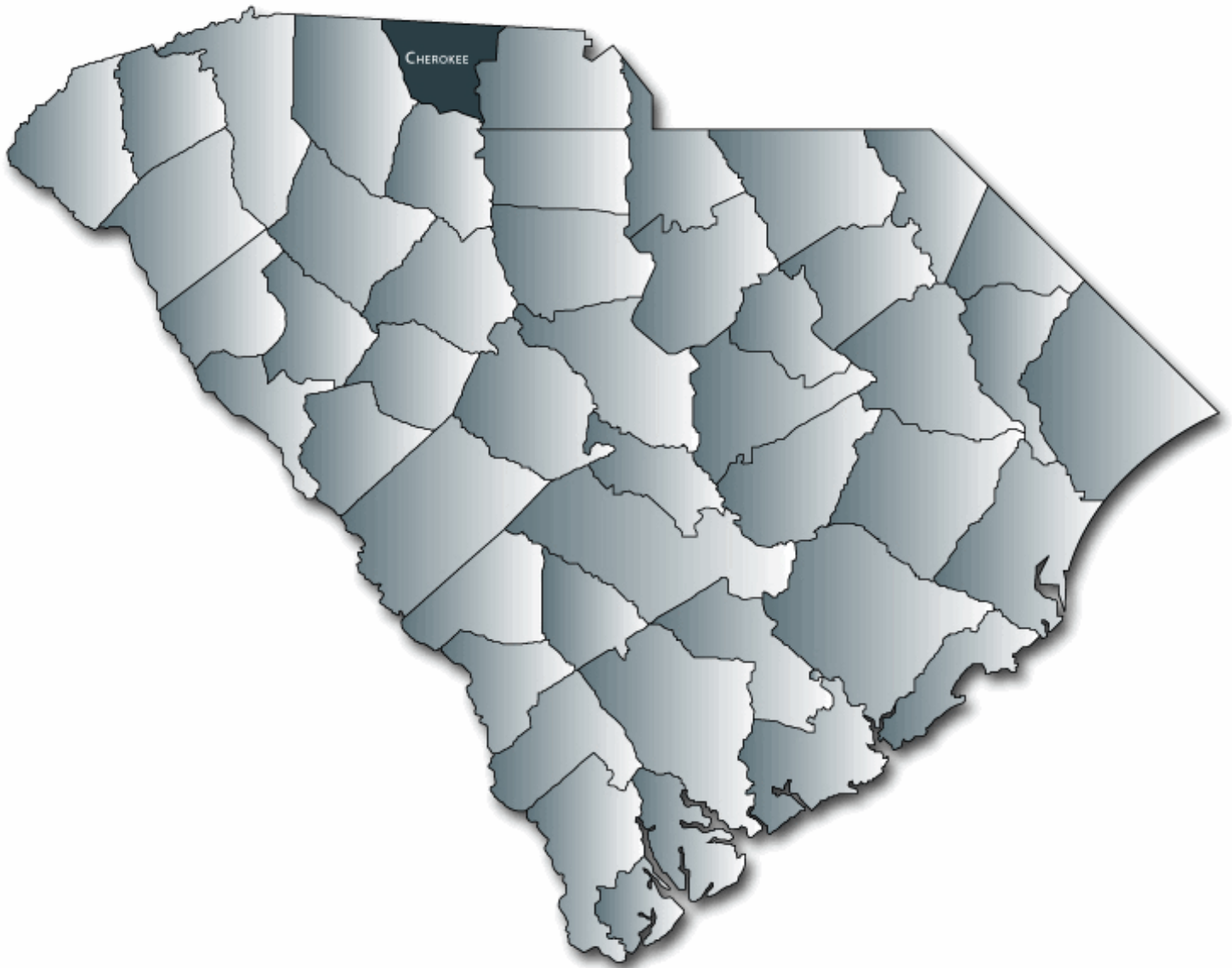


# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Cherokee County



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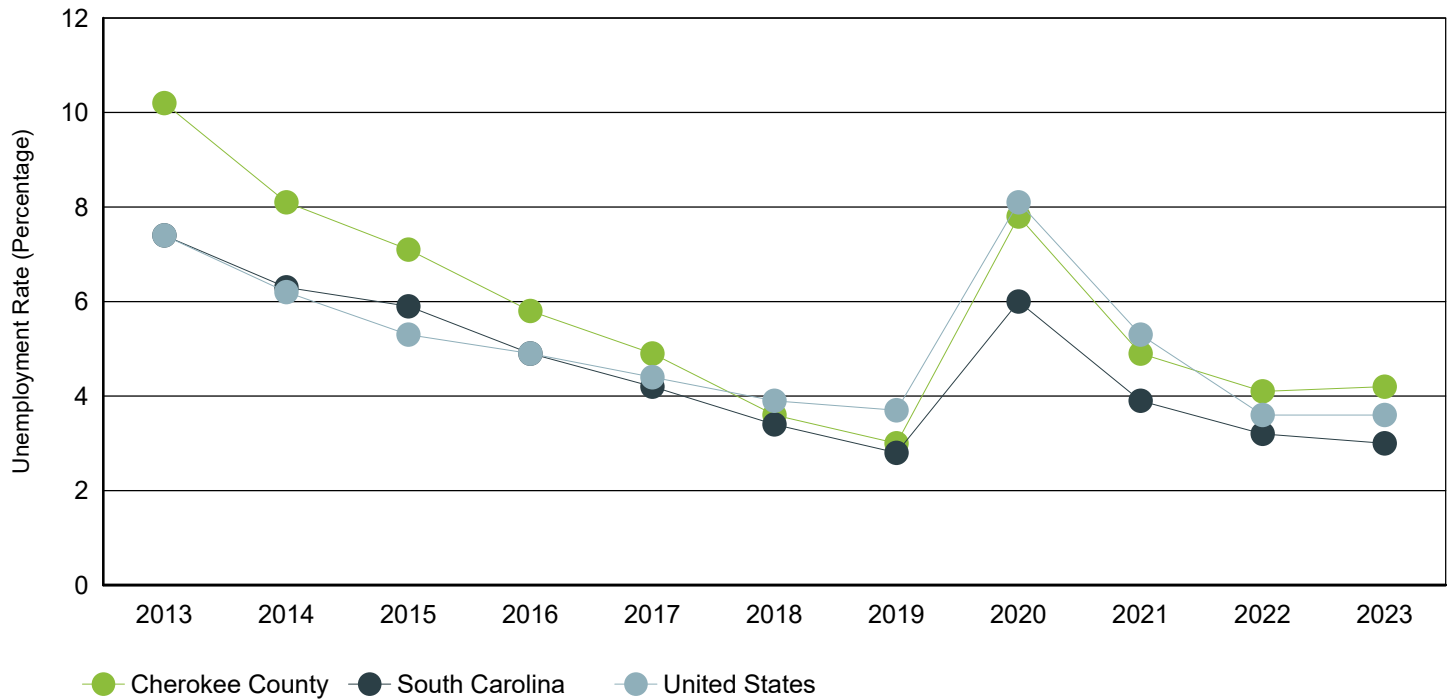
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## Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Trends

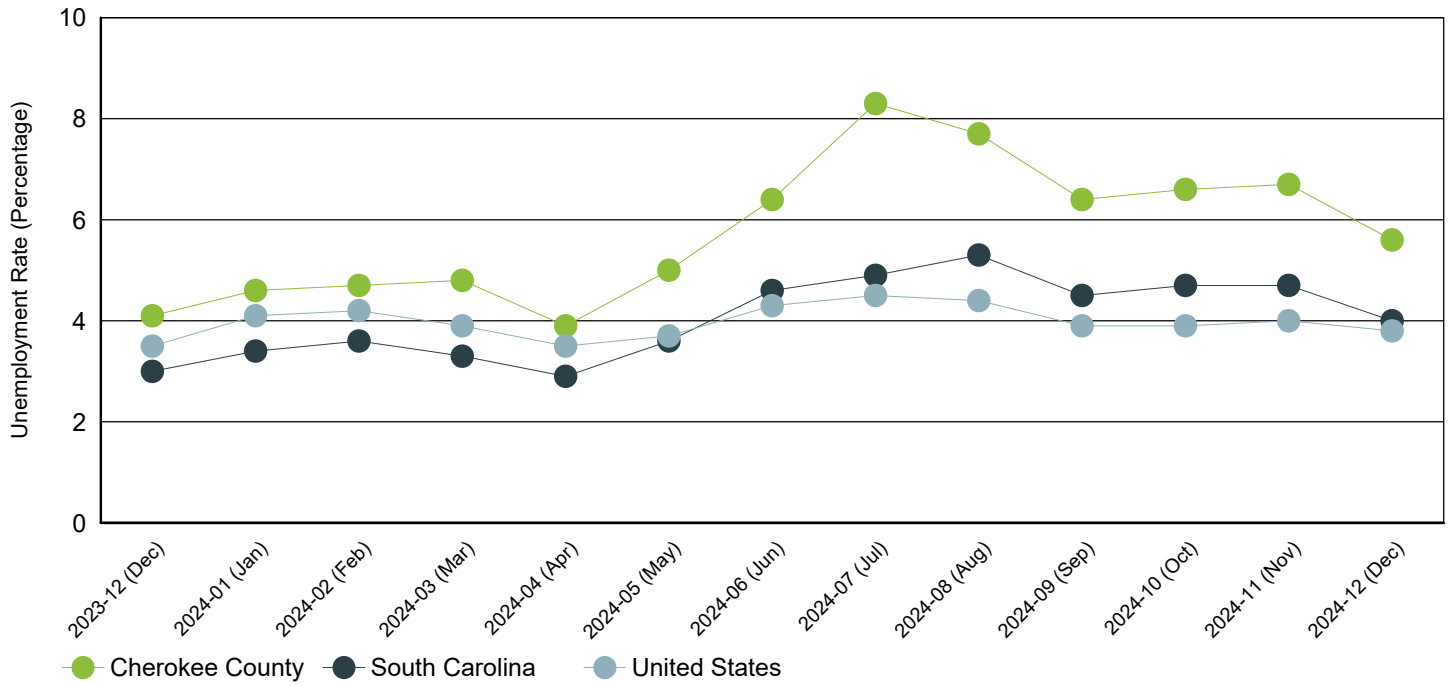


| Year | Cherokee County |       |       | South Carolina |         |      | United States |            |      |
|------|-----------------|-------|-------|----------------|---------|------|---------------|------------|------|
|      | Employment      | Unemp | Rate  | Employment     | Unemp   | Rate | Employment    | Unemp      | Rate |
| 2023 | 22,401          | 980   | 4.2%  | 2,380,392      | 72,668  | 3.0% | 161,037,000   | 6,080,000  | 3.6% |
| 2022 | 23,188          | 989   | 4.1%  | 2,316,435      | 76,894  | 3.2% | 158,291,000   | 5,996,000  | 3.6% |
| 2021 | 23,526          | 1,217 | 4.9%  | 2,266,611      | 92,558  | 3.9% | 152,581,000   | 8,623,000  | 5.3% |
| 2020 | 22,894          | 1,927 | 7.8%  | 2,199,751      | 139,389 | 6.0% | 147,795,000   | 12,947,000 | 8.1% |
| 2019 | 24,038          | 733   | 3.0%  | 2,268,884      | 64,649  | 2.8% | 157,538,000   | 6,001,000  | 3.7% |
| 2018 | 23,657          | 873   | 3.6%  | 2,205,356      | 76,666  | 3.4% | 155,761,000   | 6,314,000  | 3.9% |
| 2017 | 22,187          | 1,139 | 4.9%  | 2,166,708      | 95,058  | 4.2% | 153,337,000   | 6,982,000  | 4.4% |
| 2016 | 22,085          | 1,371 | 5.8%  | 2,174,301      | 111,753 | 4.9% | 151,436,000   | 7,751,000  | 4.9% |
| 2015 | 21,792          | 1,654 | 7.1%  | 2,134,087      | 133,750 | 5.9% | 148,834,000   | 8,296,000  | 5.3% |
| 2014 | 21,735          | 1,912 | 8.1%  | 2,082,941      | 139,485 | 6.3% | 146,305,000   | 9,617,000  | 6.2% |
| 2013 | 21,355          | 2,432 | 10.2% | 2,034,404      | 163,472 | 7.4% | 143,929,000   | 11,460,000 | 7.4% |

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

## Monthly Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Past 13 Months



| Period   | Cherokee County | South Carolina | United States |
|----------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Dec 2024 | 5.6%            | 4.0%           | 3.8%          |
| Nov 2024 | 6.7%            | 4.7%           | 4.0%          |
| Oct 2024 | 6.6%            | 4.7%           | 3.9%          |
| Sep 2024 | 6.4%            | 4.5%           | 3.9%          |
| Aug 2024 | 7.7%            | 5.3%           | 4.4%          |
| Jul 2024 | 8.3%            | 4.9%           | 4.5%          |
| Jun 2024 | 6.4%            | 4.6%           | 4.3%          |
| May 2024 | 5.0%            | 3.6%           | 3.7%          |
| Apr 2024 | 3.9%            | 2.9%           | 3.5%          |
| Mar 2024 | 4.8%            | 3.3%           | 3.9%          |
| Feb 2024 | 4.7%            | 3.6%           | 4.2%          |
| Jan 2024 | 4.6%            | 3.4%           | 4.1%          |
| Dec 2023 | 4.1%            | 3.0%           | 3.5%          |

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

## Area Job Openings

| Period | Cherokee County |            |             |              | South Carolina |            |             |              |
|--------|-----------------|------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
|        | Employed        | Unemployed | Unemp. Rate | Job Openings | Employed       | Unemployed | Unemp. Rate | Job Openings |
| Dec-24 | 21,365          | 1,269      | 5.6%        |              | 2,417,169      | 119,485    | 4.7%        |              |
| Nov-24 | 21,260          | 1,523      | 6.7%        |              | 2,412,589      | 121,482    | 4.8%        |              |
| Oct-24 | 21,396          | 1,509      | 6.6%        |              | 2,413,165      | 118,097    | 4.7%        |              |
| Sep-24 | 21,304          | 1,455      | 6.4%        |              | 2,413,300      | 113,975    | 4.5%        |              |
| Aug-24 | 21,213          | 1,763      | 7.7%        |              | 2,414,624      | 107,891    | 4.3%        |              |
| Jul-24 | 20,925          | 1,882      | 8.3%        |              | 2,415,158      | 97,764     | 3.9%        |              |
| Jun-24 | 21,758          | 1,484      | 6.4%        |              | 2,410,159      | 89,718     | 3.6%        |              |
| May-24 | 21,593          | 1,125      | 5.0%        |              | 2,406,512      | 83,589     | 3.4%        |              |
| Apr-24 | 21,958          | 884        | 3.9%        |              | 2,404,517      | 79,782     | 3.2%        |              |
| Mar-24 | 21,824          | 1,091      | 4.8%        |              | 2,399,640      | 77,948     | 3.1%        |              |
| Feb-24 | 21,708          | 1,071      | 4.7%        |              | 2,396,195      | 76,424     | 3.1%        |              |
| Jan-24 | 21,602          | 1,030      | 4.6%        |              | 2,396,514      | 75,325     | 3.0%        |              |
| Dec-23 | 21,888          | 939        | 4.1%        |              | 2,395,427      | 74,873     | 3.0%        |              |

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce & The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine® data series  
 South Carolina Data is Seasonally Adjusted

## Employers by Size of Establishment

| Employees  | Cherokee County | South Carolina |
|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 0 to 4     | 626             | 147,311        |
| 5 to 9     | 166             | 24,044         |
| 10 to 19   | 122             | 17,672         |
| 20 to 49   | 107             | 13,002         |
| 50 to 99   | 38              | 5,015          |
| 100 to 249 | 31              | 3,069          |
| 250 to 499 | 9               | 912            |
| 500 to 999 | 0               | 417            |
| 1000 +     | 0               | 307            |

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2024 Q2

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## Employment by Size of Establishment

| Employees  | Cherokee County | South Carolina |
|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 0 to 4     | 826             | 150,934        |
| 5 to 9     | 1,118           | 160,035        |
| 10 to 19   | 1,725           | 240,440        |
| 20 to 49   | 3,178           | 395,156        |
| 50 to 99   | 2,667           | 346,437        |
| 100 to 249 | 4,659           | 467,356        |
| 250 to 499 | 3,097           | 311,369        |
| 500 to 999 | 0               | 284,827        |
| 1000 +     | 0               | 821,778        |

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2024 Q2

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## 20 Largest Employers

(Listed Alphabetically)

### Corporation Name

BOYSEN USA LLC

BRODER BROS CO

BROWN PACKING COMPANY, INC.

CHEROKEE COUNTY

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1

CORRELL INSURANCE GROUP INC

DOLLAR TREE DISTRIBUTION INC

FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS CORPORATION

HAMRICK MILLS

HAMRICKS INC

LIMESTONE COLLEGE INC

Milliken & Company Magnolia Finishi

NESTLE FOOD COMPANY

PERSONNEL ASSOCIATES INC

Real Time Staffing Services, LLC

Sepulveda Group LLC

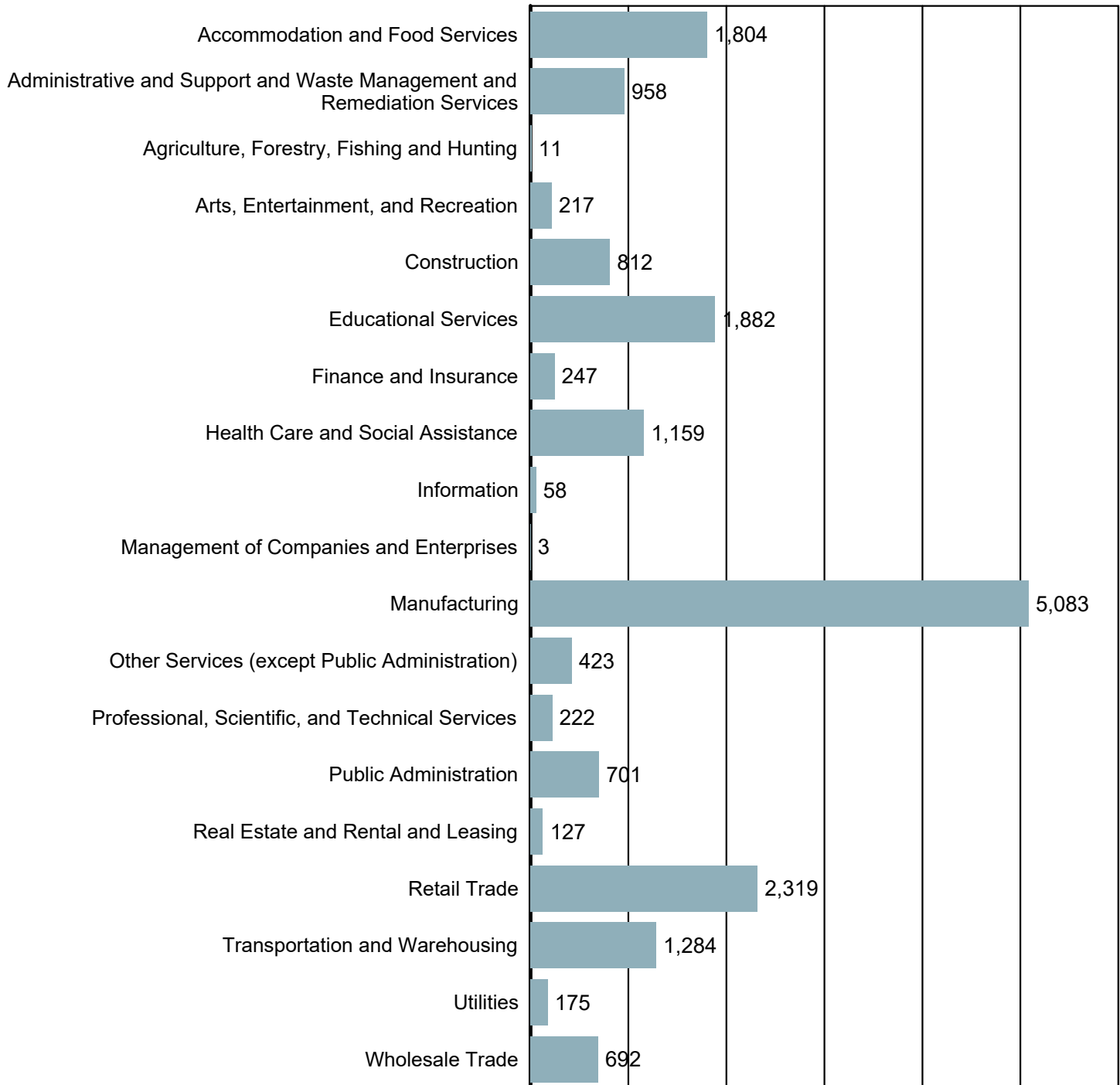
THE TIMKEN COMPANY

Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.

WH Operating Group LP

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2024 Q2

## Employment by Industry



Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce  
 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - 2024 Q2



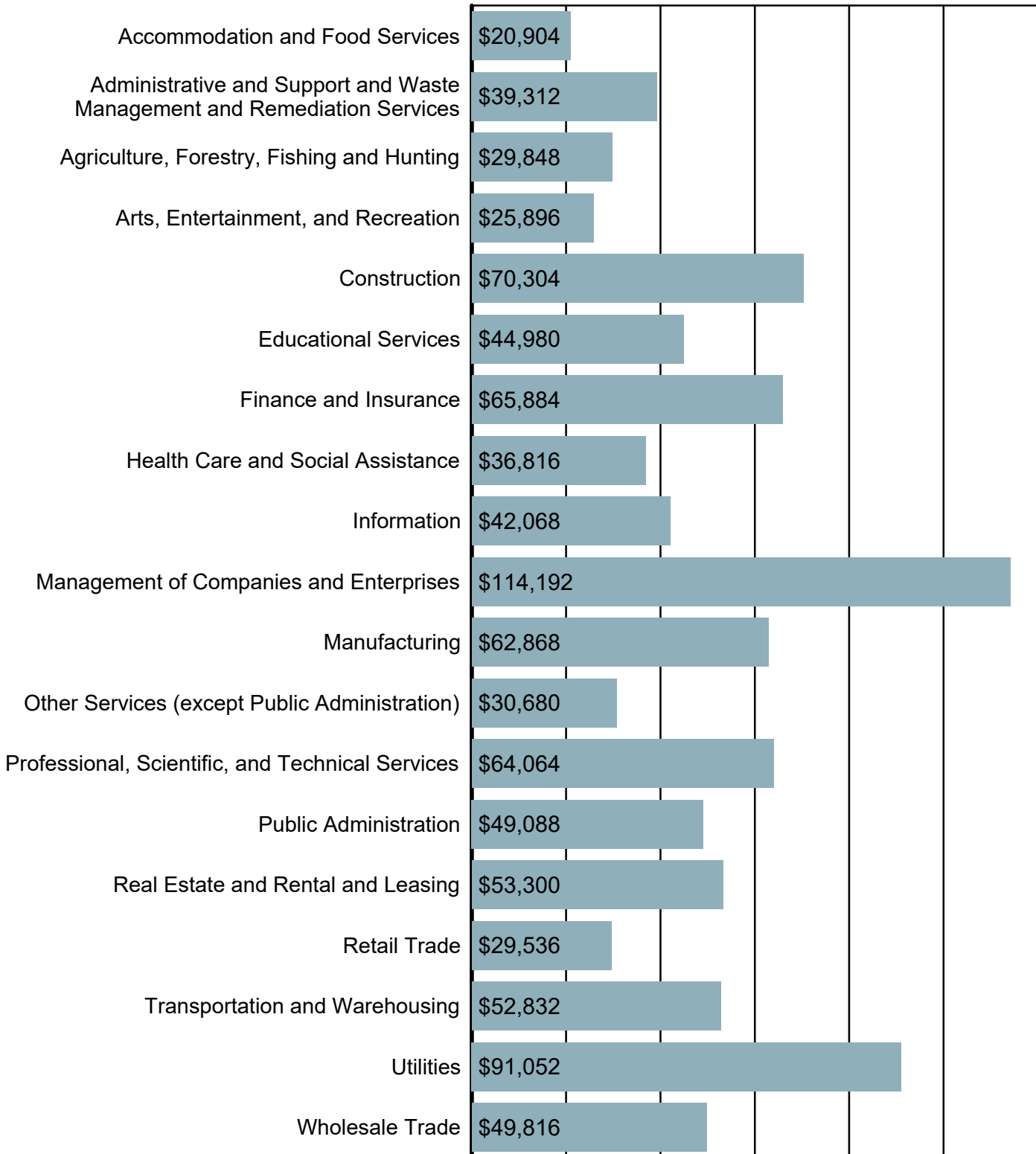
## Top 20 Occupational Openings

Cherokee County  
October-2023

| Occupation Name (Soccode)  | Job Openings |
|--|--------------|
| Retail Salespersons (41-2031)  | 41           |
| First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)   | 26           |
| Production Workers, All Other (51-9199)  | 24           |
| Registered Nurses (29-1141)  | 18           |
| Fast Food and Counter Workers (35-3023)  | 17           |
| Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand (53-7062)                                       | 17           |
| Food Service Managers (11-9051)  | 13           |
| Cashiers (41-2011)   | 9            |
| First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers (35-1012)                               | 9            |
| Medical and Health Services Managers (11-9111)   | 8            |
| Customer Service Representatives (43-4051)   | 7            |
| Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists (39-5012)   | 7            |
| Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians (17-3026)   | 7            |
| Security Guards (33-9032)  | 7            |
| Stockers and Order Fillers (53-7065)   | 7            |
| Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (29-2061)  | 6            |
| Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers (27-1026)   | 6            |
| Physical Therapists (29-1123)  | 6            |
| Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products (41-4012) | 6            |
| Carpenters (47-2031)   | 5            |

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce & The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine® data series

### Average Annual Wage by Industry



Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce  
 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - 2024 Q2

## Labor Market Projections

*Total Employment by Industry*  
(County/Metropolitan Statistical Area Data Unavailable)

Note: Projections are available by Workforce Investment Area (WIA). The data displayed is selected from the appropriate WIA.

| Upstate<br>Industry   | 2020<br>Estimated<br>Employment | 2030<br>Projected<br>Employment | Change | Percent<br>Change | Annual<br>Percent |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total All Industries  | 188,965                         | 210,249                         | 21,284 | 11.26             | 1.07              |
| Manufacturing   | 41,706                          | 45,396                          | 3,690  | 8.85              | 0.85              |
| Health Care and Social Assistance                               | 21,101                          | 24,510                          | 3,409  | 16.16             | 1.51              |
| Administrative and Support and Waste Management<br>and Remediat | 12,673                          | 15,462                          | 2,789  | 22.01             | 2.01              |
| Accommodation and Food Services                                 | 13,512                          | 15,963                          | 2,451  | 18.14             | 1.68              |
| Transportation and Warehousing                                  | 12,023                          | 14,455                          | 2,432  | 20.23             | 1.86              |
| Educational Services  | 13,089                          | 14,197                          | 1,108  | 8.47              | 0.82              |
| Retail Trade  | 18,362                          | 19,433                          | 1,071  | 5.83              | 0.57              |
| Wholesale Trade   | 8,938                           | 9,967                           | 1,029  | 11.51             | 1.10              |
| Government  | 7,685                           | 8,448                           | 763    | 9.93              | 0.95              |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services                | 5,635                           | 6,181                           | 546    | 9.69              | 0.93              |
| Other Services (except Government)                              | 7,420                           | 7,954                           | 534    | 7.20              | 0.70              |
| Finance and Insurance   | 3,754                           | 4,233                           | 479    | 12.76             | 1.21              |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation                             | 1,141                           | 1,493                           | 352    | 30.85             | 2.73              |
| Construction  | 8,228                           | 8,430                           | 202    | 2.46              | 0.24              |
| Information   | 692                             | 841                             | 149    | 21.53             | 1.97              |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing                              | 1,578                           | 1,697                           | 119    | 7.54              | 0.73              |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises                         | 1,889                           | 1,947                           | 58     | 3.07              | 0.30              |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting                      | 611                             | 669                             | 58     | 9.49              | 0.91              |
| Mining  | 177                             | 177                             | 0      | 0.00              | 0.00              |
| Utilities   | 405                             | 400                             | -5     | -1.23             | -0.12             |

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - Industry Projections