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South Carolina's Employment Situation June 2021

I. Household Survey¹

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working increased significantly to 2,289,714.

- That is a notable increase of 12,209 people over the May 2021 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 80,654 people over the June 2020 estimate.

Unemployment: Unemployment estimates decreased to 107,035 people.

- That is a decrease of 3,402 people from the May 2021 estimate and a substantial decrease of 76,827 over the June 2020 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.5 percent in June from 4.6 percent in May.

Nationally, the unemployment rate increased to 5.9 percent in June from 5.8 percent in May.

Labor force: The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,396,749.

- That is an increase of 8,807 people over the May 2021 estimate.
- That is an increase of 3,827 individuals over the June 2020 estimate.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted³)

The Current Employment Survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an increase of 6,300 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,118,800.

- Industries reporting gains were Education and Health Services (+1,800); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,800); Manufacturing (+1,000); Other Services (+1,000); Professional and Business Services (+800); Construction (+400); and Government (+400).

- Decreases were observed in the Financial Activities (-600) and Leisure and Hospitality (-400) industries.
- Information remained flat.

From June 2020 to June 2021, South Carolina’s economy has picked up 95,900 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with strong growth were reported in the Leisure and Hospitality (+26,000); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+21,800); Education and Health Services (+13,000); Professional and Business Services (+13,000); Government (+8,700); Manufacturing (+6,800); Construction (+4,900); Other Services (+2,200); and Information (+1,000).
- Financial Activities jobs declined (-1,600).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted²)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment climbed by 15,200 from May 2021 to June 2021 for a total of 2,137,300.

- Increases were reported in Leisure and Hospitality (+9,000); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+5,800); Construction (+1,400); Manufacturing (+1,400); Other Services (+1,300); Professional and Business Services (+1,100); Financial Activities (+700); Information (+200); and Mining and Logging (+100) industries.
- Decreases were reported in the Government (-5,400) and Education and Health Services (-400) industries.

Since June 2020, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 98,500 overall in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+28,700); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+22,300); Professional and Business Services (+14,500); Education and Health Services (+13,200); Government (+7,000); Manufacturing (+5,500); Construction (+5,400); Other Services (+2,300); Information (+1,200); and Mining and Logging (+100).
- Financial Activities jobs declined (-1,700).

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
June 2021

Area	June 2021	May 2021	June 2020	May 2021 to June 2021		June 2020 to June 2021	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,118,800	2,112,500	2,022,900	6,300	0.30%	95,900	4.74%
Construction	107,000	106,600	102,100	400	0.38%	4,900	4.80%
Manufacturing	247,400	246,400	240,600	1,000	0.41%	6,800	2.83%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	416,300	414,500	394,500	1,800	0.43%	21,800	5.53%
Information	25,000	25,000	24,000	0	0.00%	1,000	4.17%
Financial Activities	103,200	103,800	104,800	-600	-0.58%	-1,600	-1.53%
Professional and Business Services	283,900	283,100	270,900	800	0.28%	13,000	4.80%
Education and Health Services	256,500	254,700	243,500	1,800	0.71%	13,000	5.34%
Leisure and Hospitality	236,300	236,700	210,300	-400	-0.17%	26,000	12.36%
Other Services	75,400	74,400	73,200	1,000	1.34%	2,200	3.01%
Government	363,300	362,900	354,600	400	0.11%	8,700	2.45%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
June 2021

Area	June 2021	May 2021	June 2020	May 2021 to June 2021		June 2020 to June 2021	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm	2,137,300	2,122,100	2,038,800	15,200	0.72%	98,500	4.83%
Mining and Logging	4,500	4,400	4,400	100	2.27%	100	2.27%
Construction	109,100	107,700	103,700	1,400	1.30%	5,400	5.21%
Manufacturing	247,100	245,700	241,600	1,400	0.57%	5,500	2.28%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	418,400	412,600	396,100	5,800	1.41%	22,300	5.63%
Information	25,200	25,000	24,000	200	0.80%	1,200	5.00%
Financial Activities	104,000	103,300	105,700	700	0.68%	-1,700	-1.61%
Professional and Business Services	284,600	283,500	270,100	1,100	0.39%	14,500	5.37%
Education and Health Services	254,700	255,100	241,500	-400	-0.16%	13,200	5.47%
Leisure and Hospitality	253,200	244,200	224,500	9,000	3.69%	28,700	12.78%
Other Services	76,200	74,900	73,900	1,300	1.74%	2,300	3.11%
Government	360,300	365,700	353,300	-5,400	-1.48%	7,000	1.98%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted

June 2021

Area	June 2021	May 2021	June 2020	May 2021 to June 2021		June 2020 to June 2021	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	2,118,800	2,112,500	2,022,900	6,300	0.30%	95,900	4.74%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	365,000	363,200	341,800	1,800	0.50%	23,200	6.79%
Columbia MSA	388,400	389,000	379,100	-600	-0.15%	9,300	2.45%
Florence MSA	88,500	88,200	86,000	300	0.34%	2,500	2.91%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	416,000	414,900	395,200	1,100	0.27%	20,800	5.26%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	83,700	83,300	77,500	400	0.48%	6,200	8.00%
Myrtle Beach MSA	164,600	166,600	155,200	-2,000	-1.20%	9,400	6.06%
Spartanburg MSA	165,400	164,700	157,900	700	0.43%	7,500	4.75%
Sumter MSA	38,200	38,400	36,700	-200	-0.52%	1,500	4.09%

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

June 2021

Area	June 2021	May 2021	June 2020	May 2021 to June 2021		June 2020 to June 2021	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	2,137,300	2,122,100	2,038,800	15,200	0.72%	98,500	4.83%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	369,300	366,100	345,300	3,200	0.87%	24,000	6.95%
Columbia MSA	388,900	390,300	378,500	-1,400	-0.36%	10,400	2.75%
Florence MSA	89,200	88,900	86,200	300	0.34%	3,000	3.48%
Greenville MSA	418,700	415,100	397,200	3,600	0.87%	21,500	5.41%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	85,900	84,100	79,800	1,800	2.14%	6,100	7.64%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	174,500	171,600	165,200	2,900	1.69%	9,300	5.63%
Spartanburg MSA	165,500	164,800	157,300	700	0.42%	8,200	5.21%
Sumter MSA	38,300	38,500	36,800	-200	-0.52%	1,500	4.08%

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

AREA		June 2021				May 2021				June 2020			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
				LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)
Bamberg County	↑	4,756	4,344	412	8.7	4,749	4,425	324	6.8	4,881	4,355	526	10.8
Allendale County	↑	2,569	2,359	210	8.2	2,551	2,379	172	6.7	2,686	2,411	275	10.2
Marlboro County	↑	9,437	8,681	756	8.0	9,262	8,650	612	6.6	9,646	8,463	1,183	12.3
Orangeburg County	↑	33,974	31,249	2,725	8.0	33,430	31,212	2,218	6.6	35,537	31,652	3,885	10.9
Marion County	↑	13,686	12,739	947	6.9	13,424	12,666	758	5.6	13,624	12,367	1,257	9.2
Union County	↑	12,292	11,438	854	6.9	12,005	11,304	701	5.8	12,364	10,958	1,406	11.4
Barnwell County	↑	7,879	7,344	535	6.8	7,755	7,314	441	5.7	8,125	7,474	651	8.0
Chester County	↑	13,815	12,895	920	6.7	13,475	12,764	711	5.3	13,938	12,349	1,589	11.4
Williamsburg County	↑	11,458	10,689	769	6.7	11,254	10,615	639	5.7	12,362	11,166	1,196	9.7
Fairfield County	↑	9,645	9,050	595	6.2	9,533	9,038	495	5.2	9,778	8,833	945	9.7
Dillon County	↑	13,853	13,012	841	6.1	13,657	12,947	710	5.2	13,588	12,669	919	6.8
Lee County	↑	6,887	6,479	408	5.9	6,812	6,484	328	4.8	6,971	6,360	611	8.8
Cherokee County	↑	24,556	23,148	1,408	5.7	23,810	22,650	1,160	4.9	25,609	23,067	2,542	9.9
Horry County	↑	154,883	146,567	8,316	5.4	150,050	143,393	6,657	4.4	155,131	139,794	15,337	9.9
Clarendon County	↑	12,973	12,290	683	5.3	12,932	12,376	556	4.3	12,910	11,866	1,044	8.1
McCormick County	↑	3,411	3,230	181	5.3	3,356	3,215	141	4.2	3,437	3,161	276	8.0
Abbeville County	↑	9,858	9,345	513	5.2	9,709	9,314	395	4.1	10,304	9,451	853	8.3
Chesterfield County	↑	21,843	20,722	1,121	5.1	21,638	20,770	868	4.0	22,124	20,433	1,691	7.6
Darlington County	↑	30,763	29,183	1,580	5.1	30,224	29,004	1,220	4.0	30,966	28,385	2,581	8.3
Georgetown County	↑	26,708	25,347	1,361	5.1	25,893	24,802	1,091	4.2	27,155	24,795	2,360	8.7
Greenwood County	↑	30,776	29,196	1,580	5.1	30,438	29,154	1,284	4.2	32,099	29,583	2,516	7.8
Calhoun County	↑	6,643	6,313	330	5.0	6,579	6,311	268	4.1	6,639	6,135	504	7.6
Sumter County	↑	44,113	41,886	2,227	5.0	43,646	41,866	1,780	4.1	44,051	40,592	3,459	7.9
Lancaster County	↑	43,226	41,162	2,064	4.8	42,333	40,715	1,618	3.8	43,267	39,373	3,894	9.0
Laurens County	↑	30,620	29,149	1,471	4.8	29,927	28,734	1,193	4.0	30,433	27,799	2,634	8.7
Colleton County	↑	17,170	16,385	785	4.6	16,863	16,215	648	3.8	17,003	15,783	1,220	7.2
Richland County	↑	200,146	190,961	9,185	4.6	197,660	190,247	7,413	3.8	202,837	187,633	15,204	7.5
Florence County	↑	67,975	64,895	3,080	4.5	66,795	64,328	2,467	3.7	67,868	63,161	4,707	6.9
Spartanburg County	↑	162,253	154,966	7,287	4.5	159,028	153,176	5,852	3.7	162,243	148,678	13,565	8.4
Oconee County	↑	35,815	34,226	1,589	4.4	35,086	33,894	1,192	3.4	36,080	33,738	2,342	6.5
Anderson County	↑	92,346	88,413	3,933	4.3	90,173	87,073	3,100	3.4	91,540	84,571	6,969	7.6
Kershaw County	↑	29,702	28,465	1,237	4.2	29,376	28,419	957	3.3	29,698	27,794	1,904	6.4
York County	↑	146,513	140,401	6,112	4.2	143,562	138,733	4,829	3.4	146,386	134,439	11,947	8.2
Berkeley County	↑	108,551	104,146	4,405	4.1	106,200	102,512	3,688	3.5	106,171	98,565	7,606	7.2
Pickens County	↑	58,401	55,986	2,415	4.1	56,965	55,113	1,852	3.3	57,442	53,510	3,932	6.8
Dorchester County	↑	80,208	76,992	3,216	4.0	78,523	75,798	2,725	3.5	78,798	72,803	5,995	7.6
Charleston County	↑	218,091	209,523	8,568	3.9	213,096	206,246	6,850	3.2	215,364	197,452	17,912	8.3
Greenville County	↑	259,692	249,569	10,123	3.9	253,731	245,711	8,020	3.2	257,907	238,882	19,025	7.4
Hampton County	↑	8,485	8,151	334	3.9	8,419	8,150	269	3.2	8,445	7,914	531	6.3
Newberry County	↑	19,946	19,175	771	3.9	19,813	19,214	599	3.0	19,394	18,271	1,123	5.8
Aiken County	↑	76,964	74,036	2,928	3.8	75,375	73,124	2,251	3.0	75,934	71,342	4,592	6.0
Edgefield County	↑	11,053	10,633	420	3.8	10,856	10,538	318	2.9	10,824	10,154	670	6.2
Beaufort County	↑	82,409	79,336	3,073	3.7	79,775	77,442	2,333	2.9	79,473	74,216	5,257	6.6
Saluda County	↑	8,910	8,584	326	3.7	8,900	8,655	245	2.8	8,672	8,208	464	5.4
Jasper County	↑	13,806	13,313	493	3.6	13,388	13,007	381	2.8	13,144	12,309	835	6.4
Lexington County	↑	151,881	146,597	5,284	3.5	150,265	146,203	4,062	2.7	151,784	143,342	8,442	5.6
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↑	406,850	390,661	16,189	4.0	397,819	384,556	13,263	3.3	400,333	368,820	31,513	7.9
Columbia MSA	↑	406,927	389,970	16,957	4.2	402,313	388,873	13,440	3.3	409,408	381,945	27,463	6.7
Florence MSA	↑	98,738	94,078	4,660	4.7	97,019	93,332	3,687	3.8	98,834	91,546	7,288	7.4
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↑	441,059	423,117	17,942	4.1	430,796	416,631	14,165	3.3	437,322	404,762	32,560	7.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,396,749	2,289,714	107,035	4.5	2,387,942	2,277,505	110,437	4.6	2,392,922	2,209,060	183,862	7.7

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

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