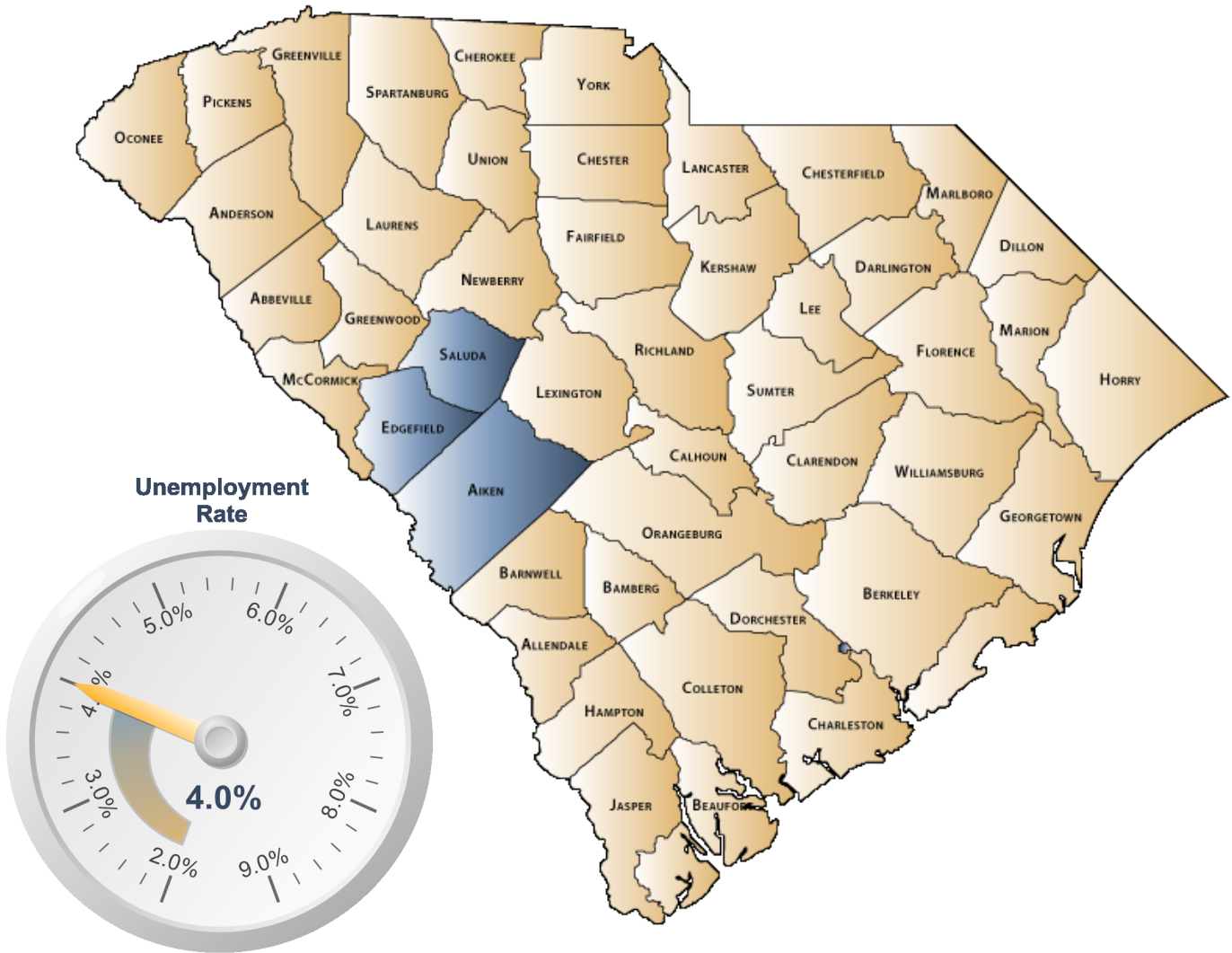


# ECONOMIC PROFILE

Economic Development Partnership



**S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce**  
Labor Market Information

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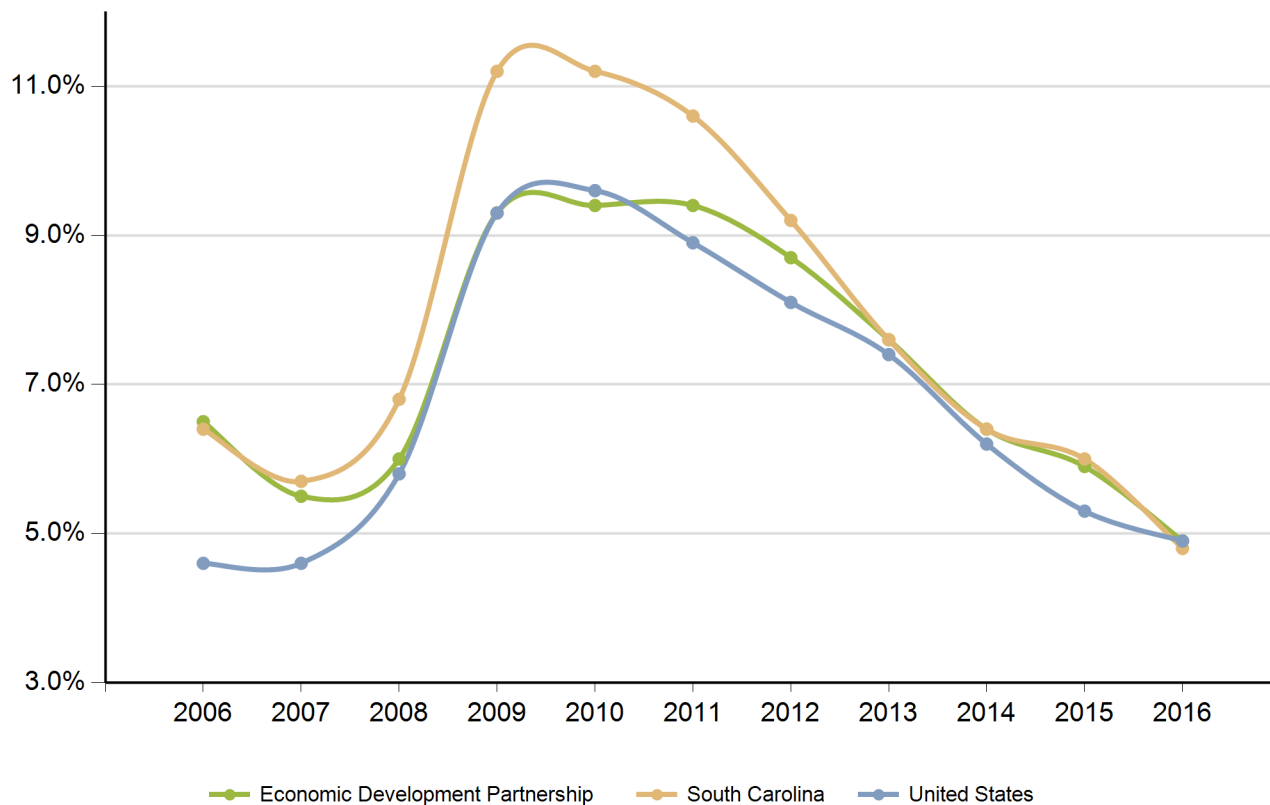
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### Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

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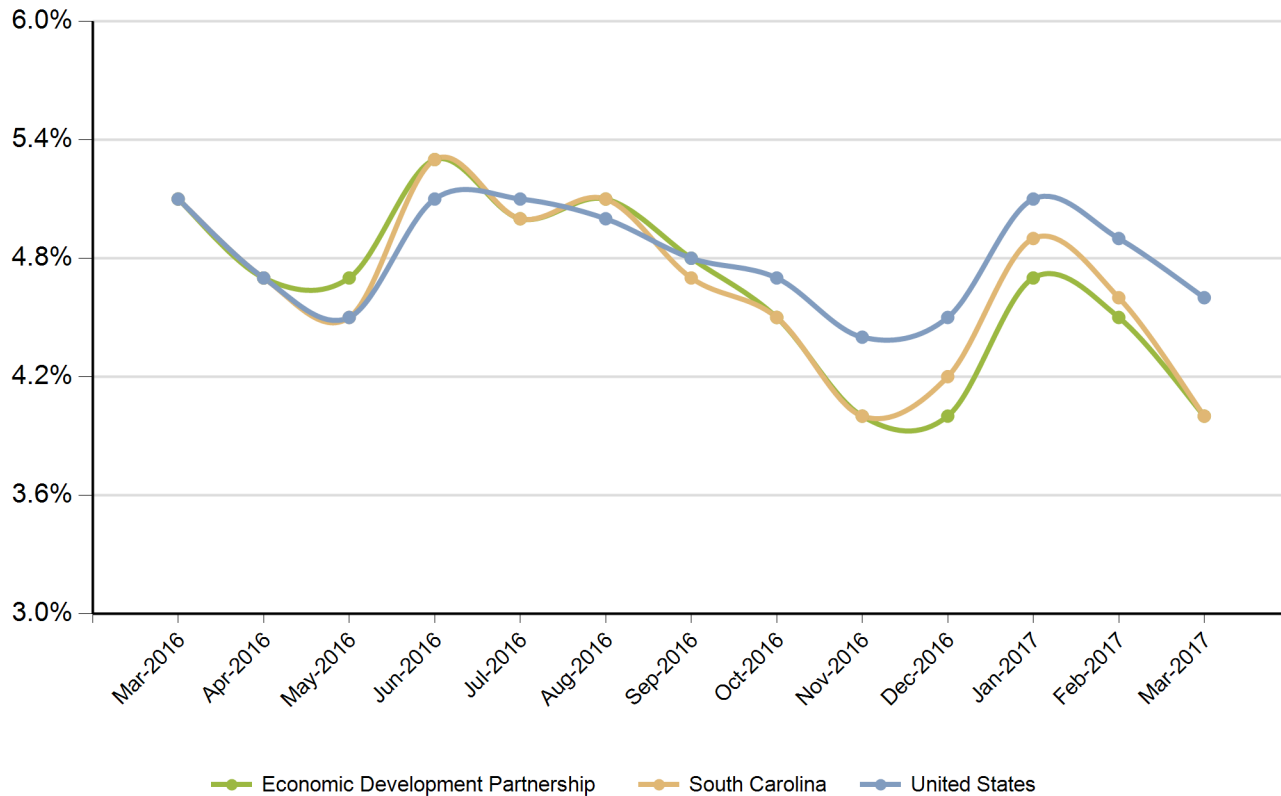


Year	Economic Development Partnership			South Carolina			United States		
	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp Rate
2006	89,339	6,249	6.5%	1,973,337	135,760	6.4%	144,427,000	7,001,000	4.6%
2007	89,484	5,179	5.5%	2,005,686	120,205	5.7%	146,047,000	7,078,000	4.6%
2008	89,108	5,652	6.0%	1,996,409	145,823	6.8%	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%
2009	87,713	9,041	9.3%	1,910,670	242,075	11.2%	139,877,000	14,265,000	9.3%
2010	83,345	8,693	9.4%	1,915,045	240,623	11.2%	139,064,000	14,825,000	9.6%
2011	84,159	8,729	9.4%	1,945,900	229,623	10.6%	139,869,000	13,747,000	8.9%
2012	84,186	8,008	8.7%	1,985,618	201,260	9.2%	142,469,000	12,506,000	8.1%
2013	84,947	6,940	7.6%	2,026,666	167,647	7.6%	143,929,000	11,460,000	7.4%
2014	86,317	5,934	6.4%	2,081,511	143,151	6.4%	146,305,000	9,617,000	6.2%
2015	87,952	5,514	5.9%	2,134,637	135,746	6.0%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2016	89,716	4,578	4.9%	2,186,740	111,067	4.8%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce

## Monthly Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Past 13 Months



Period	Economic Development Partnership	South Carolina	United States
Mar-2016	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%
Apr-2016	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%
May-2016	4.7%	4.5%	4.5%
Jun-2016	5.3%	5.3%	5.1%
Jul-2016	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%
Aug-2016	5.1%	5.1%	5.0%
Sep-2016	4.8%	4.7%	4.8%
Oct-2016	4.5%	4.5%	4.7%
Nov-2016	4.0%	4.0%	4.4%
Dec-2016	4.0%	4.2%	4.5%
Jan-2017	4.7%	4.9%	5.1%
Feb-2017	4.5%	4.6%	4.9%
Mar-2017	4.0%	4.0%	4.6%

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce

## Area Job Openings

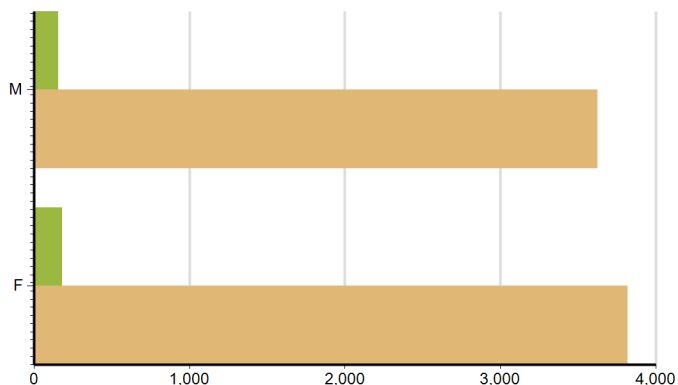
Period	Economic Development Partnership				South Carolina			
	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp Rate	Job Openings	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp Rate	Job Openings
Mar-2016	88,790	4,782	5.1%	1,400	2,174,229	122,223	5.3%	61,889
Apr-2016	90,517	4,445	4.7%	1,392	2,177,304	119,636	5.2%	67,021
May-2016	89,966	4,436	4.7%	1,350	2,180,526	116,513	5.1%	63,126
Jun-2016	90,466	5,070	5.3%	1,576	2,183,933	113,034	4.9%	61,518
Jul-2016	90,450	4,804	5.0%	1,539	2,187,396	109,596	4.8%	61,572
Aug-2016	90,447	4,851	5.1%	1,079	2,190,670	106,559	4.6%	63,800
Sep-2016	89,621	4,539	4.8%	1,516	2,193,612	104,025	4.5%	61,522
Oct-2016	89,772	4,208	4.5%	1,466	2,196,147	101,772	4.4%	59,888
Nov-2016	90,065	3,708	4.0%	1,529	2,198,274	99,867	4.3%	59,494
Dec-2016	90,044	3,798	4.0%	1,458	2,199,862	98,225	4.3%	55,454
Jan-2017	90,625	4,494	4.7%	1,400	2,209,188	101,455	4.4%	64,254
Feb-2017	90,687	4,269	4.5%	1,515	2,220,060	103,363	4.4%	61,052
Mar-2017	91,015	3,751	4.0%	1,614	2,229,599	103,587	4.4%	59,863

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce, The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine® Data Series  
South Carolina Data is Seasonally Adjusted

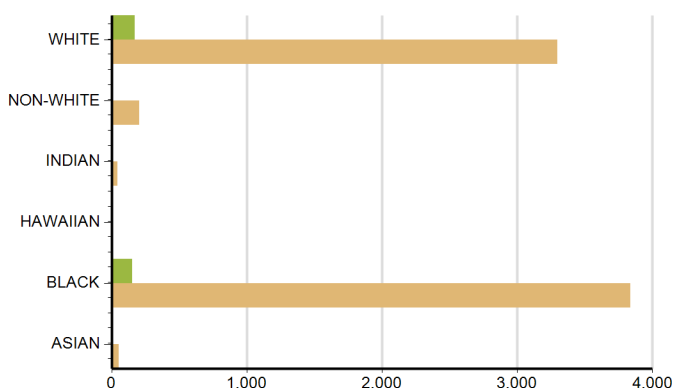
## Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

March-2017

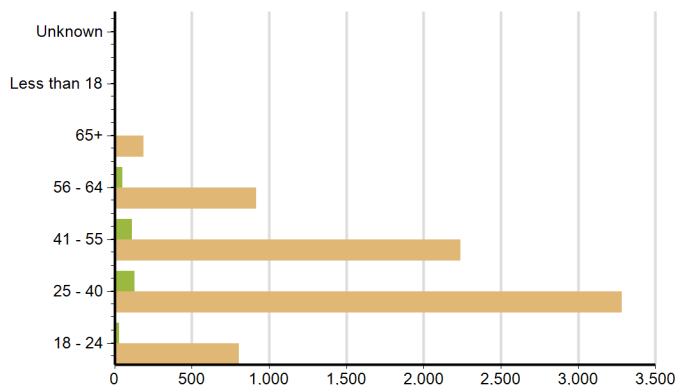
Gender	Economic Development Partnership	South Carolina
Female	179	3,821
Male	155	3,625



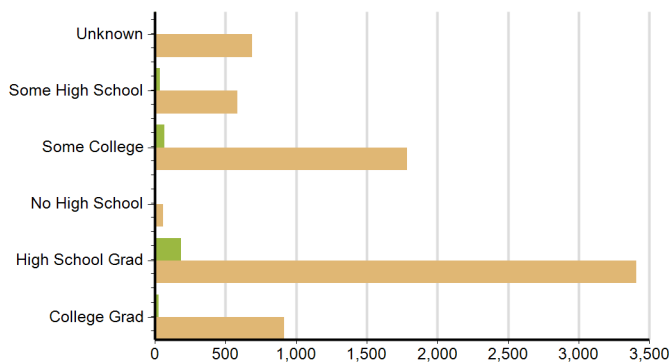
Race	Economic Development Partnership	South Carolina
ASIAN	2	54
BLACK	152	3,838
INDIAN	3	45
NON-WHITE	6	204
WHITE	171	3,297



Age Group	Economic Development Partnership	South Carolina
18 - 24	32	805
25 - 40	131	3,283
41 - 55	114	2,241
56 - 64	50	918
65+	7	188



Education	Economic Development Partnership	South Carolina
College Grad	28	917
High School Grad	187	3,408
No High School	6	59
Some College	68	1,786
Some High School	37	586
Unknown	8	690

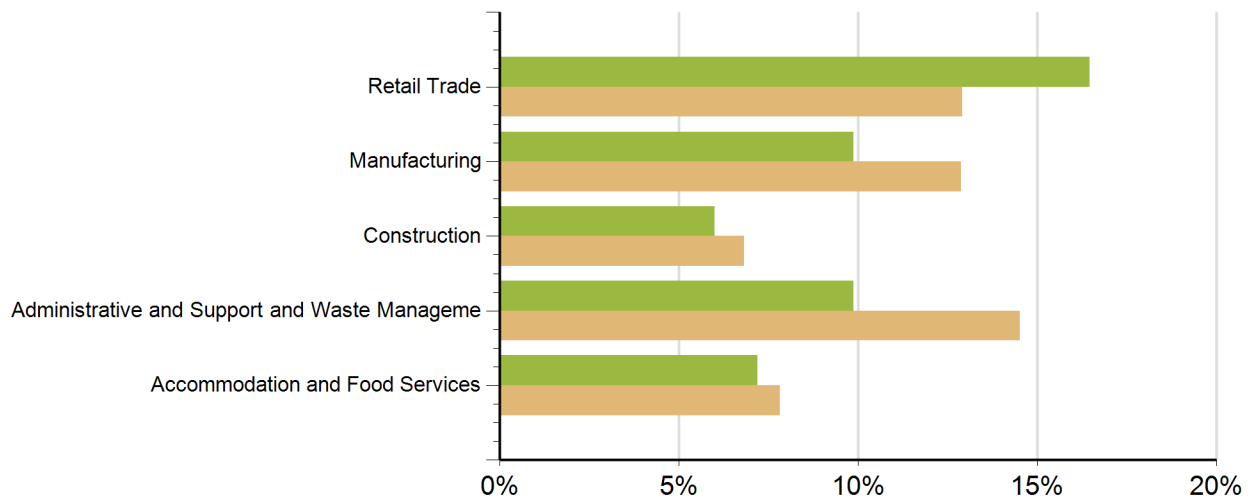


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## Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claims by Industry

Industry Groups with Largest Number of Claims

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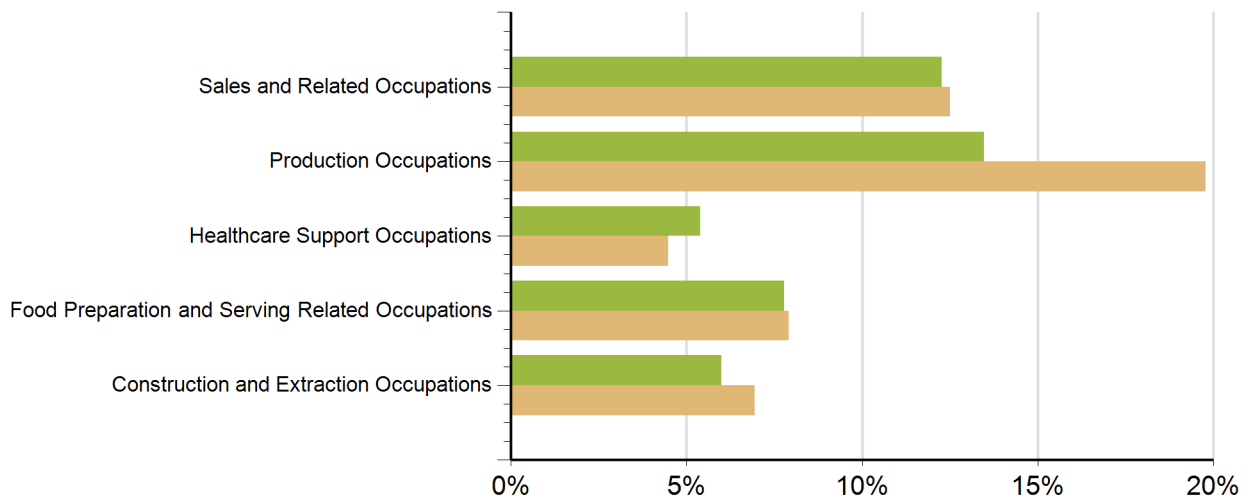
Industry	Economic Development Partnership	South Carolina
Transportation and Warehousing	6	261
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Servi	10	427
Administrative and Support and Waste Manageme	33	1,083
Other Services (except Public Administration)	8	163
Unknown	93	823
Information	2	132
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	5	107
Educational Services	5	112
Manufacturing	33	961
Retail Trade	55	963
Finance and Insurance	3	188
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	8	46
Construction	20	508
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1	48
Accommodation and Food Services	24	583
Public Administration	5	128
Wholesale Trade	3	341
Health Care and Social Assistance	19	542
Utilities	1	13

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce

## Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claims by Occupation

### Occupation Groups with Largest Number of Claims

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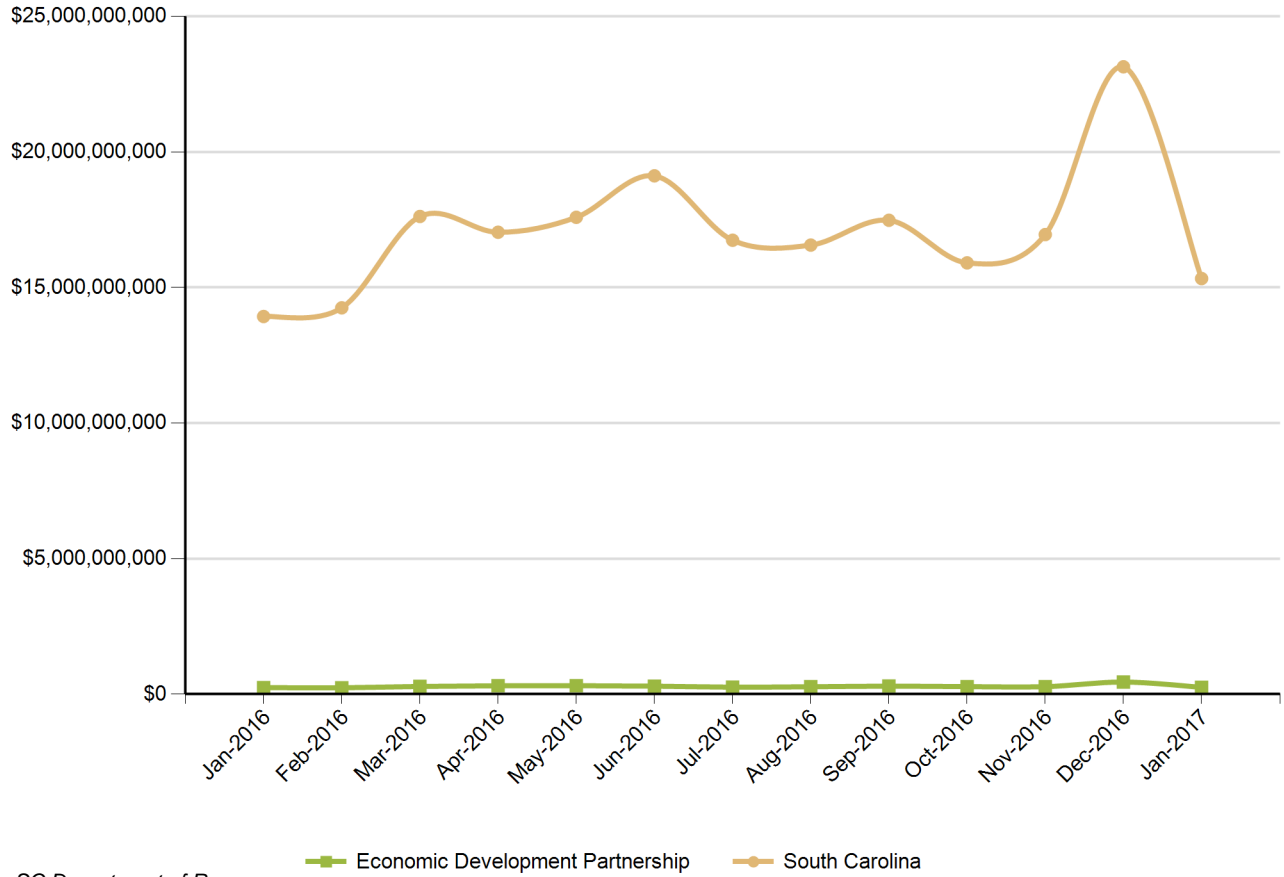


Occupation	Economic Development Partnership	South Carolina
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	10	119
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occ	1	53
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occu	14	265
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	7	277
Community and Social Service Occupations	1	53
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	1	124
Construction and Extraction Occupations	20	518
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	5	82
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	3	32
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	26	590
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	4	163
Healthcare Support Occupations	18	335
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	15	265
Management Occupations	16	506
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	14	675
Personal Care and Service Occupations	4	103
Production Occupations	45	1,476
Protective Service Occupations	4	78
Sales and Related Occupations	41	933
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	17	319
Unknown	68	427

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce



## Retail Sales



Source: SC Department of Revenue

### Population by Age



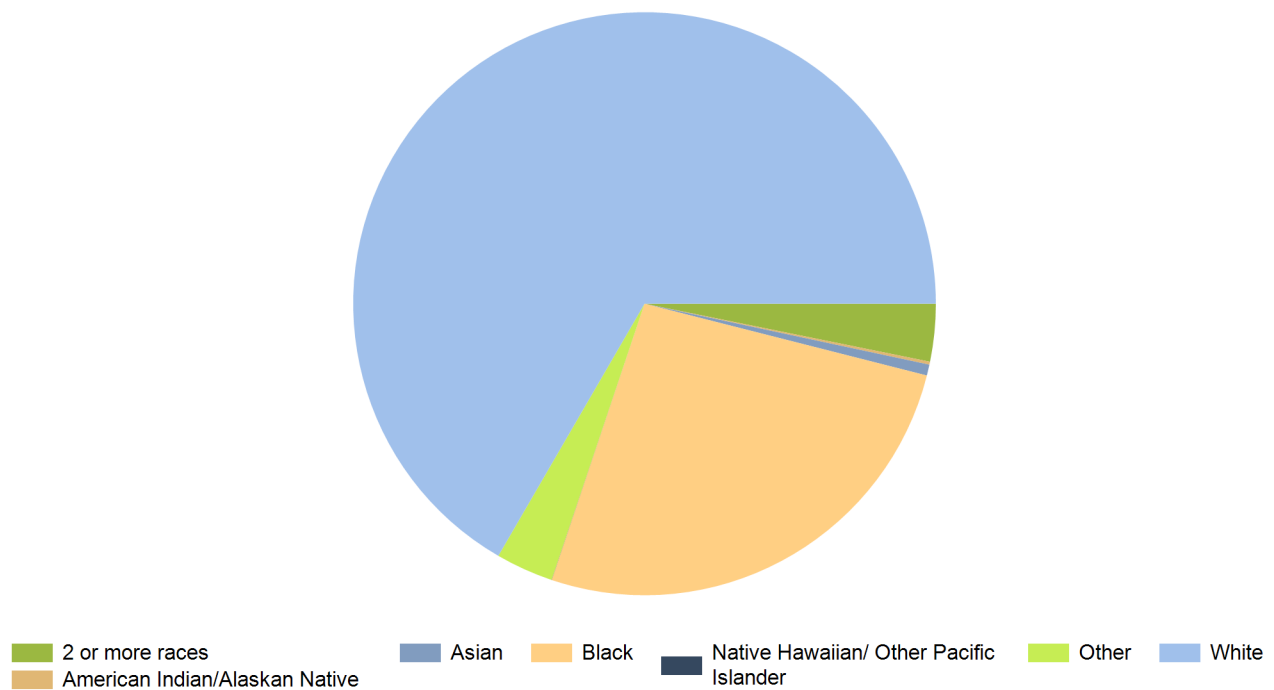
Age Range	Economic Development Partnership	South Carolina	United States
0-4	12,546	298,242	20,052,112
5-9	12,986	302,111	20,409,060
10-14	13,225	297,443	20,672,609
15-19	13,541	321,540	21,715,074
20-24	12,908	342,237	22,099,887
25-29	13,063	305,167	21,243,365
30-34	12,542	293,464	20,467,912
35-39	12,025	291,183	19,876,161
40-44	13,596	308,158	20,998,001
45-49	14,691	325,660	22,109,946
50-54	15,785	329,431	22,396,322
55-59	14,925	309,061	20,165,892
60-64	13,703	289,690	17,479,211
65-69	10,816	229,251	13,189,508
70-74	8,349	165,797	9,767,522
75-79	5,746	117,187	7,438,750
80-84	4,427	82,223	5,781,697
85 and older	3,429	71,757	5,673,565

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

## Population by Race

Race	Economic Development Partnership	%	South Carolina	%	United States	%
White	141,039	66.6%	3,144,146	66.0%	230,592,579	72.0%
Black	55,469	26.2%	1,298,534	27.3%	39,167,010	12.2%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	344	0.2%	14,732	0.3%	2,540,309	0.8%
Asian	1,286	0.6%	61,097	1.3%	15,231,962	4.8%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	21	0.0%	2,128	0.0%	526,347	0.2%
2 or more races	6,752	3.2%	169,670	3.6%	17,464,666	5.5%
Other	6,768	3.2%	74,130	1.6%	14,746,054	4.6%

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey



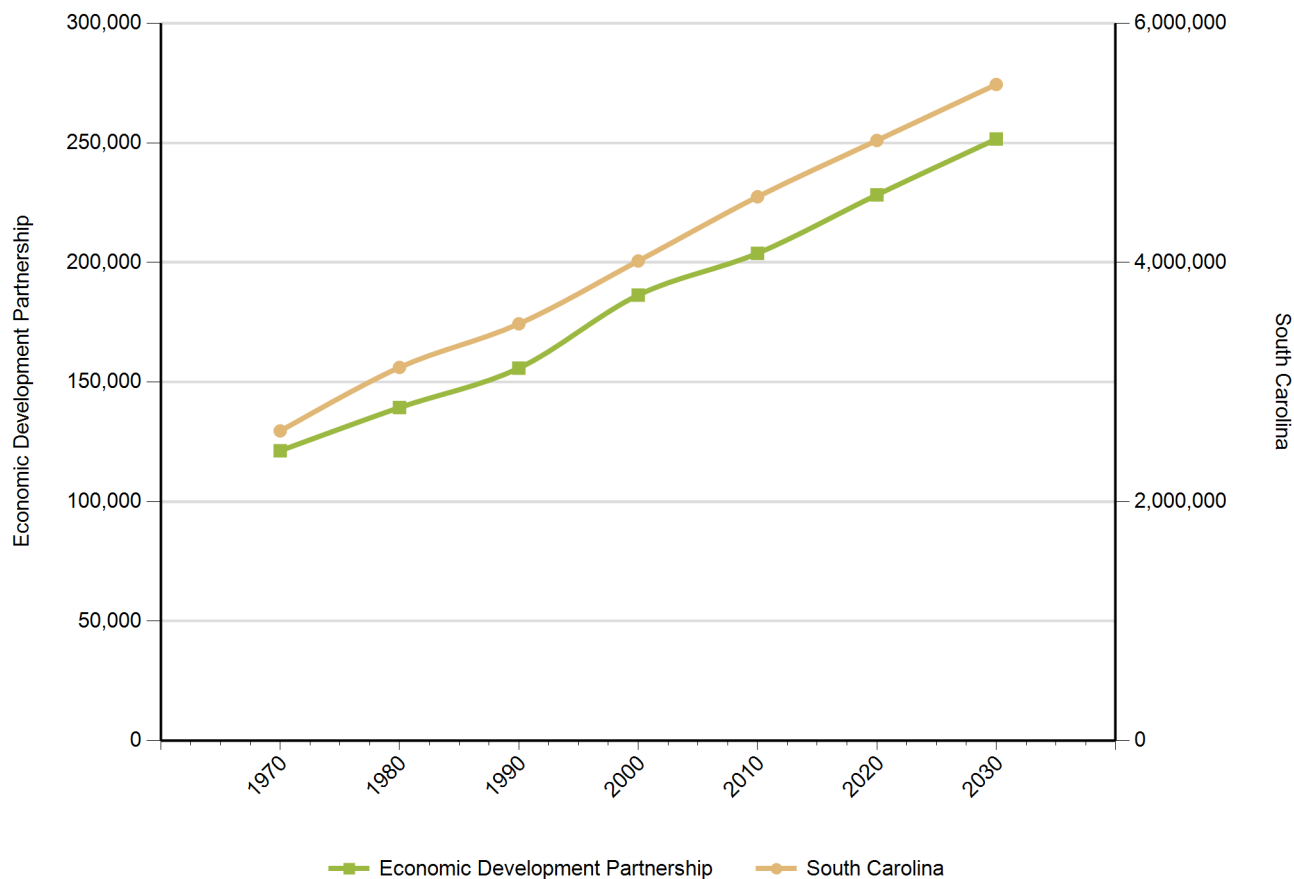
## Population by Gender

Gender	Economic Development Partnership	South Carolina	United States
Female	105,404	2,403,297	158,289,182
Male	102,899	2,276,305	153,247,412

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

## Population Change

*Historical and Projected*



Year	Economic Development Partnership	South Carolina
1970	121,243	2,590,713
1980	139,299	3,121,820
1990	155,792	3,486,310
2000	186,328	4,012,012
2010	203,830	4,549,150
2020	228,250	5,020,400
2030	251,590	5,488,460

Source: US Census Bureau

## Employers by Size of Establishment

Employees	Economic Development Partnership	South Carolina
0 to 4	1,765	72,215
5 to 9	696	19,964
10 to 19	479	14,629
20 to 49	331	11,292
50 to 99	120	4,446
100 to 249	72	2,717
250 to 499	18	824
500 to 999	6	376
1000 +	9	286

## Employment by Size of Establishment

Employees	Economic Development Partnership	South Carolina
0 to 4	2,991	109,185
5 to 9	4,706	133,038
10 to 19	6,477	199,397
20 to 49	9,928	346,711
50 to 99	8,176	305,282
100 to 249	11,504	411,824
250 to 499	5,899	284,463
500 to 999	3,735	256,747
1000 +	20,894	731,712

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce - Q3 2016

## 20 Largestest Employers

(Listed Alphabetically)

### Corporation Name

SAVANNAH RIVER NUCLEAR SOLUTIONS LL

AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

SAVANNAH RIVER REMEDIATION LLC

BRIDGESTONE AMERICAS TIRE OPERATION

AMICK FARMS LLC

CB&I PROJECT SERVICES GROUP LLC

WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

KIMBERLY CLARK CORPORATION

AIKEN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTERS INC

COUNTY OF AIKEN

EDWARD D. JONES ET AL.

CENTERRA GROUP LLC

UNIVERSITY OF SC

AGY AIKEN LLC

EDGEFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

UPS CUSTOMHOUSE BROKERAGE INC

AUSTIN MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION I

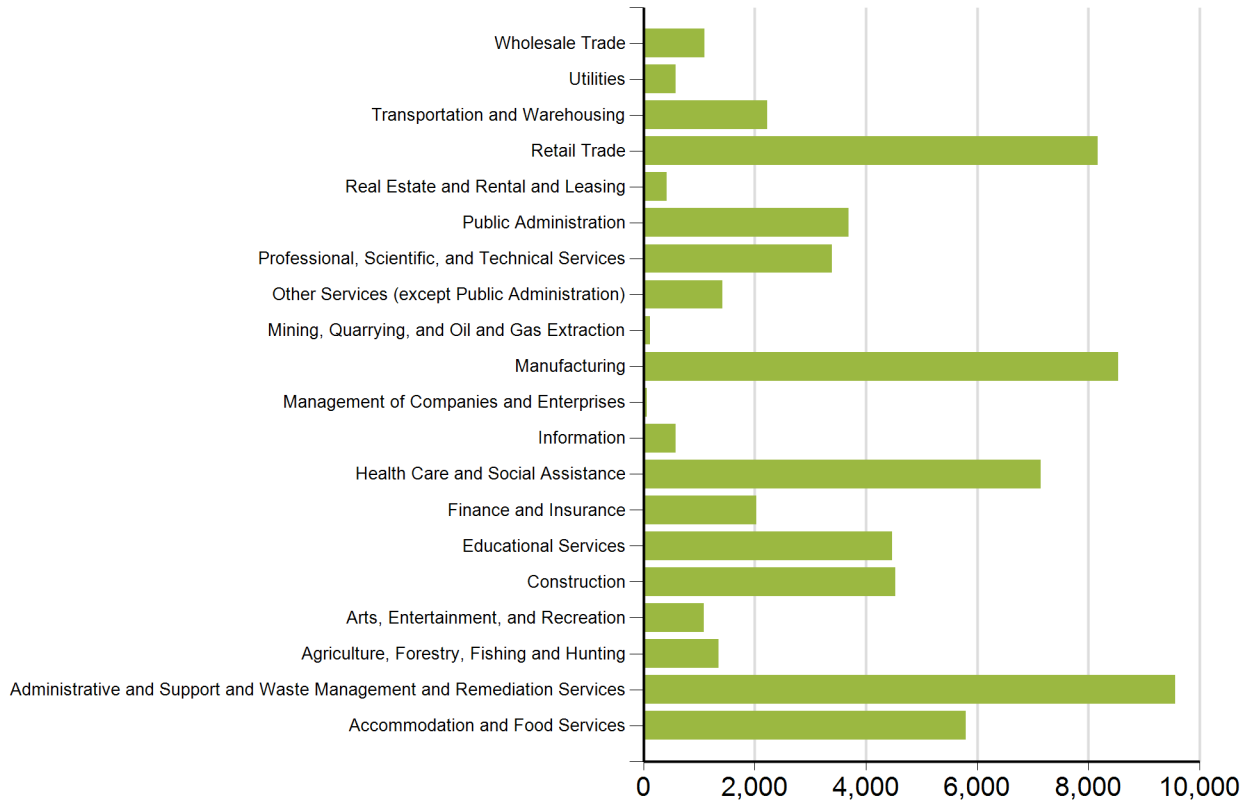
CITY OF AIKEN

TRI-DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF AIKEN

SHAW INDUSTRIES GROUP INC

*Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce - Q3 2016*

## Employment by Industry



Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce  
 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - Q3 2016

### New Startup Firms



Quarter	Economic Development Partnership	South Carolina
2016 Q3	21	
2016 Q2	17	831
2016 Q1	40	1,445
2015 Q4	30	889
2015 Q3	25	665
2015 Q2	35	905
2015 Q1	61	1,746
2014 Q4	29	775
2014 Q3	20	741
2014 Q2	28	760
2014 Q1	58	1,384
2013 Q4	36	848
2013 Q3	18	741
2013 Q2	34	982
2013 Q1	42	1,240
2012 Q4	14	788
2012 Q3	19	672
2012 Q2	20	740
2012 Q1	50	1,680
2011 Q4	18	747

*Note: A firm is included in the count when it does not have a UI Account Number in the previous quarter and has a Setup Date that falls in the quarter displayed.  
Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce*



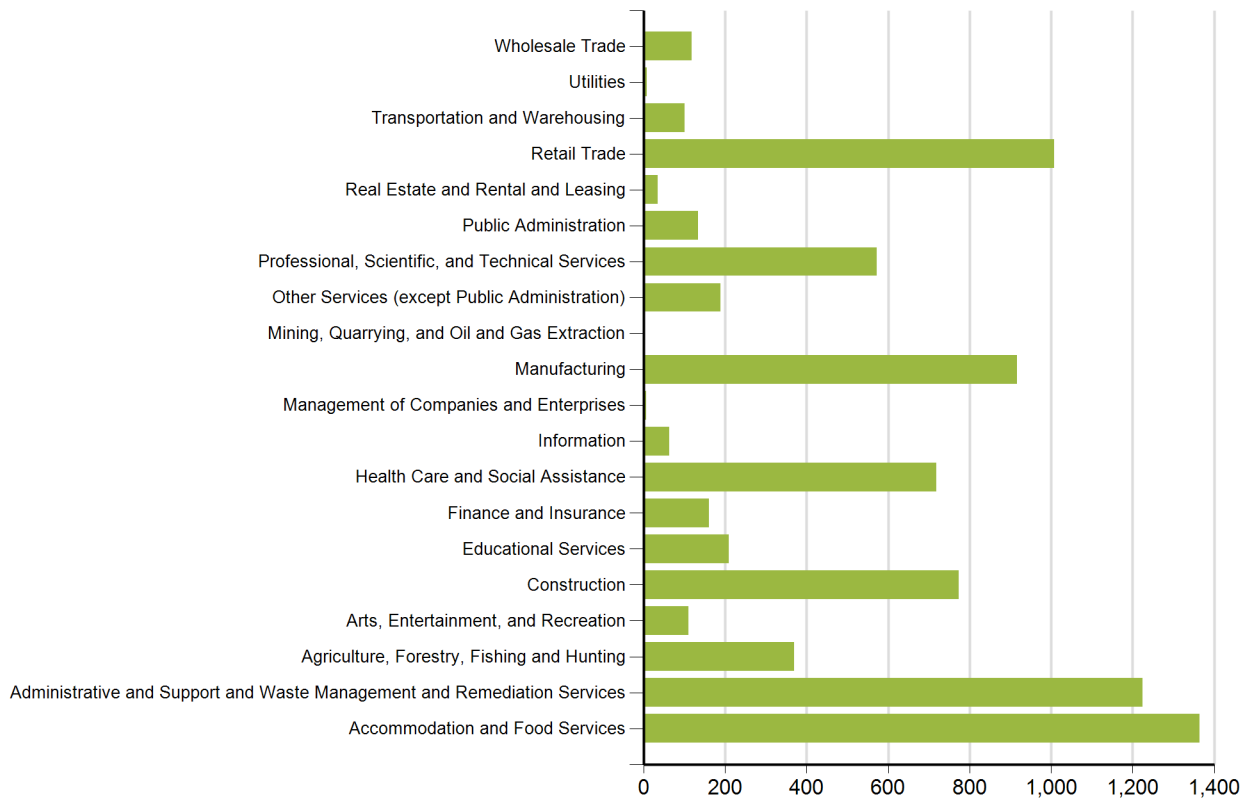
## Top 20 Occupational Openings

April 2016

Occupation Name (Soccode)	Job Opening
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers (53-3032)	72
Industrial Engineers (17-2112)	69
Registered Nurses (29-1141)	64
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers (35-1012)	44
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food (35-3021)	39
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)	36
Electrical Engineers (17-2071)	32
Retail Salespersons (41-2031)	31
Social and Human Service Assistants (21-1093)	26
Physical Therapists (29-1123)	24
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General (49-9071)	22
Speech-Language Pathologists (29-1127)	22
Civil Engineers (17-2051)	20
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers (51-1011)	20
Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary (25-1194)	19
Business Operations Specialists, All Other (13-1199)	16
General and Operations Managers (11-1021)	16
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (29-2061)	16
Mechanical Engineers (17-2141)	16
Physical Therapist Assistants (31-2021)	16

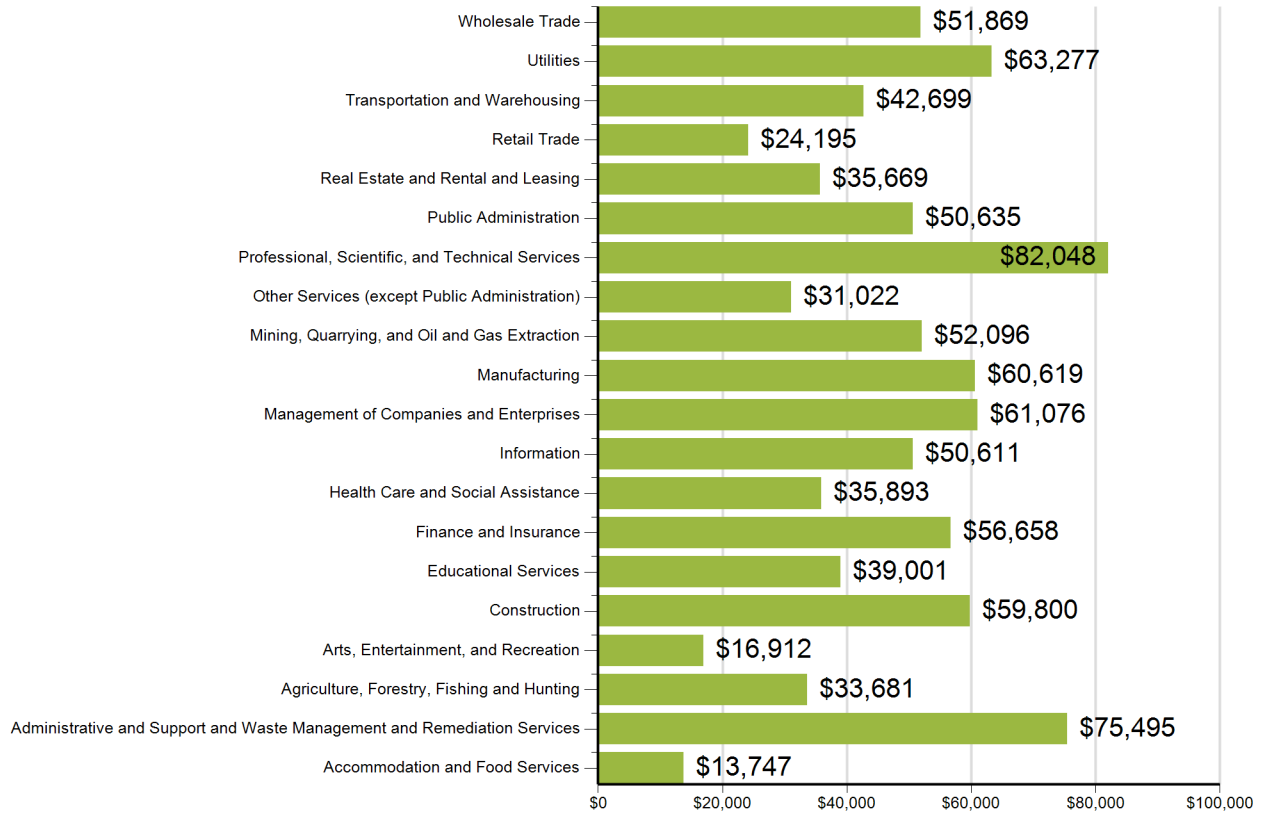
Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce and The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine® Data Series

## New Hires by Industry



US Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics - Q1 2014

## Average Annual Wage by Industry



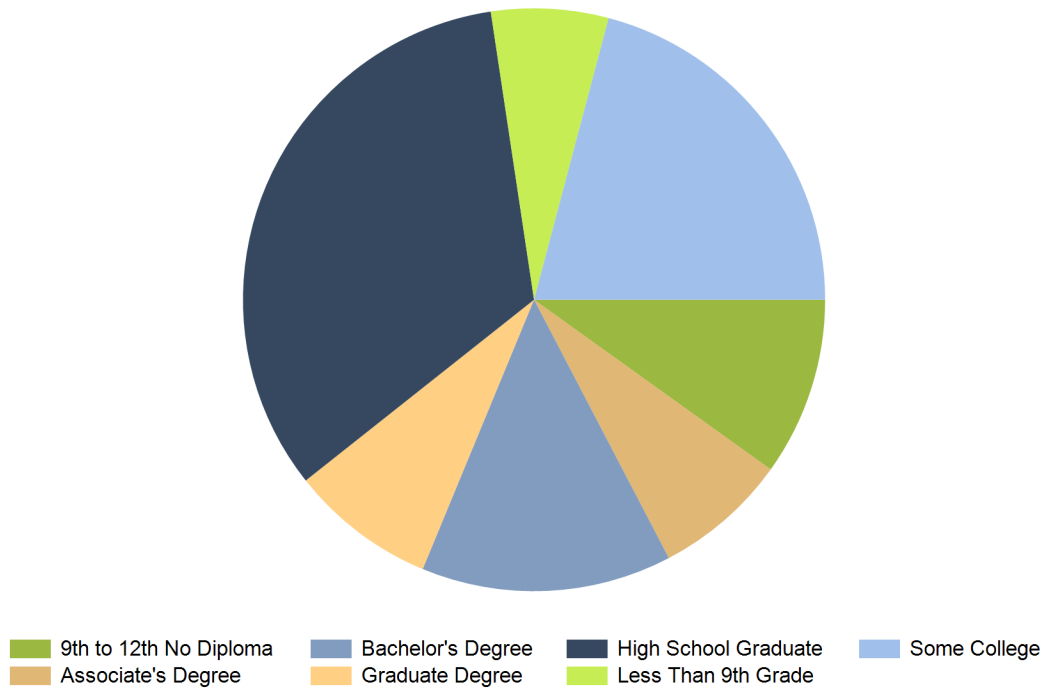
Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce  
 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - Q3  
 2016

## Age of Workers by Industry

Industry	14-18	19-21	22-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Total, All Industries	955	2,723	3,915	13,499	13,360	16,025	12,168	3,118
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	11	34	69	243	216	240	169	91
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0	15	25	34	36	3
Utilities	0	0	9	101	120	186	97	14
Construction	9	169	285	1,012	894	1,251	944	152
Manufacturing	24	207	429	1,995	2,625	2,731	1,759	241
Wholesale Trade	0	37	55	260	305	342	235	61
Retail Trade	242	709	742	1,608	1,229	1,326	934	411
Transportation and Warehousing	8	132	174	663	520	416	269	56
Information	4	17	45	164	112	111	79	33
Finance and Insurance	5	39	132	533	494	469	367	144
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	0	5	16	71	67	101	73	35
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	17	56	150	792	818	1,027	1,022	263
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3	4	4	24	27	34	24	10
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediat	18	178	295	1,032	1,116	2,875	2,564	342
Educational Services	15	22	163	1,060	1,380	1,637	1,236	356
Health Care and Social Assistance	26	128	379	1,566	1,581	1,511	1,161	382
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	30	92	92	176	148	152	116	81
Accommodation and Food Services	506	770	652	1,295	724	582	291	112
Other Services (except Public Administration)	15	73	93	315	305	302	256	133
Public Administration	3	36	114	570	648	692	524	193

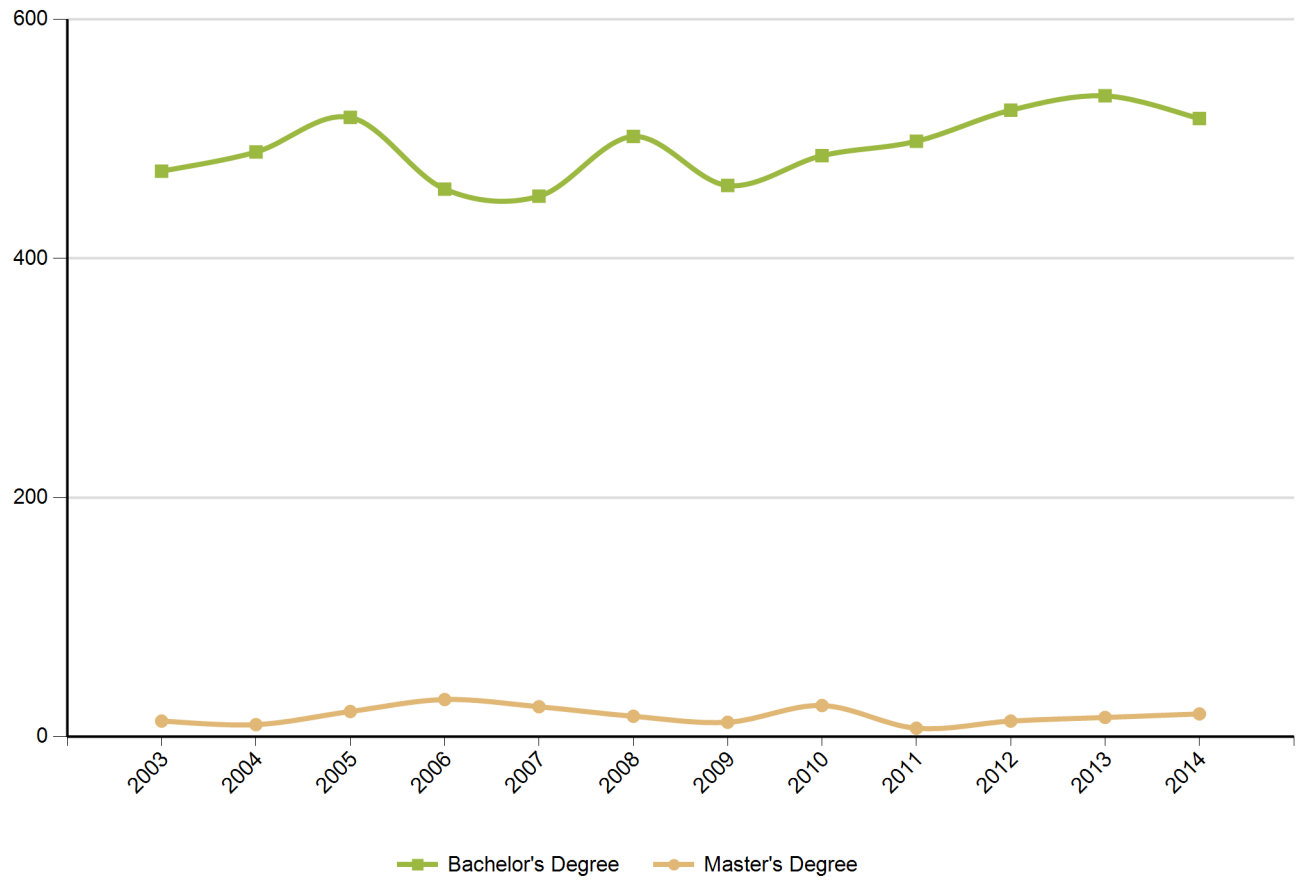
Source: US Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics - Q1 2014

## Educational Attainment (Population 25 Years and Older)



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey - 2013 5-Year Estimates

## Graduate Trends



Source: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

## Educational Institutions

Aiken School of Cosmetology  
225 Richland Ave East  
Aiken, SC 29801  
803.644.7133  
<http://www.aikenschoolofcosmetology.com>  
2014 Degrees Awarded: 17

Aiken Technical College  
2276 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Graniteville, SC 29829  
803.508.7263  
<http://www.atc.edu>  
2014 Degrees Awarded: 703

Kenneth Shuler School of Cosmetology-North Augusta  
1113 Knox Avenue  
North Augusta, SC 29841  
803.278.1200  
<http://www.kennethshuler.com>  
2014 Degrees Awarded: 36

University of South Carolina-Aiken  
471 University Pkwy  
Aiken, SC 29801  
803.648.6851  
<http://web.usca.edu>  
2014 Degrees Awarded: 536

*Source: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System*