REVENUE AND ECONOMIC UPDATE FY 2024–25 AND FY 2025-26



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Trends at the State Level



South Carolina Compared to the US

SC's shares of the total US population, employment, and personal income continue to increase

1.7% 1.6% 1.5% 1.4% ----1-----1.3% 1.2% 1.1% 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis; 344- RFA/kav/2/6/2025

SOUTH CAROLINA SHARES OF THE US



South Carolina had the 10th Largest Population Increase in the US Population increased by 91,001 (1.7%) from 2023 to 2024





South Carolina In-Migration

The majority of people moving to SC came from North Carolina and Georgia

MIGRATION INTO SOUTH CAROLINA, 2021 to 2022







Population Growth by County over the Past 10 Years Geographic dispersion of population varies significantly

POPULATION GROWTH BY COUNTY, 2014 TO 2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2014 population estimate, Intercensal Estimates of the Resident Population; 2024 population estimate, Annual Estimates of the Resident Population 365-RFA/lpw/3/14/2025



Employment Growth over the Past 10 Years South Carolina has over 2.4 million jobs today, compared to just under 1.9 million in 2014



TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics 60-RFA/kav/3/14/2025



Employment Growth by County over the Past 10 Years Geographic dispersion of job growth varies significantly

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT GROWTH BY COUNTY, 2014 TO 2024





Unemployed Persons per Job Opening Both SC and the US are experiencing more job openings than unemployed people



UNEMPLOYED PERSONS PER JOB OPENING



SC Personal Income Growth

Personal income growth is expected to continue to slow closer to historical average over the forecast horizon; FY 25: 5.7% FY 26: 4.6%



SOUTH CAROLINA PERSONAL INCOME

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis; S.C. Board of Economic Advisors - RFA/kv/1/15/2025



Personal Income Growth by County over the Past 10 Years Geographic dispersion of personal income varies significantly





South Carolina Personal Income Growth The proportion of income from earnings (wages, salaries, proprietor's income) has fallen since 1970; aging population increases transfer payments



SHARES OF SOUTH CAROLINA PERSONAL INCOME

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Personal Income by Major Component -361 RFA/ kv/1/14/2024



Average Job Wage Growth by County over the Past 10 Years The annual wage for the average job has risen 46% statewide in the past 10 years

AVERAGE WAGE AND SALARY GROWTH BY COUNTY, 2013 TO 2023





Growth in Value of a Mill by County over the Past 10 Years Growth in property values varies widely across the state

VALUE OF A MILL - GROWTH FROM TAX YEAR 2012 to 2022



Note: For purposes of this chart, Lexington/Richland 5 is included in Lexington County



Fiscal Status



General Fund Revenue by Category - FY 04 versus FY 24 The percentage of General Fund revenue shifted from sales tax to corporate income tax by 6%





General Fund as a Percent of Personal Income The relationship between General Fund revenue and personal income is moving back into the historical 3.9% to 4.1% range due to tax cuts



SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL FUND REVENUE

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis; SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office 34-kv/2/13/2025



General Fund – February 2025 Estimate

Collections are 10.3% above last year and \$306.4 million ahead of fiscal yearto-date expectations through February





Sales Tax - Actual vs. Estimate

Growth has slowed following the pandemic run-up in collections and is expected to be 2.1% for FY 25





Withholdings - Actual vs. Estimate

Strong wage growth has increased income tax withholdings; fiscal year-to-date collections are 6.9% higher than the same period last year, but growth is expected to moderate in the second half of the fiscal year





Corporate Income Tax – Actual vs. Estimate Collections have grown from an average of \$400 million per year to over \$1.29 billion in FY 24





"New" Budget Funds by Fiscal Year FY 26 budget funds will be much lower than recent years

AVAILABLE "NEW" FUNDS BY BUDGET YEAR





FY 2025-26 Available Funds Recurring: \$666 million Non-recurring: \$1.25 billion

AVAILABLE FUNDS - FY 2025-26 BUDGET PROCESS

as of February 13, 2025





Major Recipients of Budget Allocations – FY 2024-25 Over 60% of funding items aid local governments and families

ALLOCATION OF MAJOR FUNDING SOURCES - FY 2024-25

General Fund, Property Tax Relief, EIA, HEX, and Lottery Funds



Source: SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs 175/RFA/far/03/12/2025



SC Education Lottery - Online and Instant Games

FY 2023-24 SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY SALES BY GAME TYPE





SC Education Lottery Proceeds





Questions?

Thank you!

