

South Carolina Regional Commuting Patterns

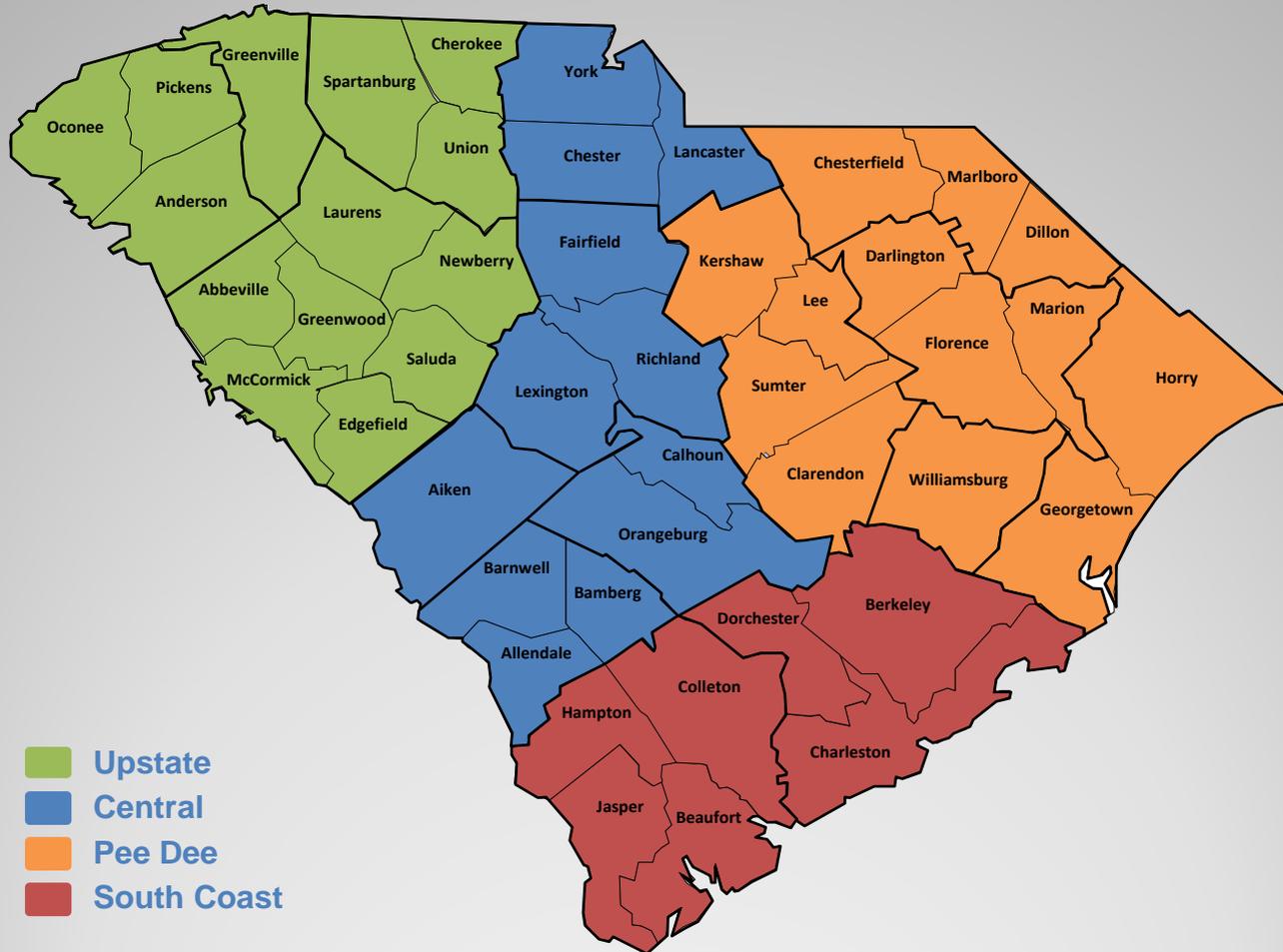
*An In-depth Analysis of the State's Workforce
Part 2 – Worker Demographics*



South Carolina Regional Commuting Patterns

- In the fall of 2015, the South Carolina State Workforce Development Board approved a regional system for workforce planning in accordance with the federal law *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA)*.
- Commuting patterns were part of the information used to determine the regional system.
- This presentation is the second of four in the commuting pattern series and focuses on the demographic characteristics of the workers who hold the regions' jobs.

South Carolina WIOA Regions



Upstate Region

Commuting Patterns

- In 2014, the Upstate region had nearly 583,000 jobs.
- Fifty-five percent were held by workers aged 30-54, and 21.7 percent of workers were aged 55+.
- Forty-one percent of workers made between \$1,251-\$3,333 monthly.
- Most of the workers were male.
- Over three-fourths of workers were white, while 21.4 percent were black.



Work Area Profile Report

Total Primary Jobs

	2014	
	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs	582,798	100.0%

Jobs by Worker Age

	2014	
	Count	Share
Age 29 or younger	133,947	23.0%
Age 30 to 54	322,215	55.3%
Age 55 or older	126,636	21.7%

Jobs by Earnings

	2014	
	Count	Share
\$1,250 per month or less	128,446	22.0%
\$1,251 to \$3,333 per month	237,163	40.7%
More than \$3,333 per month	217,189	37.3%

Jobs by Worker Sex

	2014	
	Count	Share
Male	298,498	51.2%
Female	284,300	48.8%

Jobs by Worker Race

	2014	
	Count	Share
White Alone	443,461	76.1%
Black or African American Alone	124,859	21.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native Alone	1,532	0.3%
Asian Alone	8,539	1.5%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Alone	314	0.1%
Two or More Race Groups	4,093	0.7%

Central Region

Commuting Patterns

- In 2014, the Central region had nearly 530,000 jobs.
- Fifty-six percent were held by workers aged 30-54, and 21.9 percent of workers were aged 55+.
- Forty percent of workers made between \$1,251-\$3,333 monthly.
- Most of the workers were female.
- Two-thirds of workers were white, while 31.6 percent were black.



Work Area Profile Report

Total Primary Jobs

	2014	
	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs	529,756	100.0%

Jobs by Worker Age

	2014	
	Count	Share
Age 29 or younger	118,729	22.4%
Age 30 to 54	294,797	55.6%
Age 55 or older	116,230	21.9%

Jobs by Earnings

	2014	
	Count	Share
\$1,250 per month or less	115,464	21.8%
\$1,251 to \$3,333 per month	211,658	40.0%
More than \$3,333 per month	202,634	38.3%

Jobs by Worker Sex

	2014	
	Count	Share
Male	258,557	48.8%
Female	271,199	51.2%

Jobs by Worker Race

	2014	
	Count	Share
White Alone	348,299	65.7%
Black or African American Alone	167,485	31.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native Alone	1,947	0.4%
Asian Alone	7,620	1.4%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Alone	277	0.1%
Two or More Race Groups	4,128	0.8%

Pee Dee Region

Commuting Patterns

- In 2014, the Pee Dee region had nearly 304,000 jobs.
- Fifty-four percent were held by workers aged 30-54, and 23.3 percent of workers were aged 55+.
- Forty-five percent of workers made between \$1,251-\$3,333 monthly.
- Most of the workers were female.
- Two-thirds of workers were white, while 31.1 percent were black.



Work Area Profile Report

Total Primary Jobs

	2014	
	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs	303,517	100.0%

Jobs by Worker Age

	2014	
	Count	Share
Age 29 or younger	68,294	22.5%
Age 30 to 54	163,414	53.8%
Age 55 or older	71,809	23.7%

Jobs by Earnings

	2014	
	Count	Share
\$1,250 per month or less	82,067	27.0%
\$1,251 to \$3,333 per month	135,334	44.6%
More than \$3,333 per month	86,116	28.4%

Jobs by Worker Sex

	2014	
	Count	Share
Male	145,192	47.8%
Female	158,325	52.2%

Jobs by Worker Race

	2014	
	Count	Share
White Alone	202,203	66.6%
Black or African American Alone	94,452	31.1%
American Indian or Alaska Native Alone	1,425	0.5%
Asian Alone	3,124	1.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Alone	163	0.1%
Two or More Race Groups	2,150	0.7%

South Coast Region

Commuting Patterns

- In 2014, the South Coast region had nearly 359,000 jobs.
- Fifty-five percent were held by workers aged 30-54, and 20.9 percent of workers were aged 55+.
- Thirty-nine percent of workers made between \$1,251-\$3,333 monthly.
- Most of the workers were female.
- Seventy-one percent of workers were white, while 26.3 percent were black.



Work Area Profile Report

Total Primary Jobs

	2014	
	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs	358,550	100.0%

Jobs by Worker Age

	2014	
	Count	Share
Age 29 or younger	86,182	24.0%
Age 30 to 54	197,281	55.0%
Age 55 or older	75,087	20.9%

Jobs by Earnings

	2014	
	Count	Share
\$1,250 per month or less	78,816	22.0%
\$1,251 to \$3,333 per month	139,688	39.0%
More than \$3,333 per month	140,046	39.1%

Jobs by Worker Sex

	2014	
	Count	Share
Male	175,302	48.9%
Female	183,248	51.1%

Jobs by Worker Race

	2014	
	Count	Share
White Alone	253,217	70.6%
Black or African American Alone	94,428	26.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native Alone	1,392	0.4%
Asian Alone	6,000	1.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Alone	270	0.1%
Two or More Race Groups	3,243	0.9%

Data Source and Notes

- **Data Source: U. S. Census Bureau, 2016. OnTheMap Application. Longitudinal-Employer Household Dynamics (LEHD) Program.** <http://onthemap.ces.census.gov/>
- The LEHD data infrastructure is based upon several core datasets provided by state partners. These datasets include Unemployment Insurance (UI) wage data and the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) as well as federal civilian workers. Coverage currently excludes several groups of workers: uniformed military, self-employed workers and informally employed workers.
- For the purposes of *OnTheMap*, LEHD defines a job as a link between a worker and a firm at which the worker has been employed during the reference quarter (Quarter 2 [April-June] 2014) *and* during the quarter *prior* to the reference quarter. This definition of "job" is sometimes called a "Beginning of Quarter" job because it is assumed that the worker was employed at that firm on the first day of the reference quarter. Jobs are associated with both a home census block for the worker and a jobsite census block in an origin-destination format.
- This presentation uses the "primary job" variable. A primary job is the highest paying job for an individual worker for the year. The count of primary jobs is the same as the count of workers.

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