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South Carolina's Employment Situation November 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 2,302,601.

- That is a decrease of 5,296 people over the October estimate.
- That is an increase of 16,652 people over the November 2021 estimate.

Unemployment: The estimate of unemployed people decreased to 78,153.

- That is a decrease of 406 people from October's estimate and a decrease of 7,014 over the November 2021 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.3 percent from October's estimate.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.7 percent from October's estimate, according to the Current Population Survey.

Labor force: The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) decreased to 2,380,754 from October's level of 2,386,456.

- That is a decrease of 5,702 people over the October estimate.
- That is an increase of 9,638 individuals over the November 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 decrease of 1,100 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,246,100.

- Industries that reported gains were Education and Health Services (+1,800); Financial Activities (+1,000); Government (+800); Other Services (+300); and Information (+100).
- Professional and Business Services (-2,200); Leisure and Hospitality (-1,400); Construction (-700); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-500); and Manufacturing (-300) industries declined.

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

- Industries with strong growth were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+19,300); Leisure and Hospitality (+17,700); Professional and Business Services (+12,400); Education and Health Services (+9,800); Manufacturing (+7,200); Financial Activities (+6,100); Other Services (+4,500); Government (+4,500); and Information (+2,800).
- The Construction industry declined (-4,700).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted⁴)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 6,100 from October 2022 to November 2022 for a total of 2,262,200.

- Industries reporting gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+5,200); Government (+3,400); Education and Health Services (+2,100); Financial Activities (+1,100); Professional and Business Services (+500); Other Services (+300); and Information (+100).
- The Leisure and Hospitality (-6,000) and Construction (-600) industries marked declines.
- The Manufacturing and Mining and Logging industries showed no change over the month.

Since November 2021, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 80,000 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+18,600); Leisure and Hospitality (+17,300); Professional and Business Services (+12,100); Educational and Health Services (+10,600); Manufacturing (+7,200); Financial Activities (+6,200); Government (+5,200); Other Services (+4,700); Information (+2,800); and Mining and Logging (+300).
- The Construction (-5,000) 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
November-22

| Jobs by Industry | November 2022 | October 2022 | November 2021 | October 2022 to November 2022 | | November 2021 to November 2022 | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | # | % | # | % |
| | | | | Change | Change | Change | Change |
| Total Nonfarm Employment | 2,246,100 | 2,247,200 | 2,166,200 | -1,100 | -0.05% | 79,900 | 3.69% |
| Construction | 100,100 | 100,800 | 104,800 | -700 | -0.69% | -4,700 | -4.48% |
| Manufacturing | 259,400 | 259,700 | 252,200 | -300 | -0.12% | 7,200 | 2.85% |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 437,100 | 437,600 | 417,800 | -500 | -0.11% | 19,300 | 4.62% |
| Information | 30,800 | 30,700 | 28,000 | 100 | 0.33% | 2,800 | 10.00% |
| Financial Activities | 118,200 | 117,200 | 112,100 | 1,000 | 0.85% | 6,100 | 5.44% |
| Professional and Business Services | 310,100 | 312,300 | 297,700 | -2,200 | -0.70% | 12,400 | 4.17% |
| Education and Health Services | 262,600 | 260,800 | 252,800 | 1,800 | 0.69% | 9,800 | 3.88% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 267,800 | 269,200 | 250,100 | -1,400 | -0.52% | 17,700 | 7.08% |
| Other Services | 83,200 | 82,900 | 78,700 | 300 | 0.36% | 4,500 | 5.72% |
| Government | 372,100 | 371,300 | 367,600 | 800 | 0.22% | 4,500 | 1.22% |

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
November-22

| Industry | November 2022 | October 2022 | November 2021 | October 2022 to November 2022 | | November 2021 to November 2022 | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | # | % | # | % |
| | | | | Change | Change | Change | Change |
| Total Nonfarm Employment | 2,262,200 | 2,256,100 | 2,182,200 | 6,100 | 0.27% | 80,000 | 3.67% |
| Mining and Logging | 4,700 | 4,700 | 4,400 | 0 | 0.00% | 300 | 6.82% |
| Construction | 100,300 | 100,900 | 105,300 | -600 | -0.59% | -5,000 | -4.75% |
| Manufacturing | 259,200 | 259,200 | 252,000 | 0 | 0.00% | 7,200 | 2.86% |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 441,700 | 436,500 | 423,100 | 5,200 | 1.19% | 18,600 | 4.40% |
| Information | 30,700 | 30,600 | 27,900 | 100 | 0.33% | 2,800 | 10.04% |
| Financial Activities | 118,400 | 117,300 | 112,200 | 1,100 | 0.94% | 6,200 | 5.53% |
| Professional and Business Services | 315,000 | 314,500 | 302,900 | 500 | 0.16% | 12,100 | 3.99% |
| Education and Health Services | 265,500 | 263,400 | 254,900 | 2,100 | 0.80% | 10,600 | 4.16% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 263,400 | 269,400 | 246,100 | -6,000 | -2.23% | 17,300 | 7.03% |
| Other Services | 83,500 | 83,200 | 78,800 | 300 | 0.36% | 4,700 | 5.96% |
| Government | 379,800 | 376,400 | 374,600 | 3,400 | 0.90% | 5,200 | 1.39% |

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted

November-22

| Industry | November 2022 | October 2022 | November 2021 | October 2022 to November 2022 | | November 2021 to November 2022 | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | # Change | % Change | # Change | % Change |
| Statewide | 2,246,100 | 2,247,200 | 2,166,200 | -1,100 | -0.05% | 79,900 | 3.69% |
| Charleston/North Charleston MSA | 401,400 | 399,700 | 377,000 | 1,700 | 0.43% | 24,400 | 6.47% |
| Columbia MSA | 404,600 | 404,600 | 397,600 | 0 | 0.00% | 7,000 | 1.76% |
| Florence MSA | 90,100 | 90,200 | 90,400 | -100 | -0.11% | -300 | -0.33% |
| Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA | 445,600 | 448,200 | 429,000 | -2,600 | -0.58% | 16,600 | 3.87% |
| Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA | 84,200 | 84,300 | 82,800 | -100 | -0.12% | 1,400 | 1.69% |
| Myrtle Beach MSA | 182,600 | 182,300 | 177,400 | 300 | 0.16% | 5,200 | 2.93% |
| Spartanburg MSA | 170,000 | 169,300 | 164,300 | 700 | 0.41% | 5,700 | 3.47% |
| Sumter MSA | 38,000 | 38,100 | 38,300 | -100 | -0.26% | -300 | -0.78% |

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

November-22

| Area | November 2022 | October 2022 | November 2021 | October 2022 to November 2022 | | November 2021 to November 2022 | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | # Change | % Change | # Change | % Change |
| Statewide | 2,262,200 | 2,256,100 | 2,182,200 | 6,100 | 0.27% | 80,000 | 3.67% |
| Charleston/North Charleston MSA | 403,700 | 400,100 | 378,800 | 3,600 | 0.90% | 24,900 | 6.57% |
| Columbia MSA | 407,500 | 406,200 | 400,300 | 1,300 | 0.32% | 7,200 | 1.80% |
| Florence MSA | 90,800 | 90,300 | 91,000 | 500 | 0.55% | -200 | -0.22% |
| Greenville MSA | 450,300 | 450,600 | 434,200 | -300 | -0.07% | 16,100 | 3.71% |
| Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA | 84,000 | 84,100 | 82,600 | -100 | -0.12% | 1,400 | 1.69% |
| Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA | 180,200 | 182,300 | 174,300 | -2,100 | -1.15% | 5,900 | 3.38% |
| Spartanburg MSA | 171,100 | 170,000 | 165,300 | 1,100 | 0.65% | 5,800 | 3.51% |
| Sumter MSA | 38,100 | 38,000 | 38,400 | 100 | 0.26% | -300 | -0.78% |

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

| AREA | November 2022 | | | | | October 2022 | | | | | November 2021 | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------|----------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--|----------|
| | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOY- MENT | UNEMPLOYMENT | | RATE (%) | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOY- MENT | UNEMPLOYMENT | | RATE (%) | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOY- MENT | UNEMPLOYMENT | | RATE (%) |
| | | | LEVEL | LEVEL | | | | LEVEL | LEVEL | | | | | | |
| Marlboro County | ↓ | 8,343 | 7,747 | 596 | 7.1 | 8,409 | 7,761 | 648 | 7.7 | 8,735 | 8,116 | 619 | 7.1 | | |
| Allendale County | ↓ | 2,152 | 2,039 | 113 | 5.3 | 2,220 | 2,074 | 146 | 6.6 | 2,347 | 2,201 | 146 | 6.2 | | |
| Bamberg County | ↓ | 4,478 | 4,253 | 225 | 5.0 | 4,586 | 4,286 | 300 | 6.5 | 4,628 | 4,352 | 276 | 6.0 | | |
| Marion County | ↓ | 12,314 | 11,754 | 560 | 4.5 | 12,598 | 11,888 | 710 | 5.6 | 12,674 | 11,981 | 693 | 5.5 | | |
| Orangeburg County | ↓ | 32,391 | 30,928 | 1,463 | 4.5 | 32,950 | 30,982 | 1,968 | 6.0 | 33,750 | 31,771 | 1,979 | 5.9 | | |
| Dillon County | ↓ | 12,687 | 12,130 | 557 | 4.4 | 12,893 | 12,242 | 651 | 5.0 | 12,895 | 12,257 | 638 | 4.9 | | |
| Lee County | ↓ | 6,213 | 5,939 | 274 | 4.4 | 6,347 | 6,005 | 342 | 5.4 | 6,472 | 6,179 | 293 | 4.5 | | |
| Union County | ↓ | 11,312 | 10,823 | 489 | 4.3 | 11,474 | 10,830 | 644 | 5.6 | 11,386 | 10,803 | 583 | 5.1 | | |
| Williamsburg County | ↓ | 10,507 | 10,054 | 453 | 4.3 | 10,711 | 10,142 | 569 | 5.3 | 10,801 | 10,267 | 534 | 4.9 | | |
| Barnwell County | ↓ | 7,347 | 7,049 | 298 | 4.1 | 7,484 | 7,095 | 389 | 5.2 | 7,446 | 7,035 | 411 | 5.5 | | |
| Fairfield County | ↓ | 8,954 | 8,600 | 354 | 4.0 | 9,108 | 8,642 | 466 | 5.1 | 9,152 | 8,713 | 439 | 4.8 | | |
| Cherokee County | ↓ | 24,351 | 23,391 | 960 | 3.9 | 24,671 | 23,429 | 1,242 | 5.0 | 24,789 | 23,813 | 976 | 3.9 | | |
| Chester County | ↓ | 13,366 | 12,857 | 509 | 3.8 | 13,586 | 12,927 | 659 | 4.9 | 13,280 | 12,628 | 652 | 4.9 | | |
| Clarendon County | ↓ | 11,546 | 11,114 | 432 | 3.7 | 11,808 | 11,267 | 541 | 4.6 | 11,981 | 11,504 | 477 | 4.0 | | |
| Sumter County | ↓ | 40,496 | 39,081 | 1,415 | 3.5 | 40,899 | 39,132 | 1,767 | 4.3 | 42,204 | 40,661 | 1,543 | 3.7 | | |
| Horry County | ↓ | 146,445 | 141,540 | 4,905 | 3.3 | 150,157 | 144,000 | 6,157 | 4.1 | 147,427 | 141,426 | 6,001 | 4.1 | | |
| Abbeville County | ↓ | 9,492 | 9,191 | 301 | 3.2 | 9,542 | 9,147 | 395 | 4.1 | 9,639 | 9,281 | 358 | 3.7 | | |
| Chesterfield County | ↓ | 20,831 | 20,190 | 641 | 3.1 | 21,199 | 20,344 | 855 | 4.0 | 21,396 | 20,589 | 807 | 3.8 | | |
| Darlington County | ↓ | 28,536 | 27,655 | 881 | 3.1 | 28,914 | 27,797 | 1,117 | 3.9 | 29,609 | 28,564 | 1,045 | 3.5 | | |
| Greenwood County | ↓ | 29,786 | 28,853 | 933 | 3.1 | 30,002 | 28,755 | 1,247 | 4.2 | 30,229 | 29,169 | 1,060 | 3.5 | | |
| Georgetown County | ↓ | 25,258 | 24,489 | 769 | 3.0 | 25,922 | 24,921 | 1,001 | 3.9 | 25,522 | 24,562 | 960 | 3.8 | | |
| Lancaster County | ↓ | 43,666 | 42,341 | 1,325 | 3.0 | 44,240 | 42,545 | 1,695 | 3.8 | 43,146 | 41,570 | 1,576 | 3.7 | | |
| Edgefield County | ↓ | 10,214 | 9,917 | 297 | 2.9 | 10,346 | 9,939 | 407 | 3.9 | 10,279 | 9,996 | 283 | 2.8 | | |
| Calhoun County | ↓ | 6,224 | 6,047 | 177 | 2.8 | 6,339 | 6,090 | 249 | 3.9 | 6,357 | 6,126 | 231 | 3.6 | | |
| Colleton County | ↓ | 15,615 | 15,175 | 440 | 2.8 | 15,872 | 15,281 | 591 | 3.7 | 16,052 | 15,520 | 532 | 3.3 | | |
| Florence County | ↓ | 63,553 | 61,784 | 1,769 | 2.8 | 64,225 | 61,910 | 2,315 | 3.6 | 65,848 | 63,722 | 2,126 | 3.2 | | |
| Kershaw County | ↓ | 28,602 | 27,803 | 799 | 2.8 | 28,967 | 27,931 | 1,036 | 3.6 | 29,043 | 28,164 | 879 | 3.0 | | |
| Laurens County | ↓ | 29,827 | 29,006 | 821 | 2.8 | 30,301 | 29,205 | 1,096 | 3.6 | 29,848 | 28,850 | 998 | 3.3 | | |
| McCormick County | ↓ | 3,404 | 3,307 | 97 | 2.8 | 3,441 | 3,309 | 132 | 3.8 | 3,272 | 3,152 | 120 | 3.7 | | |
| Richland County | ↓ | 192,559 | 187,146 | 5,413 | 2.8 | 194,363 | 187,311 | 7,052 | 3.6 | 195,846 | 189,561 | 6,285 | 3.2 | | |
| Pickens County | ↓ | 57,682 | 56,139 | 1,543 | 2.7 | 58,430 | 56,422 | 2,008 | 3.4 | 57,443 | 55,815 | 1,628 | 2.8 | | |
| Aiken County | ↓ | 72,998 | 71,104 | 1,894 | 2.6 | 73,381 | 70,862 | 2,519 | 3.4 | 73,660 | 71,649 | 2,011 | 2.7 | | |
| Spartanburg County | ↓ | 155,444 | 151,451 | 3,993 | 2.6 | 156,843 | 151,497 | 5,346 | 3.4 | 156,037 | 151,200 | 4,837 | 3.1 | | |
| York County | ↓ | 148,673 | 144,808 | 3,865 | 2.6 | 150,375 | 145,320 | 5,055 | 3.4 | 146,722 | 142,114 | 4,608 | 3.1 | | |
| Beaufort County | ↓ | 74,590 | 72,700 | 1,890 | 2.5 | 75,816 | 73,297 | 2,519 | 3.3 | 75,765 | 73,616 | 2,149 | 2.8 | | |
| Anderson County | ↓ | 90,797 | 88,587 | 2,210 | 2.4 | 92,047 | 89,068 | 2,979 | 3.2 | 90,655 | 88,103 | 2,552 | 2.8 | | |
| Berkeley County | ↓ | 110,879 | 108,211 | 2,668 | 2.4 | 111,539 | 107,694 | 3,845 | 3.4 | 107,992 | 104,932 | 3,060 | 2.8 | | |
| Hampton County | ↓ | 7,650 | 7,465 | 185 | 2.4 | 7,811 | 7,580 | 231 | 3.0 | 7,868 | 7,647 | 221 | 2.8 | | |
| Jasper County | ↓ | 12,897 | 12,592 | 305 | 2.4 | 13,139 | 12,723 | 416 | 3.2 | 13,070 | 12,713 | 357 | 2.7 | | |
| Oconee County | ↓ | 33,512 | 32,717 | 795 | 2.4 | 33,952 | 32,866 | 1,086 | 3.2 | 33,955 | 33,003 | 952 | 2.8 | | |
| Saluda County | ↓ | 8,082 | 7,887 | 195 | 2.4 | 8,313 | 8,051 | 262 | 3.2 | 8,216 | 8,007 | 209 | 2.5 | | |
| Dorchester County | ↓ | 80,404 | 78,570 | 1,834 | 2.3 | 80,843 | 78,226 | 2,617 | 3.2 | 78,412 | 76,197 | 2,215 | 2.8 | | |
| Greenville County | ↓ | 258,361 | 252,391 | 5,970 | 2.3 | 261,614 | 253,653 | 7,961 | 3.0 | 258,002 | 250,996 | 7,006 | 2.7 | | |
| Newberry County | ↓ | 18,544 | 18,111 | 433 | 2.3 | 18,924 | 18,344 | 580 | 3.1 | 18,945 | 18,433 | 512 | 2.7 | | |
| Charleston County | ↓ | 217,795 | 213,103 | 4,692 | 2.2 | 218,568 | 212,282 | 6,286 | 2.9 | 212,550 | 206,672 | 5,878 | 2.8 | | |
| Lexington County | ↓ | 147,558 | 144,246 | 3,312 | 2.2 | 149,094 | 144,692 | 4,402 | 3.0 | 149,799 | 146,073 | 3,726 | 2.5 | | |
| Charleston - North Charleston MSA | ↓ | 409,078 | 399,884 | 9,194 | 2.2 | 410,950 | 398,202 | 12,748 | 3.1 | 398,954 | 387,801 | 11,153 | 2.8 | | |
| Columbia MSA | ↓ | 391,979 | 381,729 | 10,250 | 2.6 | 396,184 | 382,717 | 13,467 | 3.4 | 398,413 | 386,644 | 11,769 | 3.0 | | |
| Florence MSA | ↓ | 92,089 | 89,439 | 2,650 | 2.9 | 93,139 | 89,707 | 3,432 | 3.7 | 95,457 | 92,286 | 3,171 | 3.3 | | |
| Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA | ↓ | 436,667 | 426,123 | 10,544 | 2.4 | 442,392 | 428,348 | 14,044 | 3.2 | 435,948 | 423,764 | 12,184 | 2.8 | | |
| Hilton Head Island- Bluffton-Beaufort MSA | ↓ | 87,487 | 85,292 | 2,195 | 2.5 | 88,955 | 86,020 | 2,935 | 3.3 | 88,835 | 86,329 | 2,506 | 2.8 | | |
| Myrtle Beach-Conway- North Myrtle Beach, SC- NC MSA | ↓ | 201,380 | 193,748 | 7,632 | 3.8 | 206,358 | 197,318 | 9,040 | 4.4 | 201,510 | 192,908 | 8,602 | 4.3 | | |
| Spartanburg MSA | ↓ | 166,756 | 162,274 | 4,482 | 2.7 | 168,317 | 162,327 | 5,990 | 3.6 | 167,423 | 162,003 | 5,420 | 3.2 | | |
| Sumter MSA | ↓ | 40,496 | 39,081 | 1,415 | 3.5 | 40,899 | 39,132 | 1,767 | 4.3 | 42,204 | 40,661 | 1,543 | 3.7 | | |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| South Carolina | - | 2,380,754 | 2,302,601 | 78,153 | 3.3 | 2,386,456 | 2,307,897 | 78,559 | 3.3 | 2,371,116 | 2,285,949 | 85,167 | 3.6 | | |

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↑ Unemployment Rate Up
↓ Unemployment Rate Down
- Unemployment Rate =