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South Carolina's Employment Situation
January 2023

I. Household Survey[1] (Local Area Unemployment Statistics)

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working increased to 2,298,720.

- That is an increase of 4,329 people over the December 2022 estimate.
- That is an increase of 10,471 people over the January 2022 estimate.

Unemployment: The estimate of unemployed people decreased to 76,070.

- That is a decrease of 1,089 people from December's estimate and a decrease of 2,352 from the January 2022 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined from 3.3 percent in December to 3.2 percent in January.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate declined from December'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 2,374,790.

- That is an increase of 3,240 people over the December 2022 estimate.
- That is an increase of 8,119 individuals over the January 2022 estimate.

II. Employer Survey[2] (Current Employment Statistics)

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted[3])

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 8,900 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,272,600.

- Industries that reported gains were Education and Health Services (+3,300); Leisure and Hospitality (+2,700); Government (+2,600); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,900); Construction (+300); and Information (+100).
- Financial Activities (-1,200); Other Services (-400); Professional and Business Services (-200); and Manufacturing (-200) industries declined.

From January 2022 to January 2023, South Carolina's economy has picked up 72,100 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with strong growth were Education and Health Services (+15,400); Leisure and Hospitality (+12,600); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+12,500); Government (+11,300); Manufacturing (+6,100); Financial Activities (+3,700); Professional and Business Services (+3,000); Construction (+2,900); Other Services (+2,400); and Information (+2,100).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted[4])

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 35,200 from December 2022 to January 2023 for a total of 2,240,300.

- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-10,100); Professional and Business Services (-7,900); Leisure and Hospitality (-5,700); Government (-5,600); Manufacturing (-2,400); Financial Activities (-1,500); Education and Health Services (-1,100); Construction (-300); and Other Services (-200) marked declines.
- The Mining and Logging industry showed no change over the month.

Since January 2022, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 66,000 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Educational and Health Services (+14,200); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+13,400); Leisure and Hospitality (+10,600); Government (+8,900); Manufacturing (+6,500); Financial Activities (+4,400); Construction (+3,800); Other Services (+2,600); Information (+2,200); and Mining and Logging (+200).
- The Professional and Business Services (-800) industry showed a decline over the year.

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[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

January-23

Jobs by Industry	January 2023	December 2022	January 2022	December 2022 to January 2023 # Change	% Change	January 2022 to January 2023 # Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	**2,272,600**	**2,263,700**	**2,200,500**	**8,900**	**0.39%**	**72,100**	**3.28%**
Construction	109,800	109,500	106,900	300	0.27%	2,900	2.71%
Manufacturing	262,300	262,500	256,200	-200	-0.08%	6,100	2.38%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	439,500	437,600	427,000	1,900	0.43%	12,500	2.93%
Information	31,600	31,500	29,500	100	0.32%	2,100	7.12%
Financial Activities	118,600	119,800	114,900	-1,200	-1.00%	3,700	3.22%
Professional and Business Services	306,200	306,400	303,200	-200	-0.07%	3,000	0.99%
Education and Health Services	275,300	272,000	259,900	3,300	1.21%	15,400	5.93%
Leisure and Hospitality	271,600	268,900	259,000	2,700	1.00%	12,600	4.86%
Other Services	82,600	83,000	80,200	-400	-0.48%	2,400	2.99%
Government	370,600	368,000	359,300	2,600	0.71%	11,300	3.15%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide

January-23

Industry	January 2023	December 2022	January 2022	December 2022 to January 2023 # Change	% Change	January 2022 to January 2023 # Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	*2,240,300*	*2,275,500*	*2,174,300*	*-35,200*	*-1.55%*	*66,000*	*3.04%*
Mining and Logging	4,500	4,500	4,300	0	0.00%	200	4.65%
Construction	109,100	109,400	105,300	-300	-0.27%	3,800	3.61%
Manufacturing	261,800	264,200	255,300	-2,400	-0.91%	6,500	2.55%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	437,800	447,900	424,400	-10,100	-2.25%	13,400	3.16%
Information	31,200	31,600	29,000	-400	-1.27%	2,200	7.59%
Financial Activities	118,200	119,700	113,800	-1,500	-1.25%	4,400	3.87%
Professional and Business Services	299,600	307,500	300,400	-7,900	-2.57%	-800	-0.27%
Education and Health Services	272,700	273,800	258,500	-1,100	-0.40%	14,200	5.49%
Leisure and Hospitality	254,700	260,400	244,100	-5,700	-2.19%	10,600	4.34%
Other Services	82,200	82,400	79,600	-200	-0.24%	2,600	3.27%
Government	368,500	374,100	359,600	-5,600	-1.50%	8,900	2.47%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted

January-23

Industry	January 2023	December 2022	January 2022	December 2022 to January 2023		January 2022 to January 2023	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	**2,272,600**	**2,263,700**	**2,200,500**	**8,900**	**0.39%**	**72,100**	**3.28%**
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	406,200	404,100	384,200	2,100	0.52%	22,000	5.73%
Columbia MSA	414,900	414,400	407,200	500	0.12%	7,700	1.89%
Florence MSA	94,200	94,400	91,900	-200	-0.21%	2,300	2.50%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	454,400	453,400	440,200	1,000	0.22%	14,200	3.23%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	87,400	87,200	84,200	200	0.23%	3,200	3.80%
Myrtle Beach MSA	189,900	188,600	178,900	1,300	0.69%	11,000	6.15%
Spartanburg MSA	169,300	168,600	164,300	700	0.42%	5,000	3.04%
Sumter MSA	39,100	39,300	39,000	-200	-0.51%	100	0.26%

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-23

Area	January 2023	December 2022	January 2022	December 2022 to January 2023		January 2022 to January 2023	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	**2,240,300**	**2,275,500**	**2,174,300**	**-35,200**	**-1.55%**	**66,000**	**3.04%**
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	401,000	404,800	380,200	-3,800	-0.94%	20,800	5.47%
Columbia MSA	410,300	418,200	404,200	-7,900	-1.89%	6,100	1.51%
Florence MSA	93,600	95,500	91,300	-1,900	-1.99%	2,300	2.52%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	449,600	456,700	436,700	-7,100	-1.55%	12,900	2.95%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	85,200	86,800	81,800	-1,600	-1.84%	3,400	4.16%
Myrtle Beach MSA	181,400	183,300	170,200	-1,900	-1.04%	11,200	6.58%
Spartanburg MSA	167,900	170,200	163,700	-2,300	-1.35%	4,200	2.57%
Sumter MSA	38,900	39,500	38,900	-600	-1.52%	0	0.00%

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AREA		January 2023 LABOR FORCE	January 2023 EMPLOY-MENT	January 2023 UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	January 2023 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	December 2022** LABOR FORCE	December 2022** EMPLOY-MENT	December 2022** UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	December 2022** UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	January 2022** LABOR FORCE	January 2022** EMPLOY-MENT	January 2022** UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	January 2022** UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)
Marlboro County	↑	8,215	7,438	777	9.5	8,438	7,751	687	8.1	8,833	8,080	753	8.5
Allendale County	↑	2,207	2,058	149	6.8	2,176	2,038	138	6.3	2,371	2,188	183	7.7
Bamberg County	↑	4,520	4,256	264	5.8	4,498	4,266	232	5.2	4,698	4,354	344	7.3
Williamsburg County	↑	10,598	9,986	612	5.8	10,561	10,055	506	4.8	10,870	10,217	653	6.0
Marion County	↑	12,483	11,786	697	5.6	12,331	11,722	609	4.9	12,826	11,929	897	7.0
Dillon County	↑	12,813	12,124	689	5.4	12,765	12,168	597	4.7	13,147	12,374	773	5.9
Lee County	↑	6,310	5,971	339	5.4	6,250	5,955	295	4.7	6,538	6,165	373	5.7
Orangeburg County	↑	32,506	30,797	1,709	5.3	32,555	30,994	1,561	4.8	34,108	31,673	2,435	7.1
Union County	↑	11,286	10,700	586	5.2	11,347	10,822	525	4.6	11,604	10,864	740	6.4
Barnwell County	↑	7,389	7,022	367	5.0	7,374	7,041	333	4.5	7,504	6,992	512	6.8
Fairfield County	↑	9,117	8,663	454	5.0	8,987	8,592	395	4.4	9,193	8,640	553	6.0
Clarendon County	↑	11,698	11,120	578	4.9	11,614	11,095	519	4.5	11,997	11,438	559	4.7
Horry County	↑	150,153	142,745	7,408	4.9	145,214	139,430	5,784	4.0	147,390	139,385	8,005	5.4
Chester County	↑	13,327	12,699	628	4.7	13,433	12,874	559	4.2	13,436	12,635	801	6.0
Sumter County	↑	42,010	40,064	1,946	4.6	40,932	39,292	1,640	4.0	42,466	40,662	1,804	4.2
Cherokee County	↑	24,111	23,037	1,074	4.5	24,229	23,337	892	3.7	24,806	23,645	1,161	4.7
Abbeville County	↑	9,474	9,070	404	4.3	9,542	9,216	326	3.4	9,576	9,178	398	4.2
Georgetown County	↑	25,519	24,472	1,047	4.1	25,212	24,305	907	3.6	25,442	24,214	1,228	4.8
Greenwood County	↑	29,699	28,474	1,225	4.1	29,946	28,950	996	3.3	30,113	28,867	1,246	4.1
Calhoun County	↑	6,324	6,079	245	3.9	6,242	6,035	207	3.3	6,336	6,069	267	4.2
Colleton County	↑	15,689	15,075	614	3.9	15,599	15,102	497	3.2	16,063	15,409	654	4.1
Darlington County	↑	29,619	28,490	1,129	3.8	28,917	27,969	948	3.3	29,772	28,513	1,259	4.2
Lancaster County	↑	43,472	41,813	1,659	3.8	43,839	42,381	1,458	3.3	43,475	41,572	1,903	4.4
Chesterfield County	↑	20,830	20,068	762	3.7	20,906	20,203	703	3.4	21,536	20,575	961	4.5
Edgefield County	↑	10,034	9,676	358	3.6	10,163	9,851	312	3.1	10,353	10,027	326	3.1
Kershaw County	↑	29,062	28,015	1,047	3.6	28,637	27,777	860	3.0	28,948	27,931	1,017	3.5
McCormick County	↑	3,528	3,400	128	3.6	3,436	3,324	112	3.3	3,278	3,142	136	4.1
Aiken County	↑	72,146	69,645	2,501	3.5	72,905	70,820	2,085	2.9	74,398	72,046	2,352	3.2
Florence County	↑	66,005	63,699	2,306	3.5	64,361	62,485	1,876	2.9	66,083	63,579	2,504	3.8
Hampton County	↑	7,752	7,484	268	3.5	7,700	7,497	203	2.6	7,885	7,637	248	3.1
Laurens County	↑	30,059	29,012	1,047	3.5	29,829	28,922	907	3.0	29,933	28,735	1,198	4.0
Richland County	↑	196,092	189,155	6,937	3.5	192,961	187,301	5,660	2.9	195,639	188,199	7,440	3.8
Beaufort County	↑	76,098	73,616	2,482	3.3	75,596	73,423	2,173	2.9	75,865	73,350	2,515	3.3
Oconee County	↑	33,846	32,713	1,133	3.3	33,380	32,464	916	2.7	33,826	32,695	1,131	3.3
Pickens County	↑	58,138	56,217	1,921	3.3	57,539	56,013	1,526	2.7	57,413	55,614	1,799	3.1
Spartanburg County	↑	154,907	149,813	5,094	3.3	155,882	151,506	4,376	2.8	157,720	152,130	5,590	3.5
York County	↑	148,052	143,101	4,951	3.3	149,121	144,986	4,135	2.8	147,648	142,134	5,514	3.7
Anderson County	↑	91,616	88,724	2,892	3.2	90,855	88,411	2,444	2.7	90,828	87,821	3,007	3.3
Newberry County	↑	18,874	18,277	597	3.2	18,583	18,103	480	2.6	18,978	18,399	579	3.1
Saluda County	↑	8,118	7,858	260	3.2	8,059	7,832	227	2.8	8,160	7,913	247	3.0
Berkeley County	↑	111,467	107,963	3,504	3.1	110,840	107,939	2,901	2.6	108,977	105,383	3,594	3.3
Greenville County	↑	260,653	252,868	7,785	3.0	258,494	251,938	6,556	2.5	258,314	250,228	8,086	3.1
Jasper County	↑	13,065	12,671	394	3.0	12,995	12,651	344	2.6	13,024	12,609	415	3.2
Dorchester County	↑	80,687	78,360	2,327	2.9	80,353	78,351	2,002	2.5	79,044	76,501	2,543	3.2
Lexington County	↑	149,839	145,474	4,365	2.9	147,835	144,165	3,670	2.5	149,193	144,873	4,320	2.9
Charleston County	↑	218,440	212,278	6,162	2.8	217,542	212,279	5,263	2.4	214,086	207,207	6,879	3.2
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↑	410,594	398,601	11,993	2.9	408,735	398,569	10,166	2.5	402,107	389,091	13,016	3.2
Columbia MSA	↑	398,552	385,244	13,308	3.3	392,721	381,702	11,019	2.8	397,469	383,625	13,844	3.5
Florence MSA	↑	95,624	92,189	3,435	3.6	93,278	90,454	2,824	3.0	95,855	92,092	3,763	3.9
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↑	440,466	426,821	13,645	3.1	436,717	425,284	11,433	2.6	436,488	422,398	14,090	3.2
Hilton Head Island- Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	↑	89,163	86,287	2,876	3.2	88,591	86,074	2,517	2.8	88,889	85,959	2,930	3.3
Myrtle Beach-Conway- North Myrtle Beach, SC-NC MSA	↑	206,733	196,484	10,249	5.0	199,089	190,967	8,122	4.1	200,827	190,016	10,811	5.4
Spartanburg MSA	↑	166,193	160,513	5,680	3.4	167,229	162,328	4,901	2.9	169,324	162,994	6,330	3.7
Sumter MSA	↑	42,010	40,064	1,946	4.6	40,932	39,292	1,640	4.0	42,466	40,662	1,804	4.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,374,790	2,298,720	76,070	3.2	2,371,550	2,294,391	77,159	3.3	2,366,671	2,288,249	78,422	3.3

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

**2022 substate estimates will be revised at the conclusion of the Bureau of Labor Statistics annual bechmarking process on April 21st.

↑ Unemployment Rate Up
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