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CHARLESTON



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Charleston County, South Carolina

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CHARLESTON COUNTY

Population

The population estimate for 2008 is 348,046, up 12% since 2000.

The population is projected to grow another 11% by 2030.

The median age is 36.9.

Labor Force

60.7% of the county's workers both live and work within the county.

Industry Employment

Government accounted for the largest share of jobs in 2008, 19.6%, followed closely by trade, transportation and utilities at 19.5%. Other significant sectors were professional and business services and leisure and hospitality.

Educational Attainment

26% of the population 25 and older has graduated from high school, with 37% holding a bachelor's degree or higher.

Per Capita Income (PCI)

PCI was \$38,702 in 2007, above the state average of \$31,103.



POPULATION

Charleston County Population

Year	Total
2000	310,890
2008	348,046
2030 (Projected)	386,660

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

Gender	Percent
Male	48.3
Female	51.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

Age	Percent
<5 years	6.7
18 and older	76.9
65 + years	12.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

Race	Percent
White	63.5
Black or African American	31.2
All Other	5.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

Median Age:	36.9
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

Total Family Households:	87,481
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

Veteran Population:	34,000
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Source: U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (2008)



WORKFORCE

Charleston County Workforce

Labor Force and Unemployment

	July 2009	June 2009	July 2008
Labor Force	183,504	182,515	182,734
Unemployment	16,717	17,260	10,409
% of Labor Force	9.1	9.5	5.7

Source: S.C. Employment Security Commission

Labor Turnover Rate (3rd qtr 2008): 11.2%

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

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

Berkeley	14.9
Dorchester	9.0
Richland	2.0
Horry	1.8
Lexington	1.3
Beaufort	1.1
Colleton	1.0
Orangeburg	1.0
Greenville	0.7

Live in Charleston County 60.7

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

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

Berkeley	6.4
Richland	3.6
Dorchester	3.3
Greenville	1.9
Horry	1.5
Lexington	1.2
Beaufort	1.1
Florence	0.6
Spartanburg	0.6

Work in Charleston County 76.1

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

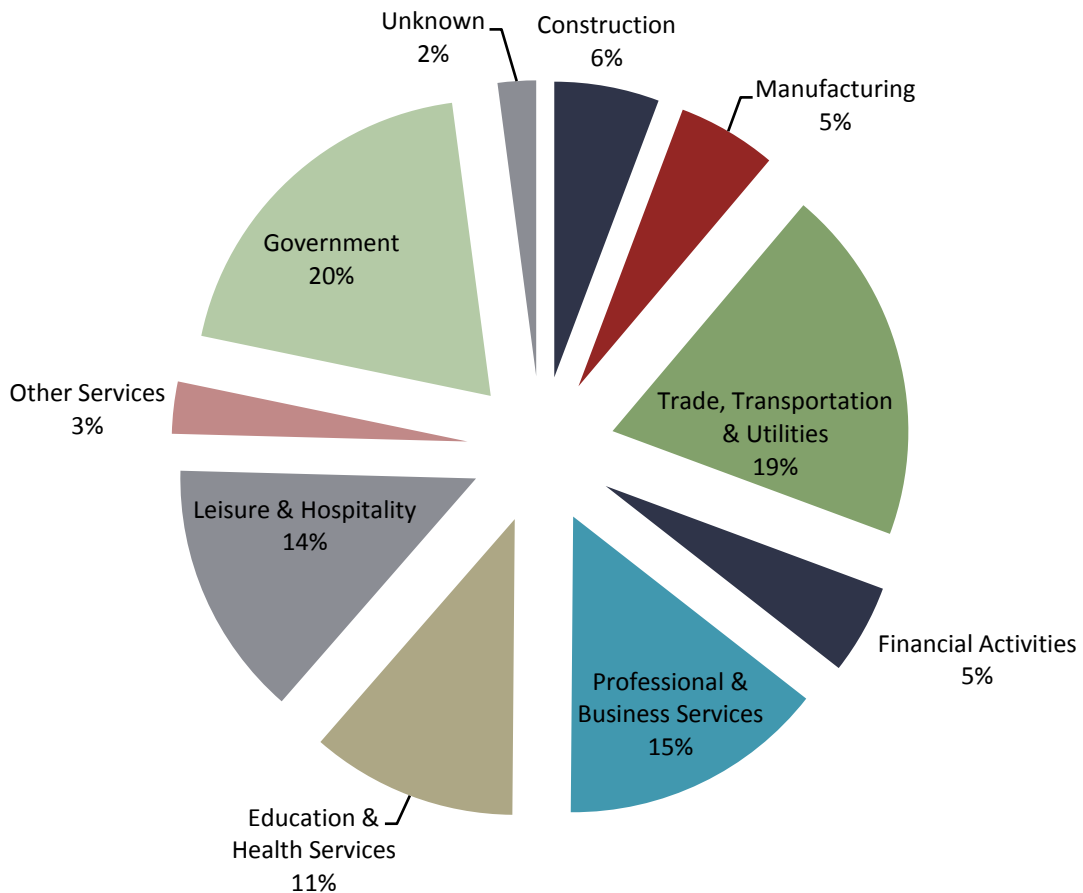


WORKFORCE

Charleston County Industry Employment—2008

Industry	Employing Units	Total Wages (\$)	Avg Monthly Emp	% of Total
All Industries	12,551	8,149,437,527	212,333	
Construction	1,463	535,326,736	12,184	5.7
Manufacturing	364	623,154,074	11,523	5.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,786	1,338,995,760	41,365	19.5
Financial Activities	1,442	556,969,652	10,420	4.9
Professional & Business Services	2,372	1,236,849,269	30,949	14.6
Education & Health Services	1,202	1,028,959,347	23,962	11.3
Leisure & Hospitality	1,225	513,304,828	29,734	14.0
Other Services	1,288	162,526,427	6,031	2.8
Government	182	1,954,345,972	41,722	19.6
Unknown	227	199,005,462	4,443	2.1

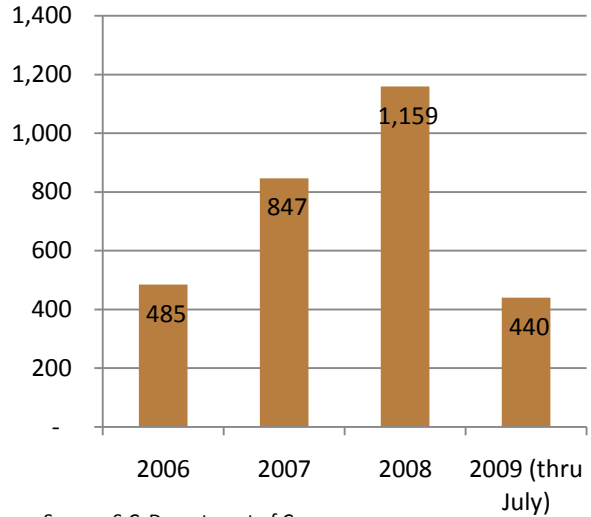
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



WORKFORCE

Charleston County Closures/Layoffs

Charleston County reported a total of 2,931 jobs affected by layoffs and closures between 2006 and July 2009.



Source: S.C. Department of Commerce

Charleston County Largest Employers

- Medical University of South Carolina
- College of Charleston
- Trident Medical Center LLC
- Cummins Inc
- Veterans Health Administration, Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center
- Kiawah Island Inn Co
- Cellco Partnership (Verizon Wireless)
- County of Charleston, Charleston County Sheriff's Office
- Behr Heat Transfer Systems Inc
- Alternative Staffing Inc
- Campground At James Island
- UCI Medical Affiliates Inc
- South Carolina Department of Transportation
- Detyens Shipyards Inc
- Evening Post Publishing Co
- Charleston Center LLC
- The Citadel
- Scientific Research Corp
- South Carolina Department of Law Enforcement, Police Dept Narcotics
- City of Charleston, Charleston City Police

Source: Dun & Bradstreet



WORKFORCE

Charleston County Income

Per capita income (2007)	\$38,702
Per capita income (2005)	\$34,419
Median household income(2007)	\$47,901

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

Average Weekly and Annual Wages by Industry—2008

	Weekly (\$)	Annual (\$)
Total, All Industries	738	38,380
Construction	845	43,937
Manufacturing	1,040	54,079
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	623	32,370
Financial Activities	1,028	53,452
Professional and Business Services	769	39,964
Education and Health Services	826	42,941
Leisure and Hospitality	332	17,263
Other Services	518	26,949
Government	901	46,842

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



EDUCATION

Charleston County Educational Attainment

Educational Attainment, 25 Years and Over

	#	% of total
Total	226,170	
Less than HS grad	26,150	11.6
HS grad	59,669	26.4
Some college	40,808	18.0
Associate degree	16,767	7.4
Bachelor's degree or higher	82,776	36.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2007)

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 Charleston County, 28.0 percent of the 65 and older population had at least a bachelor's degree in 2007, compared with 36.1 percent of the 45 to 64 year-old population and 40.4 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 Charleston County, 24.0 percent of the population 65 and older had less than a high school education, compared with 9.4 percent of the 45 to 64 year-old population and 8.4 percent of the 35 to 44 year-old population.

Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 18-24

	Charleston County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 18-24	37,678		440,274		29,820,815	
Less Than 9th Grade	489	1.3	9,166	2.1	741,370	2.5
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	4,693	12.5	72,281	16.4	4,356,053	14.6
High School Graduate	11,660	30.9	154,126	35.0	9,934,317	33.3
Some College, No Degree	14,842	39.4	157,114	35.7	10,740,626	36.0
Associate Degree	338	0.9	13,996	3.2	1,400,110	4.7
Bachelor's Degree	5,008	13.3	31,190	7.1	2,468,752	8.3
Graduate or Professional Degree	648	1.7	2,401	0.5	179,587	0.6
Less Than High School Graduate	5,182	13.8	81,447	18.5	5,097,423	17.1
High School Graduate or Higher	32,496	86.2	358,827	81.5	24,723,392	82.9
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	5,656	15.0	33,591	7.6	2,648,339	8.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2007)



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Charleston County Educational Attainment

Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 25-34

	Charleston County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 25-34	46,168		559,685		39,987,053	
Less Than 9th Grade	689	1.5	16,478	2.9	1,838,275	4.6
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,820	6.1	64,851	11.6	3,658,009	9.1
High School Graduate	11,067	24.0	177,403	31.7	11,166,759	27.9
Some College, No Degree	7,644	16.6	112,922	20.2	8,406,334	21.0
Associate Degree	4,699	10.2	51,244	9.2	3,266,688	8.2
Bachelor's Degree	14,039	30.4	100,281	17.9	8,341,141	20.9
Graduate or Professional Degree	5,210	11.3	36,506	6.5	3,309,847	8.3
Less Than High School Graduate	3,509	7.6	81,329	14.5	5,496,284	13.7
High School Graduate or Higher	42,659	92.4	478,356	85.5	34,490,769	86.3
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	19,249	41.7	136,787	24.4	11,650,988	29.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2007)

Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 35-44

	Charleston County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 35-44	47,465		631,562		43,410,417	
Less Than 9th Grade	1,120	2.4	19,831	3.1	2,055,273	4.7
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,844	6.0	63,510	10.1	3,487,799	8.0
High School Graduate	13,547	28.5	208,314	33.0	12,405,235	28.6
Some College, No Degree	7,496	15.8	116,184	18.4	8,444,604	19.5
Associate Degree	3,288	6.9	63,153	10.0	3,811,918	8.8
Bachelor's Degree	13,267	28.0	109,684	17.4	8,650,135	19.9
Graduate or Professional Degree	5,903	12.4	50,886	8.1	4,555,453	10.5
Less Than High School Graduate	3,964	8.4	83,341	13.2	5,543,072	12.8
High School Graduate or Higher	43,501	91.6	548,221	86.8	37,867,345	87.2
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	19,170	40.4	160,570	25.4	13,205,588	30.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2007)



EDUCATION

Charleston County Educational Attainment

Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 45-64

	Charleston County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 45-64	90,103		1,146,150		76,654,341	
Less Than 9th Grade	1,986	2.2	52,904	4.6	3,893,100	5.1
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	6,490	7.2	124,259	10.8	5,888,146	7.7
High School Graduate	24,245	26.9	388,297	33.9	22,961,923	30.0
Some College, No Degree	18,329	20.3	209,211	18.3	15,539,402	20.3
Associate Degree	6,563	7.3	93,567	8.2	6,201,000	8.1
Bachelor's Degree	20,026	22.2	168,389	14.7	13,233,517	17.3
Graduate or Professional Degree	12,464	13.8	109,523	9.6	8,937,253	11.7
Less Than High School Graduate	8,476	9.4	177,163	15.5	9,781,246	12.8
High School Graduate or Higher	81,627	90.6	968,987	84.5	66,873,095	87.2
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	32,490	36.1	277,912	24.2	22,170,770	28.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2007)

Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 65 and Over

	Charleston County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 65 and Over	42,434		572,382		37,840,558	
Less Than 9th Grade	3,732	8.8	84,196	14.7	4,788,670	12.7
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	6,469	15.2	96,118	16.8	5,064,171	13.4
High School Graduate	10,810	25.5	180,001	31.4	13,124,398	34.7
Some College, No Degree	7,339	17.3	81,490	14.2	6,131,972	16.2
Associate Degree	2,217	5.2	23,497	4.1	1,425,182	3.8
Bachelor's Degree	6,968	16.4	66,726	11.7	4,139,684	10.9
Graduate or Professional Degree	4,899	11.5	40,354	7.1	3,166,481	8.4
Less Than High School Graduate	10,201	24.0	180,314	31.5	9,852,841	26.0
High School Graduate or Higher	32,233	76.0	392,068	68.5	27,987,717	74.0
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	11,867	28.0	107,080	18.7	7,306,165	19.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2007)



EDUCATION

Charleston County Post-Secondary Institutions

Schools

Art Institute of Charleston
Charleston School of Law
Charleston Southern University
The Citadel
College of Charleston
ECPI School of Technology
Limestone College (branch)
Lowcountry Graduate Center
Medical University of South Carolina
Strayer University
Trident Technical College
Troy University
Virginia College
Webster University
•Charleston Metropolitan Campus
•Charleston Air Force Base

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Source: SC Information Highway



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

Charleston County

	2nd Qtr 2008	3rd Qtr 2008
Total Employment	204,163	196,427
Net Job Flows	-2,333	-2,984
Job Creation	13,910	10,852
New Hires	42,816	38,469
Separations	51,966	47,406
Turnover	12.50%	11.20%
Avg. Monthly Earnings	\$3,218	\$3,230
Avg. New Hire Earnings	\$2,174	\$2,044

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

	14-18	19-21	22-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-99
2nd Qtr 2008								
Total Employment	5,784	10,861	15,050	49,657	44,659	44,060	26,670	7,422
Net Job Flows	2,003	2,272	262	-1,681	-1,590	-1,935	-1,310	-309
Job Creation	2,616	3,483	2,283	3,631	2,742	2,295	1,279	500
New Hires	4,868	7,355	5,803	10,474	6,580	4,830	2,087	820
Separations	3,598	6,103	6,176	13,602	9,314	7,759	3,985	1,430
Turnover	26.7%	24.1%	20.5%	14.2%	10.9%	9.3%	8.1%	9.3%
Avg. Monthly Earnings (\$)	676	1,173	1,816	2,841	3,673	3,905	3,867	2,766
Avg. New Hire Earnings (\$)	620	1,111	1,613	2,251	2,874	2,806	2,856	1,892

3rd Qtr 2008								
Total Employment	6,486	12,288	14,636	47,168	41,823	41,412	25,309	7,305
Net Job Flows	-715	-1,898	-392	185	162	97	-150	-288
Job Creation	984	1,198	1,828	3,977	3,091	2,600	1,395	383
New Hires	3,712	5,167	5,135	10,318	6,392	4,827	2,184	734
Separations	4,805	7,655	6,044	11,401	7,405	5,842	3,010	1,244
Turnover	32.0%	26.9%	20.7%	12.7%	9.4%	7.3%	6.2%	7.7%
Avg. Monthly Earnings (\$)	745	1,175	1,818	2,841	3,678	3,891	3,862	2,860
Avg. New Hire Earnings (\$)	701	1,071	1,578	2,178	2,643	2,810	2,664	1,620

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



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

Charleston County

	Female	Male
2nd Qtr 2008 Total Employment	105,879	98,284
Net Job Flows	-3,383	1,049
Job Creation	7,268	7,798
New Hires	21,570	21,246
Separations	27,947	24,019
Turnover	13.3%	11.6%
Avg. Monthly Earnings (\$)	2,599	3,862
Avg. New Hire Earnings (\$)	1,791	2,567
3rd Qtr 2008 Total Employment	100,491	95,936
Net Job Flows	-1,543	-1,441
Job Creation	5,662	6,261
New Hires	19,524	18,945
Separations	23,846	23,561
Turnover	11.1%	11.2%
Avg. Monthly Earnings (\$)	2,598	3,891
Avg. New Hire Earnings (\$)	1,721	2,379

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



TERMINOLOGY

Measure	Information
Total Employment	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"> •Who is filling what jobs? •What industries are biggest employers? •What industries employ the largest numbers of particular types of worker?
Job Change	Net Employment Change: The difference between current and previous employment at each business. Answers the questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Which industries are expanding employment? •Which industries are contracting employment?
Job Creation	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"> •What industries are creating the most jobs?
New Hires	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"> •What industries are hiring the most workers? •Which industries are hiring older workers? •Which industries are hiring young workers? •What geographic areas are doing the most hiring?
Separations	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"> •What workers are leaving jobs? •What industries are workers leaving?
Turnover Rate	Turnover Rate = $(1/2) * (\text{accessions} + \text{separations}) / \text{employment}$ (All Full Quarter Measures) Answers the question: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What proportion of workers are new to the job?
Average Monthly Earnings	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"> •What are the average earnings of core employees?
Average New Hire Earnings	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"> •What are new hires earning?

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

