

# COLLETON



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**Colleton County, South Carolina**

## PROFILE

South Carolina Department of Commerce | Labor Market Information



# COLLETON COUNTY

## Population

The population estimate for 2008 is 39,019.  
Females outnumber males 53.2% to 46.8%.  
The white population is the majority with 57%.

## Labor Force

The unemployment rate in July 2009 was 14.4%.

## Industry Employment

Government accounted for the largest share of jobs in 2008, 22%.

## Educational Attainment

High school graduates make up 44% of the population 25 and older, with those not graduating from high school accounting for 23%.

## Per Capita Income (PCI)

PCI was \$25,402 in 2007, below the state level of \$31,103.



# POPULATION

## Colleton County Population

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total</b>
2000	38,337
2008	39,019
2030 (Projected)	46,250

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

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Male	46.8
Female	53.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-07 American Community Survey

<b>Age</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<5 years	7.1
18 and older	73.2
65 + years	13.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-07 American Community Survey

<b>Race</b>	<b>Percent</b>
White	56.9
Black or African American	40.8
All Other	2.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-07 American Community Survey

<b>Median Age:</b>	37.9
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-07 American Community Survey

<b>Total Family Households:</b>	9,794
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-07 American Community Survey

<b>Veteran Population:</b>	3,683
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Source: U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (2008)



# WORKFORCE

## Colleton County Workforce

### Labor Force and Unemployment

	July 2009	June 2009	July 2008
Labor Force	16,925	17,336	16,931
Unemployment	2,438	2,569	1,482
% of Labor Force	14.4	14.8	8.8

Source: S.C. Employment Security Commission

**Labor Turnover Rate (3<sup>rd</sup> qtr 2008):** 11.2%

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

Live 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

Work in Colleton County 74.0

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

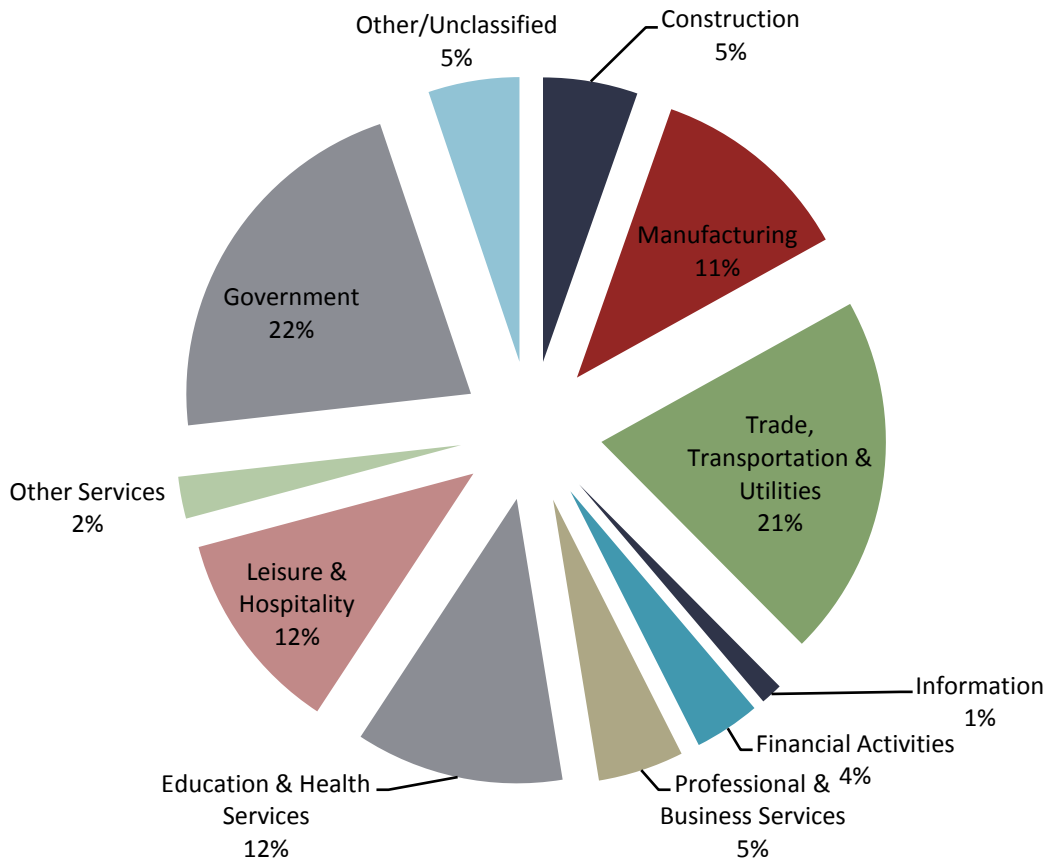


# WORKFORCE

## Colleton County Industry Employment—2008

Industry	Employing Units	Total Wages	Avg Monthly Emp	% of Total
All Industries	864	305,188,498	10,704	
Construction	113	17,045,820	576	5.4
Manufacturing	37	42,008,681	1,237	11.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	230	58,955,694	2,207	20.6
Information	10	5,673,768	133	1.2
Financial Activities	83	12,760,782	401	3.7
Professional & Business Services	86	16,078,812	522	4.9
Education and Health Services	67	43,288,489	1,266	11.8
Leisure and Hospitality	76	16,582,183	1,241	11.6
Other Services	71	6,227,549	255	2.4
Government	43	71,537,253	2,312	21.6
Other/Unclassified	48	15,029,467	554	5.2

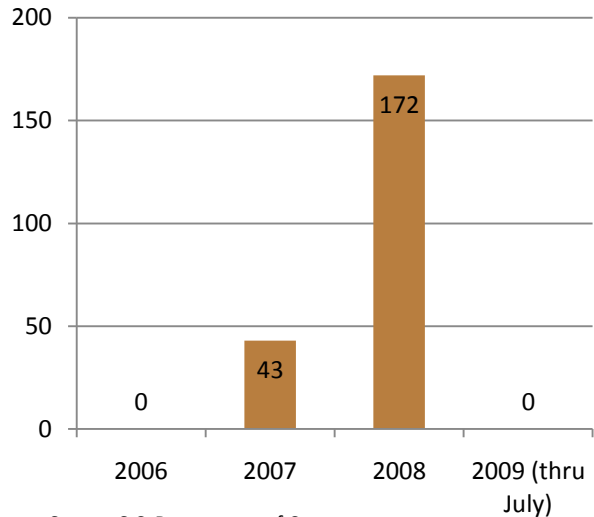
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



# WORKFORCE

## Colleton County Closures/Layoffs

Colleton County reported a total of 215 jobs affected by layoffs and closures between 2006 and July 2009.



Source: S.C. Department of Commerce

## Colleton County Largest Employers

- Walterboro Community Hospital/Colleton Medical Center
- Colleton County School District-Walterboro High School
- County of Colleton-Sheriff's Office
- Mark IV Industries Inc
- Astenjohnson Inc
- Carolina Visuals LLC
- County of Colleton-Colleton County Fire Rescue
- United Health Services Inc/Oakwood Health Care Center
- Rockford Manufacturing Ltd
- Choice Healthcare Services Inc
- Colleton County School District
- Wal-Mart Stores Inc-Walterboro
- Wyndham Vacation Resorts Inc
- City of Walterboro
- Colleton County School District-Forest Hills Elementary School
- Colleton County School District-Northside Elementary School
- Colleton County Board of Disabilities & Special Needs
- Advantage Veterans Services of Walterboro LLC/Veterans Victory House
- Colleton County School District-Black Street Elementary School
- Colleton County School District-Far Circle Middle School

Source: Dun & Bradstreet



# WORKFORCE

## Colleton County Income

Per capita income (2007)	\$25,402
Per capita income (2005)	\$22,491
Median household income (2005-07 avg)	\$34,072

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

## Average Weekly and Annual Wages by Industry—2008

	Weekly (\$)	Annual (\$)
Total, All Industries	548	28,496
Construction	569	29,588
Manufacturing	653	33,956
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	513	26,676
Information	820	42,640
Financial Activities	612	31,824
Professional and Business Services	593	30,836
Education and Health Services	617	32,084
Leisure and Hospitality	257	13,364
Other Services	470	24,440
Government	595	30,942

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



# EDUCATION

## Colleton County Educational Attainment

### Educational Attainment, 25 Years and Over

	#	% of total
Total	25,251	
Less than HS grad	5,827	23
HS grad	11,089	44
Some college	3,938	16
Associate degree	1,262	5
Bachelor's degree or higher	3,135	12

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2005-07 avg)

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, 18.7 percent had at least a bachelor's degree in 2007, compared with 24.2 percent of the 45 to 64 year-old population and 25.4 percent of the 35 to 44 year-old population. In Colleton County, 11.4 percent of the 65 and older population had at least a bachelor's degree in 2007, compared with 14.3 percent of the 45 to 64 year-old population and 12.4 percent of the 35 to 44 year-old population.

Of the population 65 and older in South Carolina, 31.5 percent had less than a high school education in 2007, compared with 15.5 percent of the 45 to 64 year-old population and 13.2 percent of the 35 to 44 year-old population. In Colleton County, 43.2 percent of the population 65 and older had less than a high school education, compared with 17.8 percent of the 45 to 64 year-old population and 20.7 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	3,244		440,274		29,820,815	
Less Than 9th Grade	55	1.7	9,166	2.1	741,370	2.5
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	685	21.1	72,281	16.4	4,356,053	14.6
High School Graduate	1,197	36.9	154,126	35.0	9,934,317	33.3
Some College, No Degree	1,045	32.2	157,114	35.7	10,740,626	36.0
Associate Degree	39	1.2	13,996	3.2	1,400,110	4.7
Bachelor's Degree	223	6.9	31,190	7.1	2,468,752	8.3
Graduate or Professional Degree	0	0.0	2,401	0.5	179,587	0.6
Less Than High School Graduate	740	22.8	81,447	18.5	5,097,423	17.1
High School Graduate or Higher	2,504	77.2	358,827	81.5	24,723,392	82.9
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	223	6.9	33,591	7.6	2,648,339	8.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2005-07 avg)





# EDUCATION

## Colleton County Educational Attainment

### Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 25-34

	Colleton County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 25-34	4,474		559,685		39,987,053	
Less Than 9th Grade	98	2.2	16,478	2.9	1,838,275	4.6
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	544	12.2	64,851	11.6	3,658,009	9.1
High School Graduate	1,943	43.4	177,403	31.7	11,166,759	27.9
Some College, No Degree	1,153	25.8	112,922	20.2	8,406,334	21.0
Associate Degree	318	7.1	51,244	9.2	3,266,688	8.2
Bachelor's Degree	388	8.7	100,281	17.9	8,341,141	20.9
Graduate or Professional Degree	30	0.7	36,506	6.5	3,309,847	8.3
Less Than High School Graduate	642	14.3	81,329	14.5	5,496,284	13.7
High School Graduate or Higher	3,832	85.7	478,356	85.5	34,490,769	86.3
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	418	9.3	136,787	24.4	11,650,988	29.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2005-07 avg)

### Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 35-44

	Colleton County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 35-44	5,261		631,562		43,410,417	
Less Than 9th Grade	149	2.8	19,831	3.1	2,055,273	4.7
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	938	17.8	63,510	10.1	3,487,799	8.0
High School Graduate	2,435	46.3	208,314	33.0	12,405,235	28.6
Some College, No Degree	786	14.9	116,184	18.4	8,444,604	19.5
Associate Degree	301	5.7	63,153	10.0	3,811,918	8.8
Bachelor's Degree	528	10.0	109,684	17.4	8,650,135	19.9
Graduate or Professional Degree	124	2.4	50,886	8.1	4,555,453	10.5
Less Than High School Graduate	1,087	20.7	83,341	13.2	5,543,072	12.8
High School Graduate or Higher	4,174	79.3	548,221	86.8	37,867,345	87.2
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	652	12.4	160,570	25.4	13,205,588	30.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2005-07 avg)



# EDUCATION

## Colleton County Educational Attainment

### Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 45-64

	Colleton County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 45-64	10,248		1,146,150		76,654,341	
Less Than 9th Grade	474	4.6	52,904	4.6	3,893,100	5.1
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	1,347	13.1	124,259	10.8	5,888,146	7.7
High School Graduate	4,846	47.3	388,297	33.9	22,961,923	30.0
Some College, No Degree	1,586	15.5	209,211	18.3	15,539,402	20.3
Associate Degree	528	5.2	93,567	8.2	6,201,000	8.1
Bachelor's Degree	1,092	10.7	168,389	14.7	13,233,517	17.3
Graduate or Professional Degree	375	3.7	109,523	9.6	8,937,253	11.7
Less Than High School Graduate	1,821	17.8	177,163	15.5	9,781,246	12.8
High School Graduate or Higher	8,427	82.2	968,987	84.5	66,873,095	87.2
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,467	14.3	277,912	24.2	22,170,770	28.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2005-07 avg)

### Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 65 and Over

	Colleton County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 65 and Over	5,268		572,382		37,840,558	
Less Than 9th Grade	1,179	22.4	84,196	14.7	4,788,670	12.7
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	1,098	20.8	96,118	16.8	5,064,171	13.4
High School Graduate	1,865	35.4	180,001	31.4	13,124,398	34.7
Some College, No Degree	413	7.8	81,490	14.2	6,131,972	16.2
Associate Degree	115	2.2	23,497	4.1	1,425,182	3.8
Bachelor's Degree	465	8.8	66,726	11.7	4,139,684	10.9
Graduate or Professional Degree	133	2.5	40,354	7.1	3,166,481	8.4
Less Than High School Graduate	2,277	43.2	180,314	31.5	9,852,841	26.0
High School Graduate or Higher	2,991	56.8	392,068	68.5	27,987,717	74.0
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	598	11.4	107,080	18.7	7,306,165	19.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2005-07 avg)

## Colleton County Post-Secondary Institutions

### Schools

University of South Carolina – Salkehatchie

Source: SC Information Highway

### Location

Walterboro



# LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

## Colleton County

	2nd Qtr 2008	3rd Qtr 2008
Total Employment	9,994	10,258
Net Job Flows	375	405
Job Creation	958	937
New Hires	2,146	2,838
Separations	2,312	2,832
Turnover	10.6%	11.2%
Avg. Monthly Earnings (\$)	2,381	2,354
Avg. New Hire Earnings (\$)	1,657	1,394

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 2008</b>								
Total Employment	316	530	552	2,004	2,190	2,301	1,601	501
Net Job Flows	121	86	-5	8	69	80	7	14
Job Creation	163	155	86	198	218	221	126	56
New Hires	286	320	211	455	366	291	140	79
Separations	191	276	245	534	408	335	222	101
Turnover	28.2%	21.8%	20.0%	12.6%	8.9%	7.5%	7.3%	8.3%
Avg. Monthly Earnings (\$)	723	1,249	1,581	2,280	2,676	2,726	2,548	1,730
Avg. New Hire Earnings (\$)	595	1,227	1,353	1,674	1,865	2,115	2,011	1,408

	14-18	19-21	22-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-99
<b>3rd Qtr 2008</b>								
Total Employment	390	611	520	2,010	2,214	2,365	1,605	542
Net Job Flows	5	-15	81	119	89	80	16	29
Job Creation	89	102	137	286	228	220	113	68
New Hires	301	317	278	677	504	444	194	123
Separations	317	371	231	637	502	437	225	114
Turnover	34.8%	26.1%	17.9%	13.5%	10.1%	7.8%	6.6%	7.6%
Avg. Monthly Earnings (\$)	723	1,261	1,527	2,321	2,613	2,742	2,463	1,689
Avg. New Hire Earnings (\$)	687	1,058	1,336	1,694	1,473	1,684	1,743	919

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



# LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

## Colleton County

	Female	Male
<b>2nd Qtr 2008</b> Total Employment	5,608	4,386
Net Job Flows	221	154
Job Creation	586	438
New Hires	1,155	991
Separations	1,296	1,016
Turnover	10.2%	11.0%
Avg. Monthly Earnings (\$)	1,933	2,962
Avg. New Hire Earnings (\$)	1,287	2,051
<b>3rd Qtr 2008</b> Total Employment	5,757	4,500
Net Job Flows	85	321
Job Creation	434	608
New Hires	1,380	1,459
Separations	1,477	1,355
Turnover	11.3%	11.1%
Avg. Monthly Earnings (\$)	1,942	2,891
Avg. New Hire Earnings (\$)	1,233	1,587

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



# TERMINOLOGY

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

