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South Carolina's Employment Situation July 2023

I. Household Survey¹ (Local Area Unemployment Statistics)

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working increased to 2,370,882.

- That is a significant increase of 13,381 people over the June 2023 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 70,503 people over the July 2022 estimate.

Unemployment: The estimate of unemployed people increased to 77,098.

- That is an increase of 997 people from June's estimate and an increase of 119 from the July 2022 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.1 percent.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased from June's rate of 3.6 percent to 3.5 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 2,447,980.

- That is a significant increase of 14,378 people over the June estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 70,622 individuals over the July 2022 estimate.

II. Employer Survey² (Current Employment Statistics)

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted³)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 2,900 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,306,300.

- Industries reporting gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+2,200); Government (+2,200); Education and Health Services (+1,600); Manufacturing (+300); and Financial Activities (+100).
- Leisure and Hospitality (-2,000); Construction (-800); Professional and Business Services (-500); Other Services (-100); and Information (-100) industries declined.

From July 2022 to July 2023, South Carolina's economy has picked up 52,900 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries making strong growth were Education and Health Services (+12,800); Leisure and Hospitality (+10,600); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+8,600); Government (+8,400); Financial Activities (+4,700); Professional and Business Services (+2,000); Other Services (+1,700); Information (+1,600); Construction (+1,500); and Manufacturing (+1,000).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted⁴)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 9,100 from June 2023 to July 2023 for a total of 2,306,500.

- Education and Health Services (+1,800); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+800); Manufacturing (+700); Financial Activities (+600); and Other Services (+400) industries increased over the month.
- Government (-7,700); Professional and Business Services (-4,700); Information (-600); Construction (-200); Leisure and Hospitality (-100); and Mining and Logging (-100) industries marked declines.

Since July 2022, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 55,600 in South Carolina.

Industries making strong annual gains were Educational and Health Services (+14,700); Leisure and Hospitality (+14,300); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+9,100); Government (+7,900); Financial Activities (+4,600); Construction (+1,900); Other Services (+1,800); Information (+1,300); and Manufacturing (+1,000).

The Professional and Business Services industry marked a decline (-1,000).

The Mining and Logging industry show no change.

¹Household 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.

²Employer 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.

³Seasonally 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.

⁴Not Seasonally Adjusted: Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from these data.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Statewide

July-23

Jobs by Industry	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022	June 2023 to July 2023		July 2022 to July 2023	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,306,300	2,303,400	2,253,400	2,900	0.13%	52,900	2.35%
Construction	110,500	111,300	109,000	-800	-0.72%	1,500	1.38%
Manufacturing	263,100	262,800	262,100	300	0.11%	1,000	0.38%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	442,900	440,700	434,300	2,200	0.50%	8,600	1.98%
Information	32,200	32,300	30,600	-100	-0.31%	1,600	5.23%
Financial Activities	122,700	122,600	118,000	100	0.08%	4,700	3.98%
Professional and Business Services	313,200	313,700	311,200	-500	-0.16%	2,000	0.64%
Education and Health Services	280,700	279,100	267,900	1,600	0.57%	12,800	4.78%
Leisure and Hospitality	275,400	277,400	264,800	-2,000	-0.72%	10,600	4.00%
Other Services	83,800	83,900	82,100	-100	-0.12%	1,700	2.07%
Government	377,300	375,100	368,900	2,200	0.59%	8,400	2.28%

Note: Employment estimates have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Sum of detail may not equal totals due to rounding or the exclusion of certain industries from publication. All data are subject to revision.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide

July-23

Industry	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022	June 2023 to July 2023		July 2022 to July 2023	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,306,500	2,315,600	2,250,900	-9,100	-0.39%	55,600	2.47%
Mining and Logging	4,500	4,600	4,500	-100	-2.17%	0	0.00%
Construction	111,800	112,000	109,900	-200	-0.18%	1,900	1.73%
Manufacturing	263,800	263,100	262,800	700	0.27%	1,000	0.38%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	443,100	442,300	434,000	800	0.18%	9,100	2.10%
Information	32,300	32,900	31,000	-600	-1.82%	1,300	4.19%
Financial Activities	123,800	123,200	119,200	600	0.49%	4,600	3.86%
Professional and Business Services	308,100	312,800	309,100	-4,700	-1.50%	-1,000	-0.32%
Education and Health Services	278,800	277,000	264,100	1,800	0.65%	14,700	5.57%
Leisure and Hospitality	291,900	292,000	277,600	-100	-0.03%	14,300	5.15%
Other Services	84,400	84,000	82,600	400	0.48%	1,800	2.18%
Government	364,000	371,700	356,100	-7,700	-2.07%	7,900	2.22%

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA
South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted
July-23

INDUSTRY TITLE	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022	June 2023 to July 2023		July 2022 to July 2023	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,306,300	2,303,400	2,253,400	2,900	0.13%	52,900	2.35%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	417,000	416,100	396,400	900	0.22%	20,600	5.20%
Columbia MSA	419,600	417,600	415,300	2,000	0.48%	4,300	1.04%
Florence MSA	96,400	96,200	93,700	200	0.21%	2,700	2.88%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	458,300	459,200	452,100	-900	-0.20%	6,200	1.37%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	86,900	86,900	85,300	0	0.00%	1,600	1.88%
Myrtle Beach MSA	191,000	190,700	184,200	300	0.16%	6,800	3.69%
Spartanburg MSA	171,800	171,300	167,700	500	0.29%	4,100	2.44%
Sumter MSA	39,700	39,700	39,400	0	0.00%	300	0.76%

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
South Carolina & Metropolitan Not Seasonally Adjusted
July-23

Area	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022	June 2023 to July 2023		July 2022 to July 2023	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,306,500	2,315,600	2,250,900	-9,100	-0.39%	55,600	2.47%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	418,700	419,300	398,700	-600	-0.14%	20,000	5.02%
Columbia MSA	417,300	416,400	411,100	900	0.22%	6,200	1.51%
Florence MSA	96,300	96,500	92,800	-200	-0.21%	3,500	3.77%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	454,800	460,000	448,000	-5,200	-1.13%	6,800	1.52%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	89,200	88,900	87,100	300	0.34%	2,100	2.41%
Myrtle Beach MSA	197,400	198,800	191,200	-1,400	-0.70%	6,200	3.24%
Spartanburg MSA	170,200	171,600	165,100	-1,400	-0.82%	5,100	3.09%
Sumter MSA	39,700	39,800	39,100	-100	-0.25%	600	1.53%

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

AREA	July 2023				June 2023				July 2022				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)	
Marlboro County	↑	7,474	6,832	642	8.6	7,563	6,935	628	8.3	8,204	7,685	519	6.3
Bamberg County	↑	4,616	4,284	332	7.2	4,636	4,348	288	6.2	4,411	4,148	263	6.0
Allendale County	↑	2,335	2,191	144	6.2	2,349	2,205	144	6.1	2,231	2,093	138	6.2
Cherokee County	↑	23,021	21,691	1,330	5.8	23,364	22,267	1,097	4.7	23,240	22,223	1,017	4.4
Orangeburg County	↑	33,336	31,409	1,927	5.8	33,549	31,780	1,769	5.3	31,677	29,956	1,721	5.4
Williamsburg County	↑	10,813	10,182	631	5.8	10,746	10,171	575	5.4	10,866	10,320	546	5.0
Marion County	↑	13,024	12,311	713	5.5	12,955	12,291	664	5.1	12,658	12,028	630	5.0
Dillon County	↑	13,139	12,430	709	5.4	13,462	12,792	670	5.0	12,445	11,853	592	4.8
Fairfield County	↑	9,548	9,080	468	4.9	9,384	8,938	446	4.8	9,221	8,785	436	4.7
Barnwell County	↑	7,851	7,474	377	4.8	7,843	7,471	372	4.7	7,536	7,182	354	4.7
Chester County	↑	14,189	13,508	681	4.8	14,095	13,431	664	4.7	13,337	12,745	592	4.4
Clarendon County	-	11,953	11,383	570	4.8	12,323	11,733	590	4.8	11,426	10,939	487	4.3
Union County	↓	11,656	11,099	557	4.8	11,616	11,049	567	4.9	11,234	10,606	628	5.6
Abbeville County	↓	9,417	8,993	424	4.5	9,658	9,183	475	4.9	9,198	8,807	391	4.3
Lee County	↓	6,664	6,379	285	4.3	6,592	6,303	289	4.4	6,474	6,167	307	4.7
Sumter County	-	43,646	41,831	1,815	4.2	43,135	41,339	1,796	4.2	42,078	40,442	1,636	3.9
Calhoun County	↑	6,656	6,393	263	4.0	6,545	6,287	258	3.9	6,420	6,185	235	3.7
Chesterfield County	-	21,951	21,064	887	4.0	21,680	20,808	872	4.0	21,346	20,597	749	3.5
Darlington County	↑	31,487	30,231	1,256	4.0	31,057	29,841	1,216	3.9	29,826	28,677	1,149	3.9
Greenwood County	↓	29,489	28,312	1,177	4.0	30,409	28,912	1,497	4.9	28,865	27,738	1,127	3.9
Colleton County	↑	16,748	16,102	646	3.9	16,576	15,957	619	3.7	15,947	15,377	570	3.6
Lancaster County	-	46,166	44,403	1,763	3.8	45,894	44,154	1,740	3.8	43,490	41,903	1,587	3.6
Hampton County	↑	8,087	7,790	297	3.7	8,097	7,832	265	3.3	7,711	7,448	263	3.4
Laurens County	↓	31,302	30,131	1,171	3.7	31,220	30,049	1,171	3.8	30,187	29,132	1,055	3.5
Aiken County	-	75,380	72,702	2,678	3.6	74,837	72,159	2,678	3.6	73,104	70,752	2,352	3.2
Georgetown County	↑	28,224	27,213	1,011	3.6	27,837	26,855	982	3.5	26,869	25,863	1,006	3.7
Horry County	↓	164,397	158,462	5,935	3.6	163,574	157,568	6,006	3.7	156,516	150,905	5,611	3.6
McCormick County	↓	3,397	3,275	122	3.6	3,466	3,319	147	4.2	3,450	3,321	129	3.7
Richland County	-	204,228	196,902	7,326	3.6	201,292	194,080	7,212	3.6	197,303	190,437	6,866	3.5
Spartanburg County	↑	161,099	155,348	5,751	3.6	160,315	154,694	5,621	3.5	153,713	148,434	5,279	3.4
Edgefield County	↓	10,566	10,194	372	3.5	10,480	10,096	384	3.7	10,259	9,921	338	3.3
Florence County	-	69,659	67,187	2,472	3.5	68,787	66,369	2,418	3.5	65,984	63,713	2,271	3.4
Kershaw County	-	30,419	29,344	1,075	3.5	29,949	28,888	1,061	3.5	29,399	28,387	1,012	3.4
Pickens County	-	60,303	58,197	2,106	3.5	60,173	58,080	2,093	3.5	58,222	56,259	1,963	3.4
Anderson County	↑	95,158	91,935	3,223	3.4	94,868	91,752	3,116	3.3	91,797	88,880	2,917	3.2
Beaufort County	-	81,839	79,037	2,802	3.4	80,385	77,684	2,701	3.4	78,313	75,772	2,541	3.2
Newberry County	-	19,614	18,947	667	3.4	19,445	18,783	662	3.4	19,070	18,510	560	2.9
Oconee County	-	35,857	34,623	1,234	3.4	36,443	35,220	1,223	3.4	33,847	32,719	1,128	3.3
Jasper County	↑	14,062	13,601	461	3.3	13,784	13,351	433	3.1	13,481	13,045	436	3.2
Saluda County	↓	8,754	8,464	290	3.3	8,597	8,290	307	3.6	8,437	8,197	240	2.8
York County	-	156,803	151,599	5,204	3.3	155,912	150,811	5,101	3.3	147,805	143,038	4,767	3.2
Berkeley County	-	118,875	115,142	3,733	3.1	117,647	113,958	3,689	3.1	111,337	107,899	3,438	3.1
Greenville County	↓	270,248	261,822	8,426	3.1	269,847	261,346	8,501	3.2	260,701	253,117	7,584	2.9
Dorchester County	-	86,188	83,604	2,584	3.0	85,273	82,731	2,542	3.0	80,741	78,357	2,384	3.0
Lexington County	-	156,576	151,950	4,626	3.0	154,239	149,652	4,587	3.0	151,211	146,974	4,237	2.8
Charleston County	-	233,023	226,380	6,643	2.9	230,509	223,933	6,576	2.9	218,461	212,281	6,180	2.8
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	-	438,086	425,126	12,960	3.0	433,429	420,622	12,807	3.0	410,539	398,537	12,002	2.9
Columbia MSA	-	416,181	402,133	14,048	3.4	410,006	396,135	13,871	3.4	401,991	388,965	13,026	3.2
Florence MSA	↑	101,146	97,418	3,728	3.7	99,844	96,210	3,634	3.6	95,810	92,390	3,420	3.6
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	-	457,011	442,085	14,926	3.3	456,108	441,227	14,881	3.3	440,907	427,388	13,519	3.1
Hilton Head Island- Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	↑	95,901	92,638	3,263	3.4	94,169	91,035	3,134	3.3	91,794	88,817	2,977	3.2
Myrtle Beach-Conway- North Myrtle Beach, SC- NC MSA	↓	225,625	217,246	8,379	3.7	224,564	215,997	8,567	3.8	216,645	208,342	8,303	3.8
Spartanburg MSA	↑	172,755	166,447	6,308	3.7	171,931	165,743	6,188	3.6	164,947	159,040	5,907	3.6
Sumter MSA	-	43,646	41,831	1,815	4.2	43,135	41,339	1,796	4.2	42,078	40,442	1,636	3.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	-	2,447,980	2,370,882	77,098	3.1	2,433,602	2,357,501	76,101	3.1	2,377,358	2,300,379	76,979	3.2

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

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