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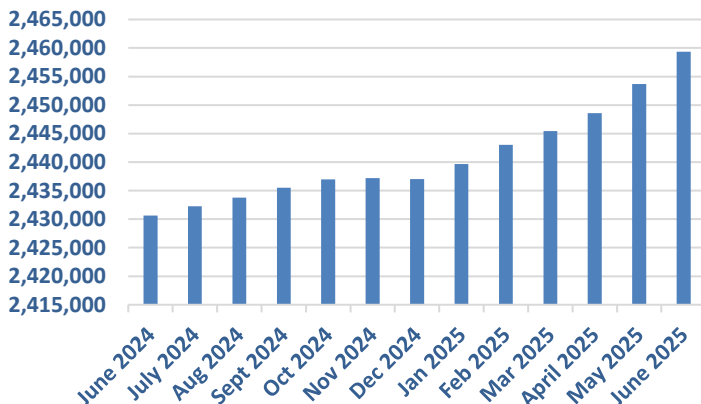
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South Carolina's Employment Situation: June 2025

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 2,459,338.
- That is an increase of 5,627 people over the May 2025 estimate.
- That is an increase of 28,694 people over the June 2024 estimate.

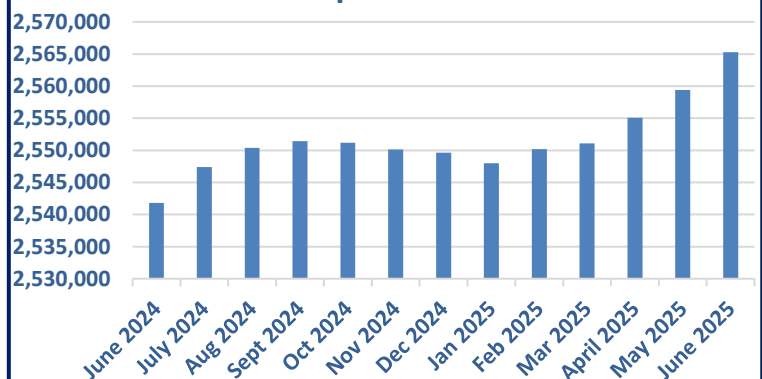
LABOR FORCE:

- The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,565,289 while the labor force participation rate increased to 57.6 percent.
- That is an increase of 5,884 people over the May 2025 estimate.
- That is an increase of 23,468 individuals over the June 2024 estimate.

UNEMPLOYED:

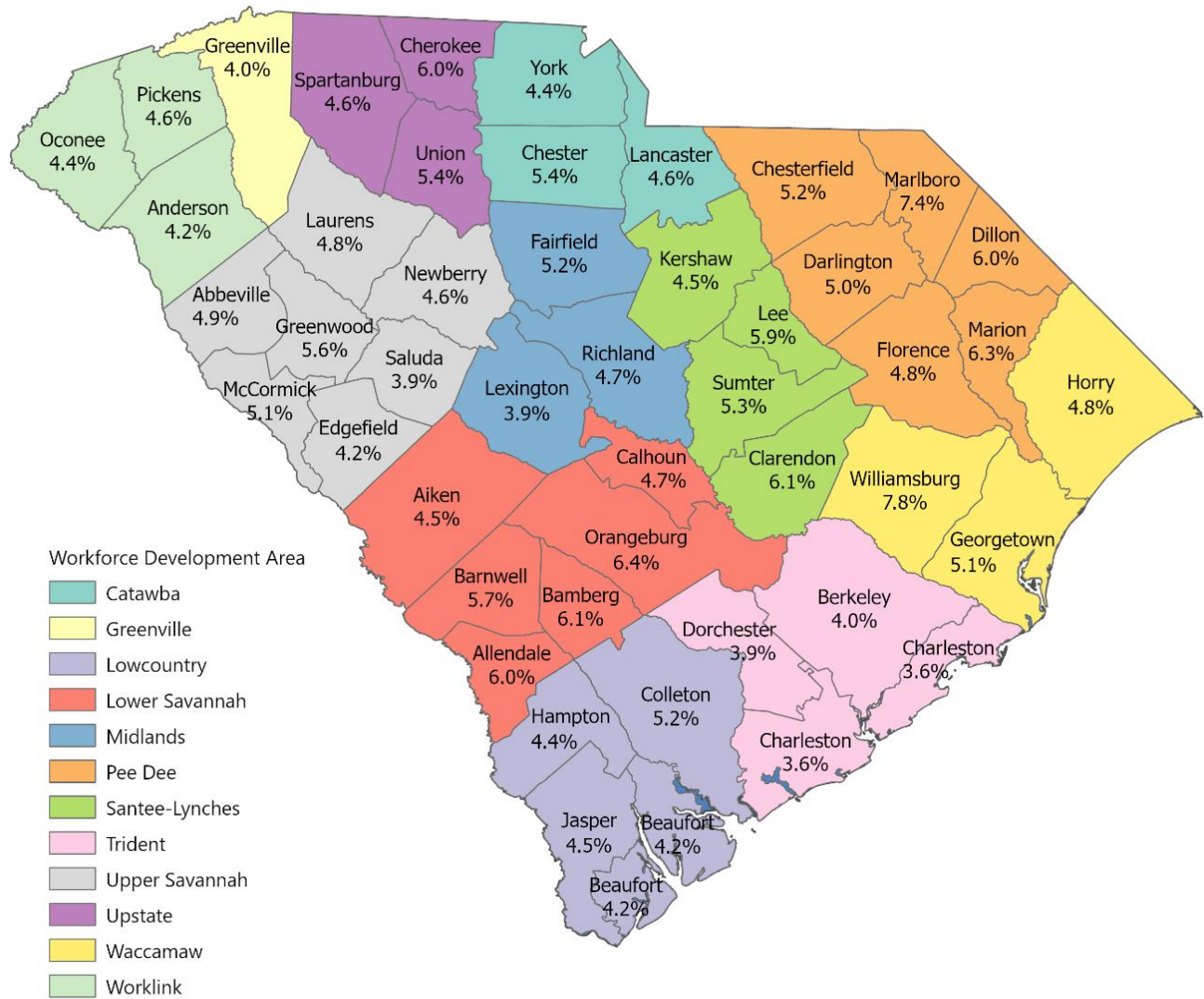
- The estimate of unemployed people increased to 105,951.
- That is an increase of 257 people from the May estimate and a decrease of 5,226 from the June 2024 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged 4.1 percent. The national unemployment rate decreased to 4.1 percent, 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	3.8%	↑ 0.7 pts	↓ -0.1 pts
Columbia	Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Richland, Saluda	4.4%	↑ 0.8 pts	↓ -0.2 pts
Florence	Darlington, Florence	4.8%	↑ 0.8 pts	↓ -0.3 pts
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	Anderson, Greenville, Laurens, Pickens	4.2%	↑ 0.7 pts	↓ -0.2 pts
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	Beaufort, Jasper	4.3%	↑ 1.0 pts	↓ -0.1 pts
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	Horry	4.8%	↑ 0.7 pts	↓ -0.3 pts
Spartanburg	Spartanburg, Union	4.6%	↑ 0.7 pts	↓ -0.2 pts
Sumter	Sumter	5.3%	↑ 0.8 pts	↓ -0.4 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		June 2025				May 2025				June 2024			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
				LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)
Williamsburg County	↑	10,765	9,922	843	7.8	10,516	9,834	682	6.5	10,632	9,856	776	7.3
Marlboro County	↑	8,060	7,466	594	7.4	7,970	7,481	489	6.1	8,395	7,739	656	7.8
Orangeburg County	↑	35,012	32,761	2,251	6.4	34,728	32,891	1,837	5.3	35,794	33,405	2,389	6.7
Marion County	↑	12,153	11,385	768	6.3	11,902	11,319	583	4.9	12,180	11,333	847	7.0
Bamberg County	↑	5,383	5,056	327	6.1	5,356	5,104	252	4.7	5,373	4,990	383	7.1
Clarendon County	↑	11,837	11,114	723	6.1	11,769	11,176	593	5.0	11,950	11,251	699	5.8
Allendale County	↑	2,698	2,537	161	6.0	2,677	2,550	127	4.7	2,763	2,571	192	6.9
Cherokee County	↑	23,259	21,875	1,384	6.0	22,998	21,863	1,135	4.9	23,367	21,919	1,448	6.2
Dillon County	↑	12,412	11,673	739	6.0	12,202	11,581	621	5.1	12,597	11,789	808	6.4
Lee County	↑	5,999	5,646	353	5.9	5,947	5,626	321	5.4	6,030	5,624	406	6.7
Barnwell County	↑	8,158	7,694	464	5.7	8,061	7,665	396	4.9	8,413	7,917	496	5.9
Greenwood County	↑	28,663	27,057	1,606	5.6	28,407	27,036	1,371	4.8	28,895	27,211	1,684	5.8
Chester County	↑	14,794	13,998	796	5.4	14,599	13,910	689	4.7	14,633	13,797	836	5.7
Union County	↑	11,099	10,496	603	5.4	10,937	10,442	495	4.5	10,940	10,309	631	5.8
Sumter County	↑	43,104	40,800	2,304	5.3	42,513	40,580	1,933	4.5	42,516	40,109	2,407	5.7
Chesterfield County	↑	18,703	17,739	964	5.2	18,593	17,824	769	4.1	19,408	18,381	1,027	5.3
Colleton County	↑	16,119	15,273	846	5.2	15,873	15,216	657	4.1	16,155	15,313	842	5.2
Fairfield County	↑	10,011	9,493	518	5.2	9,872	9,436	436	4.4	9,824	9,298	526	5.4
Georgetown County	↑	29,540	28,036	1,504	5.1	28,793	27,542	1,251	4.3	29,220	27,808	1,412	4.8
McCormick County	↑	3,454	3,279	175	5.1	3,416	3,273	143	4.2	3,514	3,331	183	5.2
Darlington County	↑	29,235	27,771	1,464	5.0	28,783	27,595	1,188	4.1	28,519	26,960	1,559	5.5
Abbeville County	↑	10,331	9,823	508	4.9	10,264	9,844	420	4.1	10,544	9,988	556	5.3
Florence County	↑	66,381	63,217	3,164	4.8	65,451	62,864	2,587	4.0	64,608	61,379	3,229	5.0
Horry County	↑	183,727	174,981	8,746	4.8	178,417	171,186	7,231	4.1	177,396	168,431	8,965	5.1
Laurens County	↑	31,621	30,093	1,528	4.8	31,319	30,011	1,308	4.2	31,267	29,731	1,536	4.9
Calhoun County	↑	6,713	6,396	317	4.7	6,620	6,371	249	3.8	6,629	6,283	346	5.2
Richland County	↑	212,931	202,920	10,011	4.7	210,331	201,980	8,351	4.0	209,151	198,940	10,211	4.9
Lancaster County	↑	51,119	48,785	2,334	4.6	50,325	48,334	1,991	4.0	50,258	47,961	2,297	4.6
Newberry County	↑	18,473	17,623	850	4.6	18,393	17,700	693	3.8	18,725	17,828	897	4.8
Pickens County	↑	66,205	63,133	3,072	4.6	65,448	62,921	2,527	3.9	65,570	62,347	3,223	4.9
Spartanburg County	↑	171,022	163,200	7,822	4.6	168,895	162,356	6,539	3.9	168,168	160,165	8,003	4.8
Aiken County	↑	77,363	73,847	3,516	4.5	76,515	73,643	2,872	3.8	77,357	73,717	3,640	4.7
Jasper County	↑	14,464	13,809	655	4.5	14,235	13,721	514	3.6	14,546	13,866	680	4.7
Kershaw County	↑	32,979	31,492	1,487	4.5	32,678	31,461	1,217	3.7	32,437	30,950	1,487	4.6
Hampton County	↑	8,115	7,756	359	4.4	8,025	7,753	272	3.4	8,208	7,842	366	4.5
Oconee County	↑	36,523	34,925	1,598	4.4	36,313	35,062	1,251	3.4	36,738	35,016	1,722	4.7
York County	↑	159,386	152,324	7,062	4.4	156,781	150,920	5,861	3.7	156,675	149,761	6,914	4.4
Anderson County	↑	101,595	97,340	4,255	4.2	100,493	96,994	3,499	3.5	100,632	96,120	4,512	4.5
Beaufort County	↑	86,268	82,640	3,628	4.2	84,833	82,038	2,795	3.3	86,664	82,851	3,813	4.4
Edgefield County	↑	11,852	11,360	492	4.2	11,781	11,380	401	3.4	11,910	11,376	534	4.5
Berkeley County	↑	133,249	127,973	5,276	4.0	130,950	126,687	4,263	3.3	129,414	124,077	5,337	4.1
Greenville County	↑	289,715	278,191	11,524	4.0	286,934	277,367	9,567	3.3	286,675	274,727	11,948	4.2
Dorchester County	↑	89,297	85,809	3,488	3.9	87,834	84,990	2,844	3.2	86,790	83,199	3,591	4.1
Lexington County	↑	158,369	152,209	6,160	3.9	156,681	151,697	4,984	3.2	155,755	149,302	6,453	4.1
Saluda County	↑	9,084	8,732	352	3.9	9,115	8,831	284	3.1	9,036	8,665	371	4.1
Charleston County	↑	241,078	232,420	8,658	3.6	237,402	230,498	6,904	2.9	234,349	225,524	8,825	3.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	—	2,565,289	2,459,338	105,951	4.1	2,559,405	2,453,711	105,694	4.1	2,541,821	2,430,644	111,177	4.4

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 5,800 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,420,600.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Statewide
Jun-25

Jobs by Industry	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	May 2025 to June 2025		June 2024 to June 2025	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,420,600	2,414,800	2,351,800	↑ 5,800	↑ 0.2%	↑ 68,800	↑ 2.9%
Construction	125,100	124,600	117,800	↑ 500	↑ 0.4%	↑ 7,300	↑ 6.2%
Manufacturing	264,100	263,500	264,700	↑ 600	↑ 0.23%	↓ -600	↓ -0.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	449,500	450,200	445,300	↓ -700	↓ -0.2%	↑ 4,200	↑ 0.9%
Information	30,200	30,100	28,400	↑ 100	↑ 0.3%	↑ 1,800	↑ 6.3%
Financial Activities	126,900	126,200	121,600	↑ 700	↑ 0.6%	↑ 5,300	↑ 4.4%
Professional and Business Services	328,300	326,200	310,500	↑ 2,100	↑ 0.6%	↑ 17,800	↑ 5.7%
Education and Health Services	316,700	315,900	300,500	↑ 800	↑ 0.3%	↑ 16,200	↑ 5.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	290,900	289,500	282,000	↑ 1,400	↑ 0.48%	↑ 8,900	↑ 3.2%
Other Services	92,600	92,600	90,300	No Change	No Change	↑ 2,300	↑ 2.5%
Government	391,700	391,400	386,300	↑ 300	↑ 0.1%	↑ 5,400	↑ 1.4%

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 5,800 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,420,600.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted
Jun-25

Area	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	May 2025 to June 2025		June 2024 to June 2025	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	2,420,600	2,414,800	2,351,800	↑ 5,800	↑ 0.2%	↑ 68,800	↑ 2.9%
Charleston/North Charleston	437,800	437,000	422,100	↑ 800	↑ 0.2%	↑ 15,700	↑ 3.7%
Columbia	438,900	437,700	429,600	↑ 1,200	↑ 0.3%	↑ 9,300	↑ 2.2%
Florence	98,700	98,800	95,900	↓ -100	↓ -0.1%	↑ 2,800	↑ 2.9%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin	477,700	478,100	470,300	↓ -400	↓ -0.1%	↑ 7,400	↑ 1.6%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort	89,500	89,500	88,500	No Change	No Change	↑ 1,000	↑ 1.1%
Myrtle Beach	160,500	159,800	153,500	↑ 700	↑ 0.4%	↑ 7,000	↑ 4.6%
Spartanburg	180,800	180,500	176,200	↑ 300	↑ 0.2%	↑ 4,600	↑ 2.6%
Sumter	38,800	38,700	38,000	↑ 100	↑ 0.3%	↑ 800	↑ 2.1%

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