

# COLLETON



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# COLLETON COUNTY

## **Population**

The population estimate for 2007 is 38,903.  
Females outnumber males 52% to 48%.  
The white population is the majority with 55%.

## **Labor Force**

The unemployment rate in September 2008 was 9.7%.

## **Industry Employment**

Trade, transportation and utilities accounted for the largest share of jobs in 2007, 22%.

## **Educational Attainment**

High school graduates make up 37% of the population 25 and older, with those not graduating from high school accounting for 30%.

## **Per Capita Income (PCI)**

PCI was \$24,550 in 2006, below the state average of \$29,767.



# POPULATION

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total</b>
2000	38,264
2007	38,903
2030 (Projected)	46,250

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and SC Dept of Research & Statistical Services (projections)

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Male	47.9
Female	52.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census

<b>Age</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<5 years	6.9
18 and older	72.5
65 + years	12.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census

<b>Race</b>	<b>Percent</b>
White	55.5
Black or African American	42.2
All Other	2.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census

<b>Median Age:</b>	36.5
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census

<b>Total Family Households:</b>	10,494
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census

<b>Veteran Population:</b>	3,692
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Source: U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (2007)



# WORKFORCE

## Labor Force and Unemployment

	September 2008	August 2008	September 2007
Labor Force	16,985	17,221	16,717
Unemployment	1,649	1,709	1,105
% of Labor Force	9.7	9.9	6.6

Source: S.C. Employment Security Commission

**Labor Turnover Rate (3<sup>rd</sup> qtr 2007):** 11.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics

## County In-Commuting From (% of workers working in Colleton County):

Charleston	13.1
Dorchester	6.0
Richland	4.5
Beaufort	3.9
Hampton	3.9
Berkeley	3.1
Orangeburg	2.6
Jasper	2.6
Bamberg	2.0

Work in Colleton County 47.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics (2006)

## County Out-Commuting To (% of workers living in Colleton County):

Charleston	5.2
Dorchester	4.9
Berkeley	2.1
Beaufort	2.0
Orangeburg	1.7
Hampton	1.1
Richland	1.1
Lexington	0.7
Bamberg	0.6

Live in Colleton County 74.0

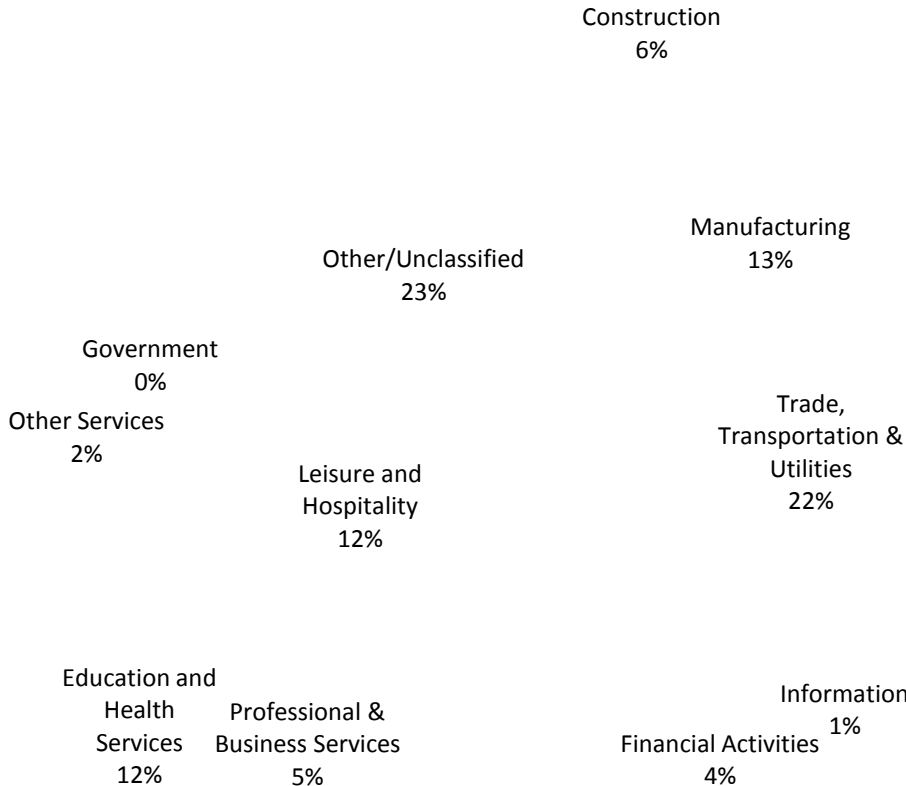
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics (2006)



# WORKFORCE

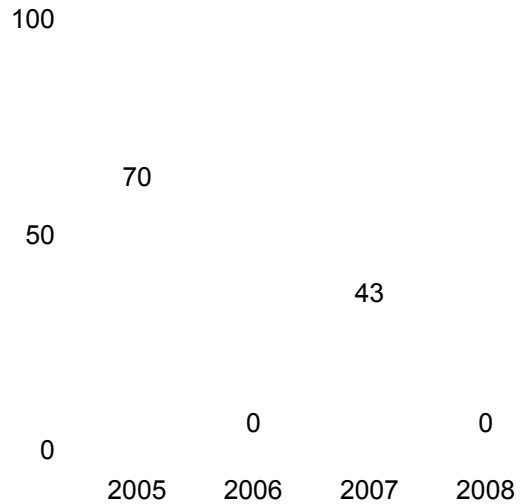
Industry	Employing Units	Total Wages	Avg Monthly Emp	% of Total
All Industries	840	301,193,412	10,667	
Construction	108	17,902,560	604	5.7
Manufacturing	37	45,242,496	1,368	12.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	230	63,479,988	2,299	21.6
Information	10	5,243,576	127	1.2
Financial Activities	82	13,768,040	415	3.9
Professional & Business Services	88	14,633,736	534	5.0
Education and Health Services	69	40,845,740	1,237	11.6
Leisure and Hospitality	76	16,119,792	1,308	12.3
Other Services	66	5,937,984	244	2.3
Government	29	1,695,824	31	0.3
Other/Unclassified	45	76,323,676	2,500	23.4

Source: S.C. Employment Security Commission



# WORKFORCE

Colleton County reported a total of 113 jobs affected by layoffs and closures between 2005 and September 2008.



Source: S.C. Department of Commerce

- Walterboro Community Hospital
- Colleton County School District (Walterboro HS)
- County of Colleton (Sheriff's Dept)
- Astenjohnson Inc
- Carolina Visuals LLC
- United Health Services Inc
- Rockford Manufacturing Ltd
- Choice Healthcare Services Inc
- Colleton County School District
- Wal-Mart Stores Inc (Walterboro)
- Wyndham Vacation Resorts Inc
- Colleton County School District (Colleton Middle School)
- Colleton County School District (Forest Hills Elementary School)
- City of Walterboro
- Colleton County School District (Northside Elementary School)
- Colleton County Board of Disabilities & Special Needs
- Advantage Veterans Services of Walterboro
- County of Colleton (Fire Rescue)
- Colleton County School District (Black Street Elementary School)
- Roller Bearing Co of America

Source: Dun & Bradstreet



# WORKFORCE

Per capita income (2006)	\$24,550
Per capita income (2004)	\$21,705
Median household income(1999)	\$29,733

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis and U.S. Census Bureau

## Average Weekly and Annual Wages by Industry—2007

	Weekly (\$)	Annual (\$)
Total, All Industries	543	28,236
Natural Resources and Mining	702	36,504
Construction	570	29,640
Manufacturing	636	33,072
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	531	27,612
Information	794	41,288
Financial Activities	638	33,176
Professional and Business Services	527	27,404
Education and Health Services	635	33,020
Leisure and Hospitality	237	12,324
Other Services (Except Public Administration)	468	24,336
Government	1,052	54,704

Source: S.C. Employment Security Commission



# EDUCATION

## Educational Attainment, 25 Years and Over

	#	% of total
Total	24,716	
Less than HS grad	7,509	30
HS grad	9,133	37
Some college	3,958	16
Associate degree	1,263	5
Bachelor's degree or higher	2,853	12

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2000)

The population 65 years and over typically has a lower level of educational attainment than the baby boomer or young adult population. Of the population 65 and older in South Carolina, 15.5 percent had at least a bachelor's degree in 2000, compared with 21.2 percent of the 45 to 64 year-old population and 21.1 percent of the 35 to 44 year-old population. In Colleton County, 11.1 percent of the 65 and older population had at least a bachelor's degree in 2000, compared with 10.0 percent of the 45 to 64 year-old population and 11.7 percent of the 35 to 44 year-old population.

Of the population 65 and older in South Carolina, 42.3 percent had less than a high school education in 2000, compared with 22.6 percent of the 45 to 64 year-old population and 17.0 percent of the 35 to 44 year-old population. In Colleton County, 54.2 percent of the population 65 and older had less than a high school education, compared with 27.5 percent of the 45 to 64 year-old population and 22.3 percent of the 35 to 44 year-old population.

## Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 18-24

	Colleton County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 18-24	3,085	100.0	406,909	100.0	209,279,149	100.0
Less Than 9th Grade	85	2.8	12,437	3.1	1,079,676	4.0
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	965	31.3	92,329	22.7	5,754,951	21.3
High School Graduate	1,269	41.1	123,773	30.4	7,737,771	28.6
Some College, No Degree	611	19.8	137,644	33.8	9,284,898	34.3
Associate Degree	120	3.9	12,719	3.1	1,095,693	4.0
Bachelor's Degree	35	1.1	26,329	6.5	1,964,109	7.3
Graduate or Professional Degree	0	0.0	1,678	0.4	150,412	0.6
Less Than High School Graduate	1,050	34.0	104,766	25.7	6,834,627	25.3
High School Graduate or Higher	2,035	66.0	302,143	74.3	20,232,883	74.7
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	35	1.1	28,007	6.9	2,114,521	7.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2000)





# EDUCATION

## Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 25-34

	Colleton County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 25-34	4,650	100.0	553,641	100.0	39,577,357	100.0
Less Than 9th Grade	140	3.0	15,269	2.8	1,880,372	4.8
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	823	17.7	77,493	14.0	4,492,287	11.4
High School Graduate	1,829	39.3	166,824	30.1	10,223,614	25.8
Some College, No Degree	892	19.2	126,347	22.8	9,123,703	23.1
Associate Degree	274	5.9	42,691	7.7	2,957,508	7.5
Bachelor's Degree	504	10.8	94,722	17.1	8,045,308	20.3
Graduate or Professional Degree	188	4.0	30,295	5.5	2,854,565	7.2
Less Than High School Graduate	963	20.7	92,762	16.8	6,372,659	16.1
High School Graduate or Higher	3,687	79.3	460,879	83.2	33,204,698	83.9
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	692	14.9	125,017	22.6	10,899,873	27.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2000)

## Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 35-44

	Colleton County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 35-44	5,726	100.0	637,923	100.0	45,905,471	100.0
Less Than 9th Grade	159	2.8	19,330	3.0	2,110,806	4.6
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	1,116	19.5	89,265	14.0	4,757,487	10.4
High School Graduate	2,283	39.9	203,588	31.9	13,068,020	28.5
Some College, No Degree	1,064	18.6	135,878	21.3	10,354,927	22.6
Associate Degree	433	7.6	55,106	8.6	3,732,108	8.1
Bachelor's Degree	410	7.2	92,963	14.6	7,883,401	17.2
Graduate or Professional Degree	261	4.6	41,793	6.6	3,998,722	8.7
Less Than High School Graduate	1,275	22.3	108,595	17.0	6,868,293	15.0
High School Graduate or Higher	4,451	77.7	529,328	83.0	39,037,178	85.0
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	671	11.7	134,756	21.1	11,882,123	25.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2000)



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## Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 45-64

	Colleton County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 45-64	9,365	100.0	918,601	100.0	61,749,839	100.0
Less Than 9th Grade	604	6.4	69,962	7.6	3,903,742	6.3
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	1,969	21.0	137,293	14.9	6,499,106	10.5
High School Graduate	3,853	41.1	280,543	30.5	17,696,654	28.7
Some College, No Degree	1,523	16.3	172,904	18.8	13,394,914	21.7
Associate Degree	480	5.1	63,016	6.9	3,958,821	6.4
Bachelor's Degree	561	6.0	114,914	12.5	9,258,616	15
Graduate or Professional Degree	375	4.0	79,969	8.7	7,037,986	11.4
Less Than High School Graduate	2,573	27.5	207,255	22.6	10,402,848	16.8
High School Graduate or Higher	6,792	72.5	711,346	77.4	51,346,991	83.2
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	936	10.0	194,883	21.2	16,296,602	26.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2000)

## Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 65 and Over

	Colleton County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 65 and Over	4,975	100.0	485,845	100.0	34,978,972	100.0
Less Than 9th Grade	1,613	32.4	111,215	22.9	5,860,557	16.8
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	1,085	21.8	94,452	19.4	6,211,268	17.8
High School Graduate	3,853	41.1	280,543	30.5	17,696,654	28.7
Some College, No Degree	479	9.6	65,065	13.4	5,478,051	15.7
Associate Degree	76	1.5	12,615	2.6	864,396	2.5
Bachelor's Degree	349	7.0	48,927	10.1	3,130,467	8.9
Graduate or Professional Degree	205	4.1	26,472	5.4	2,253,540	6.4
Less Than High School Graduate	2,698	54.2	205,667	42.3	12,071,825	34.5
High School Graduate or Higher	2,277	45.8	280,178	57.7	22,907,147	65.5
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	554	11.1	75,399	15.5	5,384,007	15.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2000)

### Schools

University of South Carolina – Salkehatchie

Source: SC Information Highway

### Location

Walterboro



# LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

	2nd Qtr 2007	3rd Qtr 2007
Total Employment	9,898	9,870
Net Job Flows	114	191
Job Creation	661	884
New Hires	2,310	2,276
Separations	2,598	2,679
Turnover	10.9%	11.7%
Avg. Monthly Earnings	\$2,363	\$2,376
Avg. New Hire Earnings	\$1,598	\$1,582

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics

	14-18	19-21	22-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-99
<b>2nd Qtr 2007</b>								
Total Employment	350	529	574	1,878	2,270	2,334	1,498	466
Net Job Flows	108	46	3	23	-8	-23	-20	-10
Job Creation	149	139	92	180	178	139	76	36
New Hires	340	318	245	521	400	295	132	58
Separations	265	324	278	577	478	382	199	93
Turnover	28.2%	28.7%	18.8%	12.4%	10.0%	7.3%	6.9%	9.0%
Avg. Monthly Earnings (\$)	670	1,093	1,573	2,286	2,643	2,741	2,501	1,664
Avg. New Hire Earnings (\$)	584	1,002	1,315	1,725	1,880	2,039	2,210	1,368

<b>3rd Qtr 2007</b>								
Total Employment	399	556	571	1,884	2,234	2,273	1,478	476
Net Job Flows	-25	-15	21	95	37	58	33	-15
Job Creation	72	105	108	262	224	233	138	43
New Hires	265	289	263	533	402	320	143	62
Separations	300	347	285	536	496	397	217	101
Turnover	35.8%	25.7%	21.4%	13.9%	10.7%	7.6%	6.6%	9.6%
Avg. Monthly Earnings (\$)	747	1,123	1,608	2,254	2,616	2,757	2,491	2,160
Avg. New Hire Earnings (\$)	686	1,002	1,222	1,588	1,930	2,296	2,026	1,287

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics



# LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

	Female	Male
<b>2nd Qtr 2007</b> Total Employment	5,622	4,276
Net Job Flows	77	37
Job Creation	443	279
New Hires	1,373	937
Separations	1,523	1,075
Turnover	11.5%	10.2%
Avg. Monthly Earnings	1,858	3,025
Avg. New Hire Earnings	1,200	2,152
<b>3rd Qtr 2007</b> Total Employment	5,636	4,234
Net Job Flows	-41	234
Job Creation	437	514
New Hires	1,307	969
Separations	1,580	1,099
Turnover	12.3%	10.9%
Avg. Monthly Earnings	1,834	3,080
Avg. New Hire Earnings	1,268	2,057

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics



# TERMINOLOGY

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>Total Employment</b>	<p>Total number of workers who were employed by the same employer in both the current and previous quarter</p> <p>Answers the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Who is filling what jobs?</li><li>•What industries are biggest employers?</li><li>•What industries employ the largest numbers of particular types of worker?</li></ul> <p>Net Employment Change: The difference between current and previous employment at each business.</p>
<b>Job Change</b>	<p>Answers the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Which industries are expanding employment?</li><li>•Which industries are contracting employment?</li></ul>
<b>Job Creation</b>	<p>The number of new jobs that are created by either new area businesses or the expansion of employment by existing firms. Answers the question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•What industries are creating the most jobs?</li></ul> <p>Total number of accessions that were also not employed by that employer during the previous four quarters.</p>
<b>New Hires</b>	<p>Answers the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•What industries are hiring the most workers?</li><li>•Which industries are hiring older workers?</li><li>•Which industries are hiring young workers?</li><li>•What geographic areas are doing the most hiring?</li></ul>
<b>Separations</b>	<p>Total number of workers who were employed by a business in the current quarter, but not in the subsequent quarter. Answers the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•What workers are leaving jobs?</li><li>•What industries are workers leaving?</li></ul>
<b>Turnover Rate</b>	<p>Turnover Rate = <math>(1/2) * (\text{accessions} + \text{separations}) / \text{employment}</math> (All Full Quarter Measures)</p> <p>Answers the question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•What proportion of workers are new to the job?</li></ul>
<b>Average Monthly Earnings</b>	<p>Total quarterly earnings of all full-quarter employees divided by the number of full-quarter employees, divided by 3. Answers the question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•What are the average earnings of core employees?</li></ul>
<b>Average New Hire Earnings</b>	<p>Total quarterly earnings of all full-quarter new hires divided by the number of full-quarter new hires, divided by 3. Answers the question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•What are new hires earning?</li></ul>

Special Note: Terminology on this page refers to information provided in the Local Employment Dynamics section of this profile.

