

Labor Resources for Georgetown, South Carolina

Executive Summary

This profile contains information about the labor force within a 30 minute and 45 minute commuting distance from the center of Georgetown, South Carolina. Georgetown is located in Georgetown County, South Carolina.

The profile examines three issues: labor force characteristics, the availability of labor, and the average wages and salaries in the community of Georgetown.

Labor Situation at a Glance in Georgetown, South Carolina

Labor Force Characteristics	within 30 min.	within 45 min.	South Carolina
Population, 2004	51,471	123,596	4,198,068
Labor Force, 2004	22,961	56,506	2,046,179
Availability of Labor	within 30 min.	within 45 min.	South Carolina
Unemployed Workers, 2004	2,094	4,587	139,607
Unemployment Rate, 2004	9.1%	8.1%	6.8%
Workers Affected by Layoffs (Past 2 Years)	462	873	22,196
Average Wages	Georgetown County	South Carolina	United States
2003 Avg. Weekly Wage	\$486	\$581	\$658

Labor Force Characteristics for Georgetown, South Carolina

The composition and size of a community's labor force is linked very closely with demographic and economic conditions and trends in the region. The following labor force profile provides basic information on the population base and labor force characteristics so that the reader can better assess labor force conditions in the community.

Labor Force			
	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
Labor Force 2004	22,961	56,506	2,046,179
Change since 2000	-158	-379	49,079
Population			
Population 2004	51,471	123,596	4,198,068
Change since 2000	3,478	12,276	186,056
Projected 2010	54,819	166,336	4,446,704
Gender Distribution			
Male	24,701	59,883	2,040,261
Female	26,770	63,713	2,132,454
Age Distribution			
Ages 20-34	9,452	24,244	875,330
Ages 35-49	10,261	25,522	925,330
Ages 50-64	10,029	23,289	739,980
20-54 *Prime Working Age	23,354	58,381	2,084,880
Highest Level of Educational Attainment			
High School	14,733	35,804	778,054
Some College	10,120	25,797	500,194
Associate Degree	3,080	7,920	173,428
Bachelors Degree	7,554	18,021	351,526
Post Bachelor	3,923	9,185	178,529

**Prime working age group:* People between the ages of 18-54 are often referred to as the prime working age group. In staffing a new facility, prudent managers often prefer to staff its production work force with workers whose ages form a normal distribution curve. This provides for stability, flexibility and continuity of knowledge.

Source: 2004 Estimates Based on 2000 U.S. Census of Population and Woods and Poole, 2003 Edition

Employment Characteristics for Georgetown, South Carolina

Total Employment			
Year	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
2004	20,867	51,919	1,906,571

Total Employment data include all full and part-time wage and salaried workers in the area. These people may or may not reside in the area.

Monthly Employment by Sector In Georgetown County			
Sector	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	337	544	12,379
Mining	32	70	1,603
Utilities	31	117	11,891
Construction	1,241	4,032	111,730
Manufacturing	1,790	5,894	275,573
Wood product manufacturing	7	99	8,371
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing	18	181	9,155
Primary metal manufacturing	2	131	6,317
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	147	632	27,357
Machinery manufacturing	31	241	21,278
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	5	13	7,666
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg.	5	88	10,748
Transportation equipment manufacturing	97	608	30,932
Furniture and related product manufacturing	30	93	4,225
Miscellaneous manufacturing	35	143	7,846
Food manufacturing	15	58	17,832
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing		8	1,445
Textile mills	31	438	40,207
Textile product mills	2	5	9,724
Apparel manufacturing	133	190	5,321
Paper manufacturing			14,710
Printing and related support activities	14	107	7,327
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing			288
Chemical manufacturing	38	369	21,659
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing	8	79	23,054
Wholesale Trade	471	1,932	62,523
Retail Trade	2,917	8,772	224,031
Transportation and Warehousing	418	1,329	46,941
Education and Health Services	2,668	8,923	156,232
Leisure and Hospitality	3,613	10,744	192,748
Professional and Business Services	1,919	6,009	186,481

Source: 2003 Covered Wages, SC Employment Securities Commission

Largest Industries by Total Employment In Georgetown County

Company Name	City	Primary Product/Service	Employment	Date Est.
International Paper-Pulp & Paper Div	Georgetown	Paper mill	750	1937
3V Inc	Georgetown	Detergent auxiliaries	211	1980
Sampit Lumber Co	Georgetown	Lumber	142	1975
International Paper Co-Container Div	Georgetown	Paperboard products	135	1942
Ready Mixed Concrete	Myrtle Beach	Concrete, redi-mix	120	1981
Screen Tight/G2 Corp	Georgetown	Porch & deck screening	80	1982
Hatteras Hammocks	Pawleys Island	Handmade rope hammocks	50	1937
Southeastern Wire Fabricators Inc	Hemingway	Fabricated wire	42	1980
Trebol USA LLC	Andrews	Zirconium silicate opacifier	36	1957
Agru-America Inc	Georgetown	Corrosion resistant liners	36	1997
The Georgetown Times	Georgetown	Newspaper	32	1798
Coastal Wire Co Inc	Georgetown	Bailing wire	30	1978
International Paper-Pulp & Paper Div	Georgetown	Paper mill	750	1937
3V Inc	Georgetown	Detergent auxiliaries	211	1980
Sampit Lumber Co	Georgetown	Lumber	142	1975

Employer-Employee Relationship

Employer-employee relations in South Carolina are very stable and the state consistently ranks as one of the least unionized in the nation. In 2004, only 4.5 percent of the state's workers were members of a labor union. Additionally, the state has consistently had one of the lowest work stoppage rates in the United States. On average, less than .01 percent of working time was lost due to strikes in manufacturing and non-manufacturing industries combined.

Availability of Labor

Labor Force Participation & Unemployment

Labor Force Participation & Unemployment			
Year	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
Labor Force (2004)	22,961	56,506	2,046,179
Labor Force Change from 2000	-158	-379	49,079
Labor Force Participation Rate	45%	46%	49%
Unemployment (2004)	2,094	4,587	139,607
Unemployment Rate	9.1%	8.1%	6.8%

The *labor force participation rate* is the percentage which results from dividing the labor force count by the total population.

Unemployment reflects the total number of persons who do not have a job and are actively seeking employment.

Other Potential Sources of Labor Supply

Total Jobs Lost Due to Mass Closings and Layoffs Past Two Years			
Sector	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
Total	462	873	22,196
Manufacturing	460	860	19,196
Distribution	-	4	1,213
Service	1	9	1,745
Other	-	-	42

Recent closings and layoffs are a rich source of skilled and experienced labor for companies seeking to locate or expand in a given area. Industries in which layoffs and closings occur can provide some indication of the skills and knowledge-base of many unemployed and underemployed workers in a region.

Commuters to Other Areas			
	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
Commuters to other areas	4,615	11,267	31,833

Source: 2000 U.S. Census of Population

Workers commuting to places outside their residence are a significant source of experienced labor for new and expanding industries. These workers may be willing to consider an opportunity for employment nearer their place of residence.

Recent Graduates of South Carolina's Colleges and Universities

Certificates/Degrees Conferred From Technical Colleges in Select Degrees Within 45 Minute Drive Time of Georgetown County, SC	
Degree Area	Two Year Certificates Conferred 2002 - 2004
Computer and Information Sciences (Total)	124
Data Processing Technology	41
Engineering Technologies (Total)	49
Electrical ,Electronic & Communications	*
Mechanical Engineering/Tech	12
Mechanic & Repair Technologies (Total)	87
Industrial Electronics	47
HVAC	40
Precision Production (Total)	11
Machine Tool Technology/Machinist	*

Graduation From South Carolina's Four Year Colleges and Universities In Select Degrees		
	Degrees Conferred (2002-2004)	
	Bachelors	Post- Grad
Computer and Information Science (Total)	910	108
Computer Engineering	150	149
Computer Programming	12	5
Engineering & Related Technologies (Total)	1,316	786
Chemical Engineering	136	38
Electrical Engineering	257	150
Industrial Engineering	78	44
Mechanical Engineering	268	95
Business Admin & Management	4,754	1,018
International Business/Trade	178	276

Source: South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

Wages and Salaries

Average Wage and Salary Comparison			
Sector	Georgetown County	South Carolina	United States
Avg. Weekly Wages*	\$486	\$581	\$658
Avg. Annual Salary*	\$25,283	\$30,240	\$37,508
Avg. Hourly Prod. Wages**	N/A	\$14.73	\$16.14

*Covered Wages and Employment, 2003, SC Employment Securities Commission

** Employment & Earnings, 2004, U.S. Department of Labor

Average Annual Salary Manufacturing Sectors, 2004		
Sector	Georgetown County	South Carolina
Manufacturing Total	\$44,345	\$39,027
Wood product	***	\$30,808
Nonmetallic mineral product	***	\$39,031
Primary metal	***	\$49,695
Fabricated metal product	\$31,496	\$37,533
Machinery	***	\$39,952
Computer and electronic product	***	\$40,186
Electrical equipment and appliance	***	\$40,178
Transportation equipment	\$36,509	\$44,099
Furniture and related product	\$21,644	\$27,907
Miscellaneous	\$16,049	\$34,350
Food	***	\$26,620
Beverage and tobacco product	***	\$35,765
Textile mills	***	\$31,898
Textile product mills	***	\$25,618
Apparel	\$15,193	\$23,705
Paper	***	\$55,139
Printing and related support activities	***	\$36,634
Petroleum and coal products	***	\$49,113
Chemical	***	\$50,870
Plastics and rubber products	***	\$46,620

***Indicates data suppressed

Source: Covered Wages and Employment, SC Employment Securities Commission

Occupational Wages In Georgetown and Surrounding Area

Average Hourly Wages of Employees by Selected Non-Exempt Occupations For Georgetown County Area*			
Non-Exempt Occupations	Entry	Average	Experienced
Assemblers and Fabricators	*	*	*
Butchers and Meat Cutters	\$10.50	\$11.90	\$13.27
Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters	\$8.17	\$9.87	\$11.78
Chemical Equipment Operators	*	*	*
Chemical Plant & System Operators	*	*	*
Electrical & Electronic Equip Tenders	*	*	*
Extruding & Forming Machine Setters	*	*	*
Grinding & Lapping Machine Operators	\$11.07	\$12.37	\$13.16
Logging Equipment Operators	\$10.39	\$14.79	\$19.25
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$9.88	\$13.83	\$16.70
Machine Tool Setters & Tenders	*	*	*
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$10.76	\$13.80	\$16.73
Machinists	\$10.77	\$14.52	\$16.82
Packaging & Filling Machine Op	*	*	*
Molding & Casting Machine Op	*	*	*
Sewing Machine Operators	*	*	*
Textile, Cutting Machine Operators	\$7.90	\$9.29	\$10.61
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$10.30	\$13.44	\$15.74
Welders, Cutters & Solderers	\$10.80	\$13.73	\$15.85
Woodworking Machine Setters	\$7.87	\$11.23	\$13.28
Average Salary of Employees by Selected Exempt Occupations For Georgetown County Area*			
Exempt Occupations	Entry	Average	Experienced
Chemical Engineers	*	*	*
Computer Programmers	\$31,720	\$42,440	\$51,000
Engineers, NEC	*	*	*
First Line Production Man & Sup	\$26,480	\$37,360	\$44,520
Industrial Engineers	\$40,760	\$54,160	\$63,680
Mechanical Engineers	*	*	*

Source: *Occupational Wage Survey*, SC Employment Security Commission

* Indicates Suppressed Data or Data Not Available