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South Carolina's Employment Situation January 2021

I. Household Survey¹

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working increased to 2,235,303.

- That is an increase of 11,823 people over the December 2020 revised estimate.
- That is also a significant decrease of 68,881 people over the January 2020 revised estimate.

Unemployment: Unemployment estimates decreased to 125,683 people.

- That is a decrease of 5,899 people from the revised December 2020 estimate and a notable increase of 63,545 over the January 2020 revised estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.3 percent in January from the revised rate of 5.6 percent in December 2020.

Nationally, the unemployment rate declined to 6.3 percent in January from 6.7 percent in December.

Labor force: The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,360,986.

- That is an increase of 5,924 people over the revised estimate in December 2020.
- That is a decrease of 5,336 individuals over the January 2020 revised estimate.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted³)

The Current Employment Survey of businesses in South Carolina marked a decrease of 12,900 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,104,400.

- Industries reporting gains were noticed in the Other Services (+400); Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+300); Education and Health Services (+300); and Information (+100)

- Decreases were noticed in the Leisure and Hospitality (-3,800); Construction (-3,200); Government (-3,200); Professional and Business Services (-2,100); Manufacturing (-1,000); and Financial Activities (-700) industries.

From January 2020 to January 2021, South Carolina's economy has lost 94,300 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs.

- No industries reported gains over the year.
- Decreases were reported in Leisure and Hospitality (-35,700); Government (-14,500); Manufacturing (-10,900); Education and Health Services (-9,000); Professional and Business Services (-9,000); Other Services (-5,900); Construction (-4,400); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-2,600); Financial Activities (-1,300); and Information (-1,000) industries.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted²)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 55,200 from December 2020 to January 2021 for a total of 2,074,400.

- No industries reported gains over the year.
- Decreases were reported in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-12,100); Leisure and Hospitality (-11,800); Professional and Business Services (-9,500); Government (-9,500); Construction (-5,000); Education and Health Services (-3,100); Manufacturing (-2,400); Financial Activities (-1,400); Other Services (-200); and Information (-200).
- Mining and Logging showed no movement over the period.

Since January 2020, not seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs were down 93,400 overall in South Carolina.

- No industries reported a gain.
- Industries recording an over-the-year loss are Leisure and Hospitality (-36,900); Government (-15,300); Manufacturing (-10,800); Education and Health Services (-10,000); Professional and Business Services (-7,600); Other Services (-6,100); Construction (-3,800); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-1,200); and Financial Activities (-900); and Information (-800) industries.
- Mining and Logging showed no over the year change.

¹**Household Survey (Current Population Survey):** is a monthly survey of about 60,000 households conducted by the Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This survey provides monthly statistics on employment, unemployment, and related subjects analyzed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

²**Current Employment Statistics Survey:** is a monthly survey of about 40,000 employers which yields estimates of nonagricultural wage and salary employment, hours, and earnings by industry.

³**Seasonally Adjusted:** Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a more or less 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.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
January

Area	January 2021	December 2020	January 2020	December 2020 to January 2021		January 2020 to January 2021	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,104,400	2,117,300	2,198,700	-12,900	-0.61%	-94,300	-4.29%
Construction	102,300	105,500	106,700	-3,200	-3.03%	-4,400	-4.12%
Manufacturing	246,600	247,600	257,500	-1,000	-0.40%	-10,900	-4.23%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	408,600	408,300	411,200	300	0.07%	-2,600	-0.63%
Information	25,000	24,900	26,000	100	0.40%	-1,000	-3.85%
Financial Activities	105,600	106,300	106,900	-700	-0.66%	-1,300	-1.22%
Professional and Business Services	285,300	287,400	294,300	-2,100	-0.73%	-9,000	-3.06%
Education and Health Services	251,900	251,600	260,900	300	0.12%	-9,000	-3.45%
Leisure and Hospitality	237,700	241,500	273,400	-3,800	-1.57%	-35,700	-13.06%
Other Services	74,300	73,900	80,200	400	0.54%	-5,900	-7.36%
Government	362,700	365,900	377,200	-3,200	-0.87%	-14,500	-3.84%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
January

Area	January 2021	December 2020	January 2020	December 2020 to January 2021		January 2020 to January 2021	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm	2,074,400	2,129,600	2,167,800	-55,200	-2.59%	-93,400	-4.31%
Mining and Logging	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Construction	101,200	106,200	105,000	-5,000	-4.71%	-3,800	-3.62%
Manufacturing	245,800	248,200	256,600	-2,400	-0.97%	-10,800	-4.21%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	406,900	419,000	408,100	-12,100	-2.89%	-1,200	-0.29%
Information	24,900	25,100	25,700	-200	-0.80%	-800	-3.11%
Financial Activities	104,900	106,300	105,800	-1,400	-1.32%	-900	-0.85%
Professional and Business Services	281,900	291,400	289,500	-9,500	-3.26%	-7,600	-2.63%
Education and Health Services	249,800	252,900	259,800	-3,100	-1.23%	-10,000	-3.85%
Leisure and Hospitality	219,700	231,500	256,600	-11,800	-5.10%	-36,900	-14.38%
Other Services	73,300	73,500	79,400	-200	-0.27%	-6,100	-7.68%
Government	361,600	371,100	376,900	-9,500	-2.56%	-15,300	-4.06%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted
January**

Area	January 2021	December 2020	January 2020	December 2020 to January 2021		January 2020 to January 2021	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,104,400	2,117,300	2,198,700	-12,900	-0.61%	-94,300	-4.29%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	360,100	360,600	379,600	-500	-0.14%	-19,500	-5.14%
Columbia MSA	384,100	389,500	405,700	-5,400	-1.39%	-21,600	-5.32%
Florence MSA	89,500	89,600	92,400	-100	-0.11%	-2,900	-3.14%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	413,700	414,100	434,300	-400	-0.10%	-20,600	-4.74%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	81,800	83,000	85,100	-1,200	-1.45%	-3,300	-3.88%
Myrtle Beach MSA	168,700	168,100	176,200	600	0.36%	-7,500	-4.26%
Spartanburg MSA	161,200	162,100	166,500	-900	-0.56%	-5,300	-3.18%
Sumter MSA	38,300	38,800	39,200	-500	-1.29%	-900	-2.30%

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
January**

Area	January 2021	December 2020	January 2020	December 2020 to January 2021		January 2020 to January 2021	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,074,400	2,129,600	2,167,800	-55,200	-2.59%	-93,400	-4.31%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	354,800	361,900	374,800	-7,100	-1.96%	-20,000	-5.34%
Columbia MSA	380,900	392,100	402,300	-11,200	-2.86%	-21,400	-5.32%
Florence MSA	88,200	90,200	91,700	-2,000	-2.22%	-3,500	-3.82%
Greenville MSA	409,600	418,000	429,600	-8,400	-2.01%	-20,000	-4.66%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	79,500	81,700	82,500	-2,200	-2.69%	-3,000	-3.64%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	158,200	161,600	166,200	-3,400	-2.10%	-8,000	-4.81%
Spartanburg MSA	159,700	163,800	166,000	-4,100	-2.50%	-6,300	-3.80%
Sumter MSA	38,200	39,100	39,000	-900	-2.30%	-800	-2.05%

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

AREA		January 2021				December 2020**				January 2020**			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
				LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)
Bamberg County	↑	4,706	4,258	448	9.5	4,889	4,507	382	7.8	4,990	4,711	279	5.6
Marlboro County	↑	9,257	8,374	883	9.5	9,155	8,468	687	7.5	9,282	8,869	413	4.4
Allendale County	↑	2,563	2,336	227	8.9	2,582	2,360	222	8.6	2,698	2,516	182	6.7
Orangeburg County	↑	34,290	31,341	2,949	8.6	35,100	32,535	2,565	7.3	35,411	33,662	1,749	4.9
Marion County	↑	13,173	12,132	1,041	7.9	12,804	11,882	922	7.2	12,890	12,333	557	4.3
Chester County	↑	13,396	12,348	1,048	7.8	13,133	12,233	900	6.9	13,575	12,990	585	4.3
Union County	↑	11,798	10,878	920	7.8	11,517	10,730	787	6.8	11,742	11,327	415	3.5
Barnwell County	↑	7,823	7,244	579	7.4	7,938	7,410	528	6.7	8,264	7,887	377	4.6
Fairfield County	↑	9,349	8,667	682	7.3	9,412	8,849	563	6.0	9,710	9,257	453	4.7
Williamsburg County	↑	11,620	10,772	848	7.3	11,926	11,165	761	6.4	12,081	11,479	602	5.0
Horry County	↑	141,397	131,153	10,244	7.2	136,755	128,404	8,351	6.1	145,671	139,268	6,403	4.4
Lee County	↑	6,684	6,213	471	7.0	6,491	6,101	390	6.0	6,701	6,365	336	5.0
Cherokee County	↑	24,831	23,106	1,725	6.9	25,310	23,855	1,455	5.7	25,115	24,275	840	3.3
Dillon County	↑	13,248	12,351	897	6.8	13,022	12,318	704	5.4	13,310	12,757	553	4.2
Georgetown County	↑	25,280	23,591	1,689	6.7	25,465	24,012	1,453	5.7	25,539	24,456	1,083	4.2
McCormick County	↑	3,328	3,104	224	6.7	3,312	3,129	183	5.5	3,422	3,287	135	3.9
Clarendon County	↑	12,483	11,654	829	6.6	12,438	11,749	689	5.5	12,759	12,240	519	4.1
Chesterfield County	↑	21,548	20,154	1,394	6.5	21,754	20,685	1,069	4.9	22,192	21,507	685	3.1
Lancaster County	↑	42,045	39,421	2,624	6.2	40,009	37,977	2,032	5.1	41,771	40,323	1,448	3.5
Darlington County	↑	30,075	28,234	1,841	6.1	30,249	28,704	1,545	5.1	30,322	29,287	1,035	3.4
Sumter County	↑	43,695	41,016	2,679	6.1	42,151	39,869	2,282	5.4	44,265	42,694	1,571	3.5
Colleton County	↑	16,437	15,448	989	6.0	16,681	15,816	865	5.2	16,847	16,303	544	3.2
Greenwood County	↑	31,197	29,347	1,850	5.9	30,983	29,413	1,570	5.1	31,397	30,366	1,031	3.3
Laurens County	↑	29,673	27,955	1,718	5.8	30,265	28,819	1,446	4.8	30,354	29,419	935	3.1
Abbeville County	↑	9,954	9,395	559	5.6	9,894	9,424	470	4.8	10,086	9,721	365	3.6
Richland County	↑	194,959	184,102	10,857	5.6	196,493	187,032	9,461	4.8	200,109	194,552	5,557	2.8
Calhoun County	↑	6,374	6,024	350	5.5	6,441	6,115	326	5.1	6,649	6,419	230	3.5
York County	↑	142,314	134,696	7,618	5.4	135,978	130,058	5,920	4.4	141,827	137,886	3,941	2.8
Florence County	↑	66,495	62,987	3,508	5.3	66,808	63,732	3,076	4.6	66,852	64,848	2,004	3.0
Spartanburg County	↑	155,589	147,509	8,080	5.2	149,145	142,340	6,805	4.6	154,278	150,163	4,115	2.7
Charleston County	↑	208,743	198,008	10,735	5.1	205,453	196,433	9,020	4.4	213,947	209,054	4,893	2.3
Anderson County	↑	89,538	85,020	4,518	5.0	91,253	87,470	3,783	4.1	91,579	89,048	2,531	2.8
Dorchester County	↑	76,719	72,887	3,832	5.0	75,597	72,377	3,220	4.3	78,892	76,922	1,970	2.5
Kershaw County	↑	28,696	27,274	1,422	5.0	28,580	27,372	1,208	4.2	29,582	28,625	957	3.2
Berkeley County	↑	103,743	98,661	5,082	4.9	100,616	96,334	4,282	4.3	105,018	102,326	2,692	2.6
Hampton County	↑	8,014	7,622	392	4.9	8,246	7,902	344	4.2	8,426	8,195	231	2.7
Jasper County	↑	12,685	12,080	605	4.8	12,631	12,138	493	3.9	12,831	12,518	313	2.4
Greenville County	↑	251,983	240,169	11,814	4.7	255,179	245,227	9,952	3.9	255,817	249,477	6,340	2.5
Beaufort County	↑	75,808	72,313	3,495	4.6	77,404	74,516	2,888	3.7	78,253	76,187	2,066	2.6
Oconee County	↑	34,274	32,703	1,571	4.6	34,730	33,420	1,310	3.8	35,186	34,203	983	2.8
Edgefield County	↑	10,636	10,154	482	4.5	10,271	9,880	391	3.8	10,821	10,501	320	3.0
Newberry County	↑	18,872	18,020	852	4.5	18,490	17,761	729	3.9	19,187	18,654	533	2.8
Pickens County	↑	56,352	53,838	2,514	4.5	57,195	55,075	2,120	3.7	57,714	56,074	1,640	2.8
Aiken County	↑	74,671	71,359	3,312	4.4	72,073	69,323	2,750	3.8	75,364	73,133	2,231	3.0
Saluda County	↑	8,384	8,033	351	4.2	8,508	8,203	305	3.6	8,998	8,757	241	2.7
Lexington County	↑	146,777	140,750	6,027	4.1	146,692	141,518	5,174	3.5	151,226	147,730	3,496	2.3
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↑	389,205	369,556	19,649	5.0	381,666	365,144	16,522	4.3	397,857	388,302	9,555	2.4
Columbia MSA	↑	394,539	374,850	19,689	5.0	396,126	379,089	17,037	4.3	406,274	395,340	10,934	2.7
Florence MSA	↑	96,570	91,221	5,349	5.5	97,057	92,436	4,621	4.8	97,174	94,135	3,039	3.1
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↑	427,546	406,982	20,564	4.8	433,892	416,591	17,301	4.0	435,464	424,018	11,446	2.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,360,986	2,235,303	125,683	5.3	2,355,062	2,223,480	131,582	5.6	2,366,322	2,304,184	62,138	2.6

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

**2020 substate estimates will be revised at the conclusion of the Bureau of Labor Statistics annual benchmarking process on April 16th.

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