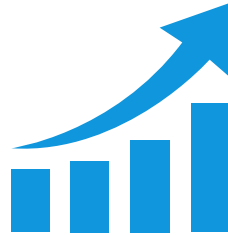# CYBER WATCHDOG

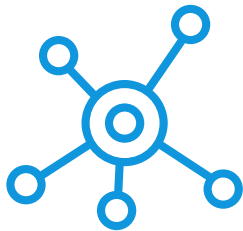# SOUTH CAROLINA'S CYBERSECURITY/IT
INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT

Certifications like CompTIA Security+ increase earning potential for Cybersecurity jobs in SC without a 4-year-degree.

Cybersecurity/IT employment has grown 56.7% in SC since 2020.

Cyber/IT jobs pay 78% higher than the average pay across other industries in SC.

Cybersecurity skills are needed in every industry in SC, including healthcare, advanced manufacturing, hospitality, and education.

There are currently 143,100 people employed in cybersecurity/tech in SC.

The average salary for a tech job in SC is $96,673.

Technology impacts everybody and every industry, making these skills particularly hot.There's never been a more exciting time for South Carolina to witness the future this next generation of students will help shape.

—KIM CHRIST, DIRECTOR OF WORKFORCE INNOVATION AT THE SC COUNCIL ON COMPETITIVENESS

For more information and resources on Cybersecurity, visit startcollegehere.com/careers

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ECOSYSTEM

TOP 5 SC CYBERSECURITY/IT JOBS

SC IS ONE OF 12 TECH HUBS NATIONWIDE, AS DESIGNATED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION.

- **Software Developer:** Creates computer programs and systems and ensures they work properly. Starting salary averages @ $97k/year.

- **Computer User Support Specialist:** Helps ensure that computer systems and networks operate smoothly so they can troubleshoot users' issues and enhance computer performance. Starting salary averages @ $60k/year. 4-year degree not required.

- **Computer Systems Analyst:** Works on the business side of organizations, using their technical and analytical skills to troubleshoot problems and help businesses use technology. Starting salary averages $90k/year.

- **Information Systems Manager:** Responsible for overseeing an organization's entire information technology infrastructure, including hardware, software, networks, and security. Average salary is $160k/year.

- **Miscellaneous Computer Operations:** Plays a role in planning, coordinating, and directing computer-related activities by determining the technology needs of the company and making hardware- and software-related decisions to meet those needs. Starting salary averages @ $55k/year. 4-year degree not required.

WHERE TO PURSUE A CYBERSECURITY DEGREE:

- **Citadel Military College of SC**
- **Clemson University**
- **College of Charleston**
- **Horry-Georgetown Technical College**
- **Limestone College**
- **Piedmont Technical College**
- **Trident Technical College**
- **University of South Carolina - Columbia**
- **University of South Carolina - Upstate**