

Labor Resources for Edgefield, 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 Edgefield, South Carolina. Edgefield is located in Edgefield 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 Edgefield.

Labor Situation at a Glance in Edgefield, South Carolina

Labor Force Characteristics	within 30 min.	within 45 min.	South Carolina
Population, 2004	44,509	126,309	4,198,068
Labor Force, 2004	18,506	54,855	2,046,179
Availability of Labor	within 30 min.	within 45 min.	South Carolina
Unemployed Workers, 2004	1,345	4,049	139,607
Unemployment Rate, 2004	7.3%	7.2%	6.8%
Workers Affected by Layoffs (Past 2 Years)	1,077	2,589	22,196
Average Wages	Edgefield County	South Carolina	United States
2003 Avg. Weekly Wage	\$446	\$581	\$658

Labor Force Characteristics for Edgefield, 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	18,506	54,855	2,046,179
Change since 2000	-62	-1,367	49,079
Population			
Population 2004	44,509	126,309	4,198,068
Change since 2000	3,327	10,869	186,056
Projected 2010	120,539	346,115	4,446,704
Gender Distribution			
Male	22,545	61,889	2,040,261
Female	21,964	64,419	2,132,454
Age Distribution			
Ages 20-34	9,223	25,399	875,330
Ages 35-49	10,309	27,951	925,330
Ages 50-64	8,019	22,795	739,980
20-54 *Prime Working Age	22,579	61,982	2,084,880
Highest Level of Educational Attainment			
High School	14,859	40,261	778,054
Some College	7,977	23,071	500,194
Associate Degree	2,688	8,313	173,428
Bachelors Degree	4,646	15,182	351,526
Post Bachelor	2,128	7,357	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 Edgefield, South Carolina

Total Employment			
Year	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
2004	17,161	50,805	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 Edgefield County			
Sector	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	113	392	12,379
Mining	66	221	1,603
Utilities	110	321	11,891
Construction	2,142	7,082	111,730
Manufacturing	10,787	31,911	275,573
Wood product manufacturing	233	608	8,371
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing	437	1,376	9,155
Primary metal manufacturing	110	318	6,317
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	774	2,595	27,357
Machinery manufacturing	603	1,780	21,278
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	48	175	7,666
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg.	404	1,174	10,748
Transportation equipment manufacturing	2,095	6,146	30,932
Furniture and related product manufacturing	42	136	4,225
Miscellaneous manufacturing	229	694	7,846
Food manufacturing	242	785	17,832
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing			1,445
Textile mills	1,825	4,788	40,207
Textile product mills	252	733	9,724
Apparel manufacturing	20	57	5,321
Paper manufacturing	373	1,096	14,710
Printing and related support activities	276	832	7,327
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing			288
Chemical manufacturing	618	1,988	21,659
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing	876	2,711	23,054
Wholesale Trade	2,146	5,572	62,523
Retail Trade	4,674	14,696	224,031
Transportation and Warehousing	940	2,973	46,941
Education and Health Services	7,256	21,929	156,232
Leisure and Hospitality	3,666	11,165	192,748
Professional and Business Services	4,174	14,132	186,481

Source: 2003 Covered Wages, SC Employment Securities Commission

Largest Industries by Total Employment In *Edgefield* County

Company Name	City	Primary Product/Service	Employment	Date Est.
Mount Vernon Mills-Riegel Div	Johnston	Infants blankets	500	1955
Milliken & Co Johnston Plt	Johnston	Cotton blend fabric	300	1946
Component Manufacturing Co	Trenton	Heating ,A/C & ventilation coils	254	2001
National Wild Turkey Federation	Edgefield	Promotional items for NWTF	245	
Menardi	Trenton	Air pollution equipment parts	151	1994
Iverson Perennial Gardens Inc	Trenton	Nursery products	148	1994
Tranter Radiator Products Inc	Edgefield	Cooling radiators for transformers	140	1970
Delta Apparel	Edgefield	Yarn	120	1985
Southern Felt Company	North Augusta	Nonwoven felt products	118	1987
Rest Master Bedding Co	North Augusta	Mattresses	79	1982

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)	18,506	54,855	2,046,179
Labor Force Change from 2000	-62	-1,367	49,079
Labor Force Participation Rate	42%	43%	49%
Unemployment (2004)	1,345	4,049	139,607
Unemployment Rate	0.42	0.42	0.68

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	1,077	2,589	22,196
Manufacturing	814	2,085	19,196
Distribution	246	422	1,213
Service	18	81	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	8,229	19,454	31,833

Source: 2000 U.S. Census of Population

Workers commuting to places outside their residence 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 Edgefield County, SC	
Degree Area	Two Year Certificates Conferred 2002 - 2004
Computer and Information Sciences (Total)	317
Data Processing Technology	307
Engineering Technologies (Total)	207
Electrical ,Electronic & Communications	70
Mechanical Engineering/Tech	2
Mechanic & Repair Technologies (Total)	332
Industrial Electronics	82
HVAC	131
Precision Production (Total)	305
Machine Tool Technology/Machinist	104

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	Edgefield County	South Carolina	United States
Avg. Weekly Wages*	\$446	\$581	\$658
Avg. Annual Salary*	\$23,174	\$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	Edgefield County	South Carolina
Manufacturing Total	\$32,183	\$39,027
Wood product	\$36,021	\$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	\$33,586	\$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	\$62,874	\$50,870
Plastics and rubber products	***	\$46,620

***Indicates data suppressed

Source: Covered Wages and Employment, SC Employment Securities Commission

Occupational Wages In Edgefield and Surrounding Area

Average Hourly Wages of Employees by Selected Non-Exempt Occupations For Edgefield County Area*			
Non-Exempt Occupations	Entry	Average	Experienced
Assemblers and Fabricators	*	*	*
Butchers and Meat Cutters	*	*	*
Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters	*	*	*
Chemical Equipment Operators	*	*	*
Chemical Plant & System Operators	*	*	*
Electrical & Electronic Equip Tenders	*	*	*
Extruding & Forming Machine Setters	\$9.97	\$11.63	13.39
Grinding & Lapping Machine Operators	*	*	*
Logging Equipment Operators	\$9.80	\$11.81	13.64
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$11.17	\$14.25	16.9
Machine Tool Setters & Tenders	\$11.07	\$12.82	14.72
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$12.46	\$14.49	16.33
Machinists	\$11.68	\$13.85	16.14
Packaging & Filling Machine Op	\$8.42	\$10.84	13.95
Molding & Casting Machine Op	\$8.05	\$10.05	12.28
Sewing Machine Operators	\$6.70	\$9.02	10.67
Textile, Cutting Machine Operators	\$9.09	\$10.47	12.09
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$12.11	\$14.95	16.78
Welders, Cutters & Solderers	\$11.82	\$13.80	15.73
Woodworking Machine Setters	\$9.02	\$10.77	12.66
Average Salary of Employees by Selected Exempt Occupations For Edgefield County Area*			
Exempt Occupations	Entry	Average	Experienced
Chemical Engineers	\$46,820	\$55,460	\$66,020
Computer Programmers	\$32,400	\$40,960	\$49,560
Engineers, NEC	\$45,360	\$49,520	\$56,100
First Line Production Man & Sup	\$30,240	\$39,140	\$46,920
Industrial Engineers	\$43,060	\$50,620	\$59,020
Mechanical Engineers	\$49,380	\$56,920	\$63,920

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

* Indicates Suppressed Data or Data Not Available