

# MIDLANDS



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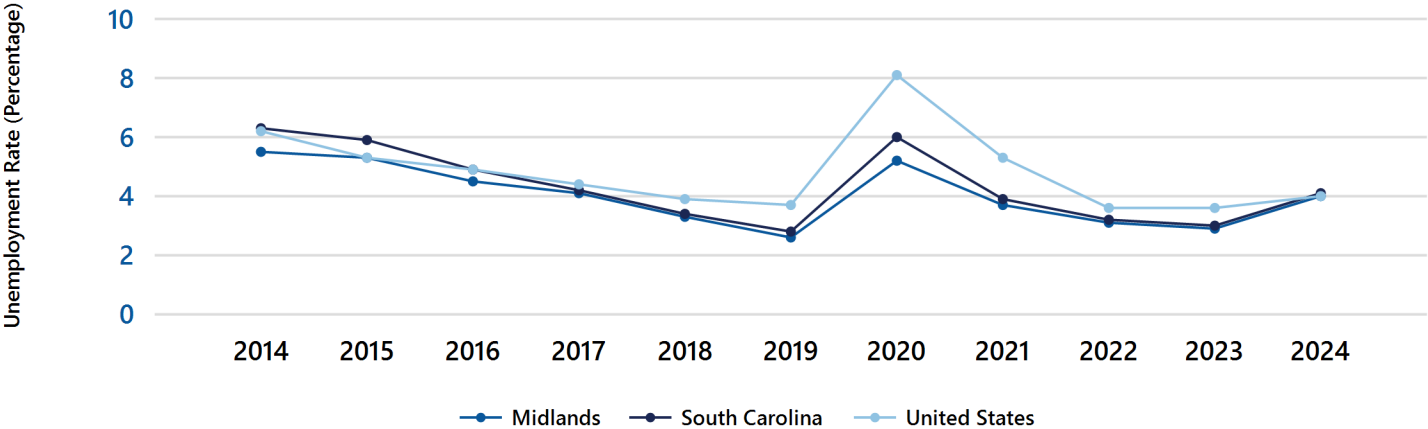
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ANNUAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



MIDLANDS

SOUTH CAROLINA

UNITED STATES

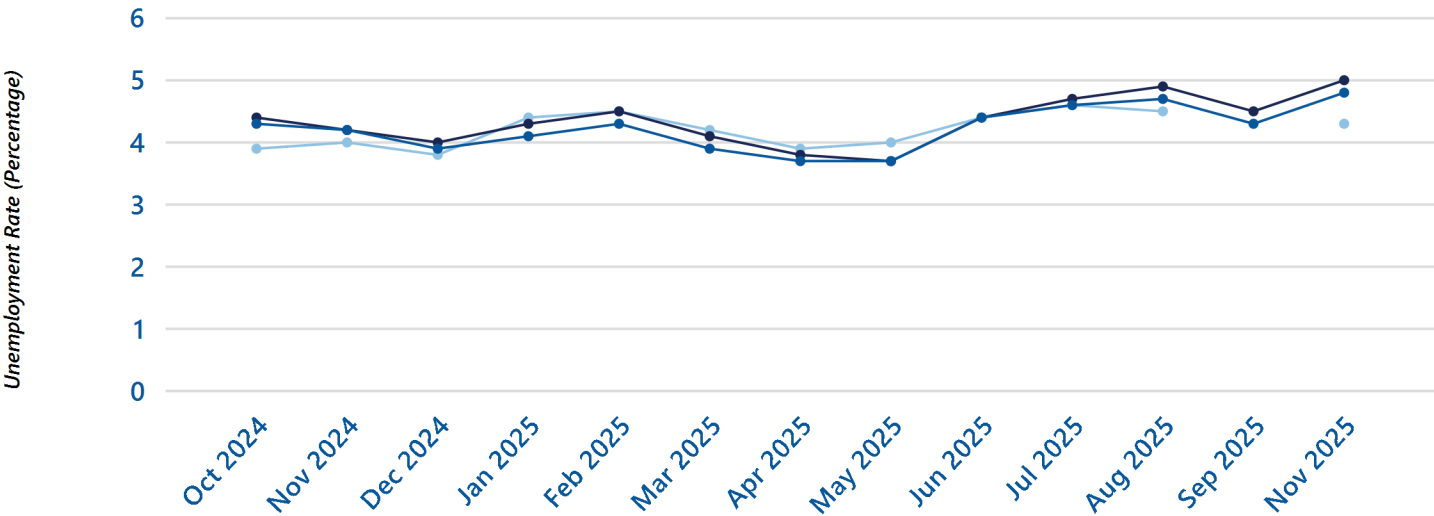
Year	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
2024	358,057	15,041	4.0%	2,430,453	105,178	4.1%	161,346,000	6,761,000	4.0%
2023	353,384	10,410	2.9%	2,401,212	74,248	3.0%	161,037,000	6,080,000	3.6%
2022	344,206	10,902	3.1%	2,330,548	77,339	3.2%	158,291,000	5,996,000	3.6%
2021	337,723	12,916	3.7%	2,272,940	92,676	3.9%	152,581,000	8,623,000	5.3%
2020	329,016	18,156	5.2%	2,201,090	140,613	6.0%	147,795,000	12,947,000	8.1%
2019	336,025	9,000	2.6%	2,263,682	64,405	2.8%	157,538,000	6,001,000	3.7%
2018	329,940	11,130	3.3%	2,206,821	76,542	3.4%	155,761,000	6,314,000	3.9%
2017	330,665	13,986	4.1%	2,168,104	94,845	4.2%	153,337,000	6,982,000	4.4%
2016	331,067	15,756	4.5%	2,145,584	110,199	4.9%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%
2015	331,057	18,643	5.3%	2,108,786	132,281	5.9%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2014	323,363	18,935	5.5%	2,063,369	138,475	6.3%	146,305,000	9,617,000	6.2%

Source: DEW LMI/BLS - Local Area Unemployment Statistics

MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Past 13 Months

United States South Carolina Midlands



Period	MIDLANDS	SOUTH CAROLINA	UNITED STATES
Nov 2025	4.8%	5.0%	4.3%
Sep 2025	4.3%	4.5%	%
Aug 2025	4.7%	4.9%	4.5%
Jul 2025	4.6%	4.7%	4.6%
Jun 2025	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%
May 2025	3.7%	3.7%	4.0%
Apr 2025	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%
Mar 2025	3.9%	4.1%	4.2%
Feb 2025	4.3%	4.5%	4.5%
Jan 2025	4.1%	4.3%	4.4%
Dec 2024	3.9%	4.0%	3.8%
Nov 2024	4.2%	4.2%	4.0%
Oct 2024	4.3%	4.4%	3.9%

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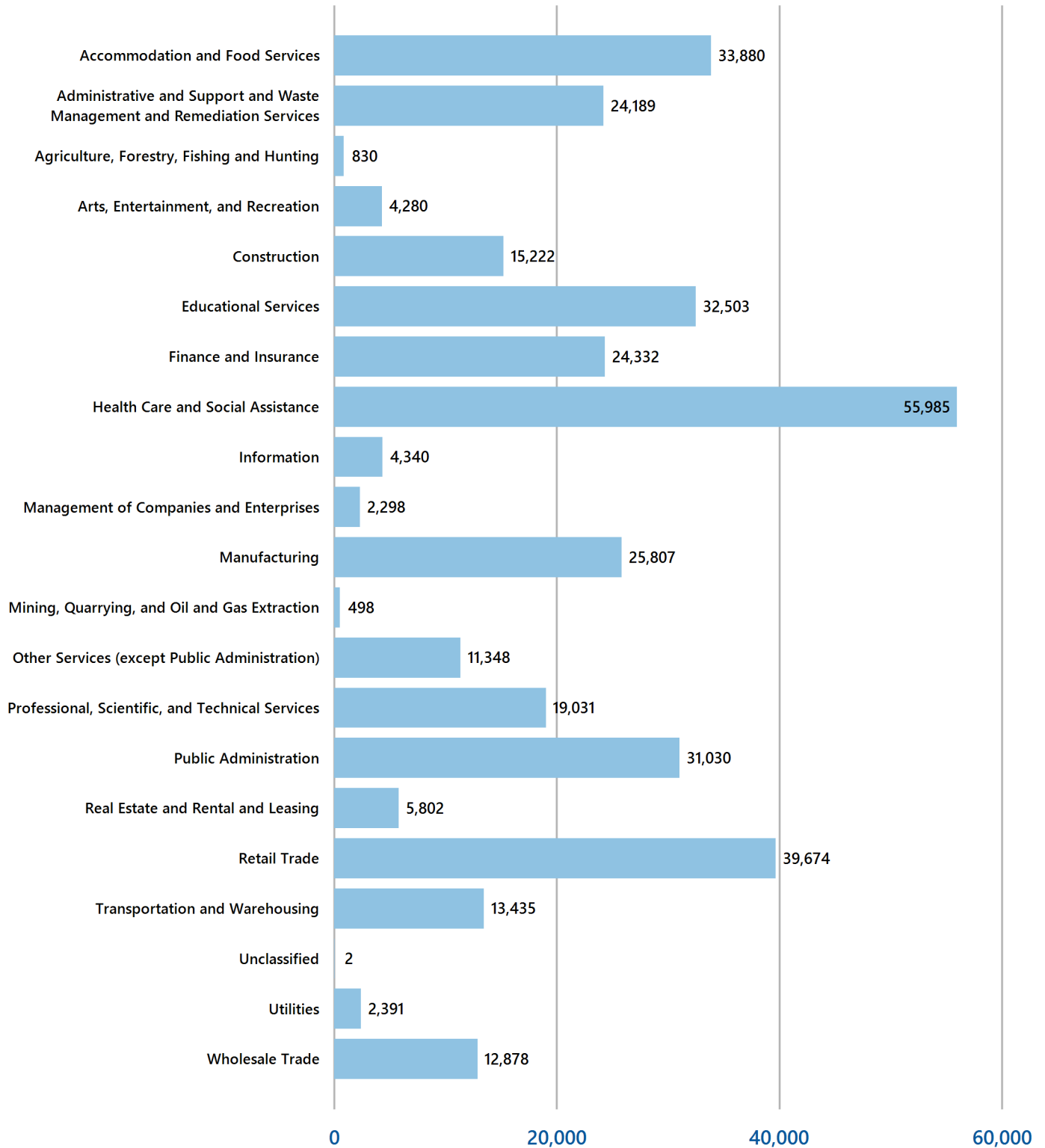
## 20 LARGEST EMPLOYERS

AMAZON COM SERVICES INC
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF SC
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS LLC
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
LEXINGTON COUNTY
LEXINGTON COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE DIS
LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1
LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 5
Lexington Health Inc
MICHELIN NORTH AMERICA INC
PRISMA HEALTH MIDLANDS
RICHLAND COUNTY
RICHLAND COUNTY COMMISSION FOR TECH
RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1
RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2
SC DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
UNIVERSAL PROTECTION SERVICE LLC
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

Source: South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce QCEW

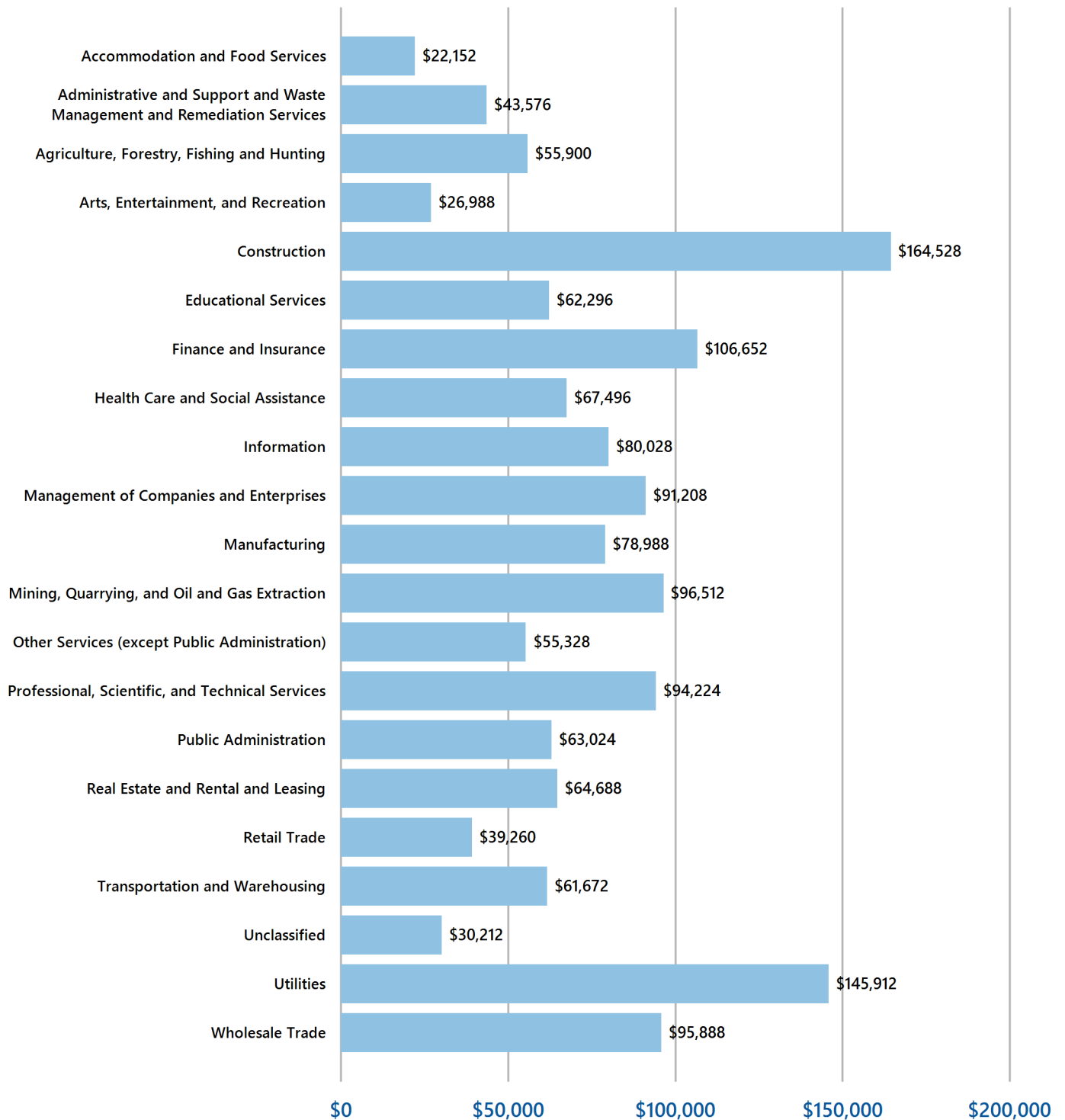
Note: This list is derived from unemployment insurance accounts and some employers may be duplicated due to variations in their reported name. Also, employers are listed alphabetically, not in rank order.

## EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



Source: South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce QCEW

## AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE BY INDUSTRY



Source: South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce QCEW

## LABOR MARKET PROJECTIONS

Total Employment by Industry

MIDLANDS	2022	2032	Change	Percent Change	Annual Percent Change
	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment			
Total All Industries	395,823	440,912	45,089	11.4%	1.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	45,609	53,224	7,615	16.7%	1.6%
Retail Trade	39,975	44,439	4,464	11.2%	1.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	32,774	36,880	4,106	12.5%	1.2%
Educational Services	30,732	33,260	2,528	8.2%	0.8%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	30,269	33,750	3,481	11.5%	1.1%
Finance and Insurance	26,635	30,420	3,785	14.2%	1.3%
Manufacturing	26,624	30,443	3,819	14.3%	1.3%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	21,494	24,457	2,963	13.8%	1.3%
Other Services (except Government)	16,608	17,749	1,141	6.9%	0.7%
Wholesale Trade	15,643	16,775	1,132	7.2%	0.7%
Construction	14,782	15,117	335	2.3%	0.2%
Transportation and Warehousing	12,525	16,415	3,890	31.1%	2.7%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	5,652	6,141	489	8.7%	0.8%
Information	4,862	5,395	533	11.0%	1.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	3,590	3,948	358	10.0%	1.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2,822	3,924	1,102	39.1%	3.4%
Utilities	2,741	2,844	103	3.8%	0.4%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,694	1,693	-1	-0.1%	0.0%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	288	332	44	15.3%	1.4%

Source: South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce QCEW



## U.S. CENSUS BUREAU AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY DATA

The rest of this profile consists of data from the American Community Survey, which is administered annually by the U.S. Census Bureau. The survey contacts one percent of all residents annually to generate data on a range of topics. However, accurate data from a single year of survey responses can only be generated for areas containing at least 65,000 people; five-year averages are reported for less populated geographies. To ensure that data are available for all areas and comparable across the state, all Community Profiles use these five-year averages that cover the years 2019 through 2023. Estimates with overlapping years should not be compared, since the repetition of sample data leads to statistical errors. For viable comparisons, the two prior non-overlapping five-year averages (2009-2013 and 2014-2018) are also provided. Each year, as new data is released, the profiles will increase by one year in the same manner, ensuring that non-overlapping five-year averages are always what is being compared.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

YEAR	TOTAL ENROLLED IN SCHOOL	ENROLLED IN SCHOOL NURSERY SCHOOL OR PRESCHOOL	ENROLLED IN SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN	ENROLLED IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADES 1-8	ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 9-12	ENROLLED IN COLLEGE OR GRADUATE SCHOOL
2014	197,864	10,398	9,261	71,617	38,140	68,448
2019	192,368	9,520	11,151	70,870	38,895	61,932

*Note: Based on Population 3 years and over enrolled in school*  
*Source: Table DP02 - Selected Social Characteristics in the United States, U.S. Census Bureau*

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

YEAR	TOTAL POPULATION 25 YEARS AND OVER	LESS THAN 9TH GRADE	9TH TO 12TH GRADE NO DIPLOMA	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE "INCLUDES EQUIV."	SOME COLLEGE NO DEGREE	ASSOCIATES DEGREE	BACHELORS DEGREE	GRADUATE OR PROF. DEGREE	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR HIGHER	BACHELORS DEGREE OR HIGHER
2014	442,511	15,029	34,539	111,999	97,941	40,090	88,484	54,429	N/A*	N/A*
2019	474,791	14,504	30,562	121,151	101,794	42,266	100,757	63,757	429,725	164,514

Note: Based on Population 25 years and over

Source: Table DP02 - Selected Social Characteristics in the United States, U.S. Census Bureau

\*American Community Survey data from 2010 to 2017 do not include these estimates

VETERAN STATUS

YEAR	TOTAL POPULATION	TOTAL VETERANS	TOTAL NONVETERANS
2014	516,983	58,477	458,506
2019	551,625	53,990	497,635

*Note: Civilian Population 18 years and over*  
*Source: Table S2101 - Veteran Status in the United States, U.S. Census Bureau*

DISABILITY STATUS

YEAR	TOTAL NON- INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION	TOTAL WITH A DISABILITY	TOTAL POPULATION UNDER 18 YEARS OLD	TOTAL POPULATION UNDER 18 YEARS OLD WITH A DISABILITY	TOTAL POPULATION 18 TO 64 YEARS OLD	TOTAL POPULATION 18 TO 64 YEARS OLD WITH A DISABILITY	TOTAL POPULATION 65 YEARS AND OVER	TOTAL POPULATION 65 YEARS AND OVER WITH A DISABILITY
2014	659,851	77,994	156,411	5,294	425,083	43,526	78,357	29,174
2019	697,502	96,006	159,757	7,320	439,956	53,156	97,789	35,530

*Note: Based on Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population*  
*Source: Table DP02 - Selected Social Characteristics in the United States, U.S. Census Bureau*



## RESIDENCE ONE YEAR AGO

YEAR	TOTAL POPULATION	SAME HOUSE	DIFFERENT HOUSE (IN THE U.S. OR ABROAD)	DIFFERENT HOUSE IN THE U.S.	DIFFERENT HOUSE IN THE U.S., SAME COUNTY	DIFFERENT HOUSE IN THE U.S., DIFFERENT COUNTY	DIFFERENT HOUSE IN THE U.S., DIFFERENT COUNTY SAME STATE	DIFFERENT HOUSE IN THE U.S., DIFFERENT COUNTY DIFFERENT STATE	DIFFERENT HOUSE, ABROAD
2014	679,852	551,666	N/A*	124,454	63,133	61,321	30,920	30,401	3,732
2019	715,706	585,197	N/A*	126,228	60,836	65,392	32,424	32,968	4,281

Note: Based on Population 1 year and over

Source: Table DP02 - Selected Social Characteristics in the United States, U.S. Census Bureau

\*American Community Survey data from 2010 to 2019 do not include these estimates

\*Although the survey data in these years did not include a sum for Different House (in the U.S. or Abroad), LMI believes it can be calculated by finding the sum of Different House in the U.S. and Different House, Abroad.

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

YEAR	ENGLISH ONLY	OTHER THAN ENGLISH	SPANISH	EUROPEAN LANGUAGES	ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER LANGUAGES	OTHER LANGUAGES
2014	596,187	48,624	26,996	11,281	8,431	1,916
2019	628,760	53,420	28,969	11,065	10,259	3,127

*Note: Based on Population 5 years and over*  
*Source: Table DP02 - Selected Social Characteristics, U.S. Census Bureau*

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED
2014	352,770	318,283	34,487
2019	367,368	345,575	21,793

*Note: Based on Population 16 years and over*  
*Source: Table DP03 - Selected Economic Characteristics, U.S. Census Bureau*



CLASS OF WORKER

YEAR	TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYED POPULATION	PRIVATE WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	GOVERNMENT WORKERS	SELF-EMPLOYED IN OWN NOT INCORPORATED BUSINESS WORKERS	UNPAID FAMILY WORKERS
2014	318,283	235,872	67,247	14,799	365
2019	345,575	260,526	67,719	16,765	565

*Note: Based on Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over*  
*Source: Table DP03 - Selected Economic Characteristics, U.S. Census Bureau*

OCCUPATIONS

YEAR	TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYED POPULATION	MANAGEMENT, BUSINESS, SCIENCE, AND ARTS OCCUPATIONS	SERVICE OCCUPATIONS	SALES AND OFFICE OCCUPATIONS	NATURAL RESOURCES, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OCCUPATIONS	PRODUCTION, TRANSPORTATION, AND MATERIAL MOVING OCCUPATIONS
2014	318,283	119,023	56,595	83,252	26,006	33,407
2019	345,575	134,619	58,514	81,870	25,798	44,774

*Note: Based on Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over*  
*Source: Table DP03 - Selected Economic Characteristics, U.S. Census Bureau*

*To see a more detailed explanation of these occupations, [click here](#).*

POPULATION

YEAR	WHITE	BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN	AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE	ASIAN	NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	SOME OTHER RACE	TWO OR MORE RACES
2014	411,537	232,985	1,419	14,052	459	10,925	15,975
2019	423,003	249,221	1,764	2,110	48	2,564	19,924

*Note: Based on Total Population*  
*Source: Table DP05 - ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau*



TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

YEAR	TOTAL WORKERS	CAR, TRUCK, OR VAN DROVE ALONE	CAR, TRUCK, OR VAN CARPOOLED	PUBLIC TRANS. EXCLUDING TAXICAB	WALKED	BICYCLE	TAXICAB, MOTORCYCLE, OR OTHER MEANS	WORKED FROM HOME
2014	323,589	82.8%	7.8%	0.5%	2.8%	0.2%	1.8%	4.1%
2019	350,575	83.0%	8.3%	1.0%	2.9%	0.1%	1.4%	3.4%

*Note: Based on Workers 16 years and over*  
*Source: Table S0801 - Commuting Characteristics by Sex, U.S. Census Bureau*

TRAVEL TIME TO WORK

YEAR	LESS THAN 10 MINUTES	10 TO 14 MINUTES	15 TO 19 MINUTES	20 TO 24 MINUTES	25 TO 29 MINUTES	30 TO 34 MINUTES	35 TO 44 MINUTES	45 TO 59 MINUTES	60 OR MORE MINUTES
2014	12.1%	12.8%	14.6%	15.9%	6.9%	16.8%	6.8%	8.8%	5.3%
2019	11.1%	11.4%	15.2%	14.7%	6.8%	18.1%	7.2%	10.1%	5.2%

*Note: Based on Workers 16 Years and over who did not work from home*  
*Source: Table S0801 - Commuting Characteristics by Sex, U.S. Census Bureau*



VEHICLES AVAILABLE BY OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT

YEAR	TOTAL OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS	NO VEHICLES AVAILABLE	1 VEHICLE AVAILABLE	2 VEHICLES AVAILABLE	3 OR MORE VEHICLES AVAILABLE
2014	259,130	16,271	90,811	98,768	53,280
2019	274,148	16,655	92,605	104,461	60,427

Source: Table DP04 - Selected Housing Characteristics, U.S. Census Bureau

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