

PRIORITY OCCUPATIONS



UPSTATE 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
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	\$52,800	\$70,400	License may be required by employer
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Mechanical Door Repairers	\$43,100	\$54,900	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Millwrights	\$42,800	\$60,100	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Electricians	\$42,800	\$57,900	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$40,500	\$55,000	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$51,400	\$67,400	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	\$38,700	\$44,800	None
Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Construction Laborers	\$26,200	\$37,700	License may be required by employer
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Carpenters	\$34,700	\$48,900	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Tapers	\$41,000	\$55,400	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Pipelayers	\$33,800	\$46,700	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Insulation Workers, Mechanical	\$34,800	\$47,000	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Elevator and Escalator Installers and Repairers	\$54,900	\$86,500	License may be required by employer
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Paving, Surfacing, and Tamping Equipment Operators	\$34,500	\$41,500	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Control and Valve Installers and Repairers, Except Mechanical Door	\$51,600	\$63,800	None
Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Roofers	\$35,500	\$42,000	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Hoist and Winch Operators	\$35,800	\$68,400	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Explosives Workers, Ordnance Handling Experts, and Blasters	\$39,400	\$51,600	License may be required by employer
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Sheet Metal Workers	\$40,100	\$51,400	License may be required by employer
Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Tile and Stone Setters	\$31,000	\$42,200	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	\$38,400	\$43,900	License required by S.C.
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications	High school diploma or equivalent	Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	\$46,200	\$54,700	None
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications	High school diploma or equivalent	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	\$42,200	\$66,800	None
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications	High school diploma or equivalent	Photographers	\$18,500	\$42,700	None

Career Cluster	Education Requirement	Occupation	Region Entry Level Wage Estimate	Average Annual Wage	Occupational Licensing Requirement
Business Management & Administration	High school diploma or equivalent	Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	\$72,400	\$112,100	None
Business Management & Administration	High school diploma or equivalent	Personal Service Managers, All Other	\$40,100	\$53,900	None
Business Management & Administration	No formal educational credential	Postal Service Mail Carriers	\$42,000	\$58,300	None
Business Management & Administration	No formal educational credential	Postal Service Clerks	\$48,000	\$60,800	None
Business Management & Administration	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$42,400	\$61,000	None
Finance	High school diploma or equivalent	Insurance Sales Agents	\$34,200	\$48,300	None
Finance	High school diploma or equivalent	Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	\$45,400	\$78,400	License may be required by employer
Government & Public Administration	High school diploma or equivalent	Transportation Inspectors	\$41,500	\$74,600	None
Government & Public Administration	High school diploma or equivalent	Postmasters and Mail Superintendents	\$86,700	\$91,900	None
Health Science	High school diploma or equivalent	Hearing Aid Specialists	\$32,300	\$87,700	License may be required by employer
Health Science	High school diploma or equivalent	Pharmacy Technicians	\$34,900	\$39,500	License required by S.C.
Health Science	High school diploma or equivalent	Opticians, Dispensing	\$32,700	\$50,400	License required by S.C.
Hospitality & Tourism	High school diploma or equivalent	Lodging Managers	\$55,500	\$71,800	None
Human Services	High school diploma or equivalent	Social and Human Service Assistants	\$26,500	\$42,400	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$56,400	\$74,700	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	Detectives and Criminal Investigators	\$47,100	\$52,600	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	Police and Sheriffs Patrol Officers	\$43,900	\$51,100	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Correctional Officers	\$49,200	\$62,100	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Security Workers	\$34,300	\$44,200	None
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$43,900	\$59,500	None
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	\$51,900	\$74,000	License may be required by employer
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$52,700	\$74,800	None
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	\$35,800	\$48,500	None
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Operators	\$44,800	\$52,700	None
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	\$43,500	\$62,500	None

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Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers	\$41,000	\$72,700	License may be required by employer
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	Real Estate Sales Agents	\$34,100	\$58,000	License required by S.C.
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel	\$39,900	\$68,000	None
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	Real Estate Brokers	\$52,300	\$131,000	License required by S.C.
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	\$40,800	\$75,300	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Gas Compressor and Gas Pumping Station Operators	\$39,500	\$61,200	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Except Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors	\$47,500	\$62,500	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$41,700	\$55,600	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Light Truck Drivers	\$18,300	\$46,800	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$43,200	\$58,400	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Automotive Body and Related Repairers	\$34,600	\$49,700	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Locomotive Engineers	\$62,800	\$61,800	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	\$40,400	\$35,400	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Signal and Track Switch Repairers	\$65,600	\$73,300	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Cargo and Freight Agents	\$33,900	\$46,800	None
Architecture & Construction	Postsecondary nondegree award	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$42,300	\$51,200	None
Architecture & Construction	Associate's degree	Architectural and Civil Drafters	\$43,600	\$64,500	License may be required by employer
Health Science	Associate's degree	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$72,100	\$82,100	License may be required by employer
Health Science	Bachelor's degree	Registered Nurses	\$66,600	\$81,400	License required by S.C.
Health Science	Associate's degree	Dental Hygienists	\$70,000	\$75,600	License required by S.C.
Health Science	Associate's degree	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	\$57,100	\$64,500	License may be required by employer
Health Science	Postsecondary nondegree award	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$50,800	\$56,100	License required by S.C.
Health Science	Associate's degree	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$55,700	\$74,300	License required by S.C.
Health Science	Associate's degree	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$60,600	\$70,500	License required by S.C.
Health Science	Associate's degree	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$34,000	\$43,000	License required by S.C.

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Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	Associate's degree	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$39,100	\$54,400	None
Manufacturing	Postsecondary nondegree award	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers	\$56,100	\$62,800	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	Postsecondary nondegree award	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$41,900	\$61,200	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	Postsecondary nondegree award	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$26,900	\$47,100	None