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South Carolina's Employment Situation June 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 2,357,445.

- That is a significant increase of 12,560 people over the May 2023 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 53,300 people over the June 2022 estimate.

Unemployment: The estimate of unemployed people increased to 76,138.

- That is an increase of 517 people from May's estimate and an increase of 320 from the June 2022 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.1 percent.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased from May's rate of 3.7 percent to 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 2,433,583.

- That is a significant increase of 13,077 people over the May estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 53,620 individuals over the June 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 6,200 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,304,100.

- Industries reporting gains were Government (+3,700); Education and Health Services (+1,900); Construction (+1,500); Other Services (+800); Financial Activities (+700); and Information (+600).
- Leisure and Hospitality (-1,400); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-800); Manufacturing (-500); and Professional and Business Services (-300) industries declined.

From June 2022 to June 2023, South Carolina's economy has picked up 62,900 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with strong growth were Education and Health Services (+15,900); Leisure and Hospitality (+14,000); Government (+7,400); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+7,000); Professional and Business Services (+5,300); Financial Activities (+5,300); Construction (+3,000); Information (+2,200); Other Services (+2,100); and Manufacturing (+600).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted⁴)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 8,500 from May 2023 to June 2023 for a total of 2,313,200.

- Leisure and Hospitality (+6,100); Construction (+2,300); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,800); Financial Activities (+1,300); Other Services (+1,200); Information (+1,000); Manufacturing (+100); and Mining and Logging (+100) industries increased over the month.
- Government (-3,000) and Professional and Business Services (-2,400) industries marked declines.
- The Education and Health Services industry show no change over the month.

Since June 2022, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 65,100 in South Carolina.

Industries making strong annual gains were Educational and Health Services (+16,700); Leisure and Hospitality (+15,500); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+8,700); Government (+6,700); Professional and Business Services (+5,600); Financial Activities (+4,900); Information (+2,500); Construction (+2,100); Other Services (+1,400); Manufacturing (+800); and Mining and Logging (+200).

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

June-23

Jobs by Industry	June 2023	May 2023	June 2022	May 2023 to June 2023		June 2022 to June 2023	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,304,100	2,297,900	2,241,200	6,200	0.27%	62,900	2.81%
Construction	111,600	110,100	108,600	1,500	1.36%	3,000	2.76%
Manufacturing	261,900	262,400	261,300	-500	-0.19%	600	0.23%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	440,000	440,800	433,000	-800	-0.18%	7,000	1.62%
Information	32,400	31,800	30,200	600	1.89%	2,200	7.28%
Financial Activities	122,800	122,100	117,500	700	0.57%	5,300	4.51%
Professional and Business Services	314,600	314,900	309,300	-300	-0.10%	5,300	1.71%
Education and Health Services	280,000	278,100	264,100	1,900	0.68%	15,900	6.02%
Leisure and Hospitality	277,400	278,800	263,400	-1,400	-0.50%	14,000	5.32%
Other Services	84,100	83,300	82,000	800	0.96%	2,100	2.56%
Government	374,800	371,100	367,400	3,700	1.00%	7,400	2.01%

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

June-23

Industry	June 2023	May 2023	June 2022	May 2023 to June 2023		June 2022 to June 2023	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,313,200	2,304,700	2,248,100	8,500	0.37%	65,100	2.90%
Mining and Logging	4,600	4,500	4,400	100	2.22%	200	4.55%
Construction	112,200	109,900	110,100	2,300	2.09%	2,100	1.91%
Manufacturing	262,100	262,000	261,300	100	0.04%	800	0.31%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	441,400	439,600	432,700	1,800	0.41%	8,700	2.01%
Information	32,900	31,900	30,400	1,000	3.13%	2,500	8.22%
Financial Activities	123,300	122,000	118,400	1,300	1.07%	4,900	4.14%
Professional and Business Services	312,000	314,400	306,400	-2,400	-0.76%	5,600	1.83%
Education and Health Services	278,200	278,200	261,500	0	0.00%	16,700	6.39%
Leisure and Hospitality	290,900	284,800	275,400	6,100	2.14%	15,500	5.63%
Other Services	84,100	82,900	82,700	1,200	1.45%	1,400	1.69%
Government	371,500	374,500	364,800	-3,000	-0.80%	6,700	1.84%

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA
South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted

June-23

INDUSTRY TITLE	June 2023	May 2023	June 2022	May 2023 to June 2023		June 2022 to June 2023	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,304,100	2,297,900	2,241,200	6,200	0.27%	62,900	2.81%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	416,100	415,200	393,200	900	0.22%	22,900	5.82%
Columbia MSA	417,200	418,200	412,500	-1,000	-0.24%	4,700	1.14%
Florence MSA	95,800	95,400	93,600	400	0.42%	2,200	2.35%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	459,100	459,500	449,100	-400	-0.09%	10,000	2.23%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	86,700	86,600	84,600	100	0.12%	2,100	2.48%
Myrtle Beach MSA	190,300	190,500	181,700	-200	-0.10%	8,600	4.73%
Spartanburg MSA	171,100	171,200	166,000	-100	-0.06%	5,100	3.07%
Sumter MSA	39,600	39,200	39,200	400	1.02%	400	1.02%

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Not Seasonally Adjusted

June-23

Area	June 2023	May 2023	June 2022	May 2023 to June 2023		June 2022 to June 2023	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,313,200	2,304,700	2,248,100	8,500	0.37%	65,100	2.90%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	419,300	416,900	394,600	2,400	0.58%	24,700	6.26%
Columbia MSA	416,400	419,100	410,900	-2,700	-0.64%	5,500	1.34%
Florence MSA	96,100	95,900	93,700	200	0.21%	2,400	2.56%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	458,500	458,700	447,700	-200	-0.04%	10,800	2.41%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	88,600	87,500	86,200	1,100	1.26%	2,400	2.78%
Myrtle Beach MSA	197,300	194,600	189,100	2,700	1.39%	8,200	4.34%
Spartanburg MSA	171,500	171,600	165,900	-100	-0.06%	5,600	3.38%
Sumter MSA	39,700	39,400	39,200	300	0.76%	500	1.28%

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

AREA	June 2023				May 2023				June 2022				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)	
Marlboro County	↑	7,468	6,838	630	8.4	7,315	6,817	498	6.8	8,256	7,741	515	6.2
Bamberg County	↑	4,656	4,368	288	6.2	4,609	4,376	233	5.1	4,640	4,370	270	5.8
Allendale County	↑	2,407	2,263	144	6.0	2,364	2,255	109	4.6	2,279	2,144	135	5.9
Orangeburg County	↑	33,551	31,778	1,773	5.3	33,187	31,840	1,347	4.1	32,948	31,209	1,739	5.3
Williamsburg County	↑	10,918	10,341	577	5.3	10,731	10,272	459	4.3	11,076	10,507	569	5.1
Marion County	↑	13,023	12,357	666	5.1	12,828	12,290	538	4.2	12,789	12,149	640	5.0
Abbeville County	↑	9,578	9,102	476	5.0	9,499	9,127	372	3.9	9,513	9,095	418	4.4
Dillon County	↑	13,365	12,693	672	5.0	13,098	12,542	556	4.2	13,071	12,470	601	4.6
Greenwood County	↑	30,154	28,654	1,500	5.0	29,964	28,709	1,255	4.2	29,822	28,643	1,179	4.0
Union County	↑	11,628	11,061	567	4.9	11,432	11,000	432	3.8	11,229	10,690	539	4.8
Clarendon County	↑	12,303	11,712	591	4.8	12,155	11,707	448	3.7	12,209	11,698	511	4.2
Fairfield County	↑	9,403	8,956	447	4.8	9,306	8,964	342	3.7	9,270	8,818	452	4.9
Barnwell County	↑	7,903	7,530	373	4.7	7,777	7,471	306	3.9	7,633	7,267	366	4.8
Chester County	↑	14,086	13,422	664	4.7	13,720	13,220	500	3.6	13,406	12,830	576	4.3
Cherokee County	↑	23,987	22,887	1,100	4.6	23,633	22,734	899	3.8	24,223	23,197	1,026	4.2
Lee County	↑	6,512	6,222	290	4.5	6,429	6,182	247	3.8	6,456	6,144	312	4.8
McCormick County	↑	3,506	3,359	147	4.2	3,461	3,345	116	3.4	3,518	3,380	138	3.9
Sumter County	↑	43,174	41,372	1,802	4.2	42,465	40,966	1,499	3.5	42,392	40,690	1,702	4.0
Chesterfield County	↑	21,918	21,043	875	4.0	21,626	21,019	607	2.8	21,418	20,620	798	3.7
Calhoun County	↑	6,559	6,300	259	3.9	6,512	6,311	201	3.1	6,451	6,216	235	3.6
Darlington County	↑	31,017	29,798	1,219	3.9	30,537	29,598	939	3.1	30,180	29,017	1,163	3.9
Colleton County	↑	16,475	15,854	621	3.8	16,221	15,731	490	3.0	15,950	15,356	594	3.7
Lancaster County	↑	45,869	44,127	1,742	3.8	44,834	43,489	1,345	3.0	43,844	42,190	1,654	3.8
Laurens County	↑	31,195	30,020	1,175	3.8	30,831	29,891	940	3.0	30,348	29,234	1,114	3.7
Edgefield County	↑	10,456	10,070	386	3.7	10,327	10,010	317	3.1	10,348	9,997	351	3.4
Horry County	↑	162,752	156,731	6,021	3.7	158,732	153,908	4,824	3.0	156,054	150,059	5,995	3.8
Aiken County	↑	74,628	71,954	2,674	3.6	73,529	71,423	2,106	2.9	73,685	71,133	2,552	3.5
Georgetown County	↑	27,374	26,389	985	3.6	26,740	25,956	784	2.9	26,869	25,829	1,040	3.9
Richland County	↑	201,702	194,473	7,229	3.6	200,371	194,504	5,867	2.9	197,990	190,914	7,076	3.6
Saluda County	↑	8,615	8,307	308	3.6	8,556	8,328	228	2.7	8,536	8,269	267	3.1
Florence County	↑	68,700	66,274	2,426	3.5	67,771	65,874	1,897	2.8	66,749	64,464	2,285	3.4
Kershaw County	↑	30,006	28,946	1,060	3.5	29,802	28,972	830	2.8	29,562	28,499	1,063	3.6
Pickens County	↑	60,122	58,022	2,100	3.5	59,509	57,759	1,750	2.9	58,450	56,428	2,022	3.5
Spartanburg County	↑	160,483	154,847	5,636	3.5	158,251	153,926	4,325	2.7	154,970	149,545	5,425	3.5
Beaufort County	↑	80,311	77,607	2,704	3.4	78,531	76,524	2,007	2.6	78,125	75,456	2,669	3.4
Newberry County	↑	19,530	18,866	664	3.4	19,338	18,841	497	2.6	19,274	18,685	589	3.1
Oconee County	↑	35,986	34,761	1,225	3.4	35,442	34,548	894	2.5	34,544	33,374	1,170	3.4
Anderson County	↑	94,786	91,660	3,126	3.3	93,696	91,208	2,488	2.7	92,162	89,123	3,039	3.3
Hampton County	↑	8,164	7,898	266	3.3	8,047	7,839	208	2.6	8,016	7,761	255	3.2
York County	↑	155,830	150,719	5,111	3.3	152,611	148,542	4,069	2.7	148,955	143,988	4,967	3.3
Greenville County	↑	269,605	261,082	8,523	3.2	266,595	259,771	6,824	2.6	261,725	253,767	7,958	3.0
Jasper County	↑	13,775	13,341	434	3.2	13,535	13,216	319	2.4	13,504	13,046	458	3.4
Berkeley County	↑	117,879	114,178	3,701	3.1	115,818	112,866	2,952	2.5	110,652	107,083	3,569	3.2
Dorchester County	↑	85,434	82,890	2,544	3.0	84,004	81,958	2,046	2.4	80,271	77,787	2,484	3.1
Lexington County	↑	154,555	149,955	4,600	3.0	153,731	150,091	3,640	2.4	151,986	147,510	4,476	2.9
Charleston County	↑	230,954	224,365	6,589	2.9	227,244	222,101	5,143	2.3	217,472	210,987	6,485	3.0
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↑	434,267	421,433	12,834	3.0	427,066	416,925	10,141	2.4	408,395	395,857	12,538	3.1
Columbia MSA	↑	410,840	396,937	13,903	3.4	408,278	397,170	11,108	2.7	403,795	390,226	13,569	3.4
Florence MSA	↑	99,717	96,072	3,645	3.7	98,308	95,472	2,836	2.9	96,929	93,481	3,448	3.6
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↑	455,708	440,784	14,924	3.3	450,631	438,629	12,002	2.7	442,685	428,552	14,133	3.2
Hilton Head Island- Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	↑	94,086	90,948	3,138	3.3	92,066	89,740	2,326	2.5	91,629	88,502	3,127	3.4
Myrtle Beach-Conway- North Myrtle Beach, SC- NC MSA	↑	223,367	214,785	8,582	3.8	218,377	211,147	7,230	3.3	215,242	206,288	8,954	4.2
Spartanburg MSA	↑	172,111	165,908	6,203	3.6	169,683	164,926	4,757	2.8	166,199	160,235	5,964	3.6
Sumter MSA	↑	43,174	41,372	1,802	4.2	42,465	40,966	1,499	3.5	42,392	40,690	1,702	4.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	-	2,433,583	2,357,445	76,138	3.1	2,420,506	2,344,885	75,621	3.1	2,379,963	2,304,145	75,818	3.2

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

↑ Unemployment Rate Up
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