

# Labor Market Data

## SURRY COUNTY, NC

**Population**  
73,876

**Labor Force**  
34,068

**Unemployed**  
1,762

**Unemployment Rate**  
5.2%

**Union Membership**  
2.4%



## 45 MINUTE DRIVE

**Population**  
920,177

**Labor Force**  
427,433

**Unemployed**  
23,432

**Unemployment Rate**  
5.8%

**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  
**\$754.56**

Average Weekly Manufacturing Wage  
**\$787.68**

## 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

