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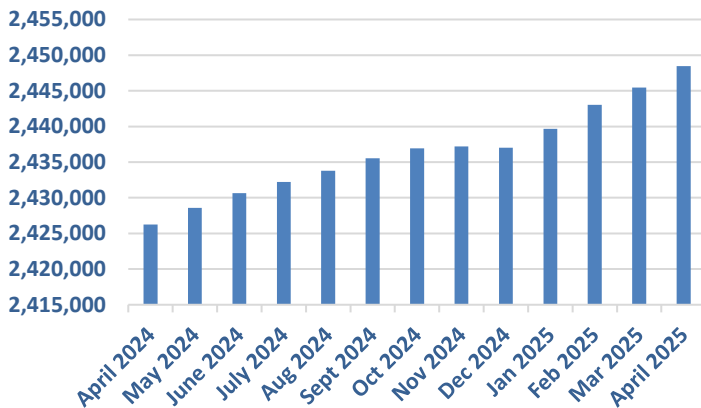
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South Carolina's Employment Situation: April 2025

HOUSEHOLD SURVEY: LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

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.

Number of People Employed



EMPLOYMENT:

- The seasonally adjusted number of South Carolina workers increased to 2,448,456.
- That is an increase of 3,019 people over the March 2025 estimate.
- That is an increase of 22,204 people over the April 2024 estimate.

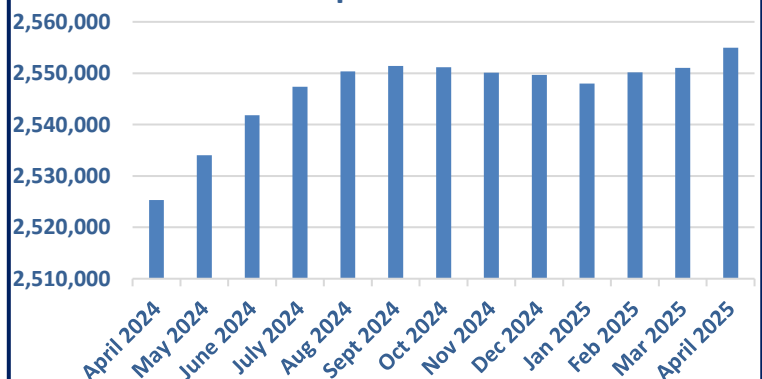
LABOR FORCE:

- The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,554,954 while the labor force participation rate was unchanged at 57.5 percent.
- That is an increase of 3,886 people over the March 2025 estimate.
- That is an increase of 29,649 individuals over the April 2024 estimate.

UNEMPLOYED:

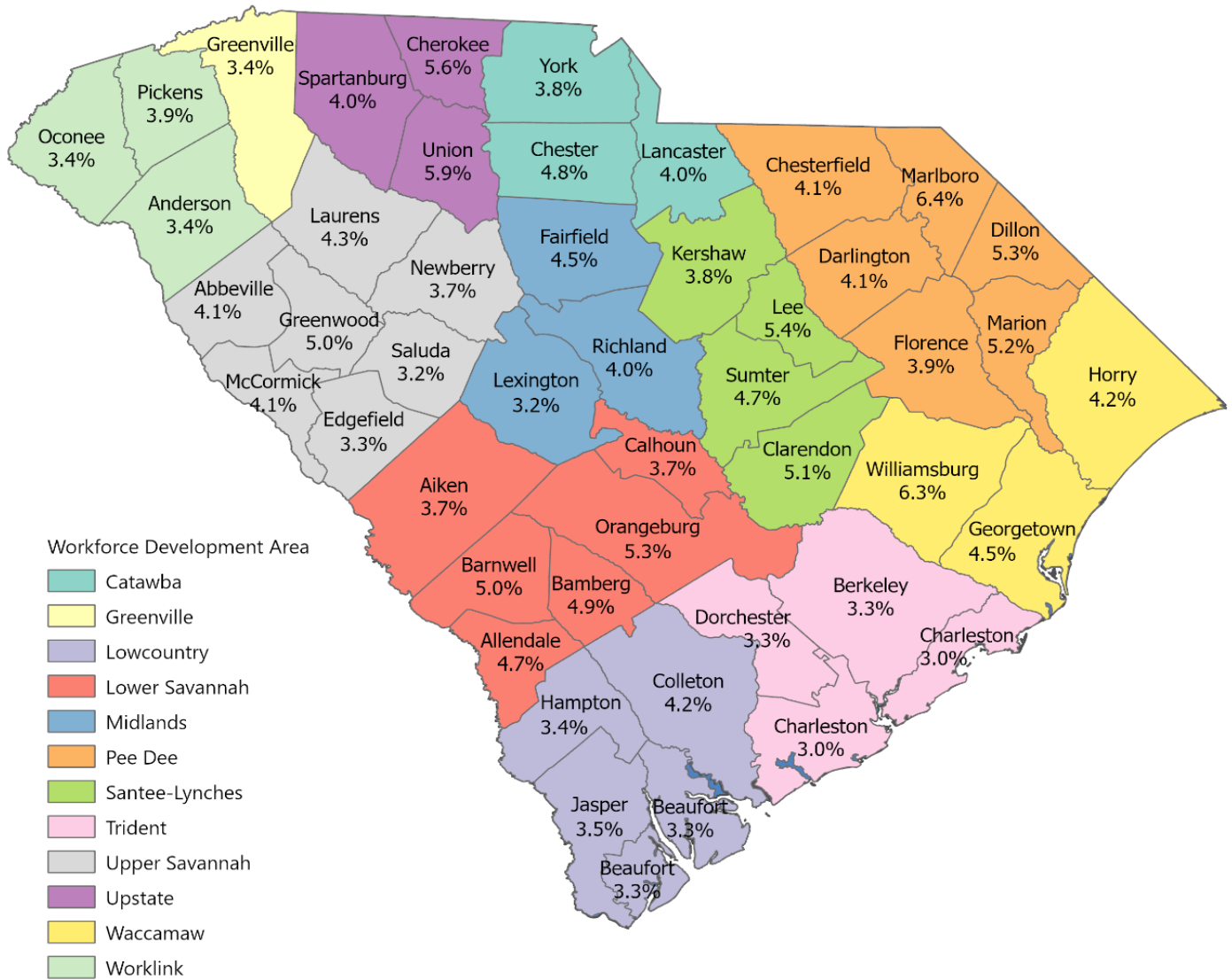
- The estimate of unemployed people increased to 106,498.
- That is an increase of 867 people from the March estimate and an increase of 7,445 from the April 2024 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 4.1 percent to 4.2 percent. The national unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.2 percent, according to the Current Population survey.

Number of People in the Labor Force



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.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY COUNTY (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Name	Counties	Rate	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Charleston-North Charleston	Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester	3.1%	↓ -0.4 pts	↑ 0.4 pts
Columbia	Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Richland, Saluda	3.7%	↓ -0.2 pts	↑ 0.5 pts
Florence	Darlington, Florence	4.0%	↓ -0.3 pts	↑ 0.4 pts
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	Anderson, Greenville, Laurens, Pickens	3.5%	↓ -0.2 pts	↑ 0.6 pts
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	Beaufort, Jasper	3.3%	↓ -0.6 pts	↑ 0.4 pts
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	Horry	4.2%	↓ -0.7 pts	↑ 0.6 pts
Spartanburg	Spartanburg, Union	4.1%	No Change	↑ 0.8 pts
Sumter	Sumter	4.7%	↓ -0.4 pts	↑ 0.8 pts

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

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

AREA		April 2025				March 2025				April 2024			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
				LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)
Marlboro County	↓	7,984	7,477	507	6.4	8,053	7,487	566	7.0	8,193	7,717	476	5.8
Williamsburg County	↓	10,488	9,824	664	6.3	10,648	9,895	753	7.1	10,177	9,638	539	5.3
Union County	↑	11,111	10,461	650	5.9	11,063	10,502	561	5.1	10,680	10,236	444	4.2
Cherokee County	↑	23,396	22,088	1,308	5.6	23,144	21,983	1,161	5.0	23,125	22,149	976	4.2
Lee County	↓	5,946	5,626	320	5.4	5,975	5,637	338	5.7	5,898	5,602	296	5.0
Dillon County	↓	12,235	11,590	645	5.3	12,516	11,798	718	5.7	12,120	11,491	629	5.2
Orangeburg County	↓	34,942	33,081	1,861	5.3	35,416	33,448	1,968	5.6	35,085	33,435	1,650	4.7
Marion County	↓	11,911	11,293	618	5.2	11,965	11,299	666	5.6	11,767	11,140	627	5.3
Clarendon County	↓	11,865	11,263	602	5.1	12,066	11,412	654	5.4	11,554	11,080	474	4.1
Barnwell County	↓	8,146	7,735	411	5.0	8,294	7,854	440	5.3	8,101	7,728	373	4.6
Greenwood County	↓	28,425	27,016	1,409	5.0	28,673	27,209	1,464	5.1	28,335	27,201	1,134	4.0
Bamberg County	↓	5,387	5,124	263	4.9	5,457	5,176	281	5.1	5,329	5,051	278	5.2
Chester County	↓	14,630	13,929	701	4.8	14,749	13,978	771	5.2	14,238	13,606	632	4.4
Allendale County	↓	2,715	2,587	128	4.7	2,805	2,664	141	5.0	2,649	2,501	148	5.6
Sumter County	↓	42,562	40,577	1,985	4.7	42,678	40,521	2,157	5.1	41,782	40,134	1,648	3.9
Fairfield County	↓	9,841	9,394	447	4.5	9,883	9,372	511	5.2	9,718	9,332	386	4.0
Georgetown County	↓	28,553	27,270	1,283	4.5	28,616	27,059	1,557	5.4	27,903	26,912	991	3.6
Laurens County	↓	31,420	30,057	1,363	4.3	31,412	30,016	1,396	4.4	30,950	29,884	1,066	3.4
Colleton County	↓	15,880	15,210	670	4.2	15,879	15,151	728	4.6	15,876	15,314	562	3.5
Horry County	↓	176,689	169,278	7,411	4.2	172,749	164,310	8,439	4.9	172,125	165,853	6,272	3.6
Abbeville County	↓	10,307	9,888	419	4.1	10,391	9,935	456	4.4	10,319	9,956	363	3.5
Chesterfield County	↓	18,689	17,927	762	4.1	19,094	18,243	851	4.5	18,866	18,146	720	3.8
Darlington County	↓	28,696	27,532	1,164	4.1	28,698	27,430	1,268	4.4	28,129	27,078	1,051	3.7
McCormick County	↓	3,443	3,301	142	4.1	3,484	3,317	167	4.8	3,402	3,266	136	4.0
Lancaster County	↓	50,203	48,199	2,004	4.0	50,165	47,931	2,234	4.5	49,290	47,613	1,677	3.4
Richland County	↓	209,690	201,294	8,396	4.0	209,923	201,158	8,765	4.2	206,628	199,539	7,089	3.4
Spartanburg County	–	169,050	162,312	6,738	4.0	168,827	162,037	6,790	4.0	165,294	159,978	5,316	3.2
Florence County	↓	65,243	62,686	2,557	3.9	65,087	62,310	2,777	4.3	64,067	61,818	2,249	3.5
Pickens County	↑	65,507	62,972	2,535	3.9	65,157	62,783	2,374	3.6	64,724	62,738	1,986	3.1
Kershaw County	↓	32,678	31,447	1,231	3.8	32,884	31,561	1,323	4.0	31,981	30,991	990	3.1
York County	↓	156,504	150,520	5,984	3.8	156,161	149,742	6,419	4.1	153,535	148,615	4,920	3.2
Aiken County	↓	77,688	74,817	2,871	3.7	76,727	73,644	3,083	4.0	77,397	74,861	2,536	3.3
Calhoun County	↓	6,623	6,378	245	3.7	6,734	6,445	289	4.3	6,482	6,234	248	3.8
Newberry County	↓	18,491	17,803	688	3.7	18,597	17,877	720	3.9	18,561	17,946	615	3.3
Jasper County	↓	14,308	13,814	494	3.5	14,335	13,760	575	4.0	13,938	13,497	441	3.2
Anderson County	↓	100,533	97,071	3,462	3.4	100,530	96,799	3,731	3.7	99,646	96,692	2,954	3.0
Greenville County	↓	287,247	277,508	9,739	3.4	286,767	276,346	10,421	3.6	285,014	276,861	8,153	2.9
Hampton County	↓	8,111	7,832	279	3.4	8,303	8,000	303	3.6	7,841	7,592	249	3.2
Oconee County	↓	36,288	35,044	1,244	3.4	36,281	34,890	1,391	3.8	36,247	35,164	1,083	3.0
Beaufort County	↓	85,050	82,278	2,772	3.3	84,377	81,110	3,267	3.9	83,809	81,396	2,413	2.9
Berkeley County	↓	129,686	125,390	4,296	3.3	129,417	124,706	4,711	3.6	126,433	122,862	3,571	2.8
Dorchester County	↓	86,924	84,081	2,843	3.3	86,544	83,461	3,083	3.6	85,004	82,581	2,423	2.9
Edgefield County	↓	12,016	11,622	394	3.3	12,032	11,587	445	3.7	11,815	11,446	369	3.1
Lexington County	↓	156,274	151,207	5,067	3.2	156,525	150,963	5,562	3.6	154,267	150,027	4,240	2.7
Saluda County	–	9,238	8,945	293	3.2	9,503	9,197	306	3.2	8,785	8,536	249	2.8
Charleston County	↓	235,106	228,166	6,940	3.0	234,361	226,519	7,842	3.3	230,027	224,061	5,966	2.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↑	2,554,954	2,448,456	106,498	4.2	2,551,068	2,445,437	105,631	4.1	2,525,305	2,426,252	99,053	3.9

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

↑ Unemployment Rate Up
↓ Unemployment Rate Down
– Unemployment Rate =

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EMPLOYER SURVEY: CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

BLS conducts a monthly Current Employment Statistics survey of approximately 119,000 businesses and government agencies 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.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 6,800 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,407,800.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Statewide
Apr-25

Jobs by Industry	April 2025	March 2025	April 2024	March 2025 to April 2025		April 2024 to April 2025	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,407,800	2,401,000	2,350,500	↑ 6,800	↑ 0.3%	↑ 57,300	↑ 2.4%
Construction	124,400	123,900	115,900	↑ 500	↑ 0.4%	↑ 8,500	↑ 7.3%
Manufacturing	263,500	262,700	263,800	↑ 800	↑ 0.3%	↓ -300	↓ -0.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	450,800	450,100	445,000	↑ 700	↑ 0.2%	↑ 5,800	↑ 1.3%
Information	29,800	29,700	28,400	↑ 100	↑ 0.3%	↑ 1,400	↑ 4.9%
Financial Activities	126,900	126,000	121,200	↑ 900	↑ 0.7%	↑ 5,700	↑ 4.7%
Professional and Business Services	323,700	322,500	313,000	↑ 1,200	↑ 0.4%	↑ 10,700	↑ 3.4%
Education and Health Services	310,300	311,500	299,500	↓ -1,200	↓ -0.4%	↑ 10,800	↑ 3.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	290,300	287,000	282,600	↑ 3,300	↑ 1.1%	↑ 7,700	↑ 2.7%
Other Services	92,400	92,700	90,200	↓ -300	↓ -0.3%	↑ 2,200	↑ 2.4%
Government	391,100	390,300	386,500	↑ 800	↑ 0.2%	↑ 4,600	↑ 1.2%

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 6,800 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,407,800.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted
Apr-25

Area	April 2025	March 2025	April 2024	March 2025 to April 2025		April 2024 to April 2025	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	2,407,800	2,401,000	2,350,500	↑ 6,800	↑ 0.3%	↑ 57,300	↑ 2.4%
Charleston/North Charleston	434,100	432,600	421,100	↑ 1,500	↑ 0.3%	↑ 13,000	↑ 3.1%
Columbia	437,100	436,700	428,000	↑ 400	↑ 0.1%	↑ 9,100	↑ 2.1%
Florence	99,000	98,200	96,900	↑ 800	↑ 0.8%	↑ 2,100	↑ 2.2%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin	479,800	478,600	471,600	↑ 1,200	↑ 0.3%	↑ 8,200	↑ 1.7%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort	90,100	89,700	88,000	↑ 400	↑ 0.4%	↑ 2,100	↑ 2.4%
Myrtle Beach	159,200	157,800	153,800	↑ 1,400	↑ 0.9%	↑ 5,400	↑ 3.5%
Spartanburg	180,600	180,200	176,000	↑ 400	↑ 0.2%	↑ 4,600	↑ 2.6%
Sumter	38,700	38,400	38,100	↑ 300	↑ 0.8%	↑ 600	↑ 1.6%

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