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South Carolina's Employment Situation July 2022

I. Household Survey¹ (Local Area Unemployment Statistics)

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working decreased to 2,323,952.

- That is a decrease of 2,293 people over the June estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 50,677 people over the July 2021 estimate.

Unemployment: The estimate of unemployed people decreased to 75,685.

- That is a decrease of 2,256 people from June's estimate and a significant decrease of 19,711 over the July 2021 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.2 percent.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate declined to 3.5 percent from June's estimate of 3.6 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 2,399,637 from June's level of 2,404,186.

- That is a decrease of 4,549 people over the June estimate.
- That is an increase of 30,966 individuals over the July 2021 estimate.

II. Employer Survey² (Current Employment Statistics)

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted³)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 16,300 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,233,600.

- Industries that reported gains were Education and Health Services (+4,100); Government (+3,600); Professional and Business Services (+3,400); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+2,300); Leisure and Hospitality (+2,100); Financial Activities (+900); Other Services (+800); Information (+700); and Construction (+400).
- The Manufacturing industry declined (-2,000).

From July 2021 to July 2022, South Carolina's economy has picked up 79,900 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with strong growth were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+22,700); Leisure and Hospitality (+19,900); Government (+9,300); Manufacturing (+7,700); Financial Activities (+5,700); Other Services (+5,200); Professional and Business Services (+4,600); Education and Health Services (+3,200); and Information (+2,500).
- The Construction industry declined (-1,200).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted⁴)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 6,800 from June 2022 to July 2022 for a total of 2,236,400.

- Increases were reported in the Leisure and Hospitality (+4,900); Education and Health Services (+3,000); Professional and Business Services (+2,500); Construction (+1,000); Other Services (+1,000); Financial Activities (+800); Information (+800); and Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+500) industries.
- Decreases were reported in the Government (-7,200) and Manufacturing (-500) industries.
- The Mining and Logging industry showed no change.

Since July 2021, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 78,500 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+21,400); Leisure and Hospitality (+21,000); Manufacturing (+8,500); Government (+7,700); Financial Activities (+5,300); Other Services (+4,900); Professional and Business Services (+4,400); Educational and Health Services (+3,800); Information (+2,700) and Mining and Logging (+300).
- The Construction (-1,500) industry showed a decline over the year.

¹**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.

²**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.

³**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.

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

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Statewide

July-22

Jobs by Industry	July 2022	June 2022	July 2021	June 2022 to July 2022		July 2021 to July 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,233,600	2,217,300	2,153,700	16,300	0.74%	79,900	3.71%
Construction	103,600	103,200	104,800	400	0.39%	-1,200	-1.15%
Manufacturing	257,100	259,100	249,400	-2,000	-0.77%	7,700	3.09%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	436,600	434,300	413,900	2,300	0.53%	22,700	5.48%
Information	30,000	29,300	27,500	700	2.39%	2,500	9.09%
Financial Activities	116,200	115,300	110,500	900	0.78%	5,700	5.16%
Professional and Business Services	301,800	298,400	297,200	3,400	1.14%	4,600	1.55%
Education and Health Services	260,500	256,400	257,300	4,100	1.60%	3,200	1.24%
Leisure and Hospitality	266,000	263,900	246,100	2,100	0.80%	19,900	8.09%
Other Services	82,200	81,400	77,000	800	0.98%	5,200	6.75%
Government	374,900	371,300	365,600	3,600	0.97%	9,300	2.54%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide

July-22

Industry	July 2022	June 2022	July 2021	June 2022 to July 2022		July 2021 to July 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,236,400	2,229,600	2,157,900	6,800	0.30%	78,500	3.64%
Mining and Logging	4,700	4,700	4,400	0	0.00%	300	6.82%
Construction	104,300	103,300	105,800	1,000	0.97%	-1,500	-1.42%
Manufacturing	258,500	259,000	250,000	-500	-0.19%	8,500	3.40%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	436,700	436,200	415,300	500	0.11%	21,400	5.15%
Information	30,300	29,500	27,600	800	2.71%	2,700	9.78%
Financial Activities	116,900	116,100	111,600	800	0.69%	5,300	4.75%
Professional and Business Services	300,500	298,000	296,100	2,500	0.84%	4,400	1.49%
Education and Health Services	257,800	254,800	254,000	3,000	1.18%	3,800	1.50%
Leisure and Hospitality	283,700	278,800	262,700	4,900	1.76%	21,000	7.99%
Other Services	82,600	81,600	77,700	1,000	1.23%	4,900	6.31%
Government	360,400	367,600	352,700	-7,200	-1.96%	7,700	2.18%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted

July-22

INDUSTRY TITLE	July 2022	June 2022	July 2021	June 2022 to July 2022		July 2021 to July 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,233,600	2,217,300	2,153,700	16,300	0.74%	79,900	3.71%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	391,700	387,900	373,300	3,800	0.98%	18,400	4.93%
Columbia MSA	403,000	401,500	396,100	1,500	0.37%	6,900	1.74%
Florence MSA	90,400	90,100	90,200	300	0.33%	200	0.22%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	440,700	437,300	428,400	3,400	0.78%	12,300	2.87%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	84,000	83,700	82,300	300	0.36%	1,700	2.07%
Myrtle Beach MSA	179,300	178,600	173,000	700	0.39%	6,300	3.64%
Spartanburg MSA	168,700	168,000	163,900	700	0.42%	4,800	2.93%
Sumter MSA	38,200	38,100	38,800	100	0.26%	-600	-1.55%

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

July-22

Area	July 2022	June 2022	July 2021	June 2022 to July 2022		July 2021 to July 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,236,400	2,229,600	2,157,900	6,800	0.30%	78,500	3.64%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	393,500	391,800	375,800	1,700	0.43%	17,700	4.71%
Columbia MSA	401,400	401,700	393,500	-300	-0.07%	7,900	2.01%
Florence MSA	90,100	90,300	89,700	-200	-0.22%	400	0.45%
Greenville MSA	439,400	437,700	425,400	1,700	0.39%	14,000	3.29%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	86,400	85,900	84,400	500	0.58%	2,000	2.37%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	186,900	186,700	181,100	200	0.11%	5,800	3.20%
Spartanburg MSA	166,800	168,300	161,400	-1,500	-0.89%	5,400	3.35%
Sumter MSA	38,100	38,200	38,500	-100	-0.26%	-400	-1.04%

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

AREA		July 2022				June 2022				July 2021			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)
Marlboro County	↓	8,283	7,684	599	7.2	8,636	8,009	627	7.3	8,844	8,139	705	8.0
Allendale County	—	2,314	2,163	151	6.5	2,400	2,245	155	6.5	2,453	2,257	196	8.0
Bamberg County	↓	4,370	4,090	280	6.4	4,525	4,226	299	6.6	4,694	4,291	403	8.6
Orangeburg County	↓	32,332	30,441	1,891	5.8	33,081	31,072	2,009	6.1	34,142	31,455	2,687	7.9
Union County	↑	11,490	10,830	660	5.7	11,606	10,995	611	5.3	11,508	10,663	845	7.3
Marion County	↓	12,783	12,100	683	5.3	13,049	12,323	726	5.6	13,123	12,147	976	7.4
Williamsburg County	↓	10,867	10,308	559	5.1	11,110	10,506	604	5.4	11,405	10,651	754	6.6
Barnwell County	↓	7,492	7,114	378	5.0	7,705	7,298	407	5.3	7,628	7,092	536	7.0
Dillon County	—	12,408	11,791	617	5.0	13,108	12,456	652	5.0	12,781	11,960	821	6.4
Fairfield County	↓	9,165	8,719	446	4.9	9,289	8,806	483	5.2	9,311	8,733	578	6.2
Lee County	↓	6,383	6,071	312	4.9	6,491	6,162	329	5.1	6,680	6,277	403	6.0
Chester County	—	13,503	12,873	630	4.7	13,721	13,077	644	4.7	13,398	12,547	851	6.4
Cherokee County	—	23,584	22,580	1,004	4.3	24,665	23,609	1,056	4.3	24,305	22,948	1,357	5.6
Abbeville County	↓	9,117	8,747	370	4.1	9,509	9,105	404	4.2	9,429	8,957	472	5.0
Clarendon County	↓	11,883	11,409	474	4.0	12,539	12,024	515	4.1	12,359	11,687	672	5.4
Greenwood County	↓	28,620	27,540	1,080	3.8	29,838	28,668	1,170	3.9	29,716	28,235	1,481	5.0
McCormick County	↓	3,278	3,154	124	3.8	3,406	3,269	137	4.0	3,373	3,196	177	5.2
Sumter County	↓	41,664	40,095	1,569	3.8	42,165	40,481	1,684	4.0	43,241	41,102	2,139	4.9
Darlington County	↓	29,372	28,272	1,100	3.7	29,765	28,611	1,154	3.9	30,264	28,736	1,528	5.0
Georgetown County	↓	26,622	25,655	967	3.6	26,999	25,962	1,037	3.8	27,153	25,795	1,358	5.0
Horry County	↓	155,580	150,039	5,541	3.6	157,424	151,302	6,122	3.9	156,113	148,172	7,941	5.1
Calhoun County	↓	6,366	6,141	225	3.5	6,443	6,210	233	3.6	6,487	6,169	318	4.9
Chesterfield County	↓	21,323	20,577	746	3.5	21,746	20,929	817	3.8	21,847	20,809	1,038	4.8
Lancaster County	↓	43,870	42,322	1,548	3.5	44,678	43,009	1,669	3.7	43,242	41,254	1,988	4.6
Colleton County	↓	15,998	15,455	543	3.4	16,245	15,657	588	3.6	16,675	15,884	791	4.7
Laurens County	↓	30,042	29,034	1,008	3.4	30,311	29,209	1,102	3.6	30,114	28,716	1,398	4.6
Florence County	↓	64,980	62,815	2,165	3.3	65,830	63,569	2,261	3.4	66,652	63,689	2,963	4.4
Richland County	↓	195,467	188,935	6,532	3.3	197,502	190,525	6,977	3.5	197,290	188,321	8,969	4.5
Kershaw County	↓	29,122	28,178	944	3.2	29,480	28,455	1,025	3.5	29,436	28,215	1,221	4.1
Spartanburg County	↓	156,609	151,581	5,028	3.2	159,199	153,846	5,353	3.4	156,024	149,134	6,890	4.4
Oconee County	↓	33,432	32,384	1,048	3.1	34,774	33,653	1,121	3.2	33,940	32,424	1,516	4.5
Pickens County	↓	57,880	56,066	1,814	3.1	58,294	56,369	1,925	3.3	57,543	55,330	2,213	3.8
York County	↓	149,083	144,464	4,619	3.1	151,773	146,781	4,992	3.3	146,224	140,620	5,604	3.8
Anderson County	↓	91,295	88,566	2,729	3.0	91,961	89,022	2,939	3.2	91,109	87,402	3,707	4.1
Beaufort County	↓	78,654	76,323	2,331	3.0	79,217	76,686	2,531	3.2	79,132	76,172	2,960	3.7
Edgefield County	↓	10,418	10,108	310	3.0	10,525	10,192	333	3.2	10,569	10,183	386	3.7
Hampton County	—	7,987	7,744	243	3.0	8,213	7,966	247	3.0	8,067	7,735	332	4.1
Aiken County	↓	74,262	72,093	2,169	2.9	74,952	72,523	2,429	3.2	74,867	72,154	2,713	3.6
Berkeley County	↓	111,281	108,082	3,199	2.9	111,888	108,448	3,440	3.1	109,337	105,057	4,280	3.9
Jasper County	↓	13,544	13,145	399	2.9	13,694	13,261	433	3.2	13,687	13,199	488	3.6
Dorchester County	↓	80,743	78,492	2,251	2.8	81,202	78,780	2,422	3.0	79,406	76,347	3,059	3.9
Greenville County	↓	259,346	252,210	7,136	2.8	261,200	253,462	7,738	3.0	258,283	248,752	9,531	3.7
Charleston County	↓	218,548	212,689	5,859	2.7	220,065	213,701	6,364	2.9	215,692	207,282	8,410	3.9
Newberry County	↓	19,090	18,568	522	2.7	19,483	18,915	568	2.9	19,494	18,796	698	3.6
Lexington County	↓	149,832	145,876	3,956	2.6	151,581	147,273	4,308	2.8	150,879	145,841	5,038	3.3
Saluda County	↓	8,369	8,149	220	2.6	8,520	8,269	251	2.9	8,587	8,306	281	3.3
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↓	410,572	399,263	11,309	2.8	413,155	400,929	12,226	3.0	404,435	388,686	15,749	3.9
Columbia MSA	↓	398,321	385,998	12,323	3.1	402,815	389,538	13,277	3.3	401,990	385,585	16,405	4.1
Florence MSA	↓	94,352	91,087	3,265	3.5	95,595	92,180	3,415	3.6	96,916	92,425	4,491	4.6
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↓	438,563	425,876	12,687	2.9	441,766	428,062	13,704	3.1	437,049	420,200	16,849	3.9
Hilton Head Island- Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	↓	92,198	89,468	2,730	3.0	92,911	89,947	2,964	3.2	92,819	89,371	3,448	3.7
Myrtle Beach-Conway- North Myrtle Beach, SC- NC MSA	↓	214,080	206,009	8,071	3.8	215,611	206,496	9,115	4.2	213,084	201,710	11,374	5.3
Spartanburg MSA	↓	168,099	162,411	5,688	3.4	170,805	164,841	5,964	3.5	167,532	159,797	7,735	4.6
Sumter MSA	↓	41,664	40,095	1,569	3.8	42,165	40,481	1,684	4.0	43,241	41,102	2,139	4.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	—	2,399,637	2,323,952	75,685	3.2	2,404,186	2,326,245	77,941	3.2	2,368,671	2,273,275	95,396	4.0

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

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