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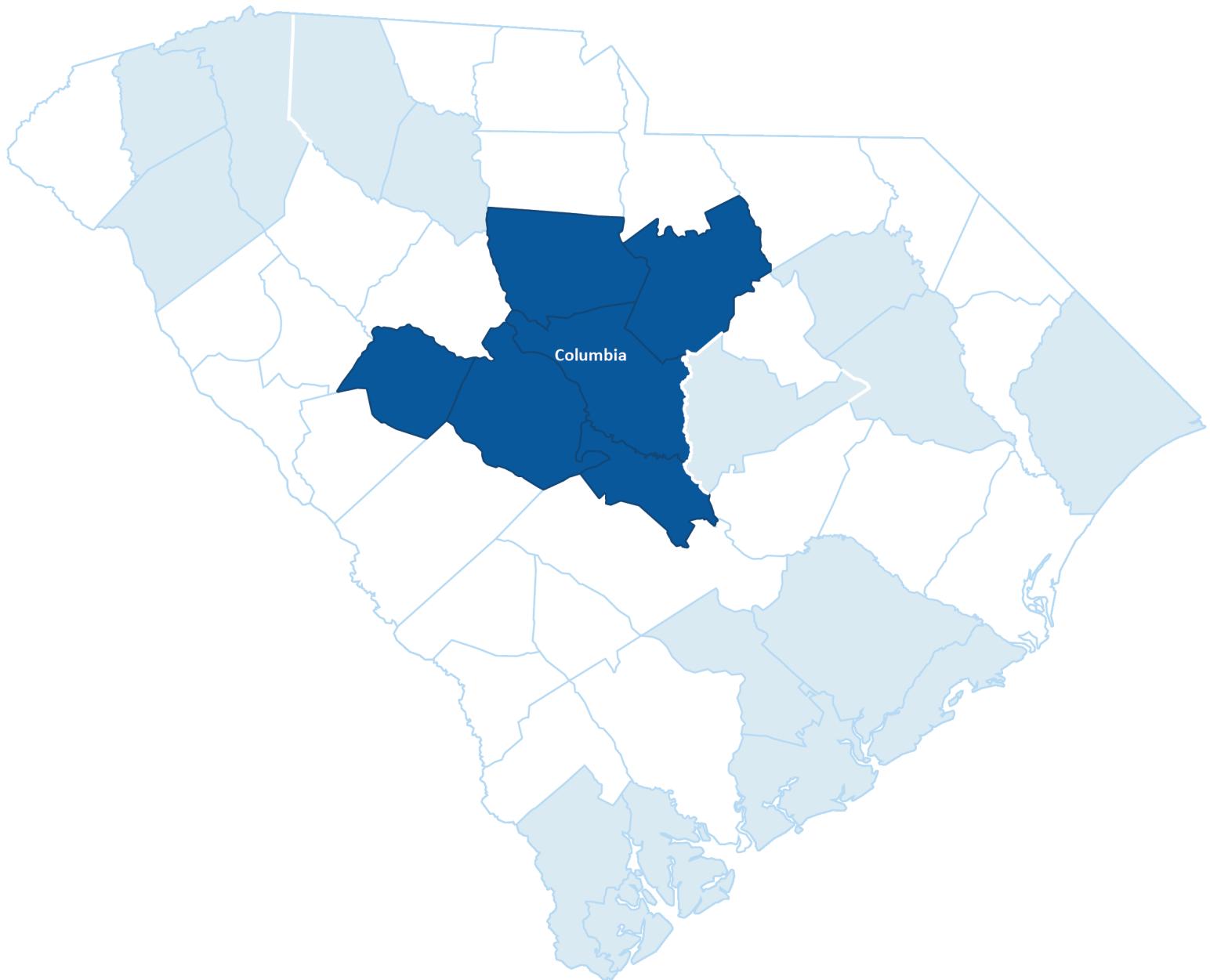


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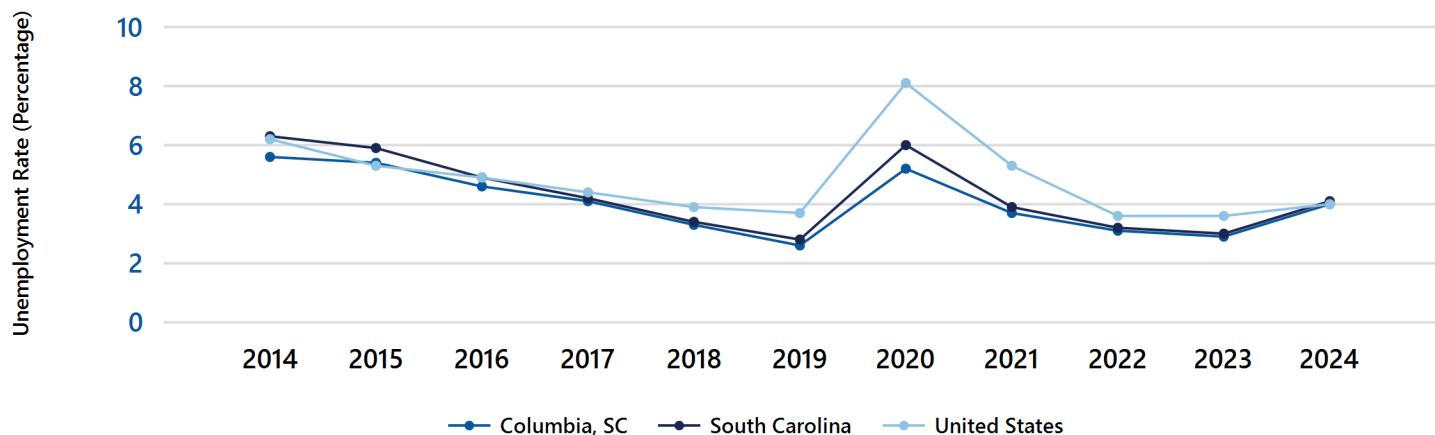
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ANNUAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



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SOUTH CAROLINA

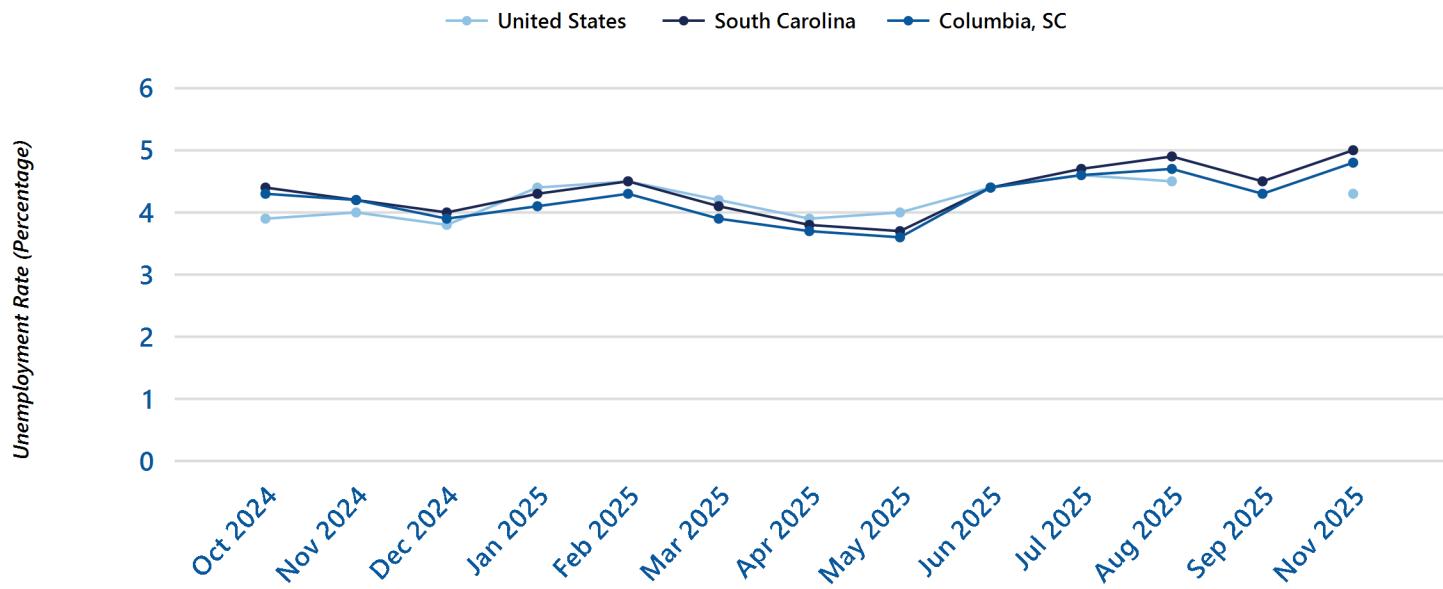
UNITED STATES

Year	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
2024	403,694	16,967	4.0%	2,430,453	105,178	4.1%	161,346,000	6,761,000	4.0%
2023	398,093	11,780	2.9%	2,401,212	74,248	3.0%	161,037,000	6,080,000	3.6%
2022	387,358	12,303	3.1%	2,330,548	77,339	3.2%	158,291,000	5,996,000	3.6%
2021	379,933	14,508	3.7%	2,272,940	92,676	3.9%	152,581,000	8,623,000	5.3%
2020	370,368	20,370	5.2%	2,201,090	140,613	6.0%	147,795,000	12,947,000	8.1%
2019	378,478	10,248	2.6%	2,263,682	64,405	2.8%	157,538,000	6,001,000	3.7%
2018	371,642	12,620	3.3%	2,206,821	76,542	3.4%	155,761,000	6,314,000	3.9%
2017	372,667	15,898	4.1%	2,168,104	94,845	4.2%	153,337,000	6,982,000	4.4%
2016	373,263	18,003	4.6%	2,145,584	110,199	4.9%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%
2015	372,543	21,267	5.4%	2,108,786	132,281	5.9%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2014	364,141	21,711	5.6%	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



Period	COLUMBIA, SC	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	3.6%	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%

Source: DEW LMI/BLS - Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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

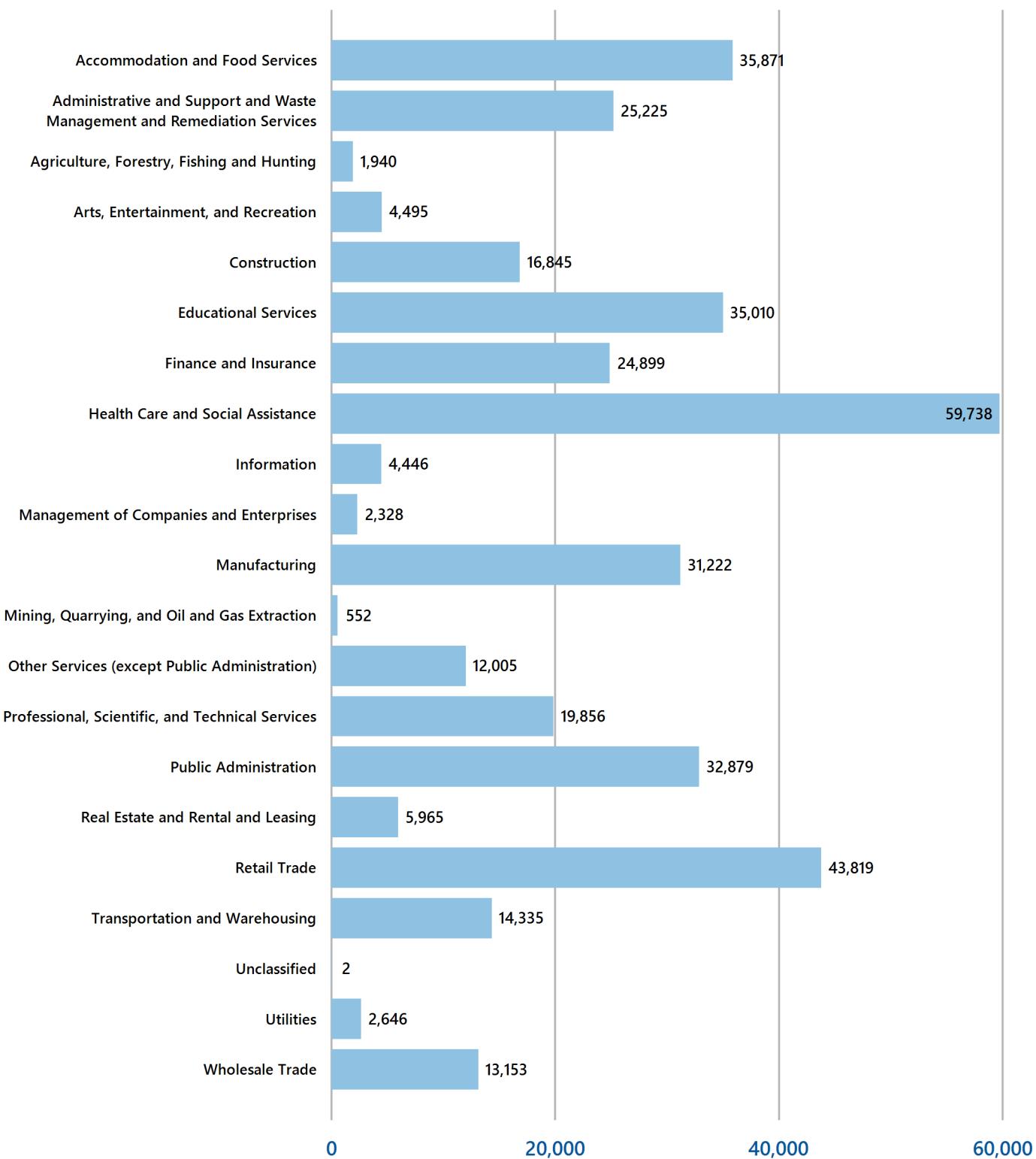
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WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

Source: South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce QCEW

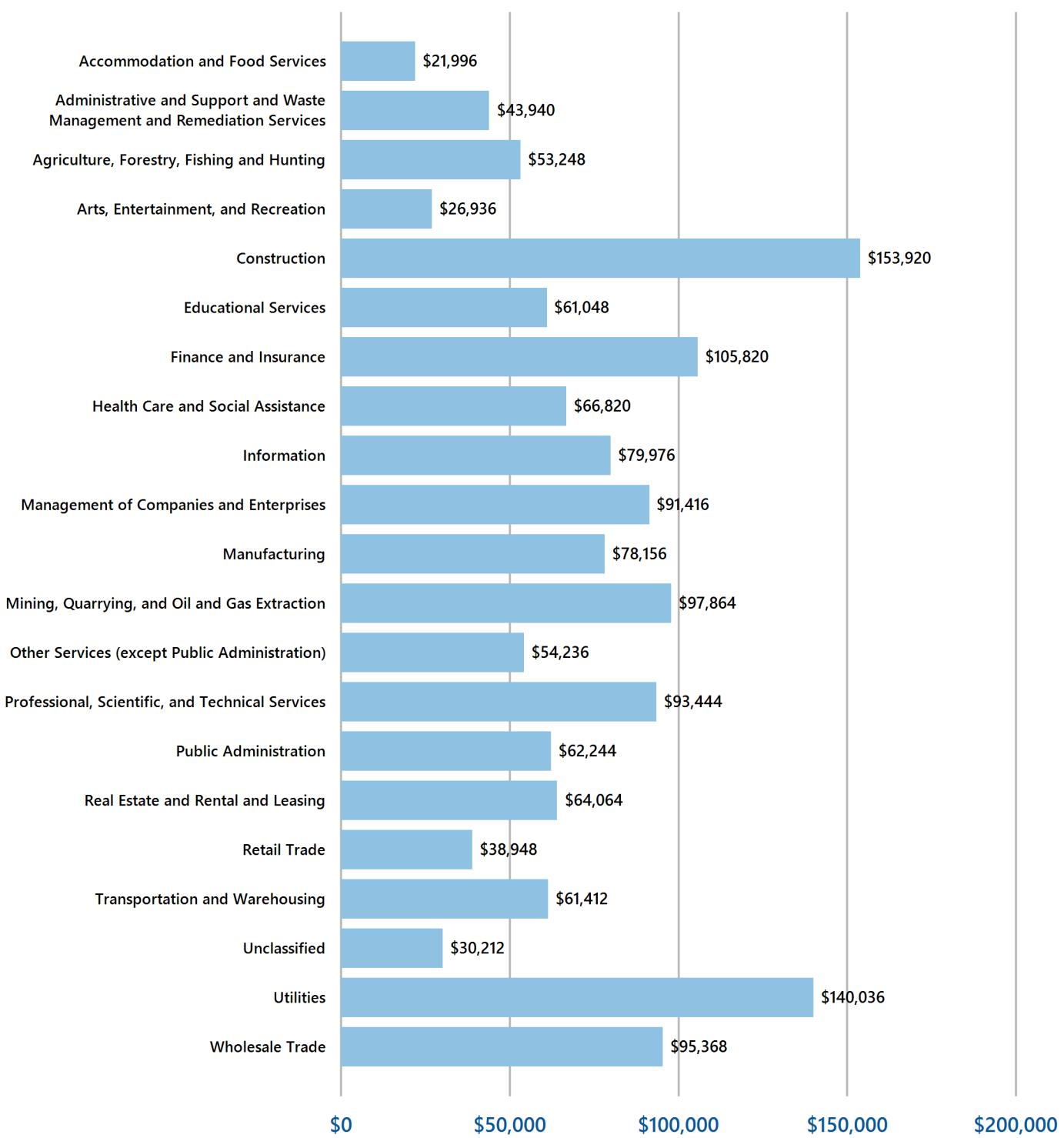
Note: This list is derived from unemployment insurance accounts and some employers may be duplicated due to variations in their reported name. Also, employers are listed alphabetically, not in rank order.

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 Remediat	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	220,440	11,595	11,105	81,685	42,885	73,170
2019	214,029	10,579	12,645	81,400	43,780	65,625

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	509,433	19,471	41,959	136,053	111,237	45,842	96,499	58,372	N/A*	N/A*
2019	544,855	17,658	37,486	146,509	115,759	49,233	109,438	68,772	489,711	178,210

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	591,451	66,526	524,925
2019	628,797	62,180	566,617

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	756,330	93,219	179,003	6,489	483,615	51,569	93,712	35,161
2019	796,740	112,007	182,343	8,299	498,207	60,970	116,190	42,738

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	776,019	637,193	N/A*	134,850	68,608	66,242	34,187	32,055	3,976
2019	814,909	676,858	N/A*	133,427	64,147	69,280	34,827	34,453	4,624

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	682,112	53,974	31,513	11,897	8,635	1,929
2019	716,809	59,812	34,619	11,580	10,446	3,167

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	397,727	358,382	39,345
2019	412,991	388,474	24,517

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	358,382	266,559	74,152	17,185	486
2019	388,474	293,909	75,093	18,803	669

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	358,382	130,105	63,380	92,515	31,531	40,851
2019	388,474	148,878	65,620	90,601	31,220	52,155

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	476,637	260,138	1,558	14,338	459	14,030	17,538
2019	490,902	275,700	2,052	2,110	48	2,863	22,246

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	363,061	81.4%	7.7%	0.7%	3.3%	0.3%	2.3%	4.3%
2019	393,169	80.7%	8.6%	0.7%	4.4%	0.1%	1.9%	3.6%

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	12.7%	13.6%	17.0%	17.0%	7.4%	15.8%	6.1%	5.9%	4.6%
2019	12.5%	12.9%	16.8%	16.7%	6.8%	15.6%	6.6%	6.8%	5.3%

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	296,439	18,585	101,895	113,074	62,885
2019	312,401	18,441	104,017	118,266	71,677

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

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