carolina Franchise Holdings LLC

COUNTY OF SALUDA

DARLING INGREDIENTS INC

FOOD LION LLC

JERROLD A WATSON & SONS LLC

NIPCAM SERVICES OF SOUTH CAROLINA L

Palmetto Gourmet Foods INC

PONDEROSA COUNTRY CLUB

SAIMA OF NORTH AMERICA INC

SALUDA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

SALUDA NURSING CENTER

SC DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION

SC Pet Food Solutions LLC

THE BEST DRESSED CHICKEN INC

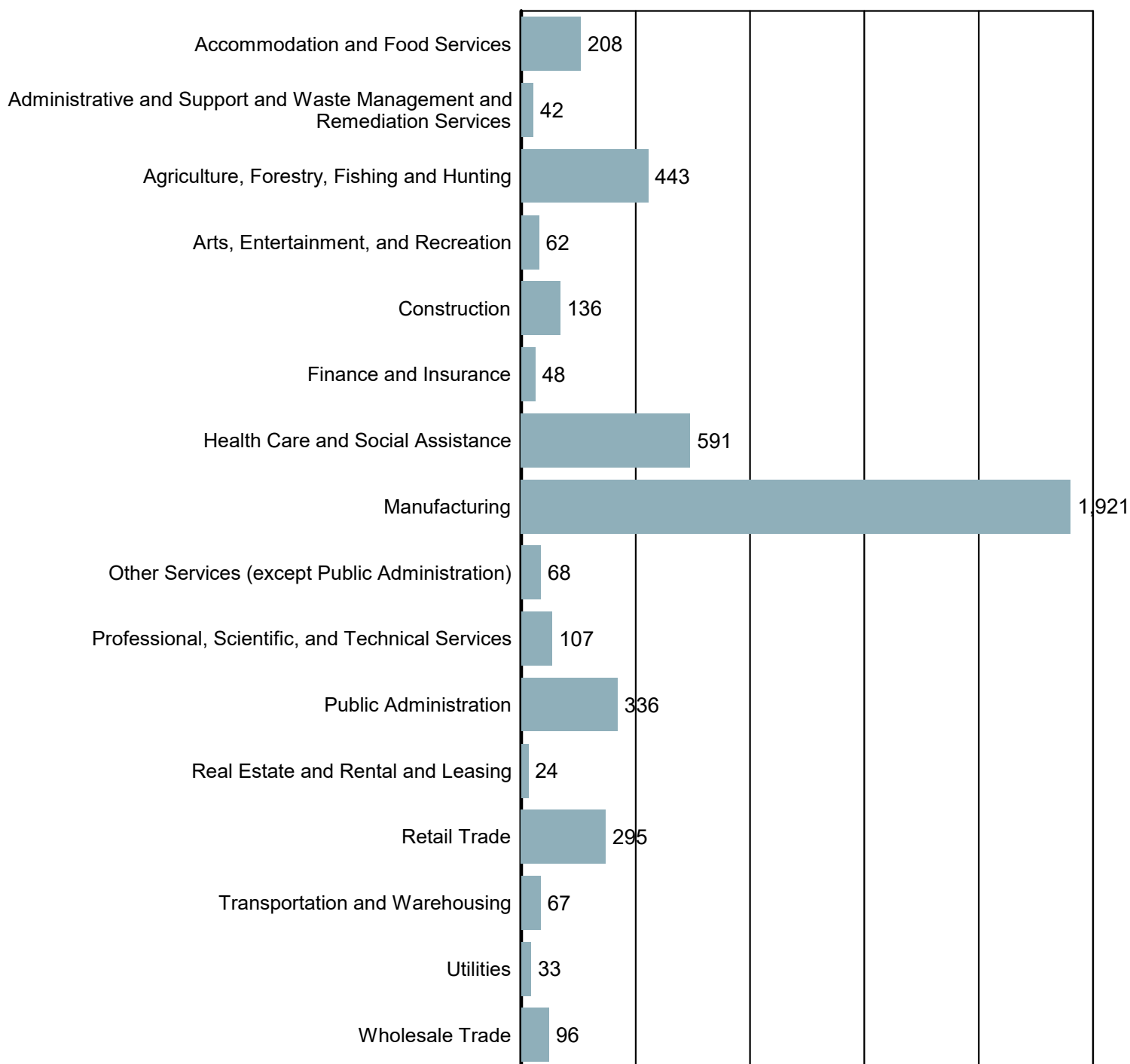
VALLEY PROTEINS INC.

VSM MANAGEMENT LLC

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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



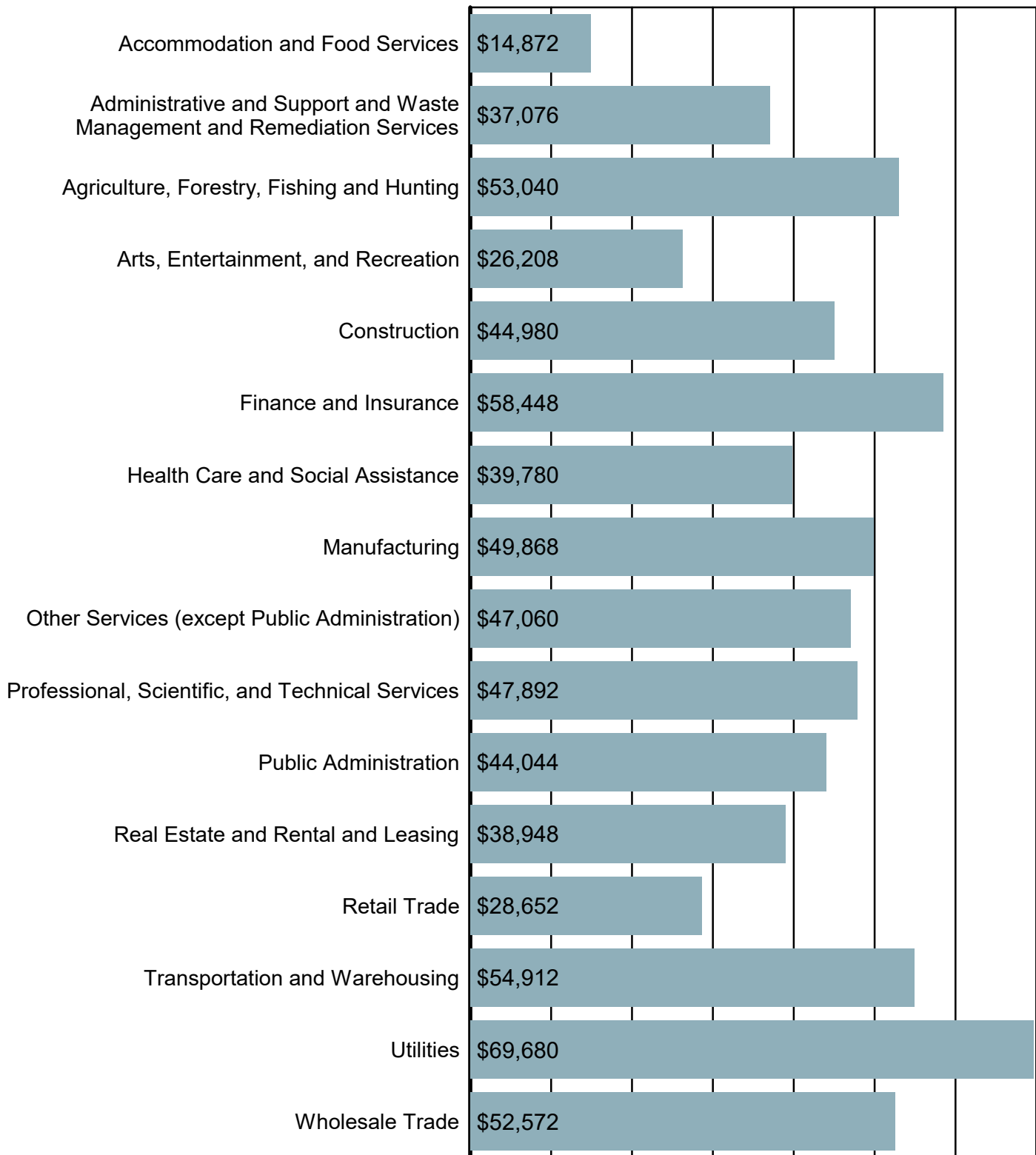
## Top 10 Occupational Openings

Saluda County  
October-2023

| Occupation Name (Soccode)   | Job Openings |
|---|--------------|
| Retail Salespersons (41-2031)                                       | 6            |
| First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)            | 5            |
| Cashiers (41-2011)  | 3            |
| Computer Occupations, All Other (15-1299)                           | 3            |
| Dentists, General (29-1021)   | 3            |
| Human Resources Specialists (13-1071)                               | 3            |
| Industrial Production Managers (11-3051)                            | 3            |
| Life, Physical, and Social Science Technicians, All Other (19-4099) | 3            |
| Light Truck Drivers (53-3033)                                       | 3            |
| Social and Community Service Managers (11-9151)                     | 3            |

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.

| Upper Savannah<br>Industry                                      | 2020<br>Estimated<br>Employment | 2030<br>Projected<br>Employment | Change | Percent<br>Change | Annual<br>Percent |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total All Industries  | 86,880                          | 90,203                          | 3,323  | 3.82              | 0.38              |
| Health Care and Social Assistance                               | 9,801                           | 12,504                          | 2,703  | 27.58             | 2.47              |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation                             | 784                             | 1,483                           | 699    | 89.16             | 6.58              |
| Administrative and Support and Waste Management<br>and Remediat | 5,030                           | 5,496                           | 466    | 9.26              | 0.89              |
| Accommodation and Food Services                                 | 5,406                           | 5,857                           | 451    | 8.34              | 0.80              |
| Finance and Insurance   | 1,180                           | 1,404                           | 224    | 18.98             | 1.75              |
| Transportation and Warehousing                                  | 2,245                           | 2,452                           | 207    | 9.22              | 0.89              |
| Information   | 374                             | 500                             | 126    | 33.69             | 2.95              |
| Retail Trade  | 7,963                           | 8,070                           | 107    | 1.34              | 0.13              |
| Mining  | 52                              | 46                              | -6     | -11.54            | -1.22             |
| Wholesale Trade   | 2,045                           | 2,037                           | -8     | -0.39             | -0.04             |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises                         | 169                             | 156                             | -13    | -7.69             | -0.80             |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing                              | 457                             | 440                             | -17    | -3.72             | -0.38             |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services                | 1,151                           | 1,129                           | -22    | -1.91             | -0.19             |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting                      | 1,581                           | 1,555                           | -26    | -1.64             | -0.17             |
| Utilities   | 272                             | 240                             | -32    | -11.76            | -1.24             |
| Other Services (except Government)                              | 3,541                           | 3,401                           | -140   | -3.95             | -0.40             |
| Government  | 8,288                           | 8,113                           | -175   | -2.11             | -0.21             |
| Educational Services  | 7,369                           | 7,145                           | -224   | -3.04             | -0.31             |
| Construction  | 3,168                           | 2,901                           | -267   | -8.43             | -0.88             |
| Manufacturing   | 21,966                          | 21,456                          | -510   | -2.32             | -0.23             |

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