

# Higher-Wage Jobs with Good Opportunities in South Carolina Not Requiring a College Degree

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Education, training and experience typically make a difference in the type of job, and wages, one can expect. But, not all “good” jobs require a college degree. Based on the latest employment projections for South Carolina, here are some jobs with higher wages that don’t require a college degree that will have a significant number of opportunities over the next several years

Occupation	2006 SC Average Wage	Typical Education/Training Level
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	37,490	Postsecondary vocational award
Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	31,470	Associate degree
Chemical Equipment Operators and Tenders	39,020	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Civil Engineering Technicians	30,990	Associate degree
Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	40,030	Long-term on-the-job training
Computer Support Specialists	30,240	Associate degree
Construction and Building Inspectors	33,820	Work experience in a related occupation
Control and Valve Installers and Repairers	40,320	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Dental Hygienists	43,340	Associate degree
Detectives and Criminal Investigators	35,600	Work experience in a related occupation
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	45,000	Associate degree
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technicians	38,360	Associate degree
Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	33,960	Long-term on-the-job training
Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including Health	31,240	Associate degree
Food Service Managers	33,640	Work experience in a related occupation
Industrial Engineering Technicians	36,590	Associate degree
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	32,700	Long-term on-the-job training
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	31,220	Postsecondary vocational award
Mechanical Drafters	40,740	Postsecondary vocational award
Millwrights	33,960	Long-term on-the-job training
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	31,920	Long-term on-the-job training
Nuclear Power Reactor Operators	56,860	Long-term on-the-job training
Nuclear Technicians	43,950	Associate degree
Occupational Therapist Assistants	33,350	Associate degree
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	30,930	Associate degree
Physical Therapist Assistants	39,940	Associate degree
Postal Service Mail Carriers	37,650	Short-term on-the-job training
Power Plant Operators	51,370	Long-term on-the-job training
Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	38,710	Associate degree
Real Estate Brokers	46,700	Work experience in a related occupation

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<b>Registered Nurses</b>	46,040	Associate degree
<b>Respiratory Therapists</b>	39,170	Associate degree
<b>Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products</b>	32,920	Work experience in a related occupation
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<b>Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers</b>	39,240	Work experience in a related occupation
<b>Supervisors/Managers of Helpers, Laborers, and Material Movers, Hand</b>	31,180	Work experience in a related occupation
<b>Supervisors/Managers of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers</b>	38,710	Work experience in a related occupation
<b>Supervisors/Managers of Non-Retail Sales Workers</b>	41,920	Work experience in a related occupation
<b>Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers</b>	31,500	Work experience in a related occupation
<b>Supervisors/Managers of Transportation and Material-Moving Machine and Vehicle Operators</b>	35,320	Work experience in a related occupation
<b>Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers</b>	41,290	Postsecondary vocational award
<b>Tool and Die Makers</b>	34,330	Long-term on-the-job training
<b>Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers</b>	48,440	Work experience in a related occupation

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