

Regional Surveys of Business Activity

Carolinas Survey of Business Activity

May 28, 2026

Business Activity Indexes¹

Carolinas Business Conditions	Current Conditions			Expectations ²		
	May-26	Apr-26	Mar-26	May-26	Apr-26	Mar-26
General Business Conditions	2	4	2	12	7	20
Sales	22	5	5	40	29	35
Carolinas Employment						
Number of Employees	7	9	7	21	13	19
Availability of Skills Needed	-1	-4	-4	6	1	2
Wages	22	22	15	43	40	38
Carolinas Spending						
Business Services Expenditures	-6	-3	-6	-9	-5	-1
Total Capital Expenditures	-8	-2	-4	0	3	5
Equipment or Software Expenditures	4	0	-5	5	2	1
Carolinas Price Trends³						
Prices Paid	6.77	6.21	5.59	5.75	5.41	4.20
Prices Received	3.86	4.06	3.39	3.68	3.88	3.09

Technical Notes:

- Each index equals the percentage of responding firms reporting increase minus the percentage reporting decrease. Data are not seasonally adjusted. Results are based on responses from 137-139 firms. All firms surveyed are located within the states of North Carolina and South Carolina.
- Expectations refer to the time period six months out from the survey period.
- Current price changes are percentages over the last 12 months. Expected price changes are expected changes over the next 12 months.

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