

LARGEST PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

RANKED BY NUMBER OF JOBS, INCLUDING PART-TIME

Rank	Company Address Phone / Fax Web site	No. of local employees	Product	Chief executive / headquarters	Top local official	Year founded locally
1	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of S.C. I-20 at Alpine Road; Columbia, SC 29219 (803) 788-0222 / (803) 699-3792 www.southcarolinablues.com	5,929	Health insurance and insurance services	Ed Sellers Columbia	Ed Sellers	1946
2	Palmetto Health 5 Richland Medical Park Drive; Columbia, SC 29203 (803) 434-7000 / (803) 296-3363 www.palmettohealth.org	5,865	Health care provider with two area hospitals	Kester S. Freeman Jr. Columbia	Kester S. Freeman Jr.	1998
3	SCANA Corp. 1426 Main St.; Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 748-3000 / (803) 733-2495 www.scana.com	2,910	Electricity and natural gas utility	William Timmerman Columbia	William Timmerman	1846
4	Gold Kist Inc. 2050 U.S. 15 South; Sumter, SC 29150 (803) 481- 8555 / (803) 481-4263 www.goldkist.com	2,410	Chicken products	John Bekkers Atlanta, Ga.	Dennis Gordon	1991
5	Lexington Medical Center 2720 Sunset Blvd.; West Columbia, SC 29169 (803) 791-2000 / (803) 791-2660 www.lexmed.com	2,393	Health care provider with one hospital	Michael Biediger West Columbia	Michael Biediger	1971
6	Tuomey Healthcare System 129 N. Washington St.; Sumter, SC 29150 (803) 778-9000 / (803) 778-9494 www.tuomey.com	1,500	Health care provider with one hospital	Jay Cox Sumter	Jay Cox	1904
6	Michelin 2420 Two Notch Road; Lexington, SC 29071 (803) 951-5200 / (803) 951-5247 www.michelin.com	1,500	Car, farm and earthmover tires	Edouard Michelin Clermont-Ferrand, France	Charlie Bianco	1981
8	United Parcel Service (UPS) 124 Creekside Road; West Columbia, SC 29172 (800) 742-5877 / (803) 822-6459 www.ups.com	1,484	Package delivery	Mike Eskew Atlanta	David Ruiz	1908
9	Louis Rich Co. 3704 Louis Rich Drive; Newberry, SC 29108 (803) 276-5015 / (803) 321-1815 www.kraftfoods.com	1,400	Turkey products	Richard Searer Madison, Wis.	Lyle Olson	1972
10	BellSouth Corp. 1600 Williams St.; Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 780-2355 / (803) 765-2674 www.bellsouth.com	1,200	Telecommunications	F. Duane Ackerman Atlanta	Harry Lightsey III	1880
10	Amick Farms Inc. U.S. 178; Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29006 (803) 532-1400 / (803) 532-1441	1,200	Processed poultry	Bill L. Amick Saluda	Bill L. Amick	1948
12	Providence hospitals 2435 Forest Drive; Columbia, SC 29204 (803) 256-5310 / (803) 256-5935 www.provhosp.com	1,050	Health care provider with two area hospitals	Stephen A. Purves Columbia	Stephen A. Purves	1938
13	Westinghouse Electric Co. 5801 Bluff Road; Columbia, SC 29250 (803) 776-2610 / (803) 695-4152 www.westinghouse.com	1,046	Nuclear fuel assembler	Steve Tritch Pittsburgh, Pa.	Sandy Rupprecht	1968
14	Bose Corp. 2000 Carolina Pines Drive; Blythewood, SC 29016 (803) 714-8000 / (803) 714-8320 www.bose.com	950	Audio systems	Amar G. Bose Framingham, Mass.	Carl Hoefel	1995

SOURCE: Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

NOTES: List does not include retail chains.