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12-month labor force growth — ALEX Intelligence, August 2026

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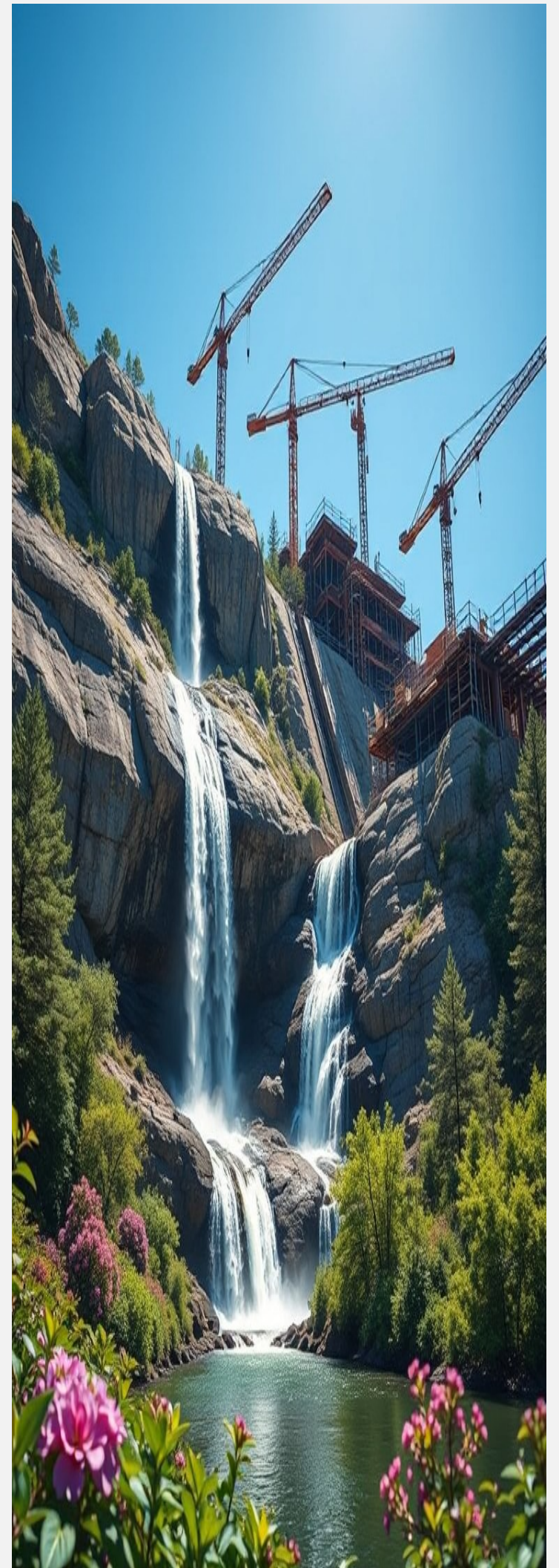
4.0%

12-month growth in the county labour force (August 2026)

Anderson County and Spartanburg County both posted the highest growth rate across the Upstate in the past year.

This 4.0% growth in the labour force marks a critical inflection point in the region's economic trajectory. It reflects not just job creation, but the arrival of new residents actively entering the workforce. This dual leadership by Anderson and Spartanburg suggests that both counties are simultaneously attracting talent and enabling workforce participation at scale.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, August 2026 (county, seasonally unadjusted) • ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-07-upstate-sc-lab-bls-labor-force-growth-12m-county>



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Twin Engines of Growth

The convergence of workforce expansion in two major counties suggests that housing demand is not isolated to one city but spread across a connected corridor. This makes the entire Upstate — not just individual cities — a destination for new residents and employers alike.



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Growth Without Disruption

This suggests that local governments and private developers are not just reacting to growth but are anticipating it. The region's ability to absorb labor force increases without visible market stress may be the true differentiator — a sign of mature, adaptive urban systems that can sustain long-term prosperity.

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