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South Carolina's Employment Situation October 2020

I. Household Survey¹

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working increased significantly to 2,286,351.

- That is a noteworthy increase of 27,830 people over September 2020.
- That is also a significant decrease of 40,461 people over October 2019.

Unemployment: Unemployment estimates declined significantly to 100,333 people.

- That is a substantial decrease of 24,787 people since September 2020 and a notable increase of 44,089 over October 2019.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.2 percent in October from September's revised estimate of 5.2 percent.

Nationally, the unemployment rate declined from 7.9 percent in September to 6.9 percent in October.

Labor force: The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,386,684.

- That is an increase of 3,043 people over September 2020.
- That is an increase of 3,628 individuals over October 2019.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted³)

The Current Employment Survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an increase of 11,700 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,124,800.

- Industries reporting gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+6,900); Education and Health Services (+3,300); Financial Services (+1,500); Construction (+1,200); Other Services (+700); Manufacturing (+400); and Government (+200).
- Decreases were noticed in the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-2,400); Information and Professional and Business Services (-100) industries respectively.

From October 2019 to October 2020, South Carolina's economy has lost 77,700 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs.

- Only the Other Services (+4,100); Construction (+2,800); and Financial Activities (+100) industries reported gains over the year.
- Decreases were reported in Leisure and Hospitality (-43,100); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-13,100); Education and Health Services (-12,300); Government (-10,000); Professional and Business Services (-4,400); Information (-1,000); and Manufacturing (-600).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted²)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 20,100 from September 2020 to October 2020 for a total of 2,128,400.

- Industries reporting growth during this period were Education and Health Services (+4,800); Leisure and Hospitality (+4,800); Professional and Business Services (+4,300); Government (+3,100); Construction (+2,000); Financial Activities (+600); Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+500); Manufacturing (+200); and Mining and Logging (+100).
- Industries reporting declines were Information (-200) and Other Services (-100).

Since October 2019, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were down 75,700 overall in South Carolina.

- Only the Other Services (+3,400) and Construction (+2,900) industries showed annual gains.
- Industries recording an over the year loss are Leisure and Hospitality (-43,500); Education and Health Services (-11,900); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-11,800); Government (-10,200); Professional and Business Services (-1,900); Information (-1,100); Financial Activities (-900); Manufacturing (-500); and Mining and Logging (-200).

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

October

Area	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020 to October 2020		October 2019 to October 2020	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,124,800	2,113,100	2,202,500	11,700	0.55%	-77,700	-3.53%
Construction	111,300	110,100	108,500	1,200	1.09%	2,800	2.58%
Manufacturing	257,700	257,300	258,300	400	0.16%	-600	-0.23%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	397,300	399,700	410,400	-2,400	-0.60%	-13,100	-3.19%
Information	25,700	25,800	26,700	-100	-0.39%	-1,000	-3.75%
Financial Activities	105,400	103,900	105,300	1,500	1.44%	100	0.09%
Professional and Business Services	295,100	295,200	299,500	-100	-0.03%	-4,400	-1.47%
Education and Health Services	246,800	243,500	259,100	3,300	1.36%	-12,300	-4.75%
Leisure and Hospitality	232,900	226,000	276,000	6,900	3.05%	-43,100	-15.62%
Other Services	84,500	83,800	80,400	700	0.84%	4,100	5.10%
Government	363,800	363,600	373,800	200	0.06%	-10,000	-2.68%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide

October

Area	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020 to October 2020		October 2019 to October 2020	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm	2,128,400	2,108,300	2,204,100	20,100	0.95%	-75,700	-3.43%
Mining and Logging	4,300	4,200	4,500	100	2.38%	-200	-4.44%
Construction	111,800	109,800	108,900	2,000	1.82%	2,900	2.66%
Manufacturing	256,700	256,500	257,200	200	0.08%	-500	-0.19%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	397,800	397,300	409,600	500	0.13%	-11,800	-2.88%
Information	25,400	25,600	26,500	-200	-0.78%	-1,100	-4.15%
Financial Activities	104,700	104,100	105,600	600	0.58%	-900	-0.85%
Professional and Business Services	298,400	294,100	300,300	4,300	1.46%	-1,900	-0.63%
Education and Health Services	249,200	244,400	261,100	4,800	1.96%	-11,900	-4.56%
Leisure and Hospitality	229,400	224,600	272,900	4,800	2.14%	-43,500	-15.94%
Other Services	83,500	83,600	80,100	-100	-0.12%	3,400	4.24%
Government	367,200	364,100	377,400	3,100	0.85%	-10,200	-2.70%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted

October

Area	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020 to October 2020		October 2019 to October 2020	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,124,800	2,113,100	2,202,500	11,700	0.55%	-77,700	-3.53%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	352,500	350,900	375,000	1,600	0.46%	-22,500	-6.00%
Columbia MSA	389,800	388,600	405,200	1,200	0.31%	-15,400	-3.80%
Florence MSA	88,700	88,800	92,700	-100	-0.11%	-4,000	-4.31%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	424,500	425,200	434,700	-700	-0.16%	-10,200	-2.35%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	84,000	82,500	85,800	1,500	1.82%	-1,800	-2.10%
Myrtle Beach MSA	162,600	158,700	176,500	3,900	2.46%	-13,900	-7.88%
Spartanburg MSA	153,300	151,800	163,700	1,500	0.99%	-10,400	-6.35%
Sumter MSA	37,900	37,700	40,000	200	0.53%	-2,100	-5.25%

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

October

Area	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020 to October 2020		October 2019 to October 2020	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,128,400	2,108,300	2,204,100	20,100	0.95%	-75,700	-3.43%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	353,900	351,100	375,800	2,800	0.80%	-21,900	-5.83%
Columbia MSA	391,500	387,800	406,900	3,700	0.95%	-15,400	-3.78%
Florence MSA	88,500	88,500	92,600	0	0.00%	-4,100	-4.43%
Greenville MSA	426,400	423,800	436,700	2,600	0.61%	-10,300	-2.36%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	83,600	81,900	85,300	1,700	2.08%	-1,700	-1.99%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	159,500	159,300	175,300	200	0.13%	-15,800	-9.01%
Spartanburg MSA	154,100	152,000	164,700	2,100	1.38%	-10,600	-6.44%
Sumter MSA	38,000	37,500	40,000	500	1.33%	-2,000	-5.00%

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

AREA	October 2020				September 2020				October 2019				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)	
Allendale County	↓	2,670	2,473	197	7.4	2,612	2,399	213	8.2	2,649	2,521	128	4.8
Marlboro County	↓	9,397	8,760	637	6.8	9,395	8,594	801	8.5	9,298	8,923	375	4.0
Bamberg County	↓	5,022	4,695	327	6.5	4,955	4,577	378	7.6	4,972	4,695	277	5.6
Orangeburg County	↓	35,986	33,646	2,340	6.5	35,867	33,030	2,837	7.9	34,398	32,726	1,672	4.9
Chester County	↓	13,533	12,664	869	6.4	13,477	12,373	1,104	8.2	13,566	13,097	469	3.5
Marion County	↓	13,097	12,289	808	6.2	13,024	12,096	928	7.1	12,954	12,497	457	3.5
Union County	↓	11,771	11,052	719	6.1	11,814	10,883	931	7.9	11,755	11,405	350	3.0
Williamsburg County	↓	12,213	11,526	687	5.6	12,153	11,312	841	6.9	11,916	11,445	471	4.0
Lee County	↓	6,706	6,338	368	5.5	6,647	6,202	445	6.7	6,668	6,417	251	3.8
Barnwell County	↓	8,113	7,678	435	5.4	8,016	7,532	484	6.0	8,227	7,920	307	3.7
Fairfield County	↓	9,721	9,193	528	5.4	9,682	9,034	648	6.7	9,629	9,288	341	3.5
Cherokee County	↓	25,922	24,582	1,340	5.2	25,914	24,187	1,727	6.7	25,411	24,744	667	2.6
Horry County	↓	142,165	134,872	7,293	5.1	142,811	134,018	8,793	6.2	147,647	143,508	4,139	2.8
Georgetown County	↓	26,225	24,911	1,314	5.0	26,083	24,507	1,576	6.0	25,744	24,961	783	3.0
Clarendon County	↓	12,814	12,214	600	4.7	12,654	11,950	704	5.6	12,700	12,278	422	3.3
Darlington County	↓	30,642	29,194	1,448	4.7	30,594	28,870	1,724	5.6	30,503	29,627	876	2.9
Lancaster County	↓	41,147	39,224	1,923	4.7	40,735	38,395	2,340	5.7	41,776	40,550	1,226	2.9
McCormick County	↓	3,376	3,216	160	4.7	3,364	3,176	188	5.6	3,368	3,278	90	2.7
Sumter County	↓	43,701	41,639	2,062	4.7	43,358	40,828	2,530	5.8	43,854	42,605	1,249	2.8
Greenwood County	↓	31,801	30,339	1,462	4.6	31,548	29,863	1,685	5.3	31,425	30,596	829	2.6
Colleton County	↓	17,032	16,262	770	4.5	16,941	16,037	904	5.3	16,809	16,348	461	2.7
Dillon County	↓	13,388	12,785	603	4.5	13,175	12,494	681	5.2	13,031	12,575	456	3.5
Calhoun County	↓	6,642	6,355	287	4.3	6,589	6,243	346	5.3	6,629	6,415	214	3.2
Laurens County	↓	31,119	29,780	1,339	4.3	31,023	29,450	1,573	5.1	30,467	29,672	795	2.6
Richland County	↓	202,566	193,898	8,668	4.3	201,247	190,955	10,292	5.1	200,637	196,081	4,556	2.3
Abbeville County	↓	10,101	9,681	420	4.2	10,035	9,559	476	4.7	10,067	9,759	308	3.1
Charleston County	↓	210,545	201,702	8,843	4.2	210,604	199,501	11,103	5.3	211,921	207,907	4,014	1.9
Chesterfield County	↓	22,277	21,331	946	4.2	22,038	20,944	1,094	5.0	21,990	21,435	555	2.5
Spartanburg County	↓	153,242	146,735	6,507	4.2	152,389	144,404	7,985	5.2	154,757	151,469	3,288	2.1
Florence County	↓	67,233	64,481	2,752	4.1	67,341	64,043	3,298	4.9	67,067	65,434	1,633	2.4
York County	↓	139,850	134,106	5,744	4.1	138,483	131,449	7,034	5.1	141,947	138,675	3,272	2.3
Dorchester County	↓	77,501	74,503	2,998	3.9	77,238	73,556	3,682	4.8	78,478	76,878	1,600	2.0
Berkeley County	↓	103,099	99,178	3,921	3.8	102,539	97,913	4,626	4.5	104,588	102,365	2,223	2.1
Anderson County	↓	93,759	90,377	3,382	3.6	93,386	89,402	3,984	4.3	92,178	90,082	2,096	2.3
Hampton County	↓	8,565	8,257	308	3.6	8,376	8,023	353	4.2	8,414	8,229	185	2.2
Kershaw County	↓	29,498	28,432	1,066	3.6	29,146	27,945	1,201	4.1	29,469	28,725	744	2.5
Greenville County	↓	262,489	253,314	9,175	3.5	261,469	250,641	10,828	4.1	257,803	252,507	5,296	2.1
Jasper County	↓	12,922	12,474	448	3.5	12,796	12,266	530	4.1	12,630	12,374	256	2.0
Newberry County	↓	19,148	18,525	623	3.3	18,799	18,072	727	3.9	19,124	18,659	465	2.4
Aiken County	↓	74,324	71,935	2,389	3.2	73,447	70,824	2,623	3.6	75,147	73,318	1,829	2.4
Beaufort County	↓	79,724	77,165	2,559	3.2	78,364	75,443	2,921	3.7	78,395	76,680	1,715	2.2
Edgefield County	↓	10,611	10,275	336	3.2	10,470	10,090	380	3.6	10,705	10,453	252	2.4
Pickens County	↓	58,681	56,822	1,859	3.2	58,368	56,271	2,097	3.6	57,956	56,627	1,329	2.3
Oconee County	↓	35,592	34,504	1,088	3.1	35,182	33,955	1,227	3.5	35,280	34,481	799	2.3
Lexington County	↓	151,272	146,740	4,532	3.0	149,544	144,446	5,098	3.4	151,240	148,277	2,963	2.0
Saluda County	↓	8,870	8,629	241	2.7	8,645	8,384	261	3.0	8,894	8,692	202	2.3
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↓	391,145	375,383	15,762	4.0	390,381	370,970	19,411	5.0	394,987	387,150	7,837	2.0
Columbia MSA	↓	408,569	393,247	15,322	3.8	404,853	387,007	17,846	4.4	406,498	397,478	9,020	2.2
Florence MSA	↓	97,875	93,675	4,200	4.3	97,935	92,913	5,022	5.1	97,570	95,061	2,509	2.6
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↓	446,048	430,293	15,755	3.5	444,246	425,764	18,482	4.2	438,404	428,888	9,516	2.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,386,684	2,286,351	100,333	4.2	2,383,641	2,258,521	125,120	5.2	2,383,056	2,326,812	56,244	2.4

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

↑ Unemployment Rate Up
↓ Unemployment Rate Down
- Unemployment Rate =