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NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Has labor force participation in South Carolina been going up or down this year? Check out the graphs on page 15.

It is an incredibly exciting time here at the Department of Employment and Workforce. As of July 1, provisions of the Statewide Education and Workforce Development Act have come into effect. This means that our Executive Director, William Floyd, is the Chair of an expanded Coordinating Council for Workforce Development (CCWD), and the state's twelve Regional Workforce Advisors have migrated to DEW from the Department of Commerce. The Legislature has directed the CCWD to lead the creation of a multi-faceted Unified State Plan for workforce development, which will include data and analytics from LMI. South Carolina is making a massive leap forward in ensuring it has the talent to compete for jobs in a global economy, and I'm excited to be part of the team.

Another provision of the act requires the collection of standard occupation classification codes and the number of hours worked when employers submit their unemployment insurance tax records starting in April 2024. While we are very sensitive to the regulatory burden on our state's businesses, this data will allow us to better identify gaps in our workforce pipeline and develop solutions to ensure that South Carolina is a great place for employers to find the workers they need, no matter what business they are in. DEW will be ramping up outreach activities to make sure everyone's questions are answered before this policy goes into effect and speak in more depth about what we will be able to accomplish together.

In this month's featured article, Ashlyn Chastain writes about a renaissance in Florence. Since becoming the regional labor force analyst for the Pee Dee area, she has been on the ground learning about the labor market information needs of workers, businesses, and government in the northeast part of the state. While many Pee Dee communities have had a rough time in recent years, the ongoing downtown redevelopment efforts and the incoming Envision AESC plant means that Florence might be turning things around (and having a new Buc-ee's doesn't hurt either). As always, if you have any questions about workforce data, please contact us at lmicustomerservice@dew.sc.gov.



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REIMAGINING FLORENCE: THE JOURNEY TOWARDS DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT

By Ashlyn Chastain – Workforce Insights Analyst

Florence, South Carolina, in the state's Historic Pee Dee Region, is working feverishly to reclaim its prominence among the nine municipalities in its namesake county. A redevelopment plan was initiated by the expansion of Francis Marion University in hopes of bringing the campus closer to downtown, according to assistant city manager, Clint Moore. Starting this fall, the city aims to support the enhancement of the School of Health Sciences through a bidding process for a potential new building. The new School of Health Sciences facility will accommodate 3rd- and 4th-year medical students, including MUSC's upcoming cohorts. McLeod and MUSC Florence will accept these residents for clinical rotations.

After the downtown Florence redevelopment, the city was honored with a 2023 Great American Main Street Award, one of three given this year. This award, "recognizes communities for their excellence in comprehensive preservation-based commercial district revitalization." As a result, local businesses and residents have experienced a renewed sense of pride in their community. Prior to this year, the most recent South Carolina city to receive this award was Greenville, in 2003. Apart from the attention gained through the award, the city also attracts visitors through its annual SC Pecan Music and Food Festival. This event significantly boosts the city's economy by generating employment opportunities and revenue of as much as \$2 million each year.



Pecan Festival in Downtown Florence, SC

Florence Mayor Teresa Ervin believes that if there are any aspects of your city that you are not proud of, you should take action to change them. The focus is often on improving a city to attract or keep certain industries, but it is equally important to invest in improvements for citizens. The revitalization of the downtown area has done just that, positively impacting businesses, industries, and citizens, by enhancing the quality of life. While the medical industry had declined, it now receives more investment. The economic impact of these efforts continues to expand beyond the original goal, benefiting the overall economy.

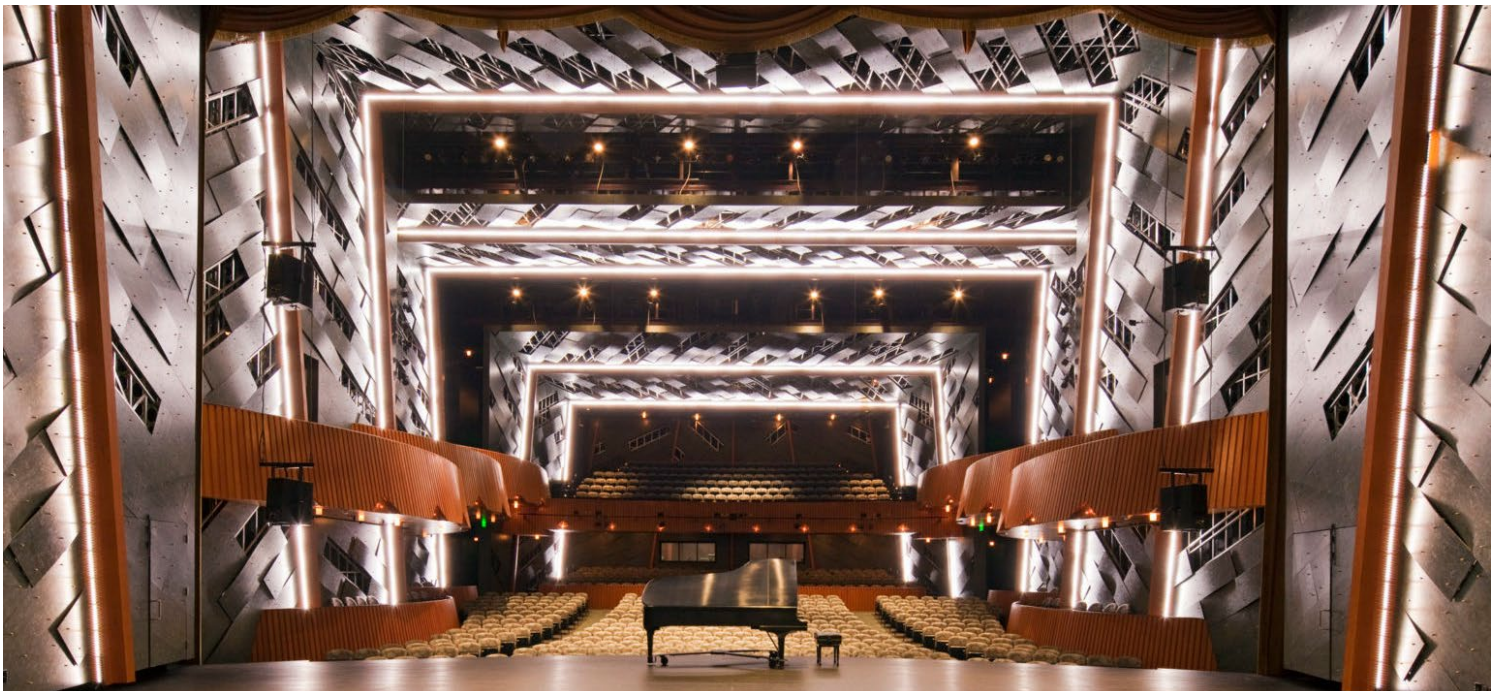
Florence is committed to being a fair and inclusive city by extending redevelopment efforts towards its north and east areas. To demonstrate progress beyond the historic district, Urban Square, a redevelopment initiative, will serve as a significant example of a "mega block." Unfortunately, COVID-19 slowed the project with supply chain issues, workforce challenges, and increased costs. The Old Carolina Theater is also undergoing architectural work to transform it into a versatile event center. The project, which started in 2020, is expected to be finished within the next 12-14 months. The center is envisioned as a venue for music performances, weddings, and other events. This initiative, along with the downtown master plan, serve as excellent examples of the exciting changes in store for downtown Florence.

The revitalized main street, which receives support from the Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center, boasts a vibrant cultural district, boasting a library, theater, museum, the performing arts center, and more. The area's diverse restaurants offer culinary delights, showcasing local chefs' own works of art.

The city places significant importance on aiding small businesses throughout their journey, from conception to implementation. Their strategy includes incentive programs and identifying new buyers.



Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center (Outside)



Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center (Inside)



Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center (Inside)

Transportation plans focus on accessibility by promoting and encouraging pedestrian traffic, the addition of bike paths and activity areas, offering more options for commuting. Challenges include complex collaboration among various agencies, including the Department of Transportation. The objective is to promote inclusivity by expanding transportation options beyond conventional vehicles, with corridor connections in all directions. To cater to cyclists, loop trails will be established, with routes ranging from one to five miles long. The longest loop will pass by the cemetery. Save-A-Lot and other businesses have strategically located to ensure easy access for those using the biking paths.



The Post and Courier Pee Dee launched in Florence on May 1, 2023. With more than 100 journalists in South Carolina, this new venture is a solution to the problem of "news deserts" many communities experience, where access to reliable and comprehensive local news and information is limited. The Post and Courier Pee Dee is a daily, digital newspaper that intends to be responsive to the community's need to be informed about decisions, plans, and events that impact them. The primary focus will be business, education, growth, and development in the area.

The newspaper's new location plans to eventually employ 18 interns who will serve in news, advertising, and marketing positions. These interns will be high school and college students; six interns per fall and spring semester, with two interns serving in the newsroom.



Residents can submit entries to receive the esteemed Golden Pen Award and have their letter published in the newspaper. The editorial staff selects the best letter each month for this honor. Award recipients will be invited to an annual luncheon with the editorial team.

Florence's beauty, and its rich history and culture, have captured the hearts of many. The plans for expansion and revitalization will not only enhance the city's charm but will also create more opportunities for locals and tourists alike to enjoy its bounty. With the upcoming redevelopment phase, new businesses, attractions, and facilities will continue to add to its appeal. It's no wonder that people are eager to share their excitement and encourage others to discover all the wonderful things Florence has to offer.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION (MAY 2023)

Household Survey¹ (Local Area Unemployment Statistics)

EMPLOYMENT: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working increased to 2,344,922.

- That is a significant increase of 14,295 people over the April 2023 estimate.
- That is an increase of 38,835 people over the May 2022 estimate.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The estimate of unemployed people decreased to 75,629.

- That is a decrease of 13 people from April's estimate and an increase of 496 from the May 2022 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.1 percent.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate increased from April's rate of 3.4 percent to 3.7 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 2,420,551.

- That is a significant increase of 14,282 people over the April estimate.
- That is an increase of 39,331 individuals over the May 2022 estimate.

Employer Survey² (Current Employment Statistics)

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED³)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 8,600 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,300,600.

- Industries that reported gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+2,900); Education and Health Services (+2,300); Financial Activities (+1,500); Professional and Business Services (+1,400); Other Services (+900); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+900); Construction (+400); and Information (+400).
- Government (-1,300) and Manufacturing (-800) industries declined.

From May 2022 to May 2023, South Carolina's economy has picked up 63,200 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with strong growth were Leisure and Hospitality (+17,000); Education and Health Services (+14,900); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+7,300); Professional and Business Services (+6,400); Government (+5,600); Financial Activities (+4,900); Information (+2,700); Construction (+2,200); Other Services (+1,700); and Manufacturing (+400).



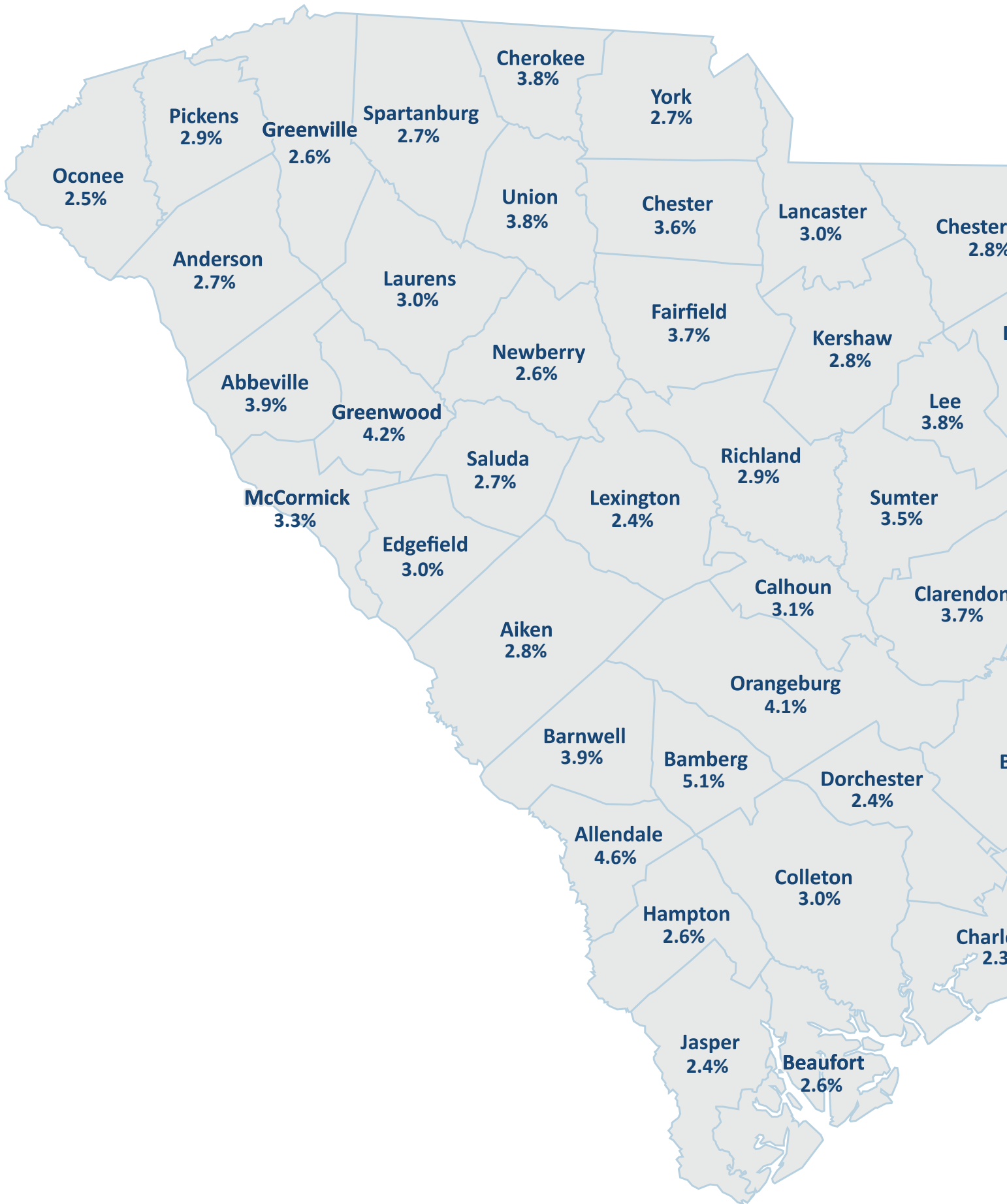
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED⁴)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 18,300 from April 2023 to May 2023 for a total of 2,305,400.

- Leisure and Hospitality (+9,200); Professional and Business Services (+3,500); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+2,600); Education and Health Services (+2,600); Financial Activities (+1,400); Construction (+1,300) and Other Services (+1,300); and Information (+800); industries increased over the month.
- Government (-3,900) and Manufacturing (-500) industries marked declines.
- The Mining and Logging industry show no change.

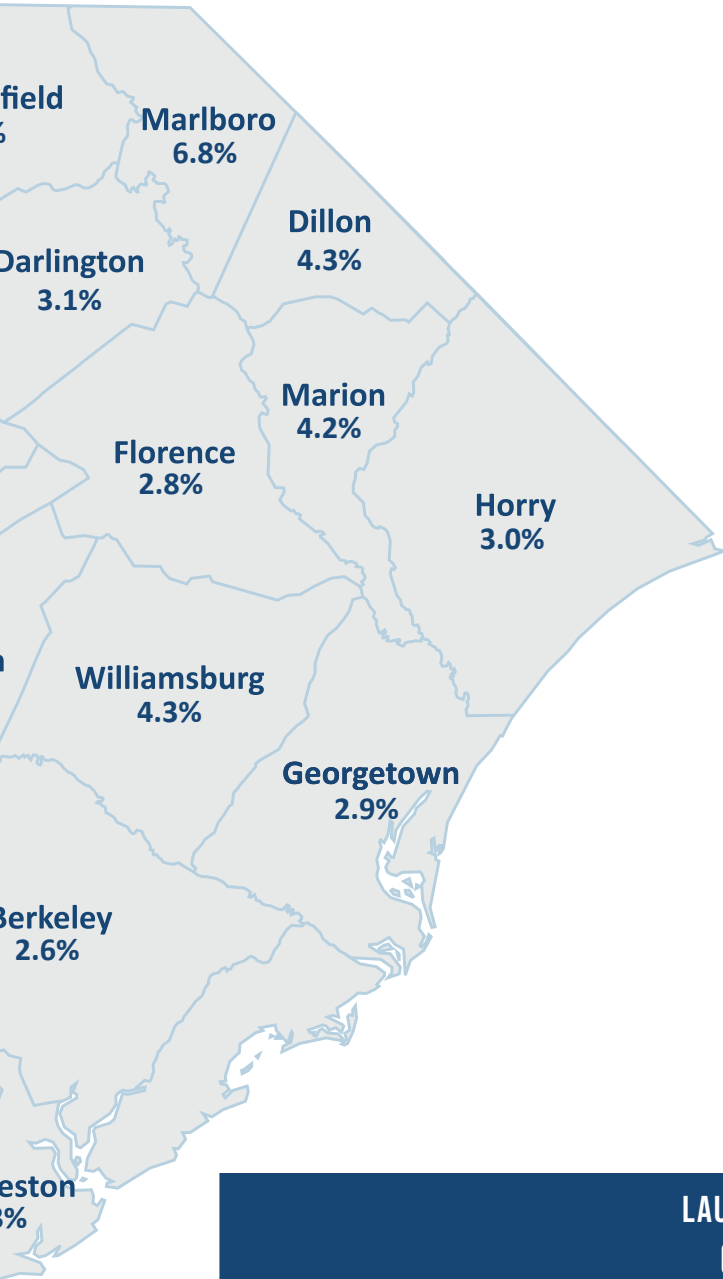
Since May 2022, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 59,200 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+15,300); Educational and Health Services (+14,600); Professional and Business Services (+6,600); Government (+6,400); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+5,600); Financial Activities (+4,400); Information (+3,100); Construction (+1,600); Other Services (+900); Manufacturing (+600); and Mining and Logging (+100).



LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Unemployment Rate by County



LAUS EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)						
CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE					
	TOTAL	PERCENT OF POPULATION	EMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT	
			TOTAL	PERCENT OF POPULATION	TOTAL	RATE (%)
4,284,674	2,420,551	56.5%	2,344,922	54.7	75,629	3.1%

NOTE: Current month's estimates are preliminary. All data are subject to revision. Population data are not seasonally adjusted.

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

AREA	MAY 2023					APRIL 2023				MAY 2022			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)	
Abbeville County	↓	9,501	9,128	373	3.9%	9,450	9,161	289	3.1%	9,396	9,072	324	3.4%
Aiken County	↑	74,420	72,314	2,106	2.8%	74,132	72,370	1,762	2.4%	73,622	71,477	2,145	2.9%
Allendale County	↑	2,364	2,255	109	4.6%	2,331	2,238	93	4.0%	2,289	2,176	113	4.9%
Anderson County	↑	93,787	91,295	2,492	2.7%	93,454	91,355	2,099	2.2%	91,488	89,001	2,487	2.7%
Bamberg County	↑	4,609	4,376	233	5.1%	4,536	4,354	182	4.0%	4,603	4,378	225	4.9%
Barnwell County	↑	7,801	7,493	308	3.9%	7,737	7,488	249	3.2%	7,520	7,200	320	4.3%
Beaufort County	↑	78,449	76,439	2,010	2.6%	77,517	75,800	1,717	2.2%	77,142	75,023	2,119	2.7%
Berkeley County	↑	115,345	112,390	2,955	2.6%	114,874	112,382	2,492	2.2%	109,075	105,779	3,296	3.0%
Calhoun County	↑	6,518	6,317	201	3.1%	6,476	6,294	182	2.8%	6,473	6,269	204	3.2%
Charleston County	↑	226,332	221,186	5,146	2.3%	225,781	221,335	4,446	2.0%	214,424	209,012	5,412	2.5%
Cherokee County	↓	23,632	22,731	901	3.8%	24,176	23,022	1,154	4.8%	24,105	23,141	964	4.0%
Chester County	↑	13,734	13,233	501	3.6%	13,574	13,151	423	3.1%	13,299	12,806	493	3.7%
Chesterfield County	↑	21,632	21,023	609	2.8%	21,441	20,932	509	2.4%	21,439	20,781	658	3.1%
Clarendon County	↑	12,154	11,704	450	3.7%	12,071	11,674	397	3.3%	12,223	11,800	423	3.5%
Colleton County	↑	16,200	15,708	492	3.0%	16,136	15,716	420	2.6%	15,866	15,367	499	3.1%
Darlington County	↑	30,544	29,603	941	3.1%	30,262	29,474	788	2.6%	30,143	29,190	953	3.2%
Dillon County	↑	13,098	12,541	557	4.3%	12,951	12,452	499	3.9%	12,952	12,421	531	4.1%
Dorchester County	↑	83,662	81,613	2,049	2.4%	83,311	81,608	1,703	2.0%	79,120	76,889	2,231	2.8%
Edgefield County	↑	10,449	10,131	318	3.0%	10,389	10,122	267	2.6%	10,411	10,110	301	2.9%
Fairfield County	↑	9,314	8,974	340	3.7%	9,234	8,942	292	3.2%	9,252	8,868	384	4.2%
Florence County	↑	67,779	65,883	1,896	2.8%	67,366	65,735	1,631	2.4%	66,688	64,750	1,938	2.9%
Georgetown County	↑	26,738	25,955	783	2.9%	26,369	25,691	678	2.6%	26,402	25,546	856	3.2%
Greenville County	↑	266,853	260,022	6,831	2.6%	266,138	260,225	5,913	2.2%	259,987	253,290	6,697	2.6%
Greenwood County	↑	29,959	28,714	1,245	4.2%	29,627	28,765	862	2.9%	29,560	28,571	989	3.3%
Hampton County	↑	8,044	7,835	209	2.6%	7,959	7,781	178	2.2%	7,952	7,739	213	2.7%
Horry County	↑	158,735	153,905	4,830	3.0%	156,699	152,380	4,319	2.8%	152,340	147,345	4,995	3.3%
Jasper County	↑	13,521	13,202	319	2.4%	13,399	13,129	270	2.0%	13,457	13,081	376	2.8%
Kershaw County	↑	29,836	29,004	832	2.8%	29,627	28,907	720	2.4%	29,522	28,652	870	2.9%
Lancaster County	↑	44,877	43,530	1,347	3.0%	44,460	43,297	1,163	2.6%	43,505	42,131	1,374	3.2%
Laurens County	↑	30,858	29,919	939	3.0%	30,740	29,931	809	2.6%	30,187	29,255	932	3.1%
Lee County	↑	6,428	6,182	246	3.8%	6,372	6,160	212	3.3%	6,439	6,167	272	4.2%
Lexington County	↑	153,899	150,260	3,639	2.4%	152,952	149,871	3,081	2.0%	151,784	148,110	3,674	2.4%
Marion County	↑	12,828	12,291	537	4.2%	12,719	12,241	478	3.8%	12,714	12,170	544	4.3%
Marlboro County	-	7,315	6,817	498	6.8%	7,313	6,817	496	6.8%	8,232	7,789	443	5.4%
McCormick County	↑	3,468	3,353	115	3.3%	3,462	3,365	97	2.8%	3,433	3,326	107	3.1%
Newberry County	↑	19,345	18,847	498	2.6%	19,164	18,761	403	2.1%	19,367	18,885	482	2.5%
Oconee County	↑	35,450	34,555	895	2.5%	35,258	34,498	760	2.2%	34,183	33,261	922	2.7%
Orangeburg County	↑	33,195	31,845	1,350	4.1%	33,021	31,864	1,157	3.5%	33,102	31,538	1,564	4.7%
Pickens County	↑	59,566	57,814	1,752	2.9%	59,378	57,881	1,497	2.5%	58,146	56,365	1,781	3.1%
Richland County	↑	200,596	194,727	5,869	2.9%	199,247	194,283	4,964	2.5%	197,163	191,119	6,044	3.1%
Saluda County	↑	8,566	8,337	229	2.7%	8,456	8,257	199	2.4%	8,650	8,441	209	2.4%
Spartanburg County	↑	158,198	153,873	4,325	2.7%	157,901	153,974	3,927	2.5%	154,142	149,697	4,445	2.9%
Sumter County	↑	42,443	40,941	1,502	3.5%	42,400	41,115	1,285	3.0%	42,006	40,559	1,447	3.4%
Union County	↑	11,429	10,997	432	3.8%	11,422	11,006	416	3.6%	11,131	10,710	421	3.8%
Williamsburg County	↑	10,732	10,273	459	4.3%	10,632	10,239	393	3.7%	10,974	10,530	444	4.0%
York County	↑	152,752	148,680	4,072	2.7%	151,487	147,986	3,501	2.3%	147,867	143,631	4,236	2.9%

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Substate estimates are not seasonally adjusted and may diverge from state-level figures.

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LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY MSA (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

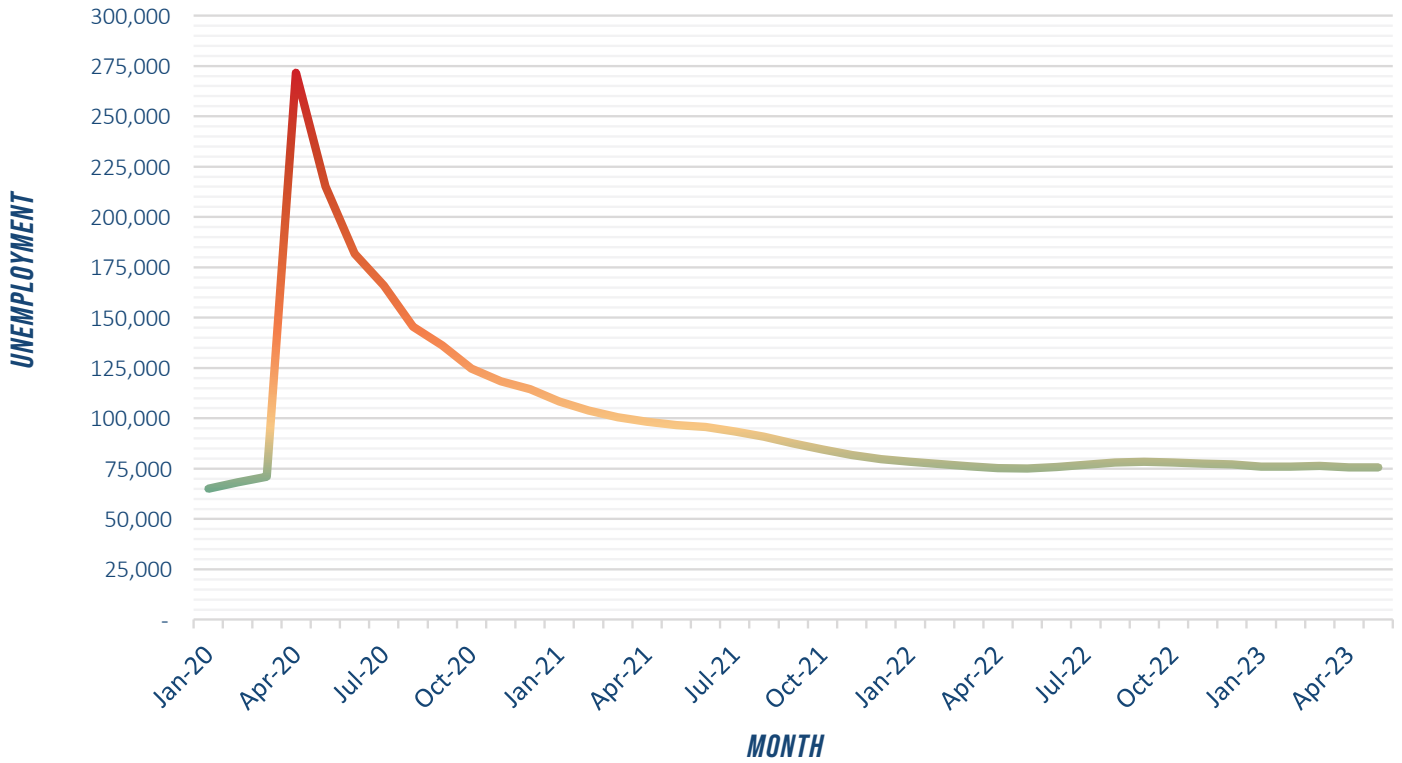
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	MAY 2023					APRIL 2023				MAY 2022			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)	
Charleston-North Charleston	↑	425,339	415,189	10,150	2.4%	423,966	415,325	8,641	2.0%	402,619	391,680	10,939	2.7%
Columbia	↑	408,729	397,619	11,110	2.7%	405,992	396,554	9,438	2.3%	402,844	391,459	11,385	2.8%
Florence	↑	98,323	95,486	2,837	2.9%	97,628	95,209	2,419	2.5%	96,831	93,940	2,891	3.0%
Greenville - Anderson-Mauldin	↑	451,064	439,050	12,014	2.7%	449,710	439,392	10,318	2.3%	439,808	427,911	11,897	2.7%
Hilton Head Island- Bluffton-Beaufort	↑	91,970	89,641	2,329	2.5%	90,916	88,929	1,987	2.2%	90,599	88,104	2,495	2.8%
Myrtle Beach- Conway-North Myrtle Beach	↑	218,394	211,157	7,237	3.3%	215,498	208,997	6,501	3.0%	210,205	202,625	7,580	3.6%
Spartanburg	↑	169,627	164,870	4,757	2.8%	169,323	164,980	4,343	2.6%	165,273	160,407	4,866	2.9%
Sumter	↑	42,443	40,941	1,502	3.5%	42,400	41,115	1,285	3.0%	42,006	40,559	1,447	3.4%
Augusta-Richmond County, GA (SC portion)	↑	84,869	82,445	2,424	2.9%	84,521	82,492	2,029	2.4%	84,033	81,587	2,446	2.9%
Charlotte-Con- cord-Gastonia, NC (SC portion)	↑	211,363	205,443	5,920	2.8%	209,521	204,434	5,087	2.4%	204,671	198,568	6,103	3.0%

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY MUNICIPALITY (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

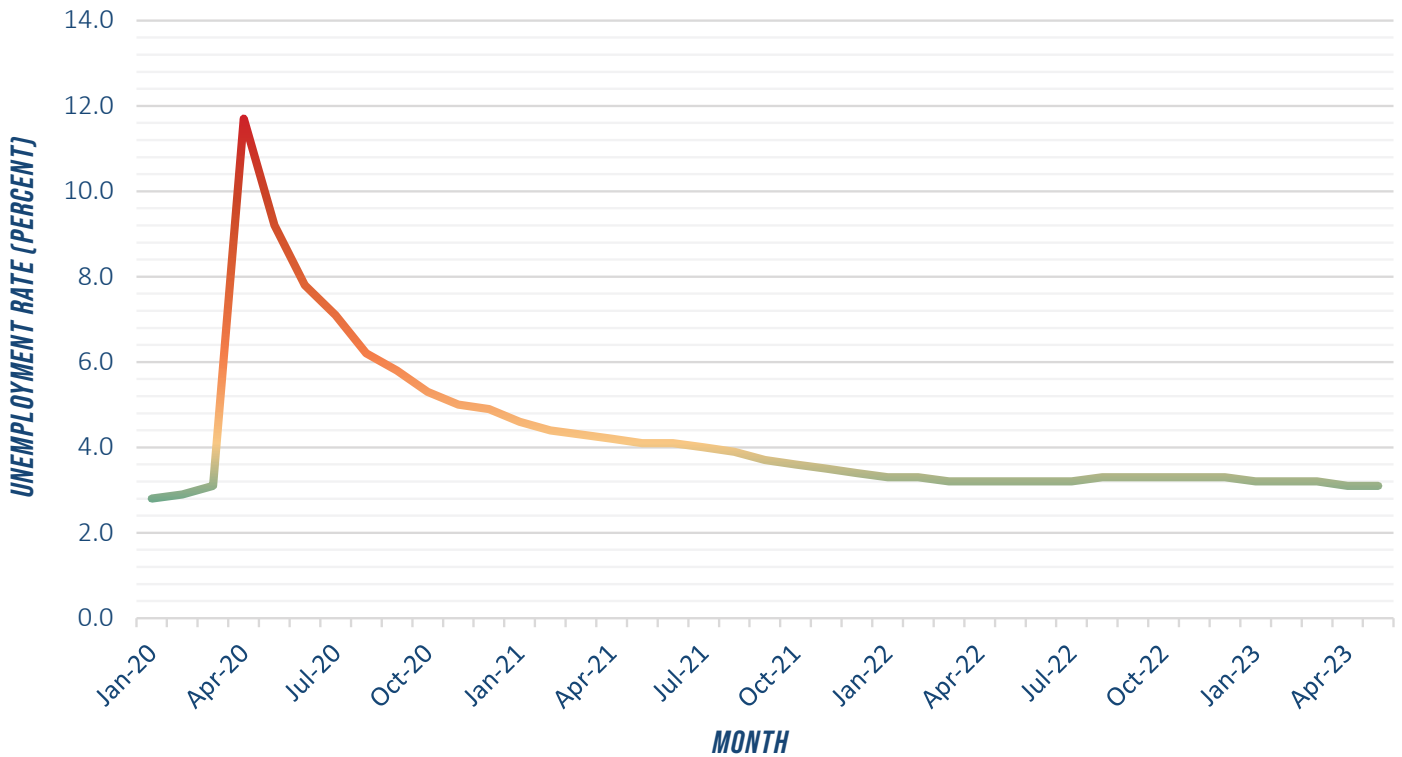
CITIES AND TOWNS ABOVE 25,000 POPULATION	MAY 2023					APRIL 2023				MAY 2022			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)	
Aiken	↑	13,061	12,649	412	3.2%	13,000	12,659	341	2.6%	12,920	12,503	417	3.2%
Anderson	↑	11,864	11,470	394	3.3%	11,784	11,478	306	2.6%	11,544	11,182	362	3.1%
Bluffton	↑	13,341	13,042	299	2.2%	13,177	12,933	244	1.9%	13,093	12,801	292	2.2%
Charleston	↑	80,009	78,036	1,973	2.5%	79,805	78,085	1,720	2.2%	75,587	73,721	1,866	2.5%
Columbia	↑	58,298	56,187	2,111	3.6%	57,757	56,059	1,698	2.9%	57,272	55,146	2,126	3.7%
Conway	↑	10,889	10,395	494	4.5%	10,697	10,292	405	3.8%	10,447	9,952	495	4.7%
Florence	↑	19,960	19,373	587	2.9%	19,842	19,330	512	2.6%	19,591	19,040	551	2.8%
Fort Mill	↑	13,741	13,404	337	2.5%	13,631	13,341	290	2.1%	13,307	12,949	358	2.7%
Goose Creek	↑	21,928	21,295	633	2.9%	21,823	21,293	530	2.4%	20,669	20,042	627	3.0%
Greenville	↑	38,254	37,232	1,022	2.7%	38,155	37,261	894	2.3%	37,227	36,268	959	2.6%
Greer	↑	18,784	18,332	452	2.4%	18,742	18,346	396	2.1%	18,267	17,853	414	2.3%
Hanahan	↑	15,207	14,943	264	1.7%	15,174	14,942	232	1.5%	14,372	14,064	308	2.1%
Hilton Head Island	↑	17,583	17,195	388	2.2%	17,405	17,052	353	2.0%	17,277	16,877	400	2.3%
Mauldin	↑	14,180	13,814	366	2.6%	14,125	13,825	300	2.1%	13,756	13,457	299	2.2%
Mount Pleasant	↑	53,421	52,398	1,023	1.9%	53,306	52,433	873	1.6%	50,515	49,514	1,001	2.0%
Myrtle Beach	-	16,422	15,977	445	2.7%	16,251	15,818	433	2.7%	15,758	15,296	462	2.9%
North Charleston	↑	59,682	58,197	1,485	2.5%	59,480	58,226	1,254	2.1%	56,664	54,956	1,708	3.0%
Rock Hill	↑	41,408	40,096	1,312	3.2%	41,020	39,909	1,111	2.7%	40,109	38,735	1,374	3.4%
Spartanburg	↑	16,939	16,336	603	3.6%	16,918	16,347	571	3.4%	16,480	15,892	588	3.6%
Summerville	↑	26,881	26,195	686	2.6%	26,785	26,195	590	2.2%	25,385	24,679	706	2.8%
Sumter	↑	15,177	14,579	598	3.9%	15,108	14,640	468	3.1%	15,020	14,442	578	3.8%

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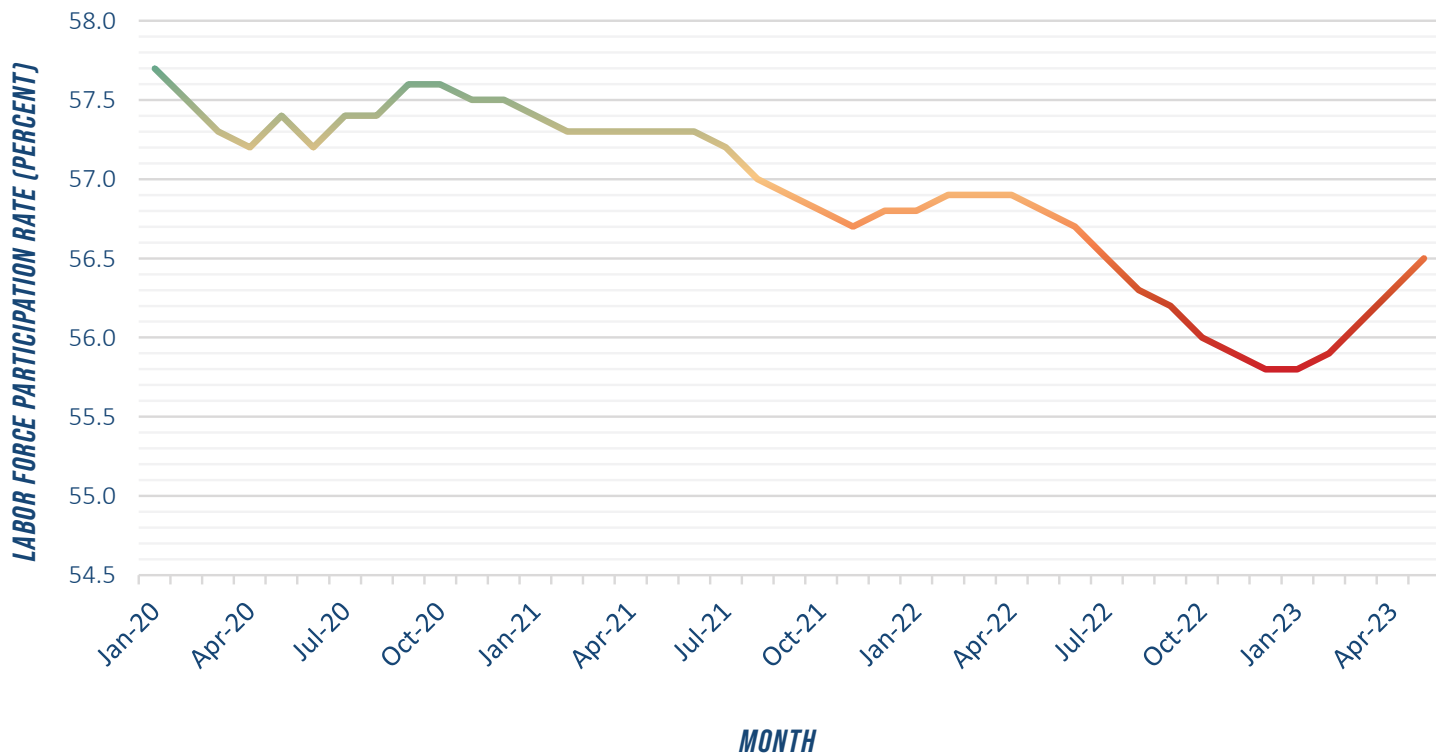
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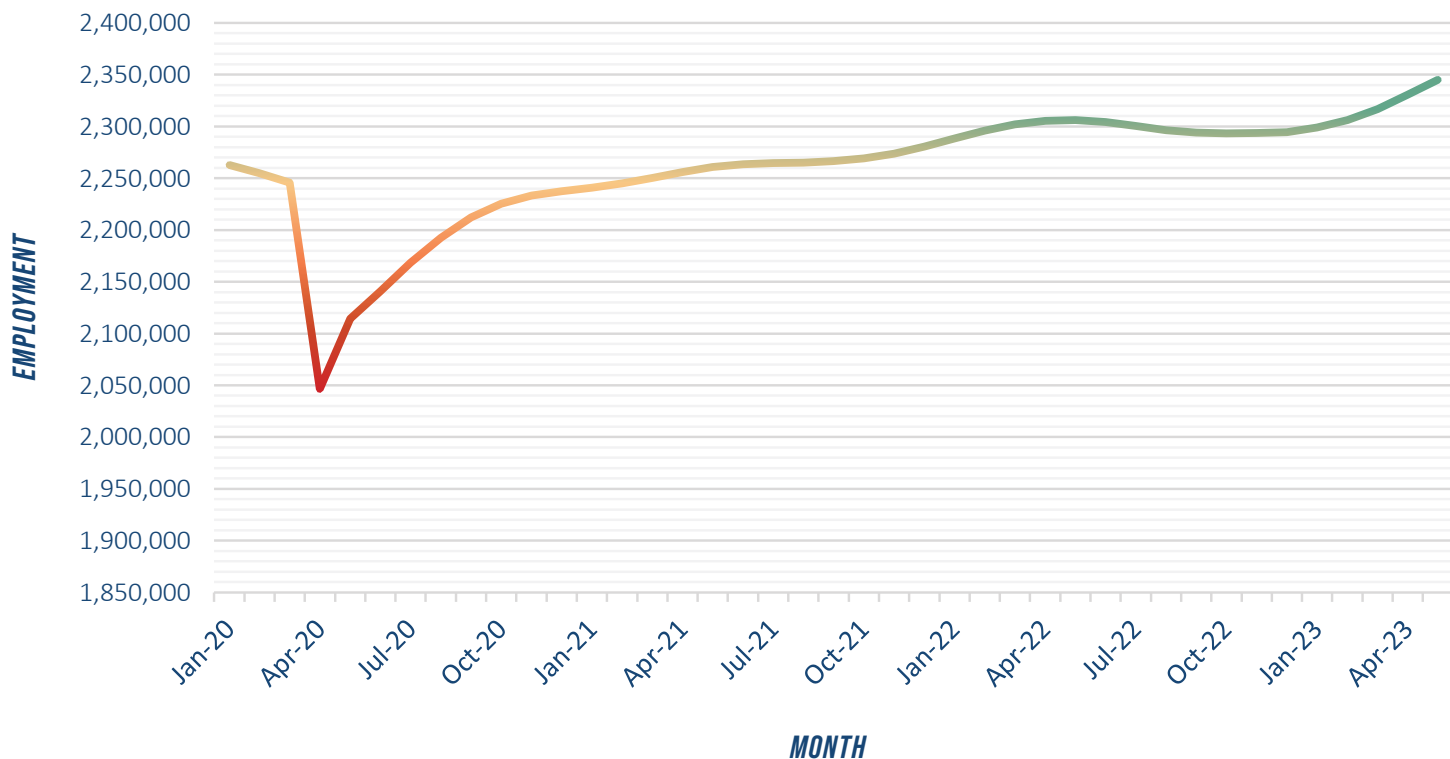
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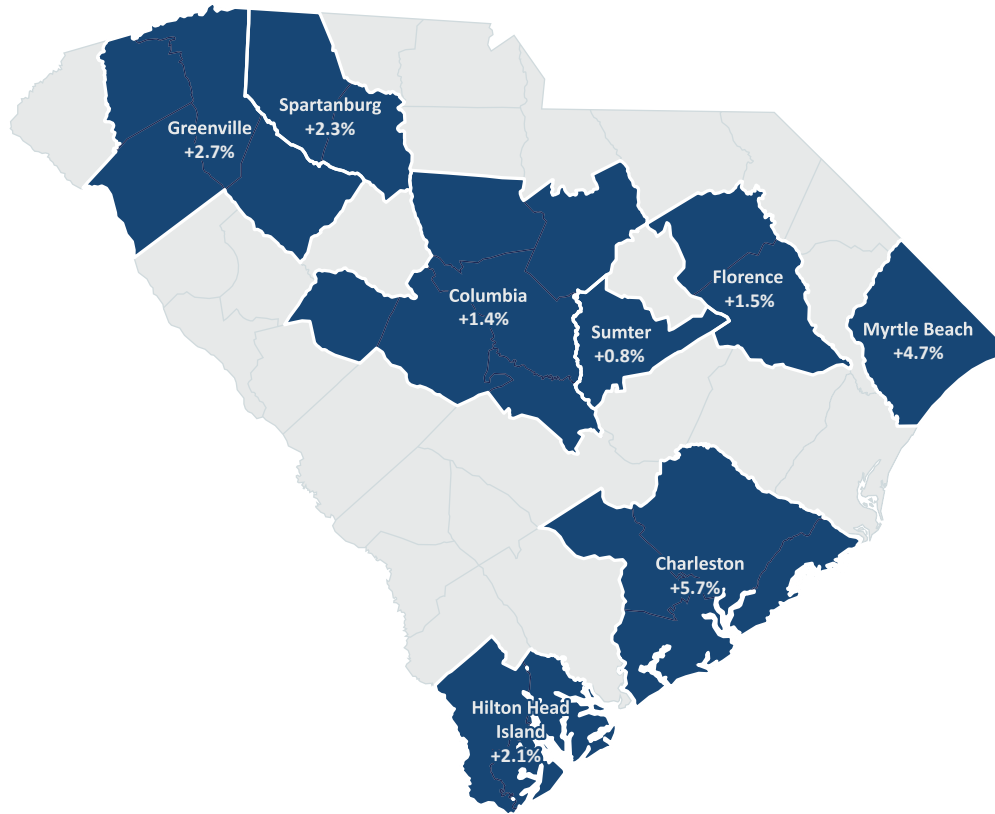


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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Seasonally Adjusted – Year-Over-Year Change



NONFARM PAYROLL BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA SEASONALLY ADJUSTED MAY 2023

AREA	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Statewide	2,300,600	2,292,000	2,237,400	+8,600	+0.4%	+63,200	+2.8%
Charleston-North Charleston	413,900	413,000	391,500	+900	+0.2%	+22,400	+5.7%
Columbia	418,900	417,100	413,100	+1,800	+0.4%	+5,800	+1.4%
Florence	95,400	95,400	94,000	0	0.0%	+1,400	+1.5%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	460,400	458,600	448,200	+1,800	+0.4%	+12,200	+2.7%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	86,700	86,100	84,900	+600	+0.7%	+1,800	+2.1%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	190,600	189,700	182,000	+900	+0.5%	+8,600	+4.7%
Spartanburg	170,900	170,300	167,100	+600	+0.4%	+3,800	+2.3%
Sumter	39,300	39,300	39,000	0	0.0%	+300	+0.8%

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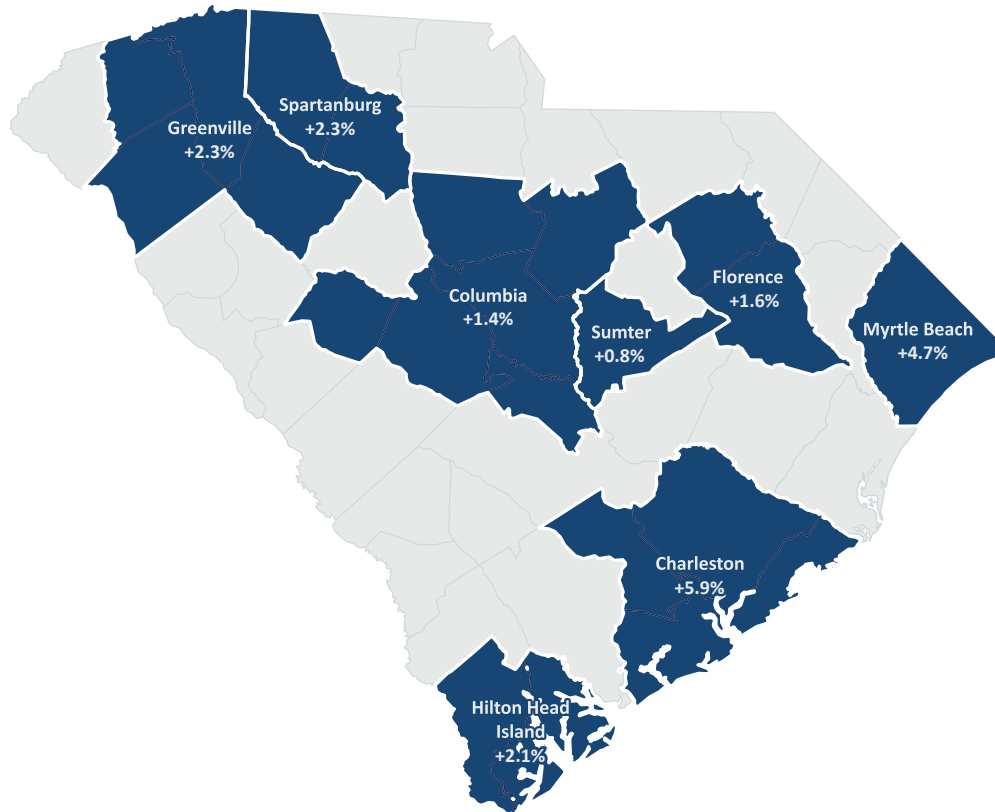
NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (IN THOUSANDS)

MAY 2023

	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	2,300.6	2,292.0	2,237.4	+8.6	+0.4%	+63.2	+2.8%
Total Private	1,928.4	1,918.5	1,870.8	+9.9	+0.5%	+57.6	+3.1%
Goods Producing	375.9	376.3	373.2	-0.4	-0.1%	+2.7	+0.7%
Mining, Logging and Construction	114.7	114.3	112.4	+0.4	+0.3%	+2.3	+2.0%
Mining and Logging	4.5	4.5	4.4	0.0	0.0%	+0.1	+2.3%
Construction	110.2	109.8	108.0	+0.4	+0.4%	+2.2	+2.0%
Manufacturing	261.2	262.0	260.8	-0.8	-0.3%	+0.4	+0.2%
Durable Goods	156.6	156.6	155.7	0.0	0.0%	+0.9	+0.6%
Non-Durable Goods	104.6	105.4	105.1	-0.8	-0.8%	-0.5	-0.5%
Service-Providing	1,924.7	1,915.7	1,864.2	+9.0	+0.5%	+60.5	+3.2%
Private Service Providing	1,552.5	1,542.2	1,497.6	+10.3	+0.7%	+54.9	+3.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	440.3	439.4	433.0	+0.9	+0.2%	+7.3	+1.7%
Wholesale Trade	79.4	79.6	79.7	-0.2	-0.3%	-0.3	-0.4%
Retail Trade	260.7	260.1	259.3	+0.6	+0.2%	+1.4	+0.5%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	100.2	99.7	94.0	+0.5	+0.5%	+6.2	+6.6%
Information	32.7	32.3	30.0	+0.4	+1.2%	+2.7	+9.0%
Financial Activities	122.2	120.7	117.3	+1.5	+1.2%	+4.9	+4.2%
Finance and Insurance	86.7	86.3	84.3	+0.4	+0.5%	+2.4	+2.8%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35.5	34.4	33.0	+1.1	+3.2%	+2.5	+7.6%
Professional and Business Services	315.5	314.1	309.1	+1.4	+0.4%	+6.4	+2.1%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	120.1	120.7	117.0	-0.6	-0.5%	+3.1	+2.6%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	25.7	25.5	25.0	+0.2	+0.8%	+0.7	+2.8%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	169.7	167.9	167.1	+1.8	+1.1%	+2.6	+1.6%
Education and Health Services	278.6	276.3	263.7	+2.3	+0.8%	+14.9	+5.7%
Educational Services	47.2	46.9	44.7	+0.3	+0.6%	+2.5	+5.6%
Health Care Services	231.4	229.4	219.0	+2.0	+0.9%	+12.4	+5.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	279.9	277.0	262.9	+2.9	+1.0%	+17.0	+6.5%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	37.4	36.9	32.2	+0.5	+1.4%	+5.2	+16.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	242.5	240.1	230.7	+2.4	+1.0%	+11.8	+5.1%
Other Services	83.3	82.4	81.6	+0.9	+1.1%	+1.7	+2.1%
Government	372.2	373.5	366.6	-1.3	-0.3%	+5.6	+1.5%
Federal Government	36.7	36.5	35.3	+0.2	+0.5%	+1.4	+4.0%
State Government	106.7	109.0	107.0	-2.3	-2.1%	-0.3	-0.3%
Local Government	228.8	228.0	224.3	+0.8	+0.4%	+4.5	+2.0%

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Not Seasonally Adjusted – Year-Over-Year Change



NONFARM PAYROLL BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED MAY 2023

AREA	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Statewide	2,305,400	2,287,100	2,246,200	+18,300	+0.8%	+59,200	+2.6%
Charleston-North Charleston	415,200	412,900	392,200	+2,300	+0.6%	+23,000	+5.9%
Columbia	419,800	416,500	414,100	+3,300	+0.8%	+5,700	+1.4%
Florence	95,900	95,300	94,400	+600	+0.6%	+1,500	+1.6%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	459,300	456,900	449,000	+2,400	+0.5%	+10,300	+2.3%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	87,600	86,200	85,800	+1,400	+1.6%	+1,800	+2.1%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	194,500	191,300	185,800	+3,200	+1.7%	+8,700	+4.7%
Spartanburg	171,200	170,400	167,300	+800	+0.5%	+3,900	+2.3%
Sumter	39,500	39,400	39,200	+100	+0.3%	+300	+0.8%

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED MAY 2023

				APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	2,305,400	2,287,100	2,246,200	+18,300	+0.8%	+59,200	+2.6%
Total Private	1,930,900	1,908,700	1,878,100	+22,200	+1.2%	+52,800	+2.8%
Goods Producing	375,100	374,300	372,800	+800	+0.2%	+2,300	+0.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	114,700	113,400	113,000	+1,300	+1.1%	+1,700	+1.5%
Mining and Logging	4,500	4,500	4,400	0	0.0%	+100	+2.3%
Construction	110,200	108,900	108,600	+1,300	+1.2%	+1,600	+1.5%
Construction of Buildings	27,200	27,100	26,500	+100	+0.4%	+700	+2.6%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	17,400	17,400	16,700	0	0.0%	+700	+4.2%
Specialty Trade Contractors	65,600	64,400	65,400	+1,200	+1.9%	+200	+0.3%
Manufacturing	260,400	260,900	259,800	-500	-0.2%	+600	+0.2%
Durable Goods	156,200	155,700	155,000	+500	+0.3%	+1,200	+0.8%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	23,900	23,600	24,000	+300	+1.3%	-100	-0.4%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	51,000	50,400	48,300	+600	+1.2%	+2,700	+5.6%
Non-Durable Goods	104,200	105,200	104,800	-1,000	-1.0%	-600	-0.6%
Textile Mills	12,200	12,400	12,700	-200	-1.6%	-500	-3.9%
Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	25,700	25,700	25,300	0	0.0%	+400	+1.6%
Service-Providing	1,930,300	1,912,800	1,873,400	+17,500	+0.9%	+56,900	+3.0%
Private Service Providing	1,555,800	1,534,400	1,505,300	+21,400	+1.4%	+50,500	+3.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	438,200	435,600	432,600	+2,600	+0.6%	+5,600	+1.3%
Wholesale Trade	79,400	79,300	80,000	+100	+0.1%	-600	-0.8%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	42,100	42,500	42,800	-400	-0.9%	-700	-1.6%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	22,400	22,400	22,900	0	0.0%	-500	-2.2%
Retail Trade	260,700	258,800	259,800	+1,900	+0.7%	+900	+0.3%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	34,400	33,900	33,500	+500	+1.5%	+900	+2.7%
Food and Beverage Stores	53,400	53,100	50,400	+300	+0.6%	+3,000	+6.0%
Health and Personal Care Stores	60,300	59,700	58,800	+600	+1.0%	+1,500	+2.6%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	16,100	16,000	15,800	+100	+0.6%	+300	+1.9%
General Merchandise Stores	17,800	17,700	17,200	+100	+0.6%	+600	+3.5%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	98,100	97,500	92,800	+600	+0.6%	+5,300	+5.7%
Utilities	11,500	11,500	10,900	0	0.0%	+600	+5.5%
Transportation and Warehousing	86,600	86,000	81,900	+600	+0.7%	+4,700	+5.7%
Information	33,200	32,400	30,100	+800	+2.5%	+3,100	+10.3%
Financial Activities	122,000	120,600	117,600	+1,400	+1.2%	+4,400	+3.7%
Finance and Insurance	86,300	86,200	84,300	+100	+0.1%	+2,000	+2.4%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Monetary Authorities	38,000	38,000	38,200	0	0.0%	-200	-0.5%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35,700	34,400	33,300	+1,300	+3.8%	+2,400	+7.2%
Professional and Business Services	314,800	311,300	308,200	+3,500	+1.1%	+6,600	+2.1%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	119,600	121,000	117,000	-1,400	-1.2%	+2,600	+2.2%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services	22,600	22,500	21,800	+100	+0.4%	+800	+3.7%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	25,700	25,500	25,000	+200	+0.8%	+700	+2.8%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	169,500	164,800	166,200	+4,700	+2.9%	+3,300	+2.0%
Administrative and Support Services	157,600	153,200	154,400	+4,400	+2.9%	+3,200	+2.1%
Employment Services	73,100	70,700	73,900	+2,400	+3.4%	-800	-1.1%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	39,400	37,500	36,900	+1,900	+5.1%	+2,500	+6.8%
Education and Health Services	279,000	276,400	264,400	+2,600	+0.9%	+14,600	+5.5%
Educational Services	46,600	47,900	45,100	-1,300	-2.7%	+1,500	+3.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance	232,400	228,500	219,300	+3,900	+1.7%	+13,100	+6.0%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	110,700	110,400	106,200	+300	+0.3%	+4,500	+4.2%
Hospitals	38,700	38,300	36,300	+400	+1.0%	+2,400	+6.6%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	41,100	40,100	37,600	+1,000	+2.5%	+3,500	+9.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	285,600	276,400	270,300	+9,200	+3.3%	+15,300	+5.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	38,600	36,600	34,100	+2,000	+5.5%	+4,500	+13.2%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	28,300	26,600	26,000	+1,700	+6.4%	+2,300	+8.8%
Accommodation and Food Services	247,000	239,800	236,200	+7,200	+3.0%	+10,800	+4.6%
Accommodation	33,300	32,400	31,500	+900	+2.8%	+1,800	+5.7%
Food Services and Drinking Places	213,700	207,400	204,700	+6,300	+3.0%	+9,000	+4.4%
Other Services	83,000	81,700	82,100	+1,300	+1.6%	+900	+1.1%
Repair and Maintenance	23,500	23,400	23,200	+100	+0.4%	+300	+1.3%
Personal and Laundry Services	20,700	20,000	19,700	+700	+3.5%	+1,000	+5.1%
Government	374,500	378,400	368,100	-3,900	-1.0%	+6,400	+1.7%
Federal Government	36,600	36,400	35,200	+200	+0.5%	+1,400	+4.0%
State Government	107,300	112,400	107,200	-5,100	-4.5%	+100	+0.1%
State Government Educational Services	50,000	55,200	51,600	-5,200	-9.4%	-1,600	-3.1%
State Government Excluding Education	57,300	57,200	55,600	+100	+0.2%	+1,700	+3.1%
Local Government	230,600	229,600	225,700	+1,000	+0.4%	+4,900	+2.2%
Local Government Educational Services	110,800	111,100	109,300	-300	-0.3%	+1,500	+1.4%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	119,800	118,500	116,400	+1,300	+1.1%	+3,400	+2.9%

TOTAL PRIVATE NSA STATEWIDE HOURS AND EARNINGS BY MSA

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (AWE)

AREA	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	\$1,118.96	\$1,148.92	\$1,071.23	-\$29.96	-2.6%	+\$47.73	+4.5%
Columbia	\$934.16	\$945.88	\$890.57	-\$11.72	-1.2%	+\$43.59	+4.9%
Florence	\$746.83	\$748.80	\$789.07	-\$1.97	-0.3%	-\$42.24	-5.4%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	\$1,106.96	\$1,110.36	\$1,002.11	-\$3.40	-0.3%	+\$104.85	+10.5%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	\$829.87	\$859.94	\$824.44	-\$30.07	-3.5%	+\$5.43	+0.7%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	\$846.70	\$843.89	\$831.14	+\$2.81	+0.3%	+\$15.56	+1.9%
Spartanburg	\$898.06	\$935.53	\$1,025.11	-\$37.47	-4.0%	-\$127.05	-12.4%
Sumter	\$753.74	\$742.62	\$718.68	+\$11.12	+1.5%	+\$35.06	+4.9%

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS (AWH)

AREA	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	34.6	34.7	34.5	-0.1	-0.3%	+0.1	+0.3%
Columbia	33.7	34.0	34.2	-0.3	-0.9%	-0.5	-1.5%
Florence	32.9	32.5	34.1	+0.4	+1.2%	-1.2	-3.5%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	35.4	35.6	35.1	-0.2	-0.6%	+0.3	+0.9%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	30.6	31.0	31.3	-0.4	-1.3%	-0.7	-2.2%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	33.1	32.9	33.5	+0.2	+0.6%	-0.4	-1.2%
Spartanburg	32.8	33.4	35.3	-0.6	-1.8%	-2.5	-7.1%
Sumter	32.8	32.7	32.3	+0.1	+0.3%	+0.5	+1.5%

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS (AHE)

AREA	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	\$32.34	\$33.11	\$31.05	-\$0.77	-2.3%	+\$1.29	+4.2%
Columbia	\$27.72	\$27.82	\$26.04	-\$0.10	-0.4%	+\$1.68	+6.5%
Florence	\$22.70	\$23.04	\$23.14	-\$0.34	-1.5%	-\$0.44	-1.9%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	\$31.27	\$31.19	\$28.55	+\$0.08	+0.3%	+\$2.72	+9.5%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	\$27.12	\$27.74	\$26.34	-\$0.62	-2.2%	+\$0.78	+3.0%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	\$25.58	\$25.65	\$24.81	-\$0.07	-0.3%	+\$0.77	+3.1%
Spartanburg	\$27.38	\$28.01	\$29.04	-\$0.63	-2.3%	-\$1.66	-5.7%
Sumter	\$22.98	\$22.71	\$22.25	+\$0.27	+1.2%	+\$0.73	+3.3%

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NSA STATEWIDE HOURS AND EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (AWE)

INDUSTRY TITLE	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Private	\$1,014.82	\$1,022.43	\$956.32	-\$7.61	-0.7%	+\$58.50	+6.1%
Goods Producing	\$1,334.67	\$1,293.23	\$1,250.50	+\$41.44	+3.2%	+\$84.17	+6.7%
Construction	\$1,231.40	\$1,183.49	\$1,226.31	+\$47.91	+4.1%	+\$5.09	+0.4%
Manufacturing	\$1,350.34	\$1,319.06	\$1,265.36	+\$31.28	+2.4%	+\$84.98	+6.7%
Private Service Providing	\$938.64	\$956.16	\$884.29	-\$17.52	-1.8%	+\$54.35	+6.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	\$855.12	\$865.13	\$826.98	-\$10.01	-1.2%	+\$28.14	+3.4%
Financial Activities	\$1,136.21	\$1,174.27	\$1,187.41	-\$38.06	-3.2%	-\$51.20	-4.3%
Professional and Business Services	\$1,250.83	\$1,291.18	\$1,241.82	-\$40.35	-3.1%	+\$9.01	+0.7%
Education and Health Services	\$1,017.93	\$1,029.41	\$949.65	-\$11.48	-1.1%	+\$68.28	+7.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	\$478.03	\$496.91	\$432.82	-\$18.88	-3.8%	+\$45.21	+10.5%
Other Services	\$935.66	\$932.64	\$804.10	+\$3.02	+0.3%	+\$131.56	+16.4%

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS (AWH)

INDUSTRY TITLE	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Private	34.6	34.6	34.4	0.0	0.0%	+0.2	+0.6%
Goods Producing	41.8	40.3	41.0	+1.5	+3.7%	+0.8	+2.0%
Construction	42.2	40.2	41.0	+2.0	+5.0%	+1.2	+2.9%
Manufacturing	41.6	40.4	40.7	+1.2	+3.0%	+0.9	+2.2%
Private Service Providing	32.9	33.2	32.8	-0.3	-0.9%	+0.1	+0.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	33.6	33.3	32.7	+0.3	+0.9%	+0.9	+2.8%
Financial Activities	37.4	38.2	37.9	-0.8	-2.1%	-0.5	-1.3%
Professional and Business Services	36.8	37.6	39.1	-0.8	-2.1%	-2.3	-5.9%
Education and Health Services	32.9	33.1	32.5	-0.2	-0.6%	+0.4	+1.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	25.4	25.8	25.4	-0.4	-1.6%	0.0	0.0%
Other Services	33.5	34.1	33.8	-0.6	-1.8%	-0.3	-0.9%

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS (AHE)

INDUSTRY TITLE	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Private	\$29.33	\$29.55	\$27.80	-\$0.22	-0.7%	+\$1.53	+5.5%
Goods Producing	\$31.93	\$32.09	\$30.50	-\$0.16	-0.5%	+\$1.43	+4.7%
Construction	\$29.18	\$29.44	\$29.91	-\$0.26	-0.9%	-\$0.73	-2.4%
Manufacturing	\$32.46	\$32.65	\$31.09	-\$0.19	-0.6%	+\$1.37	+4.4%
Private Service Providing	\$28.53	\$28.80	\$26.96	-\$0.27	-0.9%	+\$1.57	+5.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	\$25.45	\$25.98	\$25.29	-\$0.53	-2.0%	+\$0.16	+0.6%
Financial Activities	\$30.38	\$30.74	\$31.33	-\$0.36	-1.2%	-\$0.95	-3.0%
Professional and Business Services	\$33.99	\$34.34	\$31.76	-\$0.35	-1.0%	+\$2.23	+7.0%
Education and Health Services	\$30.94	\$31.10	\$29.22	-\$0.16	-0.5%	+\$1.72	+5.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	\$18.82	\$19.26	\$17.04	-\$0.44	-2.3%	+\$1.78	+10.5%
Other Services	\$27.93	\$27.35	\$23.79	+\$0.58	+2.1%	+\$4.14	+17.4%

NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
CHARLESTON-NORTH CHARLESTON MSA
MAY 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	415,200	412,900	392,200	+2,300	+0.6%	+23,000	+5.9%
Total Private	346,500	344,400	325,100	+2,100	+0.6%	+21,400	+6.6%
Goods Producing	53,900	53,000	50,500	+900	+1.7%	+3,400	+6.7%
Service-Providing	361,300	359,900	341,700	+1,400	+0.4%	+19,600	+5.7%
Private Service Providing	292,600	291,400	274,600	+1,200	+0.4%	+18,000	+6.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	22,500	21,800	21,500	+700	+3.2%	+1,000	+4.7%
Manufacturing	31,400	31,200	29,000	+200	+0.6%	+2,400	+8.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	74,800	73,900	73,000	+900	+1.2%	+1,800	+2.5%
Wholesale Trade	12,000	12,200	12,100	-200	-1.6%	-100	-0.8%
Retail Trade	42,300	41,400	42,100	+900	+2.2%	+200	+0.5%
General Merchandise Stores	8,100	7,900	7,600	+200	+2.5%	+500	+6.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,500	20,300	18,800	+200	+1.0%	+1,700	+9.0%
Information	9,400	9,200	8,600	+200	+2.2%	+800	+9.3%
Financial Activities	19,700	19,900	18,000	-200	-1.0%	+1,700	+9.4%
Professional and Business Services	69,500	69,500	62,300	0	0.0%	+7,200	+11.6%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	32,100	31,500	27,700	+600	+1.9%	+4,400	+15.9%
Education and Health Services	47,600	48,300	45,000	-700	-1.5%	+2,600	+5.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	55,900	55,000	52,100	+900	+1.6%	+3,800	+7.3%
Accommodation and Food Services	50,000	48,400	45,500	+1,600	+3.3%	+4,500	+9.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	41,300	40,000	37,400	+1,300	+3.3%	+3,900	+10.4%
Other Services	15,700	15,600	15,600	+100	+0.6%	+100	+0.6%
Government	68,700	68,500	67,100	+200	+0.3%	+1,600	+2.4%
Federal Government	11,700	11,700	11,600	0	0.0%	+100	+0.9%
State Government	28,200	28,100	27,100	+100	+0.4%	+1,100	+4.1%
Local Government	28,800	28,700	28,400	+100	+0.4%	+400	+1.4%

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
COLUMBIA MSA
MAY 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	419,800	416,500	414,100	+3,300	+0.8%	+5,700	+1.4%
Total Private	336,700	332,800	331,800	+3,900	+1.2%	+4,900	+1.5%
Goods Producing	48,600	48,400	49,700	+200	+0.4%	-1,100	-2.2%
Service-Providing	371,200	368,100	364,400	+3,100	+0.8%	+6,800	+1.9%
Private Service Providing	288,100	284,400	282,100	+3,700	+1.3%	+6,000	+2.1%
Mining, Logging and Construction	16,900	17,000	17,100	-100	-0.6%	-200	-1.2%
Manufacturing	31,700	31,400	32,600	+300	+1.0%	-900	-2.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	76,400	76,000	76,600	+400	+0.5%	-200	-0.3%
Wholesale Trade	16,100	16,100	16,200	0	0.0%	-100	-0.6%
Retail Trade	43,300	43,100	44,300	+200	+0.5%	-1,000	-2.3%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17,000	16,800	16,100	+200	+1.2%	+900	+5.6%
Information	5,500	5,400	5,300	+100	+1.9%	+200	+3.8%
Financial Activities	36,500	36,300	35,400	+200	+0.6%	+1,100	+3.1%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Monetary Authorities - Central Bank	7,700	7,700	7,600	0	0.0%	+100	+1.3%
Professional and Business Services	57,800	57,200	57,500	+600	+1.1%	+300	+0.5%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	32,100	31,300	32,500	+800	+2.6%	-400	-1.2%
Education and Health Services	52,300	52,000	51,700	+300	+0.6%	+600	+1.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	42,200	40,400	38,600	+1,800	+4.5%	+3,600	+9.3%
Food Services and Drinking Places	34,400	33,500	32,100	+900	+2.7%	+2,300	+7.2%
Other Services	17,400	17,100	17,000	+300	+1.8%	+400	+2.4%
Government	83,100	83,700	82,300	-600	-0.7%	+800	+1.0%
Federal Government	11,400	11,300	10,700	+100	+0.9%	+700	+6.5%
State Government	36,300	36,700	35,600	-400	-1.1%	+700	+2.0%
Local Government	35,400	35,700	36,000	-300	-0.8%	-600	-1.7%

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
GREENVILLE-ANDERSON-MAULDIN MSA
MAY 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	459,300	456,900	449,000	+2,400	+0.5%	+10,300	+2.3%
Total Private	398,100	393,200	387,300	+4,900	+1.3%	+10,800	+2.8%
Goods Producing	82,900	82,600	82,100	+300	+0.4%	+800	+1.0%
Service-Providing	376,400	374,300	366,900	+2,100	+0.6%	+9,500	+2.6%
Private Service Providing	315,200	310,600	305,200	+4,600	+1.5%	+10,000	+3.3%
Mining, Logging and Construction	22,400	21,900	21,000	+500	+2.3%	+1,400	+6.7%
Manufacturing	60,500	60,700	61,100	-200	-0.3%	-600	-1.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	83,500	83,200	81,600	+300	+0.4%	+1,900	+2.3%
Wholesale Trade	19,700	19,900	20,200	-200	-1.0%	-500	-2.5%
Retail Trade	48,600	48,100	47,100	+500	+1.0%	+1,500	+3.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	15,200	15,200	14,300	0	0.0%	+900	+6.3%
Information	7,700	7,500	6,800	+200	+2.7%	+900	+13.2%
Financial Activities	22,200	22,100	21,400	+100	+0.5%	+800	+3.7%
Professional and Business Services	77,100	74,800	76,500	+2,300	+3.1%	+600	+0.8%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	27,500	27,500	26,600	0	0.0%	+900	+3.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	6,500	6,500	6,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	43,100	40,800	43,400	+2,300	+5.6%	-300	-0.7%
Education and Health Services	59,200	59,100	56,800	+100	+0.2%	+2,400	+4.2%
Educational Services	12,100	12,300	11,900	-200	-1.6%	+200	+1.7%
Health Care and Social Assistance	47,100	46,800	44,900	+300	+0.6%	+2,200	+4.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	49,900	48,600	46,800	+1,300	+2.7%	+3,100	+6.6%
Other Services	15,600	15,300	15,300	+300	+2.0%	+300	+2.0%
Government	61,200	63,700	61,700	-2,500	-3.9%	-500	-0.8%
Federal Government	3,100	3,100	2,900	0	0.0%	+200	+6.9%
State Government	12,900	15,600	14,400	-2,700	-17.3%	-1,500	-10.4%
Local Government	45,200	45,000	44,400	+200	+0.4%	+800	+1.8%

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
MYRTLE BEACH-CONWAY-NORTH MYRTLE BEACH MSA
MAY 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	194,500	191,300	185,800	+3,200	+1.7%	+8,700	+4.7%
Total Private	169,200	166,100	162,000	+3,100	+1.9%	+7,200	+4.4%
Goods Producing	18,100	17,800	16,900	+300	+1.7%	+1,200	+7.1%
Service-Providing	176,400	173,500	168,900	+2,900	+1.7%	+7,500	+4.4%
Private Service Providing	151,100	148,300	145,100	+2,800	+1.9%	+6,000	+4.1%
Mining, Logging and Construction	12,700	12,500	11,600	+200	+1.6%	+1,100	+9.5%
Manufacturing	5,400	5,300	5,300	+100	+1.9%	+100	+1.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	40,100	39,800	40,500	+300	+0.8%	-400	-1.0%
Wholesale Trade	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	31,200	30,900	31,900	+300	+1.0%	-700	-2.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	5,300	5,300	5,000	0	0.0%	+300	+6.0%
Information	3,000	3,000	2,500	0	0.0%	+500	+20.0%
Financial Activities	11,300	11,100	10,700	+200	+1.8%	+600	+5.6%
Professional and Business Services	18,800	18,600	18,600	+200	+1.1%	+200	+1.1%
Education and Health Services	21,600	21,600	20,000	0	0.0%	+1,600	+8.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	49,700	47,700	46,300	+2,000	+4.2%	+3,400	+7.3%
Accommodation and Food Services	42,700	41,200	39,200	+1,500	+3.6%	+3,500	+8.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	34,200	33,100	30,500	+1,100	+3.3%	+3,700	+12.1%
Other Services	6,600	6,500	6,500	+100	+1.5%	+100	+1.5%
Government	25,300	25,200	23,800	+100	+0.4%	+1,500	+6.3%
Federal Government	1,600	1,600	1,400	0	0.0%	+200	+14.3%
State Government	4,700	4,800	4,600	-100	-2.1%	+100	+2.2%
Local Government	19,000	18,800	17,800	+200	+1.1%	+1,200	+6.7%

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
SPARTANBURG MSA
MAY 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	171,200	170,400	167,300	+800	+0.5%	+3,900	+2.3%
Total Private	142,600	141,800	140,400	+800	+0.6%	+2,200	+1.6%
Goods Producing	46,000	45,900	45,200	+100	+0.2%	+800	+1.8%
Service-Providing	125,200	124,500	122,100	+700	+0.6%	+3,100	+2.5%
Private Service Providing	96,600	95,900	95,200	+700	+0.7%	+1,400	+1.5%
Mining, Logging and Construction	7,600	7,600	7,500	0	0.0%	+100	+1.3%
Manufacturing	38,400	38,300	37,700	+100	+0.3%	+700	+1.9%
Durable Goods	26,500	26,300	25,900	+200	+0.8%	+600	+2.3%
Non-Durable Goods	11,900	12,000	11,800	-100	-0.8%	+100	+0.9%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	37,000	37,100	36,900	-100	-0.3%	+100	+0.3%
Wholesale Trade	8,000	8,100	8,400	-100	-1.2%	-400	-4.8%
Retail Trade	17,300	17,300	17,000	0	0.0%	+300	+1.8%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,700	11,700	11,500	0	0.0%	+200	+1.7%
Information	900	900	800	0	0.0%	+100	+12.5%
Financial Activities	5,300	5,200	5,200	+100	+1.9%	+100	+1.9%
Professional and Business Services	17,000	16,800	17,200	+200	+1.2%	-200	-1.2%
Education and Health Services	15,600	15,500	15,300	+100	+0.7%	+300	+2.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	15,200	14,900	14,300	+300	+2.0%	+900	+6.3%
Other Services	5,600	5,500	5,500	+100	+1.8%	+100	+1.8%
Government	28,600	28,600	26,900	0	0.0%	+1,700	+6.3%
Federal Government	700	700	600	0	0.0%	+100	+16.7%
State Government	3,900	4,000	3,900	-100	-2.5%	0	0.0%
Local Government	24,000	23,900	22,400	+100	+0.4%	+1,600	+7.1%

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
FLORENCE MSA
MAY 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	95,900	95,300	94,400	+600	+0.6%	+1,500	+1.6%
Total Private	78,300	77,800	77,100	+500	+0.6%	+1,200	+1.6%
Goods Producing	15,500	15,300	15,000	+200	+1.3%	+500	+3.3%
Service-Providing	80,400	80,000	79,400	+400	+0.5%	+1,000	+1.3%
Private Service Providing	62,800	62,500	62,100	+300	+0.5%	+700	+1.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	21,300	21,000	20,500	+300	+1.4%	+800	+3.9%
Government	17,600	17,500	17,300	+100	+0.6%	+300	+1.7%
Federal Government	600	700	700	-100	-14.3%	-100	-14.3%
State Government	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	0.0%	+200	+4.4%
Local Government	12,300	12,100	12,100	+200	+1.7%	+200	+1.7%

HILTON HEAD ISLAND-BLUFFTON-BEAUFORT MSA
MAY 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	87,600	86,200	85,800	+1,400	+1.6%	+1,800	+2.1%
Total Private	76,000	74,600	74,300	+1,400	+1.9%	+1,700	+2.3%
Goods Producing	7,900	7,700	7,600	+200	+2.6%	+300	+4.0%
Service-Providing	79,700	78,500	78,200	+1,200	+1.5%	+1,500	+1.9%
Private Service Providing	68,100	66,900	66,700	+1,200	+1.8%	+1,400	+2.1%
Government	11,600	11,600	11,500	0	0.0%	+100	+0.9%

SUMTER MSA
MAY 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	MAY 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2022	APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023		MAY 2022 TO MAY 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	39,500	39,400	39,200	+100	+0.3%	+300	+0.8%
Total Private	33,700	33,600	33,100	+100	+0.3%	+600	+1.8%
Goods Producing	10,000	9,800	9,800	+200	+2.0%	+200	+2.0%
Service-Providing	29,500	29,600	29,400	-100	-0.3%	+100	+0.3%
Private Service Providing	23,700	23,800	23,300	-100	-0.4%	+400	+1.7%
Manufacturing	7,200	7,200	7,300	0	0.0%	-100	-1.4%
Government	5,800	5,800	6,100	0	0.0%	-300	-4.9%
Federal Government	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	0.0%	-100	-7.7%
State Government	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	3,300	3,300	3,500	0	0.0%	-200	-5.7%

LONG-RUN TRENDS

ANNUAL LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS DATA 1976-2022

YEAR	CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION	LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE (PERCENT)	EMPLOYMENT-POPULATION RATIO (PERCENT)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (PERCENT)
1976	2,007,417	64.7%	60.2%	1,299,241	1,207,662	91,579	7.0%
1977	2,061,250	64.4%	60.0%	1,327,423	1,237,495	89,928	6.8%
1978	2,117,667	64.1%	60.5%	1,356,921	1,281,597	75,324	5.6%
1979	2,169,417	63.4%	60.2%	1,375,201	1,306,773	68,428	5.0%
1980	2,221,250	62.8%	58.6%	1,395,675	1,301,796	93,879	6.7%
1981	2,266,583	63.2%	58.0%	1,432,219	1,314,907	117,312	8.2%
1982	2,307,333	64.2%	57.3%	1,482,373	1,322,883	159,490	10.8%
1983	2,341,083	63.2%	56.9%	1,479,137	1,333,162	145,975	9.9%
1984	2,378,500	62.9%	58.5%	1,495,188	1,391,286	103,902	6.9%
1985	2,426,500	63.8%	59.5%	1,548,924	1,443,612	105,312	6.8%
1986	2,455,333	64.9%	60.7%	1,592,306	1,491,069	101,237	6.4%
1987	2,495,333	65.4%	61.8%	1,631,897	1,542,170	89,727	5.5%
1988	2,533,000	65.6%	62.5%	1,660,533	1,583,928	76,605	4.6%
1989	2,566,000	66.0%	62.9%	1,693,438	1,615,009	78,429	4.6%
1990	2,611,843	66.5%	63.3%	1,737,831	1,652,949	84,882	4.9%
1991	2,663,759	66.3%	62.3%	1,767,123	1,659,196	107,927	6.1%
1992	2,699,745	66.7%	62.2%	1,799,677	1,678,803	120,874	6.7%
1993	2,739,480	66.7%	61.8%	1,826,650	1,693,483	133,167	7.3%
1994	2,775,049	66.4%	62.3%	1,841,428	1,727,714	113,714	6.2%
1995	2,813,952	66.2%	62.8%	1,864,221	1,768,540	95,681	5.1%
1996	2,851,104	66.2%	62.4%	1,886,064	1,779,221	106,843	5.7%
1997	2,897,839	66.3%	63.3%	1,920,244	1,834,337	85,907	4.5%
1998	2,945,825	65.9%	63.5%	1,940,846	1,870,270	70,576	3.6%
1999	2,989,560	65.5%	62.8%	1,958,598	1,877,345	81,253	4.1%
2000	3,027,367	64.9%	62.5%	1,965,481	1,892,559	72,922	3.7%
2001	3,064,191	63.4%	60.0%	1,941,956	1,839,246	102,710	5.3%
2002	3,098,739	63.1%	59.0%	1,954,548	1,828,735	125,813	6.4%
2003	3,133,915	63.8%	59.2%	1,999,485	1,855,599	143,886	7.2%
2004	3,178,645	64.3%	59.5%	2,043,864	1,891,722	152,142	7.4%
2005	3,234,049	64.0%	59.4%	2,071,111	1,919,644	151,467	7.3%
2006	3,305,437	65.0%	60.5%	2,148,698	2,001,245	147,453	6.9%
2007	3,374,548	63.9%	60.0%	2,155,198	2,024,493	130,705	6.1%
2008	3,439,974	62.8%	58.2%	2,160,084	2,002,903	157,181	7.3%
2009	3,490,448	62.1%	55.0%	2,166,737	1,919,307	247,430	11.4%
2010	3,564,619	61.0%	54.1%	2,174,535	1,928,442	246,093	11.3%
2011	3,612,048	60.5%	54.2%	2,185,171	1,957,493	227,678	10.4%
2012	3,655,515	59.9%	54.5%	2,190,203	1,992,957	197,246	9.0%
2013	3,704,281	59.3%	54.9%	2,197,876	2,034,404	163,472	7.4%
2014	3,759,002	59.1%	55.4%	2,222,426	2,082,941	139,485	6.3%
2015	3,822,409	59.3%	55.8%	2,267,837	2,134,087	133,750	5.9%
2016	3,888,005	58.8%	55.9%	2,286,054	2,174,301	111,753	4.9%
2017	3,897,645	58.0%	55.6%	2,261,766	2,166,708	95,058	4.2%
2018	3,948,448	57.8%	55.9%	2,282,022	2,205,356	76,666	3.4%
2019	4,002,601	58.1%	56.5%	2,324,500	2,259,807	64,693	2.8%
2020	4,062,556	57.5%	54.0%	2,335,026	2,195,171	139,855	6.0%
2021	4,124,126	57.1%	54.8%	2,353,968	2,261,060	92,908	3.9%
2022	4,204,317	56.5%	54.7%	2,374,975	2,297,927	77,048	3.2%

ANNUAL CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS NONFARM PAYROLL 1939-2022

YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT
1939	310,100	1960	582,500	1981	1,196,500	2002	1,795,400
1940	328,600	1961	587,000	1982	1,162,300	2003	1,799,100
1941	387,500	1962	609,800	1983	1,189,000	2004	1,826,600
1942	416,500	1963	630,600	1984	1,262,500	2005	1,862,900
1943	428,500	1964	651,500	1985	1,296,200	2006	1,905,700
1944	408,600	1965	686,000	1986	1,338,000	2007	1,945,000
1945	396,000	1966	734,900	1987	1,392,200	2008	1,926,300
1946	411,600	1967	754,500	1988	1,449,000	2009	1,814,400
1947	436,200	1968	782,900	1989	1,499,700	2010	1,811,300
1948	456,400	1969	819,800	1990	1,527,600	2011	1,832,500
1949	443,100	1970	842,000	1991	1,497,300	2012	1,864,300
1950	461,400	1971	862,600	1992	1,511,800	2013	1,901,000
1951	505,800	1972	920,300	1993	1,553,000	2014	1,951,300
1952	544,300	1973	984,000	1994	1,592,000	2015	2,006,700
1953	543,900	1974	1,015,800	1995	1,636,300	2016	2,055,300
1954	519,700	1975	982,600	1996	1,669,400	2017	2,096,100
1955	533,000	1976	1,038,100	1997	1,718,800	2018	2,154,800
1956	542,900	1977	1,081,700	1998	1,779,800	2019	2,189,600
1957	545,000	1978	1,137,500	1999	1,826,300	2020	2,082,300
1958	545,900	1979	1,176,000	2000	1,854,000	2021	2,154,600
1959	566,900	1980	1,188,800	2001	1,814,800	2022	2,243,500

ANNUAL CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS NONFARM PAYROLL 2007-2022

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
2007	\$675.36	36.0	\$18.76
2008	\$669.28	35.6	\$18.80
2009	\$665.55	34.7	\$19.18
2010	\$692.17	34.8	\$19.89
2011	\$716.18	34.8	\$20.58
2012	\$705.16	35.1	\$20.09
2013	\$716.15	34.9	\$20.52
2014	\$726.23	34.5	\$21.05
2015	\$743.27	34.7	\$21.42
2016	\$762.80	34.5	\$22.11
2017	\$791.99	34.6	\$22.89
2018	\$829.36	34.6	\$23.97
2019	\$852.84	34.5	\$24.72
2020	\$888.31	34.1	\$26.05
2021	\$925.41	34.3	\$26.98
2022	\$972.90	34.5	\$28.20

TECHNICAL NOTES

- 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 sub-state geographies.
- 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. This data is processed by DEW to generate comparable data for the state and its metropolitan statistical areas.
- 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.
- Not Seasonally Adjusted:** Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from this data.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (CES)	LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (LAUS)
Data is published by Industry	Data is published by County
Counts Jobs	Counts People
Utilizes an Establishment Survey	The Current Population Survey (CPS), which is a Household Survey , is used to calculate LAUS
Reference week is the Pay Period that includes the 12 th of the month	Reference week is the Calendar Week that includes the 12 th of the month
A job held by a person on unpaid leave during the reference week is not counted since they are not receiving pay	A person on unpaid leave is counted as employed because they will return to their job
Does not count self-employed workers	Does count self-employed workers
Does not include agricultural workers	Includes both agricultural and non-agricultural workers
Does not count unpaid family workers	Counts unpaid family workers if they worked at least 15 unpaid hours for a family business or family farm during the reference week
Workers on strike during the entire reference period are not counted	Workers on strike during the reference week are counted as employed in LAUS



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