

Lower Savannah

WIA Area Profile

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Summary

Population:

Population has increased 6,738 from 2000 to 2005.

Females outnumber males 52.3% to 47.7%.

The largest age group is 25-44 years.

The white population is the majority with 55.6%.

The Hispanic population in this area has increased 39.8% from 2000-2005.

The population is expected to increase 54,270 from 2010-2030.

Labor Force:

The unemployment rate has fluctuated from 2002-2005, landing at 7.6% in 2005.

Educational Attainment:

High school graduates top the list with 31.9%, followed by less than a high school degree with 26.5%.

Industry Employment:

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

Occupational Employment:

Top five occupations currently are: cashiers, retail salespersons, maintenance and repair workers, office clerks, and team assemblers.

Projected Occupations:

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

Occupational Wages:

The average wage for the area is \$16.47, with an entry wage of \$8.01 and an experienced wage of \$19.29.

Per Capita Income:

With a PCI of \$25,043 in 2004, this area is behind the state's PCI of \$27,185.

Population

Lower Savannah Aiken Allendale Bamberg Barnwell Calhoun Orangeburg

| Population | | | | | | | |
|------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2000 | 300,852 | 142,818 | 11,187 | 16,627 | 23,470 | 15,239 | 91,511 |
| 2001 | 301,317 | 143,703 | 10,987 | 16,407 | 23,443 | 15,299 | 91,478 |
| 2002 | 302,732 | 145,281 | 11,074 | 16,311 | 23,364 | 15,218 | 91,484 |
| 2003 | 304,027 | 146,817 | 11,052 | 16,011 | 23,414 | 15,316 | 91,417 |
| 2004 | 306,530 | 148,879 | 11,005 | 15,945 | 23,338 | 15,248 | 92,115 |
| 2005 | 307,590 | 150,181 | 10,917 | 15,880 | 23,345 | 15,100 | 92,167 |

| Gender (from the 2000 Census) | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Male | 47.7 | 48.2 | 52.1 | 47.0 | 48.1 | 47.4 | 46.5 |
| Female | 52.3 | 51.8 | 47.9 | 53.0 | 51.9 | 52.6 | 53.5 |

| Age (from the 2000 Census) | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 0-14 years | 64,752 | 30,894 | 2,452 | 3,434 | 5,445 | 3,131 | 19,396 |
| 15-24 years | 43,747 | 18,932 | 1,626 | 2,948 | 3,205 | 1,791 | 15,245 |
| 25-44 years | 83,036 | 41,180 | 3,159 | 4,098 | 6,552 | 4,101 | 23,946 |
| 45-64 years | 69,954 | 33,259 | 2,553 | 3,864 | 5,314 | 4,060 | 20,904 |
| 65+ years | 39,177 | 18,287 | 1,421 | 2,314 | 2,962 | 2,102 | 12,091 |

| Race (2005) | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| White | 55.6 | 71.8 | 27.2 | 37.1 | 56.0 | 53.9 | 35.5 |
| Black or African Amer. | 42.9 | 25.9 | 72.3 | 62.3 | 42.8 | 45.4 | 62.9 |
| All Other | 1.7 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 1.5 |

| Hispanic Population | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------|------|------|-----|------|-------|
| 2000 | 4,738 | 3,025 | 181 | 118 | 327 | 212 | 875 |
| 2005 | 6,625 | 4,509 | 247 | 180 | 354 | 261 | 1,074 |
| % change | 39.8 | 49.1 | 36.5 | 52.5 | 8.3 | 23.1 | 22.7 |

| Projections | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 2010 | 323,470 | 161,070 | 11,300 | 15,450 | 24,720 | 16,290 | 94,640 |
| 2015 | 337,450 | 170,940 | 11,440 | 15,060 | 25,740 | 17,070 | 97,200 |
| 2020 | 351,490 | 180,830 | 11,590 | 14,680 | 26,770 | 17,850 | 99,770 |
| 2025 | 365,470 | 190,700 | 11,720 | 14,290 | 27,790 | 18,630 | 102,340 |
| 2030 | 377,740 | 200,170 | 11,800 | 13,760 | 28,540 | 19,260 | 104,210 |

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

Labor Force

| 2002 | Unemployed | Labor Force | Unemp. Rate |
|----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Aiken | 3,564 | 69,710 | 5.1 |
| Allendale | 259 | 3,530 | 7.3 |
| Bamberg | 439 | 6,378 | 6.9 |
| Barnwell | 798 | 9,764 | 8.2 |
| Calhoun | 456 | 7,010 | 6.5 |
| Orangeburg | 3,546 | 40,173 | 8.8 |
| Lower Savannah | 9,062 | 136,565 | 6.6 |

| 2003 | Unemployed | Labor Force | Unemp. Rate |
|----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Aiken | 3,758 | 71,652 | 5.2 |
| Allendale | 300 | 3,444 | 8.7 |
| Bamberg | 502 | 6,591 | 7.6 |
| Barnwell | 926 | 9,687 | 9.6 |
| Calhoun | 488 | 7,138 | 6.8 |
| Orangeburg | 4,622 | 42,655 | 10.8 |
| Lower Savannah | 10,596 | 141,167 | 7.5 |

| 2004 | Unemployed | Labor Force | Unemp. Rate |
|----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Aiken | 4,224 | 73,342 | 5.8 |
| Allendale | 330 | 3,381 | 9.8 |
| Bamberg | 476 | 6,492 | 7.3 |
| Barnwell | 926 | 9,620 | 9.6 |
| Calhoun | 482 | 7,252 | 6.6 |
| Orangeburg | 3,758 | 39,995 | 9.4 |
| Lower Savannah | 10,196 | 140,082 | 7.3 |

| 2005 | Unemployed | Labor Force | Unemp. Rate |
|----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Aiken | 4,490 | 75,080 | 6.0 |
| Allendale | 370 | 3,410 | 10.9 |
| Bamberg | 590 | 6,780 | 8.7 |
| Barnwell | 900 | 9,690 | 9.3 |
| Calhoun | 550 | 7,320 | 7.5 |
| Orangeburg | 3,980 | 41,670 | 9.6 |
| Lower Savannah | 10,880 | 143,950 | 7.6 |

SOURCE: South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Labor Market Information

Educational Attainment (2000)

| Lower Savannah County/Area Totals | Aiken | Allendale | Bamberg | Barnwell | Calhoun | Orangeburg | Area | % of area |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|------------|--------|-----------|
| Less than HS grad | 20,705 | 2,840 | 3,608 | 4,794 | 2,790 | 16,263 | 51,000 | 26.5 |
| HS grad | 29,503 | 2,215 | 2,892 | 5,131 | 3,631 | 17,995 | 61,367 | 31.9 |
| Some college | 18,248 | 1,055 | 1,457 | 2,425 | 1,713 | 9,760 | 34,658 | 18.0 |
| Associate degree | 5,930 | 321 | 685 | 704 | 675 | 3,731 | 12,046 | 6.3 |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 18,536 | 663 | 1,571 | 1,716 | 1,457 | 9,288 | 33,231 | 17.3 |

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

Industry Employment (2005)

| INDUSTRY DESCRIPTION | EMPLOYING UNITS | AVG MONTHLY EMP | % OF TOTAL EMP |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Total, Private and Government | 6,299 | 107,782 | |
| Construction | 719 | 6,516 | 6.0 |
| Manufacturing | 253 | 21,247 | 19.7 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 1,562 | 18,544 | 17.2 |
| Information | 64 | 851 | 0.8 |
| Financial Activities | 514 | 3,432 | 3.2 |
| Professional and Business Services | 715 | 15,347 | 14.2 |
| Education and Health Services | 586 | 8,691 | 8.1 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 568 | 8,998 | 8.3 |
| Other Services (Except Public Administration) | 755 | 2,237 | 2.1 |
| Total Government | 292 | 19,932 | 18.5 |

*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>107,390</i> | |
| 412011 | Cashiers | 4,380 | 4.1 |
| 412031 | Retail Salespersons | 3,130 | 2.9 |
| 499042 | Maintenance and Repair Workers, General | 2,710 | 2.5 |
| 439061 | Office Clerks, General | 2,210 | 2.1 |
| 512092 | Team Assemblers | 1,930 | 1.8 |
| 519061 | Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers | 1,750 | 1.6 |
| 511011 | First-Line Spvrs./Mgrs. of Production & Operating Workers | 1,540 | 1.4 |
| 353021 | Combined Food Prep. & Serving Workers, Incl. Fast Food | 1,530 | 1.4 |
| 537062 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 1,510 | 1.4 |
| 372011 | Janitors & Cleaners, Exc. Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners | 1,490 | 1.4 |
| 436014 | Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive | 1,450 | 1.4 |
| 353031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 1,390 | 1.3 |
| 435081 | Stock Clerks and Order Fillers | 1,370 | 1.3 |
| 291111 | Registered Nurses | 1,320 | 1.2 |
| 111021 | General and Operations Managers | 1,290 | 1.2 |
| 433031 | Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks | 1,280 | 1.2 |
| 533032 | Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer | 1,200 | 1.1 |
| 311012 | Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants | 1,020 | 0.9 |
| 411011 | First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers | 980 | 0.9 |
| 434051 | Customer Service Representatives | 970 | 0.9 |
| 352011 | Cooks, Fast Food | 910 | 0.8 |
| 516063 | Textile Knitting & Weaving Machine Setters/Operators/Tenders | 880 | 0.8 |
| 537051 | Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators | 850 | 0.8 |
| 434171 | Receptionists and Information Clerks | 820 | 0.8 |
| 431011 | First-Line Spvrs./Mgrs. of Office & Admin. Support Workers | 810 | 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 | 79,417 | 105,365 | 25,948 | |
| 41-2011 | Cashiers | 3,719 | 5,048 | 1,329 | 6.88 |
| 51-2092 | Team Assemblers | 1,726 | 2,703 | 977 | 9.27 |
| 35-3021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including | 1,514 | 2,291 | 777 | 6.43 |
| 35-3031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 1,592 | 2,309 | 717 | 6.33 |
| 41-2031 | Retail Salespersons | 2,669 | 3,321 | 652 | 8.16 |
| 29-1111 | Registered Nurses | 1,208 | 1,739 | 531 | 25.78 |
| 51-4041 | Machinists | 608 | 1,095 | 487 | 16.39 |
| 41-1011 | First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers | 1,619 | 2,066 | 447 | 13.04 |
| 11-1021 | General and Operations Managers | 1,282 | 1,717 | 435 | 27.92 |
| 51-4121 | Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers | 492 | 912 | 420 | 16.40 |

*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 | Avg. | Experienced |
| | All Occupations | | 7.57 | 16.47 | 20.91 |

Top 25

| Occ. Code | Occupational Title | Emp. | Entry | Avg. | Experienced |
|-----------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| 291062 | Family and General Practitioners | 80 | | 86.62 | |
| 291069 | Physicians and Surgeons, All Other | 20 | | 81.36 | |
| 111011 | Chief Executives | 280 | 28.64 | 55.88 | 69.50 |
| 291063 | Internists, General | 20 | 40.07 | 54.26 | 61.36 |
| 231011 | Lawyers | 170 | 21.85 | 52.67 | 68.09 |
| 119041 | Engineering Managers | 280 | 37.96 | 51.33 | 58.01 |
| 291021 | Dentists, General | 100 | 39.07 | 45.60 | 48.86 |
| 291051 | Pharmacists | 170 | 36.68 | 44.68 | 48.68 |
| 119121 | Natural Sciences Managers | 20 | 29.92 | 44.66 | 52.04 |
| 172161 | Nuclear Engineers | 520 | 32.97 | 44.14 | 49.73 |
| 172081 | Environmental Engineers | 160 | 32.18 | 43.92 | 49.80 |
| 172199 | Engineers, All Other | 150 | 25.78 | 41.65 | 49.58 |
| 119021 | Construction Managers | 360 | 28.14 | 41.23 | 47.78 |
| 113051 | Industrial Production Managers | 270 | 28.46 | 39.86 | 45.56 |
| 111021 | General and Operations Managers | 1,290 | 19.55 | 38.38 | 47.79 |
| 112021 | Marketing Managers | 20 | 26.61 | 38.25 | 44.08 |
| 113031 | Financial Managers | 220 | 20.77 | 38.17 | 46.86 |
| 132031 | Budget Analysts | 10 | 25.09 | 35.37 | 40.51 |
| 172131 | Materials Engineers | 80 | 24.19 | 35.36 | 40.95 |
| 113049 | Human Resources Managers, All Other | 50 | 26.05 | 34.90 | 39.32 |
| 119111 | Medical and Health Services Managers | 100 | 20.89 | 34.32 | 41.04 |
| 172041 | Chemical Engineers | 40 | 26.95 | 34.01 | 37.54 |
| 119199 | Managers, All Other | 60 | 15.03 | 33.69 | 43.02 |
| 113041 | Compensation and Benefits Managers | 30 | 21.23 | 32.93 | 38.78 |
| 151032 | Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software | 30 | 22.75 | 32.37 | 37.19 |

Bottom 25

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|--------|---|-------|------|------|------|
| 537081 | Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors | 200 | 6.04 | 7.67 | 8.48 |
| 352012 | Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria | 440 | 5.86 | 7.64 | 8.53 |
| 516021 | Pressers, Textile, Garment, and Related Materials | 50 | 6.81 | 7.53 | 7.89 |
| 353011 | Bartenders | 110 | 5.94 | 7.51 | 8.29 |
| 533011 | Ambulance Drivers & Attendants, Exc. Emergency Medical Techs | 50 | 7.38 | 7.49 | 7.54 |
| 393012 | Gaming and Sports Book Writers and Runners | 30 | 6.50 | 7.39 | 7.84 |
| 352021 | Food Preparation Workers | 760 | 5.89 | 7.35 | 8.09 |
| 519123 | Painting, Coating, and Decorating Workers | 60 | 6.03 | 7.32 | 7.97 |
| 319095 | Pharmacy Aides | 80 | 6.00 | 7.23 | 7.84 |
| 434081 | Hotel, Motel, and Resort Desk Clerks | 210 | 5.83 | 7.20 | 7.88 |
| 352015 | Cooks, Short Order | 150 | 5.92 | 7.15 | 7.77 |
| 399011 | Child Care Workers | 250 | 5.89 | 6.85 | 7.34 |
| 352011 | Cooks, Fast Food | 910 | 5.99 | 6.83 | 7.25 |
| 372012 | Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners | 640 | 5.88 | 6.83 | 7.30 |
| 339091 | Crossing Guards | 30 | 6.03 | 6.82 | 7.22 |
| 412011 | Cashiers | 4,380 | 5.91 | 6.82 | 7.28 |
| 359031 | Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, and Coffee Shop | 150 | 5.95 | 6.80 | 7.23 |
| 353041 | Food Servers, Nonrestaurant | 180 | 6.02 | 6.77 | 7.15 |
| 359021 | Dishwashers | 280 | 5.89 | 6.77 | 7.21 |
| 353022 | Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, & Coffee Shop | 270 | 5.98 | 6.72 | 7.09 |
| 353021 | Combined Food Prep. & Serving Workers, Incl. Fast Food | 1,530 | 5.88 | 6.69 | 7.10 |
| 393091 | Amusement and Recreation Attendants | 180 | 5.90 | 6.58 | 6.93 |
| 353031 | Waiters and Waitresses | 1,390 | 5.90 | 6.56 | 6.89 |
| 359011 | Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers | 90 | 5.92 | 6.31 | 6.50 |
| 111031 | Legislators | 120 | 5.97 | 6.16 | 6.25 |

SOURCE: South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Labor Market Information

Per Capita Income

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

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <i>Lower Savannah</i> | 22,207 | 22,982 | 23,489 | 24,012 | 25,043 |
| Aiken | 24,831 | 26,158 | 26,669 | 26,893 | 27,901 |
| Allendale | 16,244 | 16,794 | 16,583 | 17,052 | 17,991 |
| Bamberg | 17,395 | 17,763 | 18,004 | 18,913 | 19,927 |
| Barnwell | 22,216 | 18,685 | 18,850 | 19,158 | 19,809 |
| Calhoun | 22,219 | 23,186 | 23,510 | 25,145 | 26,842 |
| Orangeburg | 19,711 | 20,737 | 21,434 | 22,171 | 23,181 |

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