## Lowcountry Regional Workforce Snapshot (Q3 2025)

# **Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties**

Total Employment 117,608

**Unemployment Rate** 

4.9%

(August 2025)

Adults 18-64 Years 155,706

2023-2024 Public High School Enrollment

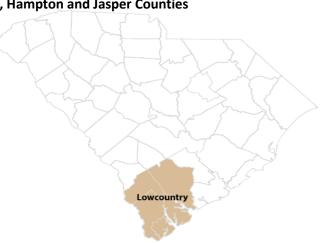
9,211

**Public Administration** 

2023 Fall

Postsecondary Credit 5,810

**Enrollment** 



7%

| Top Industries (Q1 2025)        |                 |                       |  |  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Industry                        | <b>Employed</b> | % of Total Employment |  |  |
| Retail Trade                    | 15,540          | 16%                   |  |  |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 15,176          | 16%                   |  |  |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 14,554          | 15%                   |  |  |
| Construction                    | 6,786           | 7%                    |  |  |
| Educational Services            | 6,724           | 7%                    |  |  |

# Industry Announced Investment 2020-2024

6,339

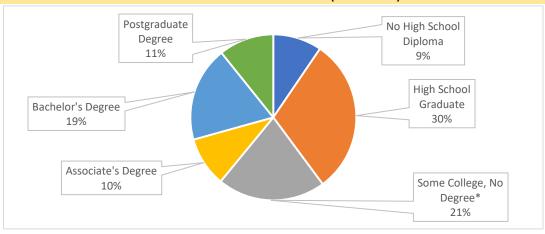
Total Announced Investment Jobs Announced

\$887,030,000 3,323

**Jobs Announced by Industry** 

| Industry                    | Number of Jobs | % of Jobs Announcements |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Manufacturing               | 2,965          | 89%                     |
| Warehousing & Distribution  | 188            | 6%                      |
| Office, HQ, & R&D (Service) | 170            | 5%                      |

### **Educational Attainment (Adults 25-64)**



<sup>\*</sup>Includes Certificate level credentials (American Community Survey 2019-2023)

## **Lowcountry Region Education Snapshot** (2023-2024)

# <u>Public & Independent Universities and Colleges Enrollment</u> Fall 2023 Enrollment (2,470)

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#### 2023-2024 Public/Independent Colleges and Universities Degrees Awarded (386)

| Program                                   | Degrees | % of Awarded |
|---|---------|--------------|
| Health Professions & Related Programs     | 84      | 22%          |
| Business, Management, Marketing & Related | 74      | 19%          |
| Psychology                                | 65      | 17%          |
| Social Sciences                           | 39      | 10%          |
| Biological & Biomedical Sciences          | 27      | 7%           |

## **Technical College(s)**

#### Fall 2023 Enrollment - Credit (3,340) & Corporate and Community Education (CE) Programs

Institution Credit Enrollment CE Enrollment (2023 Annualized)

Technical College of The Lowcountry 3,340 621

## 2023-2024 Technical Colleges Program Completions (411- Credit Awards Only)

| Program                                     | # of Credentials | % of Awarded |
|---|------------------|--------------|
| Liberal A/S, General Studies & Humanities   | 125              | 30%          |
| Health Professions & Related Programs       | 96               | 23%          |
| Business, Management, Marketing & Related   | 44               | 11%          |
| Computer & Information Sciences             | 35               | 9%           |
| Culinary, Entertainment & Personal Services | 30               | 7%           |

#### **Public High Schools**

### 2023-2024 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Student Course Enrollment (11,984)

| CTE Student Cluster           | Enrollment | % of CTE Enrollment |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Information Technology        | 2,807      | 23%                 |
| Health Science                | 1,587      | 13%                 |
| Business, Management & Admin. | 1,448      | 12%                 |
| Finance                       | 1,259      | 11%                 |
| Hospitality & Tourism         | 852        | 7%                  |

#### High School CTE Certifications Awarded\* (3,428)

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|---|---------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Certification Focus</b>                | <b>Total Certs Earned</b> | % of Awarded |
| OSHA-10**                                 | 1,096                     | 32%          |
| Health Science                            | 997                       | 29%          |
| Microburst EmployABILITY Soft Skills**    | 333                       | 10%          |
| Human Serivces/Family & Consumer Sciences | 148                       | 4%           |
| ServSafe® Food Handler**                  | 127                       | 4%           |

<sup>\*</sup>Students may earn multiple certifications within and across certification focus areas.

Sources: SCDEW, US Census, QCEW, SC Commerce, SC Tech, SC Dept. of Education & SC Commission on Higher Education

<sup>\*\*</sup>Certifications falling under multiple clusters are reported independently of career clusters.