



S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

Business Intelligence Department

1550 Gadsden Street, PO Box 995 Columbia, SC 29202 803.737.2660 www.SCWorkforceInfo.com

Updated: 11/19/2024



1. Economic Data

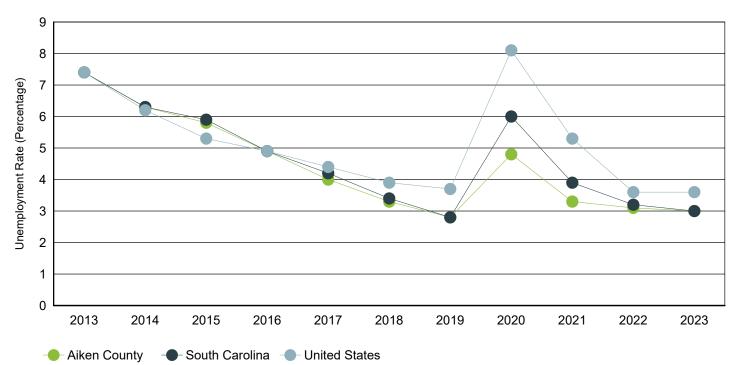
	Annual Unemployment Rates	1
	Monthly Unemployment Rates	2
	Area Job Openings	3
2. Empl	loyer Data	
	Size of Establishments	4
		4
	20 Largest Employers	5

3. Industry Data

Employment by Industry	6
Top Occupational Openings	7
Average Annual Wage by Industry	
Projections by Industry	9

Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Trends

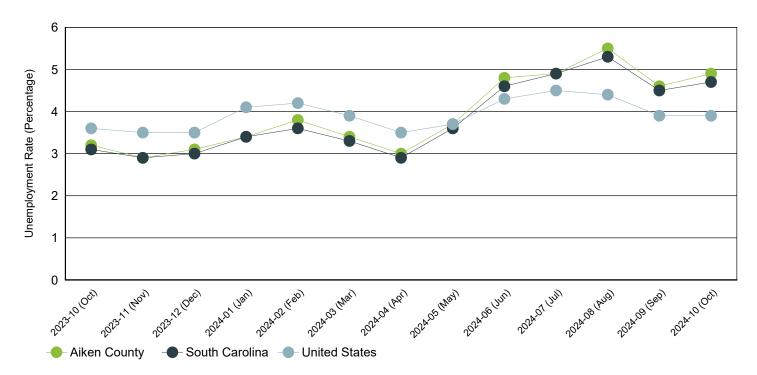


	Aiken	County		South Carolina			United States		
Year	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate
2023	71,936	2,215	3.0%	2,380,392	72,668	3.0%	161,037,000	6,080,000	3.6%
2022	71,447	2,300	3.1%	2,316,435	76,894	3.2%	158,291,000	5,996,000	3.6%
2021	71,274	2,469	3.3%	2,266,611	92,558	3.9%	152,581,000	8,623,000	5.3%
2020	70,326	3,583	4.8%	2,199,751	139,389	6.0%	147,795,000	12,947,000	8.1%
2019	71,746	2,076	2.8%	2,268,884	64,649	2.8%	157,538,000	6,001,000	3.7%
2018	70,108	2,374	3.3%	2,205,356	76,666	3.4%	155,761,000	6,314,000	3.9%
2017	69,563	2,926	4.0%	2,166,708	95,058	4.2%	153,337,000	6,982,000	4.4%
2016	70,293	3,614	4.9%	2,174,301	111,753	4.9%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%
2015	69,572	4,308	5.8%	2,134,087	133,750	5.9%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2014	68,338	4,616	6.3%	2,082,941	139,485	6.3%	146,305,000	9,617,000	6.2%
2013	67,531	5,358	7.4%	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	Aiken County	South Carolina	United States
Oct 2024	4.9%	4.7%	3.9%
Sep 2024	4.6%	4.5%	3.9%
Aug 2024	5.5%	5.3%	4.4%
Jul 2024	4.9%	4.9%	4.5%
Jun 2024	4.8%	4.6%	4.3%
May 2024	3.7%	3.6%	3.7%
Apr 2024	3.0%	2.9%	3.5%
Mar 2024	3.4%	3.3%	3.9%
Feb 2024	3.8%	3.6%	4.2%
Jan 2024	3.4%	3.4%	4.1%
Dec 2023	3.1%	3.0%	3.5%
Nov 2023	2.9%	2.9%	3.5%
Oct 2023	3.2%	3.1%	3.6%

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

Area Job Openings

		Aiken Cou	inty		South Care	olina		
Period	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings
Oct-24	71,787	3,666	4.9%		2,413,189	118,125	4.7%	
Sep-24	71,593	3,479	4.6%		2,413,300	113,975	4.5%	
Aug-24	71,470	4,178	5.5%		2,414,624	107,891	4.3%	
Jul-24	72,966	3,778	4.9%		2,415,158	97,764	3.9%	
Jun-24	72,439	3,630	4.8%		2,410,159	89,718	3.6%	
May-24	71,944	2,782	3.7%		2,406,512	83,589	3.4%	
Apr-24	73,663	2,245	3.0%		2,404,517	79,782	3.2%	
Mar-24	72,628	2,563	3.4%		2,399,640	77,948	3.1%	
Feb-24	71,433	2,811	3.8%		2,396,195	76,424	3.1%	
Jan-24	71,111	2,510	3.4%		2,396,514	75,325	3.0%	
Dec-23	71,046	2,260	3.1%		2,395,427	74,873	3.0%	
Nov-23	71,648	2,153	2.9%		2,395,934	74,957	3.0%	
Oct-23	71,723	2,335	3.2%	3,266	2,396,218	74,511	3.0%	91,724

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	Aiken County	South Carolina
0 to 4	2,455	143,816
5 to 9	667	23,969
10 to 19	437	17,338
20 to 49	300	12,914
50 to 99	100	4,905
100 to 249	64	3,009
250 to 499	18	900
500 to 999	10	417
1000 +	9	303

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2024 Q1

- Indicates that the requested data is suppressed

Employment by Size of Establishment

Employees	Aiken County	South Carolina
0 to 4	2,921	149,126
5 to 9	4,408	159,990
10 to 19	5,917	235,811
20 to 49	9,014	390,540
50 to 99	6,822	339,990
100 to 249	9,919	458,011
250 to 499	6,211	308,241
500 to 999	6,505	285,636
1000 +	22,786	817,578

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2024 Q1 - Indicates that the requested data is suppressed

20 Largest Employers

(Listed Alphabetically)

Corporation Name

ACT FOR HEALTH INC

AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AIKEN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTERS INC

Battelle Savannah River Alliance LL

BRIDGESTONE AMERICAS TIRE OPERATION

CENTERRA GROUP LLC

COUNTY OF AIKEN

EDWARD D. JONES ET AL.

HELTON MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC

HUBBELL POWER SYSTEMS

Kimberly Clark USA LLC

MCCLELLAN LLC

Savannah River Mission Completion L

SAVANNAH RIVER NUCLEAR SOLUTIONS LL

SHAW INDUSTRIES GROUP INC

SRP Federal Credit Union

TRI DEVELOPMENT CTR OF AIKEN COUNTY

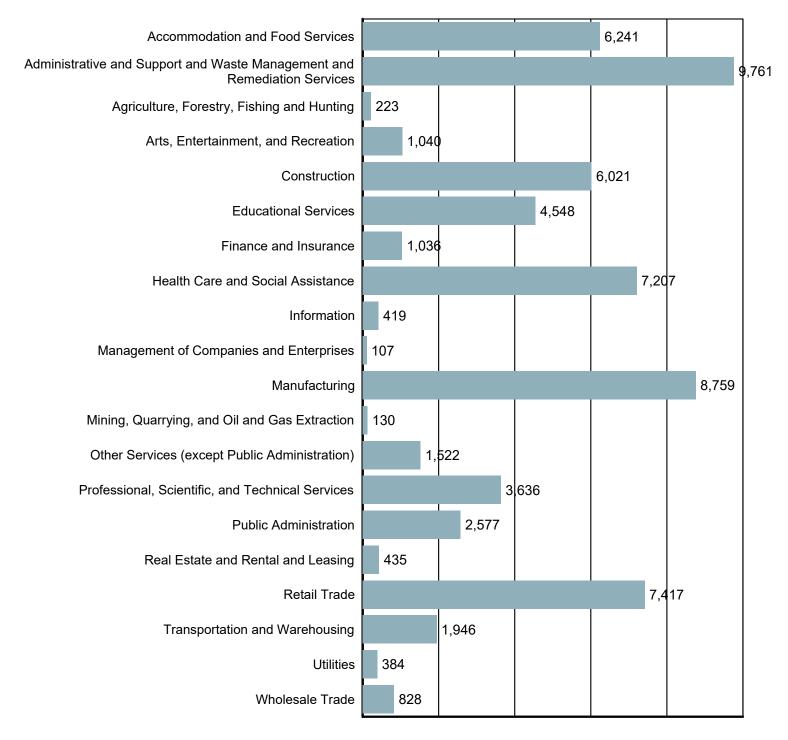
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

UPS CUSTOMHOUSE BROKERAGE INC

WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2024 Q1

Employment by Industry



Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - 2024 Q1

Top 20 Occupational Openings

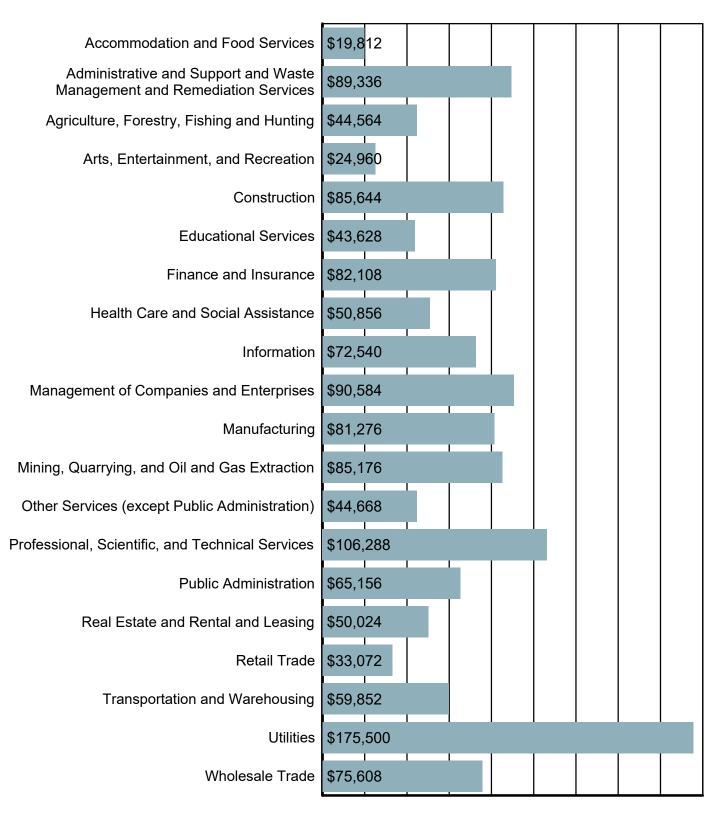
Aiken County October-2023

Occupation Name (Soccode)	Job Openings
Registered Nurses (29-1141)	174
Retail Salespersons (41-2031)	123
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)	110
Customer Service Representatives (43-4051)	63
Fast Food and Counter Workers (35-3023)	60
Mechanical Engineers (17-2141)	56
Food Service Managers (11-9051)	55
Civil Engineers (17-2051)	46
Medical and Health Services Managers (11-9111)	46
Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other (29-2099)	45
Managers, All Other (11-9199)	45
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products (41-4012)	44
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive (43-6014)	44
Electrical Engineers (17-2071)	40
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers (35-1012)	40
Medical Assistants (31-9092)	40
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (29-2061)	39
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General (49-9071)	36
Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians (17-3026)	35
Dentists, General (29-1021)	34

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce & The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine® data series

Aiken County

Average Annual Wage by Industry



Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - 2024 Q1

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.

Lower Savannah Industry	2020 Estimated Employment	2030 Projected Employment	Change	Percent Change	Annual Percent
Health Care and Social Assistance	11,823	14,820	2,997	25.35	2.29
Total All Industries	112,952	113,883	931	0.82	0.08
Finance and Insurance	1,975	2,626	651	32.96	2.89
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,103	1,556	453	41.07	3.50
Retail Trade	12,566	12,830	264	2.10	0.21
Accommodation and Food Services	8,739	8,986	247	2.83	0.28
Information	616	720	104	16.88	1.57
Transportation and Warehousing	4,056	4,155	99	2.44	0.24
Management of Companies and Enterprises	127	114	-13	-10.24	-1.07
Mining	122	105	-17	-13.93	-1.49
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	630	589	-41	-6.51	-0.67
Wholesale Trade	2,047	1,976	-71	-3.47	-0.35
Other Services (except Government)	5,003	4,927	-76	-1.52	-0.15
Utilities	814	696	-118	-14.50	-1.55
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediat	10,971	10,847	-124	-1.13	-0.11
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	3,122	2,970	-152	-4.87	-0.50
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,707	1,550	-157	-9.20	-0.96
Government	7,331	7,015	-316	-4.31	-0.44
Educational Services	9,863	9,277	-586	-5.94	-0.61
Construction	7,047	6,333	-714	-10.13	-1.06
Manufacturing	17,488	16,525	-963	-5.51	-0.56

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