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## **South Carolina's Employment Situation April 2022**

### **I. Household Survey<sup>1</sup> (Local Area Unemployment Statistics)**

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working increased to 2,312,616.

- That is a significant increase of 9,017 people over the March estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 51,896 people over the April 2021 estimate.

Unemployment: The estimate of unemployed people decreased to 79,176.

- That is a decrease of 1,571 people from March's estimate and a significant decrease of 20,143 over the April 2021 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.3 percent from March's estimate of 3.4 percent.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate was unchanged at 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) increased to 2,391,792 from March's level of 2,384,346.

- That is an increase of 7,446 people over the March estimate.
- That is an increase of 31,753 individuals over the April 2021 estimate.

### **II. Employer Survey<sup>2</sup> (Current Employment Statistics)**

#### **Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted<sup>3</sup>)**

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 7,900 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,199,800

- Industries that reported gains were Financial Activities (+3,200); Leisure and Hospitality (+2,700); Manufacturing (+1,900); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,500); Information (+700); Other Services (+300); and Professional and Business Services (+200).
- Decreases were observed in the Construction (-2,100); and Education and Health Services (-600) industries.
- The Government industry marked no change.

From April 2021 to April 2022, South Carolina's economy has picked up 66,400 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with strong growth were reported in the Leisure and Hospitality (+20,300); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+18,100); Manufacturing (+9,200); Professional and Business Services (+8,200); Financial Activities (+7,300); Other Services (+3,900); Information (+2,200); and Government (+200).
- Education and Health Services industry declined over the year (-2,600) as well as Construction (-600).

### **Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted<sup>4</sup>)**

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 16,500 from March 2022 to April 2022 for a total of 2,202,000.

- Increases were reported in the Leisure and Hospitality (+10,000); Financial Activities (+3,700); Professional and Business Services (+1,200); Manufacturing (+1,100); Information (+900); Government (+600); Other Services (+500); Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+200); and Mining and logging (+100) industries.
- The Education and Health Service industry remained flat.
- A decrease was reported in the Construction industry (-1,800).

Since April 2021, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 66,800 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+19,000); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+18,400); Manufacturing (+8,900); Professional and Business Services (+8,200); Financial Activities (+7,400); Other Services (+3,000); Government (+2,900); Information (+2,100); and Mining and Logging (+200).
- The Educational and Health Services (-2,700) and Construction (-600) industries showed a decline over the year.

<sup>1</sup>**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.

<sup>2</sup>**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.

<sup>3</sup>**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.

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

**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

Statewide

April 2022

Jobs by Industry	April 2022	March 2022	April 2021	March 2022 to April 2022		April 2021 to April 2022	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>2,199,800</b>	<b>2,191,900</b>	<b>2,133,400</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>0.36%</b>	<b>66,400</b>	<b>3.11%</b>
Construction	103,700	105,800	104,300	-2,100	-1.98%	-600	-0.58%
Manufacturing	257,200	255,300	248,000	1,900	0.74%	9,200	3.71%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	430,700	429,200	412,600	1,500	0.35%	18,100	4.39%
Information	28,900	28,200	26,700	700	2.48%	2,200	8.24%
Financial Activities	115,900	112,700	108,600	3,200	2.84%	7,300	6.72%
Professional and Business Services	300,800	300,600	292,600	200	0.07%	8,200	2.80%
Education and Health Services	252,900	253,500	255,500	-600	-0.24%	-2,600	-1.02%
Leisure and Hospitality	259,200	256,500	238,900	2,700	1.05%	20,300	8.50%
Other Services	80,400	80,100	76,500	300	0.37%	3,900	5.10%
Government	365,600	365,600	365,400	0	0.00%	200	0.05%

**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

Statewide

April 2022

Jobs by Industry	April 2022	March 2022	April 2021	March 2022 to April 2022		April 2021 to April 2022	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>2,202,000</b>	<b>2,185,500</b>	<b>2,135,200</b>	<b>16,500</b>	<b>0.75%</b>	<b>66,800</b>	<b>3.13%</b>
Mining and Logging	4,500	4,400	4,300	100	2.27%	200	4.65%
Construction	103,700	105,500	104,300	-1,800	-1.71%	-600	-0.58%
Manufacturing	256,800	255,700	247,900	1,100	0.43%	8,900	3.59%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	427,200	427,000	408,800	200	0.05%	18,400	4.50%
Information	28,900	28,000	26,800	900	3.21%	2,100	7.84%
Financial Activities	115,600	111,900	108,200	3,700	3.31%	7,400	6.84%
Professional and Business Services	301,000	299,800	292,800	1,200	0.40%	8,200	2.80%
Education and Health Services	253,600	253,600	256,300	0	0.00%	-2,700	-1.05%
Leisure and Hospitality	259,600	249,600	240,600	10,000	4.01%	19,000	7.90%
Other Services	79,900	79,400	76,900	500	0.63%	3,000	3.90%
Government	371,200	370,600	368,300	600	0.16%	2,900	0.79%

**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted**

April 2022

Area	April 2022	March 2022	April 2021	March 2022 to April 2022		April 2021 to April 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,199,800</b>	<b>2,191,900</b>	<b>2,133,400</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>0.36%</b>	<b>66,400</b>	<b>3.11%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	383,400	382,700	367,000	700	0.18%	16,400	4.47%
Columbia MSA	399,100	393,800	395,800	5,300	1.35%	3,300	0.83%
Florence MSA	89,800	89,800	89,400	0	0.00%	400	0.45%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	437,000	437,100	421,200	-100	-0.02%	15,800	3.75%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	84,000	83,900	81,300	100	0.12%	2,700	3.32%
Myrtle Beach MSA	179,900	179,600	171,200	300	0.17%	8,700	5.08%
Spartanburg MSA	167,200	166,300	163,100	900	0.54%	4,100	2.51%
Sumter MSA	38,100	38,200	38,600	-100	-0.26%	-500	-1.30%

**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**

April 2022

Area	April 2022	March 2022	April 2021	March 2022 to April 2022		April 2021 to April 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,202,000</b>	<b>2,185,500</b>	<b>2,135,200</b>	<b>16,500</b>	<b>0.75%</b>	<b>66,800</b>	<b>3.13%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	384,000	381,500	366,600	2,500	0.66%	17,400	4.75%
Columbia MSA	399,300	394,300	396,000	5,000	1.27%	3,300	0.83%
Florence MSA	90,000	89,400	89,200	600	0.67%	800	0.90%
Greenville MSA	436,300	436,800	421,700	-500	-0.11%	14,600	3.46%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	83,900	82,700	81,600	1,200	1.45%	2,300	2.82%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	181,600	176,900	173,100	4,700	2.66%	8,500	4.91%
Spartanburg MSA	167,000	166,200	163,000	800	0.48%	4,000	2.45%
Sumter MSA	38,300	38,100	38,800	200	0.52%	-500	-1.29%

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

AREA		April 2022				March 2022				April 2021			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)	
Marlboro County	↓	8,788	8,258	530	6.0	8,993	8,335	658	7.3	8,799	8,169	630	7.2
Allendale County	↓	2,328	2,203	125	5.4	2,414	2,251	163	6.8	2,465	2,274	191	7.7
Bamberg County	↓	4,557	4,325	232	5.1	4,642	4,358	284	6.1	4,667	4,337	330	7.1
Orangeburg County	↓	33,183	31,528	1,655	5.0	33,901	31,901	2,000	5.9	33,547	31,290	2,257	6.7
Barnwell County	↓	7,510	7,167	343	4.6	7,593	7,173	420	5.5	7,601	7,130	471	6.2
Marion County	↓	12,821	12,225	596	4.6	12,970	12,218	752	5.8	12,911	12,097	814	6.3
Fairfield County	↓	9,237	8,844	393	4.3	9,225	8,718	507	5.5	9,240	8,722	518	5.6
Williamsburg County	↓	10,793	10,335	458	4.2	10,976	10,414	562	5.1	11,236	10,573	663	5.9
Dillon County	↓	13,030	12,496	534	4.1	13,196	12,534	662	5.0	13,175	12,463	712	5.4
Union County	↓	11,504	11,030	474	4.1	11,580	10,966	614	5.3	11,368	10,664	704	6.2
Lee County	↓	6,557	6,292	265	4.0	6,578	6,260	318	4.8	6,601	6,246	355	5.4
Chester County	↓	13,503	12,981	522	3.9	13,552	12,889	663	4.9	13,159	12,431	728	5.5
Cherokee County	↓	24,586	23,779	807	3.3	25,264	24,248	1,016	4.0	25,016	23,786	1,230	4.9
Clarendon County	↓	12,390	11,994	396	3.2	12,400	11,905	495	4.0	12,413	11,846	567	4.6
Horry County	↓	153,598	148,822	4,776	3.1	151,175	144,754	6,421	4.2	148,040	140,975	7,065	4.8
Abbeville County	↓	9,526	9,243	283	3.0	9,726	9,368	358	3.7	9,616	9,194	422	4.4
Chesterfield County	↓	21,643	20,991	652	3.0	21,814	20,990	824	3.8	21,461	20,561	900	4.2
Georgetown County	↓	25,976	25,195	781	3.0	26,164	25,110	1,054	4.0	25,910	24,761	1,149	4.4
Greenwood County	↓	29,996	29,110	886	3.0	30,654	29,551	1,103	3.6	30,403	29,076	1,327	4.4
Lancaster County	↓	43,989	42,687	1,302	3.0	44,030	42,348	1,682	3.8	42,486	40,793	1,693	4.0
Sumter County	↓	42,401	41,119	1,282	3.0	42,361	40,746	1,615	3.8	42,957	41,083	1,874	4.4
Calhoun County	↓	6,415	6,232	183	2.9	6,359	6,137	222	3.5	6,412	6,145	267	4.2
Darlington County	↓	29,651	28,796	855	2.9	29,637	28,554	1,083	3.7	29,720	28,452	1,268	4.3
McCormick County	↓	3,313	3,216	97	2.9	3,328	3,196	132	4.0	3,405	3,254	151	4.4
Colleton County	↓	16,379	15,928	451	2.8	16,366	15,789	577	3.5	16,036	15,346	690	4.3
Laurens County	↓	30,266	29,432	834	2.8	30,394	29,342	1,052	3.5	29,473	28,220	1,253	4.3
Richland County	↓	196,747	191,527	5,220	2.7	195,523	189,013	6,510	3.3	196,339	188,562	7,777	4.0
Florence County	↓	65,709	63,990	1,719	2.6	65,577	63,385	2,192	3.3	65,463	62,907	2,556	3.9
Kershaw County	↓	29,354	28,581	773	2.6	29,115	28,177	938	3.2	29,167	28,178	989	3.4
York County	↓	149,629	145,702	3,927	2.6	149,442	144,535	4,907	3.3	144,066	139,020	5,046	3.5
Berkeley County	↓	110,398	107,607	2,791	2.5	110,038	106,812	3,226	2.9	105,765	102,113	3,652	3.5
Spartanburg County	↓	158,247	154,358	3,889	2.5	158,446	153,561	4,885	3.1	155,303	149,343	5,960	3.8
Aiken County	↓	75,173	73,384	1,789	2.4	74,898	72,632	2,266	3.0	74,265	71,944	2,321	3.1
Dorchester County	↓	80,091	78,163	1,928	2.4	79,836	77,562	2,274	2.8	76,849	74,167	2,682	3.5
Pickens County	↓	58,219	56,819	1,400	2.4	58,352	56,667	1,685	2.9	56,237	54,398	1,839	3.3
Anderson County	↓	91,837	89,742	2,095	2.3	92,232	89,559	2,673	2.9	89,249	86,038	3,211	3.6
Beaufort County	↓	77,551	75,753	1,798	2.3	76,844	74,508	2,336	3.0	75,467	73,087	2,380	3.2
Edgefield County	↓	10,536	10,296	240	2.3	10,478	10,171	307	2.9	10,433	10,110	323	3.1
Hampton County	↓	8,051	7,869	182	2.3	8,046	7,816	230	2.9	8,064	7,792	272	3.4
Oconee County	↓	33,948	33,158	790	2.3	34,232	33,182	1,050	3.1	34,305	33,214	1,091	3.2
Charleston County	↓	216,851	211,990	4,861	2.2	216,169	210,004	6,165	2.9	207,933	200,739	7,194	3.5
Greenville County	↓	261,299	255,539	5,760	2.2	262,358	255,059	7,299	2.8	253,173	244,929	8,244	3.3
Jasper County	↓	13,394	13,093	301	2.2	13,199	12,809	390	3.0	12,943	12,539	404	3.1
Lexington County	↓	151,093	147,953	3,140	2.1	149,834	145,845	3,989	2.7	149,849	145,638	4,211	2.8
Newberry County	↓	19,230	18,822	408	2.1	19,303	18,786	517	2.7	19,478	18,873	605	3.1
Saluda County	↓	8,460	8,281	179	2.1	8,377	8,144	233	2.8	8,499	8,252	247	2.9
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↓	407,340	397,760	9,580	2.4	406,043	394,378	11,665	2.9	390,547	377,019	13,528	3.5
Columbia MSA	↓	401,306	391,418	9,888	2.5	398,433	386,034	12,399	3.1	399,506	385,497	14,009	3.5
Florence MSA	↓	95,360	92,786	2,574	2.7	95,214	91,939	3,275	3.4	95,183	91,359	3,824	4.0
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↓	441,621	431,532	10,089	2.3	443,336	430,627	12,709	2.9	428,132	413,585	14,547	3.4
Hilton Head Island- Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	↓	90,945	88,846	2,099	2.3	90,043	87,317	2,726	3.0	88,410	85,626	2,784	3.1
Myrtle Beach-Conway- North Myrtle Beach, SC- NC MSA	↓	210,148	202,894	7,254	3.5	206,542	197,471	9,071	4.4	202,024	191,647	10,377	5.1
Spartanburg MSA	↓	169,751	165,388	4,363	2.6	170,026	164,527	5,499	3.2	166,671	160,007	6,664	4.0
Sumter MSA	↓	42,401	41,119	1,282	3.0	42,361	40,746	1,615	3.8	42,957	41,083	1,874	4.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,391,792	2,312,616	79,176	3.3	2,384,346	2,303,599	80,747	3.4	2,360,039	2,260,720	99,319	4.2

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↑ Unemployment Rate Up  
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