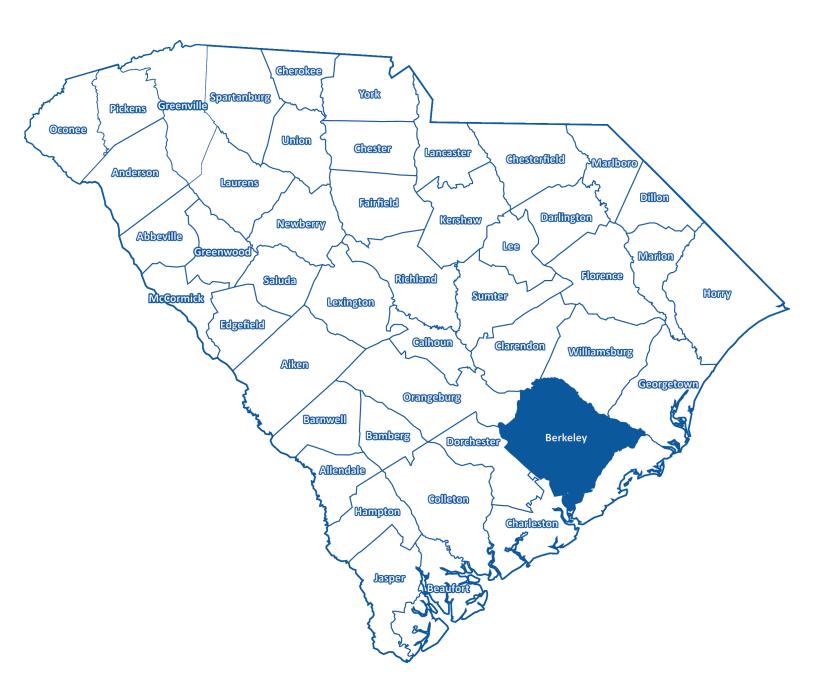
# **BERKELEY COUNTY**



Labor Market Information

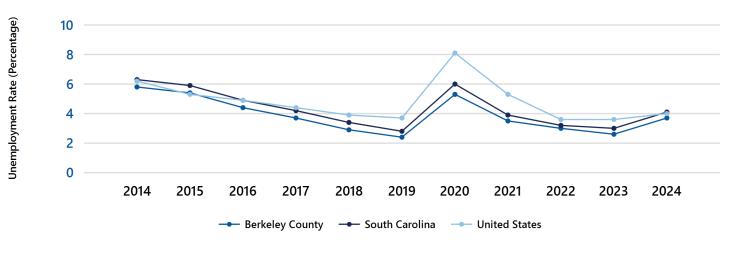
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## **ANNUAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (UNADJUSTED)**



**BERKELEY COUNTY** 

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

#### **UNITED STATES**

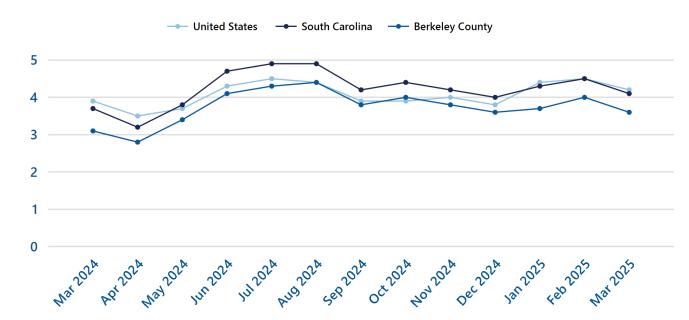
| Year | Employment | Unemp. | Rate | Employment | Unemp.  | Rate | Employment  | Unemp.     | Rate |
|------|------------|--------|------|------------|---------|------|-------------|------------|------|
| 2024 | 122,937    | 4,689  | 3.7% | 2,430,453  | 105,178 | 4.1% | 161,346,000 | 6,761,000  | 4.0% |
| 2023 | 120,307    | 3,252  | 2.6% | 2,401,212  | 74,248  | 3.0% | 161,037,000 | 6,080,000  | 3.6% |
| 2022 | 112,218    | 3,414  | 3.0% | 2,330,548  | 77,339  | 3.2% | 158,291,000 | 5,996,000  | 3.6% |
| 2021 | 106,168    | 3,810  | 3.5% | 2,272,940  | 92,676  | 3.9% | 152,581,000 | 8,623,000  | 5.3% |
| 2020 | 100,824    | 5,628  | 5.3% | 2,201,090  | 140,613 | 6.0% | 147,795,000 | 12,947,000 | 8.1% |
| 2019 | 103,201    | 2,534  | 2.4% | 2,263,682  | 64,405  | 2.8% | 157,538,000 | 6,001,000  | 3.7% |
| 2018 | 98,404     | 2,931  | 2.9% | 2,206,821  | 76,542  | 3.4% | 155,761,000 | 6,314,000  | 3.9% |
| 2017 | 94,384     | 3,606  | 3.7% | 2,168,104  | 94,845  | 4.2% | 153,337,000 | 6,982,000  | 4.4% |
| 2016 | 91,842     | 4,209  | 4.4% | 2,145,584  | 110,199 | 4.9% | 151,436,000 | 7,751,000  | 4.9% |
| 2015 | 87,304     | 5,024  | 5.4% | 2,108,786  | 132,281 | 5.9% | 148,834,000 | 8,296,000  | 5.3% |
| 2014 | 84,757     | 5,264  | 5.8% | 2,063,369  | 138,475 | 6.3% | 146,305,000 | 9,617,000  | 6.2% |

**COMMUNITY PROFILES** 

Unemployment Rate (Percentage)

## **MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (UNADJUSTED)**





| Period   | BERKELEY COUNTY | SOUTH CAROLINA | UNITED STATES |
|----------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mar 2025 | 3.6%            | 4.1%           | 4.2%          |
| Feb 2025 | 4.0%            | 4.5%           | 4.5%          |
| Jan 2025 | 3.7%            | 4.3%           | 4.4%          |
| Dec 2024 | 3.6%            | 4.0%           | 3.8%          |
| Nov 2024 | 3.8%            | 4.2%           | 4.0%          |
| Oct 2024 | 4.0%            | 4.4%           | 3.9%          |
| Sep 2024 | 3.8%            | 4.2%           | 3.9%          |
| Aug 2024 | 4.4%            | 4.9%           | 4.4%          |
| Jul 2024 | 4.3%            | 4.9%           | 4.5%          |
| Jun 2024 | 4.1%            | 4.7%           | 4.3%          |
| May 2024 | 3.4%            | 3.8%           | 3.7%          |
| Apr 2024 | 2.8%            | 3.2%           | 3.5%          |
| Mar 2024 | 3.1%            | 3.7%           | 3.9%          |

## **AREA JOB OPENINGS**

#### **BERKELEY COUNTY**

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

| Period   | Employed | Unemployed | Unenmp. Rate | Employed  | Unemployed | Unemp. Rate |
|----------|----------|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Mar 2025 | 124,717  | 4,713      | 3.6%         | 2,445,419 | 105,657    | 4.1%        |
| Feb 2025 | 123,559  | 5,163      | 4.0%         | 2,443,050 | 107,112    | 4.2%        |
| Jan 2025 | 123,060  | 4,747      | 3.7%         | 2,439,667 | 109,341    | 4.3%        |
| Dec 2024 | 123,219  | 4,538      | 3.6%         | 2,437,016 | 112,637    | 4.4%        |
| Nov 2024 | 123,197  | 4,906      | 3.8%         | 2,437,183 | 112,954    | 4.4%        |
| Oct 2024 | 123,508  | 5,121      | 4.0%         | 2,436,946 | 114,211    | 4.5%        |
| Sep 2024 | 123,020  | 4,874      | 3.8%         | 2,435,531 | 115,873    | 4.5%        |
| Aug 2024 | 123,055  | 5,707      | 4.4%         | 2,433,798 | 116,576    | 4.6%        |
| Jul 2024 | 124,390  | 5,637      | 4.3%         | 2,432,238 | 115,123    | 4.5%        |
| Jun 2024 | 124,077  | 5,337      | 4.1%         | 2,430,644 | 111,177    | 4.4%        |
| May 2024 | 123,124  | 4,289      | 3.4%         | 2,428,597 | 105,424    | 4.2%        |
| Apr 2024 | 122,862  | 3,571      | 2.8%         | 2,426,252 | 99,053     | 3.9%        |
| Mar 2024 | 122,613  | 3,969      | 3.1%         | 2,424,087 | 93,207     | 3.7%        |

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce & The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine  $^{\circledR}$  data series South Carolina Data is Seasonally Adjusted

## **EMPLOYERS BY SIZE OF ESTABLISHMENT**

| Employees  | Berkeley County | South Carolina |
|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 0 to 4     | 3,837           | 147,311        |
| 5 to 9     | 642             | 24,044         |
| 10 to 19   | 498             | 17,672         |
| 20 to 49   | 373             | 13,002         |
| 50 to 99   | 147             | 5,015          |
| 100 to 249 | 105             | 3,069          |
| 250 to 499 | 23              | 912            |
| 500 to 999 | 12              | 417            |
| 1000 +     | 6               | 307            |

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce

### **EMPLOYMENT BY SIZE OF ESTABLISHMENT**

| Employees  | Berkeley County | South Carolina |
|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 0 to 4     | 3,992           | 150,934        |
| 5 to 9     | 4,244           | 160,035        |
| 10 to 19   | 6,710           | 240,440        |
| 20 to 49   | 11,022          | 395,156        |
| 50 to 99   | 10,372          | 346,437        |
| 100 to 249 | 16,026          | 467,356        |
| 250 to 499 | 7,954           | 311,369        |
| 500 to 999 | 8,032           | 284,827        |
| 1000 +     | 12,834          | 821,778        |

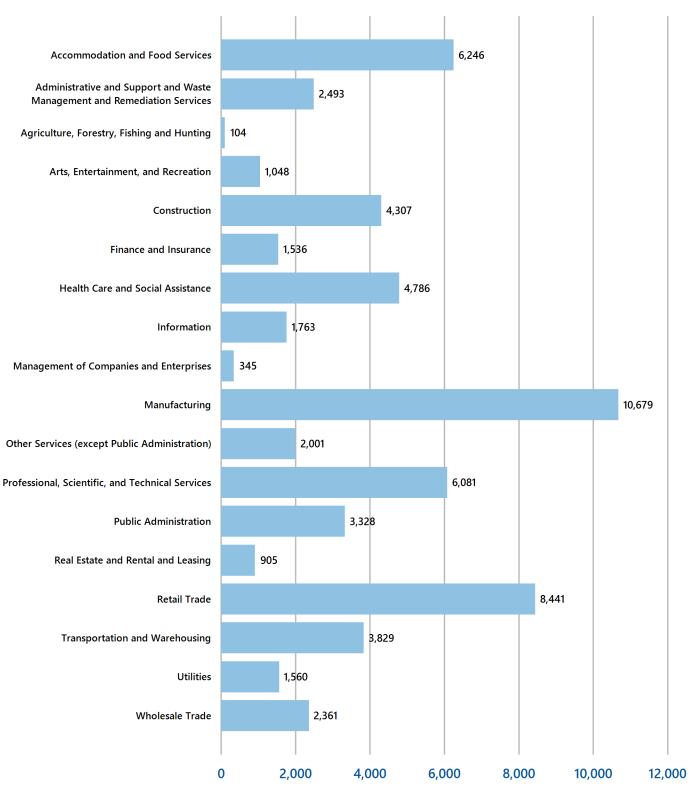
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## **20 LARGEST EMPLOYERS**

| BERKELEY COUNTY GOVERNMENT          |
|-------------------------------------|
| BERKELEY COUNTY SCHOOLS             |
| BLACKBAUD INC                       |
| BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON INC.            |
| CALIBER HOLDINGS CORPORATION        |
| CROWN BEVERAGES INC                 |
| GEORGIA PACIFIC WOOD PRODUCTS LLC   |
| HIRE QUEST LLC                      |
| LOWCOUNTRY GROCERS LLC              |
| NUCOR CORPORATION                   |
| PARALLON ENTERPRISES LLC            |
| PUBLIX SUPER MARKET INC             |
| ROPER ST. FRANCIS HEALTHCARE        |
| SANTEE COOPER SC PUBLIC SERVICE AUT |
| SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CORPORATION     |
| South Carolina Public Service Autho |
| Staffmark Investment LLC            |
| Thorne Research, Inc.               |
| Volvo Car USA LLC                   |
| Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.           |

#### **EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY**



Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)

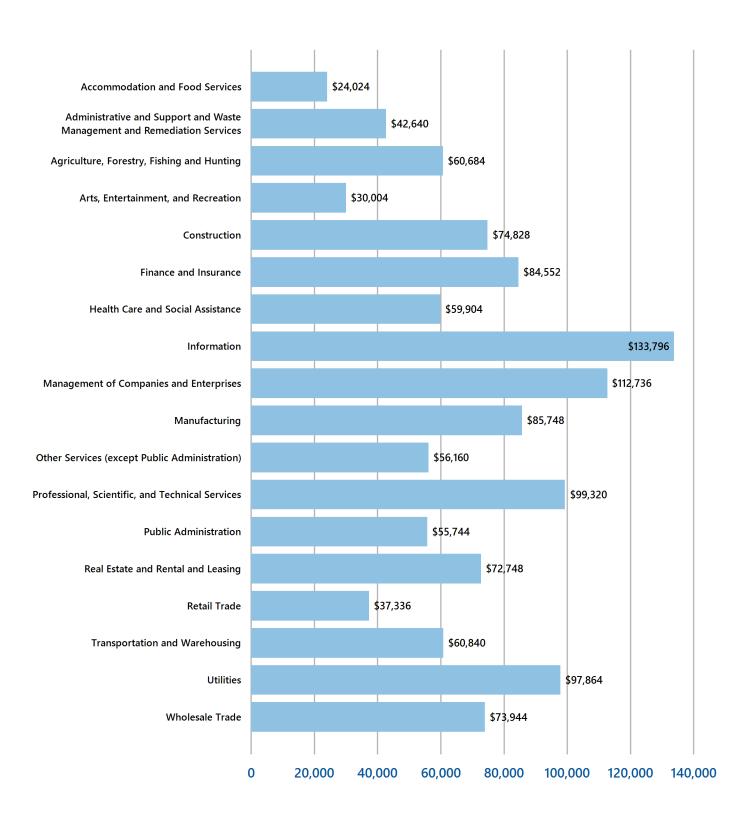
### **TOP 20 OCCUPATIONAL OPENINGS**

#### **BERKELEY COUNTY**

| OCCUPATION NAME (SOC CODE)   | JOB OPENINGS |
|--|--------------|
| Retail Salespersons (41-2031)  | 133          |
| Registered Nurses (29-1141)  | 125          |
| First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)   | 117          |
| Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand (53-7062)                                       | 108          |
| Fast Food and Counter Workers (35-3023)  | 101          |
| Customer Service Representatives (43-4051)   | 81           |
| Food Service Managers (11-9051)  | 73           |
| Stockers and Order Fillers (53-7065)   | 69           |
| Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics (49-3023)   | 65           |
| Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products (41-4012) | 64           |
| Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers (53-3032)  | 58           |
| Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners (37 -2011)                               | 57           |
| Managers, All Other (11-9199)  | 48           |
| Medical and Health Services Managers (11-9111)   | 47           |
| Driver/Sales Workers (53-3031)   | 46           |
| Cashiers (41-2011)   | 40           |
| Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive (43-6014)              | 39           |
| Waiters and Waitresses (35-3031)   | 38           |
| First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers (35 -1012)                              | 37           |
| Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians (17-3026)   | 37           |

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

### **AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE BY INDUSTRY**



Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)

## **LABOR MARKET PROJECTIONS**

Total Employment by Industry

| TRIDENT   | 2022                    | 2032                    |        |                |                |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|----------------|----------------|
|   | Estimated<br>Employment | Projected<br>Employment | Change | Percent Change | Annual Percent |
| Total All Industries  | 412,580                 | 465,123                 | 52,543 | 12.74%         | 1.21%          |
| Health Care and<br>Social Assistance                                  | 46,198                  | 54,529                  | 8,331  | 18.03%         | 1.67%          |
| Accommodation and Food Services                                       | 45,049                  | 53,735                  | 8,686  | 19.28%         | 1.78%          |
| Retail Trade  | 42,219                  | 47,026                  | 4,807  | 11.39%         | 1.08%          |
| Professional,<br>Scientific, and<br>Technical Services                | 31,662                  | 36,039                  | 4,377  | 13.82%         | 1.30%          |
| Manufacturing   | 29,959                  | 34,077                  | 4,118  | 13.75%         | 1.30%          |
| Educational Services  | 27,887                  | 30,181                  | 2,294  | 8.23%          | 0.79%          |
| Administrative and<br>Support and Waste<br>Management and<br>Remediat | 27,794                  | 31,071                  | 3,277  | 11.79%         | 1.12%          |
| Construction  | 21,384                  | 21,994                  | 610    | 2.85%          | 0.28%          |
| Other Services<br>(except Government)                                 | 18,336                  | 19,597                  | 1,261  | 6.88%          | 0.67%          |
| Transportation and Warehousing  | 17,691                  | 21,070                  | 3,379  | 19.10%         | 1.76%          |
| Wholesale Trade   | 12,319                  | 13,222                  | 903    | 7.33%          | 0.71%          |
| Finance and<br>Insurance  | 10,302                  | 12,447                  | 2,145  | 20.82%         | 1.91%          |
| Information   | 8,498                   | 9,910                   | 1,412  | 16.62%         | 1.55%          |
| Real Estate and<br>Rental and Leasing                                 | 7,518                   | 8,684                   | 1,166  | 15.51%         | 1.45%          |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation                                   | 6,029                   | 6,892                   | 863    | 14.31%         | 1.35%          |
| Management of<br>Companies and<br>Enterprises                         | 2,911                   | 4,049                   | 1,138  | 39.09%         | 3.35%          |
| Utilities   | 1,249                   | 1,294                   | 45     | 3.60%          | 0.35%          |
| Agriculture, Forestry,<br>Fishing and Hunting                         | 1,211                   | 1,220                   | 9      | 0.74%          | 0.07%          |
| Mining, Quarrying,<br>and Oil and Gas<br>Extraction                   | 194                     | 228                     | 34     | 17.53%         | 1.63%          |

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce  $\,$  - Industry Projections