

PRIORITY OCCUPATIONS



MIDLANDS REGION

PRIORITY OCCUPATIONS are identified based on current demand, projected growth, viability, and retention. These jobs are now available to countless jobseekers and are forecasted to become essential, thriving careers.

CAREER CLUSTER	EDUCATION REQUIREMENT	OCCUPATION	REGION ENTRY LEVEL WAGE ESTIMATE	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE	OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REQUIREMENT
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	High school diploma or equivalent	Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$36,900	\$46,000	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	\$53,500	\$69,400	License may be required by employer
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Electricians	\$41,500	\$57,300	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Mechanical Door Repairers	\$41,600	\$58,900	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$36,800	\$50,800	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$47,400	\$74,200	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	\$37,700	\$45,500	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Pile Driver Operators	\$41,300	\$60,200	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Millwrights	\$42,100	\$58,900	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Carpenters	\$33,200	\$49,600	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Construction Laborers	\$31,900	\$40,300	License may be required by employer
Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Painters, Construction and Maintenance	\$32,300	\$46,900	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Paperhangers	\$33,600	\$42,100	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Roofers	\$35,900	\$42,800	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers	\$37,200	\$40,500	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Paving, Surfacing, and Tamping Equipment Operators	\$40,300	\$47,000	None
Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Plasterers and Stucco Masons	\$35,500	\$47,600	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Roof Bolters, Mining	\$49,000	\$54,800	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Highway Maintenance Workers	\$32,100	\$38,000	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Elevator and Escalator Installers and Repairers	\$55,500	\$84,800	License may be required by employer
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Control and Valve Installers and Repairers, Except Mechanical Door	\$53,800	\$74,300	None
Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Tapers	\$41,500	\$56,300	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Insulation Workers, Mechanical	\$42,900	\$49,800	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping, Lawn Service, and Groundskeeping Workers	\$38,700	\$59,100	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Structural Iron and Steel Workers	\$33,000	\$50,100	License may be required by employer

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Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Pipelayers	\$34,600	\$47,600	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Fence Erectors	\$37,700	\$61,500	License may be required by employer
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications	High school diploma or equivalent	Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	\$44,700	\$55,500	None
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications	High school diploma or equivalent	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	\$46,000	\$61,100	None
Business Management & Administration	High school diploma or equivalent	Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	\$61,500	\$109,500	None
Business Management & Administration	High school diploma or equivalent	Personal Service Managers, All Other	\$39,200	\$53,000	None
Business Management & Administration	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$44,500	\$68,800	None
Business Management & Administration	No formal educational credential	Postal Service Mail Carriers	\$42,800	\$57,700	None
Business Management & Administration	No formal educational credential	Postal Service Clerks	\$54,500	\$61,400	None
Finance	High school diploma or equivalent	Insurance Sales Agents	\$33,600	\$75,600	None
Finance	High school diploma or equivalent	Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	\$45,300	\$72,800	License may be required by employer
Government & Public Administration	High school diploma or equivalent	Postmasters and Mail Superintendents	\$84,400	\$90,300	None
Government & Public Administration	High school diploma or equivalent	Transportation Inspectors	\$50,000	\$102,500	None
Health Science	High school diploma or equivalent	Hearing Aid Specialists	\$33,500	\$86,600	License may be required by employer
Health Science	High school diploma or equivalent	Pharmacy Technicians	\$34,900	\$39,900	License required by S.C.
Health Science	High school diploma or equivalent	Opticians, Dispensing	\$32,800	\$47,100	License required by S.C.
Hospitality & Tourism	High school diploma or equivalent	Lodging Managers	\$49,000	\$69,300	None
Human Services	High school diploma or equivalent	Social and Human Service Assistants	\$27,200	\$40,800	None
Human Services	High school diploma or equivalent	Community Health Workers	\$36,300	\$50,800	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	Detectives and Criminal Investigators	\$49,800	\$78,300	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$60,900	\$80,300	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	Police and Sheriffs Patrol Officers	\$44,800	\$55,900	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Correctional Officers	\$56,300	\$60,600	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	Forest Fire Inspectors and Prevention Specialists	\$31,700	\$45,400	None

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Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	Private Detectives and Investigators	\$38,000	\$54,400	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	Correctional Officers and Jailers	\$40,400	\$43,000	None
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$43,900	\$65,100	None
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	\$49,600	\$71,300	License may be required by employer
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$53,000	\$73,800	None
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	\$34,300	\$46,900	None
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$39,400	\$48,500	None
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers	\$43,000	\$68,000	License may be required by employer
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel	\$41,000	\$62,200	None
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	Real Estate Sales Agents	\$35,900	\$63,800	License required by S.C.
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	\$40,600	\$77,600	None
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	Real Estate Brokers	\$39,800	\$151,300	License required by S.C.
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$32,700	\$48,500	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	\$41,100	\$57,300	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Railroad Conductors and Yardmasters	\$49,600	\$52,300	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$41,300	\$54,200	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Except Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors	\$43,800	\$61,800	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Automotive Body and Related Repairers	\$29,500	\$49,600	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Automotive Glass Installers and Repairers	\$31,800	\$44,900	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Rail-Track Laying and Maintenance Equipment Operators	\$38,900	\$52,900	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Light Truck Drivers	\$27,700	\$43,600	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	No formal educational credential	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	\$35,600	\$42,600	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Signal and Track Switch Repairers	\$65,300	\$77,000	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Rail Car Repairers	\$41,300	\$52,900	None

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Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$43,300	\$57,900	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Railroad Brake, Signal, and Switch Operators and Locomotive Firers	\$52,600	\$50,700	None
Architecture & Construction	Postsecondary nondegree award	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$41,700	\$53,200	None
Architecture & Construction	Associate's degree	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$39,900	\$51,500	None
Health Science	Bachelor's degree	Registered Nurses	\$65,800	\$79,500	License required by S.C.
Health Science	Associate's degree	Dental Hygienists	\$63,900	\$75,000	License required by S.C.
Health Science	Associate's degree	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	\$52,400	\$64,200	License may be required by employer
Health Science	Postsecondary nondegree award	Surgical Technologists	\$51,200	\$56,800	License may be required by employer
Health Science	Associate's degree	Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	\$33,700	\$57,500	License may be required by employer
Health Science	Postsecondary nondegree award	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$50,300	\$56,700	License required by S.C.
Health Science	Associate's degree	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$33,500	\$40,500	License required by S.C.
Health Science	Associate's degree	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$54,300	\$67,700	License required by S.C.
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	Associate's degree	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$43,500	\$60,100	None
Manufacturing	Postsecondary nondegree award	Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	\$52,500	\$67,100	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	Postsecondary nondegree award	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$47,900	\$68,500	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	Postsecondary nondegree award	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$30,000	\$50,800	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	Associate's degree	Avionics Technicians	\$77,200	\$74,800	None