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## **South Carolina's Employment Situation August 2022**

### **I. Household Survey<sup>1</sup> (Local Area Unemployment Statistics)**

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working decreased to 2,320,187.

- That is a decrease of 3,776 people over the July estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 43,839 people over the August 2021 estimate.

Unemployment: The estimate of unemployed people decreased to 74,539.

- That is a decrease of 1,122 people from July's estimate and a significant decrease of 18,298 over the August 2021 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined to 3.1 percent from July's estimate of 3.2 percent.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate increased to 3.7 percent from July's estimate of 3.5 percent, according to the Current Population Survey.

Labor force: The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) decreased to 2,394,726 from July's level of 2,399,624.

- That is a decrease of 4,898 people over the July estimate.
- That is an increase of 25,541 individuals over the August 2021 estimate.

### **II. Employer Survey<sup>2</sup> (Current Employment Statistics)**

#### **Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted<sup>3</sup>)**

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 9,600 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,242,400.

- Industries that reported gains were Professional and Business Services (+3,900); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+2,300); Government (+2,000); Manufacturing (+1,300); Leisure and Hospitality (+1,200); Construction (+200); and Financial Activities (+100).
- The Education and Health Services (-1,000); Other Services (-200); and Information (-100) industries declined.

From August 2021 to August 2022, South Carolina's economy has picked up 86,000 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with strong growth were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+25,600); Leisure and Hospitality (+18,900); Manufacturing (+10,900); Government (+7,400); Professional and Business Services (+7,100) Financial Activities (+6,000); Other Services (+5,300); Education and Health Services (+3,600); and Information (+2,000).
- The Construction industry declined (-1,100).

### **Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted<sup>4</sup>)**

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 9,600 from July 2022 to August 2022 for a total of 2,243,400.

- Industries that reported gains were Government (+6,100); Professional and Business Services (+4,900); Manufacturing (+1,400); Education and Health Services (+1,000); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,000); Financial Activities (+200).
- The Leisure and Hospitality (-4,400); Information (-200); Construction (-200); Other Services (-100); and Mining and Logging (-100) industries marked declines.

Since August 2021, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 80,100 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+23,400); Leisure and Hospitality (+19,700); Manufacturing (+10,800); Professional and Business Services (+6,400); Financial Activities (+5,700); Other Services (+5,100); Government (+4,000); Educational and Health Services (+3,900); Information (+2,300) and Mining and Logging (+300).
- The Construction (-1,500) industry showed a decline over the year.

<sup>1</sup>**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, are 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 substate geographies.

<sup>2</sup>**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. These data are processed by DEW to generate comparable data for the state and its metropolitan statistical areas.

<sup>3</sup>**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.

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

**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY**

**Statewide**

**August-22**

Jobs by Industry	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July 2022 to August 2022		August 2021 to August 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>2,242,400</b>	<b>2,232,800</b>	<b>2,156,400</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>0.43%</b>	<b>86,000</b>	<b>3.99%</b>
Construction	103,400	103,200	104,500	200	0.19%	-1,100	-1.05%
Manufacturing	260,000	258,700	249,100	1,300	0.50%	10,900	4.38%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	438,900	436,600	413,300	2,300	0.53%	25,600	6.19%
Information	29,900	30,000	27,900	-100	-0.33%	2,000	7.17%
Financial Activities	116,500	116,400	110,500	100	0.09%	6,000	5.43%
Professional and Business Services	304,100	300,200	297,000	3,900	1.30%	7,100	2.39%
Education and Health Services	259,800	260,800	256,200	-1,000	-0.38%	3,600	1.41%
Leisure and Hospitality	267,400	266,200	248,500	1,200	0.45%	18,900	7.61%
Other Services	82,400	82,600	77,100	-200	-0.24%	5,300	6.87%
Government	375,400	373,400	368,000	2,000	0.54%	7,400	2.01%

**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**Statewide**

**August-22**

Industry	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July 2022 to August 2022		August 2021 to August 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>2,243,000</b>	<b>2,233,400</b>	<b>2,162,900</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>0.43%</b>	<b>80,100</b>	<b>3.70%</b>
Mining and Logging	4,600	4,700	4,300	-100	-2.13%	300	6.98%
Construction	103,600	103,800	105,100	-200	-0.19%	-1,500	-1.43%
Manufacturing	260,700	259,300	249,900	1,400	0.54%	10,800	4.32%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	437,400	436,400	414,000	1,000	0.23%	23,400	5.65%
Information	30,200	30,400	27,900	-200	-0.66%	2,300	8.24%
Financial Activities	117,300	117,100	111,600	200	0.17%	5,700	5.11%
Professional and Business Services	302,800	297,900	296,400	4,900	1.64%	6,400	2.16%
Education and Health Services	259,200	258,200	255,300	1,000	0.39%	3,900	1.53%
Leisure and Hospitality	279,500	283,900	259,800	-4,400	-1.55%	19,700	7.58%
Other Services	82,900	83,000	77,800	-100	-0.12%	5,100	6.56%
Government	364,800	358,700	360,800	6,100	1.70%	4,000	1.11%

**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT**

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted**

**August-22**

INDUSTRY TITLE	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July 2022 to August 2022		August 2021 to August 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,242,400</b>	<b>2,232,800</b>	<b>2,156,400</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>0.43%</b>	<b>86,000</b>	<b>3.99%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	394,300	391,800	375,300	2,500	0.64%	19,000	5.06%
Columbia MSA	403,800	402,100	396,500	1,700	0.42%	7,300	1.84%
Florence MSA	90,000	90,100	90,600	-100	-0.11%	-600	-0.66%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	442,500	440,900	428,400	1,600	0.36%	14,100	3.29%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	84,200	84,000	82,400	200	0.24%	1,800	2.18%
Myrtle Beach MSA	180,800	179,700	174,200	1,100	0.61%	6,600	3.79%
Spartanburg MSA	168,800	168,800	163,900	0	0.00%	4,900	2.99%
Sumter MSA	38,000	38,100	38,400	-100	-0.26%	-400	-1.04%

**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**

**August-22**

Area	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July 2022 to August 2022		August 2021 to August 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,243,000</b>	<b>2,233,400</b>	<b>2,162,900</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>0.43%</b>	<b>80,100</b>	<b>3.70%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	395,100	393,600	376,800	1,500	0.38%	18,300	4.86%
Columbia MSA	402,800	400,200	394,200	2,600	0.65%	8,600	2.18%
Florence MSA	89,800	89,900	90,500	-100	-0.11%	-700	-0.77%
Greenville MSA	441,300	438,900	427,100	2,400	0.55%	14,200	3.32%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	86,000	86,300	83,900	-300	-0.35%	2,100	2.50%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	185,300	186,700	179,400	-1,400	-0.75%	5,900	3.29%
Spartanburg MSA	168,400	167,100	163,300	1,300	0.78%	5,100	3.12%
Sumter MSA	37,600	38,000	38,200	-400	-1.05%	-600	-1.57%

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

AREA	August 2022					July 2022					August 2021				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)			LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)			LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		
Marlboro County	—	8,513	7,901	612	7.2	8,287	7,689	598	7.2		8,822	8,125	697	7.9	
Bamberg County	↓	4,408	4,137	271	6.1	4,372	4,093	279	6.4		4,694	4,320	374	8.0	
Allendale County	↓	2,290	2,152	138	6.0	2,314	2,164	150	6.5		2,417	2,222	195	8.1	
Orangeburg County	↓	32,335	30,491	1,844	5.7	32,335	30,448	1,887	5.8		34,045	31,479	2,566	7.5	
Union County	↓	11,468	10,853	615	5.4	11,507	10,848	659	5.7		11,434	10,660	774	6.8	
Marion County	—	12,803	12,124	679	5.3	12,782	12,101	681	5.3		13,037	12,103	934	7.2	
Williamsburg County	↑	10,826	10,250	576	5.3	10,870	10,311	559	5.1		11,244	10,508	736	6.5	
Fairfield County	↑	9,173	8,696	477	5.2	9,148	8,702	446	4.9		9,218	8,641	577	6.3	
Barnwell County	↑	7,519	7,134	385	5.1	7,495	7,118	377	5.0		7,549	7,034	515	6.8	
Lee County	↑	6,366	6,048	318	5.0	6,379	6,068	311	4.9		6,650	6,251	399	6.0	
Dillon County	↓	12,887	12,264	623	4.8	12,411	11,795	616	5.0		13,311	12,511	800	6.0	
Chester County	↑	13,569	12,935	634	4.7	13,532	12,904	628	4.6		13,316	12,494	822	6.2	
McCormick County	↑	3,322	3,180	142	4.3	3,282	3,157	125	3.8		3,350	3,181	169	5.0	
Abbeville County	↑	9,369	8,986	383	4.1	9,119	8,750	369	4.0		9,559	9,109	450	4.7	
Cherokee County	↓	24,369	23,358	1,011	4.1	23,604	22,602	1,002	4.2		24,683	23,392	1,291	5.2	
Clarendon County	↑	12,289	11,780	509	4.1	11,881	11,409	472	4.0		12,309	11,668	641	5.2	
Sumter County	↑	41,003	39,408	1,595	3.9	41,595	40,030	1,565	3.8		42,444	40,359	2,085	4.9	
Horry County	↑	153,611	147,823	5,788	3.8	155,541	150,008	5,533	3.6		152,951	145,196	7,755	5.1	
Chesterfield County	↑	21,284	20,486	798	3.7	21,337	20,593	744	3.5		21,571	20,577	994	4.6	
Georgetown County	↑	26,369	25,383	986	3.7	26,633	25,665	968	3.6		26,570	25,254	1,316	5.0	
Greenwood County	↓	29,435	28,333	1,102	3.7	28,633	27,554	1,079	3.8		30,205	28,772	1,433	4.7	
Calhoun County	↓	6,348	6,119	229	3.6	6,354	6,130	224	3.5		6,399	6,090	309	4.8	
Darlington County	↓	29,089	28,037	1,052	3.6	29,328	28,232	1,096	3.7		30,101	28,655	1,446	4.8	
Lancaster County	↑	44,091	42,496	1,595	3.6	43,969	42,421	1,548	3.5		42,969	41,033	1,936	4.5	
Colleton County	↑	15,901	15,350	551	3.5	16,011	15,468	543	3.4		16,299	15,549	750	4.6	
Florence County	↑	64,439	62,254	2,185	3.4	64,887	62,727	2,160	3.3		66,366	63,455	2,911	4.4	
Kershaw County	↑	29,068	28,102	966	3.3	29,065	28,121	944	3.2		29,105	27,916	1,189	4.1	
Laurens County	↓	29,957	28,962	995	3.3	30,027	29,020	1,007	3.4		29,768	28,438	1,330	4.5	
Richland County	—	195,136	188,631	6,505	3.3	195,065	188,543	6,522	3.3		195,385	186,796	8,589	4.4	
York County	↑	149,803	145,067	4,736	3.2	149,420	144,806	4,614	3.1		145,333	139,897	5,436	3.7	
Anderson County	↑	91,204	88,407	2,797	3.1	91,246	88,521	2,725	3.0		90,251	86,690	3,561	3.9	
Oconee County	—	34,094	33,023	1,071	3.1	33,440	32,395	1,045	3.1		34,353	33,033	1,320	3.8	
Spartanburg County	↓	156,820	151,968	4,852	3.1	156,833	151,818	5,015	3.2		155,808	149,241	6,567	4.2	
Aiken County	↑	74,178	71,977	2,201	3.0	74,310	72,141	2,169	2.9		74,087	71,477	2,610	3.5	
Beaufort County	—	77,903	75,558	2,345	3.0	78,621	76,292	2,329	3.0		77,529	74,666	2,863	3.7	
Edgefield County	—	10,389	10,074	315	3.0	10,425	10,114	311	3.0		10,414	10,047	367	3.5	
Jasper County	↑	13,361	12,962	399	3.0	13,539	13,140	399	2.9		13,304	12,834	470	3.5	
Berkeley County	—	111,138	107,961	3,177	2.9	111,391	108,198	3,193	2.9		108,439	104,358	4,081	3.8	
Pickens County	↓	57,608	55,941	1,667	2.9	57,847	56,038	1,809	3.1		56,904	54,837	2,067	3.6	
Dorchester County	—	80,609	78,386	2,223	2.8	80,823	78,577	2,246	2.8		78,755	75,801	2,954	3.8	
Greenville County	↑	258,911	251,785	7,126	2.8	259,205	252,081	7,124	2.7		255,957	246,798	9,159	3.6	
Saluda County	↑	8,337	8,107	230	2.8	8,354	8,135	219	2.6		8,437	8,161	276	3.3	
Charleston County	—	218,056	212,143	5,913	2.7	218,765	212,916	5,849	2.7		213,411	205,284	8,127	3.8	
Hampton County	↓	8,043	7,825	218	2.7	7,989	7,746	243	3.0		8,125	7,822	303	3.7	
Lexington County	—	149,420	145,495	3,925	2.6	149,534	145,582	3,952	2.6		149,240	144,338	4,902	3.3	
Newberry County	↓	19,076	18,585	491	2.6	19,087	18,566	521	2.7		19,457	18,790	667	3.4	
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↑	409,803	398,490	11,313	2.8	410,979	399,691	11,288	2.7		400,605	385,443	15,162	3.8	
Columbia MSA	—	397,482	385,150	12,332	3.1	397,520	385,213	12,307	3.1		397,784	381,942	15,842	4.0	
Florence MSA	—	93,528	90,291	3,237	3.5	94,215	90,959	3,256	3.5		96,467	92,110	4,357	4.5	
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	—	437,680	425,095	12,585	2.9	438,325	425,660	12,665	2.9		432,880	416,763	16,117	3.7	
Hilton Head Island- Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	—	91,264	88,520	2,744	3.0	92,160	89,432	2,728	3.0		90,833	87,500	3,333	3.7	
Myrtle Beach-Conway- North Myrtle Beach, SC- NC MSA	↑	210,766	202,229	8,537	4.1	213,977	205,914	8,063	3.8		208,689	197,688	11,001	5.3	
Spartanburg MSA	↓	168,288	162,821	5,467	3.2	168,340	162,666	5,674	3.4		167,242	159,901	7,341	4.4	
Sumter MSA	↑	41,003	39,408	1,595	3.9	41,595	40,030	1,565	3.8		42,444	40,359	2,085	4.9	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED															
South Carolina	↓	2,394,726	2,320,187	74,539	3.1	2,399,624	2,323,963	75,661	3.2		2,369,185	2,276,348	92,837	3.9	

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↑ Unemployment Rate Up  
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