## SOUTH CAROLINA FISCAL UPDATE

"Never make predictions, especially about the future"

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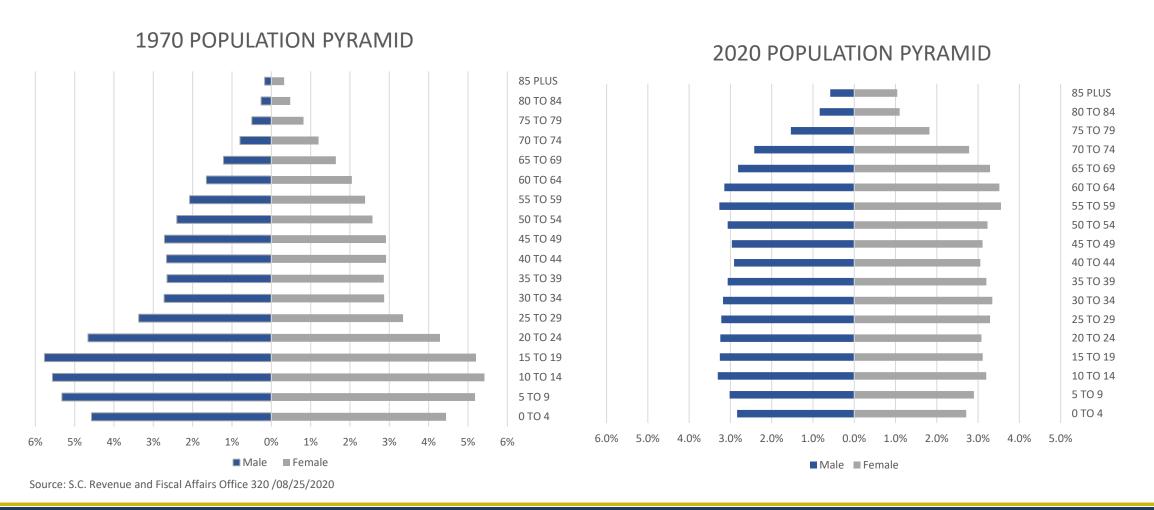
## **Population Trends**

"Economics is extremely useful as a form of employment for economists."

- John Kenneth Galbraith

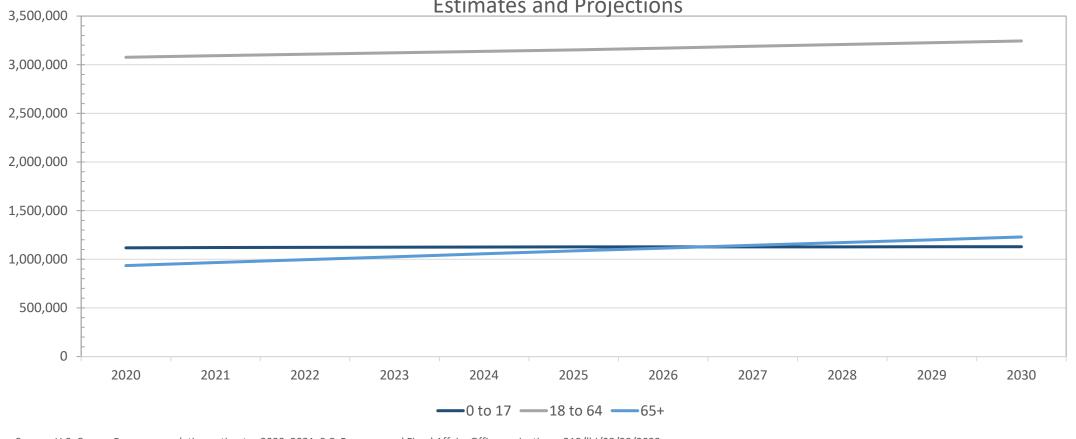
## **SC Population Pyramid**

## The makeup of the state's population has shifted dramatically since 1970



## SC Population by Age Group Population in the 65 plus age range is projected to surpass the under 18 age range by 2027



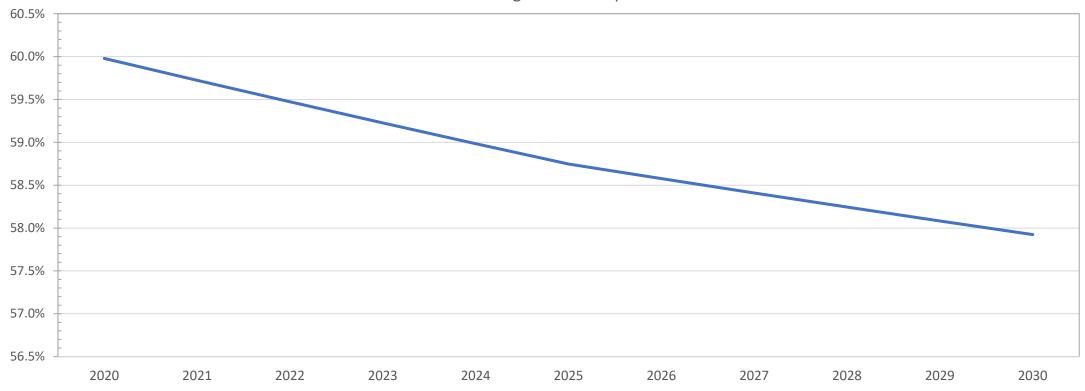


## **SC** Working Age Population

## The working age population from age 18-64 continues to shrink relative to total state population

#### SC WORKING AGE POPULATION (18-64)

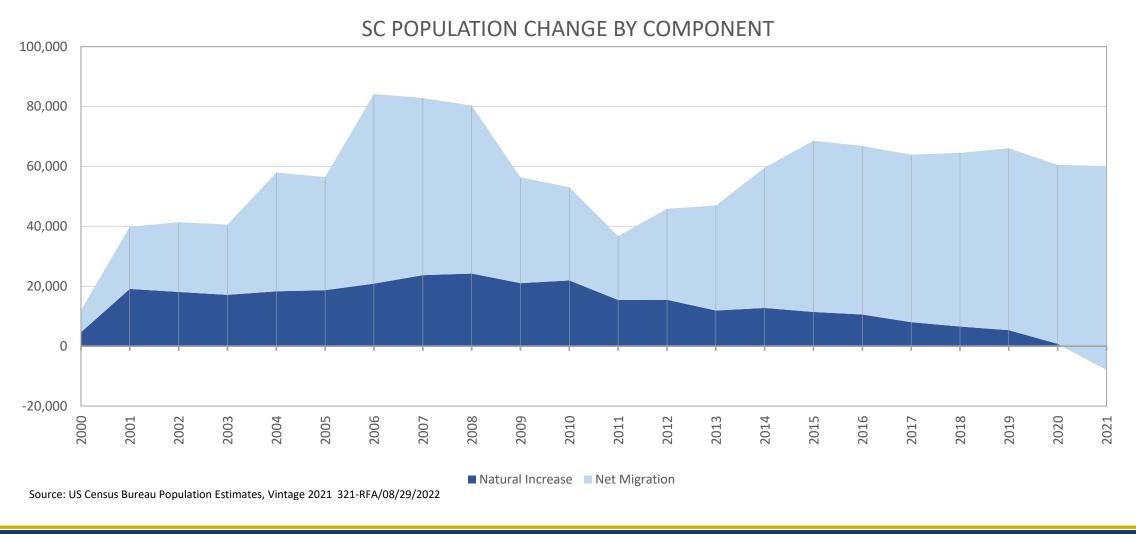
as a Percentage of Total Population



Source: US Census Bureau population estimates 2020 and 2021; SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office projections – 319-8/29/2022

## **Components of Population Change**

The state's population growth is driven by migration into the state; deaths exceeded births in 2021



## **South Carolina and National Economy**

"The only function of economic forecasting is to make astrology look respectable."

- John Kenneth Galbraith

## **US Labor Market and Wage Growth**

While growth in labor market tightness has slowed, conditions remain remarkably tight and continue to drive wage growth; as market conditions loosen in coming months, wage growth should begin to ease

US JOB OPENINGS & QUITS VS. WAGE GROWTH

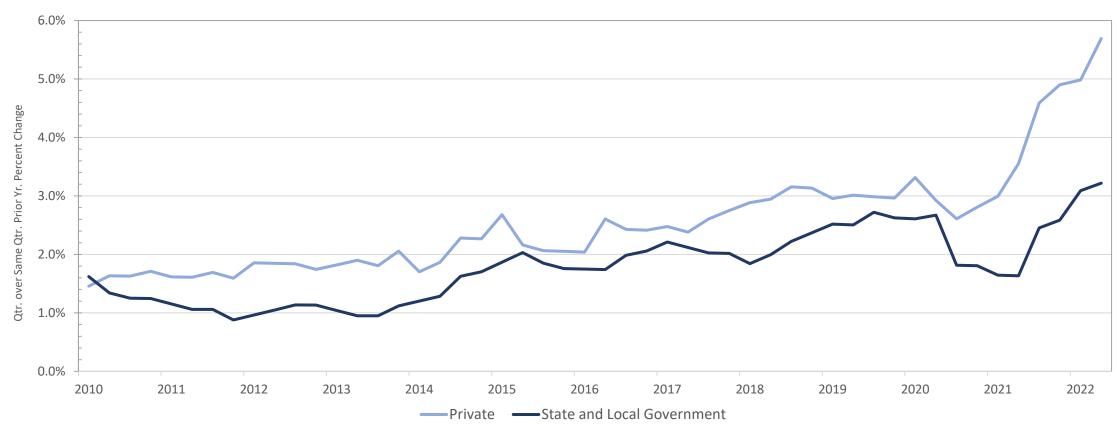


Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Compensation of Employees, Received; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, JOLTS; 309A - RFA/bdc/8/26/2022

## **US Wage and Salary Growth**

Private sector wage growth has far outpaced the public sector since the pandemic; competition for workers is driving up wages, and government sectors are lagging behind

#### US WAGE AND SALARY GROWTH



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Cost Index: Wages and Salaries: Private Industry Workers, State and Local Government Workers 318-RFA/lhj/08/26/2022

## **US Unemployed Persons Per Job Opening**

The US labor market remains at historic levels of tightness as employers compete over a smaller pool of available potential workers

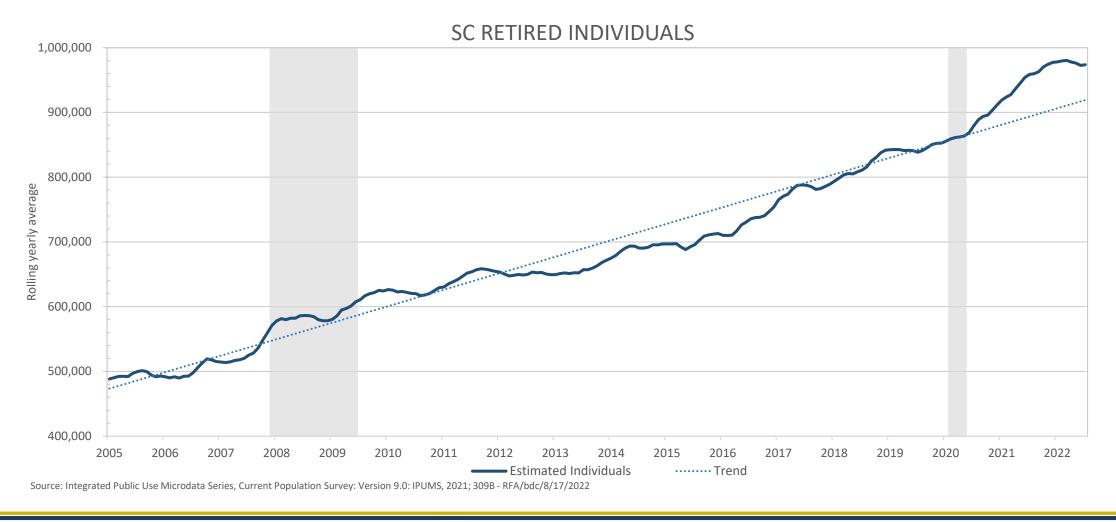




Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, CPS and JOLTS; 259A - RFA/bdc/8/26/2022

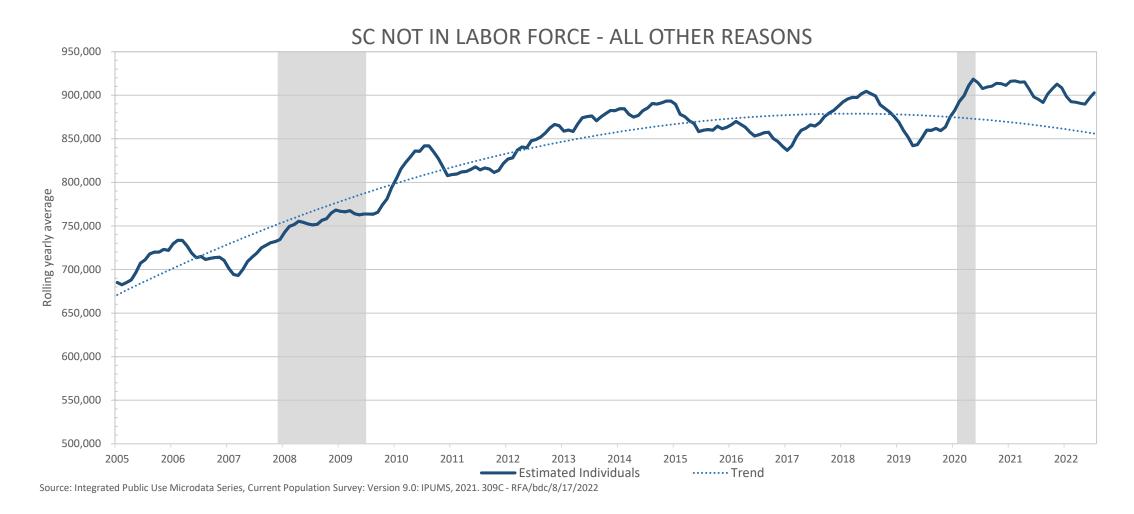
### **SC** Retirements

Individuals retired at higher rates during the pandemic; while there has been some re-entry into the labor market, current estimates place retirements 54,000 higher than trend in the past year



### SC Not in Labor Force - All Other Reasons

Individuals exited the labor force for health concerns, family obligations, etc. during the pandemic; an estimated 45,000 more individuals than expected remained outside for these reasons in the past year



## **US Inflation Rate**

## Price inflation hit a 40-year high in 2022, averaging 8.3% for the first 7 months

#### **US INFLATION RATE**

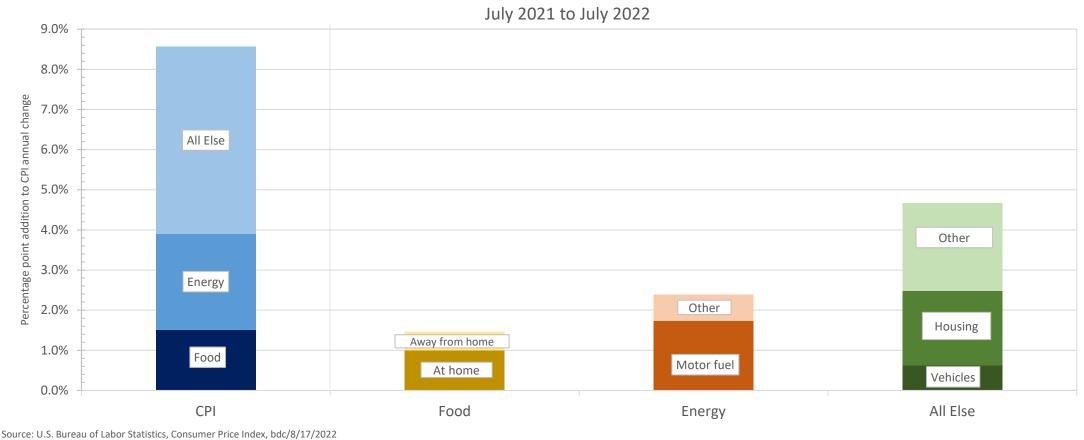


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers in U.S. City Average; RFA/316/lhj/08/26/2022

## **Inflation - Components**

Supply chain issues, the war in Ukraine, the labor shortage, and consumer behavior continue to impact prices; there is no unique driver of inflation

CPI - CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CHANGE BY SUBCOMPONENT



## **State Revenues**

"Economists, like royal children, are not punished for their errors."

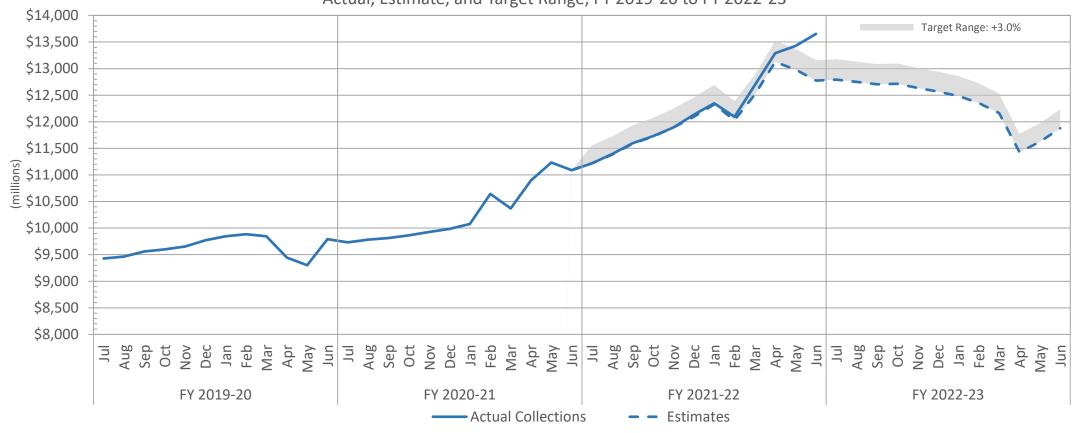
- James Buchan

## **General Fund – Actuals vs. Estimates**

Revenues ended \$880.1 million above the estimate for FY 2021-22, growing at 23.1% compared to 15.2% estimated

#### **ROLLING FISCAL YEAR - GENERAL FUND**

Actual, Estimate, and Target Range, FY 2019-20 to FY 2022-23



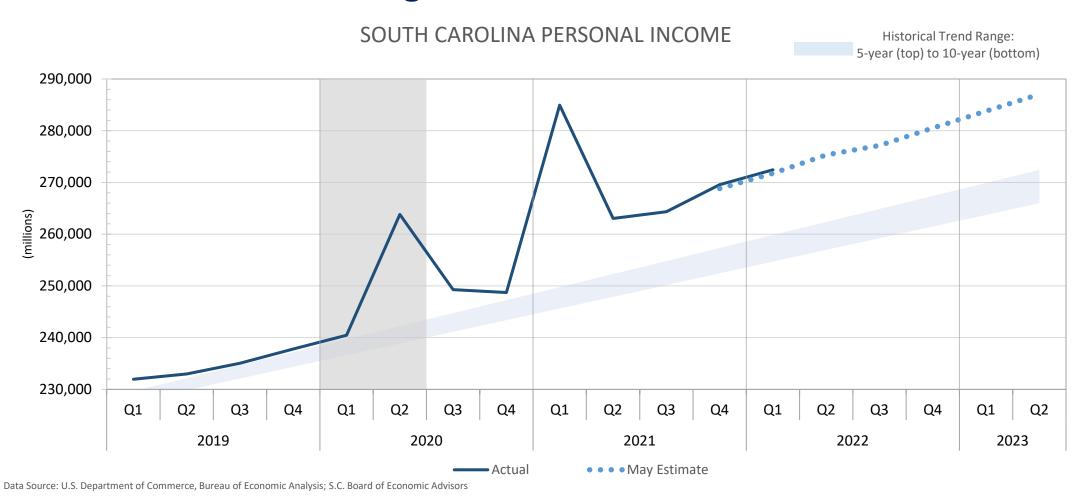
## Annual General Fund Revenue Growth FY 22 revenue grew \$2.57 billion over FY 21; the impact on FY 23 is unclear

#### ANNUAL GROWTH IN GENERAL FUND REVENUE



## **SC Personal Income**

## Personal Income is growing well above our historical trend and expected to continue to be elevated through FY 2022-23



## **Education Funding**

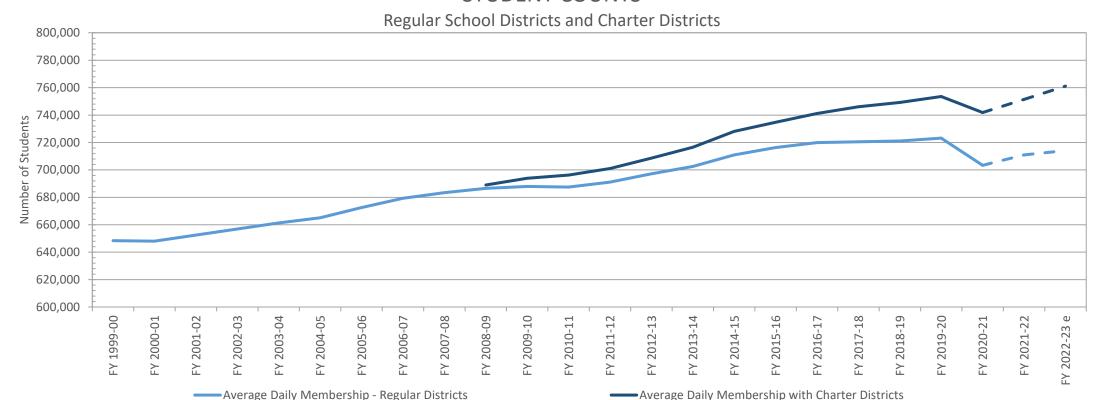
"An economist is an expert who will know tomorrow why the things he predicted yesterday didn't happen today."

- Lawrence J. Peter

### **Student Counts**

## Growth in the statewide charter districts has outpaced growth in the regular districts

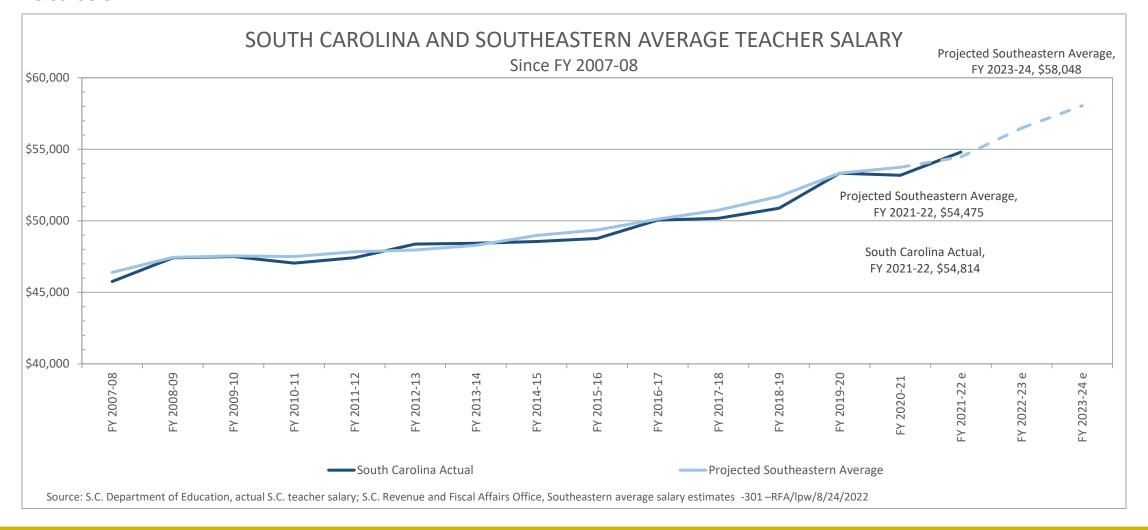
#### STUDENT COUNTS



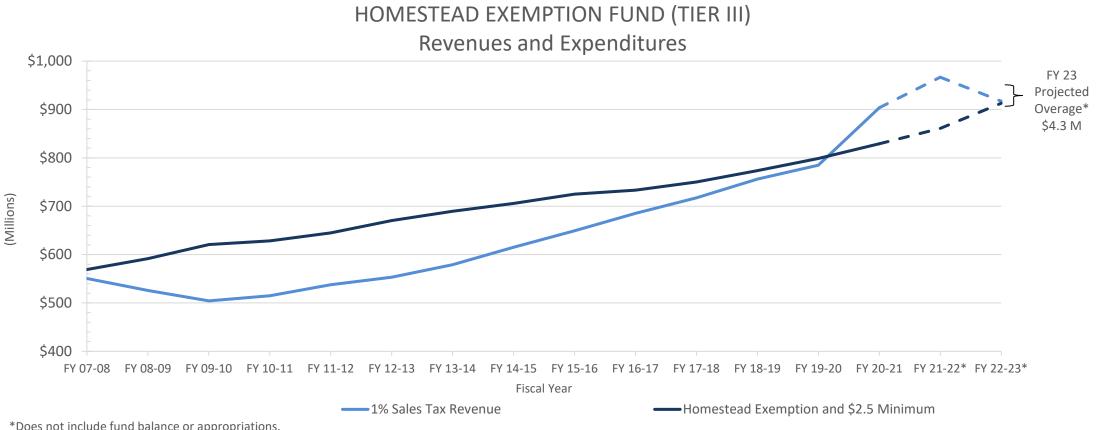
Note: Charter districts include the S.C. Public Charter School District and the Charter Institute at Erskine.

Data Source: S.C. Department of Education, 135-day ADM counts; S.C. RFA FY 2022-23 estimates. Source: S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office - 301 - 7/28/22

# **Average Teacher Salary**South Carolina's average teacher salary is very close to other Southeastern states



## **Homestead Exemption Reimbursement and Sales Tax** Sales tax revenue is projected to be sufficient to fund expenditures for FY 2022-23



<sup>\*</sup>Does not include fund balance or appropriations.

Note: Tier III Expenditure includes \$2.5M minimum disbursements and lease purchase lawsuit revisions. Revenue projection as of 05/24/2022 BEA forecast. Expenditure projection as of 02/15/2022. Source: SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office MKM-40- 05/24/2022

## Final Thoughts ... Questions?

"It ain't over, till it's over."
- Yogi Berra