

2023 ECONOMIC FORECAST

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economic future
into focus.

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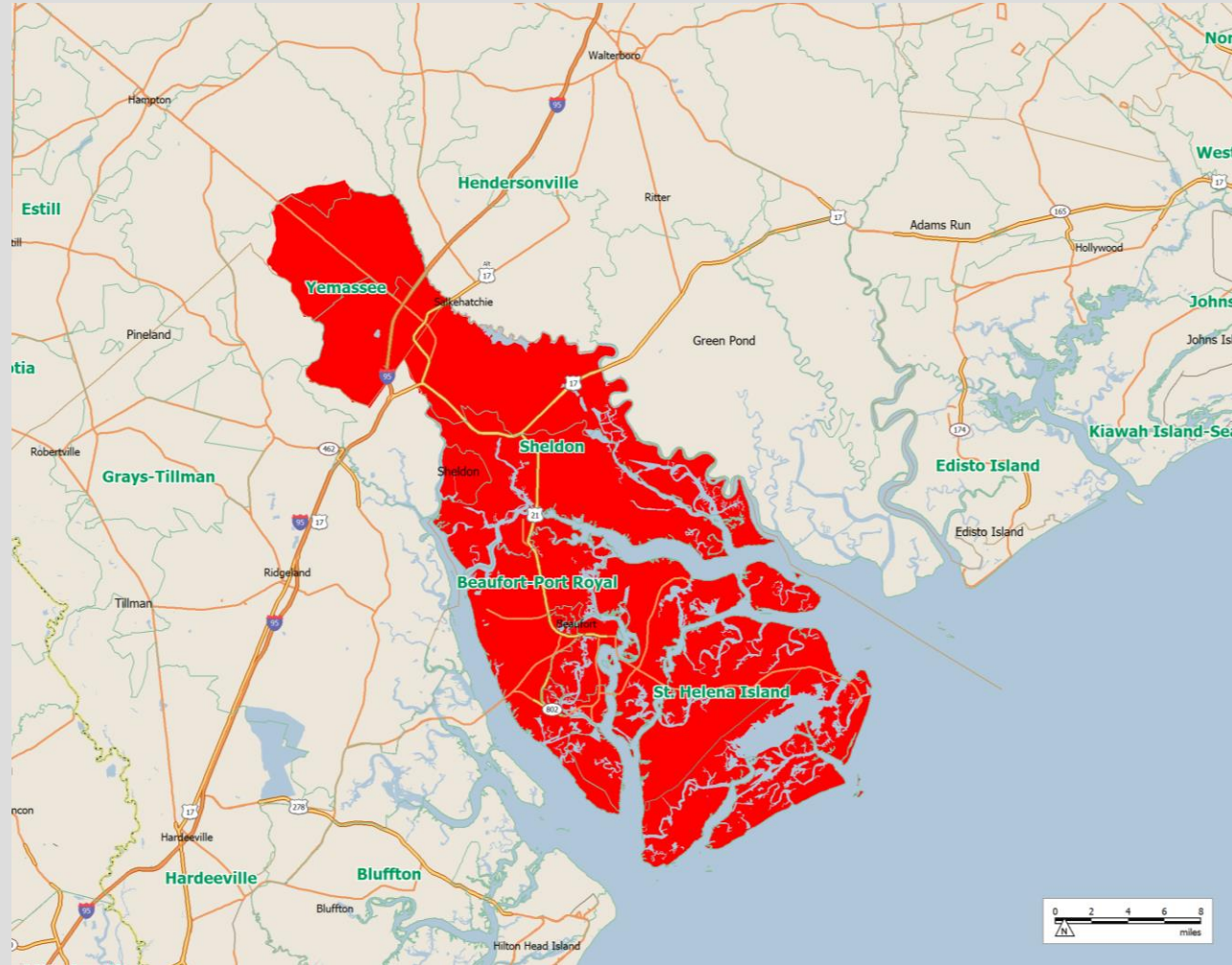
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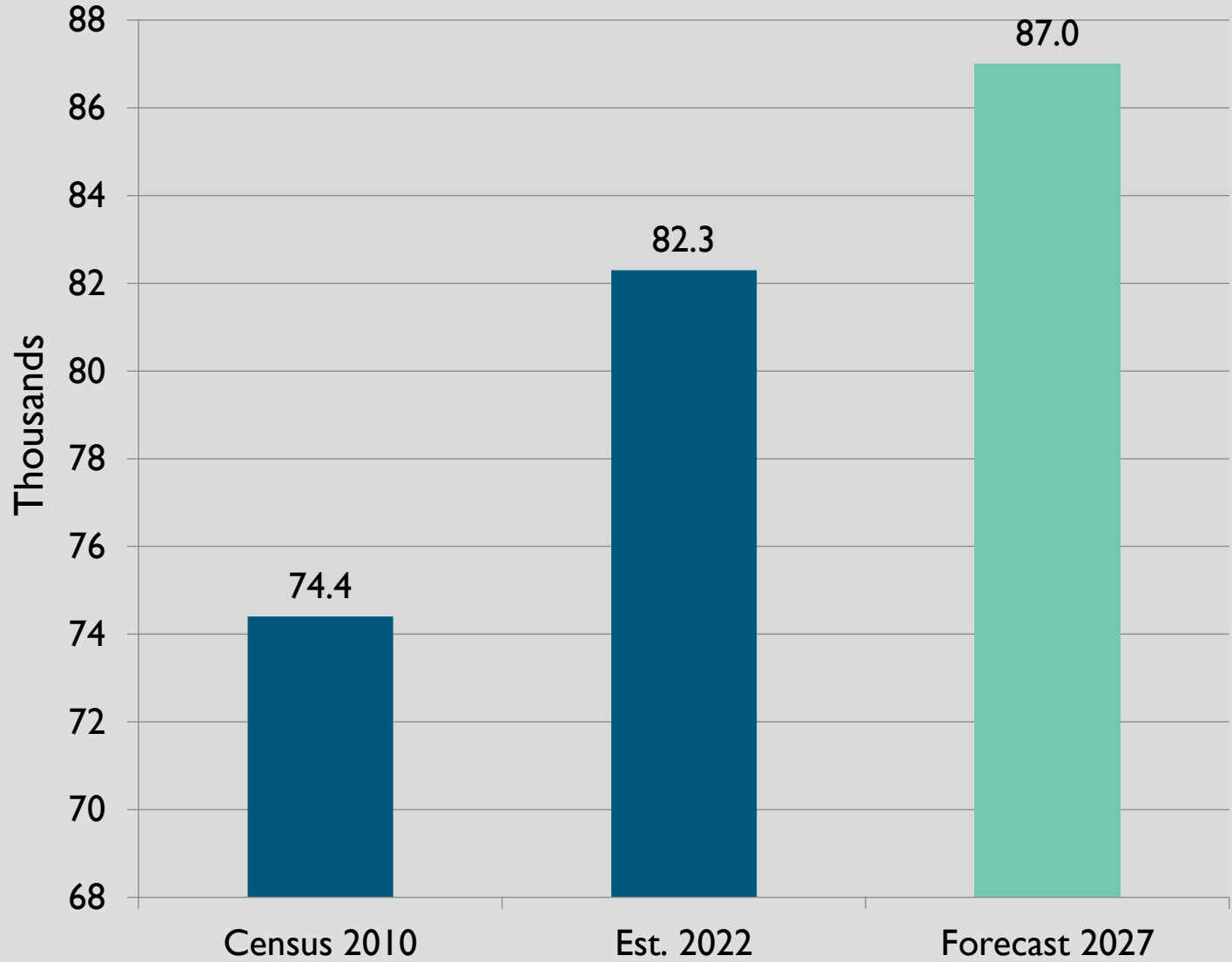
2023 Update

BEAUFORT-PORT ROYAL REGION



GROWING

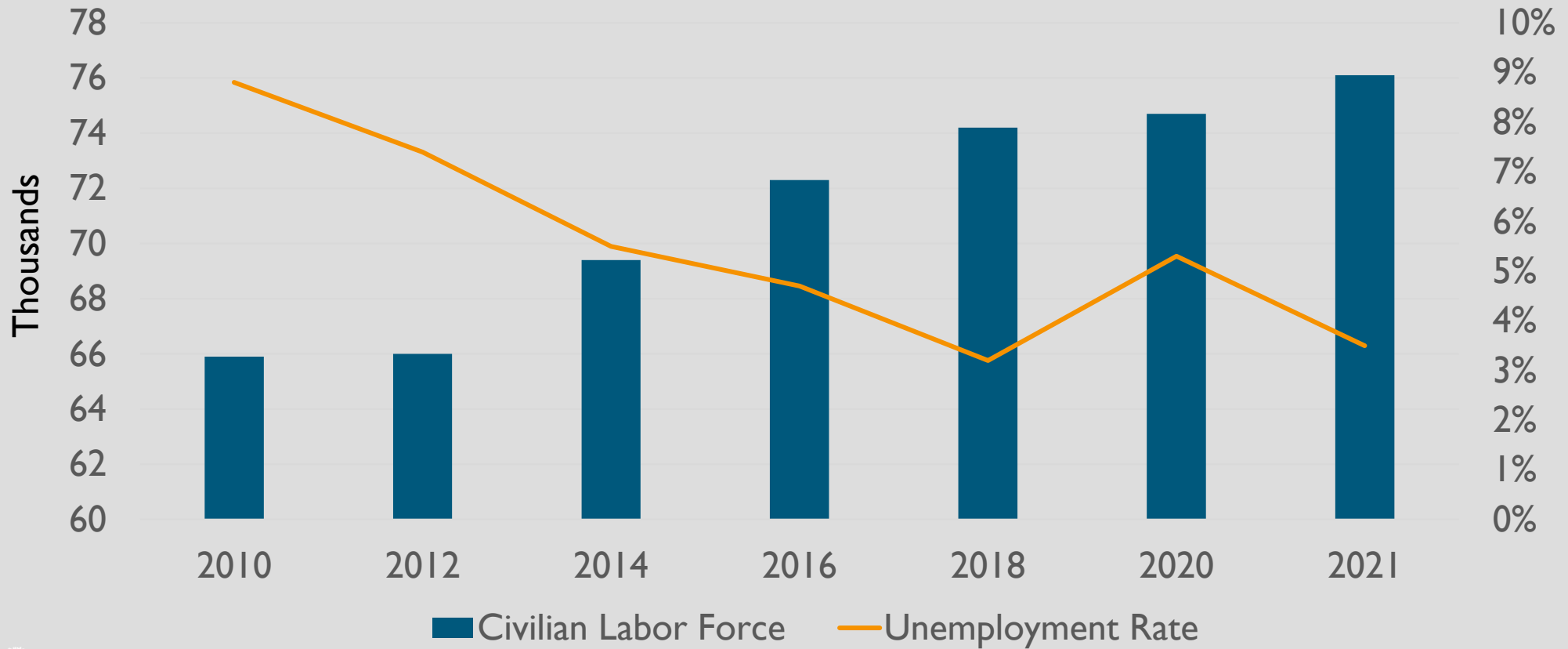
POPULATION FORECAST



ANNUAL GROWTH COMPARISONS

0.7%	United States of America
1.1%	State of South Carolina
1.1%	Beaufort-Port Royal Region
1.6%	Charleston Region
1.8%	Bluffton-Hilton Head-Okatie Region
2.6%	Myrtle Beach

COUNTYWIDE LABOR FORCE and UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



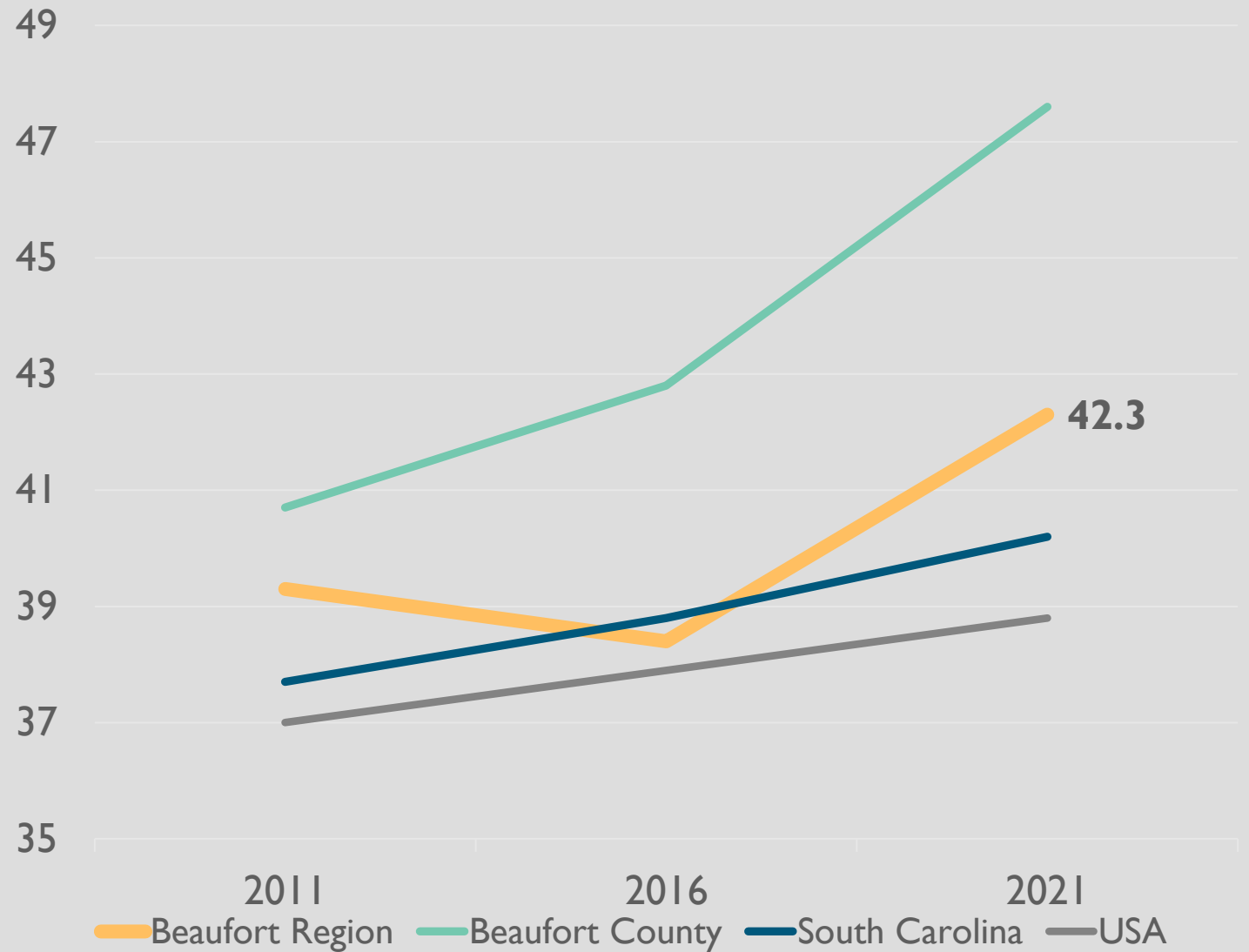


- **MORE CUSTOMERS**
- **WORKFORCE GROWTH SLOWER**
- **HOUSING PRESSURE**
- **INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS GROWING**
- **RESPONSIVE PLANNING NEEDS**



AGING

MEDIAN AGE



MEDIAN AGE COMPARISONS

37.8	Charleston Region
38.4	United States of America
39.8	State of South Carolina
43.2	Beaufort-Port Royal Region
46.7	Beaufort County
49.4	Myrtle Beach

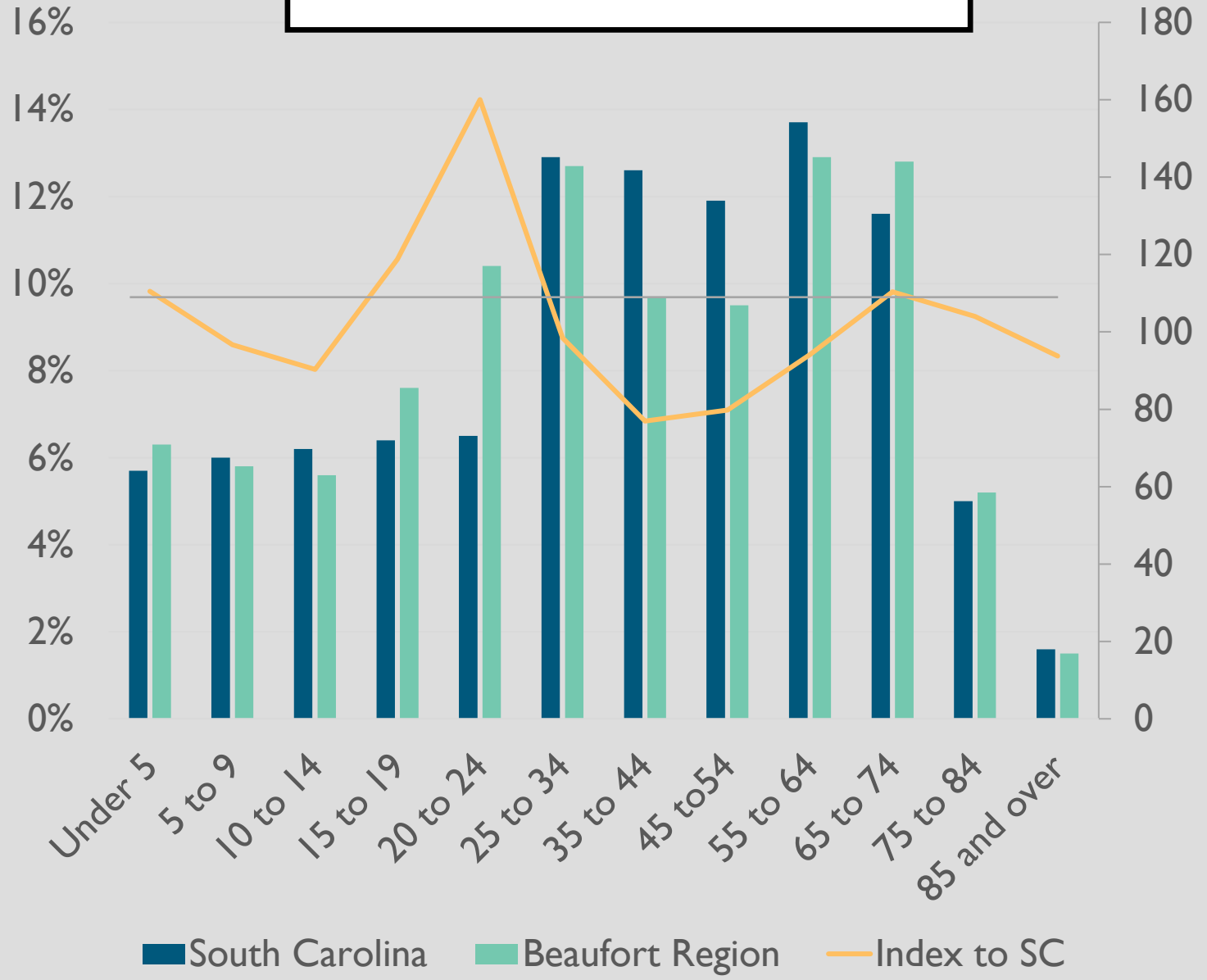


- **HOUSEHOLD INCOMES STABLE OR GROWING**
- **LABOR PARTICIPATION SHRINKING**
- **HEALTHCARE AND SERVICES DEMANDS**

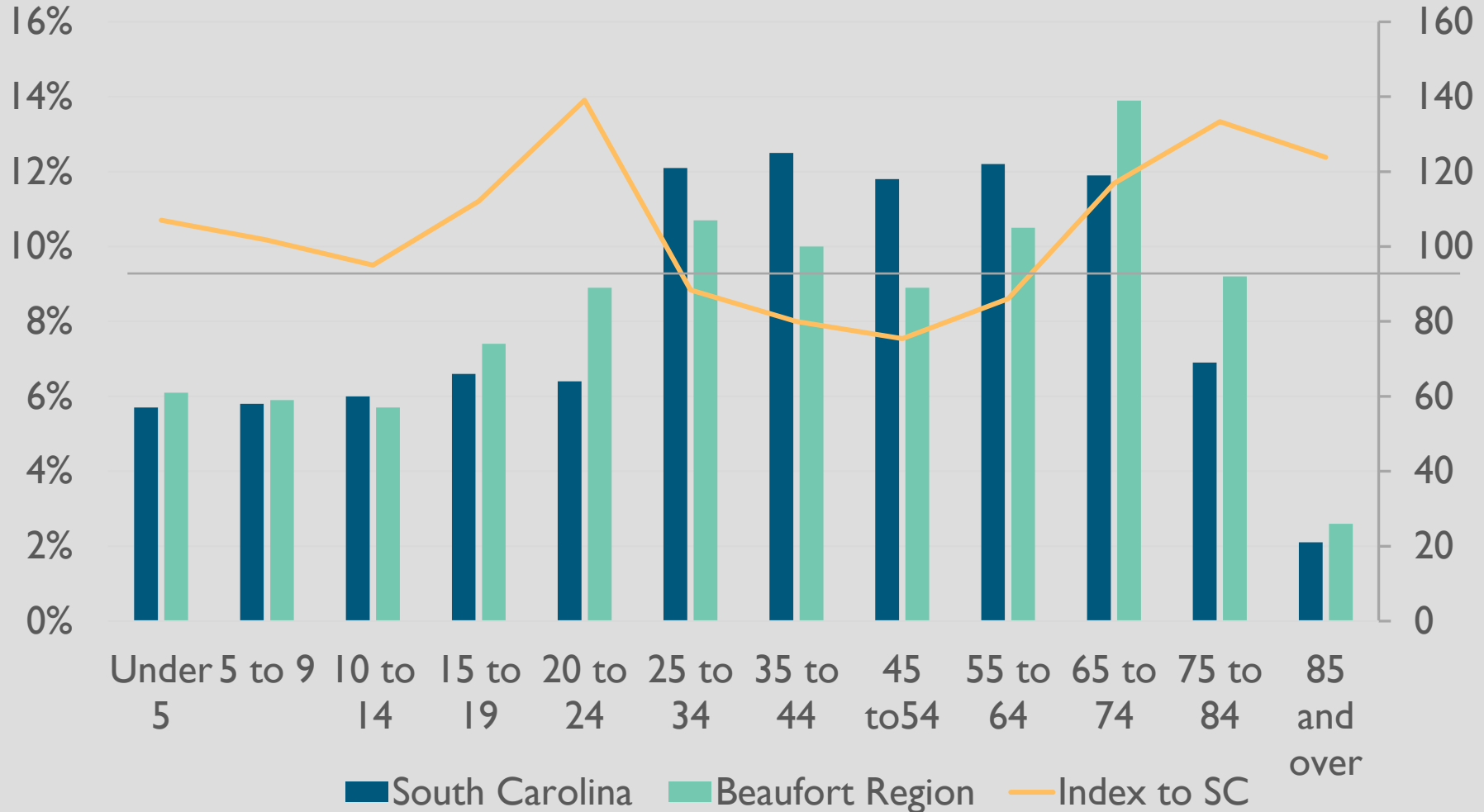


MISSING

CURRENT AGE DISTRIBUTION 2022



PROJECTED AGE DISTRIBUTION 2027

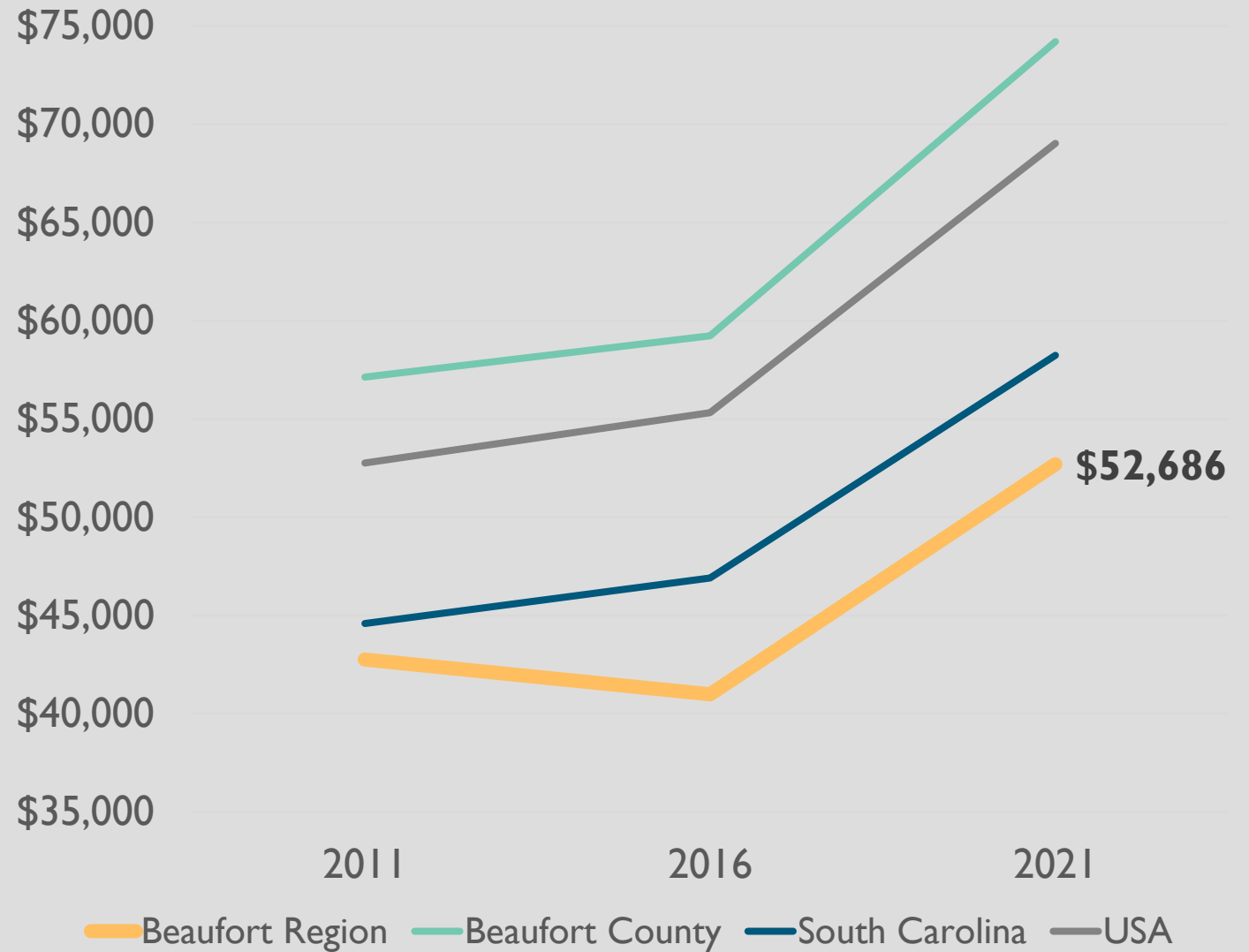




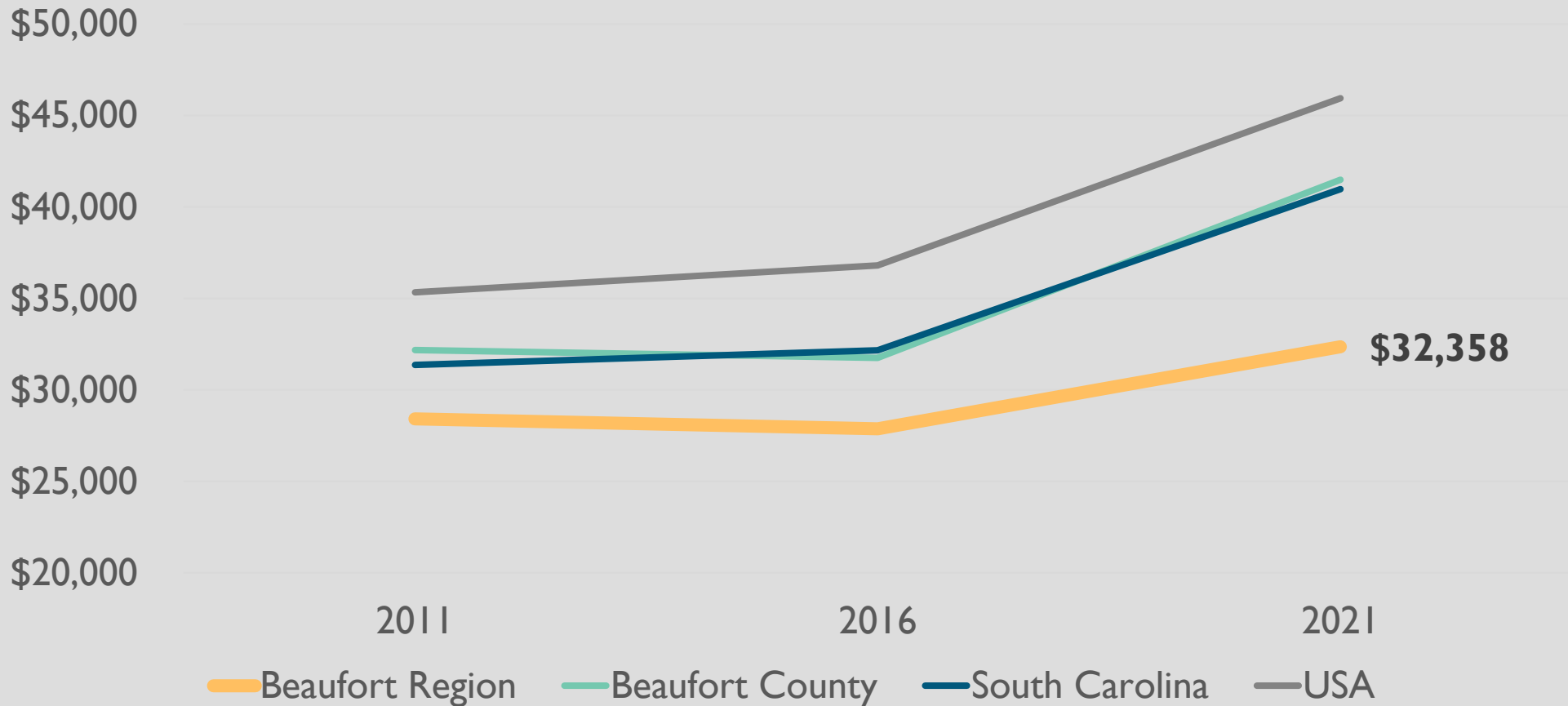
- **~5,185 PRIME AGE WORKERS MISSING**
- **~4,176 SENIORS PROJECTED IN 2027**
- **HOUSING PRESSURE**
- **HOUSING TYPES and ATTAINABILITY**

LAGGING

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



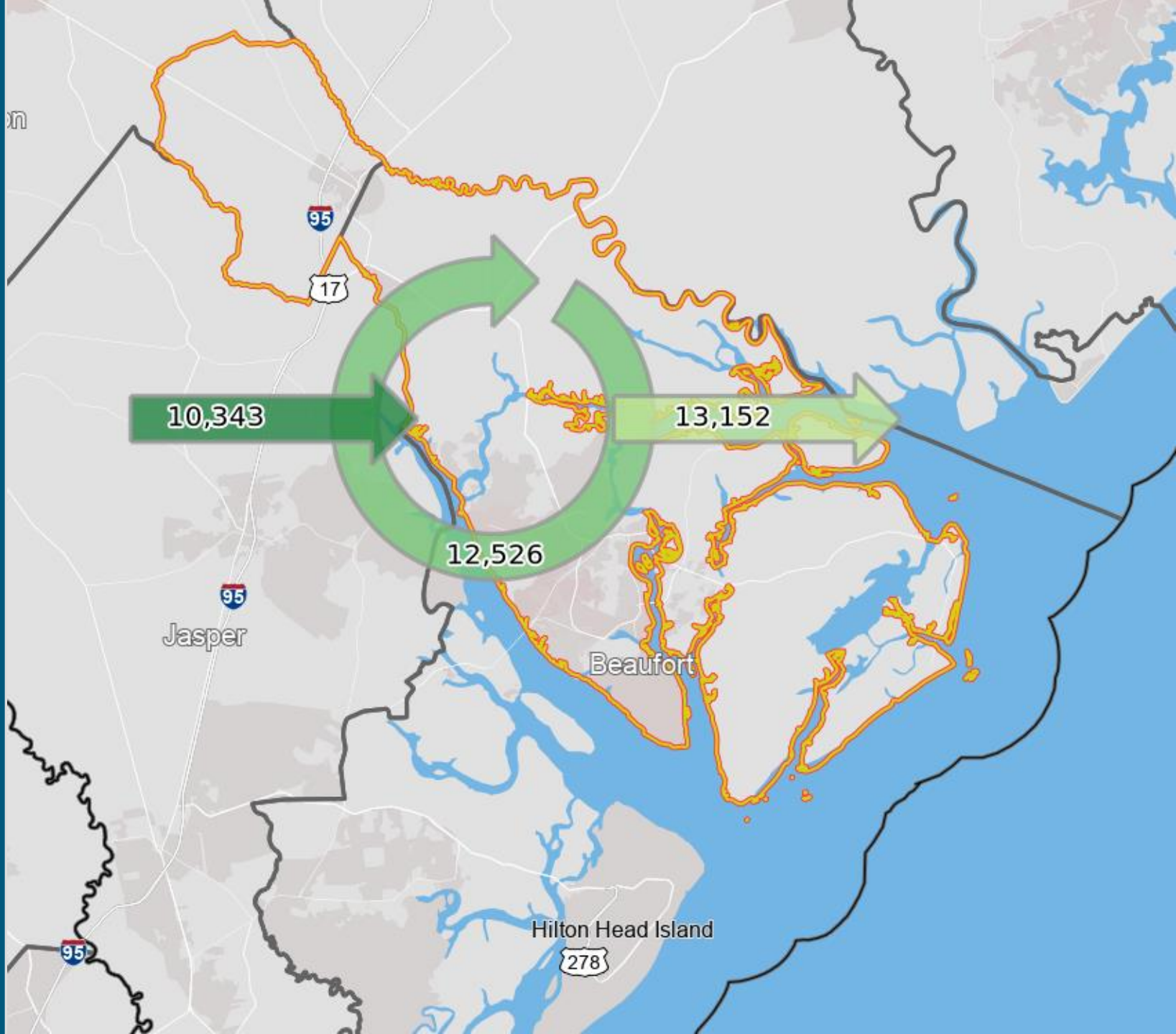
MEDIAN PERSONAL EARNINGS



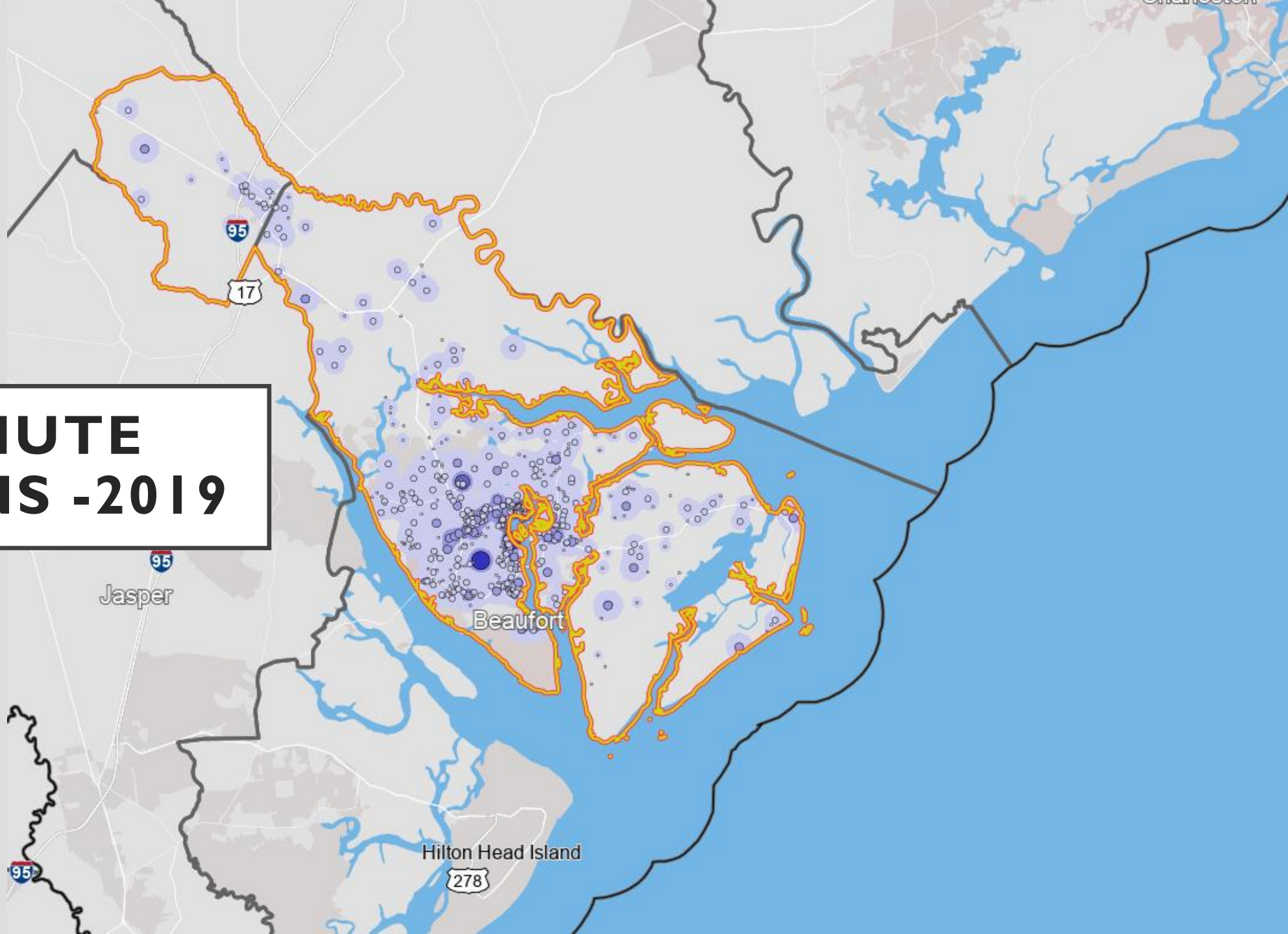


- **HOUSEHOLD INCOMES LAGGING but GROWING**
- **SLOWER PERSONAL EARNINGS GROWTH**
- **KEEP UP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and DIVERSIFICATION PROGRESS**

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COMMUTE PATTERNS -2019





- **CONNECTED COUNTY LABOR FORCE**
- **TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE**
- **IN-AREA LABOR CAPTURE OPPORTUNITY**



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**GROWING, AGING, MISSING,
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