



# Economic Overview

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## South Carolina

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# Demographic Profile

The population in South Carolina was 5,212,774 per American Community Survey data for 2018-2022.

The region has a civilian labor force of 2,513,298 with a participation rate of 60.2%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in South Carolina, 32.4% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 36.5% in the nation.

The median household income in South Carolina is \$66,818 and the median house value is \$236,700.

## Summary<sup>1</sup>

Demographics	Percent			Value		
	South Carolina	South Atlantic Census Division	USA	South Carolina	South Atlantic Census Division	USA
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	5,212,774	66,839,235	332,387,540
Male	48.7%	49.0%	49.5%	2,537,456	32,749,036	164,545,087
Female	51.3%	51.0%	50.5%	2,675,318	34,090,199	167,842,453
Median Age <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	40.1	40.5	38.7
Under 18 Years	21.6%	21.3%	22.2%	1,127,062	14,262,726	73,645,238
18 to 24 Years	9.1%	8.8%	9.1%	475,338	5,905,188	30,307,641
25 to 34 Years	12.9%	13.2%	13.7%	671,642	8,838,738	45,497,632
35 to 44 Years	12.4%	12.9%	13.1%	647,392	8,615,861	43,492,887
45 to 54 Years	12.2%	12.6%	12.3%	634,490	8,408,031	40,847,713
55 to 64 Years	13.3%	13.1%	12.8%	693,281	8,776,975	42,626,382
65 to 74 Years	11.3%	10.5%	10.0%	589,960	7,049,308	33,293,127
75 Years and Over	7.2%	7.5%	6.8%	373,609	4,982,408	22,676,920
Race: White	64.1%	59.5%	63.4%	3,339,447	39,760,529	210,875,446
Race: Black or African American	25.3%	21.4%	12.4%	1,318,630	14,271,264	41,070,890
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.4%	0.9%	16,823	294,227	2,924,996
Race: Asian	1.7%	3.9%	5.8%	89,723	2,598,593	19,352,659
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	3,642	39,798	629,292
Race: Some Other Race	2.7%	4.7%	6.6%	142,798	3,158,950	21,940,536
Race: Two or More Races	5.8%	10.0%	10.7%	301,711	6,715,874	35,593,721
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	7.1%	15.6%	19.0%	368,900	10,446,812	63,131,589
<b>Population Growth</b>						
Population (Pop Estimates) <sup>4</sup>	—	—	—	5,373,555	68,225,883	334,914,895
Population Annual Average Growth <sup>4</sup>	1.2%	1.0%	0.6%	60,709	647,398	1,885,495
People per Square Mile <sup>4</sup>	—	—	—	178.7	257.2	94.8
<b>Economic</b>						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	60.2%	62.0%	63.3%	2,513,298	33,326,953	168,567,852
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	81.6%	82.8%	83.0%	1,577,860	21,175,361	107,055,165
Work from Home	10.0%	14.4%	13.5%	237,424	4,550,768	21,267,373
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.9%	0.8%	0.5%	39,412	458,118	1,287,774
Veterans, Age 18-64	5.8%	5.5%	4.2%	180,043	2,187,379	8,410,268
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	74.3%	76.6%	77.0%	133,696	1,676,521	6,478,181
Median Household Income <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	\$66,818	\$78,861	\$78,538
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$37,993	\$42,554	\$43,289
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	25.6	27.6	26.6
Commute via Public Transportation	0.4%	1.9%	3.5%	10,086	596,062	5,528,841
<b>Educational Attainment, Age 25-64</b>						
No High School Diploma	9.6%	9.3%	10.0%	254,842	3,233,560	17,176,172
High School Graduate	27.4%	25.3%	25.0%	724,281	8,776,329	43,057,491

## Summary<sup>1</sup>

	Percent			Value		
	South Carolina	South Atlantic Census Division	USA	South Carolina	South Atlantic Census Division	USA
Some College, No Degree	20.2%	18.8%	19.3%	534,191	6,523,532	33,315,654
Associate's Degree	10.5%	9.6%	9.2%	276,602	3,315,537	15,894,085
Bachelor's Degree	20.6%	22.6%	22.8%	544,605	7,812,483	39,256,774
Postgraduate Degree	11.8%	14.4%	13.8%	312,284	4,978,164	23,764,438
<b>Housing</b>						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	2,401,638	29,657,090	142,332,876
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) <sup>2,5</sup>	—	—	—	\$236,700	\$321,380	\$303,400
Homeowner Vacancy	1.0%	1.2%	1.0%	15,717	221,715	850,724
Rental Vacancy	8.3%	6.7%	5.5%	54,196	623,092	2,605,688
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	28.6%	32.9%	35.0%	591,532	8,519,449	44,590,828
Owner-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	71.4%	67.1%	65.0%	1,478,858	17,401,772	82,892,037
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	5.7%	6.5%	8.3%	117,832	1,685,947	10,602,826
<b>Social</b>						
Poverty Level (of all people)	14.2%	12.4%	12.4%	719,720	8,093,282	40,390,045
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	10.5%	11.9%	11.8%	217,015	3,072,190	15,004,950
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%	64,573	847,865	4,405,676
Disconnected Youth <sup>3</sup>	2.9%	2.5%	2.4%	8,046	85,508	420,352
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	38.4%	36.4%	34.0%	404,096	4,900,228	23,701,745
Uninsured	10.0%	10.1%	8.6%	510,757	6,659,213	28,000,876
With a Disability, Age 18-64	12.0%	10.6%	10.7%	366,706	4,208,408	21,269,700
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	42.6%	45.3%	47.0%	156,318	1,904,827	10,001,264
Foreign Born	5.6%	14.1%	13.9%	293,556	9,434,219	46,108,901
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	3.0%	7.6%	8.4%	150,169	4,789,270	26,299,012

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

1. American Community Survey 2019-2023, unless noted otherwise

2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

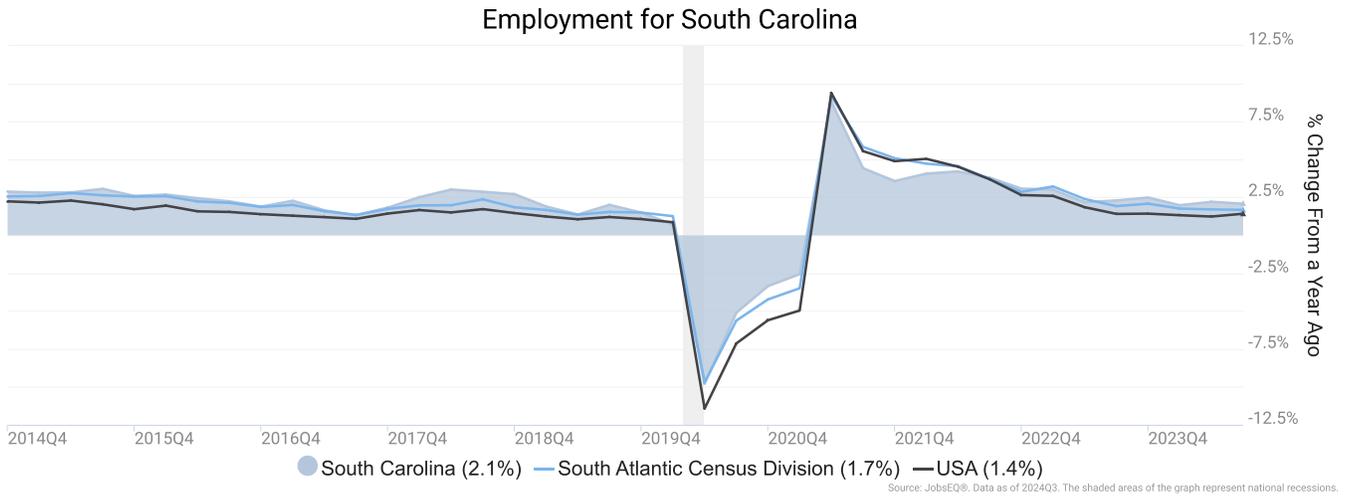
3. Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.

4. Census Population Estimate for 2023, annual average growth rate since 2013.

5. The Census's method for calculating median house values changed with the 2022 data set, so pre-2022 values are not directly comparable with later data.

# Employment Trends

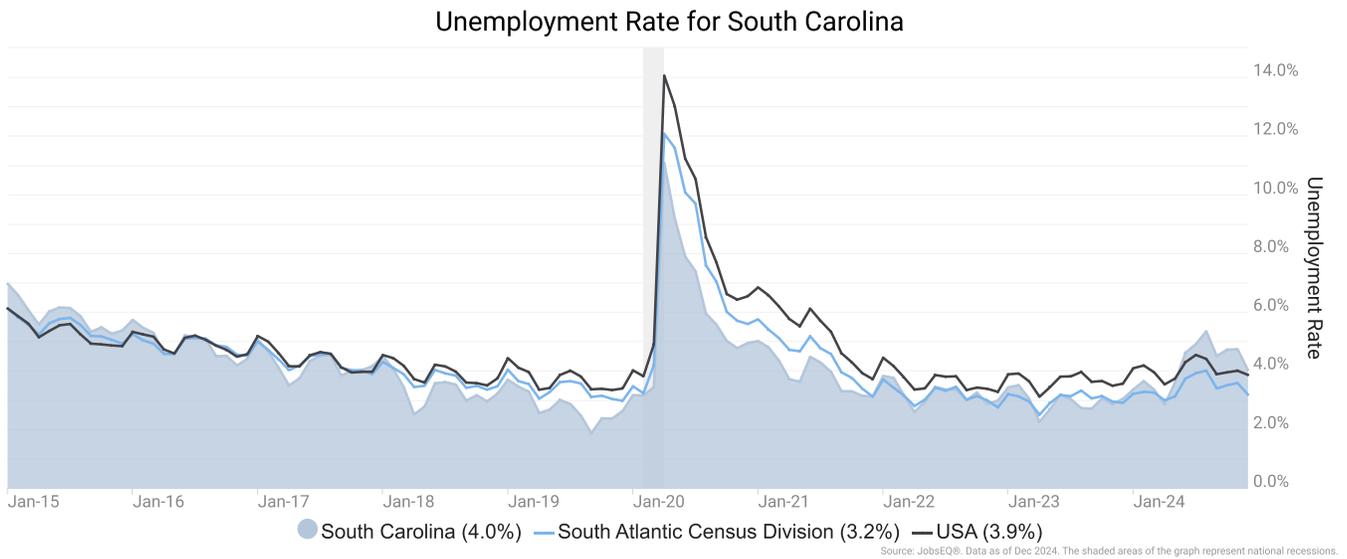
As of 2024Q3, total employment for South Carolina was 2,457,413 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2024Q3, employment increased 2.1% in the region.



Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2024Q3 with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q3.

# Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate for South Carolina was 4.0% as of December 2024. The regional unemployment rate was higher than the national rate of 3.9%. One year earlier, in December 2023, the unemployment rate in South Carolina was 3.0%.

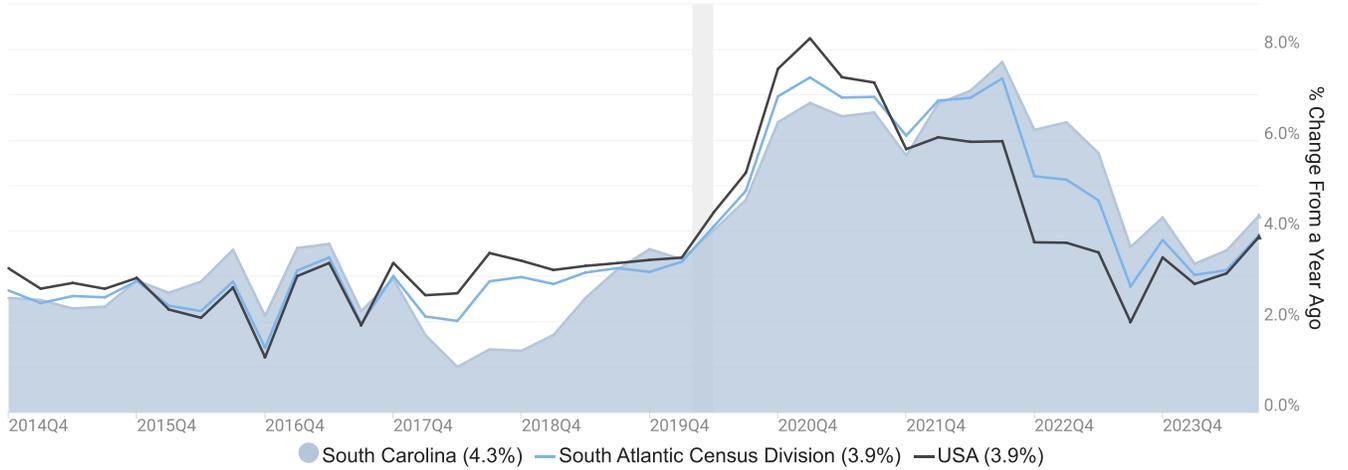


Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through December 2024.

# Wage Trends

The average worker in South Carolina earned annual wages of \$58,378 as of 2024Q3. Average annual wages per worker increased 4.3% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$72,609 in the nation as of 2024Q3.

Average Annual Wages for South Carolina



Annual average wages per worker data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2024Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q3.

# Cost of Living Index

The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 7.2% lower in South Carolina than the U.S. average.

## Cost of Living Information

	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
South Carolina	\$58,378	92.8	\$62,941
South Atlantic Census Division	\$68,763	100.6	\$68,324
USA	\$72,609	100.0	\$72,609

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

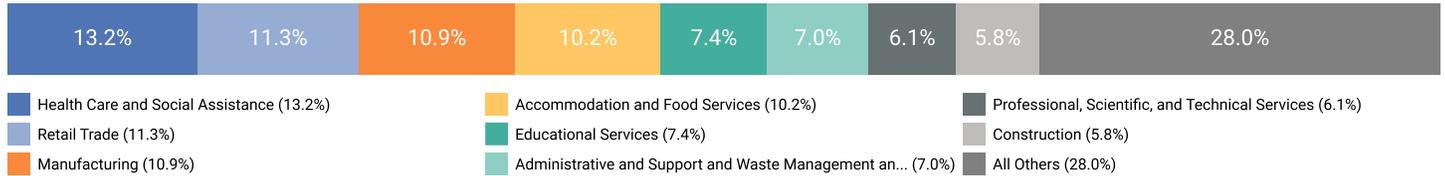
Data as of 2024Q3

Cost of Living per [COLI](#), data as of 2024Q4, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

# Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in South Carolina is Health Care and Social Assistance, employing 325,237 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Retail Trade (277,721 workers) and Manufacturing (267,845). High location quotients (LQs) indicate sectors in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The sectors with the largest LQs in the region are Manufacturing (LQ = 1.38), Utilities (1.27), and Accommodation and Food Services (1.17).

Total Workers for South Carolina by Industry



Source: JobsEQ®  
Data as of 2024Q3  
Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

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Sectors in South Carolina with the highest average wages per worker are Management of Companies and Enterprises (\$106,019), Utilities (\$100,812), and Information (\$92,865). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Health Care and Social Assistance (+35,260 jobs), Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (+30,848), and Retail Trade (+15,803).

Over the next 1 year, employment in South Carolina is projected to expand by 28,059 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services with a +1.9% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Health Care and Social Assistance (+4,969 jobs), Accommodation and Food Services (+3,109), and Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (+2,848).

## South Carolina, 2024Q3<sup>1</sup>

NAICS	Industry	Current			5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	325,237	\$61,683	0.88	35,260	2.3%	36,786	14,501	17,316	4,969	1.5%
44	Retail Trade	277,721	\$37,549	1.15	15,803	1.2%	39,570	15,950	22,043	1,577	0.6%
31	Manufacturing	267,845	\$74,973	1.38	7,152	0.5%	28,883	9,961	17,091	1,831	0.7%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	249,919	\$25,510	1.17	10,694	0.9%	47,633	18,965	25,559	3,109	1.2%
61	Educational Services	182,586	\$54,125	0.92	9,237	1.0%	18,556	7,753	9,375	1,428	0.8%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	172,464	\$46,859	1.15	-13,330	-1.5%	21,752	7,845	11,800	2,107	1.2%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	149,616	\$91,953	0.84	30,848	4.7%	14,952	4,488	7,617	2,848	1.9%
23	Construction	143,005	\$67,836	0.97	11,839	1.7%	14,211	4,524	7,734	1,953	1.4%
92	Public Administration	121,432	\$61,256	1.06	5,078	0.9%	12,077	4,464	6,677	936	0.8%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	111,960	\$37,013	1.07	5,452	1.0%	14,159	5,214	7,541	1,404	1.3%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	100,754	\$55,041	0.82	15,533	3.4%	12,276	4,442	6,517	1,317	1.3%
52	Finance and Insurance	85,711	\$92,864	0.89	12,580	3.2%	8,116	2,720	4,374	1,022	1.2%
42	Wholesale Trade	85,002	\$90,396	0.92	10,882	2.8%	9,541	3,174	5,337	1,031	1.2%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	47,124	\$27,580	0.93	4,954	2.2%	7,699	2,774	4,182	743	1.6%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	43,479	\$66,922	0.99	4,146	2.0%	4,694	1,843	2,320	530	1.2%
51	Information	32,581	\$92,865	0.69	1,661	1.1%	3,331	1,033	1,799	499	1.5%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	23,644	\$106,019	0.62	-497	-0.4%	2,405	746	1,252	407	1.7%
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	18,870	\$43,918	0.64	-1,692	-1.7%	2,353	1,094	1,220	39	0.2%
22	Utilities	16,216	\$100,812	1.27	-335	-0.4%	1,521	526	894	101	0.6%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	2,237	\$90,252	0.25	403	4.1%	246	72	137	38	1.7%
99	Unclassified	11	\$64,120	0.00	0	-0.1%	1	1	1	0	1.7%
<b>Total - All Industries</b>		<b>2,457,413</b>	<b>\$58,378</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>165,667</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>295,521</b>	<b>110,094</b>	<b>157,368</b>	<b>28,059</b>	<b>1.1%</b>

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2024Q3

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

1. All data based upon a four-quarter moving average

Exits and transfers are approximate estimates based upon occupation separation rates.

Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2024Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q3. Forecast employment growth uses national projections adapted for regional growth patterns.

# Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in South Carolina is Office and Administrative Support Occupations, employing 300,100 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Sales and Related Occupations (241,610 workers) and Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (230,707). High location quotients (LQs) indicate occupation groups in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The major groups with the largest LQs in the region are Production Occupations (LQ = 1.39), Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (1.14), and Sales and Related Occupations (1.12).

Occupation groups in South Carolina with the highest average wages per worker are Management Occupations (\$118,400), Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (\$98,600), and Computer and Mathematical Occupations (\$98,300). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.2% among Legal Occupations to 7.3% among Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in South Carolina is expected to be Computer and Mathematical Occupations with a +2.0% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (+2,808 jobs) and Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (+2,718). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (45,809 jobs) and Office and Administrative Support Occupations (34,162).

## South Carolina, 2024Q3<sup>1</sup>

SOC	Occupation	Current					5-Year History			1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Mean Ann Wages <sup>2</sup>	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads <sup>3</sup>	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	300,100	\$44,500	1.05	9,987	3.2%	14,000	6,959	0.5%	35,550	14,778	19,384	1,387	0.5%
41-0000	Sales and Related	241,610	\$46,500	1.12	11,768	4.6%	23,755	10,332	0.9%	33,919	13,794	18,473	1,653	0.7%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	230,707	\$29,900	1.14	14,296	5.8%	15,456	9,492	0.8%	48,617	19,686	26,123	2,808	1.2%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	216,076	\$43,100	1.01	13,009	5.6%	12,624	20,219	2.0%	31,126	10,896	17,512	2,718	1.3%
51-0000	Production	186,184	\$48,800	1.39	9,888	5.0%	5,802	-2,242	-0.2%	22,040	7,670	13,262	1,108	0.6%
11-0000	Management	167,477	\$118,400	0.88	2,951	1.7%	19,642	29,146	3.9%	16,181	4,703	8,975	2,502	1.5%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	148,438	\$98,600	1.01	1,927	1.3%	33,460	16,994	2.5%	10,828	4,411	4,176	2,241	1.5%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	126,058	\$81,300	0.80	3,394	2.5%	11,306	21,279	3.8%	12,522	3,657	6,909	1,956	1.6%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	116,388	\$58,600	0.88	2,673	2.2%	6,706	5,048	0.9%	11,348	4,838	5,481	1,029	0.9%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	107,116	\$55,600	1.12	3,102	2.8%	10,301	6,626	1.3%	11,137	3,982	5,696	1,459	1.4%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	100,549	\$51,500	0.92	5,513	5.1%	4,247	4,091	0.8%	10,238	3,266	5,511	1,461	1.5%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	95,109	\$36,400	0.83	3,282	3.3%	7,191	12,203	2.8%	15,535	6,067	7,633	1,834	1.9%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	86,588	\$35,600	1.07	4,383	4.8%	5,085	-2,165	-0.5%	13,054	5,242	6,812	1,000	1.2%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	64,676	\$35,200	1.02	3,361	4.9%	2,937	4,963	1.6%	12,737	4,486	7,308	943	1.5%
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	58,761	\$98,300	0.75	1,644	2.6%	6,764	10,131	3.9%	4,800	1,352	2,246	1,201	2.0%
33-0000	Protective Service	50,055	\$48,100	0.95	1,724	3.3%	2,276	1,501	0.6%	5,974	2,228	3,301	445	0.9%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	42,575	\$93,400	1.09	832	1.9%	5,648	2,944	1.4%	3,593	1,104	1,862	627	1.5%

### South Carolina, 2024Q3<sup>1</sup>

SOC	Occupation	Current					5-Year History			1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Mean Ann Wages <sup>2</sup>	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads <sup>3</sup>	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
21-0000	Community and Social Service	39,392	\$54,100	0.87	959	2.4%	5,336	1,636	0.9%	4,171	1,551	2,058	562	1.4%
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	35,730	\$58,400	0.80	1,365	3.6%	3,188	2,923	1.7%	4,027	1,467	2,104	457	1.3%
23-0000	Legal	19,672	\$98,100	0.96	250	1.2%	1,224	1,847	2.0%	1,464	501	751	212	1.1%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	16,740	\$80,700	0.75	581	3.3%	2,532	2,155	2.8%	1,752	284	1,235	233	1.4%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	7,412	\$40,000	0.52	600	7.3%	115	-415	-1.1%	1,142	450	677	16	0.2%
<b>Total - All Occupations</b>		<b>2,457,413</b>	<b>\$57,200</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>97,491</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>199,595</b>	<b>165,667</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>311,963</b>	<b>116,414</b>	<b>167,490</b>	<b>28,059</b>	<b>1.1%</b>

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2024Q3 unless noted otherwise

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1. Data based on a four-quarter moving average unless noted otherwise.

2. Wage data represent the average for all Covered Employment

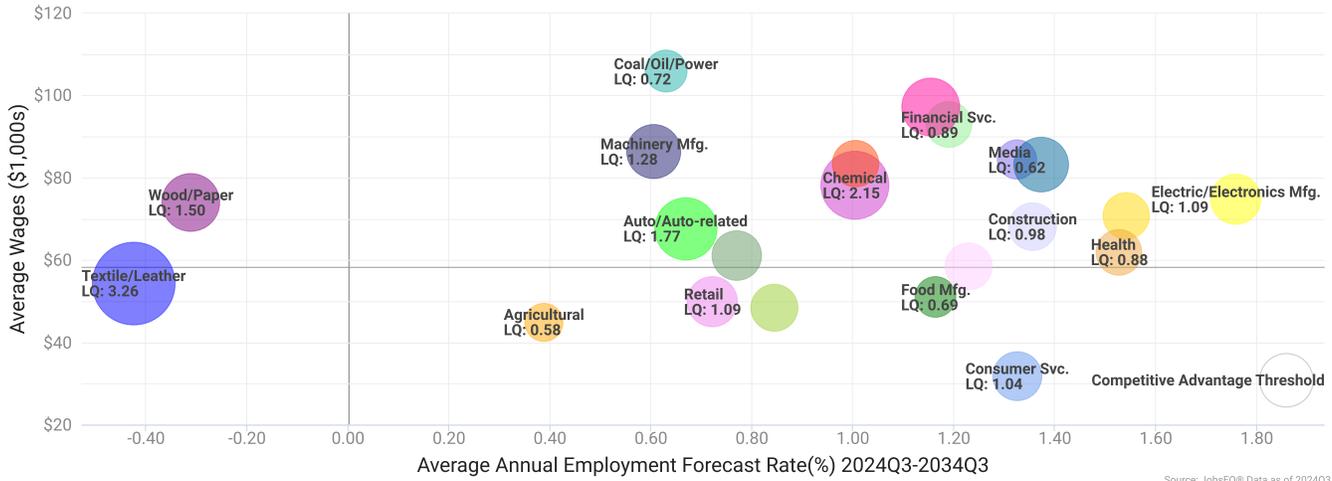
3. Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region. Due to alternative county-assignment algorithms, ad counts in this analytic may not match that shown in RTI (nor in the popup window ad list). Ad counts for ZCTA-based regions are estimates.

Occupation employment data are estimated via industry employment data and the estimated industry/occupation mix. Industry employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and currently updated through 2024Q2, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q3. Wages by occupation are as of 2024 provided by the BLS and imputed where necessary. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

# Industry Clusters

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. The industry cluster in South Carolina with the highest relative concentration is Textile/Leather with a location quotient of 3.26. This cluster employs 15,606 workers in the region with an average wage of \$54,332. Employment in the Textile/Leather cluster is projected to contract in the region about 0.4% per year over the next ten years.

Industry Clusters for South Carolina as of 2024Q3



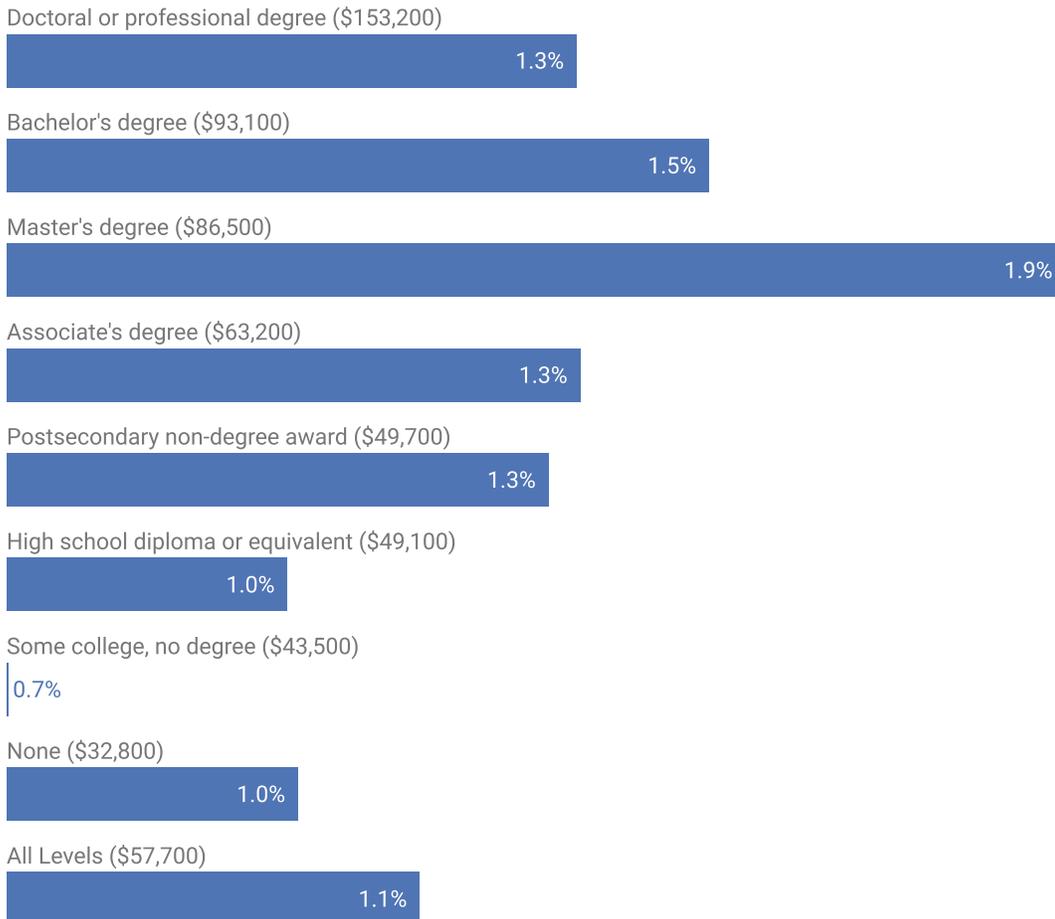
Source: JobsEQ® Data as of 2024Q3

Location quotient and average wage data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, imputed where necessary, and updated through 2024Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q3. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

# Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in South Carolina is projected to grow 1.1% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 1.3% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to grow 1.5% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 1.3% per year.

## Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Education Levels

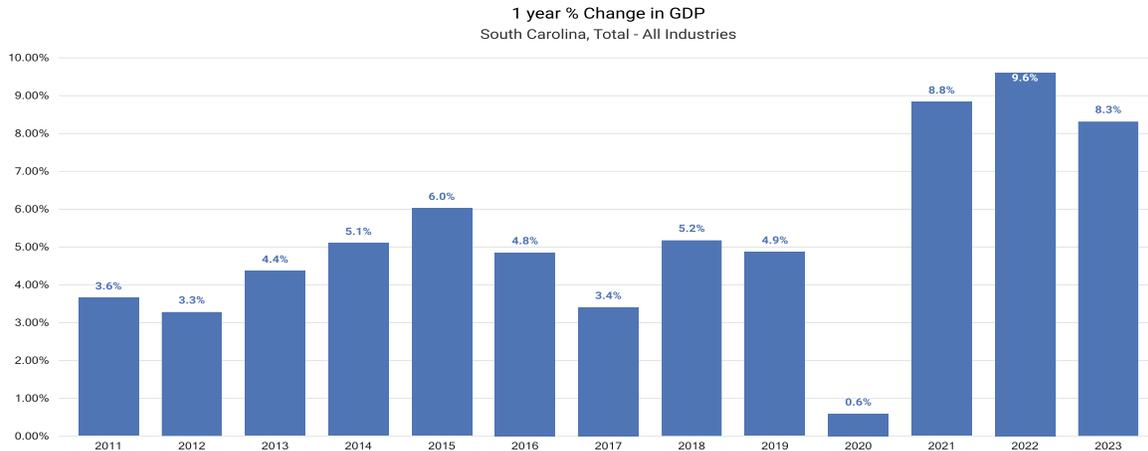


Source: JobsEQ®  
Data as of 2024Q3

Employment by occupation data are estimates as of 2024Q3. Education levels of occupations are based on BLS assignments. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

# Gross Domestic Product

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the total value of goods and services produced by a region. In 2023, nominal GDP in South Carolina expanded 8.3%. This follows growth of 9.6% in 2022. As of 2023, total GDP in South Carolina was \$322,258,993,000.



Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2023.

Of the sectors in South Carolina, Real Estate and Rental and Leasing contributed the largest portion of GDP in 2023, \$47,099,470,000. The next-largest contributions came from Manufacturing (\$41,913,736,000); Health Care and Social Assistance (\$30,239,176,000); and Retail Trade (\$24,997,943,000).

# GDP (in \$ millions)

South Carolina, 2023

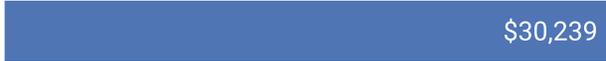
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (53)



Manufacturing (31)



Health Care and Social Assistance (62)



Retail Trade (44)



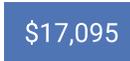
Wholesale Trade (42)



Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (54)



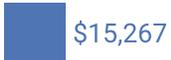
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Educational Services (61)



Finance and Insurance (52)

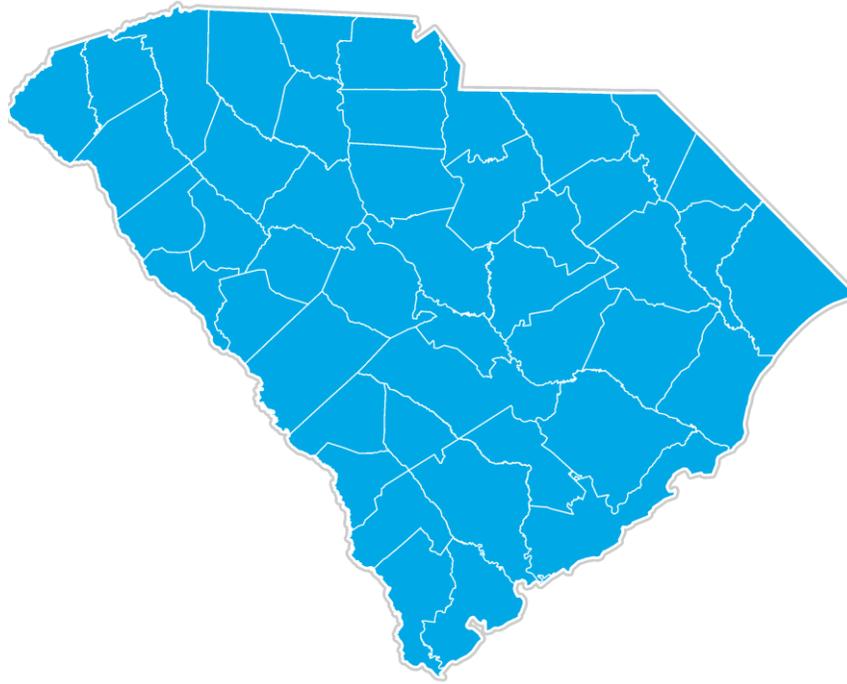


Public Administration (92)



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# South Carolina Regional Map



# Region Definition

**South Atlantic Census Division is defined as the following counties:**

Accomack County, Virginia

Albemarle County, Virginia

Alleghany County, Virginia

Amelia County, Virginia

Amherst County, Virginia

Appomattox County, Virginia

Arlington County, Virginia

Augusta County, Virginia

Bath County, Virginia

Bedford County, Virginia

Bland County, Virginia

Botetourt County, Virginia

Brunswick County, Virginia

Buchanan County, Virginia

Buckingham County, Virginia

Campbell County, Virginia

Caroline County, Virginia

Carroll County, Virginia

Charles City County, Virginia

Charlotte County, Virginia

Chesterfield County, Virginia

Clarke County, Virginia

Craig County, Virginia

Culpeper County, Virginia

Cumberland County, Virginia

Dickenson County, Virginia

Dinwiddie County, Virginia

Essex County, Virginia

Fairfax County, Virginia

Fauquier County, Virginia

Floyd County, Virginia

Fluvanna County, Virginia

Franklin County, Virginia

Frederick County, Virginia

Giles County, Virginia

Lumpkin County, Georgia

McDuffie County, Georgia

McIntosh County, Georgia

Macon County, Georgia

Madison County, Georgia

Marion County, Georgia

Meriwether County, Georgia

Miller County, Georgia

Mitchell County, Georgia

Monroe County, Georgia

Montgomery County, Georgia

Morgan County, Georgia

Murray County, Georgia

Muscogee County, Georgia

Newton County, Georgia

Oconee County, Georgia

Oglethorpe County, Georgia

Paulding County, Georgia

Peach County, Georgia

Pickens County, Georgia

Pierce County, Georgia

Pike County, Georgia

Polk County, Georgia

Pulaski County, Georgia

Putnam County, Georgia

Quitman County, Georgia

Rabun County, Georgia

Randolph County, Georgia

Richmond County, Georgia

Rockdale County, Georgia

Schley County, Georgia

Screven County, Georgia

Seminole County, Georgia

Spalding County, Georgia

Stephens County, Georgia

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Gloucester County, Virginia

Goochland County, Virginia

Grayson County, Virginia

Greene County, Virginia

Greensville County, Virginia

Halifax County, Virginia

Hanover County, Virginia

Henrico County, Virginia

Henry County, Virginia

Highland County, Virginia

Isle of Wight County, Virginia

James City County, Virginia

King and Queen County, Virginia

King George County, Virginia

King William County, Virginia

Lancaster County, Virginia

Lee County, Virginia

Loudoun County, Virginia

Louisa County, Virginia

Lunenburg County, Virginia

Madison County, Virginia

Mathews County, Virginia

Mecklenburg County, Virginia

Middlesex County, Virginia

Montgomery County, Virginia

Nelson County, Virginia

New Kent County, Virginia

Northampton County, Virginia

Northumberland County, Virginia

Nottoway County, Virginia

Orange County, Virginia

Page County, Virginia

Patrick County, Virginia

Pittsylvania County, Virginia

Powhatan County, Virginia

Prince Edward County, Virginia

Prince George County, Virginia

Stewart County, Georgia

Sumter County, Georgia

Talbot County, Georgia

Taliaferro County, Georgia

Tattnall County, Georgia

Taylor County, Georgia

Telfair County, Georgia

Terrell County, Georgia

Thomas County, Georgia

Tift County, Georgia

Toombs County, Georgia

Towns County, Georgia

Treutlen County, Georgia

Troup County, Georgia

Turner County, Georgia

Twiggs County, Georgia

Union County, Georgia

Upson County, Georgia

Walker County, Georgia

Walton County, Georgia

Ware County, Georgia

Warren County, Georgia

Washington County, Georgia

Wayne County, Georgia

Webster County, Georgia

Wheeler County, Georgia

White County, Georgia

Whitfield County, Georgia

Wilcox County, Georgia

Wilkes County, Georgia

Wilkinson County, Georgia

Worth County, Georgia

Columbus County, Georgia

Overseas Locations -- Georgia

Multicounty, Not Statewide -- Georgia

Out-of-State, Georgia

Unknown Or Undefined, Georgia

**South Atlantic Census Division is defined as the following counties:**

Prince William County, Virginia

Pulaski County, Virginia

Rappahannock County, Virginia

Richmond County, Virginia

Roanoke County, Virginia

Rockbridge County, Virginia

Rockingham County, Virginia

Russell County, Virginia

Scott County, Virginia

Shenandoah County, Virginia

Smyth County, Virginia

Southampton County, Virginia

Spotsylvania County, Virginia

Stafford County, Virginia

Surry County, Virginia

Sussex County, Virginia

Tazewell County, Virginia

Warren County, Virginia

Washington County, Virginia

Westmoreland County, Virginia

Wise County, Virginia

Wythe County, Virginia

York County, Virginia

Alexandria City, Virginia

Bristol City, Virginia

Buena Vista City, Virginia

Charlottesville City, Virginia

Chesapeake City, Virginia

Colonial Heights City, Virginia

Covington City, Virginia

Danville City, Virginia

Emporia City, Virginia

Fairfax City, Virginia

Falls Church City, Virginia

Franklin City, Virginia

Fredericksburg City, Virginia

Galax City, Virginia

Allegany County, Maryland

Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Baltimore County, Maryland

Calvert County, Maryland

Caroline County, Maryland

Carroll County, Maryland

Cecil County, Maryland

Charles County, Maryland

Dorchester County, Maryland

Frederick County, Maryland

Garrett County, Maryland

Harford County, Maryland

Howard County, Maryland

Kent County, Maryland

Montgomery County, Maryland

Prince George's County, Maryland

Queen Anne's County, Maryland

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Somerset County, Maryland

Talbot County, Maryland

Washington County, Maryland

Wicomico County, Maryland

Worcester County, Maryland

Baltimore City, Maryland

Overseas Locations -- Maryland

Multicounty, Not Statewide -- Maryland

Out-of-State, Maryland

Unknown Or Undefined, Maryland

Alamance County, North Carolina

Alexander County, North Carolina

Alleghany County, North Carolina

Anson County, North Carolina

Ashe County, North Carolina

Avery County, North Carolina

Beaufort County, North Carolina

Bertie County, North Carolina

Bladen County, North Carolina

**South Atlantic Census Division is defined as the following counties:**

Hampton City, Virginia
Harrisonburg City, Virginia
Hopewell City, Virginia
Lexington City, Virginia
Lynchburg City, Virginia
Manassas City, Virginia
Manassas Park City, Virginia
Martinsville City, Virginia
Newport News City, Virginia
Norfolk City, Virginia
Norton City, Virginia
Petersburg City, Virginia
Poquoson City, Virginia
Portsmouth City, Virginia
Radford City, Virginia
Richmond City, Virginia
Roanoke City, Virginia
Salem City, Virginia
Staunton City, Virginia
Suffolk City, Virginia
Virginia Beach City, Virginia
Waynesboro City, Virginia
Williamsburg City, Virginia
Winchester City, Virginia
VA Loc Unknown - 900 County, Virginia
VA Loc Unknown - 995 County, Virginia
Overseas Locations -- Virginia
Out-of-State, Virginia
Unknown Or Undefined, Virginia
Kent County, Delaware
New Castle County, Delaware
Sussex County, Delaware
Overseas Locations -- Delaware
Multicounty, Not Statewide -- Delaware
Out-of-State, Delaware
Unknown Or Undefined, Delaware
District of Columbia

Brunswick County, North Carolina
Buncombe County, North Carolina
Burke County, North Carolina
Cabarrus County, North Carolina
Caldwell County, North Carolina
Camden County, North Carolina
Carteret County, North Carolina
Caswell County, North Carolina
Catawba County, North Carolina
Chatham County, North Carolina
Cherokee County, North Carolina
Chowan County, North Carolina
Clay County, North Carolina
Cleveland County, North Carolina
Columbus County, North Carolina
Craven County, North Carolina
Cumberland County, North Carolina
Currituck County, North Carolina
Dare County, North Carolina
Davidson County, North Carolina
Davie County, North Carolina
Duplin County, North Carolina
Durham County, North Carolina
Edgecombe County, North Carolina
Forsyth County, North Carolina
Franklin County, North Carolina
Gaston County, North Carolina
Gates County, North Carolina
Graham County, North Carolina
Granville County, North Carolina
Greene County, North Carolina
Guilford County, North Carolina
Halifax County, North Carolina
Harnett County, North Carolina
Haywood County, North Carolina
Henderson County, North Carolina
Hertford County, North Carolina

**South Atlantic Census Division is defined as the following counties:**

Overseas Locations -- D. C.

Multicounty -- District of Columbia

Out-of-State, District of Columbia

Unknown Or Undef., District of Columbia

Alachua County, Florida

Baker County, Florida

Bay County, Florida

Bradford County, Florida

Brevard County, Florida

Broward County, Florida

Calhoun County, Florida

Charlotte County, Florida

Citrus County, Florida

Clay County, Florida

Collier County, Florida

Columbia County, Florida

Dade County, Florida

DeSoto County, Florida

Dixie County, Florida

Duval County, Florida

Escambia County, Florida

Flagler County, Florida

Franklin County, Florida

Gadsden County, Florida

Gilchrist County, Florida

Glades County, Florida

Gulf County, Florida

Hamilton County, Florida

Hardee County, Florida

Hendry County, Florida

Hernando County, Florida

Highlands County, Florida

Hillsborough County, Florida

Holmes County, Florida

Indian River County, Florida

Jackson County, Florida

Jefferson County, Florida

Hoke County, North Carolina

Hyde County, North Carolina

Iredell County, North Carolina

Jackson County, North Carolina

Johnston County, North Carolina

Jones County, North Carolina

Lee County, North Carolina

Lenoir County, North Carolina

Lincoln County, North Carolina

McDowell County, North Carolina

Macon County, North Carolina

Madison County, North Carolina

Martin County, North Carolina

Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

Mitchell County, North Carolina

Montgomery County, North Carolina

Moore County, North Carolina

Nash County, North Carolina

New Hanover County, North Carolina

Northampton County, North Carolina

Onslow County, North Carolina

Orange County, North Carolina

Pamlico County, North Carolina

Pasquotank County, North Carolina

Pender County, North Carolina

Perquimans County, North Carolina

Person County, North Carolina

Pitt County, North Carolina

Polk County, North Carolina

Randolph County, North Carolina

Richmond County, North Carolina

Robeson County, North Carolina

Rockingham County, North Carolina

Rowan County, North Carolina

Rutherford County, North Carolina

Sampson County, North Carolina

Scotland County, North Carolina

**South Atlantic Census Division is defined as the following counties:**

Lafayette County, Florida

Lake County, Florida

Lee County, Florida

Leon County, Florida

Levy County, Florida

Liberty County, Florida

Madison County, Florida

Manatee County, Florida

Marion County, Florida

Martin County, Florida

Miami-Dade County, Florida

Monroe County, Florida

Nassau County, Florida

Okaloosa County, Florida

Okeechobee County, Florida

Orange County, Florida

Osceola County, Florida

Palm Beach County, Florida

Pasco County, Florida

Pinellas County, Florida

Polk County, Florida

Putnam County, Florida

St. Johns County, Florida

St. Lucie County, Florida

Santa Rosa County, Florida

Sarasota County, Florida

Seminole County, Florida

Sumter County, Florida

Suwannee County, Florida

Taylor County, Florida

Union County, Florida

Volusia County, Florida

Wakulla County, Florida

Walton County, Florida

Washington County, Florida

Overseas Locations -- Florida

Multicounty, Not Statewide -- Florida

Stanly County, North Carolina

Stokes County, North Carolina

Surry County, North Carolina

Swain County, North Carolina

Transylvania County, North Carolina

Tyrrell County, North Carolina

Union County, North Carolina

Vance County, North Carolina

Wake County, North Carolina

Warren County, North Carolina

Washington County, North Carolina

Watauga County, North Carolina

Wayne County, North Carolina

Wilkes County, North Carolina

Wilson County, North Carolina

Yadkin County, North Carolina

Yancey County, North Carolina

Overseas Locations -- North Carolina

Multi, Not Statewide -- North Carolina

Out-of-State, North Carolina

Unknown Or Undefined, North Carolina

Abbeville County, South Carolina

Aiken County, South Carolina

Allendale County, South Carolina

Anderson County, South Carolina

Bamberg County, South Carolina

Barnwell County, South Carolina

Beaufort County, South Carolina

Berkeley County, South Carolina

Calhoun County, South Carolina

Charleston County, South Carolina

Cherokee County, South Carolina

Chester County, South Carolina

Chesterfield County, South Carolina

Clarendon County, South Carolina

Colleton County, South Carolina

Darlington County, South Carolina

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Out-of-State, Florida

Unknown Or Undefined, Florida

Appling County, Georgia

Atkinson County, Georgia

Bacon County, Georgia

Baker County, Georgia

Baldwin County, Georgia

Banks County, Georgia

Barrow County, Georgia

Bartow County, Georgia

Ben Hill County, Georgia

Berrien County, Georgia

Bibb County, Georgia

Bleckley County, Georgia

Brantley County, Georgia

Brooks County, Georgia

Bryan County, Georgia

Bulloch County, Georgia

Burke County, Georgia

Butts County, Georgia

Calhoun County, Georgia

Camden County, Georgia

Candler County, Georgia

Carroll County, Georgia

Catoosa County, Georgia

Charlton County, Georgia

Chatham County, Georgia

Chattahoochee County, Georgia

Chattooga County, Georgia

Cherokee County, Georgia

Clarke County, Georgia

Clay County, Georgia

Clayton County, Georgia

Clinch County, Georgia

Cobb County, Georgia

Coffee County, Georgia

Colquitt County, Georgia

Dillon County, South Carolina

Dorchester County, South Carolina

Edgefield County, South Carolina

Fairfield County, South Carolina

Florence County, South Carolina

Georgetown County, South Carolina

Greenville County, South Carolina

Greenwood County, South Carolina

Hampton County, South Carolina

Horry County, South Carolina

Jasper County, South Carolina

Kershaw County, South Carolina

Lancaster County, South Carolina

Laurens County, South Carolina

Lee County, South Carolina

Lexington County, South Carolina

McCormick County, South Carolina

Marion County, South Carolina

Marlboro County, South Carolina

Newberry County, South Carolina

Oconee County, South Carolina

Orangeburg County, South Carolina

Pickens County, South Carolina

Richland County, South Carolina

Saluda County, South Carolina

Spartanburg County, South Carolina

Sumter County, South Carolina

Union County, South Carolina

Williamsburg County, South Carolina

York County, South Carolina

Overseas Locations -- South Carolina

Multi, Not Statewide -- South Carolina

Out-of-State, South Carolina

Unknown Or Undefined, South Carolina

Barbour County, West Virginia

Berkeley County, West Virginia

Boone County, West Virginia

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Columbia County, Georgia

Cook County, Georgia

Coweta County, Georgia

Crawford County, Georgia

Crisp County, Georgia

Dade County, Georgia

Dawson County, Georgia

Decatur County, Georgia

DeKalb County, Georgia

Dodge County, Georgia

Dooly County, Georgia

Dougherty County, Georgia

Douglas County, Georgia

Early County, Georgia

Echols County, Georgia

Effingham County, Georgia

Elbert County, Georgia

Emanuel County, Georgia

Evans County, Georgia

Fannin County, Georgia

Fayette County, Georgia

Floyd County, Georgia

Forsyth County, Georgia

Franklin County, Georgia

Fulton County, Georgia

Gilmer County, Georgia

Glascok County, Georgia

Glynn County, Georgia

Gordon County, Georgia

Grady County, Georgia

Greene County, Georgia

Gwinnett County, Georgia

Habersham County, Georgia

Hall County, Georgia

Hancock County, Georgia

Haralson County, Georgia

Harris County, Georgia

Braxton County, West Virginia

Brooke County, West Virginia

Cabell County, West Virginia

Calhoun County, West Virginia

Clay County, West Virginia

Doddridge County, West Virginia

Fayette County, West Virginia

Gilmer County, West Virginia

Grant County, West Virginia

Greenbrier County, West Virginia

Hampshire County, West Virginia

Hancock County, West Virginia

Hardy County, West Virginia

Harrison County, West Virginia

Jackson County, West Virginia

Jefferson County, West Virginia

Kanawha County, West Virginia

Lewis County, West Virginia

Lincoln County, West Virginia

Logan County, West Virginia

McDowell County, West Virginia

Marion County, West Virginia

Marshall County, West Virginia

Mason County, West Virginia

Mercer County, West Virginia

Mineral County, West Virginia

Mingo County, West Virginia

Monongalia County, West Virginia

Monroe County, West Virginia

Morgan County, West Virginia

Nicholas County, West Virginia

Ohio County, West Virginia

Pendleton County, West Virginia

Pleasants County, West Virginia

Pocahontas County, West Virginia

Preston County, West Virginia

Putnam County, West Virginia

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Hart County, Georgia

Heard County, Georgia

Henry County, Georgia

Houston County, Georgia

Irwin County, Georgia

Jackson County, Georgia

Jasper County, Georgia

Jeff Davis County, Georgia

Jefferson County, Georgia

Jenkins County, Georgia

Johnson County, Georgia

Jones County, Georgia

Lamar County, Georgia

Lanier County, Georgia

Laurens County, Georgia

Lee County, Georgia

Liberty County, Georgia

Lincoln County, Georgia

Long County, Georgia

Lowndes County, Georgia

Raleigh County, West Virginia

Randolph County, West Virginia

Ritchie County, West Virginia

Roane County, West Virginia

Summers County, West Virginia

Taylor County, West Virginia

Tucker County, West Virginia

Tyler County, West Virginia

Upshur County, West Virginia

Wayne County, West Virginia

Webster County, West Virginia

Wetzel County, West Virginia

Wirt County, West Virginia

Wood County, West Virginia

Wyoming County, West Virginia

Overseas Locations -- West Virginia

Multi, Not Statewide -- West Virginia

Out-of-State, West Virginia

Unknown Or Undefined, West Virginia

# FAQ

## What is a location quotient?

A location quotient (LQ) is a measurement of concentration in comparison to the nation. An LQ of 1.00 indicates a region has the same concentration of an industry (or occupation) as the nation. An LQ of 2.00 would mean the region has twice the expected employment compared to the nation and an LQ of 0.50 would mean the region has half the expected employment in comparison to the nation.

## What is separation demand?

Separation demand is the number of jobs required due to separations—labor force exits (including retirements) and turnover resulting from workers moving from one occupation into another. Note that separation demand does not include all turnover—it does not include when workers stay in the same occupation but switch employers. The total projected demand for an occupation is the sum of the separation demand and the growth demand (which is the increase or decrease of jobs in an occupation expected due to expansion or contraction of the overall number of jobs in that occupation).

## What is a cluster?

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. If a regional cluster has a location quotient of 1.25 or greater, the region is considered to possess a competitive advantage in that cluster.

## What is the difference between industry wages and occupation wages?

Industry wages and occupation wages are estimated via separate data sets, often the time periods being reported do not align, and wages are defined slightly differently in the two systems (for example, certain bonuses are included in the industry wages but not the occupation wages). It is therefore common that estimates of the average industry wages and average occupation wages in a region do not match exactly.

## What is NAICS?

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is used to classify business establishments according to the type of economic activity. The NAICS Code comprises six levels, from the “all industry” level to the 6-digit level. The first two digits define the top level category, known as the “sector,” which is the level examined in this report.

## What is SOC?

The Standard Occupational Classification system (SOC) is used to classify workers into occupational categories. All workers are classified into one of over 804 occupations according to their occupational definition. To facilitate classification, occupations are combined to form 22 major groups, 95 minor groups, and 452 occupation groups. Each occupation group includes detailed occupations requiring similar job duties, skills, education, or experience.

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