

WORKFORCE TRENDS

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South Carolina's Unemployment Little Changed In June

South Carolina's unemployment rate was virtually unchanged in June at 12.1% the State Employment Security Commission reported today. The May jobless rate was revised downward slightly from 12.1% to 12.0%. The states labor force dropped 9,400 in June to 2,193,707 while the number of unemployed rose 1,356 to 264,957. The national unemployment rate was 9.5% in June, up slightly from a 9.4% in May.

The state's job count dropped 7,100 in June with most of the losses occurring in Government (-5,600) as state and local schools closed for the summer recess. Other industries reporting notable losses were Retail Trade (-3,600), Manufacturing (-1,600), and Construction (-1,400). Partially offsetting the losses were gains in Leisure and Hospitality (+2,100), and Professional and Business Services (+900). The overall job count was nearly 93,000 below the year-ago level.

"We are still in the grip of this recession," said Roosevelt T. Halley, Executive Director of the commission, "as evidenced by the continued job losses in Retail Trade, Manufacturing and Construction. "We are hopeful that the leveling of the unemployment rate over the past two months may be an indication that we are approaching the bottom of this prolonged downward cycle."



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WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

June-09

Industry	June 2009	May 2009	June 2008	Net Change From Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Nonag. Employment	1,865,400	1,872,500	1,958,100	-7,100	-92,700
Natural Resources and Mining	4,200	4,200	4,300	0	-100
Construction	103,300	104,700	114,200	-1,400	-10,900
Manufacturing	214,800	216,400	244,600	-1,600	-29,800
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	357,000	360,100	375,200	-3,100	-18,200
Information	29,900	29,800	29,100	100	800
Financial Activities	103,700	103,800	107,500	-100	-3,800
Professional and Business Services	213,700	212,800	224,700	900	-11,000
Educational and Health Services	208,700	208,700	206,300	0	2,400
Leisure and Hospitality	214,900	212,800	231,400	2,100	-16,500
Government	341,900	347,500	348,300	-5,600	-6,400

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES RANKED BY COUNTY

Unemployment Rate

Rank	County	Unemployment Rate		
		June 2009	May 2009	Change
1	Allendale	23.5	21.9	1.6
2	Union	22.0	21.3	0.7
3	Chester	21.9	21.2	0.7
4	Marion	21.6	21.8	-0.2
5	Barnwell	19.7	17.0	2.7
	Marlboro	19.7	19.6	0.1
7	Lancaster	19.1	18.4	0.7
8	Bamberg	18.5	17.1	1.4
9	Chesterfield	18.1	17.0	1.1
10	McCormick	17.7	17.4	0.3
11	Cherokee	17.6	17.2	0.4
	Orangeburg	17.6	16.3	1.3
13	Dillon	17.4	16.6	0.8
14	Hampton	16.8	16.4	0.4
15	Clarendon	16.5	16.5	0.0
16	Williamsburg	16.4	15.6	0.8
17	Lee	16.3	15.8	0.5
18	Abbeville	15.8	14.9	0.9
19	Oconee	15.1	14.3	0.8
20	Colleton	15.0	14.2	0.8
21	Fairfield	14.8	13.5	1.3
22	York	14.6	14.1	0.5
23	Darlington	14.4	13.6	0.8
	Greenwood	14.4	13.9	0.5
25	Sumter	14.3	13.3	1.0
26	Anderson	13.2	12.4	0.8
27	Spartanburg	13.1	12.2	0.9
28	Newberry	13.0	11.9	1.1
29	Calhoun	12.7	11.5	1.2
30	Laurens	12.4	11.3	1.1
31	Georgetown	12.2	11.9	0.3
32	Florence	12.1	11.4	0.7
33	Kershaw	11.7	11.1	0.6
34	Berkeley	11.3	10.6	0.7
35	Edgefield	11.2	10.6	0.6
	Horry	11.2	11.3	-0.1
	Jasper	11.2	10.6	0.6
	Pickens	11.2	10.2	1.0
39	Dorchester	10.9	10.2	0.7
40	Greenville	10.7	10.1	0.6
41	Saluda	10.3	9.5	0.8
42	Aiken	10.2	10.1	0.1
43	Richland	10.1	9.2	0.9
44	Charleston	9.5	8.6	0.9
45	Beaufort	9.1	8.4	0.7
46	Lexington	8.8	8.0	0.8

LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT BY LABOR MARKET AREA

June-09

AREA:	LABOR FORCE			UNEMPLOYMENT			% OF LABOR FORCE		
	June 2009	May 2009	June 2008	June 2009	May 2009	June 2008	June 2009	May 2009	June 2008
ABBEVILLE	11,856	11,734	11,652	1,879	1,754	917	15.8	14.9	7.9
AIKEN	77,564	77,367	75,658	7,937	7,776	4,323	10.2	10.1	5.7
ALLENDALE	3,531	3,376	3,375	829	739	544	23.5	21.9	16.1
ANDERSON MSA	89,027	89,159	86,055	11,761	11,037	5,774	13.2	12.4	6.7
BAMBERG	6,444	6,273	6,344	1,191	1,072	699	18.5	17.1	11.0
BARNWELL	9,452	9,105	9,035	1,862	1,549	903	19.7	17.0	10.0
BEAUFORT	63,626	63,277	66,772	5,820	5,328	3,462	9.1	8.4	5.2
BERKELEY	82,916	82,272	81,069	9,381	8,739	4,976	11.3	10.6	6.1
CALHOUN	7,323	7,254	7,040	933	837	519	12.7	11.5	7.4
CHARLESTON	182,514	180,558	180,434	17,414	15,464	9,591	9.5	8.6	5.3
CHEROKEE	26,407	26,369	25,757	4,660	4,536	2,177	17.6	17.2	8.5
CHESTER	16,123	15,998	15,245	3,537	3,392	1,687	21.9	21.2	11.1
CHESTERFIELD	19,734	19,344	18,825	3,575	3,288	1,578	18.1	17.0	8.4
CLARENDON	13,058	12,806	12,677	2,160	2,107	1,186	16.5	16.5	9.4
COLLETON	17,347	17,041	17,101	2,599	2,418	1,336	15.0	14.2	7.8
DARLINGTON	33,740	33,236	31,782	4,855	4,517	2,696	14.4	13.6	8.5
DILLON	13,535	13,206	13,116	2,358	2,192	1,312	17.4	16.6	10.0
DORCHESTER	66,308	65,784	64,634	7,201	6,679	3,471	10.9	10.2	5.4
EDGEFIELD	11,421	11,344	11,094	1,277	1,206	702	11.2	10.6	6.3
FAIRFIELD	11,801	11,675	11,534	1,745	1,576	1,271	14.8	13.5	11.0
FLORENCE	67,146	66,229	63,839	8,112	7,532	4,394	12.1	11.4	6.9
GEORGETOWN	31,099	30,635	31,515	3,791	3,653	2,097	12.2	11.9	6.7
GREENVILLE	232,505	231,241	226,784	24,956	23,343	12,002	10.7	10.1	5.3
GREENWOOD	30,577	30,476	30,901	4,399	4,222	2,203	14.4	13.9	7.1
HAMPTON	8,032	7,893	7,845	1,348	1,298	696	16.8	16.4	8.9
HORRY/MYR BCH MSA	139,267	134,787	139,384	15,659	15,266	8,063	11.2	11.3	5.8
JASPER	10,228	10,181	10,578	1,146	1,076	631	11.2	10.6	6.0
KERSHAW	31,395	31,328	30,231	3,674	3,488	1,940	11.7	11.1	6.4
LANCASTER	30,161	29,992	29,635	5,769	5,518	3,240	19.1	18.4	10.9
LAURENS	34,858	34,489	33,880	4,321	3,901	2,279	12.4	11.3	6.7
LEE	8,741	8,483	8,241	1,429	1,337	771	16.3	15.8	9.4
LEXINGTON	136,649	136,121	133,675	11,975	10,913	6,438	8.8	8.0	4.8
MARION	13,819	13,641	13,049	2,980	2,974	1,598	21.6	21.8	12.2
MARLBORO	12,240	12,048	11,678	2,410	2,364	1,327	19.7	19.6	11.4
McCORMICK	3,516	3,491	3,486	621	609	367	17.7	17.4	10.5
NEWBERRY	19,201	18,683	18,909	2,490	2,224	1,349	13.0	11.9	7.1
OCONEE	31,642	31,324	30,944	4,780	4,487	2,125	15.1	14.3	6.9
ORANGEBURG	41,747	40,861	41,313	7,333	6,653	4,302	17.6	16.3	10.4
PICKENS	61,281	60,674	59,895	6,864	6,166	3,582	11.2	10.2	6.0
RICHLAND	187,003	185,949	182,912	18,882	17,107	11,334	10.1	9.2	6.2
SALUDA	9,513	9,470	9,212	981	901	505	10.3	9.5	5.5
SPARTANBURG MSA	142,972	142,298	138,335	18,784	17,372	9,649	13.1	12.2	7.0
SUMTER MSA	45,189	43,808	43,913	6,475	5,842	3,638	14.3	13.3	8.3
UNION	12,772	12,655	12,003	2,810	2,698	1,360	22.0	21.3	11.3
WILLIAMSBURG	16,212	15,796	15,819	2,652	2,458	1,535	16.4	15.6	9.7
YORK	109,384	109,991	107,195	16,012	15,552	7,316	14.6	14.1	6.8
Multi County MSAs									
CHAS MSA	331,738	328,614	326,137	33,996	30,882	18,038	10.2	9.4	5.5
COLA MSA	383,684	381,798	374,606	38,190	34,823	22,008	10.0	9.1	5.9
FLORENCE MSA	100,886	99,465	95,621	12,967	12,049	7,090	12.9	12.1	7.4
GRNV MSA	328,643	326,404	320,559	36,141	33,410	17,863	11.0	10.2	5.6
South Carolina*	2,193.7	2,203.1	2,145.8	265.0	263.6	139.7	12.1	12.0	6.5

* Seasonally Adjusted