

Labor Market Data

SURRY COUNTY, NC

Population
73,876

Labor Force
32,479

Unemployed
1,783

Unemployment Rate
5.5%

Union Membership
2.4%



45 MINUTE DRIVE

Population
926,473

Labor Force
421,699

Unemployed
23,118

Unemployment Rate
5.8%

Union Membership
3.6%

Right-To Work State

Regional workforce projected to increase by **0.2%** over the next year

Largest Employment Sectors

Manufacturing, Health Care, Retail, Construction



Average Weekly Wage
\$752.78

Average Weekly Manufacturing Wage
\$798.22

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
4,336

Professional Services
939

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
3,073 Enrollment

Top Industrial Programs:



Welding



HVAC



Electromechanical Engineering

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

