

# EXPECTED TO ADD THE MOST JOBS?

## Health care, construction, professional fields

The health care industry — the largest non-government employer in the Midlands — is expected to see the biggest job growth through 2016. After health care, look for the biggest growth in construction and professional positions, including information technology, according to the S.C. Commerce Department's assessment of non-government jobs in Richland, Lexington and Fairfield counties.



## TOP 5 EMPLOYERS NOW AND IN 2016

The top five employment sectors in 2008 are still expected to be the top five in 2016.

	Number employed, 2008	Percentage of work force, 2008	Projected percentage of work force, 2016
Health care/social assistance/aging*	41,808	14.8 percent	14.8 percent
Retail	36,857	13 percent	12.5 percent
Educational services*	31,231	11 percent	11 percent
Accommodation and food service	26,403	9.3 percent	9.3 percent
Manufacturing	23,581	8.3 percent	7.4 percent



## WHO IS EXPECTED TO ADD JOBS

Health care, construction and professional fields are expected to add the most jobs in the Midlands by 2016.

	Jobs added, 2008-16	Total jobs, 2016	Percent change
Health care/social assistance/aging*	2,363	44,171	5.7 percent
Construction	2,298	18,627	14.1 percent
Professional (including information technology)	2,260	15,702	16.8 percent
Waste management and remediation	2,148	21,274	11.2 percent
Educational services*	1,872	33,103	6 percent

\* Includes government employment and government-run facilities as well as private businesses

## FOR COMPARISON ...

In the city of Columbia in 2008, according to the census:

State government employed **20,759**; local government, **8,658**; federal government, **7,201**.

The total number of government jobs? **36,618**

## WHERE WE WORK

About 100,000 people work in Columbia's city center — the core of the Midlands' work force. The top 10 employers in this central business district are:

- State of South Carolina — **17,000**
- Palmetto Health Alliance — **9,300**
- University of South Carolina — **4,755**
- Richland 1 — **4,309**
- AT&T — **2,852**
- City of Columbia — **2,000**
- Richland County — **1,960**
- Providence Hospital — **1,790**
- Verizon — **1,550**
- Wells Fargo (Wachovia) — **1,000**

SOURCE: NAI Avant market overview report, February 2010



A Verizon employee in a Columbia call center helps a customer.

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## WHO WE'RE BECOMING

More from the U.S. Census Bureau about how Columbia is changing.

One note: The average Columbian is older than the numbers would indicate. The city's large number of college students as well as young soldiers at Fort Jackson — both transient groups — make the city's official population skew young. The more stable population is older.

CATEGORY	2000	2008
Population	116,278	127,029
Median age	28.6	28.5
Under 5 years old	5.6%	5.2%
Under 20	27.9%	29.1%
65 and older	10.3%	9.6%
White	49.2%	51.8%
Black	46.0%	42.8%
Hispanic	3%	4.2%
Foreign-born	4.1%	4.7%
Median household income	\$31,141	\$37,596
Total households	42,245	42,134
Family households	22,136	20,777
People living alone	37%	41%
Size of labor force	61,718	63,517
Homeownership rate	45.6%	48.2%
Median value of primary home	\$98,500	\$150,200
High school graduate (over age 25)	82.3%	84.9%
Bachelor's degree or more (over 25)	35.7%	38%
Military veterans	12.4%	9.9%

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau