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South Carolina's Employment Situation November 2021

I. Household Survey¹

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working increased to 2,317,620.

- That is an increase of 4,330 people over the October 2021 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 100,032 people over the November 2020 estimate.

Unemployment: Unemployment estimates decreased to 89,473 people.

- That is a significant decrease of 4,892 people from the October 2021 estimate and a significant decrease of 41,882 over the November 2020 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased significantly to 3.7 percent in November from 3.9 percent in October.

Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased to 4.2 percent in November from 4.6 percent in October.

Labor force: The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) was little changed over the month, decreasing to 2,407,093.

- That is a decrease of 562 people over the October 2021 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 58,150 individuals over the November 2020 estimate.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted³)

The Current Employment Survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an increase of 4,600 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,158,500.

- Industries that reported gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+2,500); Professional and Business Services (+2,100); Construction (+1,100); Other Services (+700); Financial Activities (+600); Government (+300); Education and Health Services (+200); and Information (+100).
- Decreases were observed in the Manufacturing (-2,000) and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-1,000) industries.

From November 2020 to November 2021, South Carolina's economy has picked up 54,100 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with strong growth were reported in the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+14,200); Leisure and Hospitality (+12,100); Education and Health Services (+5,400); Government (+5,200); Other Services (+4,900); Manufacturing (+4,800); Construction (+4,500); Professional and Business Services (+3,300); and Information (+900).
- There was a decline noticed in the Financial Activities (-1,200) industry.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted⁴)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment climbed by 16,000 from October 2021 to November 2021 for a total of 2,176,900.

- Increases were reported in Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+6,600); Professional and Business Services (+6,400); Government (+1,800); Construction (+1,200); Other Services (+1,000); Information (+400); Education and Health Services (+300); and Financial Activities (+300) industries.
- Decreases were reported in the Leisure and Hospitality (-1,300) and Manufacturing (-700) industries.
- Mining and Logging remained flat.

Since November 2020, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 60,000 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+15,000); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+14,900); Other Services (+5,700); Government (+5,500); Education and Health Services (+5,200); Manufacturing (+5,100); Professional and Business Services (+4,500); Construction (+4,100); and Information (+900).
- A decline was noticed in the Financial Activities (-900) industry.
- Mining and Logging remained flat over the year.

¹**Household 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.

²**Current 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.

³**Seasonally 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.

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

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
November 2021

| Area | November 2021 | October 2021 | November 2020 | October 2021 to November 2021 | | November 2020 to November 2021 | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | # Change | % Change | # Change | % Change |
| Total Nonfarm Employment | 2,158,500 | 2,153,900 | 2,104,400 | 4,600 | 0.21% | 54,100 | 2.57% |
| Construction | 108,400 | 107,300 | 103,900 | 1,100 | 1.03% | 4,500 | 4.33% |
| Manufacturing | 250,900 | 252,900 | 246,100 | -2,000 | -0.79% | 4,800 | 1.95% |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 421,200 | 422,200 | 407,000 | -1,000 | -0.24% | 14,200 | 3.49% |
| Information | 25,500 | 25,400 | 24,600 | 100 | 0.39% | 900 | 3.66% |
| Financial Activities | 104,900 | 104,300 | 106,100 | 600 | 0.58% | -1,200 | -1.13% |
| Professional and Business Services | 288,600 | 286,500 | 285,300 | 2,100 | 0.73% | 3,300 | 1.16% |
| Education and Health Services | 255,900 | 255,700 | 250,500 | 200 | 0.08% | 5,400 | 2.16% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 250,100 | 247,600 | 238,000 | 2,500 | 1.01% | 12,100 | 5.08% |
| Other Services | 78,900 | 78,200 | 74,000 | 700 | 0.90% | 4,900 | 6.62% |
| Government | 369,700 | 369,400 | 364,500 | 300 | 0.08% | 5,200 | 1.43% |

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
November 2021

| Area | November 2021 | October 2021 | November 2020 | October 2021 to November 2021 | | November 2020 to November 2021 | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | # Change | % Change | # Change | % Change |
| Total Nonfarm | 2,176,900 | 2,160,900 | 2,116,900 | 16,000 | 0.74% | 60,000 | 2.83% |
| Mining and Logging | 4,400 | 4,400 | 4,400 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Construction | 108,300 | 107,100 | 104,200 | 1,200 | 1.12% | 4,100 | 3.93% |
| Manufacturing | 251,600 | 252,300 | 246,500 | -700 | -0.28% | 5,100 | 2.07% |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 428,800 | 422,200 | 413,900 | 6,600 | 1.56% | 14,900 | 3.60% |
| Information | 25,500 | 25,100 | 24,600 | 400 | 1.59% | 900 | 3.66% |
| Financial Activities | 105,300 | 105,000 | 106,200 | 300 | 0.29% | -900 | -0.85% |
| Professional and Business Services | 294,100 | 287,700 | 289,600 | 6,400 | 2.22% | 4,500 | 1.55% |
| Education and Health Services | 258,100 | 257,800 | 252,900 | 300 | 0.12% | 5,200 | 2.06% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 245,600 | 246,900 | 230,600 | -1,300 | -0.53% | 15,000 | 6.50% |
| Other Services | 79,500 | 78,500 | 73,800 | 1,000 | 1.27% | 5,700 | 7.72% |
| Government | 375,700 | 373,900 | 370,200 | 1,800 | 0.48% | 5,500 | 1.49% |

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

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

| Area | November 2021 | October 2021 | November 2020 | October 2021 to November 2021 | | November 2020 to November 2021 | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | # | % | # | % |
| | | | | Change | Change | Change | Change |
| Statewide | 2,158,500 | 2,153,900 | 2,104,400 | 4,600 | 0.21% | 54,100 | 2.57% |
| Charleston/North Charleston MSA | 372,200 | 369,800 | 356,800 | 2,400 | 0.65% | 15,400 | 4.32% |
| Columbia MSA | 396,300 | 396,300 | 388,600 | 0 | 0.00% | 7,700 | 1.98% |
| Florence MSA | 90,000 | 90,200 | 89,600 | -200 | -0.22% | 400 | 0.45% |
| Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA | 425,600 | 423,600 | 414,600 | 2,000 | 0.47% | 11,000 | 2.65% |
| Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA | 83,600 | 83,700 | 82,300 | -100 | -0.12% | 1,300 | 1.58% |
| Myrtle Beach MSA | 172,900 | 172,800 | 167,000 | 100 | 0.06% | 5,900 | 3.53% |
| Spartanburg MSA | 166,400 | 165,700 | 160,700 | 700 | 0.42% | 5,700 | 3.55% |
| Sumter MSA | 38,300 | 37,900 | 38,300 | 400 | 1.06% | 0 | 0.00% |

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.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

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

| Area | November 2021 | October 2021 | November 2020 | October 2021 to November 2021 | | November 2020 to November 2021 | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | # | % | # | % |
| | | | | Change | Change | Change | Change |
| Statewide | 2,176,900 | 2,160,900 | 2,116,900 | 16,000 | 0.74% | 60,000 | 2.83% |
| Charleston/North Charleston MSA | 373,600 | 368,900 | 358,200 | 4,700 | 1.27% | 15,400 | 4.30% |
| Columbia MSA | 401,200 | 398,800 | 392,600 | 2,400 | 0.60% | 8,600 | 2.19% |
| Florence MSA | 90,700 | 90,200 | 90,100 | 500 | 0.55% | 600 | 0.67% |
| Greenville MSA | 430,700 | 425,400 | 418,300 | 5,300 | 1.25% | 12,400 | 2.96% |
| Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA | 83,600 | 84,000 | 81,900 | -400 | -0.48% | 1,700 | 2.08% |
| Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA | 169,700 | 171,700 | 163,000 | -2,000 | -1.16% | 6,700 | 4.11% |
| Spartanburg MSA | 167,800 | 166,700 | 162,200 | 1,100 | 0.66% | 5,600 | 3.45% |
| Sumter MSA | 38,600 | 37,900 | 38,500 | 700 | 1.85% | 100 | 0.26% |

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

| AREA | November 2021 | | | | | October 2021 | | | | | November 2020 | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------|----------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|----------|
| | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOY- MENT | UNEMPLOYMENT | | RATE (%) | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOY- MENT | UNEMPLOYMENT | | RATE (%) | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOY- MENT | UNEMPLOYMENT | | RATE (%) |
| | | | LEVEL | LEVEL | | | | LEVEL | LEVEL | | | | LEVEL | LEVEL | |
| Marlboro County | ↓ | 8,786 | 8,191 | 595 | 6.8 | 8,918 | 8,303 | 615 | 6.9 | 9,103 | 8,259 | 844 | 9.3 | | |
| Allendale County | ↓ | 2,379 | 2,236 | 143 | 6.0 | 2,430 | 2,278 | 152 | 6.3 | 2,545 | 2,312 | 233 | 9.2 | | |
| Bamberg County | — | 4,635 | 4,367 | 268 | 5.8 | 4,695 | 4,424 | 271 | 5.8 | 4,640 | 4,205 | 435 | 9.4 | | |
| Orangeburg County | ↓ | 33,463 | 31,568 | 1,895 | 5.7 | 33,459 | 31,462 | 1,997 | 6.0 | 34,122 | 31,066 | 3,056 | 9.0 | | |
| Barnwell County | ↓ | 7,414 | 7,023 | 391 | 5.3 | 7,526 | 7,122 | 404 | 5.4 | 7,760 | 7,185 | 575 | 7.4 | | |
| Marion County | ↓ | 12,814 | 12,154 | 660 | 5.2 | 13,066 | 12,356 | 710 | 5.4 | 13,139 | 12,059 | 1,080 | 8.2 | | |
| Dillon County | ↓ | 13,020 | 12,405 | 615 | 4.7 | 13,215 | 12,572 | 643 | 4.9 | 12,959 | 12,137 | 822 | 6.3 | | |
| Union County | ↓ | 11,996 | 11,434 | 562 | 4.7 | 12,071 | 11,464 | 607 | 5.0 | 11,750 | 10,853 | 897 | 7.6 | | |
| Williamsburg County | ↓ | 10,983 | 10,470 | 513 | 4.7 | 11,204 | 10,670 | 534 | 4.8 | 11,510 | 10,638 | 872 | 7.6 | | |
| Chester County | ↓ | 13,491 | 12,866 | 625 | 4.6 | 13,610 | 12,970 | 640 | 4.7 | 13,415 | 12,328 | 1,087 | 8.1 | | |
| Fairfield County | ↓ | 9,515 | 9,093 | 422 | 4.4 | 9,616 | 9,162 | 454 | 4.7 | 9,466 | 8,762 | 704 | 7.4 | | |
| Lee County | ↓ | 6,528 | 6,247 | 281 | 4.3 | 6,626 | 6,329 | 297 | 4.5 | 6,664 | 6,193 | 471 | 7.1 | | |
| Horry County | ↑ | 146,006 | 140,348 | 5,658 | 3.9 | 149,044 | 143,395 | 5,649 | 3.8 | 141,746 | 132,225 | 9,521 | 6.7 | | |
| Clarendon County | ↓ | 12,210 | 11,748 | 462 | 3.8 | 12,332 | 11,849 | 483 | 3.9 | 12,329 | 11,535 | 794 | 6.4 | | |
| Cherokee County | — | 25,370 | 24,439 | 931 | 3.7 | 25,504 | 24,555 | 949 | 3.7 | 25,014 | 23,275 | 1,739 | 7.0 | | |
| Chesterfield County | ↓ | 21,550 | 20,771 | 779 | 3.6 | 21,800 | 20,979 | 821 | 3.8 | 21,308 | 20,067 | 1,241 | 5.8 | | |
| Georgetown County | ↓ | 25,559 | 24,640 | 919 | 3.6 | 26,069 | 25,110 | 959 | 3.7 | 25,269 | 23,560 | 1,709 | 6.8 | | |
| Abbeville County | ↓ | 9,817 | 9,472 | 345 | 3.5 | 9,814 | 9,450 | 364 | 3.7 | 9,861 | 9,314 | 547 | 5.5 | | |
| Lancaster County | ↓ | 42,617 | 41,128 | 1,489 | 3.5 | 42,942 | 41,397 | 1,545 | 3.6 | 41,738 | 39,313 | 2,425 | 5.8 | | |
| McCormick County | ↓ | 3,285 | 3,171 | 114 | 3.5 | 3,314 | 3,191 | 123 | 3.7 | 3,269 | 3,054 | 215 | 6.6 | | |
| Sumter County | ↓ | 42,976 | 41,482 | 1,494 | 3.5 | 42,762 | 41,213 | 1,549 | 3.6 | 43,250 | 40,534 | 2,716 | 6.3 | | |
| Calhoun County | ↓ | 6,535 | 6,313 | 222 | 3.4 | 6,595 | 6,362 | 233 | 3.5 | 6,468 | 6,083 | 385 | 6.0 | | |
| Darlington County | — | 29,926 | 28,918 | 1,008 | 3.4 | 30,205 | 29,172 | 1,033 | 3.4 | 30,171 | 28,327 | 1,844 | 6.1 | | |
| Greenwood County | ↓ | 30,520 | 29,497 | 1,023 | 3.4 | 30,582 | 29,509 | 1,073 | 3.5 | 31,004 | 29,142 | 1,862 | 6.0 | | |
| Colleton County | ↓ | 16,180 | 15,662 | 518 | 3.2 | 16,320 | 15,782 | 538 | 3.3 | 16,330 | 15,311 | 1,019 | 6.2 | | |
| Laurens County | — | 30,324 | 29,368 | 956 | 3.2 | 30,303 | 29,324 | 979 | 3.2 | 29,625 | 27,947 | 1,678 | 5.7 | | |
| Florence County | — | 66,802 | 64,756 | 2,046 | 3.1 | 67,194 | 65,089 | 2,105 | 3.1 | 66,655 | 63,073 | 3,582 | 5.4 | | |
| Richland County | ↓ | 199,728 | 193,705 | 6,023 | 3.0 | 201,081 | 194,841 | 6,240 | 3.1 | 197,470 | 186,158 | 11,312 | 5.7 | | |
| York County | ↓ | 145,074 | 140,709 | 4,365 | 3.0 | 145,951 | 141,474 | 4,477 | 3.1 | 141,506 | 134,268 | 7,238 | 5.1 | | |
| Kershaw County | — | 29,464 | 28,622 | 842 | 2.9 | 29,681 | 28,833 | 848 | 2.9 | 28,972 | 27,566 | 1,406 | 4.9 | | |
| Spartanburg County | ↓ | 159,607 | 155,005 | 4,602 | 2.9 | 160,240 | 155,496 | 4,744 | 3.0 | 155,444 | 147,243 | 8,201 | 5.3 | | |
| Hampton County | ↑ | 8,008 | 7,784 | 224 | 2.8 | 8,167 | 7,948 | 219 | 2.7 | 8,005 | 7,598 | 407 | 5.1 | | |
| Anderson County | ↓ | 91,832 | 89,383 | 2,449 | 2.7 | 91,851 | 89,230 | 2,621 | 2.9 | 89,494 | 85,041 | 4,453 | 5.0 | | |
| Berkeley County | ↓ | 106,764 | 103,867 | 2,897 | 2.7 | 106,776 | 103,696 | 3,080 | 2.9 | 102,907 | 97,790 | 5,117 | 5.0 | | |
| Dorchester County | ↓ | 78,842 | 76,724 | 2,118 | 2.7 | 78,818 | 76,595 | 2,223 | 2.8 | 76,117 | 72,230 | 3,887 | 5.1 | | |
| Oconee County | — | 34,230 | 33,314 | 916 | 2.7 | 34,425 | 33,488 | 937 | 2.7 | 34,149 | 32,675 | 1,474 | 4.3 | | |
| Pickens County | ↑ | 58,206 | 56,646 | 1,560 | 2.7 | 58,032 | 56,496 | 1,536 | 2.6 | 56,327 | 53,812 | 2,515 | 4.5 | | |
| Aiken County | — | 74,197 | 72,269 | 1,928 | 2.6 | 75,073 | 73,155 | 1,918 | 2.6 | 73,933 | 70,656 | 3,277 | 4.4 | | |
| Beaufort County | — | 78,059 | 76,012 | 2,047 | 2.6 | 78,999 | 76,979 | 2,020 | 2.6 | 76,224 | 72,883 | 3,341 | 4.4 | | |
| Charleston County | ↓ | 214,210 | 208,610 | 5,600 | 2.6 | 213,710 | 207,951 | 5,759 | 2.7 | 206,950 | 195,941 | 11,009 | 5.3 | | |
| Edgefield County | ↑ | 10,535 | 10,261 | 274 | 2.6 | 10,672 | 10,405 | 267 | 2.5 | 10,530 | 10,053 | 477 | 4.5 | | |
| Greenville County | — | 259,248 | 252,568 | 6,680 | 2.6 | 258,865 | 252,088 | 6,777 | 2.6 | 252,078 | 240,231 | 11,847 | 4.7 | | |
| Jasper County | — | 13,048 | 12,724 | 324 | 2.5 | 13,143 | 12,817 | 326 | 2.5 | 12,695 | 12,103 | 592 | 4.7 | | |
| Newberry County | ↑ | 19,293 | 18,802 | 491 | 2.5 | 19,534 | 19,060 | 474 | 2.4 | 18,799 | 17,954 | 845 | 4.5 | | |
| Saluda County | — | 8,525 | 8,321 | 204 | 2.4 | 8,667 | 8,461 | 206 | 2.4 | 8,463 | 8,125 | 338 | 4.0 | | |
| Lexington County | — | 151,479 | 147,922 | 3,557 | 2.3 | 152,408 | 148,831 | 3,577 | 2.3 | 148,249 | 142,198 | 6,051 | 4.1 | | |
| Charleston - North Charleston MSA | ↓ | 399,816 | 389,201 | 10,615 | 2.7 | 399,304 | 388,242 | 11,062 | 2.8 | 385,974 | 365,961 | 20,013 | 5.2 | | |
| Columbia MSA | — | 405,246 | 393,976 | 11,270 | 2.8 | 408,048 | 396,490 | 11,558 | 2.8 | 399,088 | 378,892 | 20,196 | 5.1 | | |
| Florence MSA | — | 96,728 | 93,674 | 3,054 | 3.2 | 97,399 | 94,261 | 3,138 | 3.2 | 96,826 | 91,400 | 5,426 | 5.6 | | |
| Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA | ↓ | 439,610 | 427,965 | 11,645 | 2.6 | 439,051 | 427,138 | 11,913 | 2.7 | 427,524 | 407,031 | 20,493 | 4.8 | | |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| South Carolina | ↓ | 2,407,093 | 2,317,620 | 89,473 | 3.7 | 2,407,655 | 2,313,290 | 94,365 | 3.9 | 2,339,424 | 2,213,282 | 126,142 | 5.4 | | |

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

↑ Unemployment Rate Up
↓ Unemployment Rate Down
— Unemployment Rate =