

DORCHESTER



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DORCHESTER COUNTY

Population

The population estimate for 2008 is 127,133, up 31% since 2000.

The population is projected to grow another 34% by 2030.

The median age is 35.4.

Labor Force

47.5% of the county's workers both live and work within the county.

Industry Employment

Trade, transportation and utilities accounted for the largest share of jobs in 2008 at 21%.

Government represented 19% of jobs while manufacturing represented 15%.

Educational Attainment

33% of the population 25 and older has graduated from high school, with 22% holding a bachelor's degree or higher.

Per Capita Income (PCI)

PCI was \$29,092 in 2007, up 32% since 2000.



POPULATION

Dorchester County Population

Year	Total
2000	96,715
2008	127,133
2030 (Projected)	170,210

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and SC Dept of Research & Statistical Services (projections)

Gender	Percent
Male	49.3
Female	50.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

Age	Percent
<5 years	7.1
18 and older	73.9
65 + years	9.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

Race	Percent
White	69.9
Black or African American	26.4
All Other	3.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

Median Age:	35.4
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

Total Family Households:	31,335
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

Veteran Population:	16,402
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Source: U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (2008)



WORKFORCE

Dorchester County Workforce

Labor Force and Unemployment

	July 2009	June 2009	July 2008
Labor Force	66,433	66,349	65,530
Unemployment	6,722	7,186	3,836
% of Labor Force	10.1	10.8	5.9

Source: S.C. Employment Security Commission

Labor Turnover Rate (3rd qtr 2008): 12.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics

County In-Commuting From (% of workers working in Dorchester County):

Berkeley	18.1
Charleston	17.6
Orangeburg	3.7
Colleton	3.1
Richland	1.2
Horry	1.0
Lexington	0.8
Beaufort	0.7
Georgetown	0.5

Live in Dorchester County 47.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics (2006)

County Out-Commuting To (% of workers living in Dorchester County):

Charleston	37.9
Berkeley	10.8
Richland	4.2
Orangeburg	2.5
Beaufort	1.8
Lexington	1.5
Anderson	1.3
Colleton	1.1
Greenville	0.8

Work in Dorchester County 30.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics (2006)

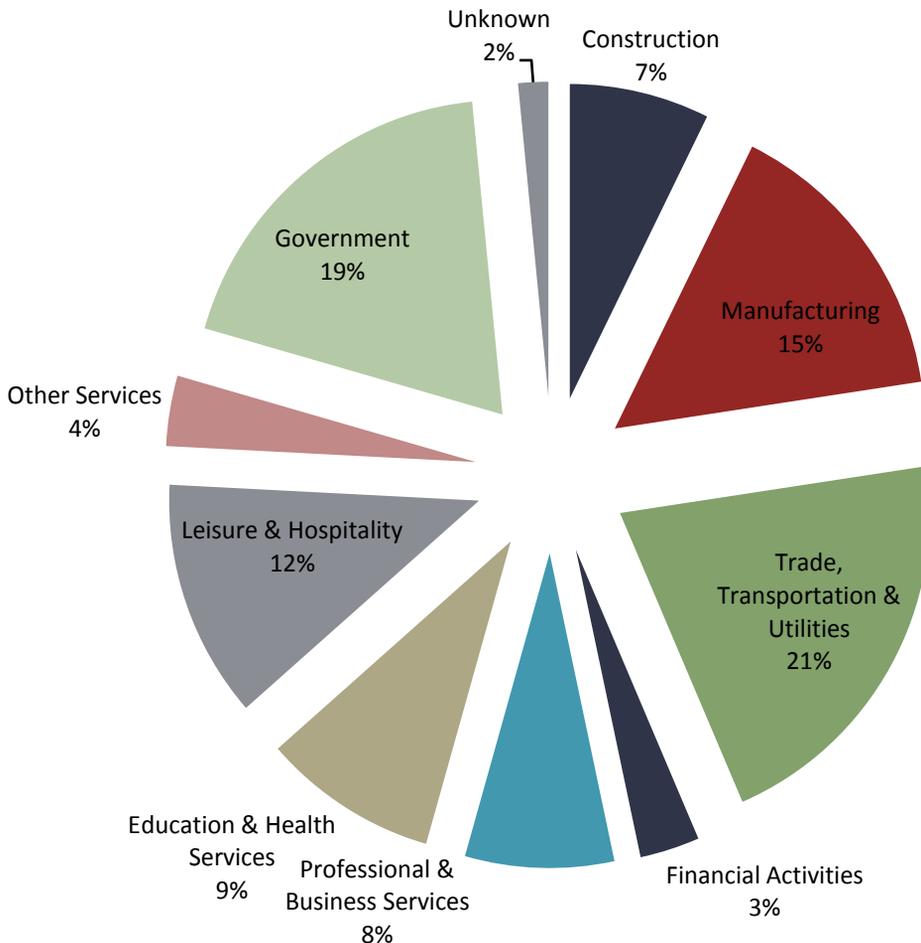


WORKFORCE

Dorchester County Industry Employment—2008

Industry	Employing Units	Total Wages (\$)	Avg Monthly Emp	% of Total
All Industries	2,281	960,610,627	30,594	
Construction	390	79,697,990	2,235	7.3
Manufacturing	102	236,909,719	4,684	15.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	493	170,494,376	6,398	20.9
Financial Activities	225	33,845,276	954	3.1
Professional & Business Services	339	82,597,526	2,374	7.8
Education & Health Services	196	75,526,384	2,796	9.1
Leisure & Hospitality	180	45,687,381	3,752	12.3
Other Services	230	24,063,031	1,106	3.6
Government	81	189,499,065	5,816	19.0
Unknown	45	22,289,879	479	1.6

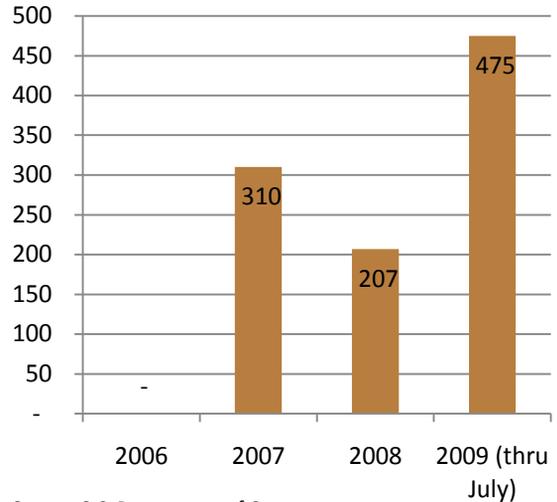
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



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Dorchester County Closures/Layoffs

Dorchester County reported a total of 992 jobs affected by layoffs and closures between 2006 and July 2009.



Source: S.C. Department of Commerce

Dorchester County Largest Employers

- Six Continents Hotels Inc (Charleston)
- Showa Denko Carbon Inc
- Mental Health Department of SC, Coastal Regional Center
- South Carolina Department of Corrections, Lieber Correctional Inst
- County of Dorchester, Dorchester County Public Works
- Caterpillar Reman Powertrain
- Dorchester School District 2, Summerville High School
- Wal-Mart Stores Inc (Summerville)
- Six Continents Hotels Inc (North Charleston)
- Dorchester School District 2, Fort Dorchester High School
- Pepphill Industrial Landfill
- Giant Cement Co
- Linde Material Handling North
- L & J Industries Inc
- Dorchester County School District 4
- MeadWestvaco Corp
- James Hardie Building Products
- Dorchester County School District 2, Flowertown Elementary School
- Bi-Lo LLC (Summerville)
- Dorchester School District 2, Oakbrook Middle School

Source: Dun & Bradstreet



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Dorchester County Income

Per capita income (2007)	\$29,092
Per capita income (2005)	\$26,262
Median household income(2007)	\$53,915

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis and U.S. Census Bureau

Average Weekly and Annual Wages by Industry—2008

	Weekly (\$)	Annual (\$)
Total, All Industries	604	31,399
Construction	686	35,659
Manufacturing	973	50,579
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	512	26,648
Financial Activities	682	35,477
Professional and Business Services	669	34,793
Education and Health Services	519	27,012
Leisure and Hospitality	234	12,177
Other Services	418	21,757
Government	627	32,582

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



EDUCATION

Dorchester County Educational Attainment

Educational Attainment, 25 Years and Over

	#	% of total
Total	78,133	
Less than HS grad	9,916	12.7
HS grad	25,828	33.1
Some college	16,509	21.1
Associate degree	8,481	10.9
Bachelor's degree or higher	17,399	22.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2007)

The population 65 years and over typically has a lower level of educational attainment than the baby boomer or young adult population. Of the population 65 and older in South Carolina, 18.7 percent had at least a bachelor's degree in 2007, compared with 24.2 percent of the 45 to 64 year-old population and 25.4 percent of the 35 to 44 year-old population. In Dorchester County, 12.4 percent of the 65 and older population had at least a bachelor's degree in 2007, compared with 26.5 percent of the 45 to 64 year-old population and 21.9 percent of the 35 to 44 year-old population.

Of the population 65 and older in South Carolina, 31.5 percent had less than a high school education in 2007, compared with 15.5 percent of the 45 to 64 year-old population and 13.2 percent of the 35 to 44 year-old population. In Dorchester County, 30.0 percent of the population 65 and older had less than a high school education, compared with 8.6 percent of the 45 to 64 year-old population and 10.4 percent of the 35 to 44 year-old population.

Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 18-24

	Dorchester County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 18-24	13,113		440,274		29,820,815	
Less Than 9th Grade	234	1.8	9,166	2.1	741,370	2.5
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,557	19.5	72,281	16.4	4,356,053	14.6
High School Graduate	4,849	37.0	154,126	35.0	9,934,317	33.3
Some College, No Degree	4,407	33.6	157,114	35.7	10,740,626	36.0
Associate Degree	711	5.4	13,996	3.2	1,400,110	4.7
Bachelor's Degree	355	2.7	31,190	7.1	2,468,752	8.3
Graduate or Professional Degree	0	0.0	2,401	0.5	179,587	0.6
Less Than High School Graduate	2,791	21.3	81,447	18.5	5,097,423	17.1
High School Graduate or Higher	10,322	78.7	358,827	81.5	24,723,392	82.9
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	355	2.7	33,591	7.6	2,648,339	8.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2007)



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Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 25-34

	Dorchester County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 25-34	15,830		559,685		39,987,053	
Less Than 9th Grade	41	0.3	16,478	2.9	1,838,275	4.6
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	1,704	10.8	64,851	11.6	3,658,009	9.1
High School Graduate	4,133	26.1	177,403	31.7	11,166,759	27.9
Some College, No Degree	4,344	27.4	112,922	20.2	8,406,334	21.0
Associate Degree	2,211	14.0	51,244	9.2	3,266,688	8.2
Bachelor's Degree	2,715	17.2	100,281	17.9	8,341,141	20.9
Graduate or Professional Degree	682	4.3	36,506	6.5	3,309,847	8.3
Less Than High School Graduate	1,745	11.0	81,329	14.5	5,496,284	13.7
High School Graduate or Higher	14,085	89.0	478,356	85.5	34,490,769	86.3
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	3,397	21.5	136,787	24.4	11,650,988	29.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2007)

Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 35-44

	Dorchester County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 35-44	19,359		631,562		43,410,417	
Less Than 9th Grade	343	1.8	19,831	3.1	2,055,273	4.7
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	1,664	8.6	63,510	10.1	3,487,799	8.0
High School Graduate	8,038	41.5	208,314	33.0	12,405,235	28.6
Some College, No Degree	3,512	18.1	116,184	18.4	8,444,604	19.5
Associate Degree	1,566	8.1	63,153	10.0	3,811,918	8.8
Bachelor's Degree	3,127	16.2	109,684	17.4	8,650,135	19.9
Graduate or Professional Degree	1,109	5.7	50,886	8.1	4,555,453	10.5
Less Than High School Graduate	2,007	10.4	83,341	13.2	5,543,072	12.8
High School Graduate or Higher	17,352	89.6	548,221	86.8	37,867,345	87.2
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	4,236	21.9	160,570	25.4	13,205,588	30.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2007)



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Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 45-64

	Dorchester County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 45-64	31,382		1,146,150		76,654,341	
Less Than 9th Grade	709	2.3	52,904	4.6	3,893,100	5.1
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	1,986	6.3	124,259	10.8	5,888,146	7.7
High School Graduate	9,508	30.3	388,297	33.9	22,961,923	30.0
Some College, No Degree	7,028	22.4	209,211	18.3	15,539,402	20.3
Associate Degree	3,823	12.2	93,567	8.2	6,201,000	8.1
Bachelor's Degree	5,797	18.5	168,389	14.7	13,233,517	17.3
Graduate or Professional Degree	2,531	8.1	109,523	9.6	8,937,253	11.7
Less Than High School Graduate	2,695	8.6	177,163	15.5	9,781,246	12.8
High School Graduate or Higher	28,687	91.4	968,987	84.5	66,873,095	87.2
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	8,328	26.5	277,912	24.2	22,170,770	28.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2007)

Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 65 and Over

	Dorchester County		South Carolina		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population Age 65 and Over	11,562		572,382		37,840,558	
Less Than 9th Grade	1,540	13.3	84,196	14.7	4,788,670	12.7
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	1,929	16.7	96,118	16.8	5,064,171	13.4
High School Graduate	4,149	35.9	180,001	31.4	13,124,398	34.7
Some College, No Degree	1,625	14.1	81,490	14.2	6,131,972	16.2
Associate Degree	881	7.6	23,497	4.1	1,425,182	3.8
Bachelor's Degree	1,007	8.7	66,726	11.7	4,139,684	10.9
Graduate or Professional Degree	431	3.7	40,354	7.1	3,166,481	8.4
Less Than High School Graduate	3,469	30.0	180,314	31.5	9,852,841	26.0
High School Graduate or Higher	8,093	70.0	392,068	68.5	27,987,717	74.0
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,438	12.4	107,080	18.7	7,306,165	19.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2007)



EDUCATION

Dorchester County Post-Secondary Institutions

Schools

Trident Technical College

Source: SC Information Highway

Location

North Charleston



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

Dorchester County

	2nd Qtr 2008	3rd Qtr 2008
Total Employment	32,126	31,519
Net Job Flows	171	-988
Job Creation	2,046	1,757
New Hires	7,222	6,408
Separations	8,249	8,305
Turnover	11.60%	12.40%
Avg. Monthly Earnings	\$2,841	\$2,776
Avg. New Hire Earnings	\$1,751	\$1,726

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics

	14-18	19-21	22-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-99
2nd Qtr 2008								
Total Employment	1,662	2,064	2,162	6,816	7,099	7,034	4,179	1,108
Net Job Flows	350	205	11	-73	-65	-88	-128	-53
Job Creation	496	420	267	502	481	397	224	91
New Hires	1,158	1,162	779	1,529	1,092	811	412	279
Separations	938	1,120	863	1,807	1,371	1,094	671	386
Turnover	29.4%	26.0%	19.4%	12.9%	9.3%	7.3%	7.1%	10.2%
Avg. Monthly Earnings (\$)	604	1,203	1,838	2,679	3,229	3,406	3,456	2,019
Avg. New Hire Earnings (\$)	622	1,129	1,401	1,937	2,348	2,247	2,533	1,605

3rd Qtr 2008								
Total Employment	1,720	2,170	2,157	6,481	6,857	6,947	4,117	1,070
Net Job Flows	-112	-221	-13	-82	-131	-210	-190	-27
Job Creation	288	234	288	536	473	402	205	93
New Hires	1,051	947	737	1,440	1,021	751	322	140
Separations	1,246	1,248	821	1,719	1,327	1,120	614	210
Turnover	35.3%	26.1%	19.6%	13.1%	10.0%	8.6%	8.1%	10.1%
Avg. Monthly Earnings (\$)	666	1,245	1,863	2,649	3,180	3,255	3,316	1,849
Avg. New Hire Earnings (\$)	616	1,260	1,611	1,907	2,375	2,245	2,127	1,482

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics



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	Female	Male
2nd Qtr 2008 Total Employment	16,917	15,209
Net Job Flows	-21	189
Job Creation	1,042	1,163
New Hires	3,731	3,491
Separations	4,329	3,920
Turnover	11.5%	11.7%
Avg. Monthly Earnings (\$)	2,264	3,466
Avg. New Hire Earnings (\$)	1,402	2,095
3rd Qtr 2008 Total Employment	16,101	15,418
Net Job Flows	-308	-677
Job Creation	953	981
New Hires	3,373	3,036
Separations	4,101	4,204
Turnover	11.8%	13.1%
Avg. Monthly Earnings (\$)	2,210	3,371
Avg. New Hire Earnings (\$)	1,372	2,112

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics



TERMINOLOGY

Measure	Information
Total Employment	Total number of workers who were employed by the same employer in both the current and previous quarter Answers the questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Who is filling what jobs? •What industries are biggest employers? •What industries employ the largest numbers of particular types of worker?
Job Change	Net Employment Change: The difference between current and previous employment at each business. Answers the questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Which industries are expanding employment? •Which industries are contracting employment?
Job Creation	The number of new jobs that are created by either new area businesses or the expansion of employment by existing firms. Answers the question: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What industries are creating the most jobs?
New Hires	Total number of accessions that were also not employed by that employer during the previous four quarters. Answers the questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What industries are hiring the most workers? •Which industries are hiring older workers? •Which industries are hiring young workers? •What geographic areas are doing the most hiring?
Separations	Total number of workers who were employed by a business in the current quarter, but not in the subsequent quarter. Answers the questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What workers are leaving jobs? •What industries are workers leaving?
Turnover Rate	Turnover Rate = $(1/2) * (\text{accessions} + \text{separations}) / \text{employment}$ (All Full Quarter Measures) Answers the question: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What proportion of workers are new to the job?
Average Monthly Earnings	Total quarterly earnings of all full-quarter employees divided by the number of full-quarter employees, divided by 3. Answers the question: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What are the average earnings of core employees?
Average New Hire Earnings	Total quarterly earnings of all full-quarter new hires divided by the number of full-quarter new hires, divided by 3. Answers the question: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What are new hires earning?

Special Note: Terminology on this page refers to information provided in the Local Employment Dynamics section of this profile.

