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South Carolina's Employment Situation
April 2021

I. Household Survey[1]

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working decreased to 2,263,256.

- That is a decrease of 4,186 people over the March 2021 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 176,994 people over the April 2020 estimate.

Unemployment: Unemployment estimates decreased to 118,377 people.

- That is a decrease of 2,278 people from the March 2021 estimate and a notable decrease of 152,386 over the April 2020 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased slightly to 5.0 percent in April from 5.1 percent in March.

Nationally, the unemployment rate increased to 6.1 percent in April from 6.0 percent in March.

Labor force: The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) decreased to 2,381,633.

- That is a decrease of 6,464 people over the March 2021 estimate.
- That is an increase of 24,608 individuals over the April 2020 estimate.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted[3])

The Current Employment Survey of businesses in South Carolina marked a decrease of 4,200 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,113,300.

- Industries that reported gains were Education and Health Services (+2,300); Construction (+600); Government (+600); Other Services (+300); and Information (+100).

- Decreases were noticed in the Manufacturing (-2,500); Professional and Business Services (-2,300); Financial Activities (-1,300); Leisure and Hospitality (-1,300); and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-800).

From April 2020 to April 2021, South Carolina's economy has gained 224,700 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries reporting growth were in Leisure and Hospitality (+85,600); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+41,300); Professional and Business Services (+29,100); Education and Health Services (+23,200); Manufacturing (+20,400); Other Services (+11,700); Construction (+7,200); Government (+3,400); Financial Activities (+1,900); and Information (+600).
- No industries reported decreases over the year.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted[2])

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 7,500 from March 2021 to April 2021 for a total of 2,118,200.

- Increases were reported in Leisure and Hospitality (+5,600); Education and Health Services (+2,600); Construction (+1,800); Government (+1,200); Professional and Business Services (+900); Other Services (+800); and Mining and Logging (+100).
- Decreases were reported in Manufacturing (-3,500); Financial Activities (-1,700); and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-500) industries.

Since April 2020, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 219,900 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains are Leisure and Hospitality (+83,100); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+40,600); Professional and Business Services (+29,400); Education and Health Services (+23,700); Manufacturing (+19,300); Other Services (11,200); Construction (+7,900); Government (+3,400); Financial Activities (+500); Information (+500) and Mining and Logging (+300).
- No industries reported losses over the year.

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[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 <u>not</u> been removed from these data.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
April 2021

Industry	April 2021	March 2021	April 2020	March 2021 to April 2021 # Change	% Change	April 2020 to April 2021 # Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	*2,113,300*	*2,117,500*	*1,888,600*	*-4,200*	*-0.20%*	*224,700*	*11.90%*
Construction	108,500	107,900	101,300	600	0.56%	7,200	7.11%
Manufacturing	245,000	247,500	224,600	-2,500	-1.01%	20,400	9.08%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	413,200	414,000	371,900	-800	-0.19%	41,300	11.11%
Information	24,300	24,200	23,700	100	0.41%	600	2.53%
Financial Activities	105,400	106,700	103,500	-1,300	-1.22%	1,900	1.84%
Professional and Business Services	284,700	287,000	255,600	-2,300	-0.80%	29,100	11.38%
Education and Health Services	254,500	252,200	231,300	2,300	0.91%	23,200	10.03%
Leisure and Hospitality	233,300	234,600	147,700	-1,300	-0.55%	85,600	57.96%
Other Services	74,000	73,700	62,300	300	0.41%	11,700	18.78%
Government	365,800	365,200	362,400	600	0.16%	3,400	0.94%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
April 2021

Industry	April 2021	March 2021	April 2020	March 2021 to April 2021 # Change	% Change	April 2020 to April 2021 # Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm	*2,118,200*	*2,110,700*	*1,898,300*	7,500	0.36%	*219,900*	*11.58%*
Mining and Logging	4,600	4,500	4,300	100	2.22%	300	6.98%
Construction	109,000	107,200	101,100	1,800	1.68%	7,900	7.81%
Manufacturing	244,200	247,700	224,900	-3,500	-1.41%	19,300	8.58%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	410,500	411,000	369,900	-500	-0.12%	40,600	10.98%
Information	24,500	24,300	24,000	200	0.82%	500	2.08%
Financial Activities	103,800	105,500	103,300	-1,700	-1.61%	500	0.48%
Professional and Business Services	286,000	285,100	256,600	900	0.32%	29,400	11.46%
Education and Health Services	255,200	252,600	231,500	2,600	1.03%	23,700	10.24%
Leisure and Hospitality	235,800	230,200	152,700	5,600	2.43%	83,100	54.42%
Other Services	74,000	73,200	62,800	800	1.09%	11,200	17.83%
Government	370,600	369,400	367,200	1,200	0.32%	3,400	0.93%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted
April 2021

Area	April 2021	March 2021	April 2020	March 2021 to April 2021 # Change	% Change	April 2020 to April 2021 # Change	% Change
Statewide	*2,113,300*	*2,117,500*	*1,888,600*	*-4,200*	*-0.20%*	*224,700*	*11.90%*
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	362,200	361,300	318,100	900	0.25%	44,100	13.86%
Columbia MSA	389,100	388,700	361,800	400	0.10%	27,300	7.55%
Florence MSA	88,500	88,400	82,100	100	0.11%	6,400	7.80%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	413,200	416,400	371,900	-3,200	-0.77%	41,300	11.11%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	82,800	82,800	69,700	0	0.00%	13,100	18.79%
Myrtle Beach MSA	167,200	168,200	134,700	-1,000	-0.59%	32,500	24.13%
Spartanburg MSA	164,700	164,100	147,600	600	0.37%	17,100	11.59%
Sumter MSA	38,000	38,000	34,900	0	0.00%	3,100	8.88%

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
April 2021

Area	April 2021	March 2021	April 2020	March 2021 to April 2021 # Change	% Change	April 2020 to April 2021 # Change	% Change
Statewide	*2,118,200*	*2,110,700*	*1,898,300*	*7,500*	*0.36%*	*219,900*	*11.58%*
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	363,100	360,600	319,000	2,500	0.69%	44,100	13.82%
Columbia MSA	388,100	388,400	362,700	-300	-0.08%	25,400	7.00%
Florence MSA	88,600	88,300	82,500	300	0.34%	6,100	7.39%
Greenville MSA	413,900	415,900	373,300	-2,000	-0.48%	40,600	10.88%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	82,700	81,800	70,000	900	1.10%	12,700	18.14%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	168,800	164,800	137,100	4,000	2.43%	31,700	23.12%
Spartanburg MSA	164,900	164,100	147,600	800	0.49%	17,300	11.72%
Sumter MSA	38,100	38,000	35,000	100	0.26%	3,100	8.86%

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

AREA		April 2021 LABOR FORCE	April 2021 EMPLOY-MENT	April 2021 UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	April 2021 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	March 2021 LABOR FORCE	March 2021 EMPLOY-MENT	March 2021 UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	March 2021 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	April 2020 LABOR FORCE	April 2020 EMPLOY-MENT	April 2020 UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	April 2020 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)
Allendale County	↓	2,535	2,316	219	8.6	2,611	2,356	255	9.8	2,633	2,336	297	11.3
Bamberg County	↓	4,758	4,367	391	8.2	4,851	4,426	425	8.8	4,907	4,403	504	10.3
Marlboro County	↓	9,337	8,598	739	7.9	9,470	8,669	801	8.5	9,646	8,157	1,489	15.4
Orangeburg County	↑	33,335	30,717	2,618	7.9	34,651	31,945	2,706	7.8	35,002	30,798	4,204	12.0
Barnwell County	↓	7,801	7,253	548	7.0	7,898	7,302	596	7.5	8,025	7,310	715	8.9
Marion County	↓	13,404	12,471	933	7.0	13,456	12,460	996	7.4	12,828	11,497	1,331	10.4
Williamsburg County	↓	11,155	10,380	775	6.9	11,513	10,693	820	7.1	12,057	10,756	1,301	10.8
Union County	↓	12,084	11,263	821	6.8	12,186	11,276	910	7.5	12,299	10,238	2,061	16.8
Chester County	↓	13,485	12,621	864	6.4	13,598	12,654	944	6.9	13,406	11,664	1,742	13.0
Fairfield County	↓	9,528	8,927	601	6.3	9,589	8,940	649	6.8	9,462	8,453	1,009	10.7
Dillon County	↓	13,531	12,704	827	6.1	13,626	12,727	899	6.6	13,335	12,297	1,038	7.8
Lee County	↓	6,811	6,405	406	6.0	6,823	6,379	444	6.5	6,846	6,131	715	10.4
Cherokee County	↓	23,655	22,250	1,405	5.9	25,481	23,952	1,529	6.0	25,418	21,501	3,917	15.4
Horry County	↓	148,390	140,191	8,199	5.5	146,980	137,801	9,179	6.2	145,564	116,307	29,257	20.1
Georgetown County	↓	25,097	23,750	1,347	5.4	25,964	24,430	1,534	5.9	25,558	22,056	3,502	13.7
McCormick County	↓	3,351	3,173	178	5.3	3,420	3,211	209	6.1	3,416	3,076	340	10.0
Clarendon County	↓	12,766	12,104	662	5.2	12,807	12,072	735	5.7	12,854	11,562	1,292	10.1
Greenwood County	↓	30,232	28,677	1,555	5.1	31,520	29,787	1,733	5.5	31,559	28,462	3,097	9.8
Abbeville County	↓	9,632	9,151	481	5.0	10,077	9,522	555	5.5	10,309	9,059	1,250	12.1
Chesterfield County	↓	21,397	20,330	1,067	5.0	21,823	20,672	1,151	5.3	21,813	19,712	2,101	9.6
Sumter County	↓	43,477	41,287	2,190	5.0	43,769	41,372	2,397	5.5	42,875	38,361	4,514	10.5
Darlington County	↓	30,245	28,773	1,472	4.9	30,319	28,684	1,635	5.4	29,939	27,172	2,767	9.2
Laurens County	↓	29,886	28,441	1,445	4.8	30,256	28,692	1,564	5.2	29,914	26,007	3,907	13.1
Calhoun County	↓	6,521	6,213	308	4.7	6,565	6,214	351	5.3	6,375	5,878	497	7.8
Colleton County	↓	16,718	15,926	792	4.7	16,783	15,908	875	5.2	16,156	14,833	1,323	8.2
Lancaster County	↓	42,178	40,217	1,961	4.6	42,553	40,367	2,186	5.1	41,859	37,126	4,733	11.3
Florence County	↓	66,821	63,841	2,980	4.5	67,070	63,852	3,218	4.8	65,235	60,146	5,089	7.8
Richland County	↓	197,775	188,800	8,975	4.5	199,537	189,678	9,859	4.9	194,797	178,774	16,023	8.2
Spartanburg County	↓	159,633	152,790	6,843	4.3	160,396	152,948	7,448	4.6	160,484	138,939	21,545	13.4
Anderson County	↓	90,101	86,404	3,697	4.1	91,403	87,252	4,151	4.5	89,347	79,005	10,342	11.6
York County	↓	143,027	137,146	5,881	4.1	144,189	137,832	6,357	4.4	141,299	126,516	14,783	10.5
Berkeley County	↓	105,823	101,583	4,240	4.0	106,023	101,356	4,667	4.4	100,342	90,598	9,744	9.7
Dorchester County	↓	78,184	75,054	3,130	4.0	78,283	74,877	3,406	4.4	74,563	66,942	7,621	10.2
Charleston County	↓	211,915	203,605	8,310	3.9	212,551	203,231	9,320	4.4	206,063	181,451	24,612	11.9
Hampton County	↓	8,309	7,986	323	3.9	8,287	7,909	378	4.6	8,098	7,585	513	6.3
Kershaw County	↓	29,218	28,075	1,143	3.9	29,429	28,127	1,302	4.4	28,960	26,582	2,378	8.2
Greenville County	↓	253,539	243,954	9,585	3.8	257,043	246,441	10,602	4.1	251,312	223,042	28,270	11.2
Pickens County	↓	56,821	54,648	2,173	3.8	57,632	55,220	2,412	4.2	55,521	49,932	5,589	10.1
Oconee County	↓	34,412	33,138	1,274	3.7	35,136	33,663	1,473	4.2	35,220	31,469	3,751	10.7
Aiken County	↓	75,510	72,803	2,707	3.6	76,002	72,902	3,100	4.1	74,410	67,641	6,769	9.1
Newberry County	↓	19,534	18,830	704	3.6	19,739	18,979	760	3.9	18,724	17,252	1,472	7.9
Beaufort County	↓	78,386	75,619	2,767	3.5	78,261	75,091	3,170	4.1	73,400	65,267	8,133	11.1
Edgefield County	↓	10,794	10,415	379	3.5	10,826	10,391	435	4.0	10,704	9,681	1,023	9.6
Jasper County	↓	13,033	12,574	459	3.5	13,046	12,502	544	4.2	11,883	10,854	1,029	8.7
Lexington County	↓	149,445	144,574	4,871	3.3	150,522	145,041	5,481	3.6	146,818	136,808	10,010	6.8
Saluda County	↓	8,714	8,425	289	3.3	8,670	8,332	338	3.9	8,557	7,999	558	6.5
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↓	395,922	380,242	15,680	4.0	396,857	379,464	17,393	4.4	380,968	338,991	41,977	11.0
Columbia MSA	↓	401,201	385,014	16,187	4.0	404,312	386,332	17,980	4.4	394,969	364,494	30,475	7.7
Florence MSA	↓	97,066	92,614	4,452	4.6	97,389	92,536	4,853	5.0	95,174	87,318	7,856	8.3
Greenville -Anderson-Mauldin MSA	↓	430,347	413,447	16,900	3.9	436,334	417,605	18,729	4.3	426,094	377,986	48,108	11.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED South Carolina	↓	2,381,633	2,263,256	118,377	5.0	2,388,097	2,267,442	120,655	5.1	2,357,025	2,086,262	270,763	11.5

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