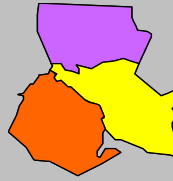


Labor Force Data by
Workforce Investment Area
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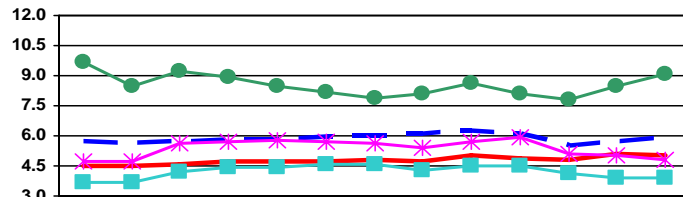
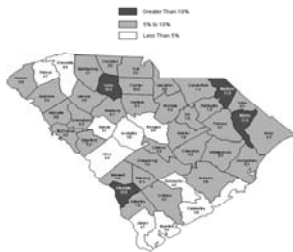
Midlands

Labor Force Data - April 2008

| | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Unemployment Rate |
|------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Midlands WIA | 323,333 | 308,521 | 14,812 | 4.6 |
| Fairfield County | 11,725 | 10,660 | 1,065 | 9.1 |
| Lexington County | 133,008 | 127,857 | 5,151 | 3.9 |
| Richland County | 178,600 | 170,004 | 8,596 | 4.8 |

Unemployment in the Midlands WIA decreased from 4.7% in March to 4.6% in April. Fairfield County reported the highest rate at 9.1%, while Lexington County had the lowest rate at 3.9%. The state's unemployment rate increased from 5.7% in March to 5.9% in April.

Unemployment Rates
April 2007-April 2008



| | Apr-07 | May-07 | Jun-07 | Jul-07 | Aug-07 | Sep-07 | Oct-07 | Nov-07 | Dec-07 | Jan-08 | Feb-08 | Mar-08 | Apr-08 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| SC | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.9 |
| US | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.0 |
| Fairfield | 9.7 | 8.5 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 8.5 | 9.1 |
| Lexington | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| Richland | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.8 |



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WIA Labor Force Data April 2008

| | LABOR FORCE | | | UNEMPLOYMENT | | | % OF LABOR FORCE | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------|------------|
| | April 2008 | March 2008 | April 2007 | April 2008 | March 2008 | April 2007 | April 2008 | March 2008 | April 2007 |
| Catawba WIA | 150,219 | 149,770 | 148,579 | 10,237 | 10,303 | 9,567 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 6.4 |
| Chester County | 15,265 | 15,339 | 15,500 | 1,532 | 1,614 | 1,601 | 10.0 | 10.5 | 10.3 |
| Lancaster County | 29,531 | 29,507 | 29,505 | 2,895 | 2,908 | 2,496 | 9.8 | 9.9 | 8.5 |
| York County | 105,423 | 104,924 | 103,574 | 5,810 | 5,781 | 5,470 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.3 |
| Greenville WIA | 223,573 | 221,597 | 218,654 | 9,848 | 9,779 | 9,622 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| Greenville County | 223,573 | 221,597 | 218,654 | 9,848 | 9,779 | 9,622 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| Lowcountry WIA | 99,621 | 99,414 | 98,615 | 4,694 | 4,671 | 4,281 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.3 |
| Beaufort County | 64,773 | 64,669 | 63,947 | 2,550 | 2,613 | 2,489 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.9 |
| Colleton County | 16,476 | 16,402 | 16,486 | 1,106 | 1,036 | 901 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 5.5 |
| Hampton County | 7,806 | 7,815 | 7,809 | 544 | 539 | 467 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 6.0 |
| Jasper County | 10,566 | 10,528 | 10,373 | 494 | 483 | 424 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.1 |
| Lower Savannah WIA | 140,458 | 140,042 | 141,919 | 8,679 | 8,698 | 8,530 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.0 |
| Aiken County | 74,993 | 74,488 | 75,580 | 3,308 | 3,338 | 3,702 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.9 |
| Allendale County | 3,600 | 3,594 | 3,523 | 487 | 470 | 342 | 13.5 | 13.1 | 9.7 |
| Bamberg County | 6,122 | 6,128 | 6,299 | 573 | 561 | 503 | 9.4 | 9.2 | 8.0 |
| Barnwell County | 8,697 | 8,692 | 8,861 | 780 | 782 | 773 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.7 |
| Calhoun County | 7,125 | 7,101 | 7,067 | 376 | 376 | 384 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 |
| Orangeburg County | 39,921 | 40,039 | 40,589 | 3,155 | 3,171 | 2,826 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 7.0 |
| Midlands WIA | 323,333 | 322,576 | 319,875 | 14,812 | 15,163 | 14,392 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.5 |
| Fairfield County | 11,725 | 11,604 | 11,691 | 1,065 | 982 | 1,136 | 9.1 | 8.5 | 9.7 |
| Lexington County | 133,008 | 132,604 | 131,510 | 5,151 | 5,206 | 4,912 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.7 |
| Richland County | 178,600 | 178,368 | 176,674 | 8,596 | 8,975 | 8,344 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.7 |
| Pee Dee WIA | 150,964 | 150,840 | 151,635 | 11,268 | 10,918 | 11,231 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 7.4 |
| Chesterfield County | 18,200 | 18,190 | 18,612 | 1,349 | 1,333 | 1,504 | 7.4 | 7.3 | 8.1 |
| Darlington County | 32,048 | 31,841 | 31,356 | 2,353 | 2,110 | 1,845 | 7.3 | 6.6 | 5.9 |
| Dillon County | 12,967 | 13,005 | 13,250 | 1,133 | 1,120 | 1,109 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.4 |
| Florence County | 63,391 | 63,548 | 63,124 | 3,615 | 3,700 | 3,719 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.9 |
| Marion County | 12,628 | 12,605 | 13,034 | 1,459 | 1,454 | 1,492 | 11.6 | 11.5 | 11.4 |
| Marlboro County | 11,730 | 11,651 | 12,259 | 1,359 | 1,201 | 1,562 | 11.6 | 10.3 | 12.7 |
| WorkLink WIA | 174,021 | 173,148 | 173,264 | 9,180 | 9,435 | 9,279 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| Anderson County | 84,709 | 84,554 | 84,973 | 4,570 | 4,965 | 4,707 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 5.5 |
| Oconee County | 29,742 | 29,659 | 30,224 | 1,792 | 1,781 | 2,011 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.7 |
| Pickens County | 59,570 | 58,935 | 58,067 | 2,818 | 2,689 | 2,561 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 |
| Santee - Lynchess WIA | 94,686 | 94,636 | 96,540 | 6,317 | 6,481 | 6,129 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.3 |
| Clarendon County | 12,477 | 12,454 | 12,900 | 1,026 | 1,001 | 1,014 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 7.9 |
| Kershaw County | 30,018 | 30,019 | 29,668 | 1,557 | 1,660 | 1,487 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.0 |
| Lee County | 7,980 | 8,044 | 8,255 | 621 | 648 | 667 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 8.1 |
| Sumter County | 44,211 | 44,119 | 45,717 | 3,113 | 3,172 | 2,961 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 6.5 |
| Trident WIA | 312,576 | 311,841 | 312,118 | 13,498 | 13,805 | 12,069 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 3.9 |
| Berkeley County | 75,580 | 75,353 | 75,168 | 3,800 | 3,823 | 3,155 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.2 |
| Charleston County | 174,462 | 174,179 | 174,624 | 6,884 | 7,185 | 6,502 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.7 |
| Dorchester County | 62,534 | 62,309 | 62,326 | 2,814 | 2,797 | 2,412 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 3.9 |
| Upper Savannah WIA | 117,664 | 117,449 | 119,070 | 7,084 | 7,275 | 7,704 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 6.5 |
| Abbeville County | 11,073 | 11,164 | 11,606 | 732 | 840 | 960 | 6.6 | 7.5 | 8.3 |
| Edgefield County | 10,986 | 10,895 | 11,110 | 579 | 566 | 675 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 6.1 |
| Greenwood County | 30,321 | 30,313 | 31,347 | 1,916 | 1,953 | 2,141 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.8 |
| Laurens County | 34,662 | 34,503 | 34,049 | 2,014 | 2,147 | 2,118 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.2 |
| McCormick County | 3,461 | 3,485 | 3,551 | 320 | 339 | 345 | 9.2 | 9.7 | 9.7 |
| Newberry County | 17,702 | 17,670 | 17,964 | 1,074 | 989 | 943 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| Saluda County | 9,459 | 9,419 | 9,443 | 449 | 441 | 522 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.5 |
| Upstate WIA | 170,905 | 169,666 | 169,178 | 11,168 | 10,022 | 9,670 | 6.5 | 5.9 | 5.7 |
| Cherokee County | 25,512 | 24,890 | 25,047 | 2,411 | 1,806 | 1,663 | 9.5 | 7.3 | 6.6 |
| Spartanburg County | 133,806 | 133,323 | 132,512 | 7,573 | 7,173 | 7,005 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.3 |
| Union County | 11,587 | 11,453 | 11,619 | 1,184 | 1,043 | 1,002 | 10.2 | 9.1 | 8.6 |
| Waccamaw WIA | 177,745 | 174,717 | 175,945 | 10,352 | 10,685 | 8,724 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 5.0 |
| Georgetown County | 29,391 | 29,254 | 29,325 | 1,865 | 1,885 | 1,712 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 5.8 |
| Horry County | 133,033 | 130,160 | 131,082 | 7,068 | 7,401 | 5,640 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 4.3 |
| Williamsburg County | 15,321 | 15,303 | 15,538 | 1,419 | 1,399 | 1,372 | 9.3 | 9.1 | 8.8 |