# At A Glance: **RICHLAND COUNTY**

Formed in 1785, Richland County is home to South Carolina's capital city, Columbia, and has become the entrepreneurial and legislative hub of the state. It's home to the University of South Carolina's main campus and Fort Jackson—the Army's largest and most active initial training base. Richland County's eclectic mix of industries, institutions of higher education, entrepreneurial spirit and diverse population make it an ideal location for businesses seeking a little bit of everything. With its location in the heart of South Carolina, you can access some of best logistics assets in the state within minutes.



## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Central SC Region is home to four major interstates, all easily accessible throughout the Region: I-20, I-26, I-77, I-95. These interstates make for smooth travel when commuting to the region's major airport and the state's major port.



Crossing through the county, these interstates provide a total of 39 interchanges, with I-77 providing a direct route to Charlotte, NC.

Columbia Metropolitan Alrport (CAE): 10 to 30 minute drive from most locations, it features a UPS air hub and Foreign Trade Zone 127; Jim Hamilton - L.B. Owens Airport (CUB): located within the county.



Port of Charleston: less than 60 minute drive; nationally recognized as one of the most efficient and effective ports. New Hugh Leatherman Terminal opened in 2021 to accomodate larger neo-Panamax vessels.

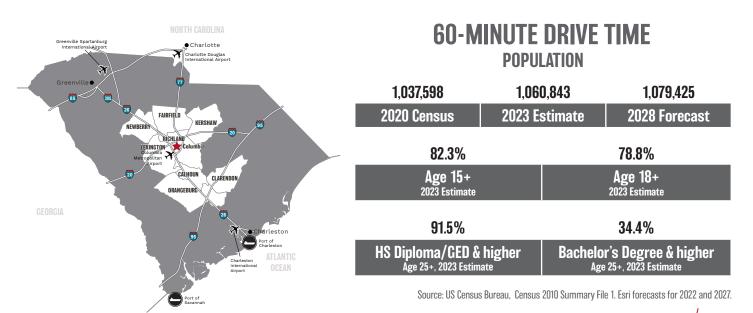


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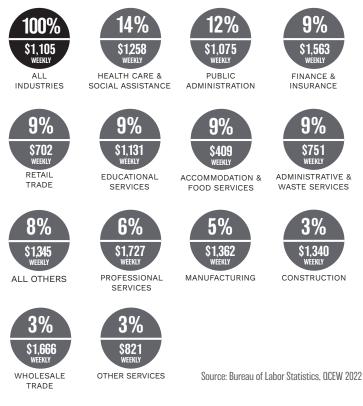
Rail system served by Norfolk Southern and CSX.

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## **EXISTING INDUSTRY**



**EMPLOYMENT: April 2024** 

**Employment:** 

201,510

**Unemployment:** 

6,216

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force:

207,726

Unemployment Rate: 3.00%

**Per Capita Income:** 

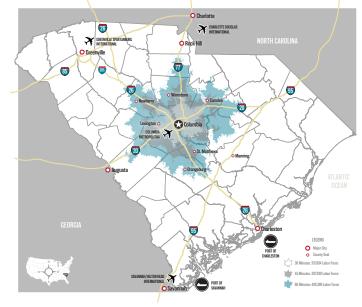
\$52,980

## **TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS**

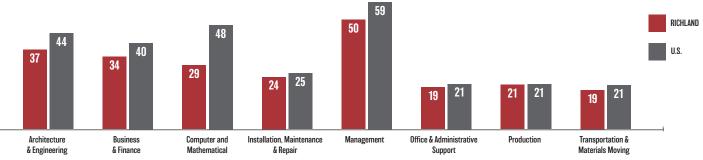
COMPANY	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>
Prisma Health Midlands	15,000
BlueCross BlueShield of SC	10,998
AT&T	2,100
MUSC Health	1,625
Trane - Columbia Center of Excellence	1,345
Palmetto GBA	1,300
Allied Universal Security	1,200
AgFirst Farm Credit Bank	1,151
Westinghouse Electric	1,093
Teleperformance (TPUSA)	1,000
Truist Bank	950
Colonial Life & Accident Insurance	872

Source: Central SC records and Reference USA

## **DRIVE TIME LABOR FORCE**



#### **HOURLY WAGES FOR SELECT OCCUPATIONS**



Source: Lightcast, Occupation Table, Average Hourly Earnings, 2022-2023; wage values have been rounded to whole dollar

