

Lowcountry

WIA Area Profile

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Summary

Population:

Population has increased 17,727 from 2000 to 2005.

Males outnumber females 50.3% to 49.7%.

The largest age group is 25-44 years.

The white population is the majority with 66.7%.

The Hispanic population in this area has increased 46.7% from 2000-2005.

The population is expected to increase 73,630 from 2010-2030.

Labor Force:

The unemployment rate has taken a dip in the most recent year, falling from 5.7% in 2004 to 5.3% in 2005.

Educational Attainment:

High school graduates top the list with 29.2%, followed by Bachelor's Degree or higher with 24.2%.

Industry Employment:

The top two industries in this area are Trade, Transportation and Utilities, and Leisure and Hospitality.

Occupational Employment:

Top five occupations currently are: retail salespersons, waiters and waitresses, cashiers, landscaping/groundskeeping workers, and maids and housekeeping cleaners.

Projected Occupations:

The top five occupations with the most openings in 2002-2012 are: waiters and waitresses, combined food prep and servers, retail salespersons, cashiers, and retail sales managers.

Occupational Wages:

The average wage for the area is \$14.83, with an entry wage of \$7.33 and an experienced wage of \$18.58.

Per Capita Income:

With a PCI of \$30,843 in 2004, this area is well ahead of the state's PCI of \$27,185.

Population

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Beaufort Colleton Hampton Jasper

Population

2000	202,454	122,022	38,352	21,361	20,719
2001	205,361	124,514	38,616	21,373	20,858
2002	209,202	128,060	38,922	21,286	20,934
2003	212,000	130,447	39,140	21,431	20,982
2004	215,980	133,883	39,502	21,323	21,272
2005	220,181	137,849	39,605	21,329	21,398

Gender (from the 2000 Census)

Male	50.3	50.6	47.9	50.9	52.6
Female	49.7	49.4	52.1	49.1	47.4

Age (from the 2000 Census)

0-14 years	42,073	23,890	8,659	4,864	4,660
15-24 years	29,523	18,724	4,934	2,855	3,010
25-44 years	55,853	32,867	10,299	6,342	6,345
45-64 years	45,270	26,702	9,444	4,730	4,394
65+ years	28,546	18,754	4,928	2,595	2,269

Race (2005)

White	66.7	75.7	57.6	43.5	48.2
Black or African Amer.	31.5	21.9	41.1	55.9	50.6
All Other	2.9	2.4	1.4	0.6	1.2

Hispanic Population

2000	10,496	8,208	551	547	1,190
2005	15,398	11,912	738	612	2,136
% change	46.7	45.1	33.9	11.9	79.5

Projections

2010	238,820	152,000	41,510	22,430	22,880
2015	257,150	166,190	43,180	23,300	24,480
2020	275,490	180,390	44,850	24,170	26,080
2025	293,810	194,570	46,520	25,040	27,680
2030	312,450	209,660	48,160	25,680	28,950

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

Labor Force

2002	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemp. Rate
Beaufort	2,173	54,030	4.0
Colleton	981	16,024	6.1
Hampton	623	8,212	7.6
Jasper	476	9,297	5.1
Lowcountry	4,253	87,563	4.9

2003	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemp. Rate
Beaufort	2,548	56,625	4.5
Colleton	1,190	16,321	7.3
Hampton	770	8,126	9.5
Jasper	563	9,572	5.9
Lowcountry	5,071	90,644	5.6

2004	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemp. Rate
Beaufort	2,775	58,592	4.7
Colleton	1,206	16,606	7.3
Hampton	749	8,095	9.3
Jasper	542	9,841	5.5
Lowcountry	5,272	93,134	5.7

2005	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemp. Rate
Beaufort	2,830	63,480	4.5
Colleton	1,220	16,680	7.3
Hampton	690	8,030	8.6
Jasper	530	10,510	5.0
Lowcountry	5,270	98,700	5.3

SOURCE: South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Labor Market Information

Educational Attainment (2000)

Lowcountry County/Area Totals	Beaufort	Colleton	Hampton	Jasper	Area	% of area
	78,502	24,716	13,668	13,112	129,998	
Less than HS grad	9,545	7,509	4,520	4,569	26,143	20.1
HS grad	18,974	9,133	5,161	4,713	37,981	29.2
Some college	18,466	3,958	2,018	2,195	26,637	20.5
Associate degree	5,434	1,263	592	490	7,779	6.0
Bachelor's degree or higher	26,083	2,853	1,377	1,145	31,458	24.2

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

Industry Employment (2005)

INDUSTRY DESCRIPTION*	EMPLOYING UNITS	AVG MONTHLY EMP	% OF TOTAL EMP
Total, Private and Government	7,273	82,585	

Construction	1,261	8,330	10.1
Manufacturing	191	4,002	4.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,484	15,199	18.4
Information	81	831	1.0
Financial Activities	789	4,483	5.4
Professional and Business Services	1,126	7,531	9.1
Education and Health Services	509	7,142	8.6
Leisure and Hospitality	710	14,880	18.0
Other Services (Except Public Administration)	659	4,492	5.4
Total Government	178	13,982	16.9

*Not all counties reported employment in all industries. For example, if an area has 20 counties, only 17 may have reported employment in an industry.

SOURCE: South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Labor Market Information

Occupational Employment (2005)

Top 25 Occupations Sorted by Percentage of Total Employment

Code	Occupational Title	Employment	% of total emp.
	<i>All Occupations</i>	<i>82,740</i>	
412031	Retail Salespersons	3,620	4.4
353031	Waiters and Waitresses	2,940	3.6
412011	Cashiers	2,780	3.4
373011	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	2,650	3.2
372012	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,940	2.3
439061	Office Clerks, General	1,540	1.9
111021	General and Operations Managers	1,370	1.7
372011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,370	1.7
291111	Registered Nurses	1,330	1.6
537062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,320	1.6
436014	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	1,250	1.5
472031	Carpenters	1,120	1.4
411011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	1,100	1.3
353022	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop	1,060	1.3
499042	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	1,050	1.3
533032	Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	990	1.2
353021	Combined Food Preparation & Serving Workers, Incl. Fast Food	940	1.1
352014	Cooks, Restaurant	930	1.1
352011	Cooks, Fast Food	910	1.1
471011	First-Line Spvrs./Mgrs. of Construction Trades/Extraction Workers	910	1.1
472061	Construction Laborers	910	1.1
433031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	880	1.1
435081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	880	1.1
431011	First-Line Spvrs./Mgrs. of Office & Admin. Support Workers	770	0.9
352021	Food Preparation Workers	760	0.9

SOURCE: South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Labor Market Information

Occupational Projections 2002-2012

Ranked by Number of Openings

Occupation Code	Occupation Title	2002 Emp	2012 Emp	# Change	Median Hrly Wage May 05
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	58,606	89,995	31,389	
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	2,320	4,407	2,087	7.47
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation & Serving Workers, Incl. Fast Food	1,831	3,667	1,836	8.09
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	3,013	4,834	1,821	11.62
41-2011	Cashiers	3,244	4,967	1,723	7.70
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	1,540	2,248	708	18.11
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	798	1,500	702	8.44
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	771	1,455	684	10.03
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	1,086	1,714	628	37.60
29-1111	Registered Nurses	922	1,494	572	23.61
35-2011	Cooks, Fast Food	684	1,212	528	6.94

SOURCE: South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Labor Market Information

Occupational Wages (2005)

Top and Bottom 25 Occupations by Average Wage

Occ. Code	Occupational Title	Emp.	Entry	Avg.	Experienced
	All Occupations		7.33	14.83	18.58

Top 25

Occ. Code	Occupational Title	Emp.	Entry	Avg.	Experienced
291067	Surgeons	60		92.45	
291069	Physicians and Surgeons, All Other	90		91.36	
291062	Family and General Practitioners	30	59.73	79.55	89.46
291021	Dentists, General	60	56.57	59.80	61.42
111011	Chief Executives	380	29.69	57.78	71.82
419021	Real Estate Brokers	100	23.81	47.75	59.73
231011	Lawyers	270	23.18	44.37	54.97
291051	Pharmacists	160	35.69	42.77	46.31
119041	Engineering Managers	30	30.15	40.42	45.55
132052	Personal Financial Advisors	60	13.91	39.07	51.64
111021	General and Operations Managers	1,370	19.98	37.60	46.40
291071	Physician Assistants	30	33.81	37.31	39.05
113021	Computer and Information Systems Managers	50	20.79	37.14	45.32
413011	Advertising Sales Agents	70	12.20	37.13	49.59
292033	Nuclear Medicine Technologists	30	31.18	36.72	39.49
113031	Financial Managers	230	23.33	36.61	43.25
171011	Architects, Except Landscape and Naval	140	14.02	35.08	45.61
113051	Industrial Production Managers	30	23.27	33.27	38.27
413031	Securities, Commodities, & Financial Services Sales Agents	90	16.43	33.27	41.68
172071	Electrical Engineers	10	24.52	33.21	37.56
231023	Judges, Magistrate Judges, and Magistrates	60	15.02	31.80	40.19
119111	Medical and Health Services Managers	140	21.62	31.56	36.52
131031	Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	20	21.95	31.06	35.61
113041	Compensation and Benefits Managers	40	19.23	30.76	36.53
119021	Construction Managers	130	21.26	30.60	35.27

Bottom 25

399021	Personal and Home Care Aides	90	7.68	8.60	9.05
533041	Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs	190	6.59	8.58	9.58
519123	Painting, Coating, and Decorating Workers	20	7.62	8.54	8.99
517041	Sawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Wood	50	5.87	8.53	9.86
537081	Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors	180	5.87	8.49	9.80
111031	Legislators	100	5.84	8.44	9.74
352021	Food Preparation Workers	760	6.34	8.44	9.48
537061	Cleaners of Vehicles and Equipment	190	7.20	8.43	9.05
353011	Bartenders	450	5.90	8.12	9.23
359021	Dishwashers	720	6.41	8.11	8.96
372012	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,940	6.49	8.11	8.93
353021	Combined Food Prep. & Serving Workers, Incl. Fast Food	940	5.91	8.09	9.18
537064	Packers and Packagers, Hand	400	6.44	8.07	8.88
311011	Home Health Aides	370	7.08	8.00	8.46
359031	Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, and Coffee Shop	430	5.94	8.00	9.02
399011	Child Care Workers	510	6.19	7.82	8.64
412011	Cashiers	2,780	5.88	7.70	8.61
533022	Bus Drivers, School	580	6.13	7.69	8.47
352015	Cooks, Short Order	200	6.26	7.65	8.34
353022	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, & Coffee Shop	1,060	5.95	7.53	8.31
353031	Waiters and Waitresses	2,940	5.90	7.47	8.25
393091	Amusement and Recreation Attendants	340	5.93	7.37	8.09
352011	Cooks, Fast Food	910	5.92	6.94	7.45
359011	Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers	260	5.91	6.76	7.18
393031	Ushers, Lobby Attendants, and Ticket Takers	80	5.97	6.53	6.81

Per Capita Income

AreaName	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
South Carolina	24,424	24,994	25,361	25,972	27,185

<i>Lowcountry</i>	26,946	28,350	28,333	29,162	30,846
Beaufort	32,452	34,292	33,948	34,781	36,570
Colleton	19,103	19,783	19,804	20,355	21,662
Hampton	18,551	19,190	19,504	19,765	20,905
Jasper	17,693	18,129	18,813	20,250	21,833

SOURCE: Regional Economic Information System, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce