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IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE
SOUTH CAROLINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
THE 22ND ANNUAL RANKING OF THE
STATE'S MAJOR EMPLOYERS.

This marks the 22nd year of the South Carolina Big 50, which ranks private, public and foreign-affiliated companies by the number of employees on their South Carolina payrolls as of July 1, 2008, and then compares the progress of participating companies from year to year.

All companies with operations in South Carolina are eligible for the South Carolina Big 50. However, the ranking might not include all major employers in the state because the list is tabulated according to participant responses received. Participants were asked to provide their employment figures, location of corporate headquarters, and products and services.

Individual company employment figures are not published in the South Carolina Big 50. Results reported for this 2008 issue of South Carolina Business represent approximately 208,000 employees, down 14,000 from the approximate number of 222,000 reported in the 2007 issue.

Unlike the South Carolina 100SM and South Carolina's Fastest-Growing Companies, the South Carolina Big 50 includes company subsidiaries and divisions (both private and public), and parent companies do not need to be located in South Carolina. Also unlike the South Carolina 100, the South Carolina Big 50 includes financial institutions, insurance companies, retailers, retail establishments, hospitals and healthcare organizations. The South Carolina Big 50, however, does exclude government agencies and organizations.

The top company remained the same as in the 2007 issue, with Wal-Mart Stores Inc. continuing to be ranked No. 1. BI-LO LLC and Palmetto Health moved from No. 3 and No. 4 to No. 2 and No. 3 respectively. Notable increases were

made by UPS-SC District moving up three spots to No. 8, BMW Manufacturing Co. LLC moving up seven spots to No. 10, Verizon Communications moving up seven spots to No. 13, Bon Secours St. Francis Health System moving up six spots to No. 24, and Shaw Industries Group Inc. moving up 12 spots to No. 34.

Nine new companies not on the list last year are represented in this year's rankings. They include: Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, headquartered in Spartanburg, SC, ranked No. 12; Defender Services Inc., headquartered in Columbia, SC, ranked No. 17; Electrolux Major Appliances, headquartered in Augusta, GA, ranked No. 26; Louis Rich-Kraft Foods, headquartered in Northfield, IL, ranked No. 30; Husqvarna Outdoor Products, headquartered in Huskvarna, Sweden, ranked No. 33; Bridgestone Firestone Aiken County Facility, headquartered in Nashville, TN, ranked No. 45; Time Warner Cable of South Carolina, headquartered in Charlotte, NC, ranked No. 49; and Oconee Memorial Hospital Inc., headquartered in Seneca, SC, ranked No. 50.

The South Carolina Big 50 is compiled annually, in cooperation with the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, by the South Carolina based public accounting firm of Scott McElveen LLP under the direction of managing partner Randy Scott, CPA.

Realizing that business employment figures fluctuate constantly, the South Carolina Chamber encourages top employers to participate in the Big 50 each year to ensure accurate rankings. To learn more about this year's survey or to be included in the survey for 2009, contact Carol Browder at (803) 753-5256 or cbrowder@scottmcelveen.com.

THE 2008 SOUTH CAROLINA BIG 50

Rank	Company	Headquarters	Products and Services
EMPLOYMENT RANGES 9,001 to 26,500			
1.	Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	Bentonville, AR	Retail stores and wholesale warehouse clubs
2.	BI-LO LLC	Mauldin, SC	Grocery retailer
3.	Palmetto Health	Columbia, SC	Healthcare
EMPLOYMENT RANGES 4,001 to 9,000			
4.	BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina	Columbia, SC	Health Insurance: Medicare & Tricare contracting with the federal government; Companion subsidiaries, life insurance, Property and casualty, HMO
5.	Greenville Hospital System	Greenville, SC	Healthcare
6.	Food Lion LLC	Salisbury, NC	Supermarkets: Food Lion, Bloom, Bottom Dollar, Harveys and Reid's. The store chains with locations in South Carolina are Food Lion, Bloom, Reid's and Harveys.
7.	Michelin North America Inc.	Greenville, SC	Tire Manufacturer
8.	UPS-SC District	Atlanta, GA	Delivery service: small package, freight, ocean; Logistics services
9.	Milliken & Company	Spartanburg, SC	Manufacturing-textiles, chemicals, carpet
10.	BMW Manufacturing Co. LLC	Munich, Germany	Automobile Manufacturing
11.	SCANA Corporation	Columbia, SC	Energy related products
12.	Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System	Spartanburg, SC	Healthcare
13.	Verizon Communications	Basking Ridge, NJ	Communications, telecom and utilities
14.	Lexington County Health Services District	West Columbia, SC	Health and Long Term Care

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15.	Piggly Wiggly Carolina Company Inc.	Charleston, SC	Retail grocery
16.	McLeod Health	Florence, SC	Healthcare
17.	Defender Services Inc.	Columbia, SC	Staffing
18.	Verizon Wireless Carolinas/Tennessee Region	Greenville, SC	Wireless phones
19.	Roper St. Francis Healthcare	Charleston, SC	Healthcare
EMPLOYMENT RANGES 2,501 to 4,000			
20.	AT&T	San Antonio, TX	Business communications services, high-speed wireless Internet access and voice services
21.	AnMed Health	Anderson, SC	Healthcare
22.	Trident Health System	Nashville, TN	HCA-hospital system comprised of three acute care hospitals: Trident Medical Center, Summerville Medical Center and Colleton Medical Center; Seven diagnostic centers throughout Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester and Colleton counties
23.	Wachovia Corporation	Charlotte, NC	Financial services company specializing in banking, asset management, wealth management, corporate and investment banking products and services
24.	Bon Secours St. Francis Health System	Greenville, SC	Hospital services, occupational medicine, and hospice and homecare
25.	American Services Inc.	Greenville, SC	Contract security officers, janitorial and staffing
EMPLOYMENT RANGES 1,000 to 2,500			
26.	Electrolux Major Appliances	Augusta, GA	Major Appliances
27.	The Timken Company/Timken Corp.	Canton, OH	Friction management and power transmission products and services
28.	Self Regional Healthcare	Greenwood, SC	Healthcare
29.	Mau Inc.	Augusta, GA	Minority owned full-service human resources, staffing, recruiting and outsourcing company with offices located in GA, SC and IL
30.	Louis Rich-Kraft Foods	Northfield, IL	Food Processing
31.	Eaton Corporation	Cleveland, OH	Electrical systems & components, fluid power systems and services, intelligent truck direction systems, automotive engine air management systems and powertrain solutions
32.	NHC- National Healthcare Corp.	Murfreesboro, TN	Long-term healthcare
33.	Husqvarna Outdoor Products	Huskvarna, Sweden	Outdoor Power Equipment
34.	Shaw Industries Group Inc.	Dalton, GA	Nylon for carpet industry
35.	Bank of America	Charlotte, NC	Financial services institution
36.	Sonoco Products Company	Hartsville, SC	Manufacturer of industrial and consumer products and provider of packaging services
37.	BB&T of South Carolina	Columbia, SC	Full-service commercial and retail banking; Financial services: insurance, investments, retail brokerage, corporate finance, consumer finance, payment services, international banking, leasing and trust
38.	Sisters of Charity Providence Hospitals	Cleveland, OH	Healthcare

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39.	Pilgrim's Pride Corp. (Previously Gold Kist Inc.)	Pittsburg, TX	Poultry processing
40.	Nucor Corporation	Charlotte, NC	Steel production: bar, sheet, beams, plate, joists/deck, metal buildings and light gauge framing
41.	Tuomey Healthcare System	Sumter, SC	Healthcare
42.	First Citizens Bancorporation Inc.	Columbia, SC	Financial services for individuals and businesses
43.	URS Washington Division	Aiken, SC	Nuclear facility, nuclear materials management and industrial processing
44.	South Financial Group (The)	Greenville, SC	Banking/financial services
45.	Bridgestone Firestone Aiken County Facility	Nashville, TN	Manufacturer/ Passenger/Light Truck Tires
46.	Honda of South Carolina Mfg. Inc.	Torrance, CA	Manufacturer of all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) and personal watercraft (PWC)
47.	Schneider Electric/Square D Company	Paris, France	Electrical distribution equipment
48.	Kimberly-Clark Corporation	Dallas, TX	Consumer Products
49.	Time Warner Cable of South Carolina	Charlotte, NC	Telecommunications
50.	Oconee Memorial Hospital Inc.	Seneca, SC	Healthcare

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