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South Carolina's Employment Situation September 2022

I. Household Survey¹ (Local Area Unemployment Statistics)

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working decreased to 2,315,768.

- That is a decrease of 4,431 people over the August estimate.
- That is an increase of 35,534 people over the September 2021 estimate.

Unemployment: The estimate of unemployed people increased to 75,424.

- That is an increase of 903 people from August's estimate and a decrease of 13,958 over the September 2021 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 3.2 percent from August's estimate of 3.1 percent.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased to 3.5 percent from August's estimate of 3.7 percent, according to the Current Population Survey.

Labor force: The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) decreased to 2,391,192 from August's level of 2,394,720.

- That is a decrease of 3,528 people over the August estimate.
- That is an increase of 21,576 individuals over the September 2021 estimate.

II. Employer Survey² (Current Employment Statistics)

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted³)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated decrease of 1,400 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,240,900.

- Industries that reported gains were Professional and Business Services (+1,600); Information (+600); Education and Health Services (+600); Financial Activities (+500); and Manufacturing (+100).
- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-3,400); Construction (-800); Government (-400); and Other Services (-200) industries declined.
- Leisure and Hospitality marked no change.

From September 2021 to September 2022, South Carolina's economy has picked up 91,100 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with strong growth were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+23,100); Leisure and Hospitality (+17,900); Professional and Business Services (+13,300); Manufacturing (+12,400); Education and Health Services (+8,100); Financial Activities (+6,900); Other Services (+5,800); Government (+3,200); and Information (+2,900).
- The Construction industry declined (-2,900).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted⁴)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 3,900 from August 2022 to September 2022 for a total of 2,239,900.

- Industries that reported gains were Government (+12,300); Education and Health Services (+1,500); Professional and Business Services (+1,300); and Information (+300).
- Leisure and Hospitality (-11,200); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-5,000); Construction (-2,200); Manufacturing (-500); Other Services (-300); and Financial Activities (-100); industries marked declines.
- The Mining and Logging industry showed no change over the month.

Since September 2021, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 93,700 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+23,300); Leisure and Hospitality (+19,000); Professional and Business Services (+13,600); Manufacturing (+12,300); Educational and Health Services (+9,500); Financial Activities (+7,500); Other Services (+6,400); Information (+2,900); Government (+2,500); and Mining and Logging (+400).
- The Construction (-3,700) industry showed a decline over the year.

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

September-22

Jobs by Industry	September 2022	August 2022	September 2021	August 2022 to September 2022		September 2021 to September 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,240,900	2,242,300	2,149,800	-1,400	-0.06%	91,100	4.24%
Construction	101,700	102,500	104,600	-800	-0.78%	-2,900	-2.77%
Manufacturing	260,800	260,700	248,400	100	0.04%	12,400	4.99%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	435,600	439,000	412,500	-3,400	-0.77%	23,100	5.60%
Information	30,700	30,100	27,800	600	1.99%	2,900	10.43%
Financial Activities	117,100	116,600	110,200	500	0.43%	6,900	6.26%
Professional and Business Services	307,400	305,800	294,100	1,600	0.52%	13,300	4.52%
Education and Health Services	260,900	260,300	252,800	600	0.23%	8,100	3.20%
Leisure and Hospitality	268,300	268,300	250,400	0	0.00%	17,900	7.15%
Other Services	82,900	83,100	77,100	-200	-0.24%	5,800	7.52%
Government	370,800	371,200	367,600	-400	-0.11%	3,200	0.87%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide

September-22

Industry	September 2022	August 2022	September 2021	August 2022 to September 2022		September 2021 to September 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,239,900	2,243,800	2,146,200	-3,900	-0.17%	93,700	4.37%
Mining and Logging	4,700	4,700	4,300	0	0.00%	400	9.30%
Construction	100,500	102,700	104,200	-2,200	-2.14%	-3,700	-3.55%
Manufacturing	261,100	261,600	248,800	-500	-0.19%	12,300	4.94%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	432,800	437,800	409,500	-5,000	-1.14%	23,300	5.69%
Information	30,600	30,300	27,700	300	0.99%	2,900	10.47%
Financial Activities	117,000	117,100	109,500	-100	-0.09%	7,500	6.85%
Professional and Business Services	305,600	304,300	292,000	1,300	0.43%	13,600	4.66%
Education and Health Services	261,400	259,900	251,900	1,500	0.58%	9,500	3.77%
Leisure and Hospitality	270,400	281,600	251,400	-11,200	-3.98%	19,000	7.56%
Other Services	83,500	83,800	77,100	-300	-0.36%	6,400	8.30%
Government	372,300	360,000	369,800	12,300	3.42%	2,500	0.68%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted

September-22

INDUSTRY TITLE	September 2022	August 2022	September 2021	August 2022 to September 2022		September 2021 to September 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,240,900	2,242,300	2,149,800	-1,400	-0.06%	91,100	4.24%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	396,000	396,400	374,300	-400	-0.10%	21,700	5.80%
Columbia MSA	406,100	404,800	396,400	1,300	0.32%	9,700	2.45%
Florence MSA	90,200	90,200	90,300	0	0.00%	-100	-0.11%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	444,100	444,600	427,200	-500	-0.11%	16,900	3.96%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	84,300	84,200	82,100	100	0.12%	2,200	2.68%
Myrtle Beach MSA	181,500	181,100	175,700	400	0.22%	5,800	3.30%
Spartanburg MSA	169,300	169,100	163,300	200	0.12%	6,000	3.67%
Sumter MSA	38,100	38,100	38,200	0	0.00%	-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

September-22

Area	September 2022	August 2022	September 2021	August 2022 to September 2022		September 2021 to September 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,239,900	2,243,800	2,146,200	-3,900	-0.17%	93,700	4.37%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	394,800	397,100	371,800	-2,300	-0.58%	23,000	6.19%
Columbia MSA	405,100	403,700	394,000	1,400	0.35%	11,100	2.82%
Florence MSA	90,200	90,100	90,000	100	0.11%	200	0.22%
Greenville MSA	444,100	443,600	425,200	500	0.11%	18,900	4.44%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	84,100	86,000	81,800	-1,900	-2.21%	2,300	2.81%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	182,800	185,700	176,200	-2,900	-1.56%	6,600	3.75%
Spartanburg MSA	169,900	168,700	162,800	1,200	0.71%	7,100	4.36%
Sumter MSA	37,800	37,800	38,000	0	0.00%	-200	-0.53%

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

AREA		September 2022				August 2022				September 2021			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)
Marlboro County	↓	8,437	7,900	537	6.4	8,491	7,881	610	7.2	8,786	8,142	644	7.3
Allendale County	↓	2,305	2,173	132	5.7	2,284	2,147	137	6.0	2,415	2,258	157	6.5
Bamberg County	↓	4,383	4,134	249	5.7	4,399	4,127	272	6.2	4,672	4,371	301	6.4
Orangeburg County	↓	32,385	30,649	1,736	5.4	32,270	30,426	1,844	5.7	33,860	31,653	2,207	6.5
Marion County	↓	12,729	12,101	628	4.9	12,785	12,106	679	5.3	12,906	12,149	757	5.9
Union County	↓	11,468	10,906	562	4.9	11,451	10,836	615	5.4	11,351	10,702	649	5.7
Barnwell County	↓	7,439	7,093	346	4.7	7,497	7,113	384	5.1	7,524	7,100	424	5.6
Fairfield County	↓	9,130	8,704	426	4.7	9,168	8,692	476	5.2	9,142	8,667	475	5.2
Williamsburg County	↓	10,685	10,191	494	4.6	10,807	10,231	576	5.3	11,055	10,477	578	5.2
Lee County	↓	6,315	6,029	286	4.5	6,357	6,040	317	5.0	6,538	6,215	323	4.9
Dillon County	↓	12,666	12,119	547	4.3	12,862	12,239	623	4.8	12,974	12,296	678	5.2
Chester County	↓	13,457	12,896	561	4.2	13,528	12,896	632	4.7	13,184	12,501	683	5.2
Cherokee County	↓	24,368	23,433	935	3.8	24,312	23,303	1,009	4.2	24,600	23,565	1,035	4.2
Clarendon County	↓	12,229	11,762	467	3.8	12,267	11,760	507	4.1	12,065	11,571	494	4.1
Sumter County	↓	40,860	39,358	1,502	3.7	41,035	39,443	1,592	3.9	42,097	40,461	1,636	3.9
Abbeville County	↓	9,372	9,030	342	3.6	9,354	8,970	384	4.1	9,525	9,148	377	4.0
Greenwood County	↓	29,436	28,390	1,046	3.6	29,383	28,284	1,099	3.7	29,980	28,816	1,164	3.9
McCormick County	↓	3,301	3,181	120	3.6	3,313	3,171	142	4.3	3,270	3,139	131	4.0
Horry County	↓	150,911	145,638	5,273	3.5	153,577	147,796	5,781	3.8	149,608	143,605	6,003	4.0
Calhoun County	↓	6,352	6,133	219	3.4	6,344	6,116	228	3.6	6,367	6,102	265	4.2
Chesterfield County	↓	21,249	20,519	730	3.4	21,235	20,439	796	3.7	21,499	20,634	865	4.0
Darlington County	↓	28,956	27,982	974	3.4	29,088	28,039	1,049	3.6	29,724	28,605	1,119	3.8
Georgetown County	↓	25,892	25,024	868	3.4	26,319	25,335	984	3.7	25,941	24,935	1,006	3.9
Lancaster County	↓	43,924	42,441	1,483	3.4	43,959	42,365	1,594	3.6	42,767	41,111	1,656	3.9
Edgefield County	↑	10,311	9,974	337	3.3	10,351	10,037	314	3.0	10,302	10,031	271	2.6
Colleton County	↓	15,820	15,310	510	3.2	15,890	15,340	550	3.5	16,094	15,542	552	3.4
Florence County	↓	64,313	62,299	2,014	3.1	64,440	62,259	2,181	3.4	65,817	63,588	2,229	3.4
Kershaw County	↓	29,036	28,132	904	3.1	29,052	28,089	963	3.3	28,919	28,014	905	3.1
Laurens County	↓	29,999	29,064	935	3.1	30,026	29,033	993	3.3	29,552	28,510	1,042	3.5
Richland County	↓	194,700	188,694	6,006	3.1	195,050	188,552	6,498	3.3	194,752	187,991	6,761	3.5
Aiken County	↓	73,249	71,124	2,125	2.9	73,904	71,712	2,192	3.0	73,631	71,629	2,002	2.7
Berkeley County	-	110,613	107,388	3,225	2.9	111,438	108,261	3,177	2.9	106,878	103,757	3,121	2.9
York County	↓	149,323	144,948	4,375	2.9	149,347	144,618	4,729	3.2	145,024	140,358	4,666	3.2
Anderson County	↓	91,184	88,639	2,545	2.8	91,423	88,629	2,794	3.1	89,600	86,978	2,622	2.9
Beaufort County	↓	76,117	73,959	2,158	2.8	77,697	75,357	2,340	3.0	75,520	73,442	2,078	2.8
Dorchester County	-	80,212	78,002	2,210	2.8	80,828	78,603	2,225	2.8	77,644	75,356	2,288	2.9
Oconee County	↓	33,985	33,027	958	2.8	34,050	32,982	1,068	3.1	33,986	33,002	984	2.9
Pickens County	↓	57,763	56,146	1,617	2.8	57,742	56,079	1,663	2.9	56,638	55,066	1,572	2.8
Spartanburg County	↓	157,044	152,593	4,451	2.8	156,594	151,747	4,847	3.1	154,883	149,794	5,089	3.3
Jasper County	↓	13,172	12,819	353	2.7	13,328	12,928	400	3.0	13,010	12,667	343	2.6
Saluda County	-	8,335	8,109	226	2.7	8,331	8,102	229	2.7	8,274	8,075	199	2.4
Greenville County	↓	259,168	252,429	6,739	2.6	259,541	252,421	7,120	2.7	254,880	247,701	7,179	2.8
Charleston County	↓	217,108	211,644	5,464	2.5	218,616	212,709	5,907	2.7	210,418	204,293	6,125	2.9
Hampton County	↓	7,929	7,731	198	2.5	8,024	7,805	219	2.7	7,973	7,744	229	2.9
Lexington County	↓	149,435	145,727	3,708	2.5	149,351	145,428	3,923	2.6	148,822	145,069	3,753	2.5
Newberry County	↓	19,028	18,550	478	2.5	19,041	18,551	490	2.6	19,047	18,546	501	2.6
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↓	407,933	397,034	10,899	2.7	410,882	399,573	11,309	2.8	394,940	383,406	11,534	2.9
Columbia MSA	↓	396,988	385,499	11,489	2.9	397,296	384,979	12,317	3.1	396,276	383,918	12,358	3.1
Florence MSA	↓	93,269	90,281	2,988	3.2	93,528	90,298	3,230	3.5	95,541	92,193	3,348	3.5
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↓	438,114	426,278	11,836	2.7	438,732	426,162	12,570	2.9	430,670	418,255	12,415	2.9
Hilton Head Island- Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	↓	89,289	86,778	2,511	2.8	91,025	88,285	2,740	3.0	88,530	86,109	2,421	2.7
Myrtle Beach-Conway- North Myrtle Beach, SC- NC MSA	↓	207,241	199,612	7,629	3.7	210,888	202,359	8,529	4.0	204,602	195,914	8,688	4.2
Spartanburg MSA	↓	168,512	163,499	5,013	3.0	168,045	162,583	5,462	3.3	166,234	160,496	5,738	3.5
Sumter MSA	↓	40,860	39,358	1,502	3.7	41,035	39,443	1,592	3.9	42,097	40,461	1,636	3.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↑	2,391,192	2,315,768	75,424	3.2	2,394,720	2,320,199	74,521	3.1	2,369,616	2,280,234	89,382	3.8

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