

Labor Resources for Turbeville, South Carolina

Executive Summary

This profile contains information about the labor force within a 30 minute and 45 minute commuting distance from the center of Turbeville, South Carolina. Turbeville is located in Clarendon County, South Carolina.

The profile examines three issues: labor force characteristics, the availability of labor, and the average wages and salaries in the community of Turbeville.

Labor Situation at a Glance in Turbeville, South Carolina

Labor Force Characteristics	within 30 min.	within 45 min.	South Carolina
Population, 2004	104,434	239,759	4,198,068
Labor Force, 2004	50,953	118,442	2,046,179
Availability of Labor	within 30 min.	within 45 min.	South Carolina
Unemployed Workers, 2004	3,957	9,141	139,607
Unemployment Rate, 2004	7.8%	8.4%	6.8%
Workers Affected by Layoffs (Past 2 Years)	408	966	22,196
Average Wages	Clarendon County	South Carolina	United States
2003 Avg. Weekly Wage	\$421	\$581	\$658

Labor Force Characteristics for Turbeville, South Carolina

The composition and size of a community's labor force is linked very closely with demographic and economic conditions and trends in the region. The following labor force profile provides basic information on the population base and labor force characteristics so that the reader can better assess labor force conditions in the community.

Labor Force			
	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
Labor Force 2004	50,953	118,442	2,046,179
Change since 2000	3,542	9,756	49,079
Population			
Population 2004	104,434	239,759	4,198,068
Change since 2000	3,183	8,352	186,056
Projected 2010	96,195	235,986	4,446,704
Gender Distribution			
Male	49,579	113,813	2,040,261
Female	54,854	125,946	2,132,454
Age Distribution			
Ages 20-34	21,440	48,943	875,330
Ages 35-49	22,255	51,246	925,330
Ages 50-64	18,190	42,007	739,980
20-54 *Prime Working Age	50,943	116,923	2,084,880
Highest Level of Educational Attainment			
High School	34,726	79,581	778,054
Some College	16,982	39,245	500,194
Associate Degree	5,931	13,739	173,428
Bachelors Degree	10,233	23,349	351,526
Post Bachelor	4,952	11,179	178,529

**Prime working age group:* People between the ages of 18-54 are often referred to as the prime working age group. In staffing a new facility, prudent managers often prefer to staff its production work force with workers whose ages form a normal distribution curve. This provides for stability, flexibility and continuity of knowledge.

Source: 2004 Estimates Based on 2000 U.S. Census of Population and Woods and Poole, 2003 Edition

Employment Characteristics for Turbeville, South Carolina

Total Employment			
Year	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
2004	46,996	109,301	1,906,571

Total Employment data include all full and part-time wage and salaried workers in the area. These people may or may not reside in the area.

Monthly Employment by Sector In Clarendon County			
Sector	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	165	355	12,379
Mining	15	35	1,603
Utilities	59	120	11,891
Construction	1,601	3,991	111,730
Manufacturing	6,011	15,099	275,573
Wood product manufacturing	274	680	8,371
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing	91	226	9,155
Primary metal manufacturing	8	269	6,317
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	729	1,751	27,357
Machinery manufacturing	456	999	21,278
Computer and electronic product manufacturing			7,666
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg.	32	103	10,748
Transportation equipment manufacturing	135	544	30,932
Furniture and related product manufacturing	18	43	4,225
Miscellaneous manufacturing	28	86	7,846
Food manufacturing	307	643	17,832
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing	3	10	1,445
Textile mills	755	1,798	40,207
Textile product mills	185	369	9,724
Apparel manufacturing	56	115	5,321
Paper manufacturing	280	1,345	14,710
Printing and related support activities	40	108	7,327
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing			288
Chemical manufacturing	743	1,571	21,659
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing	125	279	23,054
Wholesale Trade	1,288	3,170	62,523
Retail Trade	4,717	11,012	224,031
Transportation and Warehousing	733	1,669	46,941
Education and Health Services	8,471	18,874	156,232
Leisure and Hospitality	3,367	7,913	192,748
Professional and Business Services	2,326	5,971	186,481

Source: 2003 Covered Wages, SC Employment Securities Commission

Largest Industries by Total Employment In Clarendon County, SC

Company Name	City	Primary Product/Service	Employment	Date Est.
Federal-Mogul Corp	Summerton	Oil seals	800	1974
Meritor Heavy Vehicle Systems	Manning	Truck brake systems	278	1998
Yanagawa of South Carolina	Manning	ATZ components	162	1999
Trimaco LLC	Manning	Canvas drop cloths	121	1983
Southwoods-Arauco Lumber & Millwork	Manning	Custom molding & millwork	89	1994
The Starflo Corp	Manning	Cast steel valves	84	1983
Woerner East	Turbeville	Turf sod	45	1996
Martin Brothers Inc	Summerton	Chipping & logging	40	1955
Carolina Modular Inc	Turbeville	Modular buildings	34	199
Freeman Millwork Co	Manning	Wooden doors & windows	33	1947
Palmetto Sales & Equipment	Manning	Agricultural equipment	25	1989
Mid Eastern Truck Wash Inc	Manning	Truck signs & graphics	25	

Employer-Employee Relationship

Employer-employee relations in South Carolina are very stable and the state consistently ranks as one of the least unionized in the nation. In 2004, only 4.5 percent of the state's workers were members of a labor union. Additionally, the state has consistently had one of the lowest work stoppage rates in the United States. On average, less than .01 percent of working time was lost due to strikes in manufacturing and non-manufacturing industries combined.

Availability of Labor

Labor Force Participation & Unemployment

Labor Force Participation & Unemployment			
Year	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
Labor Force (2004)	50,953	118,442	2,046,179
Labor Force Change from 2000	3,542	9,756	49,079
Labor Force Participation Rate	49%	49%	49%
Unemployment (2004)	3,957	9,141	139,607
Unemployment Rate	7.8%	8.4%	6.8%

The *labor force participation* rate is the percentage which results from dividing the labor force count by the total population.

Unemployment reflects the total number of persons who do not have a job and are actively seeking employment.

Other Potential Sources of Labor Supply

Total Jobs Lost Due to Mass Closings and Layoffs Past Two Years			
Sector	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
Total	408	966	22,196
Manufacturing	408	965	19,196
Distribution	-	1	1,213
Service	-	-	1,745
Other	-	-	42

Recent closings and layoffs are a rich source of skilled and experienced labor for companies seeking to locate or expand in a given area. Industries in which layoffs and closings occur can provide some indication of the skills and knowledge-base of many unemployed and underemployed workers in a region.

Commuters to Other Areas			
	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
Commuters to other areas	9,132	22,721	31,833

Source: 2000 U.S. Census of Population

Workers commuting to places outside their resident are a significant source of experienced labor for new and expanding industries. These workers may be willing to consider an opportunity for employment nearer their place of residence.

Recent Graduates of South Carolina's Colleges and Universities

Certificates/Degrees Conferred From Technical Colleges in Select Degrees Within 45 Minute Drive Time of Clarendon County, SC	
Degree Area	Two Year Certificates/Degrees Conferred 2002 - 2004
Computer and Information Sciences (Total)	83
Data Processing Technology	83
Engineering Technologies (Total)	47
Electrical ,Electronic & Communications	19
Mechanical Engineering/Tech	8
Mechanic & Repair Technologies (Total)	127
Industrial Electronics	2
HVAC	3
Precision Production (Total)	35
Machine Tool Technology/Machinist	30

Graduation From South Carolina's Four Year Colleges and Universities In Select Degrees		
	Degrees Conferred (2002-2004)	
	Bachelors	Post- Grad
Computer and Information Science (Total)	910	108
Computer Engineering	150	149
Computer Programming	12	5
Engineering & Related Technologies (Total)	1,316	786
Chemical Engineering	136	38
Electrical Engineering	257	150
Industrial Engineering	78	44
Mechanical Engineering	268	95
Business Admin & Management	4,754	1,018
International Business/Trade	178	276

Source: South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

Wages and Salaries

Average Wage and Salary Comparison			
Sector	Clarendon County	South Carolina	United States
Avg. Weekly Wages*	\$421	\$581	\$658
Avg. Annual Salary*	\$21,885	\$30,240	\$37,508
Avg. Hourly Prod. Wages**	N/A	\$14.73	\$16.14

* Covered Wages and Employment, 2003, SC Employment Securities Commission

** Employment & Earnings, 2004, U.S. Department of Labor

Average Annual Salary Manufacturing Sectors, 2004		
Sector	Clarendon County	South Carolina
Manufacturing Total	\$29,230	\$39,027
Wood product	\$21,314	\$30,808
Nonmetallic mineral product	***	\$39,031
Primary metal	***	\$49,695
Fabricated metal product	***	\$37,533
Machinery	***	\$39,952
Computer and electronic product	***	\$40,186
Electrical equipment and appliance	***	\$40,178
Transportation equipment	***	\$44,099
Furniture and related product	***	\$27,907
Miscellaneous	***	\$34,350
Food	***	\$26,620
Beverage and tobacco product	***	\$35,765
Textile mills	***	\$31,898
Textile product mills	***	\$25,618
Apparel	***	\$23,705
Paper	***	\$55,139
Printing and related support activities	***	\$36,634
Petroleum and coal products	***	\$49,113
Chemical	***	\$50,870
Plastics and rubber products	***	\$46,620

***Indicates data suppressed

Source: Covered Wages and Employment, SC Employment Securities Commission

Occupational Wages In Turbeville and Surrounding Area

Average Hourly Wages of Employees by Selected Non-Exempt Occupations For Clarendon Area			
Non-Exempt Occupations	Entry	Average	Experienced
Assemblers and Fabricators	\$8.06	\$9.35	\$10.50
Butchers and Meat Cutters	\$7.46	\$9.27	\$10.86
Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters	*	*	*
Chemical Equipment Operators	\$15.13	\$16.37	\$17.36
Chemical Plant & System Operators	*	*	*
Electrical & Electronic Equip Tenders	*	*	*
Extruding & Forming Machine Setters	*	*	*
Grinding & Lapping Machine Operators	*	*	*
Logging Equipment Operators	\$9.43	\$10.58	\$12.75
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$9.95	\$13.68	\$16.76
Machine Tool Setters & Tenders	*	*	*
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$12.42	\$14.42	\$16.83
Machinists	\$8.95	\$13.90	\$17.43
Packaging & Filling Machine Op	\$8.37	\$10.40	\$11.32
Molding & Casting Machine Op	*	*	*
Sewing Machine Operators	\$6.29	\$7.81	\$8.91
Textile, Cutting Machine Operators	\$6.90	\$10.17	\$14.35
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$10.41	\$14.51	\$17.07
Welders, Cutters & Solders	\$10.81	\$13.20	\$15.83
Woodworking Machine Setters	\$7.74	\$9.04	\$10.34
Average Salary of Employees by Selected Exempt Occupations For Clarendon Area*			
Exempt Occupations	Entry	Average	Experienced
Chemical Engineers	\$54,580	\$68,680	\$82,340
Computer Programmers	\$32,660	\$43,800	\$55,300
Engineers, NEC	\$41,540	\$55,880	\$66,380
First Line Production Man & Sup	\$28,520	\$36,220	\$43,800
Industrial Engineers	\$46,500	\$54,200	\$64,060
Mechanical Engineers	\$45,860	\$52,800	\$64,240

Source: *Occupational Wage Survey*, SC Employment Security Commission

* Indicates Suppressed Data or Data Not Available