

# Upper Savannah

# WIA Area Profile

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# Summary

## **Population:**

Population has increased 4,179 from 2000 to 2005.

Females outnumber males 51.3% to 48.7%.

The largest age group is 25-44 years.

The white population is the majority with 67.5%.

The Hispanic population in this area has increased 54.2% from 2000-2005.

The population is expected to increase 46,940 from 2010-2030.

## **Labor Force:**

The unemployment rate has varied little for 2002-2005, hovering around 7.8%.

## **Educational Attainment:**

High school graduates top the list with 33.6%, followed by less than a high school degree with 30.0%.

## **Industry Employment:**

The top two industries in this area are Manufacturing and Government.

## **Occupational Employment:**

Top five occupations currently are: laborers and material movers, cashiers, office clerks, team assemblers, and heavy truck drivers.

## **Projected Occupations:**

The top five occupations with the most openings in 2002-2012 are: registered nurses, cashiers, combined food prep and servers, waiters and waitresses, and child care workers.

## **Occupational Wages:**

The average wage for the area is \$14.26, with an entry wage of \$7.44 and an experienced wage of \$17.67.

## **Per Capita Income:**

With a PCI of \$22,995 in 2004, this area is well behind the state's PCI of \$27,185.

# Population

Upper Sav. Abbeville Edgefield G'wood. Laurens McCor. Newberry Saluda

## Population

2000	252,007	26,220	24,571	66,334	69,667	9,991	36,039	19,185
2001	253,281	26,347	24,568	66,750	70,030	10,109	36,305	19,172
2002	254,373	26,365	24,724	67,190	70,060	10,206	36,721	19,107
2003	255,492	26,328	25,096	67,549	70,281	10,288	36,910	19,040
2004	255,304	26,304	25,302	67,592	70,094	10,101	37,096	18,815
2005	256,186	26,133	25,528	67,979	70,293	10,108	37,250	18,895

## Gender (from the 2000 Census)

Male	48.7	47.9	53.0	46.9	48.4	53.2	48.2	49.6
Female	51.3	52.1	47.0	53.1	51.6	46.8	51.8	50.4

## Age (from the 2000 Census)

0-14 years	51,829	5,487	4,933	14,153	14,634	1,513	7,194	3,915
15-24 years	35,022	3,632	3,410	9,644	9,387	1,254	5,058	2,637
25-44 years	71,427	6,989	7,884	18,712	19,828	2,749	9,977	5,288
45-64 years	59,069	6,217	5,699	14,687	16,550	2,797	8,556	4,563
65+ years	34,500	3,842	2,669	9,075	9,168	1,645	5,323	2,778

## Race (2005)

White	67.5	69.7	57.9	66.1	72.9	48.0	67.1	71.1
Black or African Amer.	31.5	29.6	41.0	32.1	25.8	51.4	31.8	28.1
All Other	1.3	0.7	1.1	1.8	1.3	0.6	1.1	0.8

## Hispanic Population

2000	6,994	217	503	1,902	1,352	86	1,533	1,401
2005	10,787	290	610	2,797	2,088	97	2,548	2,357
% change	54.2	33.6	21.3	47.1	54.4	12.8	66.2	68.2

## Projections

2010	270,800	27,480	26,930	71,000	75,850	11,120	38,560	19,860
2015	283,000	28,340	28,820	73,580	80,160	11,730	39,820	20,550
2020	295,180	29,210	30,700	76,150	84,470	12,340	41,080	21,230
2025	307,380	30,060	32,590	78,730	88,780	12,950	42,350	21,920
2030	317,740	30,790	33,990	81,160	92,310	13,540	43,580	22,370

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

# Labor Force

2002	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemp. Rate
Abbeville	935	11,901	7.9
Edgefield	526	10,352	5.1
Greenwood	2,869	31,879	9.0
Laurens	2,582	33,547	7.7
McCormick	399	3,650	10.9
Newberry	1,260	17,139	7.4
Saluda	549	9,203	6.0
Upper Savannah	9,120	117,671	7.8

2003	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemp. Rate
Abbeville	1,046	11,888	8.8
Edgefield	535	10,506	5.1
Greenwood	2,975	32,161	9.3
Laurens	2,498	33,310	7.5
McCormick	452	3,660	12.3
Newberry	1,318	17,914	7.4
Saluda	597	9,290	6.4
Upper Savannah	9,421	118,729	7.9

2004	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemp. Rate
Abbeville	983	11,971	8.2
Edgefield	647	10,798	6.0
Greenwood	2,843	32,017	8.9
Laurens	2,382	33,374	7.1
McCormick	384	3,527	10.9
Newberry	1,284	17,983	7.1
Saluda	717	9,566	7.5
Upper Savannah	9,240	119,236	7.7

2005	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemp. Rate
Abbeville	960	12,330	7.8
Edgefield	830	11,080	7.5
Greenwood	3,010	33,230	9.1
Laurens	2,290	33,270	6.9
McCormick	400	3,620	11.0
Newberry	1,250	17,930	7.0
Saluda	660	9,460	7.0
Upper Savannah	9,400	120,920	7.8

SOURCE: South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Labor Market Information

# Educational Attainment (2000)

Upper Savannah County/Area Totals	Abbeville	Edgefield	Greenwood	Laurens	McCormick	Newberry	Saluda	Area	% of area
Less than HS grad	5,102	4,643	11,392	14,689	2,437	7,381	3,887	49,531	30.0
HS grad	6,135	5,744	12,616	15,907	2,194	8,002	4,880	55,478	33.6
Some college	2,561	2,911	6,976	6,983	1,012	3,432	1,626	25,501	15.5
Associate degree	1,093	897	3,408	2,589	401	1,524	750	10,662	6.5
Bachelor's degree or higher	2,177	2,032	8,020	5,302	1,148	3,542	1,511	23,732	14.4

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

# Industry Employment (2005)

INDUSTRY DESCRIPTION	EMPLOYING UNITS	AVG MONTHLY EMP	% OF TOTAL EMP
<b>Total, Private and Government</b>	<b>4,558</b>	<b>82,019</b>	

Construction	520	3,645	5.8
Manufacturing	272	20,582	32.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,141	11,798	18.6
Information	48	677	1.1
Financial Activities	391	1,885	3.0
Professional and Business Services	465	6,109	9.6
Educational services	216	4,673	7.4
Leisure and Hospitality	369	5,913	9.3
Other Services (Except Public Administration)	445	1,861	2.9
Total Government	355	18,710	29.6

\*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.
	<b>All Occupations</b>	<b>77,670</b>	
537062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,410	3.1
412011	Cashiers	2,000	2.6
439061	Office Clerks, General	1,700	2.2
512092	Team Assemblers	1,640	2.1
533032	Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	1,560	2.0
499042	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	1,490	1.9
111021	General and Operations Managers	1,420	1.8
291111	Registered Nurses	1,400	1.8
412031	Retail Salespersons	1,340	1.7
372011	Janitors & Cleaners, Exc. Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	1,200	1.5
436014	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	1,150	1.5
311012	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	1,140	1.5
353031	Waiters and Waitresses	1,070	1.4
519061	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	950	1.2
537064	Packers and Packagers, Hand	910	1.2
353021	Combined Food Prep. & Serving Workers, Inc. Fast Food	880	1.1
433031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	880	1.1
511011	First-Line Spvrs./Mgrs. of Production & Operating Workers	820	1.1
311011	Home Health Aides	810	1.0
519198	Helpers--Production Workers	800	1.0
333012	Correctional Officers and Jailers	790	1.0
516063	Textile Knitting & Weaving Machine Setters/Operators/Tenders	710	0.9
292061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	680	0.9
333051	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	680	0.9
431011	First-Line Spvrs./Mgrs. of Office & Admin. Support Workers	650	0.8

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	66,219	77,915	11,696	
29-1111	Registered Nurses	1,283	1,978	695	25.78
41-2011	Cashiers	2,100	2,570	470	6.88
35-3021	Combined Food Prep. & Serving Workers, Inc. Fast Food	1,076	1,488	412	6.43
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	1,116	1,522	406	6.33
39-9011	Child Care Workers	715	1,071	356	6.51
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	1,691	2,028	337	8.16
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	1,090	1,411	321	27.92
31-1012	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	1,269	1,534	265	8.87
53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	1,037	1,282	245	13.74
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	377	611	234	13.47

\*wages are for Augusta-Richmond GA-SC Metro Area which includes Aiken and Edgefield Counties and four GA counties.

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	Average	Experienced
	<b>All Occupations</b>		<b>7.44</b>	<b>14.26</b>	<b>17.67</b>

## Top 25

Occ. Code	Occupational Title	Emp.	Entry	Average	Experienced
291062	Family and General Practitioners	40	69.80	45.66	81.87
291065	Pediatricians, General	50	51.00	40.14	56.44
119041	Engineering Managers	60	41.57	29.80	47.46
291071	Physician Assistants	40	33.89	29.20	36.24
113049	Human Resources Managers, All Other	10	42.87	28.40	50.10
111011	Chief Executives	300	56.52	26.90	71.33
172071	Electrical Engineers	50	32.45	25.71	35.82
113031	Financial Managers	220	42.24	25.05	50.83
113021	Computer and Information Systems Managers	40	35.22	24.27	40.70
291123	Physical Therapists	80	28.94	24.05	31.38
291122	Occupational Therapists	80	31.12	23.97	34.69
113051	Industrial Production Managers	130	34.09	23.17	39.56
492022	Telecommunications Equip. Installers & Repairers, Exc. Line Installers	60	23.85	22.74	24.40
151061	Database Administrators	20	25.12	22.48	26.44
172141	Mechanical Engineers	70	29.04	22.23	32.44
151051	Computer Systems Analysts	40	29.99	22.08	33.94
292032	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	40	25.12	21.71	26.83
173023	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technicians	40	28.06	21.54	31.31
113071	Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	50	33.80	21.47	39.97
231011	Lawyers	50	42.34	20.39	53.32
119131	Postmasters and Mail Superintendents	40	25.60	20.20	28.30
291051	Pharmacists	200	35.12	19.67	42.85
119021	Construction Managers	70	38.26	19.30	47.75
291127	Speech-Language Pathologists	60	23.26	19.20	25.30
119061	Funeral Directors	70	20.49	19.11	21.17

## Bottom 25

399011	Child Care Workers	490	7.76	6.01	8.64
353011	Bartenders	70	7.22	5.99	7.83
359021	Dishwashers	330	6.83	5.99	7.25
516052	Tailors, Dressmakers, and Custom Sewers	20	8.44	5.99	9.67
353022	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop	100	7.12	5.97	7.69
353031	Waiters and Waitresses	1,070	6.05	5.96	6.09
359031	Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, and Coffee Shop	150	6.85	5.96	7.30
399032	Recreation Workers	110	10.86	5.96	13.31
352021	Food Preparation Workers	350	7.35	5.93	8.06
359011	Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers	70	7.09	5.93	7.67
352011	Cooks, Fast Food	340	7.02	5.92	7.57
372012	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	420	7.12	5.91	7.73
353041	Food Servers, Nonrestaurant	70	7.02	5.90	7.58
393091	Amusement and Recreation Attendants	190	6.98	5.90	7.52
533041	Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs	70	6.95	5.88	7.48
412011	Cashiers	2,000	6.98	5.87	7.53
439051	Mail Clerks and Mail Machine Operators, Except Postal Service	10	8.14	5.87	9.27
439071	Office Machine Operators, Except Computer	30	6.94	5.87	7.47
111031	Legislators	220	7.88	5.86	8.89
419041	Telemarketers	30	7.87	5.86	8.88
393099	Entertainment Attendants and Related Workers, All Other	120	6.52	5.85	6.86
353021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	880	6.71	5.84	7.14
339091	Crossing Guards	40	8.17	5.82	9.34
394021	Funeral Attendants	170	7.82	5.82	8.82
493093	Tire Repairers and Changers	20	8.61	5.79	10.02

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# Per Capita Income

<b>Area</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
South Carolina	24,424	24,994	25,361	25,972	27,185

<i>Upper Savannah</i>	21,180	21,693	21,420	21,715	22,995
Abbeville	22,967	23,133	21,358	19,969	21,000
Edgefield	18,921	19,987	20,062	20,361	21,397
Greenwood	23,090	23,363	23,456	23,834	24,935
Laurens	20,391	20,976	20,864	21,165	22,543
McCormick	17,308	17,809	17,749	18,151	19,383
Newberry	20,605	21,365	20,772	21,602	23,122
Saluda	20,990	21,376	21,346	22,569	24,343

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