

Lower Savannah

WIA Area Profile

November 2006

**Provided by the
SC Employment Security Commission,
Labor Market Information Department**



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
<i>Lower Savannah</i>	<i>9,062</i>	<i>136,565</i>	<i>6.6</i>

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
<i>Lower Savannah</i>	<i>10,596</i>	<i>141,167</i>	<i>7.5</i>

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
<i>Lower Savannah</i>	<i>10,196</i>	<i>140,082</i>	<i>7.3</i>

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
<i>Lower Savannah</i>	<i>10,880</i>	<i>143,950</i>	<i>7.6</i>

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

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