

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Lee County



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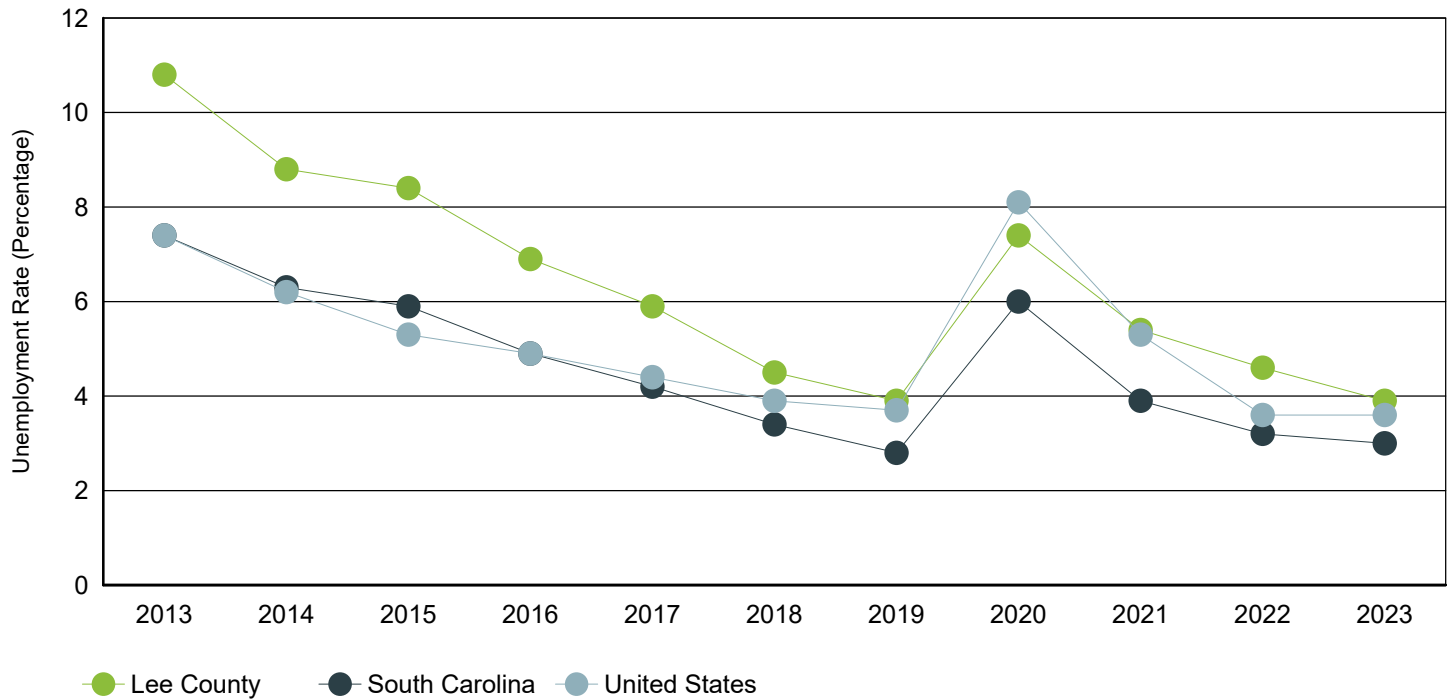
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## Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Trends

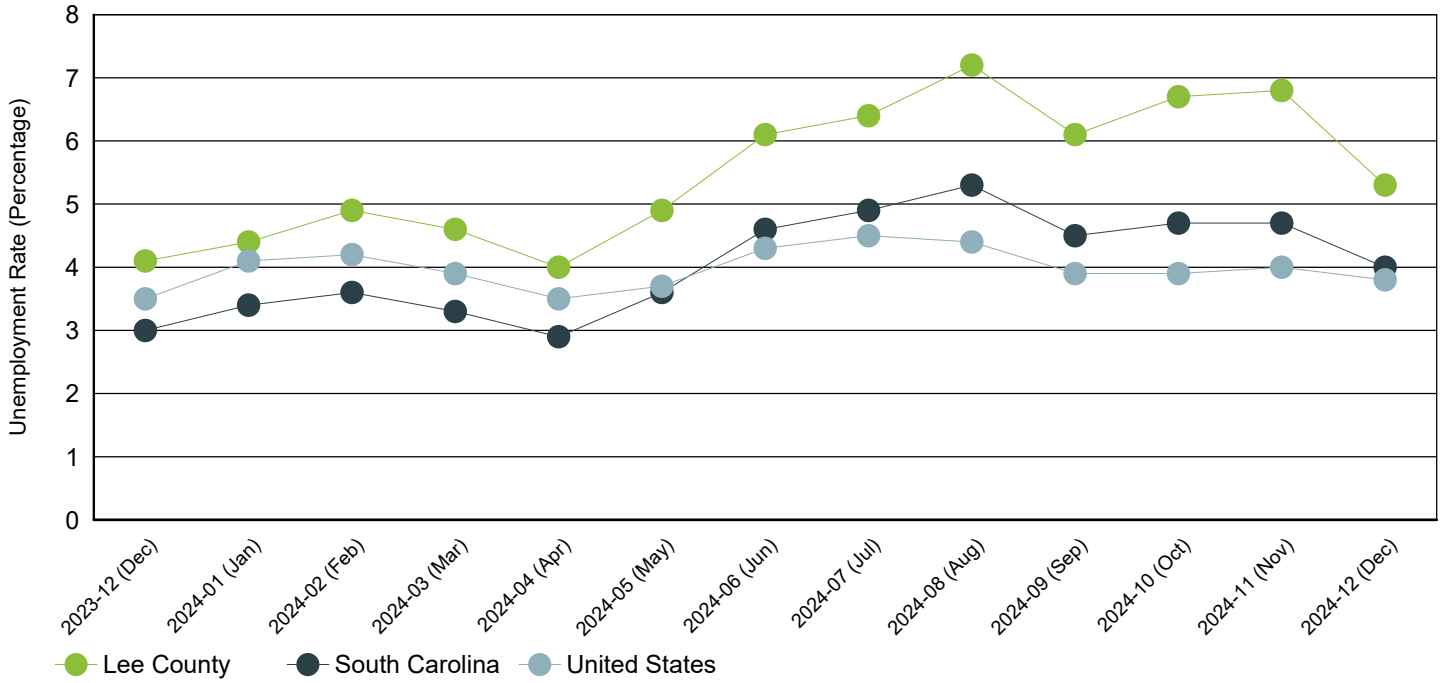


Year	Lee County			South Carolina			United States		
	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate
2023	6,272	255	3.9%	2,380,392	72,668	3.0%	161,037,000	6,080,000	3.6%
2022	6,125	296	4.6%	2,316,435	76,894	3.2%	158,291,000	5,996,000	3.6%
2021	6,213	355	5.4%	2,266,611	92,558	3.9%	152,581,000	8,623,000	5.3%
2020	6,181	494	7.4%	2,199,751	139,389	6.0%	147,795,000	12,947,000	8.1%
2019	6,211	249	3.9%	2,268,884	64,649	2.8%	157,538,000	6,001,000	3.7%
2018	6,136	289	4.5%	2,205,356	76,666	3.4%	155,761,000	6,314,000	3.9%
2017	5,894	368	5.9%	2,166,708	95,058	4.2%	153,337,000	6,982,000	4.4%
2016	5,972	445	6.9%	2,174,301	111,753	4.9%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%
2015	5,914	539	8.4%	2,134,087	133,750	5.9%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2014	5,876	569	8.8%	2,082,941	139,485	6.3%	146,305,000	9,617,000	6.2%
2013	5,869	708	10.8%	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	Lee County	South Carolina	United States
Dec 2024	5.3%	4.0%	3.8%
Nov 2024	6.8%	4.7%	4.0%
Oct 2024	6.7%	4.7%	3.9%
Sep 2024	6.1%	4.5%	3.9%
Aug 2024	7.2%	5.3%	4.4%
Jul 2024	6.4%	4.9%	4.5%
Jun 2024	6.1%	4.6%	4.3%
May 2024	4.9%	3.6%	3.7%
Apr 2024	4.0%	2.9%	3.5%
Mar 2024	4.6%	3.3%	3.9%
Feb 2024	4.9%	3.6%	4.2%
Jan 2024	4.4%	3.4%	4.1%
Dec 2023	4.1%	3.0%	3.5%

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

## Area Job Openings

Period	Lee County				South Carolina			
	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings
Dec-24	6,259	353	5.3%		2,417,169	119,485	4.7%	
Nov-24	6,201	453	6.8%		2,412,589	121,482	4.8%	
Oct-24	6,286	454	6.7%		2,413,165	118,097	4.7%	
Sep-24	6,287	411	6.1%		2,413,300	113,975	4.5%	
Aug-24	6,343	495	7.2%		2,414,624	107,891	4.3%	
Jul-24	6,457	441	6.4%		2,415,158	97,764	3.9%	
Jun-24	6,388	415	6.1%		2,410,159	89,718	3.6%	
May-24	6,414	334	4.9%		2,406,512	83,589	3.4%	
Apr-24	6,438	267	4.0%		2,404,517	79,782	3.2%	
Mar-24	6,464	313	4.6%		2,399,640	77,948	3.1%	
Feb-24	6,295	323	4.9%		2,396,195	76,424	3.1%	
Jan-24	6,204	287	4.4%		2,396,514	75,325	3.0%	
Dec-23	6,224	266	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	Lee County	South Carolina
0 to 4	220	147,311
5 to 9	47	24,044
10 to 19	28	17,672
20 to 49	34	13,002
50 to 99	8	5,015
100 to 249	8	3,069
250 to 499	0	912
500 to 999	0	417
1000 +	0	307

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

- Indicates that the requested data is suppressed

## Employment by Size of Establishment

Employees	Lee County	South Carolina
0 to 4	232	150,934
5 to 9	313	160,035
10 to 19	394	240,440
20 to 49	1,042	395,156
50 to 99	517	346,437
100 to 249	1,253	467,356
250 to 499	0	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

Ardagh Metal Packaging USA Corp

CARLYLE SENIOR CARE OF BISHOPVILLE

CAROLINA AGRI POWER LLC

CAROLINA METAL FINISHING LLC

CCBCC INC

CROWN HEALTH CARE LAUNDRY SERVICES

FOOD LION LLC

KELLY SERVICES GLOBAL LLC

LEE COUNTY

LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

LEE COUNTY DISABILITIES & SPECIAL N

MARTECH RESEARCH LLC

MCLEOD PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATES II

PEACE LOVE GLORY IN HOME CARE LLC

PILOT TRAVEL CENTER LLC

RED CLASSIC TRANSIT LLC

ROBERT E LEE ACADEMY

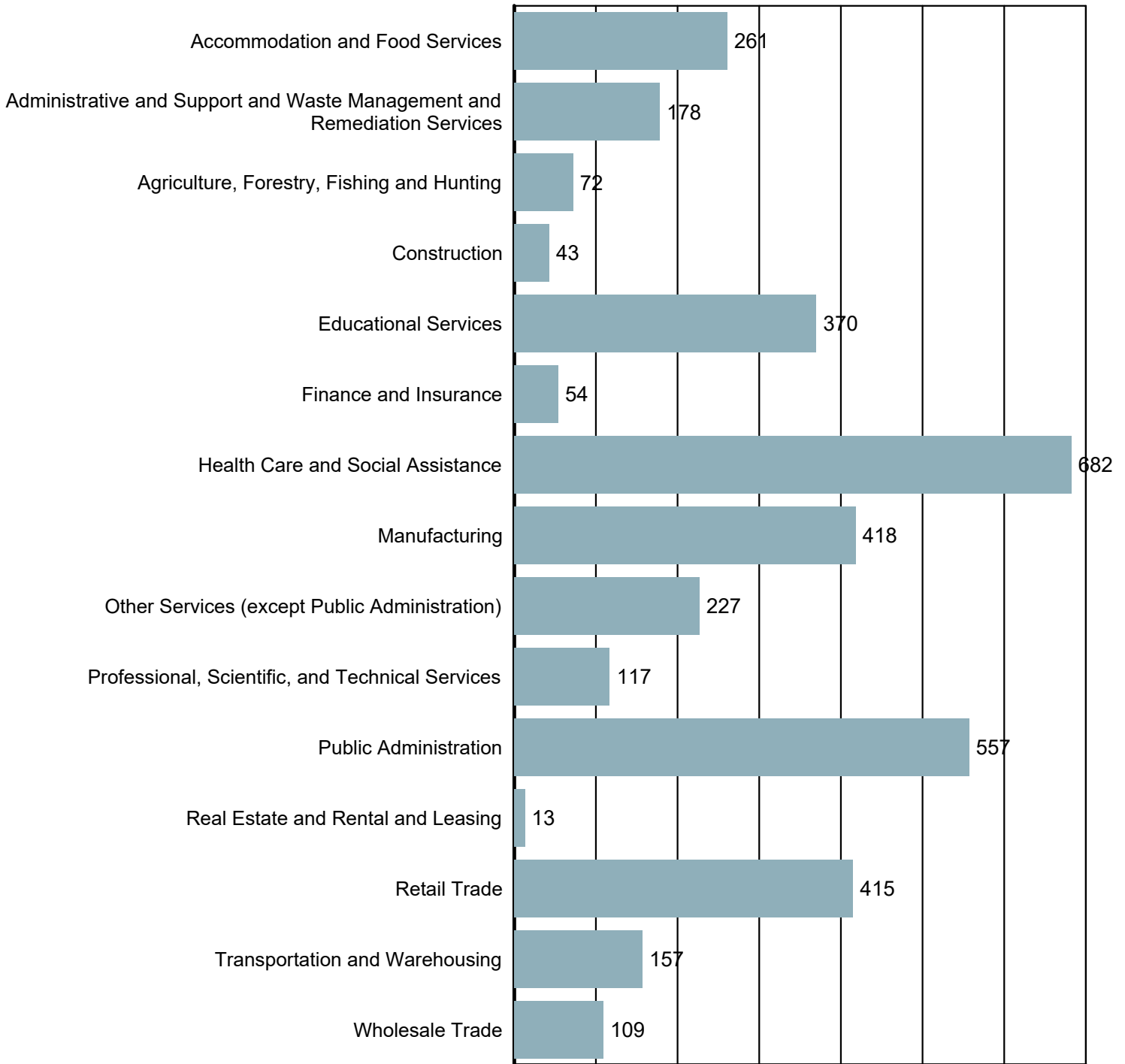
SC DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

SENSOR ENTERPRISES INC

TOWN OF BISHOPVILLE

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



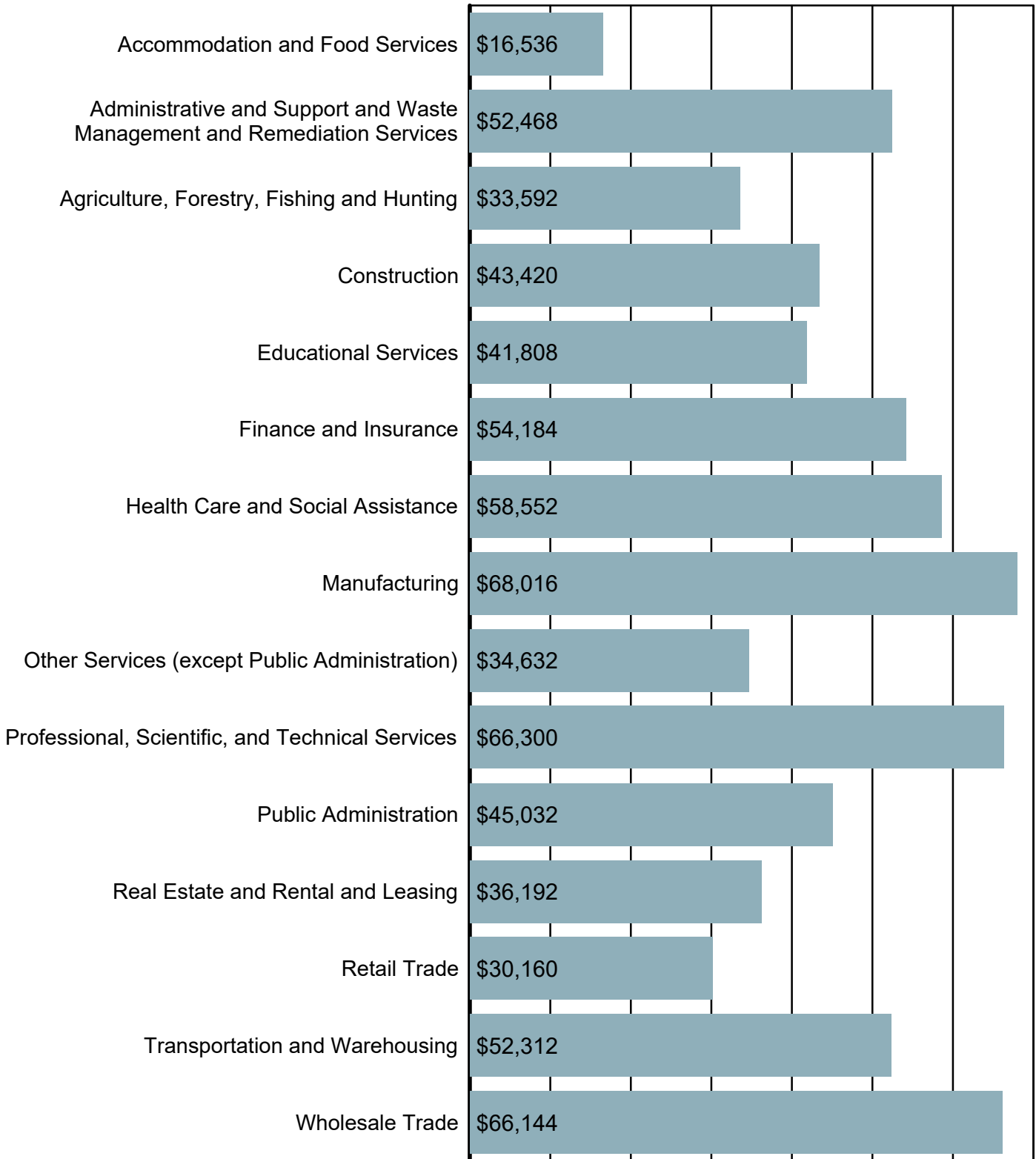
## Top 11 Occupational Openings

Lee County  
October-2023

Occupation Name (Soccode)	Job Openings
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand (53-7062)	8
Food Service Managers (11-9051)	6
Extruding and Drawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic (51-4021)	5
Retail Salespersons (41-2031)	5
Cashiers (41-2011)	4
Fast Food and Counter Workers (35-3023)	4
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)	4
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners (37-2011)	4
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators (47-2073)	4
Registered Nurses (29-1141)	4
Dentists, General (29-1021)	3

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  
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## 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.

Santee-Lynches Industry	2020 Estimated Employment	2030 Projected Employment	Change	Percent Change	Annual Percent
Health Care and Social Assistance	9,876	12,598	2,722	27.56	2.46
Total All Industries	70,110	71,791	1,681	2.40	0.24
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediat	4,189	4,548	359	8.57	0.83
Finance and Insurance	1,462	1,672	210	14.36	1.35
Accommodation and Food Services	5,616	5,749	133	2.37	0.23
Information	319	402	83	26.02	2.34
Transportation and Warehousing	1,458	1,510	52	3.57	0.35
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	456	482	26	5.70	0.56
Mining	54	47	-7	-12.96	-1.38
Other Services (except Government)	3,906	3,889	-17	-0.44	-0.04
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	834	815	-19	-2.28	-0.23
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	356	336	-20	-5.62	-0.58
Management of Companies and Enterprises	250	225	-25	-10.00	-1.05
Wholesale Trade	1,021	995	-26	-2.55	-0.26
Utilities	242	209	-33	-13.64	-1.46
Educational Services	5,944	5,902	-42	-0.71	-0.07
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,524	1,462	-62	-4.07	-0.41
Government	6,328	6,199	-129	-2.04	-0.21
Retail Trade	9,145	8,877	-268	-2.93	-0.30
Construction	3,674	3,302	-372	-10.13	-1.06
Manufacturing	9,833	9,283	-550	-5.59	-0.57

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