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South Carolina's Employment Situation July 2021

I. Household Survey¹

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working increased to 2,299,509.

- That is an increase of 10,217 people over the June 2021 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 55,704 people over the July 2020 estimate.

Unemployment: Unemployment estimates decreased to 103,464 people.

- That is a decrease of 3,603 people from the June 2021 estimate and a substantial decrease of 80,006 over the July 2020 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.3 percent in July from 4.5 percent in June.

Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased to 5.4 percent in July from 5.9 percent in June.

Labor force: The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,402,973.

- That is an increase of 6,614 people over the June 2021 estimate.
- That is a decrease of 24,302 individuals over the July 2020 estimate.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted³)

The Current Employment Survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an increase of 20,100 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,139,400.

- Industries that reported gains were in the Leisure and Hospitality (+9,300); Government (+5,100); Construction (+2,600); Manufacturing (+1,700); Professional and Business Services (+1,000); Financial Activities (+600); and Other Services (+400).
- Decreases were observed in the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-300); Information (-200); and Education and Health Services (-100) industries.

From July 2020 to July 2021, South Carolina's economy has picked up 98,000 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with strong growth were reported in the Leisure and Hospitality (+27,700); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+18,800); Government (+13,600); Manufacturing (+9,700); Education and Health Services (+9,500); Professional and Business Services (+8,100); Construction (+7,500); Other Services (+3,800); and Information (+700).
- There was a decline noticed in the Financial Activities (-1,500).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted²)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment climbed by 2,200 from June 2021 to July 2021 for a total of 2,140,400.

- Increases were reported in Leisure and Hospitality (+9,400); Manufacturing (+3,500); Financial Activities (+700); Construction (+400); Other Services (+100) industries.
- Decreases were reported in the Government (-7,000); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-2,500); and Education and Health Services (-2,400) industries.
- Mining and Logging; Professional and Business Services; and Information industries remained flat.

Since July 2020, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 102,700 overall in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains are Leisure and Hospitality (+31,900); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+17,200); Government (+13,600); Manufacturing (+10,600); Professional and Business Services (+9,700); Education and Health Services (+9,100); Construction (+6,500); Other Services (+4,400); Information (+1,100); and Mining and Logging (+100).
- A decline was noticed in the Financial Activities (-1,500).

¹Household Survey (Current Population Survey): is a monthly survey of about 60,000 households conducted by the Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This survey provides monthly statistics on employment, unemployment, and related subjects analyzed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

²Current Employment Statistics Survey: is a monthly survey of about 40,000 employers which yields estimates of nonagricultural wage and salary employment, hours, and earnings by industry.

³Seasonally Adjusted: Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a more or less 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.

⁴Not Seasonally Adjusted: Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from these data.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
July 2021

Area	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2021 to July 2021		July 2020 to July 2021	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,139,400	2,119,300	2,041,400	20,100	0.95%	98,000	4.80%
Construction	109,700	107,100	102,200	2,600	2.43%	7,500	7.34%
Manufacturing	249,400	247,700	239,700	1,700	0.69%	9,700	4.05%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	415,600	415,900	396,800	-300	-0.07%	18,800	4.74%
Information	24,800	25,000	24,100	-200	-0.80%	700	2.90%
Financial Activities	103,900	103,300	105,400	600	0.58%	-1,500	-1.42%
Professional and Business Services	284,900	283,900	276,800	1,000	0.35%	8,100	2.93%
Education and Health Services	256,700	256,800	247,200	-100	-0.04%	9,500	3.84%
Leisure and Hospitality	245,000	235,700	217,300	9,300	3.95%	27,700	12.75%
Other Services	76,600	76,200	72,800	400	0.52%	3,800	5.22%
Government	368,300	363,200	354,700	5,100	1.40%	13,600	3.83%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
July 2021

Area	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2021 to July 2021		July 2020 to July 2021	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm	2,140,400	2,138,200	2,037,700	2,200	0.10%	102,700	5.04%
Mining and Logging	4,500	4,500	4,400	0	0.00%	100	2.27%
Construction	109,600	109,200	103,100	400	0.37%	6,500	6.30%
Manufacturing	250,600	247,100	240,000	3,500	1.42%	10,600	4.42%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	416,000	418,500	398,800	-2,500	-0.60%	17,200	4.31%
Information	25,200	25,200	24,100	0	0.00%	1,100	4.56%
Financial Activities	104,800	104,100	106,300	700	0.67%	-1,500	-1.41%
Professional and Business Services	284,500	284,500	274,800	0	0.00%	9,700	3.53%
Education and Health Services	252,500	254,900	243,400	-2,400	-0.94%	9,100	3.74%
Leisure and Hospitality	262,000	252,600	230,100	9,400	3.72%	31,900	13.86%
Other Services	77,700	77,600	73,300	100	0.13%	4,400	6.00%
Government	353,000	360,000	339,400	-7,000	-1.94%	13,600	4.01%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted
July 2021**

Area	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2021 to July 2021		July 2020 to July 2021	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,139,400	2,119,300	2,041,400	20,100	0.95%	98,000	4.80%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	366,800	365,100	346,000	1,700	0.47%	20,800	6.01%
Columbia MSA	392,000	389,700	383,000	2,300	0.59%	9,000	2.35%
Florence MSA	89,100	88,700	86,700	400	0.45%	2,400	2.77%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	421,200	417,400	402,900	3,800	0.91%	18,300	4.54%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	83,900	83,600	77,600	300	0.36%	6,300	8.12%
Myrtle Beach MSA	165,700	164,200	157,700	1,500	0.91%	8,000	5.07%
Spartanburg MSA	165,200	165,000	155,700	200	0.12%	9,500	6.10%
Sumter MSA	38,700	38,300	36,400	400	1.04%	2,300	6.32%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Not Seasonally Adjusted
July 2021**

Area	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2021 to July 2021		July 2020 to July 2021	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,140,400	2,138,200	2,037,700	2,200	0.10%	102,700	5.04%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	368,700	369,100	347,100	-400	-0.11%	21,600	6.22%
Columbia MSA	390,400	390,000	380,500	400	0.10%	9,900	2.60%
Florence MSA	89,400	89,200	85,300	200	0.22%	4,100	4.81%
Greenville MSA	419,700	419,500	400,500	200	0.05%	19,200	4.79%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	86,400	85,600	79,700	800	0.93%	6,700	8.41%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	175,100	174,100	166,900	1,000	0.57%	8,200	4.91%
Spartanburg MSA	163,300	165,100	153,200	-1,800	-1.09%	10,100	6.59%
Sumter MSA	38,500	38,400	36,100	100	0.26%	2,400	6.65%

Note: Employment estimates have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Sum of detail may not equal totals due to rounding or the exclusion of certain industries from publication. All data are subject to revision.

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY COUNTY, MSA, AND STATE
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

AREA		July 2021				June 2021				July 2020			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)
Bamberg County	↑	4,645	4,232	413	8.9	4,672	4,260	412	8.8	4,945	4,364	581	11.7
Allendale County	↓	2,512	2,311	201	8.0	2,562	2,347	215	8.4	2,721	2,379	342	12.6
Marlboro County	↓	8,932	8,214	718	8.0	9,264	8,507	757	8.2	9,512	8,293	1,219	12.8
Orangeburg County	↓	34,251	31,546	2,705	7.9	33,955	31,220	2,735	8.1	36,259	31,930	4,329	11.9
Marion County	↑	13,557	12,583	974	7.2	13,556	12,600	956	7.1	13,761	12,362	1,399	10.2
Barnwell County	↑	7,740	7,198	542	7.0	7,853	7,316	537	6.8	8,077	7,202	875	10.8
Union County	-	12,260	11,408	852	6.9	12,272	11,420	852	6.9	12,355	10,877	1,478	12.0
Williamsburg County	-	11,472	10,709	763	6.7	11,518	10,748	770	6.7	12,507	11,191	1,316	10.5
Chester County	↓	13,816	12,952	864	6.3	13,816	12,897	919	6.7	14,144	12,449	1,695	12.0
Dillon County	↑	13,406	12,564	842	6.3	13,815	12,970	845	6.1	13,209	12,179	1,030	7.8
Fairfield County	↓	9,731	9,149	582	6.0	9,671	9,070	601	6.2	10,018	8,999	1,019	10.2
Lee County	↓	6,858	6,452	406	5.9	6,846	6,438	408	6.0	7,069	6,386	683	9.7
Cherokee County	↓	24,072	22,726	1,346	5.6	24,834	23,421	1,413	5.7	25,129	22,403	2,726	10.8
McCormick County	↑	3,300	3,118	182	5.5	3,356	3,175	181	5.4	3,388	3,115	273	8.1
Clarendon County	↑	12,631	11,945	686	5.4	13,053	12,367	686	5.3	12,883	11,749	1,134	8.8
Georgetown County	-	26,784	25,420	1,364	5.1	26,642	25,289	1,353	5.1	27,675	25,193	2,482	9.0
Horry County	↓	156,226	148,261	7,965	5.1	154,731	146,434	8,297	5.4	157,751	142,698	15,053	9.5
Abbeville County	↓	9,553	9,076	477	5.0	9,818	9,303	515	5.2	10,074	9,276	798	7.9
Darlington County	↓	31,083	29,531	1,552	5.0	30,783	29,208	1,575	5.1	31,221	28,459	2,762	8.8
Greenwood County	↓	29,842	28,337	1,505	5.0	30,649	29,067	1,582	5.2	31,744	29,041	2,703	8.5
Chesterfield County	↓	21,857	20,795	1,062	4.9	21,986	20,865	1,121	5.1	22,395	20,660	1,735	7.7
Sumter County	↓	44,518	42,345	2,173	4.9	44,218	41,988	2,230	5.0	44,318	40,321	3,997	9.0
Calhoun County	↓	6,706	6,383	323	4.8	6,658	6,327	331	5.0	6,789	6,255	534	7.9
Colleton County	↑	16,871	16,066	805	4.8	16,807	16,012	795	4.7	17,439	16,020	1,419	8.1
Lancaster County	↓	43,345	41,353	1,992	4.6	43,232	41,169	2,063	4.8	43,629	39,694	3,935	9.0
Laurens County	↓	30,870	29,451	1,419	4.6	30,680	29,204	1,476	4.8	31,004	28,365	2,639	8.5
Oconee County	-	34,546	33,004	1,542	4.5	35,279	33,688	1,591	4.5	35,592	33,179	2,413	6.8
Richland County	↓	202,090	193,066	9,024	4.5	200,584	191,384	9,200	4.6	206,803	190,822	15,981	7.7
Florence County	↓	68,685	65,687	2,998	4.4	68,045	64,951	3,094	4.5	68,291	63,267	5,024	7.4
Spartanburg County	↓	161,479	154,537	6,942	4.3	162,009	154,732	7,277	4.5	160,921	147,531	13,390	8.3
Hampton County	↑	8,486	8,138	348	4.1	8,532	8,192	340	4.0	8,460	7,873	587	6.9
Kershaw County	↓	30,009	28,777	1,232	4.1	29,773	28,526	1,247	4.2	30,324	28,311	2,013	6.6
Anderson County	↓	93,074	89,322	3,752	4.0	92,529	88,582	3,947	4.3	92,976	86,237	6,739	7.2
Berkeley County	↓	109,156	104,876	4,280	3.9	108,516	104,110	4,406	4.1	108,451	100,234	8,217	7.6
Dorchester County	↓	80,641	77,534	3,107	3.9	80,189	76,966	3,223	4.0	80,356	74,049	6,307	7.8
York County	↓	146,718	141,061	5,657	3.9	146,513	140,424	6,089	4.2	147,363	135,465	11,898	8.1
Charleston County	↓	219,468	211,041	8,427	3.8	218,030	209,453	8,577	3.9	219,494	200,917	18,577	8.5
Pickens County	↓	58,817	56,567	2,250	3.8	58,496	56,092	2,404	4.1	58,340	54,560	3,780	6.5
Greenville County	↓	261,772	252,136	9,636	3.7	260,150	250,046	10,104	3.9	262,275	243,543	18,732	7.1
Aiken County	↓	76,948	74,186	2,762	3.6	76,896	73,969	2,927	3.8	76,755	72,170	4,585	6.0
Beaufort County	↓	83,511	80,515	2,996	3.6	82,181	79,105	3,076	3.7	80,249	75,104	5,145	6.4
Newberry County	↓	19,905	19,198	707	3.6	19,922	19,146	776	3.9	20,004	18,805	1,199	6.0
Edgefield County	↓	11,050	10,658	392	3.5	11,047	10,623	424	3.8	10,969	10,298	671	6.1
Jasper County	↓	13,991	13,511	480	3.4	13,770	13,278	492	3.6	13,392	12,484	908	6.8
Lexington County	↓	153,315	148,212	5,103	3.3	152,204	146,914	5,290	3.5	154,409	145,925	8,484	5.5
Saluda County	↓	8,967	8,674	293	3.3	8,925	8,601	324	3.6	8,890	8,414	476	5.4
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↓	409,265	393,451	15,814	3.9	406,735	390,529	16,206	4.0	408,301	375,200	33,101	8.1
Columbia MSA	↓	410,818	394,261	16,557	4.0	407,815	390,822	16,993	4.2	417,233	388,726	28,507	6.8
Florence MSA	↓	99,768	95,218	4,550	4.6	98,828	94,159	4,669	4.7	99,512	91,726	7,786	7.8
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↓	444,533	427,476	17,057	3.8	441,855	423,924	17,931	4.1	444,595	412,705	31,890	7.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,402,973	2,299,509	103,464	4.3	2,396,359	2,289,292	107,067	4.5	2,427,275	2,243,805	183,470	7.6

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

↑ Unemployment Rate Up
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