

# LOWCOUNTRY



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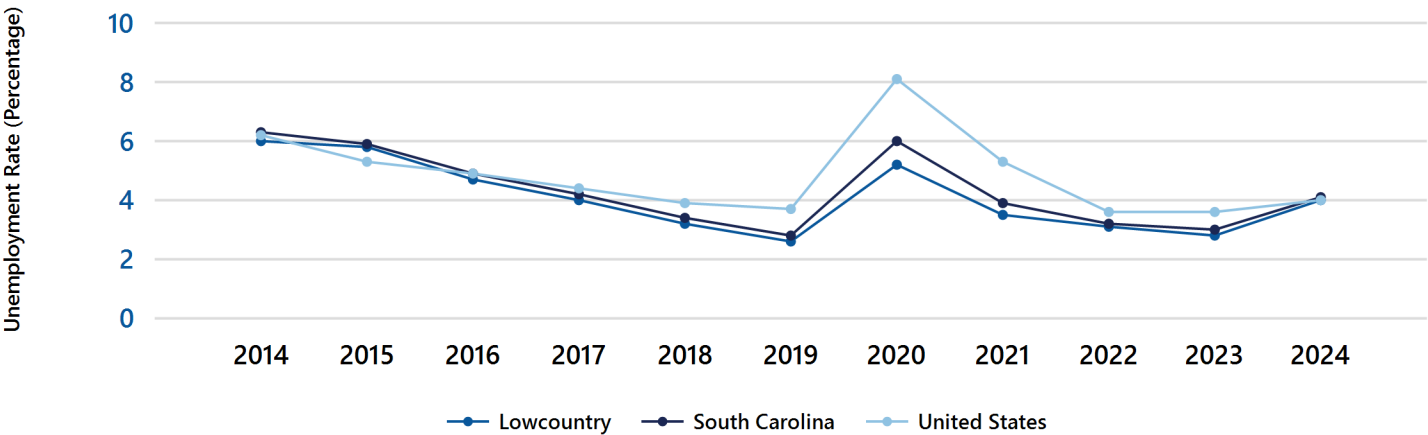
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ANNUAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



LOWCOUNTRY

SOUTH CAROLINA

UNITED STATES

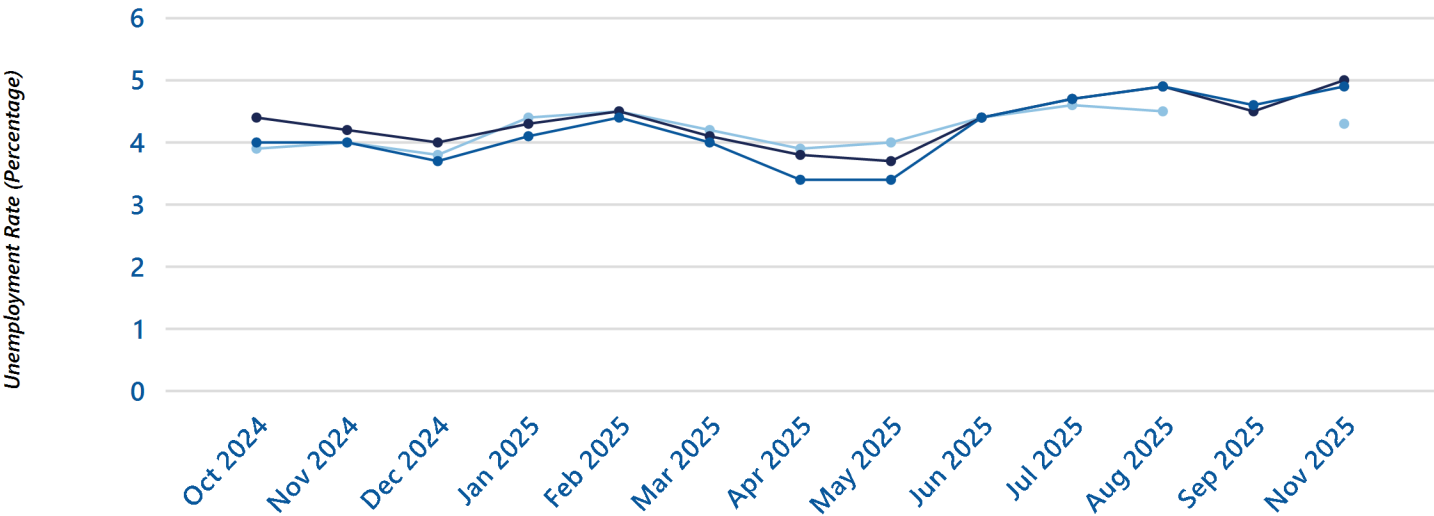
Year	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
2024	117,228	4,837	4.0%	2,430,453	105,178	4.1%	161,346,000	6,761,000	4.0%
2023	115,918	3,348	2.8%	2,401,212	74,248	3.0%	161,037,000	6,080,000	3.6%
2022	111,910	3,551	3.1%	2,330,548	77,339	3.2%	158,291,000	5,996,000	3.6%
2021	110,212	3,986	3.5%	2,272,940	92,676	3.9%	152,581,000	8,623,000	5.3%
2020	107,078	5,915	5.2%	2,201,090	140,613	6.0%	147,795,000	12,947,000	8.1%
2019	111,030	2,939	2.6%	2,263,682	64,405	2.8%	157,538,000	6,001,000	3.7%
2018	108,248	3,547	3.2%	2,206,821	76,542	3.4%	155,761,000	6,314,000	3.9%
2017	105,224	4,364	4.0%	2,168,104	94,845	4.2%	153,337,000	6,982,000	4.4%
2016	103,390	5,123	4.7%	2,145,584	110,199	4.9%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%
2015	100,949	6,245	5.8%	2,108,786	132,281	5.9%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2014	98,547	6,279	6.0%	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 Lowcountry



Source: DEW LMI/BLS - Local Area Unemployment Statistics

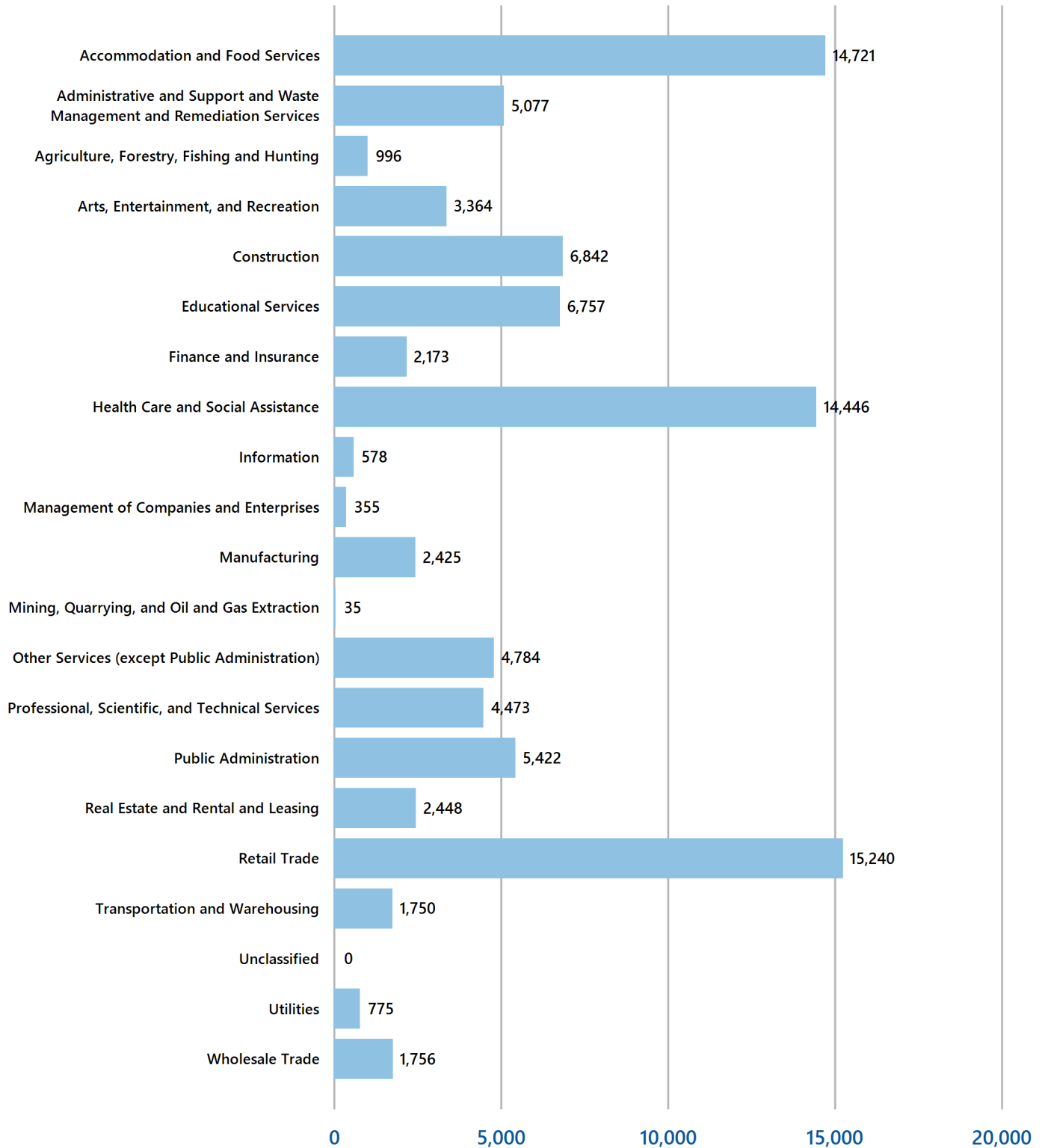
## 20 LARGEST EMPLOYERS

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
CHARLES LEA CENTER LEASING COMPANY
COLLETON COUNTY GOVERNMENT
COLLETON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF BEAUFORT
FOOD LION LLC
GREGORY M PARKER INC
Hampton County School District
Hilton Head Medical Center LLC
JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARINE CORPS COMMUNITY SERVICES
PALMETTO BLUFF INVESTMENTS LLC
PUBLIX SUPER MARKET INC
SEA PINES RESORT LLC
SITEL OPERATING CORPORATION
TG ADMINISTRATION LLC
THE KROGER CO
VENTURE INIC OF BEAUFORT
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

Source: South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce QCEW

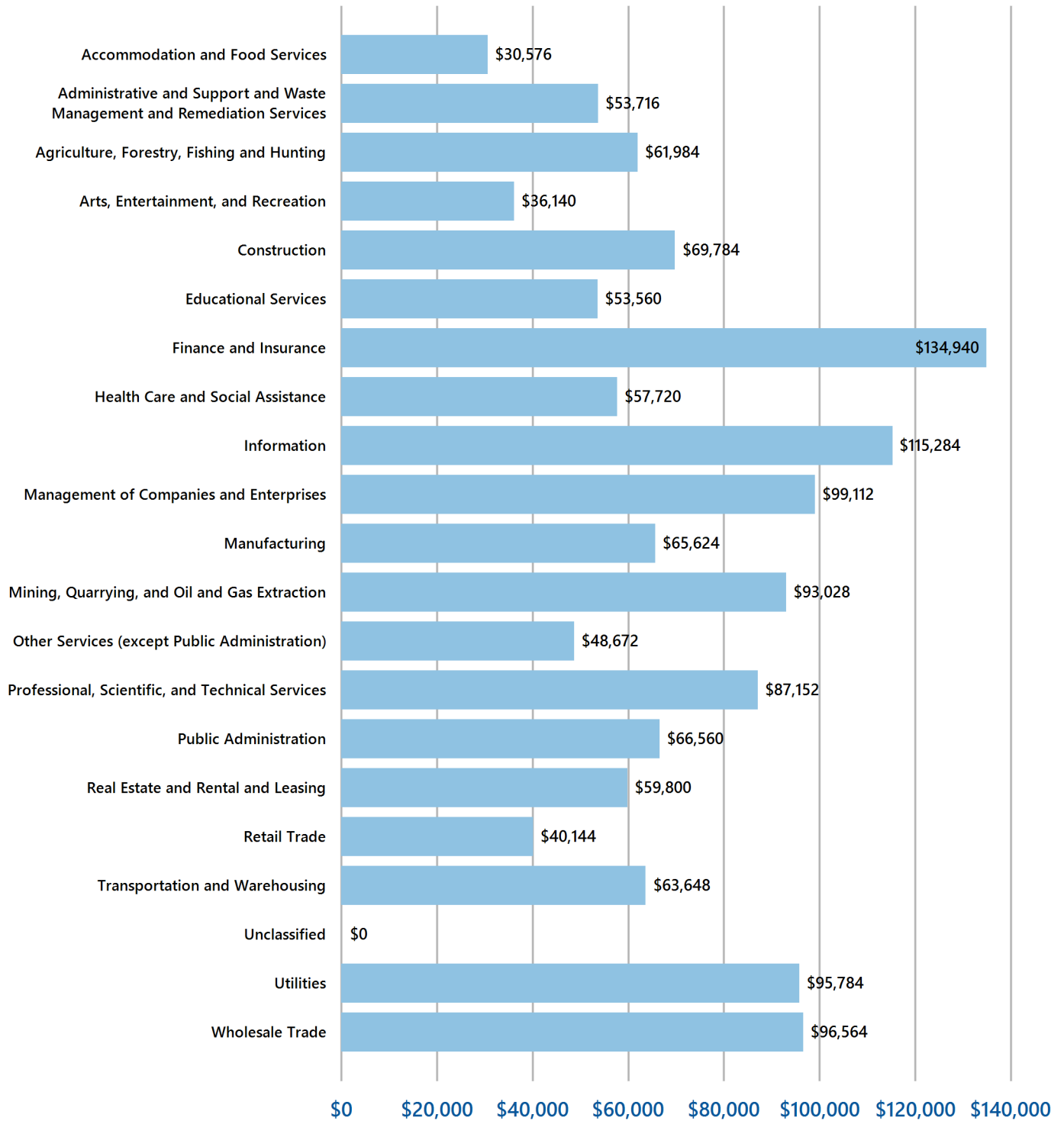
Note: This list is derived from unemployment insurance accounts and some employers may be duplicated due to variations in their reported name. Also, employers are listed alphabetically, not in rank order.

## 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*

LOWCOUNTRY	2022	2032	Change	Percent Change	Annual Percent Change
	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment			
Total All Industries	105,682	115,702	10,020	9.5%	0.9%
Accommodation and Food Services	15,479	16,236	757	4.9%	0.5%
Retail Trade	15,140	16,865	1,725	11.4%	1.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	12,369	14,666	2,297	18.6%	1.7%
Construction	7,157	7,304	147	2.1%	0.2%
Other Services (except Government)	6,633	7,090	457	6.9%	0.7%
Educational Services	6,406	6,933	527	8.2%	0.8%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediat	6,058	6,731	673	11.1%	1.1%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	4,971	5,657	686	13.8%	1.3%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	3,254	3,522	268	8.2%	0.8%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	2,600	2,940	340	13.1%	1.2%
Finance and Insurance	2,395	2,803	408	17.0%	1.6%
Manufacturing	2,343	2,430	87	3.7%	0.4%
Wholesale Trade	1,887	2,025	138	7.3%	0.7%
Transportation and Warehousing	1,294	1,445	151	11.7%	1.1%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	754	1,048	294	39.0%	3.3%
Information	745	853	108	14.5%	1.4%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	731	725	-6	-0.8%	-0.1%
Utilities	428	444	16	3.7%	0.4%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	18	20	2	11.1%	1.1%

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	54,494	3,640	3,698	24,213	11,223	11,720
2019	53,718	4,043	2,799	24,278	12,369	10,229

*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	174,656	7,257	14,812	50,894	36,736	13,584	30,554	20,819	N/A*	N/A*
2019	193,714	6,346	13,123	55,042	37,564	17,608	38,144	25,887	174,245	64,031

*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	192,667	25,029	167,638
2019	211,714	24,608	187,106

*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	242,382	33,618	54,175	2,048	138,333	17,243	49,874	14,327
2019	262,044	35,938	53,900	2,041	143,949	16,064	64,195	17,833

*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	250,349	209,918	N/A*	38,903	17,847	21,056	5,636	15,420	1,528
2019	269,346	232,468	N/A*	35,944	16,994	18,950	5,507	13,443	934

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	211,633	25,966	20,577	3,470	1,595	324
2019	232,008	25,072	20,367	2,492	1,544	669

*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	113,202	102,341	10,861
2019	119,927	112,659	7,268

*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	102,341	79,076	16,152	6,972	141
2019	112,659	87,630	16,203	8,656	170

*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	102,341	29,442	24,879	25,254	12,183	10,583
2019	112,659	37,073	24,449	24,179	13,508	13,450

*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	166,507	69,013	745	2,212	466	9,768	4,701
2019	183,754	69,798	899	592	15	579	5,368

*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	106,527	78.0%	13.6%	0.8%	2.0%	0.4%	1.8%	3.3%
2019	116,741	80.4%	12.8%	0.3%	1.7%	0.1%	1.2%	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	15.2%	12.8%	13.3%	12.6%	3.6%	13.7%	5.8%	9.2%	13.8%
2019	11.4%	11.1%	12.5%	13.9%	3.8%	18.1%	5.1%	11.5%	12.7%

*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	95,944	5,688	33,348	41,553	15,355
2019	103,814	4,884	37,598	43,006	18,326

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

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