

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Columbia, SC

Metropolitan Statistical Area



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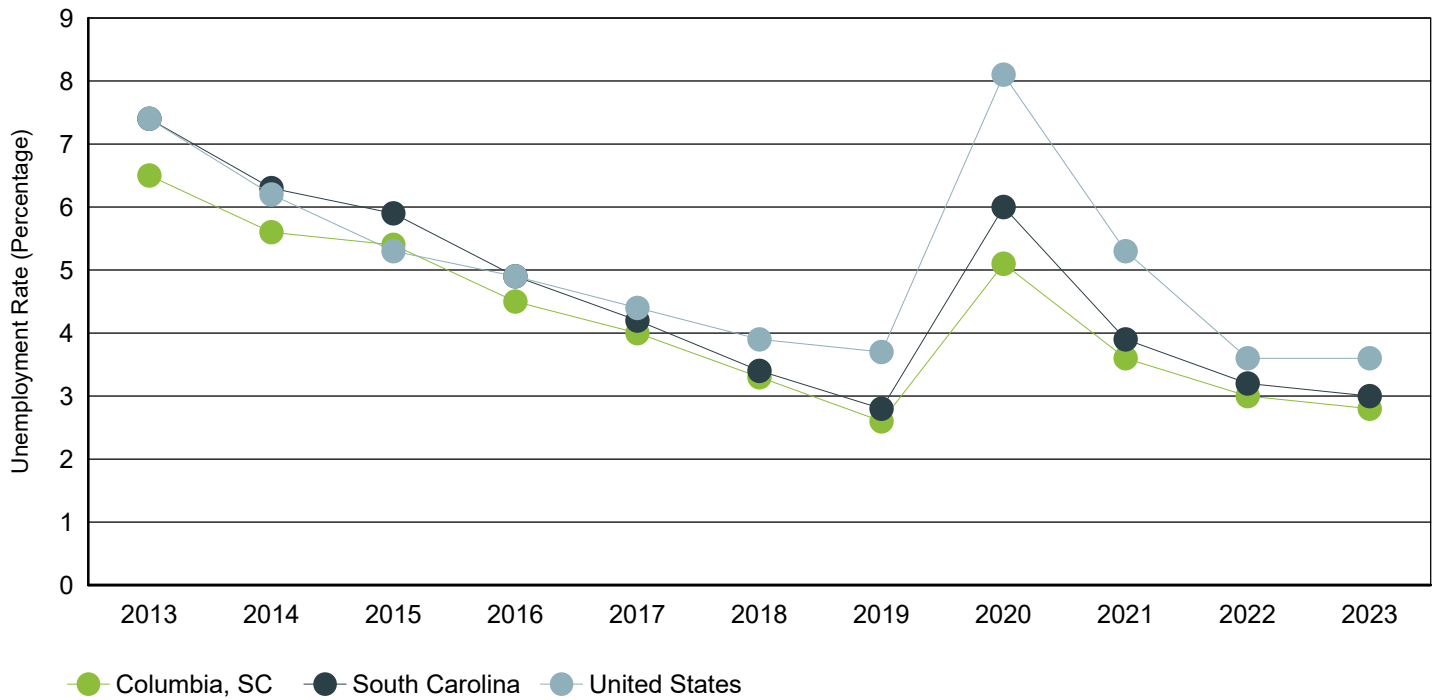
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Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Trends

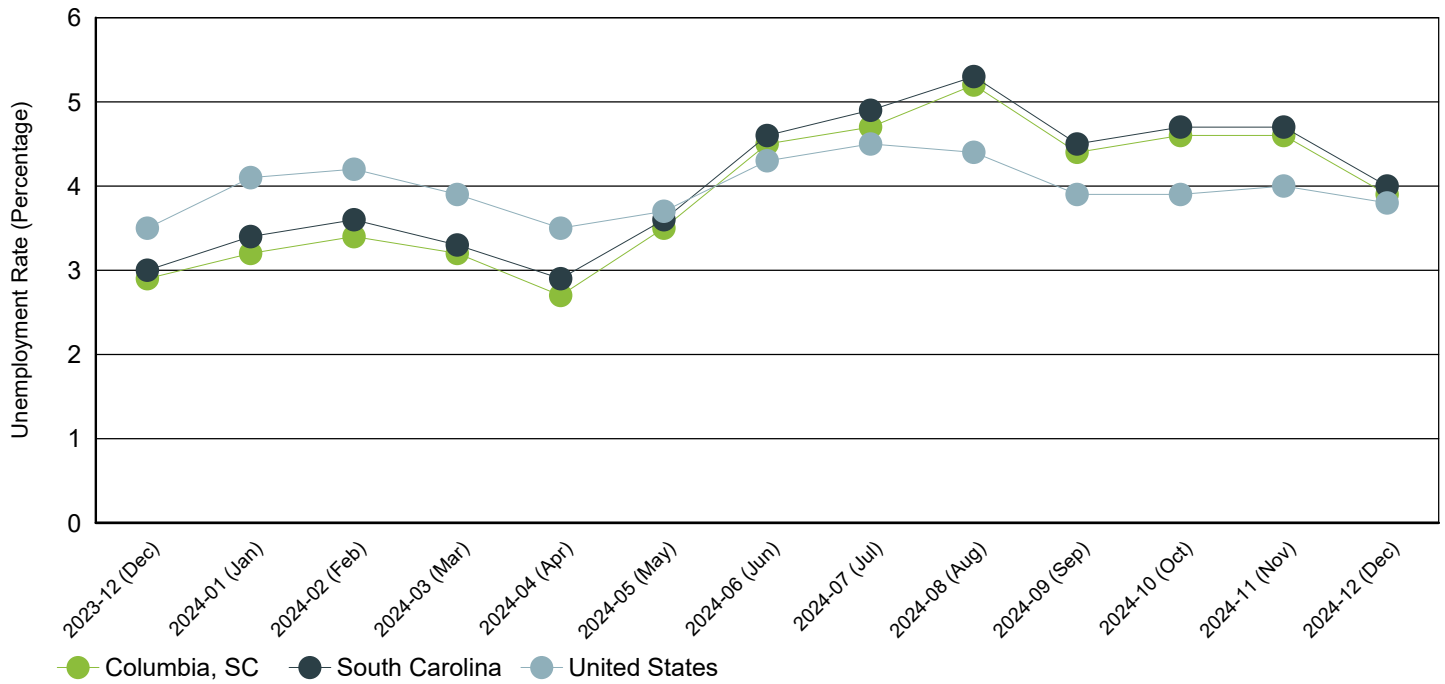


Year	Columbia, SC			South Carolina			United States		
	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate
2023	402,420	11,622	2.8%	2,380,392	72,668	3.0%	161,037,000	6,080,000	3.6%
2022	392,128	12,302	3.0%	2,316,435	76,894	3.2%	158,291,000	5,996,000	3.6%
2021	384,764	14,556	3.6%	2,266,611	92,558	3.9%	152,581,000	8,623,000	5.3%
2020	375,686	20,201	5.1%	2,199,751	139,389	6.0%	147,795,000	12,947,000	8.1%
2019	385,193	10,292	2.6%	2,268,884	64,649	2.8%	157,538,000	6,001,000	3.7%
2018	377,106	12,684	3.3%	2,205,356	76,666	3.4%	155,761,000	6,314,000	3.9%
2017	378,113	15,957	4.0%	2,166,708	95,058	4.2%	153,337,000	6,982,000	4.4%
2016	384,046	18,290	4.5%	2,174,301	111,753	4.9%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%
2015	377,014	21,504	5.4%	2,134,087	133,750	5.9%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2014	367,597	21,869	5.6%	2,082,941	139,485	6.3%	146,305,000	9,617,000	6.2%
2013	357,930	24,920	6.5%	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	Columbia, SC	South Carolina	United States
Dec 2024	3.9%	4.0%	3.8%
Nov 2024	4.6%	4.7%	4.0%
Oct 2024	4.6%	4.7%	3.9%
Sep 2024	4.4%	4.5%	3.9%
Aug 2024	5.2%	5.3%	4.4%
Jul 2024	4.7%	4.9%	4.5%
Jun 2024	4.5%	4.6%	4.3%
May 2024	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%
Apr 2024	2.7%	2.9%	3.5%
Mar 2024	3.2%	3.3%	3.9%
Feb 2024	3.4%	3.6%	4.2%
Jan 2024	3.2%	3.4%	4.1%
Dec 2023	2.9%	3.0%	3.5%

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

Area Job Openings

Period	Columbia, SC				South Carolina			
	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings
Dec-24	409,049	16,484	3.9%		2,417,169	119,485	4.7%	
Nov-24	405,787	19,663	4.6%		2,412,589	121,482	4.8%	
Oct-24	408,284	19,740	4.6%		2,413,165	118,097	4.7%	
Sep-24	405,821	18,582	4.4%		2,413,300	113,975	4.5%	
Aug-24	405,004	22,072	5.2%		2,414,624	107,891	4.3%	
Jul-24	411,610	20,256	4.7%		2,415,158	97,764	3.9%	
Jun-24	410,303	19,248	4.5%		2,410,159	89,718	3.6%	
May-24	408,218	14,964	3.5%		2,406,512	83,589	3.4%	
Apr-24	412,130	11,649	2.7%		2,404,517	79,782	3.2%	
Mar-24	411,023	13,470	3.2%		2,399,640	77,948	3.1%	
Feb-24	404,836	14,364	3.4%		2,396,195	76,424	3.1%	
Jan-24	402,939	13,137	3.2%		2,396,514	75,325	3.0%	
Dec-23	403,248	11,900	2.9%		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	Columbia, SC	South Carolina
0 to 4	16,882	147,311
5 to 9	3,607	24,044
10 to 19	2,672	17,672
20 to 49	2,122	13,002
50 to 99	777	5,015
100 to 249	470	3,069
250 to 499	147	912
500 to 999	60	417
1000 +	46	307

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

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Employment by Size of Establishment

Employees	Columbia, SC	South Carolina
0 to 4	18,672	150,934
5 to 9	24,155	160,035
10 to 19	36,516	240,440
20 to 49	64,441	395,156
50 to 99	52,823	346,437
100 to 249	72,300	467,356
250 to 499	50,206	311,369
500 to 999	39,719	284,827
1000 +	112,588	821,778

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

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20 Largest Employers

(Listed Alphabetically)

Corporation Name

AGAPE SENIOR PRIMARY CARE INC

AMAZON COM SERVICES INC

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF SC

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS LLC

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

DEPT OF DEFENSE

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 SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

SC DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

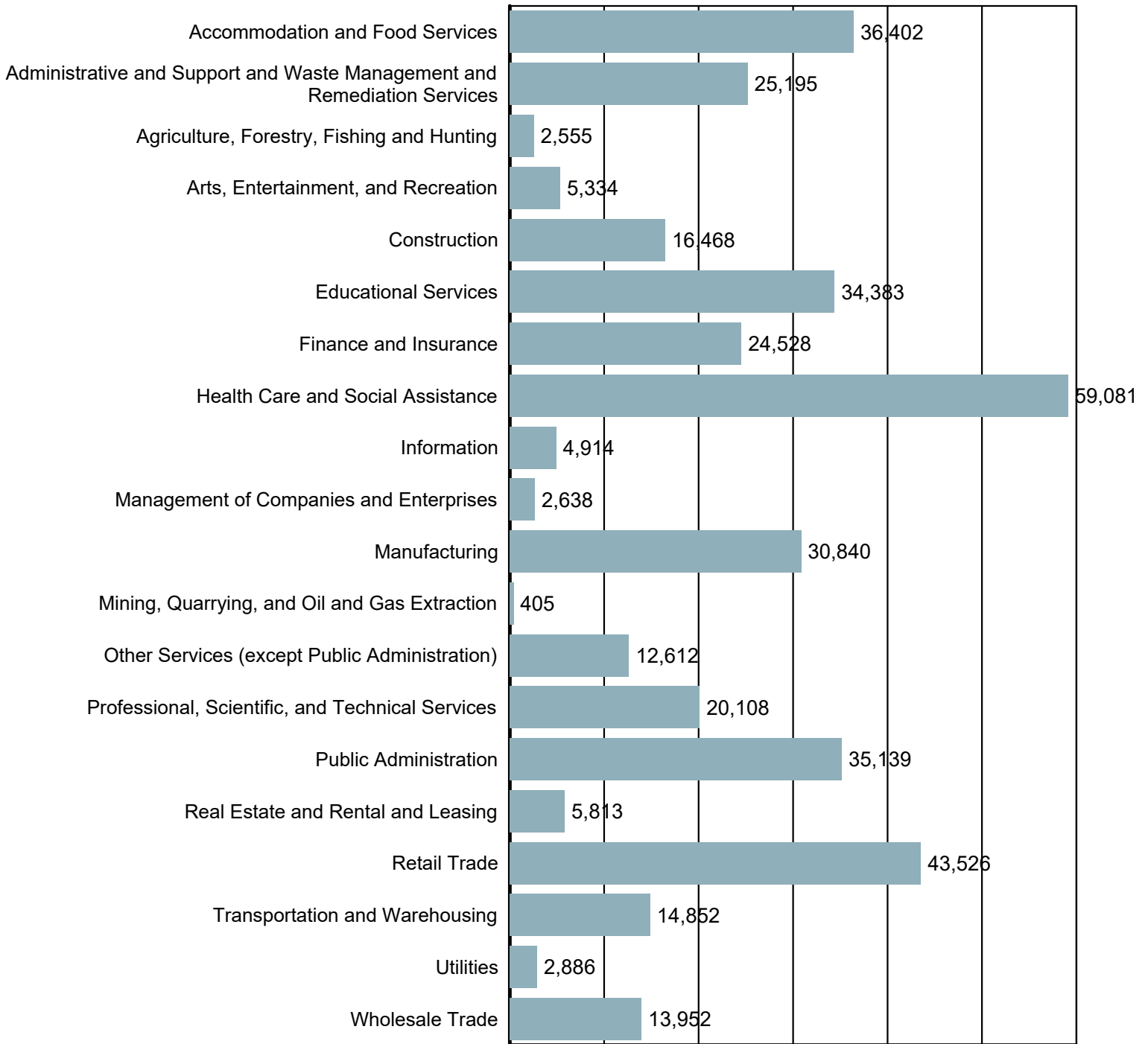
UNIVERSAL PROTECTION SERVICE LLC

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.

Source: 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

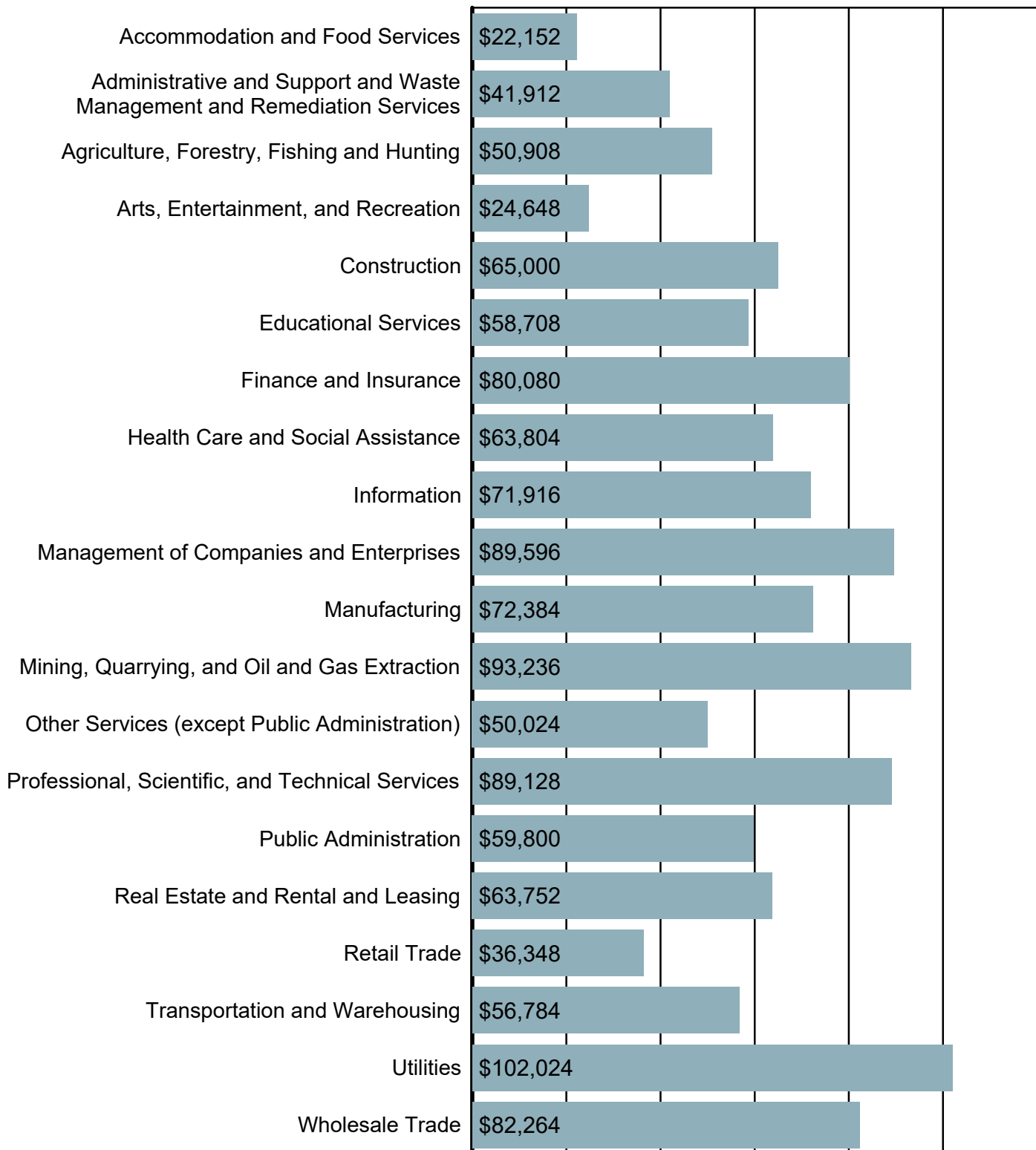
Top 20 Occupational Openings

Columbia, SC
October-2023

Occupation Name (Soccode)	Job Openings
Registered Nurses (29-1141)	931
Retail Salespersons (41-2031)	608
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)	500
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products (41-4012)	395
Fast Food and Counter Workers (35-3023)	360
Customer Service Representatives (43-4051)	337
Managers, All Other (11-9199)	268
Medical and Health Services Managers (11-9111)	264
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General (49-9071)	259
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand (53-7062)	251
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive (43-6014)	242
Food Service Managers (11-9051)	219
Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other (29-2099)	215
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners (37-2011)	214
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers (53-3032)	200
Nursing Assistants (31-1131)	192
Software Developers (15-1252)	175
General and Operations Managers (11-1021)	172
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers (35-1012)	171
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners (37-2012)	167

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.

Midlands Industry	2020 Estimated Employment	2030 Projected Employment	Change	Percent Change	Annual Percent
Total All Industries	371,173	409,069	37,896	10.21	0.98
Health Care and Social Assistance	43,677	54,345	10,668	24.42	2.21
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediat	27,334	32,552	5,218	19.09	1.76
Accommodation and Food Services	28,919	33,581	4,662	16.12	1.51
Government	41,035	43,380	2,345	5.71	0.56
Transportation and Warehousing	11,760	13,962	2,202	18.72	1.73
Other Services (except Government)	15,928	18,099	2,171	13.63	1.29
Retail Trade	37,504	39,663	2,159	5.76	0.56
Finance and Insurance	23,672	25,542	1,870	7.90	0.76
Educational Services	29,415	31,132	1,717	5.84	0.57
Manufacturing	24,534	25,961	1,427	5.82	0.57
Wholesale Trade	13,885	15,096	1,211	8.72	0.84
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	17,208	18,419	1,211	7.04	0.68
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,505	3,060	555	22.16	2.02
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	5,461	5,749	288	5.27	0.52
Information	4,634	4,882	248	5.35	0.52
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,923	2,091	168	8.74	0.84
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3,837	3,860	23	0.60	0.06
Construction	14,710	14,723	13	0.09	0.01
Mining	335	331	-4	-1.19	-0.12
Utilities	3,405	3,278	-127	-3.73	-0.38

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