

**LARGEST AREA EMPLOYERS** *Ranked by number of jobs, including part time*

Rank	Company Address Phone/fax Web site	No. of local employees	Top local official	Type of business	Company headquarters	Year founded locally
1	<b>BlueCross BlueShield of S.C.</b> I-20 at Alpine Road Columbia SC 29219 (803) 788-0222 www.southcarolinablues.com	7,300	Ed Sellers	Health insurance	Columbia	1946
2	<b>Palmetto Health</b> P.O. Box 2266 Columbia, SC 29202 (803) 434-7000 / (803) 434-3127	5,550	Kester Freeman Jr.	Health care	Columbia	1998
3	<b>Lexington Medical Center</b> 2720 Sunset Blvd. West Columbia 29169 (803) 791-2000 www.lexmed.com	4,000	Michael Biedinger	Healthcare facility	West Columbia	1971
4	<b>SCANA</b> 1426 Main St. Columbia SC 29218 (803) 217-9000 www.scana.com	3,500	William Timmerman	Utilities	Columbia	1846
5	<b>Electrolux</b> Rt. 22 Cameron Rd. Orangeburg, SC 29115 (803) 536-3285 / (803) 533-4772 www.electrolux.com	2,700	Gary Blankenship	Riding lawn tractors	Stockholm, Sweden	1997
6	<b>Gold Kist Inc.</b> 2050 Hwy. 15 South Sumter SC 29150 (803) 481-8555 / (803)481-4265 www.goldkist.com	2,260	Dennis Gordon	Poultry processing	Atlanta	1991
7	<b>UPS</b> 124 Creekside Road West Columbia 29172 (800) 7242-5877 www.ups.com	1,570	Nate Harrison	Package delivery	Atlanta	1908
8	<b>Michelin North America</b> 2420 Two Notch Road Lexington SC 29072 (803) 951-5200 www.michelin.com	1,530	Paul Fernandez	Tires	Clermont-Ferrand, France	1981
9	<b>Wachovia Bank</b> 1800 Main St. Columbia SC 29202 (803) 733-5450 www.wachovia.com	1,510	Kendall Alley	Banking	Charlotte	1991
10	<b>Tuomey Medical Center</b> 129 N. Washington St. Sumter SC 29150 (803) 778-9000 www.tuomey.com	1,500	Jay Cox	Health care	Sumter	1890

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