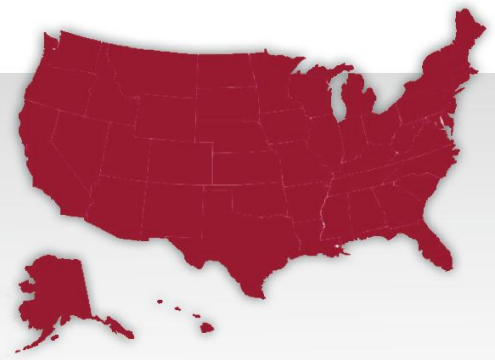


Family Friendly America

South Carolina



South Carolina workers need public policies that allow them to better manage the dual demands of work and family. Family friendly workplace laws help workers maintain their economic security when they give birth, adopt, raise children or grandchildren, deal with illness, and care for parents, grandparents, spouses or partners.

Working Families by the Numbers

- **1,095,228 South Carolina women** work, making up **48 percent** of the state workforce.ⁱ
- **66,483 South Carolinians** gave birth between 2008 and 2009.ⁱⁱ
- **731,892 South Carolina children (72 percent)** live in families where all parents work.ⁱⁱⁱ
- **107,701 South Carolina grandparents** live with grandchildren who are under 18.^{iv}
- **560,000 South Carolinians** serve as family caregivers.^v

Existing Family Friendly Workplace Laws

South Carolina workers do not have access to workplace leave or breastfeeding protections beyond those provided by federal law. There is also no pending legislation in South Carolina that would expand on federal law in these areas.

For more information about family friendly workplace laws or to get involved in a state campaign, please contact the National Partnership for Women & Families at info@nationalpartnership.org.

¹ U.S. Census Bureau. (2009). *Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2009*: SC. Retrieved 18 March 2011, from http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/ADPTable?_bm=y&-geo_id=04000US45&-qr_name=ACS_2009_1YR_G00_DP2&-context=adp&-ds_name=&-tree_id=309&-_lang=en&-redoLog=false&-format=

² U.S. Census Bureau (2009). *Selected Economic Characteristics in the United States: 2009*: SC. Retrieved 18 March 2011, from http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/ADPTable?_bm=y&-context=adp&-qr_name=ACS_2009_1YR_G00_DP3&-ds_name=ACS_2009_1YR_G00_&-tree_id=309&-redoLog=true&-_caller=geoselect&-geo_id=04000US45&-format=&-_lang=en

³ See note 1.

⁴ See note 2.

⁵ AARP Public Policy Institute. (2007). Valuing the Invaluable: A New Look at State Estimates of the Economic Value of Family Caregiving (Data Update). *Data Digest 158R*, 3. Retrieved 21 March 2011, from <http://www.caregiving.org/data/AARPDDataUpdate-StateEstimatesofEconomicValue.pdf>



The National Partnership for Women & Families is a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy group dedicated to promoting fairness in the workplace, access to quality health care and policies that help women and men meet the dual demands of work and family. More information is available at www.nationalpartnership.org.