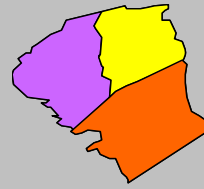


Labor Force Data by  
Workforce Investment Area  
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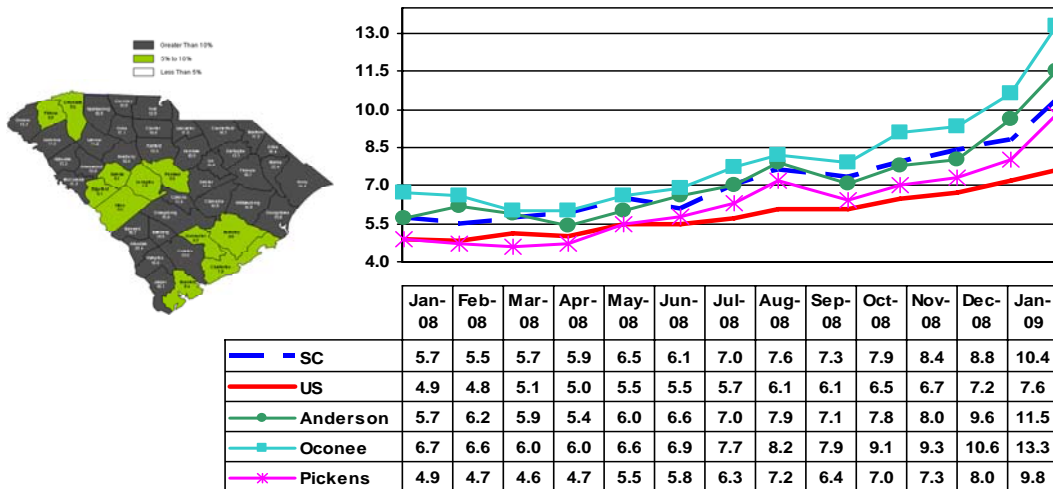
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Labor Force Data - January 2009

|                     | Labor Force    | Employment     | Unemployment  | Unemployment Rate |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <b>WorkLink WIA</b> | <b>177,007</b> | <b>157,084</b> | <b>19,923</b> | <b>11.3</b>       |
| Anderson County     | 86,018         | 76,109         | 9,909         | 11.5              |
| Oconee County       | 31,026         | 26,887         | 4,139         | 13.3              |
| Pickens County      | 59,963         | 54,088         | 5,875         | 9.8               |

Unemployment in the Worklink WIA increased from 9.2% in December to 11.3% in January. Oconee County reported the highest rate at 13.3%, while Pickens County had the lowest rate at 9.8%. The state's unemployment rate increased from 8.8% in December to 10.4% in January.

Unemployment Rates  
January 2008 - January 2009



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**WIA Labor Force Data January 2009**

|                              | LABOR FORCE    |                |                | UNEMPLOYMENT  |               |               | % OF LABOR FORCE |               |              |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
|                              | January 2009   | December 2008  | January 2008   | January 2009  | December 2008 | January 2008  | January 2009     | December 2008 | January 2008 |
| <b>Catawba WIA</b>           | <b>155,674</b> | <b>153,130</b> | <b>150,468</b> | <b>22,431</b> | <b>17,693</b> | <b>11,460</b> | <b>14.4</b>      | <b>11.6</b>   | <b>7.6</b>   |
| Chester County               | 15,852         | 15,766         | 15,380         | 3,105         | 2,760         | 1,809         | 19.6             | 17.5          | 11.8         |
| Lancaster County             | 30,007         | 29,525         | 29,636         | 5,255         | 4,282         | 3,252         | 17.5             | 14.5          | 11.0         |
| York County                  | 109,815        | 107,839        | 105,452        | 14,071        | 10,651        | 6,399         | 12.8             | 9.9           | 6.1          |
| <b>Greenville WIA</b>        | <b>226,550</b> | <b>226,319</b> | <b>221,299</b> | <b>20,255</b> | <b>17,058</b> | <b>10,315</b> | <b>8.9</b>       | <b>7.5</b>    | <b>4.7</b>   |
| Greenville County            | 226,550        | 226,319        | 221,299        | 20,255        | 17,058        | 10,315        | 8.9              | 7.5           | 4.7          |
| <b>Lowcountry WIA</b>        | <b>98,789</b>  | <b>98,924</b>  | <b>95,136</b>  | <b>9,862</b>  | <b>8,266</b>  | <b>5,165</b>  | <b>10.0</b>      | <b>8.4</b>    | <b>5.4</b>   |
| Beaufort County              | 63,842         | 64,024         | 61,598         | 5,341         | 4,447         | 2,979         | 8.4              | 6.9           | 4.8          |
| Colleton County              | 16,897         | 16,898         | 16,216         | 2,274         | 1,960         | 1,098         | 13.5             | 11.6          | 6.8          |
| Hampton County               | 7,826          | 7,797          | 7,633          | 1,214         | 1,014         | 609           | 15.5             | 13.0          | 8.0          |
| Jasper County                | 10,224         | 10,205         | 9,689          | 1,033         | 845           | 479           | 10.1             | 8.3           | 4.9          |
| <b>Lower Savannah WIA</b>    | <b>142,712</b> | <b>142,440</b> | <b>210,952</b> | <b>16,969</b> | <b>15,075</b> | <b>9,841</b>  | <b>11.9</b>      | <b>10.6</b>   | <b>4.7</b>   |
| Aiken County                 | 76,130         | 75,770         | 74,132         | 6,472         | 5,728         | 4,047         | 8.5              | 7.6           | 5.5          |
| Allendale County             | 3,432          | 3,437          | 74,132         | 804           | 734           | 494           | 23.4             | 21.4          | 15.0         |
| Bamberg County               | 6,251          | 6,314          | 6,264          | 1,032         | 966           | 606           | 16.5             | 15.3          | 9.7          |
| Barnwell County              | 9,125          | 9,157          | 8,801          | 1,523         | 1,409         | 867           | 16.7             | 15.4          | 9.9          |
| Calhoun County               | 7,157          | 7,144          | 6,861          | 820           | 731           | 412           | 11.5             | 10.2          | 6.0          |
| Orangeburg County            | 40,617         | 40,618         | 40,762         | 6,318         | 5,507         | 3,415         | 15.6             | 13.6          | 8.4          |
| <b>Midlands WIA</b>          | <b>327,566</b> | <b>328,153</b> | <b>321,664</b> | <b>27,187</b> | <b>24,203</b> | <b>15,985</b> | <b>8.3</b>       | <b>7.4</b>    | <b>5.0</b>   |
| Fairfield County             | 11,503         | 11,781         | 10,989         | 1,529         | 1,688         | 839           | 13.3             | 14.3          | 7.6          |
| Lexington County             | 133,738        | 133,678        | 131,305        | 10,082        | 8,552         | 5,467         | 7.5              | 6.4           | 4.2          |
| Richland County              | 182,325        | 182,694        | 179,370        | 15,576        | 13,963        | 9,679         | 8.5              | 7.6           | 5.4          |
| <b>Pee Dee WIA</b>           | <b>154,430</b> | <b>153,672</b> | <b>149,525</b> | <b>21,583</b> | <b>18,615</b> | <b>11,752</b> | <b>14.0</b>      | <b>12.1</b>   | <b>7.9</b>   |
| Chesterfield County          | 19,352         | 18,907         | 18,354         | 3,238         | 2,437         | 1,422         | 16.7             | 12.9          | 7.7          |
| Darlington County            | 32,341         | 32,350         | 31,016         | 4,221         | 3,873         | 2,156         | 13.1             | 12.0          | 7.0          |
| Dillon County                | 13,119         | 13,138         | 12,724         | 2,146         | 1,880         | 1,227         | 16.4             | 14.3          | 9.6          |
| Florence County              | 64,372         | 64,086         | 62,944         | 6,900         | 5,886         | 3,959         | 10.7             | 9.2           | 6.3          |
| Marion County                | 13,531         | 13,253         | 12,759         | 3,032         | 2,496         | 1,624         | 22.4             | 18.8          | 12.7         |
| Marlboro County              | 11,715         | 11,938         | 11,728         | 2,046         | 2,043         | 1,364         | 17.5             | 17.1          | 11.6         |
| <b>WorkLink WIA</b>          | <b>177,007</b> | <b>176,004</b> | <b>91,967</b>  | <b>19,923</b> | <b>16,255</b> | <b>9,727</b>  | <b>11.3</b>      | <b>9.2</b>    | <b>10.6</b>  |
| Anderson County              | 86,018         | 85,664         | 3,304          | 9,909         | 8,209         | 4,813         | 11.5             | 9.6           | 5.7          |
| Oconee County                | 31,026         | 30,682         | 30,472         | 4,139         | 3,254         | 2,040         | 13.3             | 10.6          | 6.7          |
| Pickens County               | 59,963         | 59,658         | 58,191         | 5,875         | 4,792         | 2,874         | 9.8              | 8.0           | 4.9          |
| <b>Santee - Lynchess WIA</b> | <b>94,380</b>  | <b>93,616</b>  | <b>93,343</b>  | <b>11,940</b> | <b>9,624</b>  | <b>6,809</b>  | <b>12.7</b>      | <b>10.3</b>   | <b>7.3</b>   |
| Clarendon County             | 12,618         | 12,458         | 12,454         | 1,990         | 1,565         | 1,133         | 15.8             | 12.6          | 9.1          |
| Kershaw County               | 30,715         | 30,358         | 29,568         | 3,220         | 2,537         | 1,588         | 10.5             | 8.4           | 5.4          |
| Lee County                   | 8,242          | 8,193          | 8,025          | 1,204         | 976           | 694           | 14.6             | 11.9          | 8.6          |
| Sumter County                | 42,805         | 42,607         | 43,296         | 5,526         | 4,546         | 3,394         | 12.9             | 10.7          | 7.8          |
| <b>Trident WIA</b>           | <b>321,503</b> | <b>319,906</b> | <b>312,348</b> | <b>27,767</b> | <b>23,636</b> | <b>14,367</b> | <b>8.6</b>       | <b>7.4</b>    | <b>4.6</b>   |
| Berkeley County              | 80,278         | 79,597         | 77,435         | 7,732         | 6,425         | 3,841         | 9.6              | 8.1           | 5.0          |
| Charleston County            | 176,926        | 176,522        | 172,938        | 14,048        | 12,239        | 7,706         | 7.9              | 6.9           | 4.5          |
| Dorchester County            | 64,299         | 63,787         | 61,975         | 5,987         | 4,972         | 2,820         | 9.3              | 7.8           | 4.6          |
| <b>Upper Savannah WIA</b>    | <b>118,399</b> | <b>118,318</b> | <b>116,444</b> | <b>13,588</b> | <b>11,729</b> | <b>7,943</b>  | <b>11.5</b>      | <b>9.9</b>    | <b>6.8</b>   |
| Abbeville County             | 11,498         | 11,453         | 11,081         | 1,520         | 1,266         | 811           | 13.2             | 11.1          | 7.3          |
| Edgefield County             | 11,168         | 11,126         | 10,917         | 1,020         | 922           | 707           | 9.1              | 8.3           | 6.5          |
| Greenwood County             | 30,443         | 30,455         | 30,089         | 3,930         | 3,399         | 2,051         | 12.9             | 11.2          | 6.8          |
| Laurens County               | 34,110         | 34,011         | 33,574         | 3,758         | 3,222         | 2,532         | 11.0             | 9.5           | 7.5          |
| McCormick County             | 3,507          | 3,454          | 3,453          | 605           | 491           | 365           | 17.3             | 14.2          | 10.6         |
| Newberry County              | 18,407         | 18,554         | 18,275         | 1,951         | 1,727         | 1,034         | 10.6             | 9.3           | 5.7          |
| Saluda County                | 9,266          | 9,265          | 9,055          | 804           | 702           | 443           | 8.7              | 7.6           | 4.9          |
| <b>Upstate WIA</b>           | <b>180,654</b> | <b>177,965</b> | <b>172,703</b> | <b>21,472</b> | <b>17,911</b> | <b>10,628</b> | <b>11.9</b>      | <b>10.1</b>   | <b>6.2</b>   |
| Cherokee County              | 26,186         | 25,838         | 25,534         | 4,086         | 3,351         | 1,837         | 15.6             | 13.0          | 7.2          |
| Spartanburg County           | 142,318        | 140,171        | 135,562        | 15,313        | 12,838        | 7,704         | 10.8             | 9.2           | 5.7          |
| Union County                 | 12,150         | 11,956         | 11,607         | 2,073         | 1,722         | 1,087         | 17.1             | 14.4          | 9.4          |
| <b>Waccamaw WIA</b>          | <b>171,754</b> | <b>171,987</b> | <b>168,841</b> | <b>24,548</b> | <b>20,553</b> | <b>12,940</b> | <b>14.3</b>      | <b>12.0</b>   | <b>7.7</b>   |
| Georgetown County            | 30,516         | 30,647         | 29,047         | 3,966         | 3,460         | 2,236         | 13.0             | 11.3          | 7.7          |
| Horry County                 | 125,570        | 125,630        | 124,547        | 18,106        | 14,896        | 9,160         | 14.4             | 11.9          | 7.4          |
| Williamsburg County          | 15,668         | 15,710         | 15,247         | 2,476         | 2,197         | 1,544         | 15.8             | 14.0          | 10.1         |