

Economic Indicators - - - - Columbia Metro Area

May 2010

<u>Unemployment Rate (unadjusted)</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Change</u>
Richland County	7.6%	10.0 %	+2.4 %
Lexington County	6.4%	8.7 %	+2.3 %
Columbia Metro	7.5%	9.8 %	+2.3 %
South Carolina	8.8%	12.6 %	+3.8 %
United States	6.7%	10.0 %	+3.3 %

Source: SC Employment Security Commission, US Bureau of Labor Statistics

<u>Columbia Metro Labor Force</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Civilian Labor Force	374,918	372,525	-0.6%
Total Employed	346,746	335,936	-3.1%
Total Unemployed	28,172	36,589	+29.9%

Source: SC Employment Security Commission

<u>Major Industry Employment</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Manufacturing	30,400	29,100	-2.6 %
Trade	57,000	54,400	-1.4 %
Services	163,800	167,000	-1.2 %
Government	81,400	80,400	+1.9 %

Source: SC Employment Security Commission

<u>Utilities</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Active Electricity Customers (regional)	639,600	659,000	+3.0%
Active Natural Gas Customers	307,000	313,000	+2.0%

Source: SCE&G

<u>Building Permits: Rich/Lex Co.</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>% Change</u>
New Non-Residential Permits	920	772	-16.1 %
Value: New Non-Residential Permits	\$436,525,456	\$268,689,257	-38.4%
New Residential Permits	4,663	3,486	-25.2%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$656,705,508	\$495,272,482	-24.6%

Source: Central Midlands Council of Governments

<u>Residential Activity—Columbia Metro Area</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Number of Homes Sold	8,446	5,874	-30.5%
Median Price of Homes Sold	\$143,000	\$139,200	-2.7%

Source: South Carolina Association of Realtors

<u>Gross Sales*</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Lexington County	\$9,682,514,053	\$10,174,406,943	+5.1 %
Richland County	\$10,815,456,663	\$10,932,396,587	+1.1 %

* Calendar Year; 2007 unaudited

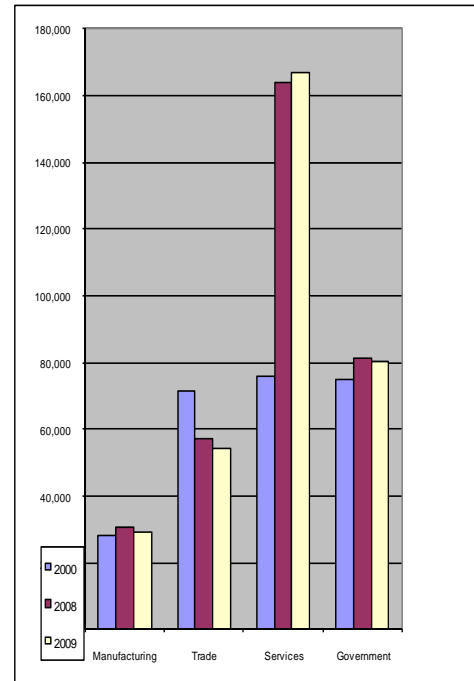
<u>Domestic Travel Expenditures (\$mil)</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>% Change</u>
South Carolina	9,704.01	9,870.4	+6.5 %
Lexington County	440.32	503.5	+5.4 %
Richland County	474.27	444.59	+6.7 %

Source: SC Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism

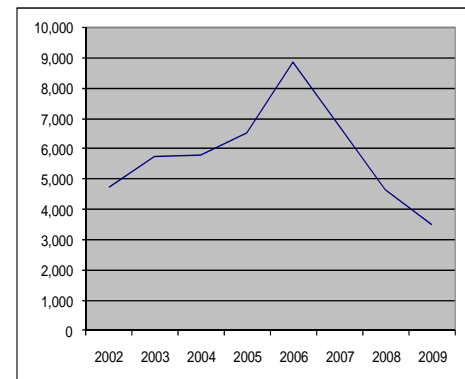
<u>Airport Activity</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Passengers	1,149,682	1,051,348	-8.6 %

Source: Columbia Metropolitan Airport

Employment by Sector 2000-2009



Residential Building Permits (Units) by Year



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