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Every click of the camera tells a story. The narrative of someone's family, the places people want to visit, or the moments that people never want to forget; I get to freeze these moments in time and share them with the people who appreciate my work. Even though this career started as a hobby, it quickly became a passion.

Now, I get to cover events, tell stories, save history, and support an organization's marketing efforts. As the person standing behind the camera, I know everything I capture is different, a unique moment in time, and important for my customer.

Occupation:

Photographer

Salary:

\$44,057

**Education:** 

High School Diploma or Equivalent

# Job Description:

**Photographers** photograph people, landscapes, merchandise, or other subjects. May use lighting equipment to enhance a subject's appearance. May use editing software to produce finished images and prints. Includes commercial and industrial photographers, scientific photographers, and photojournalists.\*



# **Job Description:**

SOC Code: 27-4021

## Top Job Skills:

- · Customer service
- · Photo retouching
- · Studio production
- · Social media content
- · Maintain equipment

## **General Work Activities:**

- Mental Processes
  - Determine technical requirements of productions or projects
  - Create graphics or animations
- · Interacting With Others
  - Maintain inventories of materials, equipment, or products
  - Confer with clients to determine needs
  - Coordinate activities of production personnel
- · Information Input
  - Review art or design materials
- Work Output
  - Set/operate up still or video cameras or related equipment
  - Convert data among multiple digital or analog formats
  - Apply finishes to artwork, crafts, or displays
  - Maintain records, documents, or other files
  - Maintain recording or broadcasting equipment

**Source:** SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

### JOB STATISTICS:



**Typical Wage Range** \$18,460 - \$47,500



Projected Growth 227/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State 690



**Required Education** 

High School Diploma or Equivalent



**Work Experience** 

Typically Requires None



**On-the-Job Training** 

Moderate-Term On-the-job Training

\*Source: Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

#### **EXAMPLES OF WORKFORCE AREAS WITH JOB OPENINGS:**

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Trident
- Midlands
- · Greenville

- · Pee Dee
- Catawba
- · Waccamaw

#### **EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:**

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- · Mom365, Inc.
- · CoStar Group, Inc.
- · Sinclair, Inc.

- · Gray Media, Inc.
- · Hearst Communications, Inc.
- · Lander University

### **RELATED OCCUPATIONS\*:**

- Art Directors
- Photographic Process Workers and Processing Machine Operators
- Fine Artists, Including Painters, Sculptors, and Illustrators
- Special Effects Artists and Animators

**NOTE:** All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. **Last Updated:** 2025.

#### **LEARN MORE WITH SCWOS:**

**SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)** is the state's largest job database and provides all of South Carolina's job postings from all major sites, including Monster and Career Builder, in one resource. SCWOS has thousands of positions listed by employers all over the state. To access SCWOS, visit *jobs.scworks.org*.

Find in-depth breakdowns of occupational statistics such as necessary job certifications, job skills and abilities, current job openings, overview of general work activities, and more by visiting **O\*NET.org**.

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