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South Carolina's Employment Situation April 2023

I. Household Survey¹ (Local Area Unemployment Statistics)

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working increased to 2,330,701.

- That is a significant increase of 13,967 people over the March 2023 estimate.
- That is an increase of 25,238 people over the April 2022 estimate.

Unemployment: The estimate of unemployed people decreased to 75,653.

- That is a decrease of 761 people from March's estimate and an increase of 357 from the April 2022 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.1 percent from March's estimate of 3.2 percent.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased from March's rate of 3.5 percent to 3.4 percent, according to the Current Population Survey.

Labor force: The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,406,354.

- That is a significant increase of 13,206 people over the March estimate.
- That is an increase of 25,595 individuals over the April 2022 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 7,100 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,291,600.

- Industries that reported gains were Professional and Business Services (+2,900); Leisure and Hospitality (+1,600); Education and Health Services (+1,300); Financial Activities (+1,000); Construction (+500); and Information (+400).
- Government (-400); Manufacturing (-100); and Other Services (-100) declined.
- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities showed no change.

From April 2022 to April 2023, South Carolina's economy has picked up 58,500 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with strong growth were Education and Health Services (+14,400); Leisure and Hospitality (+14,400); Government (+7,900); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+5,500); Professional and Business Services (+5,500); Financial Activities (+3,700); Information (+2,800); Construction (+2,000); Manufacturing (+1,100); and Other Services (+1,100).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted⁴)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 13,900 from March 2023 to April 2023 for a total of 2,289,100.

- Leisure and Hospitality (+10,000); Education and Health Services (+2,700); Financial Activities (+2,200); Professional and Business Services (+900); Information (+700); Government (+400); and Other Services (+200) industries increased over the month.
- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-1,500); Manufacturing (-1,500); and Construction (-200) industries marked declines.
- The Mining and Logging industry show no change.

Since April 2022, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 54,100 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Educational and Health Services (+14,700); Leisure and Hospitality (+13,200); Government (+10,000); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+4,500); Financial Activities (+4,200); Professional and Business Services (+3,300); Information (+3,100); Construction (+1,200); Other Services (+300); and Mining and Logging (+100).
- Manufacturing (-500) marked a decline.

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

April-23

Jobs by Industry	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023 to April 2023		April 2022 to April 2023	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,291,600	2,284,500	2,233,100	7,100	0.31%	58,500	2.62%
Construction	110,200	109,700	108,200	500	0.46%	2,000	1.85%
Manufacturing	262,000	262,100	260,900	-100	-0.04%	1,100	0.42%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	439,200	439,200	433,700	0	0.00%	5,500	1.27%
Information	32,300	31,900	29,500	400	1.25%	2,800	9.49%
Financial Activities	120,400	119,400	116,700	1,000	0.84%	3,700	3.17%
Professional and Business Services	312,600	309,700	307,100	2,900	0.94%	5,500	1.79%
Education and Health Services	277,000	275,700	262,600	1,300	0.47%	14,400	5.48%
Leisure and Hospitality	277,200	275,600	262,800	1,600	0.58%	14,400	5.48%
Other Services	82,400	82,500	81,300	-100	-0.12%	1,100	1.35%
Government	373,800	374,200	365,900	-400	-0.11%	7,900	2.16%

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 INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide

April-23

Industry	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023 to April 2023		April 2022 to April 2023	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,289,100	2,275,200	2,235,000	13,900	0.61%	54,100	2.42%
Mining and Logging	4,500	4,500	4,400	0	0.00%	100	2.27%
Construction	109,600	109,800	108,400	-200	-0.18%	1,200	1.11%
Manufacturing	260,500	262,000	261,000	-1,500	-0.57%	-500	-0.19%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	435,600	437,100	431,100	-1,500	-0.34%	4,500	1.04%
Information	32,500	31,800	29,400	700	2.20%	3,100	10.54%
Financial Activities	120,700	118,500	116,500	2,200	1.86%	4,200	3.61%
Professional and Business Services	309,700	308,800	306,400	900	0.29%	3,300	1.08%
Education and Health Services	278,200	275,500	263,500	2,700	0.98%	14,700	5.58%
Leisure and Hospitality	277,500	267,500	264,300	10,000	3.74%	13,200	4.99%
Other Services	81,900	81,700	81,600	200	0.24%	300	0.37%
Government	378,400	378,000	368,400	400	0.11%	10,000	2.71%

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted

April-23

INDUSTRY TITLE	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023 to April 2023		April 2022 to April 2023	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,291,600	2,284,500	2,233,100	7,100	0.31%	58,500	2.62%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	413,300	410,700	389,400	2,600	0.63%	23,900	6.14%
Columbia MSA	416,500	414,800	413,000	1,700	0.41%	3,500	0.85%
Florence MSA	95,500	95,300	93,000	200	0.21%	2,500	2.69%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	458,500	456,000	447,100	2,500	0.55%	11,400	2.55%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	86,000	86,500	85,000	-500	-0.58%	1,000	1.18%
Myrtle Beach MSA	190,100	189,400	181,400	700	0.37%	8,700	4.80%
Spartanburg MSA	170,600	170,100	166,500	500	0.29%	4,100	2.46%
Sumter MSA	39,400	39,400	39,100	0	0.00%	300	0.77%

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Not Seasonally Adjusted

April-23

Area	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023 to April 2023		April 2022 to April 2023	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,289,100	2,275,200	2,235,000	13,900	0.61%	54,100	2.42%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	413,100	409,200	388,200	3,900	0.95%	24,900	6.41%
Columbia MSA	416,500	414,900	414,100	1,600	0.39%	2,400	0.58%
Florence MSA	95,400	94,900	92,900	500	0.53%	2,500	2.69%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	457,200	456,000	448,200	1,200	0.26%	9,000	2.01%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	86,200	85,700	85,100	500	0.58%	1,100	1.29%
Myrtle Beach MSA	192,300	186,700	183,100	5,600	3.00%	9,200	5.02%
Spartanburg MSA	170,800	169,800	166,500	1,000	0.59%	4,300	2.58%
Sumter MSA	39,500	39,300	39,300	200	0.51%	200	0.51%

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

AREA	April 2023				March 2023				April 2022				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)	
Marlboro County	↓	7,312	6,815	497	6.8	7,513	6,820	693	9.2	8,188	7,762	426	5.2
Cherokee County	↑	24,172	23,022	1,150	4.8	23,846	22,832	1,014	4.3	24,226	23,460	766	3.2
Allendale County	↓	2,330	2,237	93	4.0	2,401	2,255	146	6.1	2,253	2,148	105	4.7
Bamberg County	↓	4,535	4,353	182	4.0	4,558	4,300	258	5.7	4,505	4,304	201	4.5
Dillon County	↓	12,952	12,452	500	3.9	13,088	12,358	730	5.6	12,761	12,273	488	3.8
Marion County	↓	12,730	12,251	479	3.8	12,772	12,099	673	5.3	12,591	12,074	517	4.1
Williamsburg County	↓	10,633	10,240	393	3.7	10,652	10,083	569	5.3	10,853	10,431	422	3.9
Union County	↓	11,429	11,012	417	3.6	11,470	10,907	563	4.9	11,115	10,719	396	3.6
Orangeburg County	↓	33,014	31,856	1,158	3.5	33,143	31,474	1,669	5.0	32,737	31,333	1,404	4.3
Clarendon County	↓	12,074	11,677	397	3.3	12,044	11,473	571	4.7	12,102	11,714	388	3.2
Lee County	↓	6,374	6,162	212	3.3	6,410	6,105	305	4.8	6,411	6,164	247	3.9
Barnwell County	↓	7,732	7,483	249	3.2	7,795	7,441	354	4.5	7,515	7,213	302	4.0
Fairfield County	↓	9,233	8,941	292	3.2	9,301	8,852	449	4.8	9,274	8,876	398	4.3
Abbeville County	↓	9,448	9,158	290	3.1	9,487	9,107	380	4.0	9,380	9,093	287	3.1
Chester County	↓	13,551	13,128	423	3.1	13,671	13,069	602	4.4	13,230	12,774	456	3.4
Sumter County	↓	42,467	41,182	1,285	3.0	42,586	40,751	1,835	4.3	41,929	40,651	1,278	3.0
Greenwood County	↓	29,625	28,761	864	2.9	29,844	28,637	1,207	4.0	29,519	28,638	881	3.0
Calhoun County	↓	6,475	6,293	182	2.8	6,474	6,218	256	4.0	6,431	6,250	181	2.8
McCormick County	↓	3,460	3,363	97	2.8	3,451	3,313	138	4.0	3,446	3,351	95	2.8
Horry County	↓	157,236	152,915	4,321	2.7	154,470	147,982	6,488	4.2	150,174	145,600	4,574	3.0
Colleton County	↓	16,134	15,714	420	2.6	15,998	15,417	581	3.6	15,774	15,322	452	2.9
Darlington County	↓	30,292	29,504	788	2.6	30,340	29,198	1,142	3.8	29,637	28,790	847	2.9
Edgefield County	↓	10,372	10,105	267	2.6	10,221	9,863	358	3.5	10,409	10,158	251	2.4
Georgetown County	↓	26,386	25,707	679	2.6	25,964	24,966	998	3.8	25,908	25,142	766	3.0
Lancaster County	↓	44,389	43,223	1,166	2.6	44,682	42,991	1,691	3.8	43,269	42,006	1,263	2.9
Laurens County	↓	30,751	29,941	810	2.6	30,756	29,677	1,079	3.5	30,084	29,247	837	2.8
Pickens County	↓	59,399	57,899	1,500	2.5	59,350	57,429	1,921	3.2	57,937	56,475	1,462	2.5
Richland County	↓	199,255	194,285	4,970	2.5	199,542	192,778	6,764	3.4	197,583	192,374	5,209	2.6
Spartanburg County	↓	158,005	154,073	3,932	2.5	157,668	152,709	4,959	3.1	153,846	149,992	3,854	2.5
Aiken County	↓	74,007	72,244	1,763	2.4	73,176	70,729	2,447	3.3	74,323	72,438	1,885	2.5
Chesterfield County	↓	21,434	20,924	510	2.4	21,461	20,748	713	3.3	21,145	20,527	618	2.9
Florence County	↓	67,432	65,801	1,631	2.4	67,301	65,092	2,209	3.3	65,692	63,974	1,718	2.6
Kershaw County	↓	29,627	28,906	721	2.4	29,612	28,620	992	3.3	29,481	28,684	797	2.7
Saluda County	↓	8,456	8,257	199	2.4	8,405	8,120	285	3.4	8,479	8,290	189	2.2
York County	↓	151,241	147,734	3,507	2.3	151,849	146,973	4,876	3.2	147,239	143,385	3,854	2.6
Anderson County	↓	93,486	91,383	2,103	2.2	93,517	90,694	2,823	3.0	91,345	89,210	2,135	2.3
Beaufort County	↓	77,405	75,689	1,716	2.2	77,225	74,808	2,417	3.1	76,372	74,482	1,890	2.5
Berkeley County	↓	114,905	112,409	2,496	2.2	114,458	111,060	3,398	3.0	108,424	105,516	2,908	2.7
Greenville County	↓	266,223	260,305	5,918	2.2	266,329	258,409	7,920	3.0	259,905	254,040	5,865	2.3
Hampton County	↓	7,953	7,775	178	2.2	7,945	7,705	240	3.0	7,839	7,652	187	2.4
Oconee County	↓	35,256	34,494	762	2.2	35,058	33,981	1,077	3.1	34,075	33,260	815	2.4
Newberry County	↓	19,161	18,757	404	2.1	19,265	18,515	750	3.9	19,156	18,737	419	2.2
Charleston County	↓	225,833	221,386	4,447	2.0	224,476	218,253	6,223	2.8	212,712	207,829	4,883	2.3
Dorchester County	↓	83,330	81,627	1,703	2.0	83,005	80,615	2,390	2.9	78,611	76,642	1,969	2.5
Jasper County	↓	13,381	13,111	270	2.0	13,239	12,869	370	2.8	13,193	12,863	330	2.5
Lexington County	↓	152,953	149,871	3,082	2.0	152,736	148,429	4,307	2.8	151,738	148,507	3,231	2.1
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↓	424,068	415,422	8,646	2.0	421,939	409,928	12,011	2.8	399,747	389,987	9,760	2.4
Columbia MSA	↓	405,999	396,553	9,446	2.3	406,070	393,017	13,053	3.2	402,986	392,981	10,005	2.5
Florence MSA	↓	97,724	95,305	2,419	2.5	97,641	94,290	3,351	3.4	95,329	92,764	2,565	2.7
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↓	449,859	439,528	10,331	2.3	449,952	436,209	13,743	3.1	439,271	428,972	10,299	2.3
Hilton Head Island- Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	↓	90,786	88,800	1,986	2.2	90,464	87,677	2,787	3.1	89,565	87,345	2,220	2.5
Myrtle Beach-Conway- North Myrtle Beach, SC- NC MSA	↓	216,288	209,788	6,500	3.0	212,203	203,125	9,078	4.3	207,292	200,384	6,908	3.3
Spartanburg MSA	↓	169,434	165,085	4,349	2.6	169,138	163,616	5,522	3.3	164,961	160,711	4,250	2.6
Sumter MSA	↓	42,467	41,182	1,285	3.0	42,586	40,751	1,835	4.3	41,929	40,651	1,278	3.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,406,354	2,330,701	75,653	3.1	2,393,148	2,316,734	76,414	3.2	2,380,759	2,305,463	75,296	3.2

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

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