

# Labor Market Profile

## Laurens County



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## Introduction

This report provides a labor market profile of Laurens County. It is intended to compliment the information found on our Labor Market Information website:

<http://www.sces.org/lmi/>

The report is divided into the following three major sections:

- 1.) Demographic Profile
- 2.) Economic Profile
- 3.) Education Profile

## Demographic Profile

### Overview

This Demographic Profile provides an in-depth analysis of the population in Laurens County. Most of the data is produced by the U.S. Census Bureau, and includes demographic characteristics such as age, race, and gender.



### Related Terms and Definitions

#### Ability To Speak English

For people who speak a language other than English at home, the response represents the person's own perception of his or her ability to speak English. Because census questionnaires are usually completed by one household member, the responses may represent the perception of another household member.

#### Age

The age classification is based on the age of the person in complete years as of April 1, 2000. The age of the person usually was derived from their date of birth information. Their reported age was used only when date of birth information was unavailable.

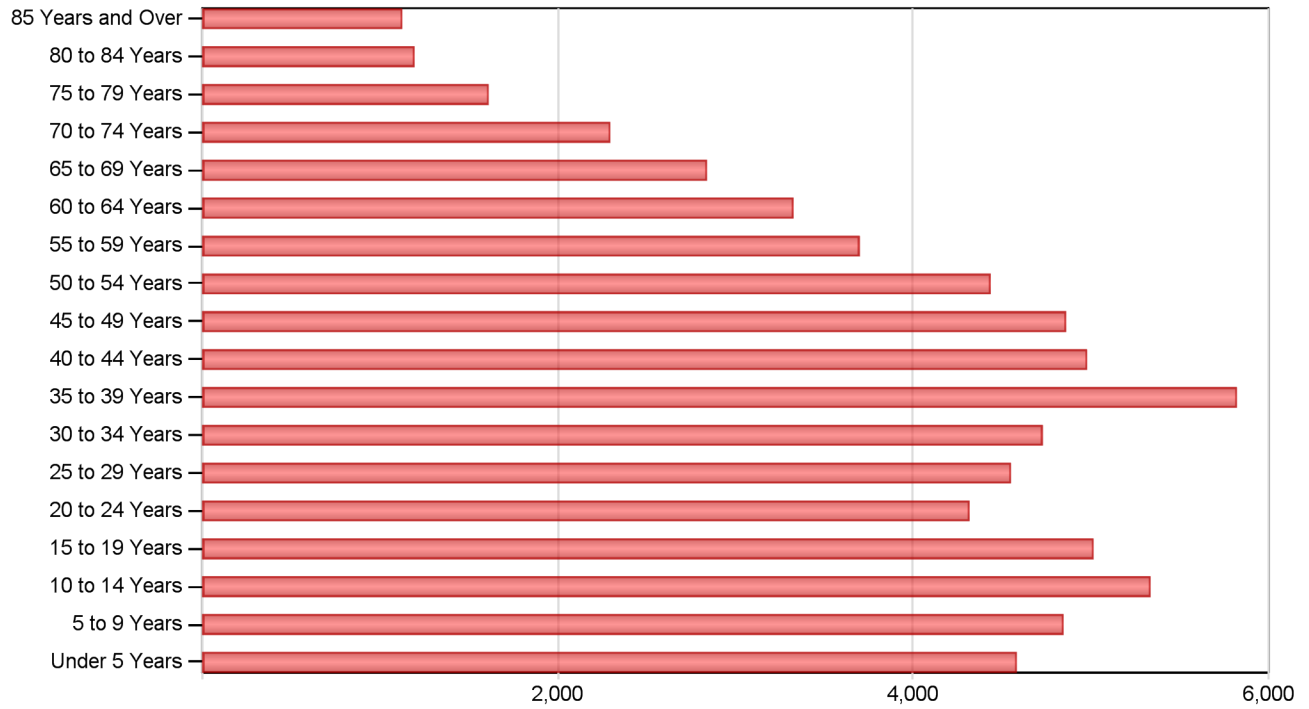
#### Gender

The data on gender were derived from answers to a question that was asked of all people. Individuals were asked to mark either "male" or "female" to indicate their gender. For most cases in which gender was not reported, it was determined by the appropriate entry from the person's given (i.e., first) name and household relationship. Otherwise, gender was imputed according to the relationship to the householder and the age of the person.

#### Race

The concept of race as used by the Census Bureau reflects self-identification by people according to the race or races with which they most closely identify. The categories are sociopolitical constructs and should not be interpreted as being scientific or anthropological in nature. Furthermore, the race categories include both racial and national-origin groups.

### Population by Age



	Laurens County	South Carolina	United States
Under 5 Years	4,583	263,343	19,175,798
5 to 9 Years	4,846	286,291	20,549,505
10 to 14 Years	5,336	293,460	20,528,072
15 to 19 Years	5,014	290,886	20,219,890
20 to 24 Years	4,318	282,022	18,964,001
25 to 29 Years	4,550	274,083	19,381,336
30 to 34 Years	4,729	279,558	20,510,388
35 to 39 Years	5,821	322,316	22,706,664
40 to 44 Years	4,978	315,607	22,441,863
45 to 49 Years	4,862	288,742	20,092,404
50 to 54 Years	4,437	258,094	17,585,548
55 to 59 Years	3,699	206,006	13,469,237
60 to 64 Years	3,328	165,759	10,805,447
65 to 69 Years	2,840	147,390	9,533,545
70 to 74 Years	2,295	125,981	8,857,441
75 to 79 Years	1,611	99,682	7,415,813
80 to 84 Years	1,195	63,251	4,945,367
85 Years and Over	1,125	49,541	4,239,587

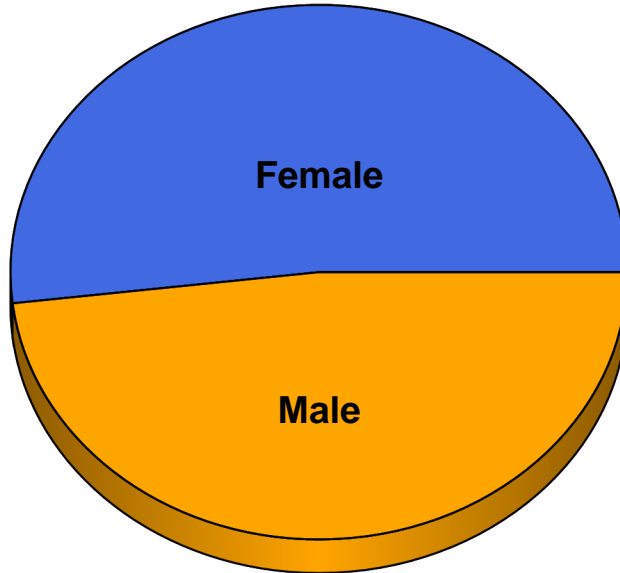
Source: 2000 Census, Summary File 3, Table P8

### Population by Race/Ethnicity

	Laurens County	South Carolina	United States
<b>Total</b>			
Total	69,653	4,046,980	281,421,906
<b>Race</b>			
White	49,404	2,654,401	194,552,774
Black or African American	18,118	1,176,895	33,947,837
American Indian or Alaska Native	95	13,739	2,068,883
Asian	95	36,009	10,123,169
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	95	36,009	353,509
Other and Multi-Race	657	37,099	5,069,916
<b>Ethnicity</b>			
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1,189	92,828	35,305,818

Source: 2000 Census, Summary File 3, Table P7

### Population by Gender



	Laurens County	South Carolina	United States
Male	33,489	1,947,380	138,053,563
Female	36,078	2,064,632	143,368,343

Source: 2000 Census, Summary File 3, Table P8



## Economic Profile

### Overview

This Economic Profile of Laurens County includes several data sets produced by the South Carolina Employment Security Commission. The profile contains industry and occupation data, as well as employment and unemployment information.



### Related Terms and Definitions

#### Average Weekly Wage

Computed as average quarterly wages divided by 13.

#### Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The Consumer Price Index measures the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a representative market basket of consumer goods and services.

#### Local Employment Dynamics (LED)

The Local Employment Dynamics Program at the Census Bureau, together with its state partners, provides employment information at the county, city, and Workforce Investment Area level. This information tracks workers in different industries by age and gender and provides statistics on job creation, separation, turnover, and wages.

#### Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)

A federal/state cooperative program that collects and compiles employment and wage data for workers covered by state unemployment insurance (UI) laws and the federal civilian workers covered by Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE). These data are maintained at the state in micro and macro levels and also sent to BLS quarterly.

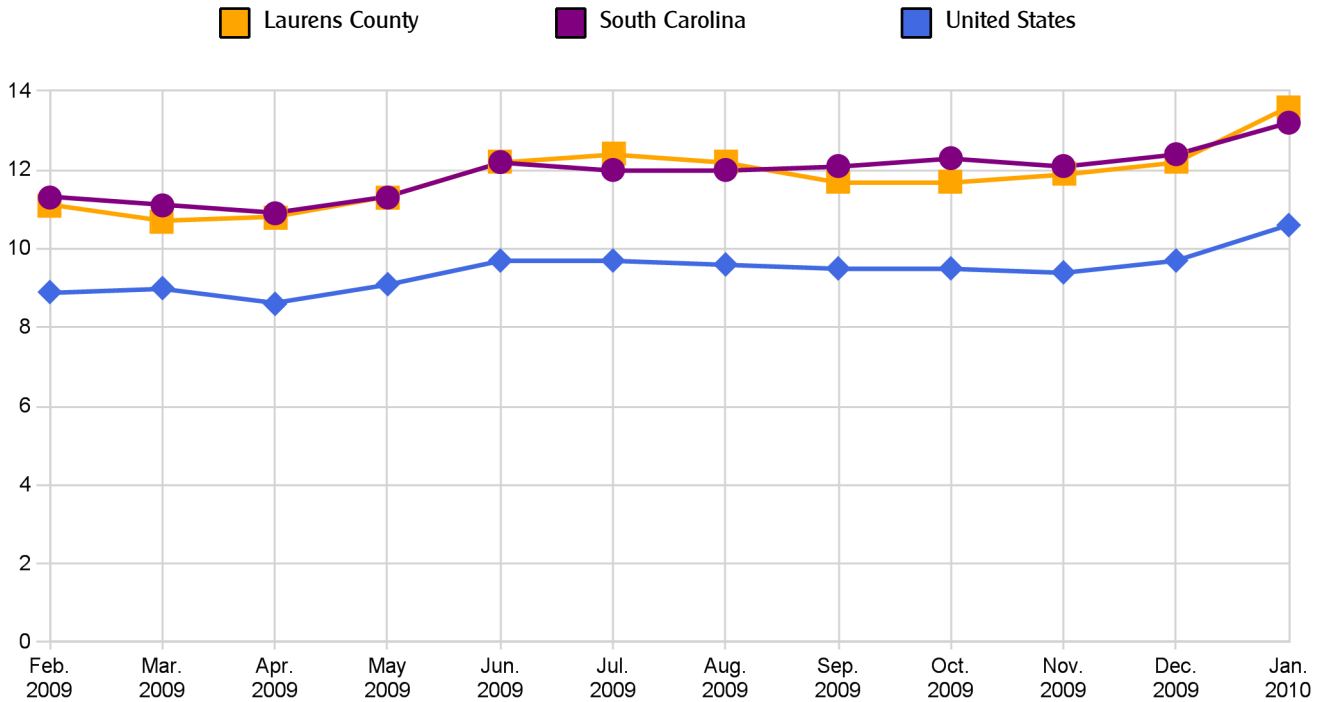
#### Unemployment Insurance (UI)

Unemployment insurance is a program for the accumulation of funds paid by employers to be used for the payment of unemployment insurance to workers during periods of unemployment which are beyond the workers' control. Unemployment insurance replaces a part of the worker's wage loss if he becomes eligible for payments. UI serves as an economic stabilizer by maintaining an individual's purchasing power when unemployed.

#### Unemployment Rate

The number of unemployed people as a percentage of the labor force.

## Unemployment Rates *Past 12 Months*

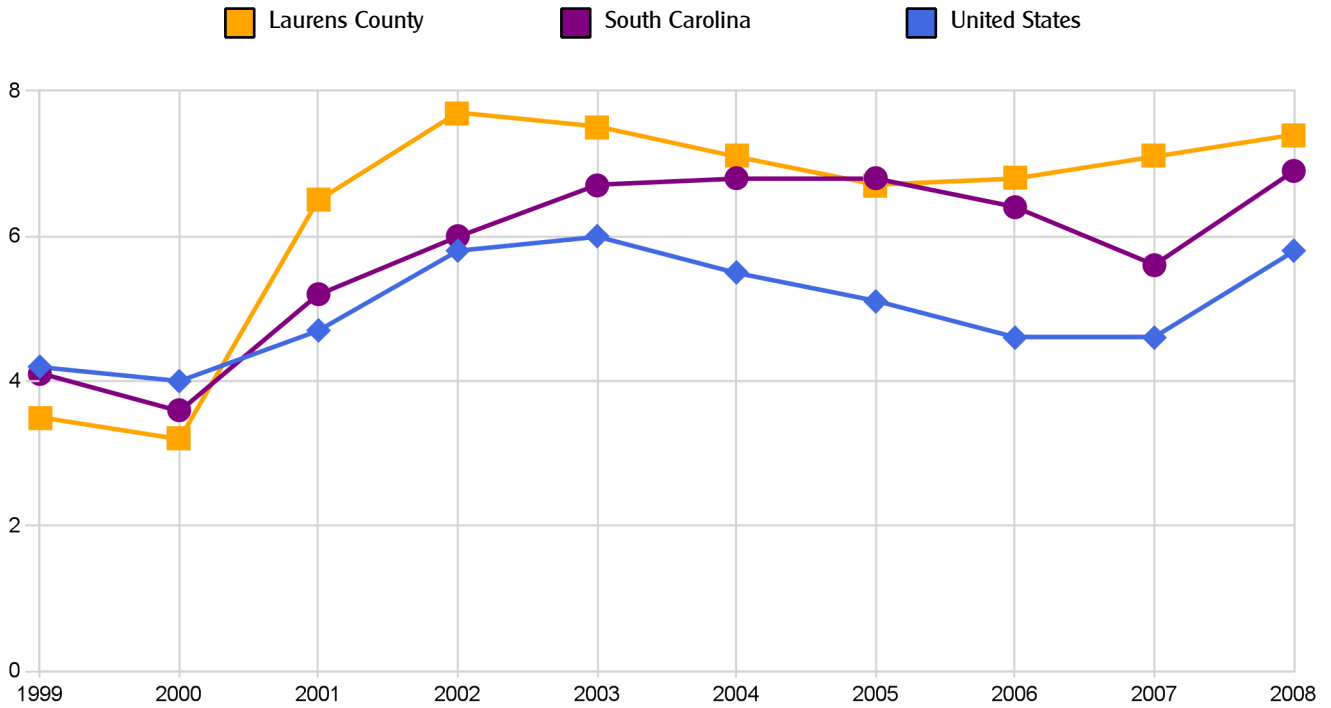


	Laurens County	South Carolina	United States
Feb. 2009	11.1%	11.3%	8.9%
Mar. 2009	10.7%	11.1%	9.0%
Apr. 2009	10.8%	10.9%	8.6%
May 2009	11.3%	11.3%	9.1%
Jun. 2009	12.2%	12.2%	9.7%
Jul. 2009	12.4%	12.0%	9.7%
Aug. 2009	12.2%	12.0%	9.6%
Sep. 2009	11.7%	12.1%	9.5%
Oct. 2009	11.7%	12.3%	9.5%
Nov. 2009	11.9%	12.1%	9.4%
Dec. 2009	12.2%	12.4%	9.7%
Jan. 2010	13.6%	13.2%	10.6%

Source: South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.



## Unemployment Rates *Trends*



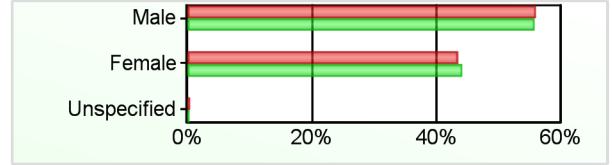
	Laurens County	South Carolina	United States
1999	3.5%	4.1%	4.2%
2000	3.2%	3.6%	4.0%
2001	6.5%	5.2%	4.7%
2002	7.7%	6.0%	5.8%
2003	7.5%	6.7%	6.0%
2004	7.1%	6.8%	5.5%
2005	6.7%	6.8%	5.1%
2006	6.8%	6.4%	4.6%
2007	7.1%	5.6%	4.6%
2008	7.4%	6.9%	5.8%

Source: South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

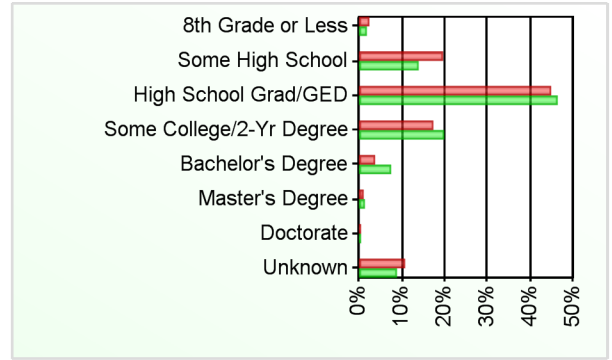
## Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

- Laurens County - (2,625 claimants)
- South Carolina - (164,506 claimants)

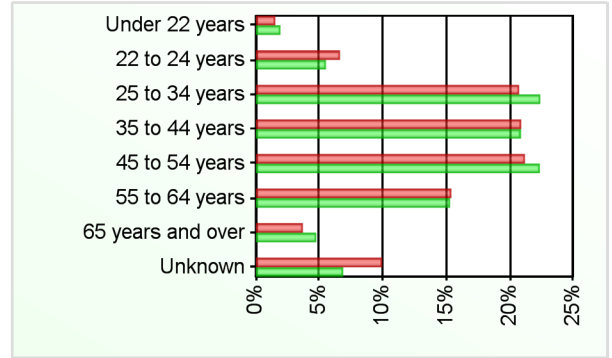
Gender	Laurens County	South Carolina
Male	1,471	91,777
Female	1,142	72,672
Unspecified	12	57



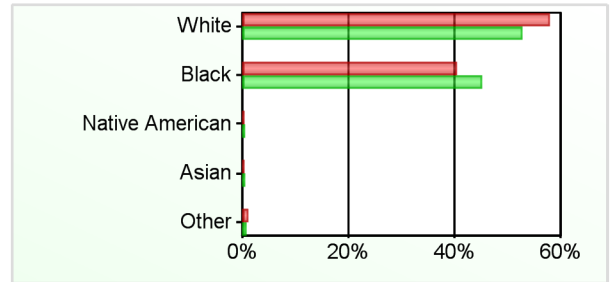
Education	Laurens County	South Carolina
8th Grade or Less	64	3,053
Some High School	516	22,873
High School Grad/GED	1,177	76,329
Some College/2-Yr Degree	455	32,663
Bachelor's Degree	99	12,366
Master's Degree	29	2,248
Doctorate	3	322
Unknown	282	14,652



Age	Laurens County	South Carolina
Under 22 years	40	3,176
22 to 24 years	174	9,083
25 to 34 years	544	36,827
35 to 44 years	549	34,332
45 to 54 years	556	36,814
55 to 64 years	404	25,159
65 years and over	97	7,802
Unknown	261	11,313



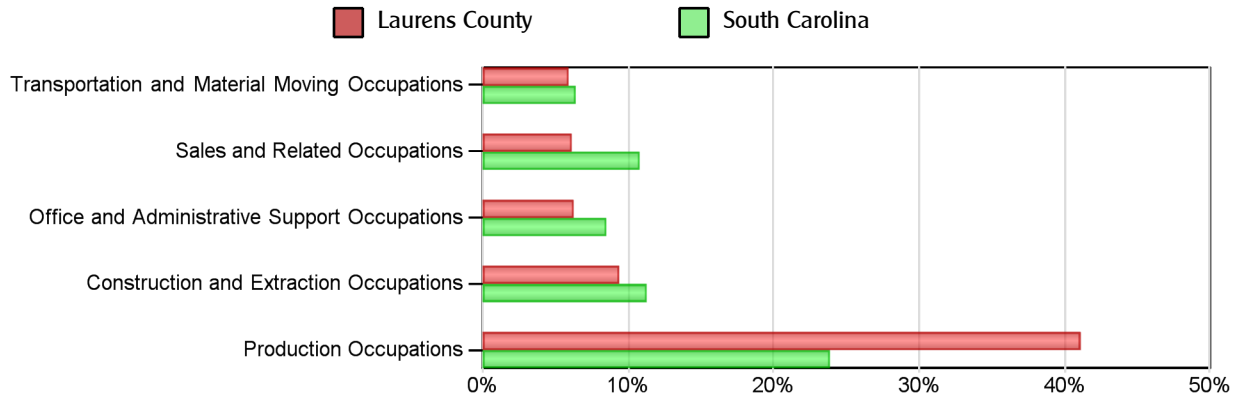
Race	Laurens County	South Carolina
White	1,520	86,703
Black	1,061	74,240
Native American	9	898
Asian	4	982
Other	29	1,350
Hispanic or Latino		



Source: South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, February 2010.

## Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

### Top 5 Occupation Groups With Largest Number of Claimants in Laurens County (excludes unclassified)

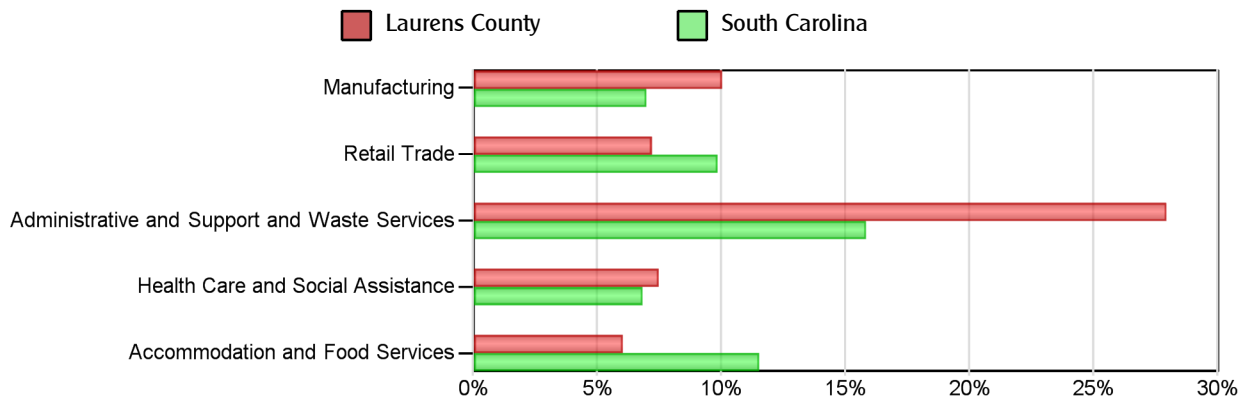


Code	Occupation	Laurens County	South Carolina
11-0000	Management Occupations	95	8,759
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations Occupations	32	3,807
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical Occupations	2	143
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering Occupations	39	2,632
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	3	209
21-0000	Community and Social Service Occupations	19	887
23-0000	Legal Occupations	6	715
25-0000	Education, Training, and Library Occupations	27	1,979
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occ	11	1,200
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	22	1,642
31-0000	Healthcare Support Occupations	65	3,494
33-0000	Protective Service Occupations	23	1,688
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	121	12,281
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occu	48	6,603
39-0000	Personal Care and Service Occupations	40	2,427
41-0000	Sales and Related Occupations	144	16,606
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	147	13,091
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	8	961
47-0000	Construction and Extraction Occupations	221	17,360
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	93	5,678
51-0000	Production Occupations	967	36,804
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	139	9,862
55-0000	Military Specific Occupations	3	679
99-9999	Unclassified	78	4,625

Source: South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, February 2010.

## Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

### Top 5 Industries With Largest Number of Claimants in Laurens County (excludes unclassified)



Code	Occupation	Laurens County	South Carolina
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	11	1,023
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	8	227
22	Utilities	2	202
23	Construction	96	7,655
31-33	Manufacturing	180	8,885
42	Wholesale Trade	72	7,294
44-45	Retail Trade	129	12,571
48-49	Transportation and Warehousing	34	3,400
51	Information	11	1,428
52	Finance and Insurance	30	3,602
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	25	3,079
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Svcs	66	5,760
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	11	471
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Services	502	20,213
61	Educational Services	41	2,911
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	134	8,684
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	8	2,404
72	Accommodation and Food Services	108	14,714
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	37	4,012
92	Public Administration	84	2,294
99	Unclassified	210	17,146

Source: South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, February 2010.

## Consumer Price Index (CPI)

### All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann.	% chg
<b>2010</b>	216.687	216.741												
<b>2009</b>	211.143	212.193	212.709	213.240	213.856	215.693	215.351	215.834	215.969	216.177	216.330	215.949	214.537	-0.4
<b>2008</b>	211.080	211.693	213.528	214.823	216.632	218.815	219.964	219.086	218.783	216.573	212.425	210.228	215.303	3.8
<b>2007</b>	202.416	203.499	205.352	206.686	207.949	208.352	208.299	207.917	208.490	208.936	210.177	210.036	207.342	2.8
<b>2006</b>	198.300	198.700	199.800	201.500	202.500	202.900	203.500	203.900	202.900	201.800	201.500	201.800	201.600	3.2
<b>2005</b>	190.700	191.800	193.300	194.600	194.400	194.500	195.400	196.400	198.800	199.200	197.600	196.800	195.300	3.4
<b>2004</b>	185.200	186.200	187.400	188.000	189.100	189.700	189.400	189.500	189.900	190.900	191.000	190.300	188.900	2.7
<b>2003</b>	181.700	183.100	184.200	183.800	183.500	183.700	183.900	184.600	185.200	185.000	184.500	184.300	184.000	2.3
<b>2002</b>	177.100	177.800	178.800	179.800	179.800	179.900	180.100	180.700	181.000	181.300	181.300	180.900	179.900	1.6
<b>2001</b>	175.100	175.800	176.200	176.900	177.700	178.000	177.500	177.500	178.300	177.700	177.400	176.700	177.100	2.8
<b>2000</b>	168.800	169.800	171.200	171.300	171.500	172.400	172.800	172.800	173.700	174.000	174.100	174.000	172.200	3.4

### Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann.	% chg
<b>2010</b>	212.568	212.544												
<b>2009</b>	205.700	206.708	207.218	207.925	208.774	210.972	210.526	211.156	211.322	211.549	212.003	211.703	209.630	-0.7
<b>2008</b>	206.744	207.254	209.147	210.698	212.788	215.223	216.304	215.247	214.935	212.182	207.296	204.813	211.053	4.1
<b>2007</b>	197.559	198.544	200.612	202.130	203.661	203.906	203.700	203.199	203.889	204.338	205.891	205.777	202.767	2.9
<b>2006</b>	194.000	194.200	195.300	197.200	198.200	198.600	199.200	199.600	198.400	197.000	196.800	197.200	197.100	3.2
<b>2005</b>	186.300	187.300	188.600	190.200	190.000	190.100	191.000	192.100	195.000	195.200	193.400	192.500	191.000	3.5
<b>2004</b>	180.900	181.900	182.900	183.500	184.700	185.300	184.900	185.000	185.400	186.500	186.800	186.000	184.500	2.6
<b>2003</b>	177.700	179.200	180.300	179.800	179.400	179.600	179.600	180.300	181.000	180.700	180.200	179.900	179.800	2.2
<b>2002</b>	173.200	173.700	174.700	175.800	175.800	175.900	176.100	176.600	177.000	177.300	177.400	177.000	175.900	1.4
<b>2001</b>	171.700	172.400	172.600	173.500	174.400	174.600	173.800	173.800	174.800	174.000	173.700	172.900	173.500	2.7
<b>2000</b>	165.600	166.500	167.900	168.000	168.200	169.200	169.400	169.300	170.400	170.600	170.900	170.700	168.900	3.5

Note: CPI data is for the United States only. No data available for Laurens County.

The CPI-U includes expenditures by urban wage earners and clerical workers, professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI-W only includes expenditures by those in hourly wage earning or clerical jobs.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Indexes (CPI) Program.

## Education Profile

### Overview

This Education Profile of Laurens County consists of information collected from the U.S. Census Bureau and the National Center for Education Statistics.



### Related Terms and Definitions

#### Associate's degree

An award that normally requires at least two but less than four years of full-time equivalent college work.

#### Bachelor's degree

An award that normally requires at least four but not more than five years of full-time equivalent college-level work.

#### Post-baccalaureate certificate

An award that requires completion of an organized program of study equivalent to 18 semester credit hours beyond the bachelor's. It is designed for persons who have completed a bachelor's degree, but do not meet the requirements of a master's degree.

#### Master's degree

An award that requires the successful completion of a program of study of at least the full-time equivalent of one but not more than two academic years of work beyond the bachelor's degree.

#### Post-master's certificate

An award that requires completion of an organized program of study equivalent to 24 semester credit hours beyond the master's degree, but does not meet the requirements of academic degrees at the doctor's level.

#### Doctor's degree

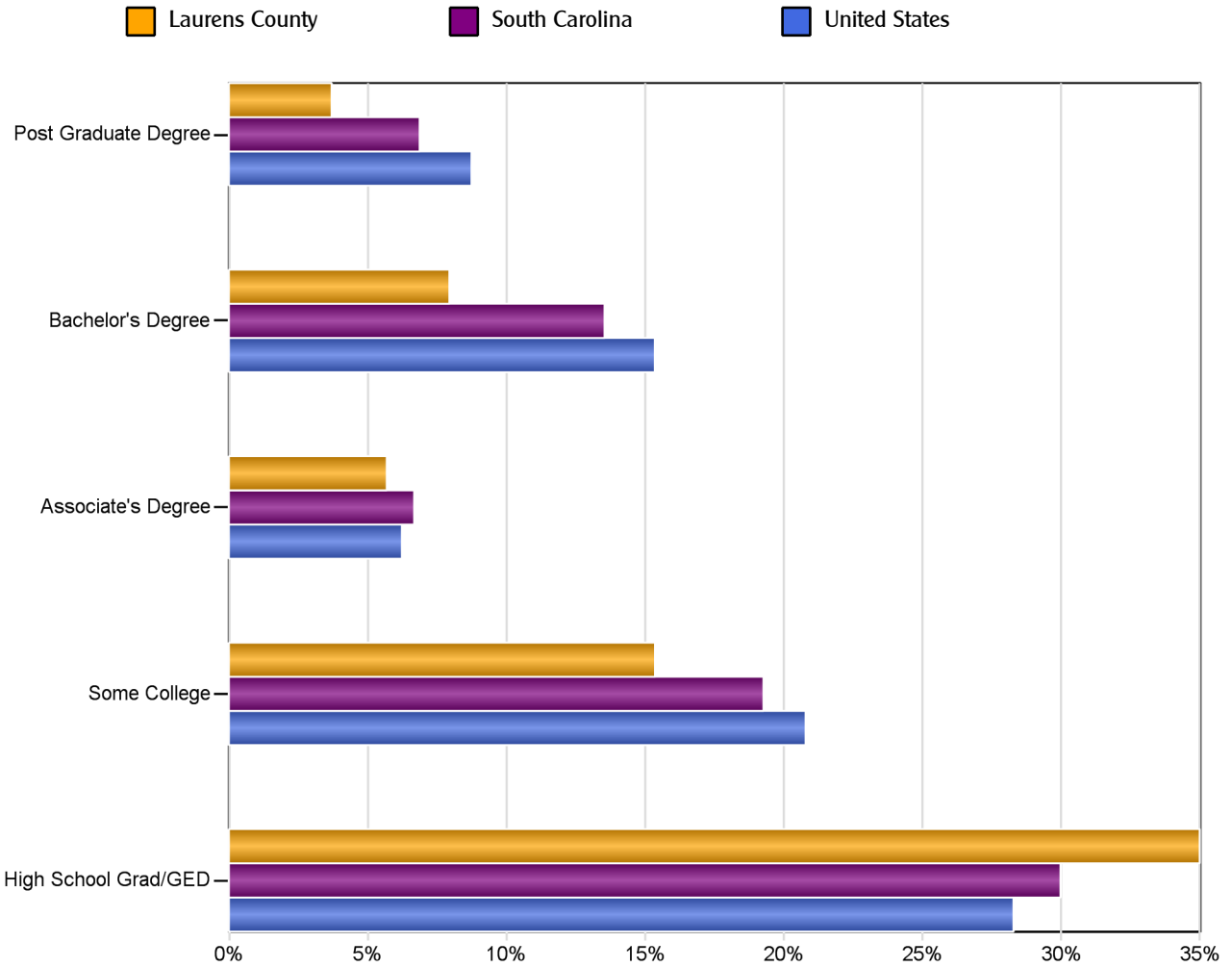
The highest award a student can earn for graduate study.

#### First-professional degree

An award that requires completion of a program that meets all of the following criteria: (1) completion of the academic requirements to begin practice in the profession; (2) at least two years of college work prior to entering the program; and (3) a total of at least six academic years of college work to complete the degree program, including prior required college work plus the length of the professional program itself.



### Education Level (Population 25 years and over)



	Laurens County	South Carolina	United States
High School Grad/GED	15,907	778,054	52,168,981
Some College	6,983	500,194	38,351,595
Associate's Degree	2,589	173,428	11,512,833
Bachelor's Degree	3,616	351,526	28,317,792
Post Graduate Degree	1,686	178,529	16,144,813

Source: 2000 Census