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NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

How many public sector employees are based in Sumter County? The answer is on [page 27](#).

I regret to inform all of you that *Trends* will be going away for a little while. This issue covers data from December 2023, and after a complete year of data has been produced, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics puts our Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) and Current Employment Statistics (CES) data through a process known as [annual revisions](#) or [benchmarking](#), respectively. Long story short, the numbers published in *Trends* are an initial estimate based on what we know about the economy from a variety of sources. Unsurprisingly, every year, we know more at the end than we did at the beginning and can fill in some details, adjusting our estimates to align with national figures. There's nothing mysterious or sinister about this; we're just trying to get the numbers right to the best of our ability. What this means for you, the reader, is that this process pushes back the release of numbers for January 2024 until mid-March, with the February figures coming soon thereafter. Our next issue will come out after those February numbers are released. So don't forget about us while we're gone!

This month's featured article comes from Alan Davis and Taylor Hendrix about commuting pattern data. Local economic and workforce development professionals often want to know who is coming or going to their community for work. Thanks to the Longitudinal Employer Household Dynamics data set from the U.S. Census Bureau, it's possible to answer that question in great detail. In 2021, the data set shows that 121,013 people living outside South Carolina worked here, while 182,938 people lived in South Carolina but worked elsewhere. This imbalance is attributable, in large measure, to the presence of a large city – Charlotte – just beyond our borders. Their analysis tells us about who these people are and what commutes look like for South Carolinians in general. Check it out!

If you're having trouble finding the workforce data you need, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to drop us a line at lmcustomerservice@dew.sc.gov. Thanks for reading.



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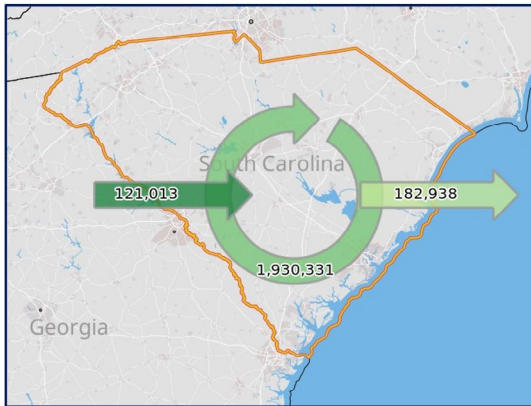
COMMUTING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

By Alan Davis, Workforce Information Grant Manager and Taylor Hendrix, Workforce Insights Analyst

Historical and Current Commuting Patterns

More people are working in South Carolina now than ever before: state employment in December 2023 surpassed 2.4 million for the first time, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and DEW¹. Workforce commuting is an important factor for the workers, their employers, and the state's economy. The map in **Figure 1** below summarizes the overall status of commuting in the state and shows that 1.9 million workers lived and worked in South Carolina in 2021. In total, 121,000 commuters lived outside of the state and worked in-state, and nearly 183,000 workers lived in-state and worked outside of the state.

FIGURE 1: SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUTING STATISTICS, 2021



Looking at trends from recent years, there was a significant drop year-over-year in 2020 in the number of South Carolina residents employed outside the state. The drop-off, however, was roughly in proportion to the same reduction for those employed in-state (each declined approximately two percent), suggesting that the pandemic affected both types of workers equally. Approximately 177,000 members of the labor force, or 8.5 percent of the total, were traveling out of state for work in 2020, and 181,000, also 8.5 percent, in 2019. On the other side of the coin, labor force members living and working in-state accounted for 91.5 percent in 2019 and 2020, and 91.3 percent in 2021.

See **Figure 2** below for more information.

FIGURE 2: IN-AREA LABOR FORCE EFFICIENCY

	2021		2020		2019	
	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share
Living in-state	2,113,269	100.0%	2,097,512	100.0%	2,141,359	100.0%
Living and employed in-state	1,930,331	91.3%	1,920,235	91.5%	1,960,242	91.5%
Living in-state but employed outside	182,938	8.7%	177,277	8.5%	181,117	8.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (Beginning of Quarter Employment, 2nd Quarter of 2002-2021)

Looking solely at those employed in the state, workers who both lived and worked in-state accounted for approximately 94 percent for each of the three years. These figures also show a slight dip in 2020, with 1.92 million people employed and living in-state, down from 1.96 million people in 2019. This number only slightly increased to 1.93 million people in 2021. See **Figure 3** below for more information.

FIGURE 3: IN-AREA EMPLOYMENT EFFICIENCY

	2021		2020		2019	
	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share
Employed in-state	2,051,344	100.0%	2,037,964	100.0%	2,081,921	100.0%
Employed and living in-state	1,930,331	94.1%	1,920,235	94.2%	1,960,242	94.2%
Employed in-state but living outside	121,013	5.9%	117,729	5.8%	121,679	5.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (Beginning of Quarter Employment, 2nd Quarter of 2002-2021)

¹ U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Current Commuting Patterns by Earnings, Age, Industry and Location Data

Earnings Data

Of the workers who live in South Carolina but travel outside the state for work, 55.1 percent earn more than \$3,333 monthly, 27.2 percent earn between \$1,251 and \$3,333 monthly, and 17.8 percent earn \$1,250 or less monthly. If we assume that out-of-state jobs are more distant than in-state jobs on average, this finding suggests that people are more likely to tolerate a longer commute for a higher wage. See the data in **Figure 4** below for more information.

FIGURE 4: JOBS BY EARNINGS AND COMMUTING FLOW, 2021

	OUTFLOW		INFLOW		INTERIOR FLOW	
	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share
\$1,250 per month or less	32,486	17.8%	25,700	21.2%	409,027	21.2%
\$1,251 to \$3,333 per month	49,686	27.2%	35,635	29.4%	638,076	33.1%
More than \$3,333 per month	100,766	55.1%	59,678	49.3%	883,228	45.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (Beginning of Quarter Employment, 2nd Quarter of 2002-2021)

Age Data

For all three categories of commuting flow—outflow, inflow, and interior flow—the age bracket with the highest percentage of working individuals are workers aged 30 to 54. Workers aged 29 or younger are slightly more likely to live outside the state and commute to SC for work than workers aged 55 or older. However, workers aged 55 or older are slightly more likely to either live in-state and commute to work outside the state or live and work in-state than their younger colleagues. The data in **Figure 5** depict this information.

FIGURE 5: JOBS BY AGE AND COMMUTING FLOW, 2021

	OUTFLOW		INFLOW		INTERIOR FLOW	
	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share
Workers Aged 29 or younger	38,624	21.1%	29,866	24.7%	435,553	22.6%
Workers Aged 30 to 54	100,886	55.1%	63,442	52.4%	1,028,134	53.3%
Workers Aged 55 or older	43,428	23.7%	27,705	22.9%	466,644	24.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (Beginning of Quarter Employment, 2nd Quarter of 2002-2021)

Industry Data

The U.S. Census Bureau separated workers by industry data for this study into three categories: all workers in the “Goods Producing” industry class, all workers in the “Trade, Transportation, and Utilities” industry class, and all workers in the “All Other Services” industry class. Those who work and live in-state overwhelmingly fall into the “All Other Services” category, reaching an approximate total of 1.198 million or 62.1 percent of the whole for 2021. The years 2020 and 2019 also support this trend, with 1.188 million and 1.219 million workers, respectively. Workers are slightly more likely to commute to SC for work from outside the state if they have a job in the “Goods Producing” Industry, and, opposingly, workers are more likely to live in-state and commute outside the state for work if they have a job in the “Trade, Transportation, and Utilities” industry class. See **Figure 6** below for more information.

FIGURE 6: JOBS BY INDUSTRY AND COMMUTING FLOW, 2021

	OUTFLOW		INFLOW		INTERIOR FLOW	
	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share
Goods Producing	36,467	19.9%	26,602	22.0%	341,391	17.7%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	40,468	22.1%	26,050	21.5%	390,662	20.2%
All Other Services	106,003	57.9%	68,361	56.5%	1,198,278	62.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (Beginning of Quarter Employment, 2nd Quarter of 2002-2021)

Location Data

The city of Charleston tops the list of resident locations for workers employed in the state, followed by the city of Columbia and the city of North Charleston. Certainly, the largest urban areas dominate the listing, but also their suburbs are among the top resident locations, such as Mount Pleasant, Summerville, Greer, and Lexington. The data in **Figure 7** display this information.

FIGURE 7: MOST JOBS BY RESIDENT LOCATION OF WORKER, 2021

RANK	AREA	JOB COUNT	RANK	AREA	JOB COUNT
1	Charleston city, SC	66,522	11	Spartanburg city, SC	15,227
2	Columbia city, SC	45,415	12	Greer city, SC	15,168
3	North Charleston city, SC	44,209	13	Sumter city, SC	14,485
4	Mount Pleasant town, SC	37,917	14	Myrtle Beach city, SC	13,053
5	Greenville city, SC	29,708	15	Hilton Head Island town, SC	12,529
6	Rock Hill city, SC	23,008	16	Anderson city, SC	11,152
7	Summerville town, SC	21,669	17	Mauldin city, SC	11,141
8	Charlotte city, NC	19,243	18	Lexington town, SC	10,499
9	Goose Creek city, SC	17,982	19	Simpsonville city, SC	10,268
10	Florence city, SC	15,505	20	Taylors CDP, SC	9,986

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (Beginning of Quarter Employment, 2nd Quarter of 2002-2021)

Commuting Data by Travel Time, Departure, and Transportation

Travel Time

The amount of time a person spends traveling to work every day can determine their overall job satisfaction. On average, the travel time to work for South Carolina residents is 25.6 minutes. Men spend about 2.5 minutes longer commuting than women, at 26.8 minutes compared to 24.2 minutes. A commute time of 15 to 19 minutes comprises 16.2 percent of residents, followed by 20 to 24 minutes at 15.5 percent, and 30 to 34 minutes at 14.6 percent. Approximately 6.6 percent of residents spend an hour or more commuting to work, while 11.7 percent spend less than 10 minutes.

Generally, men are more likely to have a longer commute to work than women. Almost 60 percent of women have a commute time of 24 minutes or less while 54.4 percent of men have the same commute time. The data in **Figure 8** below depict this information.

FIGURE 8: COMMUTE TRAVEL TIME BY GENDER

TRAVEL TIME	MALE	FEMALE
Less than 10 minutes	11.1%	12.4%
10 to 14 minutes	12.2%	14.4%
15 to 19 minutes	15.8%	16.7%
20 to 24 minutes	15.3%	15.7%
25 to 29 minutes	7.2%	7.5%
30 to 34 minutes	15.0%	14.1%
35 to 44 minutes	6.8%	6.6%
45 to 59 minutes	9.1%	7.0%
60 or more minutes	7.5%	5.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. "Commuting Characteristics by Sex." American Community Survey, ACS 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table S0801, 2022, <https://data.census.gov/table/ACSST1Y2022.S0801?q=Commuting&g=040XX00US45>. Accessed on January 29, 2024.

Departure

The largest segment of commuters depart for work between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m., with approximately 21.5 percent of men and 25.3 percent of women leaving during that time frame. The least likely time frame for commuters to leave for work is between 5:00 a.m. and 5:29 a.m. with 3.8 percent of people doing so, followed by 4.5 percent leaving between 5:30 a.m. and 5:59 a.m., and 4.8 percent leaving between 8:30 a.m. and 8:59 a.m. The second most common time for commuters to depart for work is between 7:00 a.m. and 7:29 a.m. with 15.4 percent of workers falling into that category.

Both men and women are more likely to leave for work after 7:00 a.m., but men typically are more likely to have an earlier commute time than women. About 37.4 percent of men will leave for work before 7:00 a.m. while just under 27 percent of women will leave for work at that same time. See **Figure 9** below for more information.

FIGURE 9: COMMUTE DEPARTURE TIME BY GENDER

DEPARTURE TIME	MALE	FEMALE
12:00 a.m. to 4:59 a.m.	6.1%	3.4%
5:00 a.m. to 5:29 a.m.	5.2%	2.2%
5:30 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	5.4%	3.5%
6:00 a.m. to 6:29 a.m.	10.2%	7.1%
6:30 a.m. to 6:59 a.m.	10.5%	10.7%
7:00 a.m. to 7:29 a.m.	14.6%	16.3%
7:30 a.m. to 7:59 a.m.	12.0%	13.8%
8:00 a.m. to 8:29 a.m.	10.8%	11.7%
8:30 a.m. to 8:59 a.m.	3.8%	6.0%
9:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.	21.5%	25.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. "Commuting Characteristics by Sex." American Community Survey, ACS 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table S0801, 2022, <https://data.census.gov/table/ACSST1Y2022.S0801?q=Commuting&g=040XX00US45>. Accessed on January 29, 2024.

Transportation

South Carolina residents typically drive themselves to work every day, with 76.4 percent having access to a vehicle to do so. Approximately 8.5 percent of workers will carpool with one other person while 6.3 percent will carpool with two other people. Women are slightly more likely to carpool than men, at 8.9 percent and 8.1 percent, respectively. Only about 1.6 percent will walk to work and less than one percent will bike to work. Taking a taxicab, a motorcycle, or other means of getting to work comprises 1.5 percent of workers. Remote work continues to play a role in today's workforce, with 10.2 percent of men and 12.8 percent of women working remotely.

Conclusion

As the economy in South Carolina continues to grow and evolve, we can expect to see an uptick of workers who reside in-state and are also employed in-state, as the number of workers in the state is higher than ever before. And if current trends hold, most will be up bright and early, driving their cars to urban employment centers. We'll see you on the roads!



SOUTH CAROLINA'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION (DECEMBER 2023)

Household Survey¹ (Local Area Unemployment Statistics)

EMPLOYMENT: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working increased to 2,401,953.

- That is an increase of 3,616 people over the November 2023 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 107,562 people over the December 2022 estimate.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The estimate of unemployed people increased to 74,852.

- That is an increase of 1,514 people from November's estimate and a decrease of 2,307 from the December 2022 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.0 percent.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.7 percent, according to the Current Population Survey.

LABOR FORCE: The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,476,805.

- That is an increase of 5,130 people over the November 2023 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 105,255 individuals over the December 2022 estimate.

Employer Survey² (Current Employment Statistics)

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED³)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 1,900 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,323,300.

- Industries reporting gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+2,400); Other Services (+1,300); Manufacturing (+900); Government (+500); Financial Activities (+200); and Information (+200).
- The Leisure and Hospitality (-1,900); Construction (-1,300); Professional and Business Services (-400); and Education and Health Services (-100) industries declined.

From December 2022 to December 2023, South Carolina's economy has picked up 59,600 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries making strong growth were Education and Health Services (+15,200); Leisure and Hospitality (+10,800); Professional and Business Services (+10,000); Government (+9,000); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+8,800); Other Services (+2,600); Financial Activities (+1,700); Construction (+1,000); and Information (+500).
- Manufacturing (-100) declined.



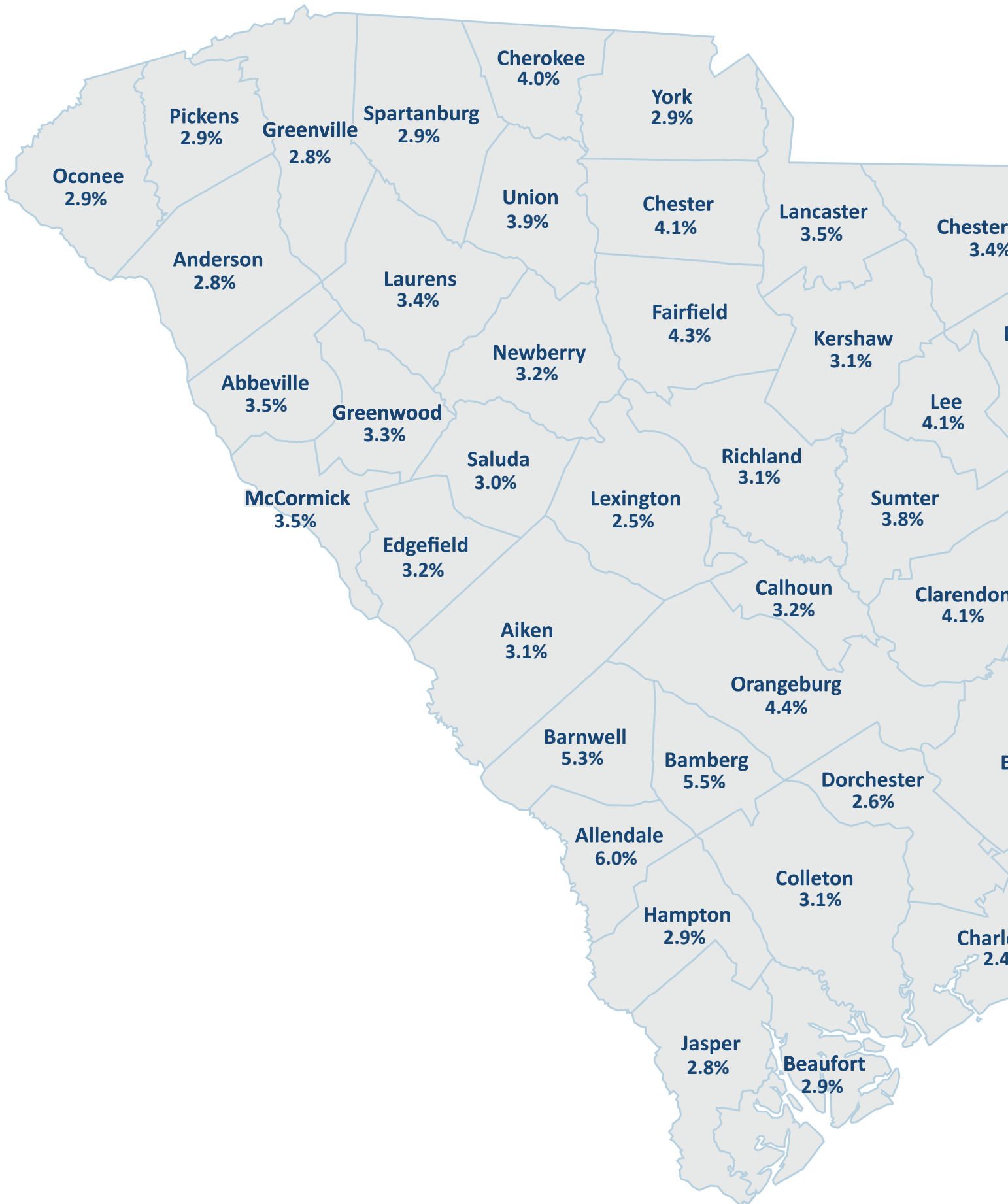
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED⁴)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 100 from November 2023 to December 2023 for a total of 2,338,300.

- Trade Transportation and Utilities (+9,200); Other Services (+1,500); Manufacturing (+1,500); Information (+500); and Mining and Logging (+100) industries increased over the month.
- Leisure and Hospitality (-5,000); Professional and Business Services (-2,400); Government (-1,900); Education and Health Services (-1,900); and Construction (-1,500) industries declined.
- The Financial Activities industry (0) showed no change.

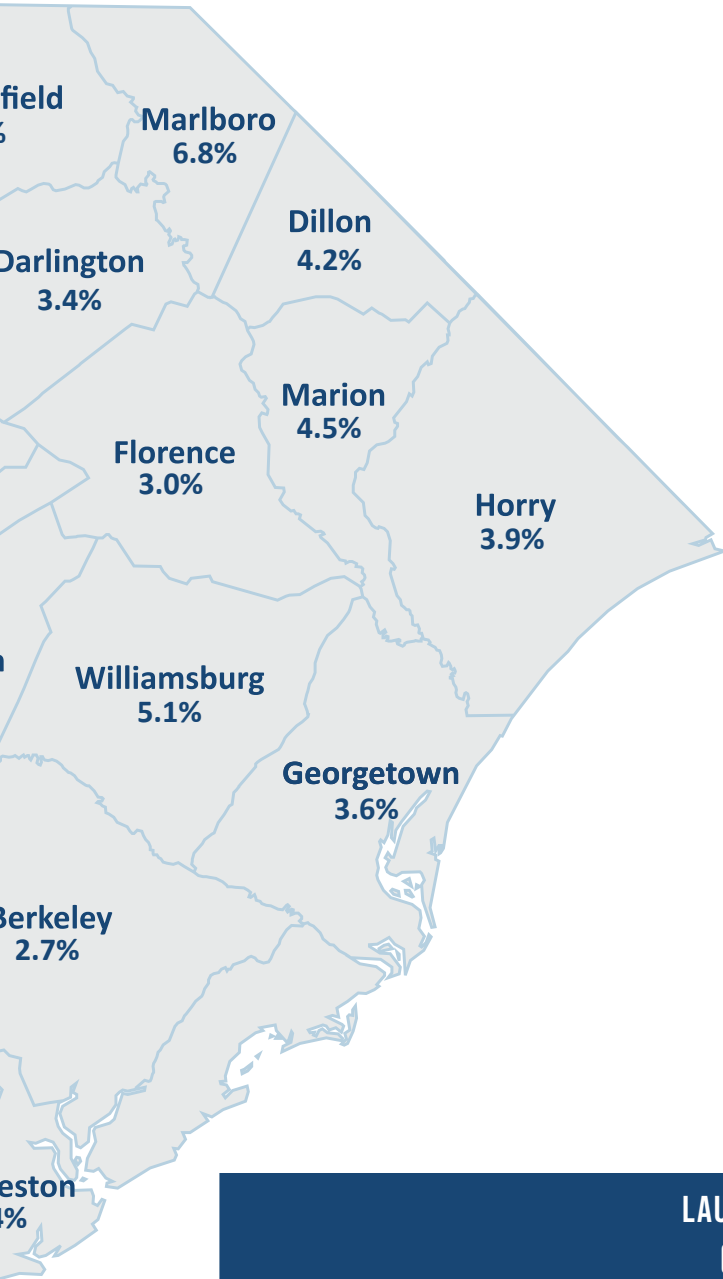
Since December 2022, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 62,800 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Educational and Health Services (+15,100); Professional and Business Services (+13,400); Leisure and Hospitality (+10,400); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+10,300); Government (+7,200); Other Services (+3,600); Financial Activities (+1,600); Construction (+1,500); Information (+400); and Mining and Logging (+100).
- Manufacturing (-800) declined.



LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Unemployment Rate by County



LAUS EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)						
CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE					
	TOTAL	PERCENT OF POPULATION	EMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT	
			TOTAL	PERCENT OF POPULATION	TOTAL	RATE (%)
4,341,903	2,476,805	57.0%	2,401,953	55.3%	74,852	3.0%

NOTE: Current month's estimates are preliminary. All data are subject to revision. Population data are not seasonally adjusted.



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY COUNTY
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

AREA	DECEMBER 2023					NOVEMBER 2023					DECEMBER 2022				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT				
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			
Abbeville County	-	9,686	9,351	335	3.5%	9,651	9,313	338	3.5%	9,490	9,161	329	3.5%		
Aiken County	↑	73,435	71,156	2,279	3.1%	73,545	71,336	2,209	3.0%	71,954	69,814	2,140	3.0%		
Allendale County	↑	2,303	2,164	139	6.0%	2,323	2,196	127	5.5%	2,201	2,077	124	5.6%		
Anderson County	↑	94,072	91,416	2,656	2.8%	94,325	91,759	2,566	2.7%	90,821	88,332	2,489	2.7%		
Bamberg County	↓	4,546	4,297	249	5.5%	4,588	4,331	257	5.6%	4,462	4,249	213	4.8%		
Barnwell County	↑	7,655	7,252	403	5.3%	7,640	7,269	371	4.9%	7,333	7,024	309	4.2%		
Beaufort County	↑	78,663	76,354	2,309	2.9%	78,841	76,647	2,194	2.8%	75,873	73,634	2,239	3.0%		
Berkeley County	↑	118,507	115,328	3,179	2.7%	118,929	115,813	3,116	2.6%	109,916	106,942	2,974	2.7%		
Calhoun County	-	6,569	6,358	211	3.2%	6,593	6,380	213	3.2%	6,295	6,085	210	3.3%		
Charleston County	-	232,547	226,936	5,611	2.4%	233,537	228,038	5,499	2.4%	215,648	210,308	5,340	2.5%		
Cherokee County	↑	23,784	22,840	944	4.0%	23,949	23,044	905	3.8%	24,053	23,181	872	3.6%		
Chester County	↑	13,806	13,241	565	4.1%	13,846	13,295	551	4.0%	13,232	12,710	522	3.9%		
Chesterfield County	↑	21,312	20,577	735	3.4%	21,417	20,725	692	3.2%	20,689	20,000	689	3.3%		
Clarendon County	↑	12,032	11,538	494	4.1%	12,123	11,654	469	3.9%	11,640	11,124	516	4.4%		
Colleton County	↑	16,115	15,621	494	3.1%	16,205	15,732	473	2.9%	15,625	15,117	508	3.3%		
Darlington County	↑	30,796	29,762	1,034	3.4%	30,961	29,970	991	3.2%	29,441	28,489	952	3.2%		
Dillon County	↑	13,145	12,589	556	4.2%	13,184	12,660	524	4.0%	12,651	12,086	565	4.5%		
Dorchester County	↑	85,965	83,723	2,242	2.6%	86,269	84,103	2,166	2.5%	79,655	77,628	2,027	2.5%		
Edgefield County	↑	10,260	9,928	332	3.2%	10,326	10,007	319	3.1%	10,032	9,712	320	3.2%		
Fairfield County	↑	9,449	9,046	403	4.3%	9,428	9,061	367	3.9%	9,044	8,667	377	4.2%		
Florence County	↑	68,587	66,496	2,091	3.0%	68,788	66,777	2,011	2.9%	65,525	63,636	1,889	2.9%		
Georgetown County	↑	25,867	24,946	921	3.6%	26,070	25,214	856	3.3%	25,347	24,443	904	3.6%		
Greenville County	↑	267,941	260,467	7,474	2.8%	268,576	261,335	7,241	2.7%	258,383	251,722	6,661	2.6%		
Greenwood County	-	30,356	29,345	1,011	3.3%	30,269	29,265	1,004	3.3%	29,778	28,779	999	3.4%		
Hampton County	↑	8,048	7,816	232	2.9%	8,123	7,897	226	2.8%	7,703	7,493	210	2.7%		
Horry County	↑	154,429	148,480	5,949	3.9%	155,696	150,506	5,190	3.3%	147,297	141,572	5,725	3.9%		
Jasper County	-	13,590	13,205	385	2.8%	13,671	13,288	383	2.8%	13,030	12,674	356	2.7%		
Kershaw County	↑	30,176	29,247	929	3.1%	30,197	29,286	911	3.0%	28,898	28,023	875	3.0%		
Lancaster County	↑	45,176	43,610	1,566	3.5%	45,247	43,763	1,484	3.3%	43,284	41,839	1,445	3.3%		
Laurens County	↑	30,986	29,929	1,057	3.4%	31,063	30,081	982	3.2%	29,806	28,893	913	3.1%		
Lee County	↑	6,543	6,273	270	4.1%	6,555	6,306	249	3.8%	6,267	5,982	285	4.5%		
Lexington County	↑	155,685	151,776	3,909	2.5%	155,552	151,766	3,786	2.4%	149,199	145,450	3,749	2.5%		
Marion County	↑	12,645	12,076	569	4.5%	12,723	12,201	522	4.1%	12,288	11,729	559	4.5%		
Marlboro County	↑	7,242	6,751	491	6.8%	7,263	6,800	463	6.4%	8,162	7,532	630	7.7%		
McCormick County	↑	3,456	3,335	121	3.5%	3,431	3,323	108	3.1%	3,535	3,422	113	3.2%		
Newberry County	↑	18,779	18,187	592	3.2%	18,910	18,366	544	2.9%	18,748	18,256	492	2.6%		
Oconee County	↑	35,464	34,443	1,021	2.9%	35,839	34,855	984	2.7%	33,564	32,627	937	2.8%		
Orangeburg County	-	33,611	32,127	1,484	4.4%	33,754	32,278	1,476	4.4%	32,408	31,014	1,394	4.3%		
Pickens County	↓	59,682	57,936	1,746	2.9%	59,920	58,132	1,788	3.0%	57,523	55,960	1,563	2.7%		
Richland County	↑	203,347	197,038	6,309	3.1%	202,783	196,606	6,177	3.0%	194,739	189,038	5,701	2.9%		
Saluda County	↑	8,524	8,270	254	3.0%	8,655	8,409	246	2.8%	8,124	7,892	232	2.9%		
Spartanburg County	-	160,525	155,821	4,704	2.9%	159,862	155,278	4,584	2.9%	153,390	148,976	4,414	2.9%		
Sumter County	↑	42,929	41,307	1,622	3.8%	42,914	41,355	1,559	3.6%	41,488	39,835	1,653	4.0%		
Union County	↑	11,591	11,136	455	3.9%	11,527	11,100	427	3.7%	11,123	10,641	482	4.3%		
Williamsburg County	↑	10,152	9,630	522	5.1%	10,185	9,694	491	4.8%	10,434	9,950	484	4.6%		
York County	↑	153,570	149,173	4,397	2.9%	153,885	149,515	4,370	2.8%	147,261	143,130	4,131	2.8%		

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LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY MSA (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

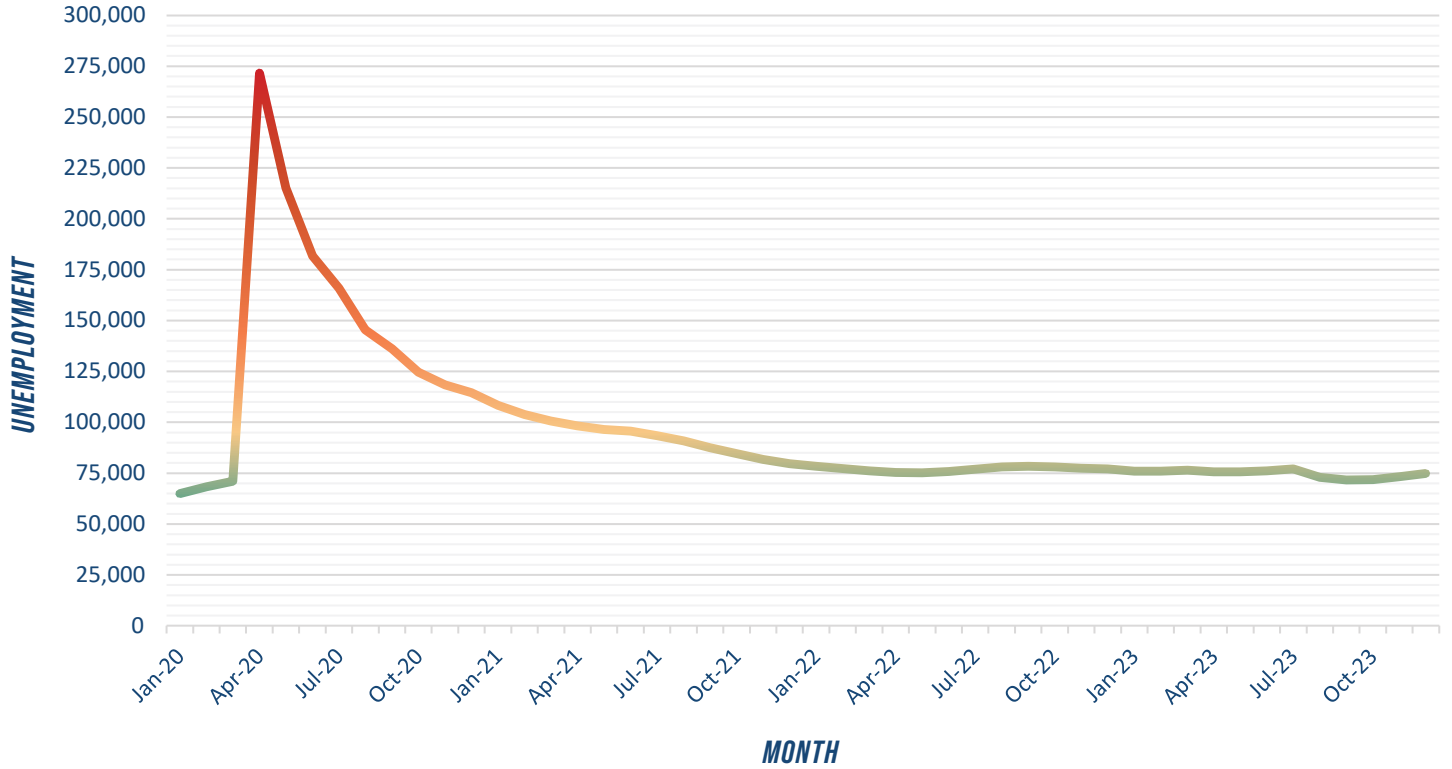
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	DECEMBER 2023					NOVEMBER 2023					DECEMBER 2022				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT				
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			
Charleston-North Charleston	-	437,019	425,987	11,032	2.5%	438,735	427,954	10,781	2.5%	405,219	394,878	10,341	2.6%		
Columbia	↑	413,750	401,735	12,015	2.9%	413,208	401,508	11,700	2.8%	396,299	385,155	11,144	2.8%		
Florence	↑	99,383	96,258	3,125	3.1%	99,749	96,747	3,002	3.0%	94,966	92,125	2,841	3.0%		
Greenville - Anderson-Mauldin	↑	452,681	439,748	12,933	2.9%	453,884	441,307	12,577	2.8%	436,533	424,907	11,626	2.7%		
Hilton Head Island- Bluffton-Beaufort	↑	92,253	89,559	2,694	2.9%	92,512	89,935	2,577	2.8%	88,903	86,308	2,595	2.9%		
Myrtle Beach- Conway-North Myrtle Beach	↑	211,470	203,192	8,278	3.9%	213,648	206,026	7,622	3.6%	203,054	195,002	8,052	4.0%		
Spartanburg	↑	172,116	166,957	5,159	3.0%	171,389	166,378	5,011	2.9%	164,513	159,617	4,896	3.0%		
Sumter	↑	42,929	41,307	1,622	3.8%	42,914	41,355	1,559	3.6%	41,488	39,835	1,653	4.0%		
Augusta-Richmond County, GA (SC portion)	↑	83,695	81,084	2,611	3.1%	83,871	81,343	2,528	3.0%	81,986	79,526	2,460	3.0%		
Charlotte-Con- cord-Gastonia, NC (SC portion)	↑	212,552	206,024	6,528	3.1%	212,978	206,573	6,405	3.0%	203,777	197,679	6,098	3.0%		

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY MUNICIPALITY (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

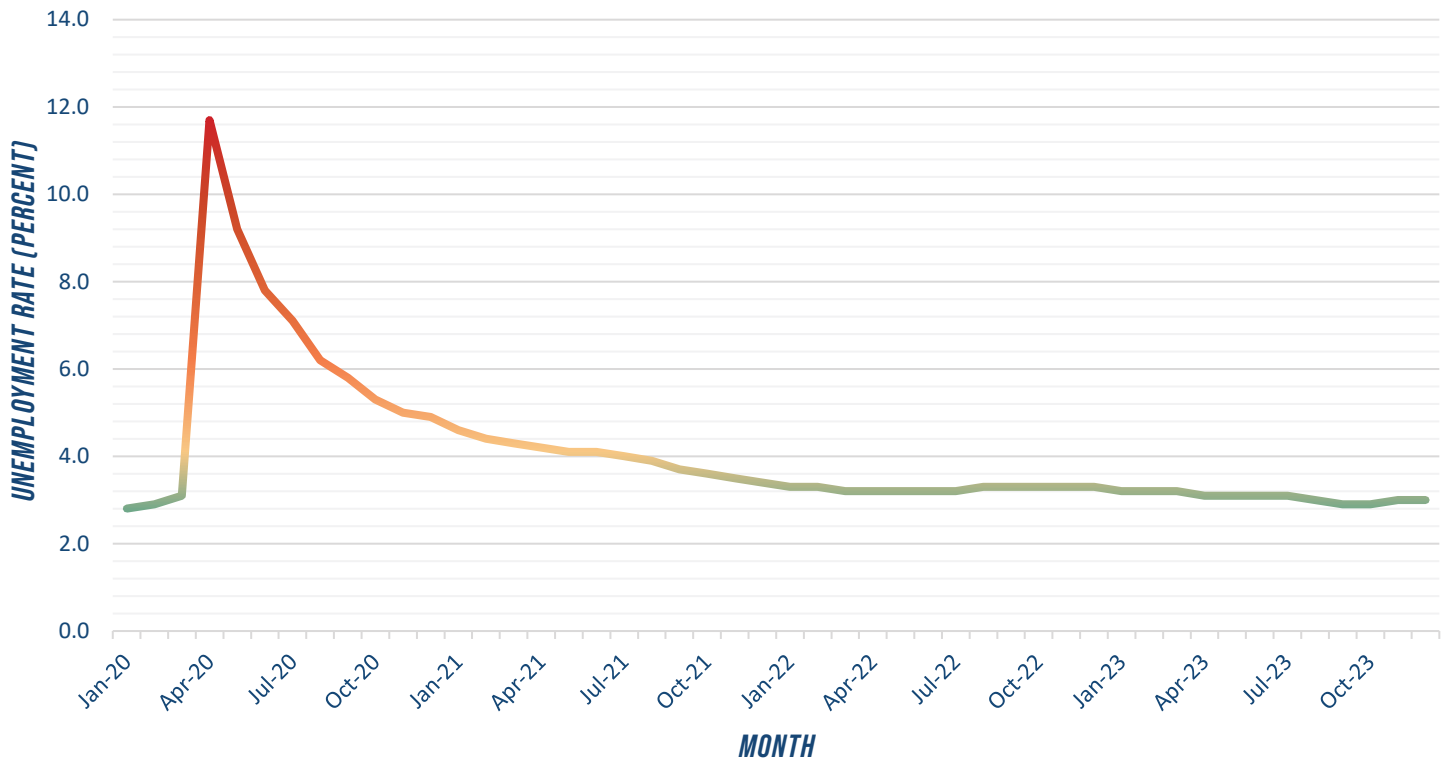
CITIES AND TOWNS ABOVE 25,000 POPULATION	DECEMBER 2023					NOVEMBER 2023					DECEMBER 2022				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT				
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			
Aiken	↑	12,905	12,446	459	3.6%	12,928	12,478	450	3.5%	12,624	12,212	412	3.3%		
Anderson	↑	11,873	11,485	388	3.3%	11,902	11,528	374	3.1%	11,453	11,098	355	3.1%		
Bluffton	↑	13,357	13,028	329	2.5%	13,391	13,078	313	2.3%	12,886	12,564	322	2.5%		
Charleston	-	82,158	80,065	2,093	2.5%	82,534	80,451	2,083	2.5%	76,082	74,202	1,880	2.5%		
Columbia	-	58,950	56,852	2,098	3.6%	58,853	56,729	2,124	3.6%	56,338	54,544	1,794	3.2%		
Conway	↑	10,513	10,029	484	4.6%	10,647	10,166	481	4.5%	9,942	9,562	380	3.8%		
Florence	↑	20,203	19,553	650	3.2%	20,251	19,636	615	3.0%	19,237	18,712	525	2.7%		
Fort Mill	-	13,813	13,448	365	2.6%	13,833	13,479	354	2.6%	13,221	12,904	317	2.4%		
Goose Creek	↑	22,507	21,851	656	2.9%	22,585	21,943	642	2.8%	20,820	20,262	558	2.7%		
Greenville	↑	38,357	37,295	1,062	2.8%	38,435	37,420	1,015	2.6%	37,002	36,043	959	2.6%		
Greer	↑	18,964	18,411	553	2.9%	18,962	18,443	519	2.7%	18,185	17,748	437	2.4%		
Hilton Head Island	↑	17,652	17,176	476	2.7%	17,679	17,242	437	2.5%	17,030	16,564	466	2.7%		
Mauldin	↑	14,223	13,838	385	2.7%	14,247	13,884	363	2.5%	13,682	13,373	309	2.3%		
Mount Pleasant	↑	54,903	53,760	1,143	2.1%	55,108	54,021	1,087	2.0%	50,896	49,821	1,075	2.1%		
Myrtle Beach	↑	16,140	15,413	727	4.5%	16,186	15,624	562	3.5%	15,434	14,696	738	4.8%		
North Charleston	↓	61,328	59,708	1,620	2.6%	61,639	59,993	1,646	2.7%	56,879	55,339	1,540	2.7%		
Rock Hill	-	41,574	40,229	1,345	3.2%	41,651	40,322	1,329	3.2%	39,816	38,600	1,216	3.1%		
Spartanburg	-	17,181	16,543	638	3.7%	17,117	16,485	632	3.7%	16,385	15,816	569	3.5%		
Summerville	↑	27,635	26,874	761	2.8%	27,727	26,996	731	2.6%	25,579	24,918	661	2.6%		
Sumter	↑	15,362	14,709	653	4.3%	15,326	14,726	600	3.9%	14,815	14,185	630	4.3%		

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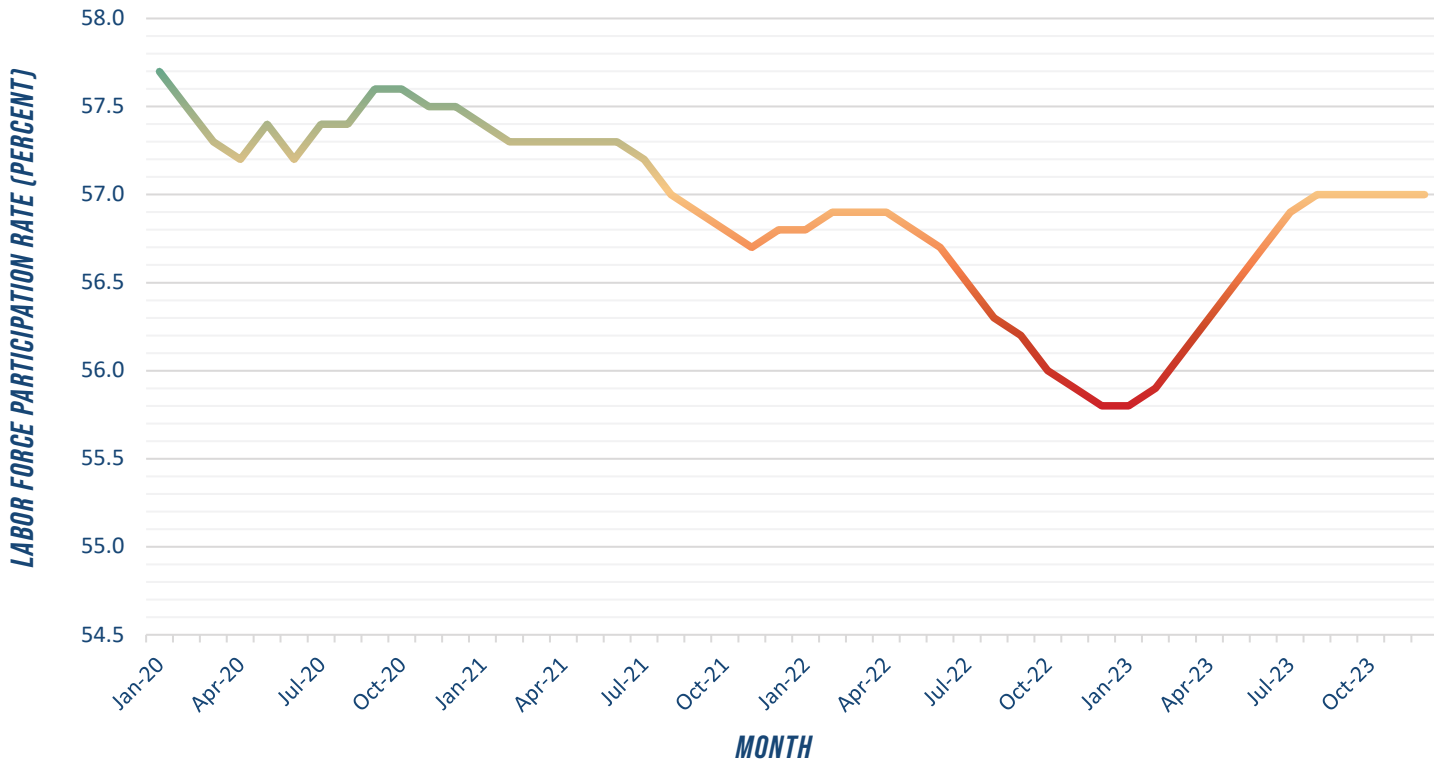
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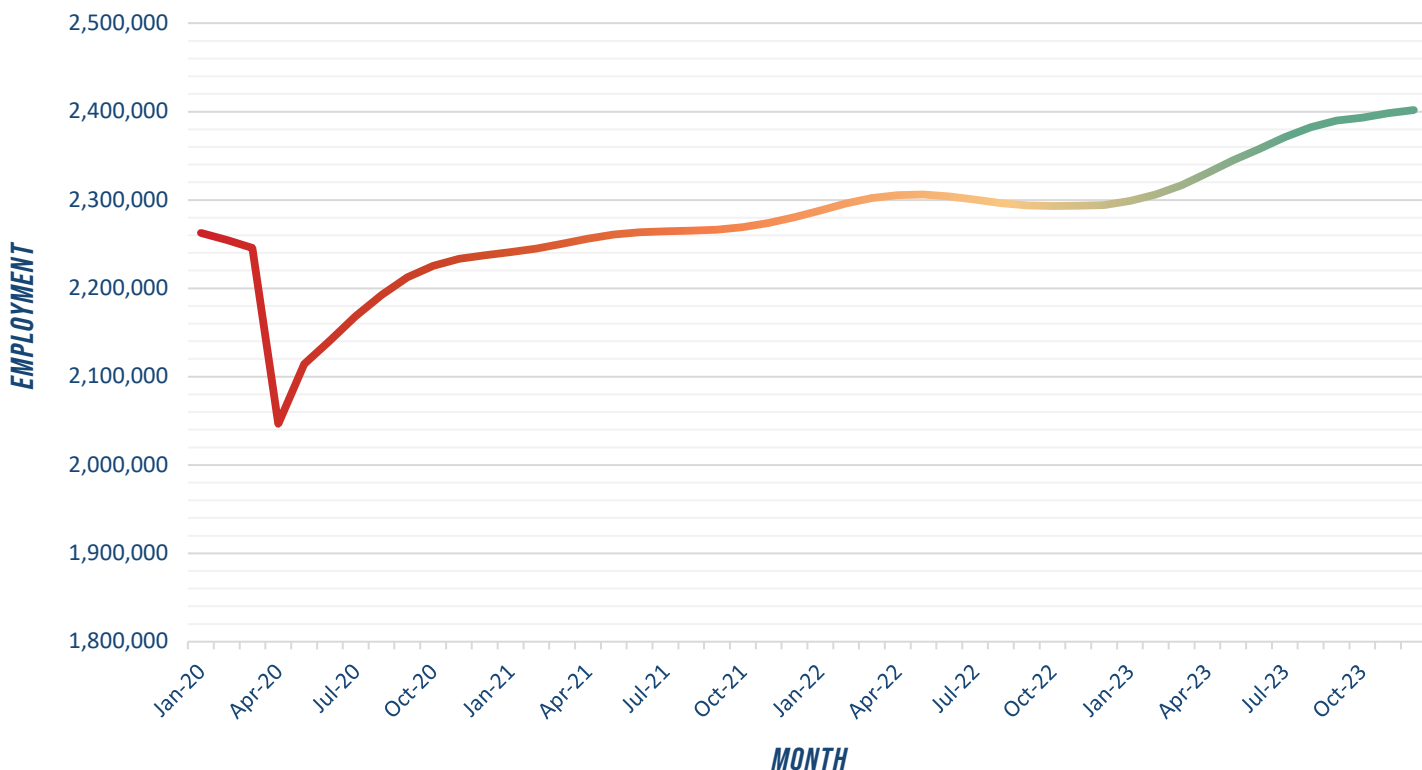
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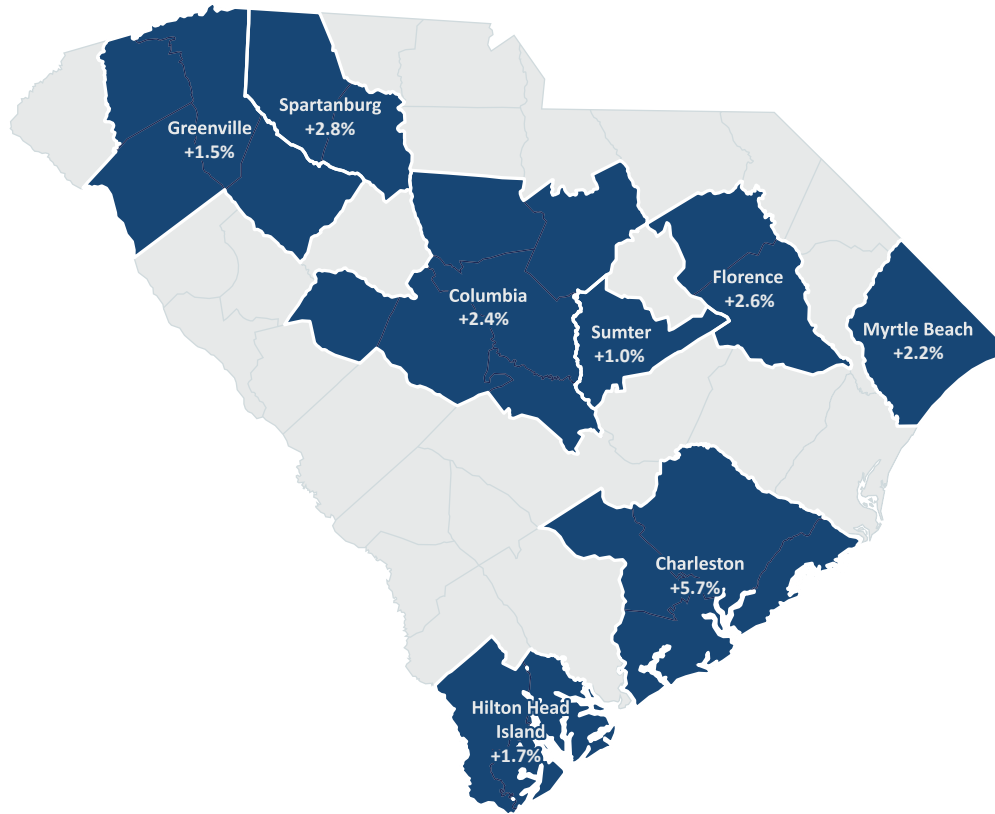


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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Seasonally Adjusted – Year-Over-Year Change



NONFARM PAYROLL BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DECEMBER 2023

AREA	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Statewide	2,323,300	2,321,400	2,263,700	+1,900	+0.1%	+59,600	+2.6%
Charleston-North Charleston	427,100	427,200	404,100	-100	+0.0%	+23,000	+5.7%
Columbia	424,500	423,100	414,400	+1,400	+0.3%	+10,100	+2.4%
Florence	96,900	96,800	94,400	+100	+0.1%	+2,500	+2.6%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	460,300	460,700	453,400	-400	-0.1%	+6,900	+1.5%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	88,700	88,400	87,200	+300	+0.3%	+1,500	+1.7%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	192,700	192,400	188,600	+300	+0.2%	+4,100	+2.2%
Spartanburg	173,300	173,000	168,600	+300	+0.2%	+4,700	+2.8%
Sumter	39,700	39,900	39,300	-200	-0.5%	+400	+1.0%

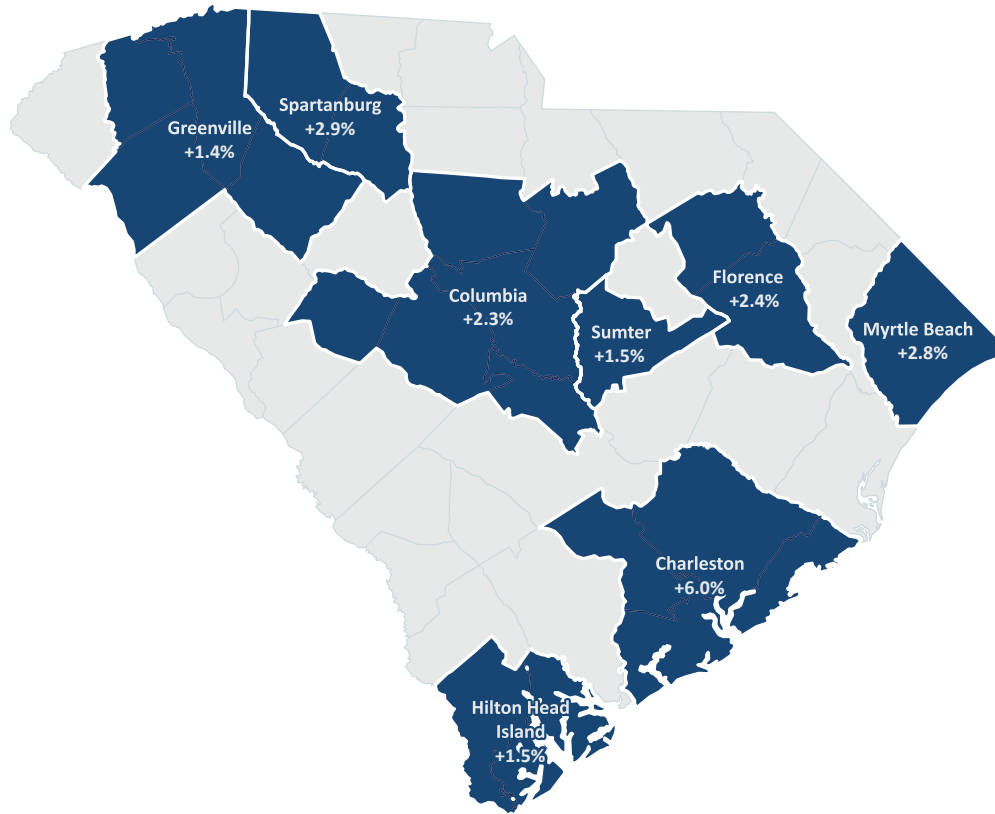
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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (IN THOUSANDS)
DECEMBER 2023

	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	2,323.3	2,321.4	2,263.7	+1.9	+0.1%	+59.6	+2.6%
Total Private	1,946.3	1,944.9	1,895.7	+1.4	+0.1%	+50.6	+2.7%
Goods Producing	377.5	377.8	376.5	-0.3	-0.1%	+1.0	+0.3%
Mining, Logging and Construction	115.1	116.3	114.0	-1.2	-1.0%	+1.1	+1.0%
Mining and Logging	4.6	4.5	4.5	+0.1	+2.2%	+0.1	+2.2%
Construction	110.5	111.8	109.5	-1.3	-1.2%	+1.0	+0.9%
Manufacturing	262.4	261.5	262.5	+0.9	+0.3%	-0.1	0.0%
Durable Goods	160.9	159.0	156.7	+1.9	+1.2%	+4.2	+2.7%
Non-Durable Goods	101.5	102.5	105.8	-1.0	-1.0%	-4.3	-4.1%
Service-Providing	1,945.8	1,943.6	1,887.2	+2.2	+0.1%	+58.6	+3.1%
Private Service Providing	1,568.8	1,567.1	1,519.2	+1.7	+0.1%	+49.6	+3.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	446.4	444.0	437.6	+2.4	+0.5%	+8.8	+2.0%
Wholesale Trade	81.3	80.2	79.3	+1.1	+1.4%	+2.0	+2.5%
Retail Trade	263.7	261.8	262.3	+1.9	+0.7%	+1.4	+0.5%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	101.4	102.0	96.0	-0.6	-0.6%	+5.4	+5.6%
Information	32.0	31.8	31.5	+0.2	+0.6%	+0.5	+1.6%
Financial Activities	121.5	121.3	119.8	+0.2	+0.2%	+1.7	+1.4%
Finance and Insurance	86.3	86.0	86.4	+0.3	+0.3%	-0.1	-0.1%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35.2	35.3	33.4	-0.1	-0.3%	+1.8	+5.4%
Professional and Business Services	316.4	316.8	306.4	-0.4	-0.1%	+10.0	+3.3%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	123.1	122.6	119.1	+0.5	+0.4%	+4.0	+3.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	26.0	25.8	25.4	+0.2	+0.8%	+0.6	+2.4%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	167.3	168.4	161.9	-1.1	-0.7%	+5.4	+3.3%
Education and Health Services	287.2	287.3	272.0	-0.1	0.0%	+15.2	+5.6%
Educational Services	48.1	48.1	46.4	0.0	0.0%	+1.7	+3.7%
Health Care Services	239.1	239.2	225.6	-0.1	0.0%	+13.5	+6.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	279.7	281.6	268.9	-1.9	-0.7%	+10.8	+4.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	37.4	37.7	34.5	-0.3	-0.8%	+2.9	+8.4%
Accommodation and Food Services	242.3	243.9	234.4	-1.6	-0.7%	+7.9	+3.4%
Other Services	85.6	84.3	83.0	+1.3	+1.5%	+2.6	+3.1%
Government	377.0	376.5	368.0	+0.5	+0.1%	+9.0	+2.4%
Federal Government	37.2	37.1	35.4	+0.1	+0.3%	+1.8	+5.1%
State Government	108.0	108.1	107.1	-0.1	-0.1%	+0.9	+0.8%
Local Government	231.8	231.3	225.5	+0.5	+0.2%	+6.3	+2.8%

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DECEMBER 2023

AREA	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Statewide	2,338,300	2,338,200	2,275,500	+100	0.0%	+62,800	+2.8%
Charleston-North Charleston	429,200	430,600	404,800	-1,400	-0.3%	+24,400	+6.0%
Columbia	428,000	426,100	418,200	+1,900	+0.4%	+9,800	+2.3%
Florence	97,800	97,800	95,500	0	0.0%	+2,300	+2.4%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	463,000	463,700	456,700	-700	-0.2%	+6,300	+1.4%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	88,100	88,100	86,800	0	0.0%	+1,300	+1.5%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	188,400	190,700	183,300	-2,300	-1.2%	+5,100	+2.8%
Spartanburg	175,200	174,300	170,200	+900	+0.5%	+5,000	+2.9%
Sumter	40,100	40,100	39,500	0	0.0%	+600	+1.5%

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DECEMBER 2023

	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	2,338,300	2,338,200	2,275,500	+100	0.0%	+62,800	+2.8%
Total Private	1,957,000	1,955,000	1,901,400	+2,000	+0.1%	+55,600	+2.9%
Goods Producing	378,900	378,800	378,100	+100	0.0%	+800	+0.2%
Mining, Logging and Construction	115,500	116,900	113,900	-1,400	-1.2%	+1,600	+1.4%
Mining and Logging	4,600	4,500	4,500	+100	+2.2%	+100	+2.2%
Construction	110,900	112,400	109,400	-1,500	-1.3%	+1,500	+1.4%
Construction of Buildings	26,800	26,600	26,700	+200	+0.8%	+100	+0.4%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	17,300	17,600	16,700	-300	-1.7%	+600	+3.6%
Specialty Trade Contractors	66,800	68,200	66,000	-1,400	-2.1%	+800	+1.2%
Manufacturing	263,400	261,900	264,200	+1,500	+0.6%	-800	-0.3%
Durable Goods	161,200	158,900	157,700	+2,300	+1.4%	+3,500	+2.2%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	23,800	23,700	24,000	+100	+0.4%	-200	-0.8%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	51,700	51,000	50,600	+700	+1.4%	+1,100	+2.2%
Non-Durable Goods	102,200	103,000	106,500	-800	-0.8%	-4,300	-4.0%
Textile Mills	11,800	12,000	12,500	-200	-1.7%	-700	-5.6%
Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	25,000	25,300	26,200	-300	-1.2%	-1,200	-4.6%
Service-Providing	1,959,400	1,959,400	1,897,400	0	0.0%	+62,000	+3.3%
Private Service Providing	1,578,100	1,576,200	1,523,300	+1,900	+0.1%	+54,800	+3.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	458,200	449,000	447,900	+9,200	+2.0%	+10,300	+2.3%
Wholesale Trade	81,400	79,400	79,400	+2,000	+2.5%	+2,000	+2.5%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	43,500	42,600	42,300	+900	+2.1%	+1,200	+2.8%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	23,200	22,500	22,500	+700	+3.1%	+700	+3.1%
Retail Trade	270,100	265,600	267,300	+4,500	+1.7%	+2,800	+1.0%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	34,600	34,500	33,900	+100	+0.3%	+700	+2.1%
Food and Beverage Stores	53,900	53,700	53,500	+200	+0.4%	+400	+0.7%
Health and Personal Care Stores	16,200	16,000	16,500	+200	+1.3%	-300	-1.8%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	19,400	19,100	19,100	+300	+1.6%	+300	+1.6%
General Merchandise Stores	64,000	62,900	61,300	+1,100	+1.7%	+2,700	+4.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	106,700	104,000	101,200	+2,700	+2.6%	+5,500	+5.4%
Utilities	12,100	11,900	11,500	+200	+1.7%	+600	+5.2%
Transportation and Warehousing	94,600	92,100	89,700	+2,500	+2.7%	+4,900	+5.5%
Information	32,000	31,500	31,600	+500	+1.6%	+400	+1.3%
Financial Activities	121,300	121,300	119,700	0	0.0%	+1,600	+1.3%
Finance and Insurance	86,300	86,200	86,500	+100	+0.1%	-200	-0.2%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Monetary Authorities	37,500	37,600	38,100	-100	-0.3%	-600	-1.6%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35,000	35,100	33,200	-100	-0.3%	+1,800	+5.4%
Professional and Business Services	320,900	323,300	307,500	-2,400	-0.7%	+13,400	+4.4%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	123,000	122,800	118,200	+200	+0.2%	+4,800	+4.1%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services	23,400	23,700	22,000	-300	-1.3%	+1,400	+6.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	25,900	25,700	25,400	+200	+0.8%	+500	+2.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	172,000	174,800	163,900	-2,800	-1.6%	+8,100	+4.9%
Administrative and Support Services	159,600	162,900	152,100	-3,300	-2.0%	+7,500	+4.9%
Employment Services	76,400	80,200	71,700	-3,800	-4.7%	+4,700	+6.6%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	37,100	36,800	35,500	+300	+0.8%	+1,600	+4.5%
Education and Health Services	288,900	290,800	273,800	-1,900	-0.7%	+15,100	+5.5%
Educational Services	49,400	50,100	47,100	-700	-1.4%	+2,300	+4.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	239,500	240,700	226,700	-1,200	-0.5%	+12,800	+5.6%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	116,000	115,900	109,700	+100	+0.1%	+6,300	+5.7%
Hospitals	40,100	40,100	38,100	0	0.0%	+2,000	+5.2%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	43,400	44,500	38,800	-1,100	-2.5%	+4,600	+11.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	270,800	275,800	260,400	-5,000	-1.8%	+10,400	+4.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	35,600	36,500	33,100	-900	-2.5%	+2,500	+7.6%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	25,800	26,800	25,000	-1,000	-3.7%	+800	+3.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	235,200	239,300	227,300	-4,100	-1.7%	+7,900	+3.5%
Accommodation	30,500	31,800	29,000	-1,300	-4.1%	+1,500	+5.2%
Food Services and Drinking Places	204,700	207,500	198,300	-2,800	-1.3%	+6,400	+3.2%
Other Services	86,000	84,500	82,400	+1,500	+1.8%	+3,600	+4.4%
Repair and Maintenance	24,300	24,000	23,300	+300	+1.3%	+1,000	+4.3%
Personal and Laundry Services	21,200	20,800	20,100	+400	+1.9%	+1,100	+5.5%
Government	381,300	383,200	374,100	-1,900	-0.5%	+7,200	+1.9%
Federal Government	37,900	37,600	36,100	+300	+0.8%	+1,800	+5.0%
State Government	110,000	111,700	110,000	-1,700	-1.5%	0	0.0%
State Government Educational Services	50,700	52,500	53,200	-1,800	-3.4%	-2,500	-4.7%
State Government Excluding Education	59,300	59,200	56,800	+100	+0.2%	+2,500	+4.4%
Local Government	233,400	233,900	228,000	-500	-0.2%	+5,400	+2.4%
Local Government Educational Services	112,400	112,500	110,800	-100	-0.1%	+1,600	+1.4%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	121,000	121,400	117,200	-400	-0.3%	+3,800	+3.2%

TOTAL PRIVATE NSA STATEWIDE HOURS AND EARNINGS BY MSA

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (AWE)

AREA	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	\$1,118.00	\$1,126.89	\$1,080.97	-\$8.89	-0.8%	+\$37.03	+3.4%
Columbia	\$991.46	\$980.51	\$897.85	+\$10.95	+1.1%	+\$93.61	+10.4%
Florence	\$743.60	\$738.40	\$764.24	+\$5.20	+0.7%	-\$20.64	-2.7%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	\$1,127.44	\$1,126.77	\$1,079.51	+\$0.67	+0.1%	+\$47.93	+4.4%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	\$762.88	\$777.55	\$784.65	-\$14.67	-1.9%	-\$21.77	-2.8%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	\$850.82	\$863.94	\$859.22	-\$13.12	-1.5%	-\$8.40	-1.0%
Spartanburg	\$944.37	\$956.76	\$937.41	-\$12.39	-1.3%	+\$6.96	+0.7%
Sumter	\$903.69	\$893.79	\$692.90	+\$9.90	+1.1%	+\$210.79	+30.4%

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS (AWH)

AREA	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	34.2	33.8	34.1	+0.4	+1.2%	+0.1	+0.3%
Columbia	34.2	34.2	34.1	0.0	0.0%	+0.1	+0.3%
Florence	32.5	31.8	32.8	+0.7	+2.2%	-0.3	-0.9%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	34.3	34.5	35.9	-0.2	-0.6%	-1.6	-4.5%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	29.8	30.6	29.3	-0.8	-2.6%	+0.5	+1.7%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	31.5	31.6	33.2	-0.1	-0.3%	-1.7	-5.1%
Spartanburg	33.5	33.5	34.9	0.0	0.0%	-1.4	-4.0%
Sumter	34.4	34.9	32.5	-0.5	-1.4%	+1.9	+5.8%

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS (AHE)

AREA	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	\$32.69	\$33.34	\$31.70	-\$0.65	-1.9%	+\$0.99	+3.1%
Columbia	\$28.99	\$28.67	\$26.33	+\$0.32	+1.1%	+\$2.66	+10.1%
Florence	\$22.88	\$23.22	\$23.30	-\$0.34	-1.5%	-\$0.42	-1.8%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	\$32.87	\$32.66	\$30.07	+\$0.21	+0.6%	+\$2.80	+9.3%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	\$25.60	\$25.41	\$26.78	+\$0.19	+0.7%	-\$1.18	-4.4%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	\$27.01	\$27.34	\$25.88	-\$0.33	-1.2%	+\$1.13	+4.4%
Spartanburg	\$28.19	\$28.56	\$26.86	-\$0.37	-1.3%	+\$1.33	+5.0%
Sumter	\$26.27	\$25.61	\$21.32	+\$0.66	+2.6%	+\$4.95	+23.2%

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NSA STATEWIDE HOURS AND EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (AWE)

INDUSTRY TITLE	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Private	\$1,030.20	\$1,036.32	\$998.67	-\$6.12	-0.6%	+\$31.53	+3.2%
Goods Producing	\$1,338.93	\$1,347.11	\$1,262.92	-\$8.18	-0.6%	+\$76.01	+6.0%
Construction	\$1,297.22	\$1,274.97	\$1,196.58	+\$22.25	+1.7%	+\$100.64	+8.4%
Manufacturing	\$1,375.78	\$1,403.93	\$1,298.74	-\$28.15	-2.0%	+\$77.04	+5.9%
Private Service Providing	\$954.83	\$961.31	\$932.59	-\$6.48	-0.7%	+\$22.24	+2.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	\$882.78	\$880.46	\$842.68	+\$2.32	+0.3%	+\$40.10	+4.8%
Financial Activities	\$1,229.63	\$1,251.40	\$1,250.14	-\$21.77	-1.7%	-\$20.51	-1.6%
Professional and Business Services	\$1,247.43	\$1,245.24	\$1,223.79	+\$2.19	+0.2%	+\$23.64	+1.9%
Education and Health Services	\$1,050.93	\$1,047.44	\$985.31	+\$3.49	+0.3%	+\$65.62	+6.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	\$460.53	\$471.40	\$442.26	-\$10.87	-2.3%	+\$18.27	+4.1%
Other Services	\$967.69	\$1,009.47	\$882.27	-\$41.78	-4.1%	+\$85.42	+9.7%

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS (AWH)

INDUSTRY TITLE	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Private	34.0	34.0	34.7	0.0	0.0%	-0.7	-2.0%
Goods Producing	40.5	40.6	40.7	-0.1	-0.2%	-0.2	-0.5%
Construction	41.9	42.4	40.7	-0.5	-1.2%	+1.2	+2.9%
Manufacturing	40.8	40.8	40.7	0.0	0.0%	+0.1	+0.2%
Private Service Providing	32.4	32.4	33.2	0.0	0.0%	-0.8	-2.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	33.1	33.2	33.4	-0.1	-0.3%	-0.3	-0.9%
Financial Activities	37.5	37.4	38.8	+0.1	+0.3%	-1.3	-3.4%
Professional and Business Services	36.4	36.4	37.9	0.0	0.0%	-1.5	-4.0%
Education and Health Services	33.1	32.6	32.8	+0.5	+1.5%	+0.3	+0.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	23.8	24.1	24.3	-0.3	-1.2%	-0.5	-2.1%
Other Services	33.8	34.5	34.9	-0.7	-2.0%	-1.1	-3.2%

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS (AHE)

INDUSTRY TITLE	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Private	\$30.30	\$30.48	\$28.78	-\$0.18	-0.6%	+\$1.52	+5.3%
Goods Producing	\$33.06	\$33.18	\$31.03	-\$0.12	-0.4%	+\$2.03	+6.5%
Construction	\$30.96	\$30.07	\$29.40	+\$0.89	+3.0%	+\$1.56	+5.3%
Manufacturing	\$33.72	\$34.41	\$31.91	-\$0.69	-2.0%	+\$1.81	+5.7%
Private Service Providing	\$29.47	\$29.67	\$28.09	-\$0.20	-0.7%	+\$1.38	+4.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	\$26.67	\$26.52	\$25.23	+\$0.15	+0.6%	+\$1.44	+5.7%
Financial Activities	\$32.79	\$33.46	\$32.22	-\$0.67	-2.0%	+\$0.57	+1.8%
Professional and Business Services	\$34.27	\$34.21	\$32.29	+\$0.06	+0.2%	+\$1.98	+6.1%
Education and Health Services	\$31.75	\$32.13	\$30.04	-\$0.38	-1.2%	+\$1.71	+5.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	\$19.35	\$19.56	\$18.20	-\$0.21	-1.1%	+\$1.15	+6.3%
Other Services	\$28.63	\$29.26	\$25.28	-\$0.63	-2.2%	+\$3.35	+13.3%

NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
CHARLESTON-NORTH CHARLESTON MSA
DECEMBER 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	429,200	430,600	404,800	-1,400	-0.3%	+24,400	+6.0%
Total Private	359,500	360,800	337,100	-1,300	-0.4%	+22,400	+6.6%
Goods Producing	55,100	55,100	52,600	0	0.0%	+2,500	+4.8%
Service-Providing	374,100	375,500	352,200	-1,400	-0.4%	+21,900	+6.2%
Private Service Providing	304,400	305,700	284,500	-1,300	-0.4%	+19,900	+7.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	22,500	22,600	21,800	-100	-0.4%	+700	+3.2%
Manufacturing	32,600	32,500	30,800	+100	+0.3%	+1,800	+5.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	77,900	76,800	76,900	+1,100	+1.4%	+1,000	+1.3%
Wholesale Trade	12,500	12,200	12,200	+300	+2.5%	+300	+2.5%
Retail Trade	43,300	42,900	44,100	+400	+0.9%	-800	-1.8%
General Merchandise Stores	8,600	8,300	8,200	+300	+3.6%	+400	+4.9%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	22,100	21,700	20,600	+400	+1.8%	+1,500	+7.3%
Information	9,300	9,200	8,900	+100	+1.1%	+400	+4.5%
Financial Activities	18,800	18,600	19,700	+200	+1.1%	-900	-4.6%
Professional and Business Services	75,300	75,600	65,400	-300	-0.4%	+9,900	+15.1%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	33,700	34,100	29,200	-400	-1.2%	+4,500	+15.4%
Education and Health Services	50,800	50,900	47,500	-100	-0.2%	+3,300	+6.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	55,700	58,300	50,500	-2,600	-4.5%	+5,200	+10.3%
Accommodation and Food Services	48,100	50,500	44,000	-2,400	-4.8%	+4,100	+9.3%
Food Services and Drinking Places	39,900	41,600	36,500	-1,700	-4.1%	+3,400	+9.3%
Other Services	16,600	16,300	15,600	+300	+1.8%	+1,000	+6.4%
Government	69,700	69,800	67,700	-100	-0.1%	+2,000	+3.0%
Federal Government	12,000	11,900	11,500	+100	+0.8%	+500	+4.3%
State Government	29,400	29,300	28,100	+100	+0.3%	+1,300	+4.6%
Local Government	28,300	28,600	28,100	-300	-1.0%	+200	+0.7%

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
COLUMBIA MSA
DECEMBER 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	428,000	426,100	418,200	+1,900	+0.4%	+9,800	+2.3%
Total Private	343,700	342,000	335,100	+1,700	+0.5%	+8,600	+2.6%
Goods Producing	49,200	49,200	48,500	0	0.0%	+700	+1.4%
Service-Providing	378,800	376,900	369,700	+1,900	+0.5%	+9,100	+2.5%
Private Service Providing	294,500	292,800	286,600	+1,700	+0.6%	+7,900	+2.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	16,900	17,000	16,900	-100	-0.6%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	32,300	32,200	31,600	+100	+0.3%	+700	+2.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	79,900	78,100	78,800	+1,800	+2.3%	+1,100	+1.4%
Wholesale Trade	16,400	15,900	16,000	+500	+3.1%	+400	+2.5%
Retail Trade	45,400	44,500	45,100	+900	+2.0%	+300	+0.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	18,100	17,700	17,700	+400	+2.3%	+400	+2.3%
Information	5,400	5,300	5,200	+100	+1.9%	+200	+3.8%
Financial Activities	36,600	36,300	36,000	+300	+0.8%	+600	+1.7%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Monetary Authorities - Central Bank	7,600	7,500	7,700	+100	+1.3%	-100	-1.3%
Professional and Business Services	61,100	60,500	57,500	+600	+1.0%	+3,600	+6.3%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	33,500	34,000	31,900	-500	-1.5%	+1,600	+5.0%
Education and Health Services	54,500	55,300	53,400	-800	-1.4%	+1,100	+2.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	38,700	39,300	38,600	-600	-1.5%	+100	+0.3%
Food Services and Drinking Places	32,300	32,700	31,700	-400	-1.2%	+600	+1.9%
Other Services	18,300	18,000	17,100	+300	+1.7%	+1,200	+7.0%
Government	84,300	84,100	83,100	+200	+0.2%	+1,200	+1.4%
Federal Government	11,800	11,700	11,300	+100	+0.9%	+500	+4.4%
State Government	37,000	37,000	36,100	0	0.0%	+900	+2.5%
Local Government	35,500	35,400	35,700	+100	+0.3%	-200	-0.6%

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
GREENVILLE-ANDERSON-MAULDIN MSA
DECEMBER 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	463,000	463,700	456,700	-700	-0.2%	+6,300	+1.4%
Total Private	400,100	400,100	393,000	0	0.0%	+7,100	+1.8%
Goods Producing	82,800	82,800	83,000	0	0.0%	-200	-0.2%
Service-Providing	380,200	380,900	373,700	-700	-0.2%	+6,500	+1.7%
Private Service Providing	317,300	317,300	310,000	0	0.0%	+7,300	+2.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	22,300	22,400	21,700	-100	-0.4%	+600	+2.8%
Manufacturing	60,500	60,400	61,300	+100	+0.2%	-800	-1.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	87,100	85,600	84,700	+1,500	+1.8%	+2,400	+2.8%
Wholesale Trade	20,300	19,800	20,100	+500	+2.5%	+200	+1.0%
Retail Trade	50,000	49,400	48,900	+600	+1.2%	+1,100	+2.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	16,800	16,400	15,700	+400	+2.4%	+1,100	+7.0%
Information	7,600	7,500	7,300	+100	+1.3%	+300	+4.1%
Financial Activities	22,300	22,300	21,900	0	0.0%	+400	+1.8%
Professional and Business Services	74,200	75,800	74,200	-1,600	-2.1%	0	0.0%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	27,200	27,700	27,000	-500	-1.8%	+200	+0.7%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	6,400	6,400	6,600	0	0.0%	-200	-3.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	40,600	41,700	40,600	-1,100	-2.6%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	61,400	61,600	58,100	-200	-0.3%	+3,300	+5.7%
Educational Services	13,600	13,800	12,100	-200	-1.4%	+1,500	+12.4%
Health Care and Social Assistance	47,800	47,800	46,000	0	0.0%	+1,800	+3.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	48,300	48,400	48,400	-100	-0.2%	-100	-0.2%
Other Services	16,400	16,100	15,400	+300	+1.9%	+1,000	+6.5%
Government	62,900	63,600	63,700	-700	-1.1%	-800	-1.3%
Federal Government	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	13,400	13,800	15,100	-400	-2.9%	-1,700	-11.3%
Local Government	46,400	46,700	45,500	-300	-0.6%	+900	+2.0%

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
MYRTLE BEACH-CONWAY-NORTH MYRTLE BEACH MSA
DECEMBER 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	188,400	190,700	183,300	-2,300	-1.2%	+5,100	+2.8%
Total Private	162,900	165,100	158,600	-2,200	-1.3%	+4,300	+2.7%
Goods Producing	17,800	17,900	17,300	-100	-0.6%	+500	+2.9%
Service-Providing	170,600	172,800	166,000	-2,200	-1.3%	+4,600	+2.8%
Private Service Providing	145,100	147,200	141,300	-2,100	-1.4%	+3,800	+2.7%
Mining, Logging and Construction	12,300	12,400	11,900	-100	-0.8%	+400	+3.4%
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	0.0%	+100	+1.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	40,700	40,500	41,900	+200	+0.5%	-1,200	-2.9%
Wholesale Trade	3,800	3,700	3,700	+100	+2.7%	+100	+2.7%
Retail Trade	31,200	31,200	32,700	0	0.0%	-1,500	-4.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	5,700	5,600	5,500	+100	+1.8%	+200	+3.6%
Information	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	11,100	11,200	10,600	-100	-0.9%	+500	+4.7%
Professional and Business Services	19,100	19,300	18,200	-200	-1.0%	+900	+4.9%
Education and Health Services	23,100	23,000	21,300	+100	+0.4%	+1,800	+8.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	41,200	43,400	39,900	-2,200	-5.1%	+1,300	+3.3%
Accommodation and Food Services	36,000	38,100	33,400	-2,100	-5.5%	+2,600	+7.8%
Food Services and Drinking Places	28,900	30,400	26,400	-1,500	-4.9%	+2,500	+9.5%
Other Services	7,000	6,900	6,500	+100	+1.4%	+500	+7.7%
Government	25,500	25,600	24,700	-100	-0.4%	+800	+3.2%
Federal Government	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	0.0%	+100	+6.7%
State Government	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	19,100	19,200	18,400	-100	-0.5%	+700	+3.8%

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
SPARTANBURG MSA
DECEMBER 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	175,200	174,300	170,200	+900	+0.5%	+5,000	+2.9%
Total Private	144,900	144,600	141,800	+300	+0.2%	+3,100	+2.2%
Goods Producing	46,200	46,200	45,900	0	0.0%	+300	+0.7%
Service-Providing	129,000	128,100	124,300	+900	+0.7%	+4,700	+3.8%
Private Service Providing	98,700	98,400	95,900	+300	+0.3%	+2,800	+2.9%
Mining, Logging and Construction	7,700	7,700	7,600	0	0.0%	+100	+1.3%
Manufacturing	38,500	38,500	38,300	0	0.0%	+200	+0.5%
Durable Goods	26,800	26,700	26,300	+100	+0.4%	+500	+1.9%
Non-Durable Goods	11,700	11,800	12,000	-100	-0.8%	-300	-2.5%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	38,600	37,900	37,500	+700	+1.8%	+1,100	+2.9%
Wholesale Trade	8,200	8,000	8,200	+200	+2.5%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	17,800	17,500	17,200	+300	+1.7%	+600	+3.5%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	12,600	12,400	12,100	+200	+1.6%	+500	+4.1%
Information	900	900	900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	5,300	5,300	5,200	0	0.0%	+100	+1.9%
Professional and Business Services	17,100	17,500	16,700	-400	-2.3%	+400	+2.4%
Education and Health Services	16,000	15,900	15,500	+100	+0.6%	+500	+3.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	15,000	15,100	14,600	-100	-0.7%	+400	+2.7%
Other Services	5,800	5,800	5,500	0	0.0%	+300	+5.5%
Government	30,300	29,700	28,400	+600	+2.0%	+1,900	+6.7%
Federal Government	700	700	600	0	0.0%	+100	+16.7%
State Government	4,100	4,000	4,000	+100	+2.5%	+100	+2.5%
Local Government	25,500	25,000	23,800	+500	+2.0%	+1,700	+7.1%

Current month's estimates are preliminary. All data are subject to revision.

**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
FLORENCE MSA
DECEMBER 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	97,800	97,800	95,500	0	0.0%	+2,300	+2.4%
Total Private	79,500	79,500	78,300	0	0.0%	+1,200	+1.5%
Goods Producing	15,600	15,300	15,200	+300	+2.0%	+400	+2.6%
Service-Providing	82,200	82,500	80,300	-300	-0.4%	+1,900	+2.4%
Private Service Providing	63,900	64,200	63,100	-300	-0.5%	+800	+1.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	21,700	21,300	22,300	+400	+1.9%	-600	-2.7%
Government	18,300	18,300	17,200	0	0.0%	+1,100	+6.4%
Federal Government	800	800	800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	0.0%	+200	+4.3%
Local Government	12,700	12,700	11,800	0	0.0%	+900	+7.6%

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND-BLUFFTON-BEAUFORT MSA
DECEMBER 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	88,100	88,100	86,800	0	0.0%	+1,300	+1.5%
Total Private	76,300	76,300	75,300	0	0.0%	+1,000	+1.3%
Goods Producing	8,000	8,000	7,800	0	0.0%	+200	+2.6%
Service-Providing	80,100	80,100	79,000	0	0.0%	+1,100	+1.4%
Private Service Providing	68,300	68,300	67,500	0	0.0%	+800	+1.2%
Government	11,800	11,800	11,500	0	0.0%	+300	+2.6%

**SUMTER MSA
DECEMBER 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023		DECEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	40,100	40,100	39,500	0	0.0%	+600	+1.5%
Total Private	34,100	34,100	33,600	0	0.0%	+500	+1.5%
Goods Producing	10,100	10,000	9,800	+100	+1.0%	+300	+3.1%
Service-Providing	30,000	30,100	29,700	-100	-0.3%	+300	+1.0%
Private Service Providing	24,000	24,100	23,800	-100	-0.4%	+200	+0.8%
Manufacturing	7,400	7,400	7,300	0	0.0%	+100	+1.4%
Government	6,000	6,000	5,900	0	0.0%	+100	+1.7%
Federal Government	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	0.0%	+100	+8.3%
State Government	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

LONG-RUN TRENDS

ANNUAL LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS DATA 1976-2022

YEAR	CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION	LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE (PERCENT)	EMPLOYMENT-POPULATION RATIO (PERCENT)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (PERCENT)
1976	2,007,417	64.7%	60.2%	1,299,241	1,207,662	91,579	7.0%
1977	2,061,250	64.4%	60.0%	1,327,423	1,237,495	89,928	6.8%
1978	2,117,667	64.1%	60.5%	1,356,921	1,281,597	75,324	5.6%
1979	2,169,417	63.4%	60.2%	1,375,201	1,306,773	68,428	5.0%
1980	2,221,250	62.8%	58.6%	1,395,675	1,301,796	93,879	6.7%
1981	2,266,583	63.2%	58.0%	1,432,219	1,314,907	117,312	8.2%
1982	2,307,333	64.2%	57.3%	1,482,373	1,322,883	159,490	10.8%
1983	2,341,083	63.2%	56.9%	1,479,137	1,333,162	145,975	9.9%
1984	2,378,500	62.9%	58.5%	1,495,188	1,391,286	103,902	6.9%
1985	2,426,500	63.8%	59.5%	1,548,924	1,443,612	105,312	6.8%
1986	2,455,333	64.9%	60.7%	1,592,306	1,491,069	101,237	6.4%
1987	2,495,333	65.4%	61.8%	1,631,897	1,542,170	89,727	5.5%
1988	2,533,000	65.6%	62.5%	1,660,533	1,583,928	76,605	4.6%
1989	2,566,000	66.0%	62.9%	1,693,438	1,615,009	78,429	4.6%
1990	2,611,843	66.5%	63.3%	1,737,831	1,652,949	84,882	4.9%
1991	2,663,759	66.3%	62.3%	1,767,123	1,659,196	107,927	6.1%
1992	2,699,745	66.7%	62.2%	1,799,677	1,678,803	120,874	6.7%
1993	2,739,480	66.7%	61.8%	1,826,650	1,693,483	133,167	7.3%
1994	2,775,049	66.4%	62.3%	1,841,428	1,727,714	113,714	6.2%
1995	2,813,952	66.2%	62.8%	1,864,221	1,768,540	95,681	5.1%
1996	2,851,104	66.2%	62.4%	1,886,064	1,779,221	106,843	5.7%
1997	2,897,839	66.3%	63.3%	1,920,244	1,834,337	85,907	4.5%
1998	2,945,825	65.9%	63.5%	1,940,846	1,870,270	70,576	3.6%
1999	2,989,560	65.5%	62.8%	1,958,598	1,877,345	81,253	4.1%
2000	3,027,367	64.9%	62.5%	1,965,481	1,892,559	72,922	3.7%
2001	3,064,191	63.4%	60.0%	1,941,956	1,839,246	102,710	5.3%
2002	3,098,739	63.1%	59.0%	1,954,548	1,828,735	125,813	6.4%
2003	3,133,915	63.8%	59.2%	1,999,485	1,855,599	143,886	7.2%
2004	3,178,645	64.3%	59.5%	2,043,864	1,891,722	152,142	7.4%
2005	3,234,049	64.0%	59.4%	2,071,111	1,919,644	151,467	7.3%
2006	3,305,437	65.0%	60.5%	2,148,698	2,001,245	147,453	6.9%
2007	3,374,548	63.9%	60.0%	2,155,198	2,024,493	130,705	6.1%
2008	3,439,974	62.8%	58.2%	2,160,084	2,002,903	157,181	7.3%
2009	3,490,448	62.1%	55.0%	2,166,737	1,919,307	247,430	11.4%
2010	3,564,619	61.0%	54.1%	2,174,535	1,928,442	246,093	11.3%
2011	3,612,048	60.5%	54.2%	2,185,171	1,957,493	227,678	10.4%
2012	3,655,515	59.9%	54.5%	2,190,203	1,992,957	197,246	9.0%
2013	3,704,281	59.3%	54.9%	2,197,876	2,034,404	163,472	7.4%
2014	3,759,002	59.1%	55.4%	2,222,426	2,082,941	139,485	6.3%
2015	3,822,409	59.3%	55.8%	2,267,837	2,134,087	133,750	5.9%
2016	3,888,005	58.8%	55.9%	2,286,054	2,174,301	111,753	4.9%
2017	3,897,645	58.0%	55.6%	2,261,766	2,166,708	95,058	4.2%
2018	3,948,448	57.8%	55.9%	2,282,022	2,205,356	76,666	3.4%
2019	4,002,601	58.1%	56.5%	2,324,500	2,259,807	64,693	2.8%
2020	4,062,556	57.5%	54.0%	2,335,026	2,195,171	139,855	6.0%
2021	4,124,126	57.1%	54.8%	2,353,968	2,261,060	92,908	3.9%
2022	4,204,317	56.5%	54.7%	2,374,975	2,297,927	77,048	3.2%

ANNUAL CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS NONFARM PAYROLL 1939-2022

YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT
1939	310,100	1960	582,500	1981	1,196,500	2002	1,795,400
1940	328,600	1961	587,000	1982	1,162,300	2003	1,799,100
1941	387,500	1962	609,800	1983	1,189,000	2004	1,826,600
1942	416,500	1963	630,600	1984	1,262,500	2005	1,862,900
1943	428,500	1964	651,500	1985	1,296,200	2006	1,905,700
1944	408,600	1965	686,000	1986	1,338,000	2007	1,945,000
1945	396,000	1966	734,900	1987	1,392,200	2008	1,926,300
1946	411,600	1967	754,500	1988	1,449,000	2009	1,814,400
1947	436,200	1968	782,900	1989	1,499,700	2010	1,811,300
1948	456,400	1969	819,800	1990	1,527,600	2011	1,832,500
1949	443,100	1970	842,000	1991	1,497,300	2012	1,864,300
1950	461,400	1971	862,600	1992	1,511,800	2013	1,901,000
1951	505,800	1972	920,300	1993	1,553,000	2014	1,951,300
1952	544,300	1973	984,000	1994	1,592,000	2015	2,006,700
1953	543,900	1974	1,015,800	1995	1,636,300	2016	2,055,300
1954	519,700	1975	982,600	1996	1,669,400	2017	2,096,100
1955	533,000	1976	1,038,100	1997	1,718,800	2018	2,154,800
1956	542,900	1977	1,081,700	1998	1,779,800	2019	2,189,600
1957	545,000	1978	1,137,500	1999	1,826,300	2020	2,082,300
1958	545,900	1979	1,176,000	2000	1,854,000	2021	2,154,600
1959	566,900	1980	1,188,800	2001	1,814,800	2022	2,243,500

ANNUAL CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS NONFARM PAYROLL 2007-2022

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
2007	\$675.36	36.0	\$18.76
2008	\$669.28	35.6	\$18.80
2009	\$665.55	34.7	\$19.18
2010	\$692.17	34.8	\$19.89
2011	\$716.18	34.8	\$20.58
2012	\$705.16	35.1	\$20.09
2013	\$716.15	34.9	\$20.52
2014	\$726.23	34.5	\$21.05
2015	\$743.27	34.7	\$21.42
2016	\$762.80	34.5	\$22.11
2017	\$791.99	34.6	\$22.89
2018	\$829.36	34.6	\$23.97
2019	\$852.84	34.5	\$24.72
2020	\$888.31	34.1	\$26.05
2021	\$925.41	34.3	\$26.98
2022	\$972.90	34.5	\$28.20

TECHNICAL NOTES

- Household Survey:** Nationally, there is a monthly Current Population Survey of about 60,000 households conducted by the Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to determine employment status of the civilian population. This information, along with other inputs, is used by DEW to operate the Local Area Unemployment Statistics program, which estimates the number of individuals employed and those not employed, but actively seeking employment for statewide and a variety of sub-state geographies.
- Employer Survey:** BLS conducts a monthly Current Employment Statistics survey of about 44,000 employers which yields national estimates of nonagricultural wage and salary employment, hours, and earnings by industry. This data is processed by DEW to generate comparable data for the state and its metropolitan statistical areas.
- Seasonally Adjusted:** Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a regular pattern each year (i.e. tourist-related hiring and school closings in the summer). These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other nonseasonal movements in data over time.
- Not Seasonally Adjusted:** Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from this data.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (CES)	LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (LAUS)
Data is published by Industry	Data is published by County
Counts Jobs	Counts People
Utilizes an Establishment Survey	The Current Population Survey (CPS), which is a Household Survey , is used to calculate LAUS
Reference week is the Pay Period that includes the 12 th of the month	Reference week is the Calendar Week that includes the 12 th of the month
A job held by a person on unpaid leave during the reference week is not counted since they are not receiving pay	A person on unpaid leave is counted as employed because they will return to their job
Does not count self-employed workers	Does count self-employed workers
Does not include agricultural workers	Includes both agricultural and non-agricultural workers
Does not count unpaid family workers	Counts unpaid family workers if they worked at least 15 unpaid hours for a family business or family farm during the reference week
Workers on strike during the entire reference period are not counted	Workers on strike during the reference week are counted as employed in LAUS



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