

Labor Market Data

Surry County, NC

Population

73,876

Labor Force

32,992

Unemployed

1,918

Unemployment Rate

5.8%

Union Membership

2.4%



45 Minute Drive

Population

920,177

Labor Force

430,665

Unemployed

26,641

Unemployment Rate

6.6%

Union Membership

3.6%

Right-To Work State

Regional workforce projected to increase by **0.3%** over the next year

Largest Employment Sectors

Manufacturing, Health Care, Retail, Construction



Average Weekly Wage

\$733.19

Average Weekly Manufacturing Wage

\$813.90

Testimonials

“South Data is one of four national production facilities in OSG. Far from the big cities of our other locations, Surry County offers a trainable labor pool, shorter commutes, lower cost of living and beautiful surroundings.”— John Springthorpe President/COO, OSG Billing Services

“We can say without hesitation that Mount Airy and Surry County offer superb quality of life for our people and a hospitable business environment.”— H.O. Woltz President and CEO



Commuting



Out Commuting Everyday

Manufacturing
4,216

Professional Services
1,015

Education

Surry County, Mt. Airy City, and Elkin City Schools offer dual enrollment programs. Surry Early College High School of Design offers a unique opportunity for students to complete a high school diploma and earn an associate's degree, and/or career credentials from Surry Community College in 4 or 5 years.

High School Graduate or Higher

80.2%
Surry County



86.1%
45 min drive time

Surry Community College

Surry Community College supports economic development efforts by providing customized training for companies creating jobs in Surry County. The college offers customized training for new and expanding businesses either on-site at the company's location or at well-equipped facilities at Surry Community College or the Workforce Development Center.

Areas of Study: Advanced Manufacturing, Agricultural Science, Arts and Design, Business and Computer Technologies, College Transfer, Construction Technologies, Emergency Medical, Fire and Rescue, Health Sciences, Law Enforcement, Public Services, Transportation System Technologies

5,497
Career Readiness Certificates

4,040
Enrollment

Top Industrial Programs:



Welding



HVAC



Electromechanical Engineering

Overall Top Programs: College Transfer, Nursing, Medical Office Management, Early Childhood Education

