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South Carolina's Employment Situation October 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 2,307,838.

- That is a significant decrease of 7,984 people over the September estimate.
- That is an increase of 23,631 people over the October 2021 estimate.

Unemployment: The estimate of unemployed people increased to 78,578.

- That is an increase of 3,174 people from September's estimate and a decrease of 7,945 over the October 2021 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 3.3 percent from September's estimate of 3.2 percent.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate increased to 3.7 percent from September's estimate of 3.5 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 2,386,416 from September's level of 2,391,226.

- That is a decrease of 4,810 people over the September estimate.
- That is an increase of 15,686 individuals over the October 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 increase of 2,600 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,247,000.

- Industries that reported gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,900); Professional and Business Services (+900); Education and Health Services (+700); and Manufacturing (+400).
- Other Services (-400); Construction (-300); Government (-300); Financial Activities (-200); and Information (-100) industries declined.
- Leisure and Hospitality marked no change.

From October 2021 to October 2022, South Carolina's economy has picked up 89,300 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with strong growth were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+22,500); Leisure and Hospitality (+20,500); Professional and Business Services (+16,800); Education and Health Services (+8,300); Manufacturing (+8,000); Financial Activities (+5,400); Other Services (+4,500); Government (+2,800); and Information (+2,300).
- The Construction industry declined (-2,100).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted⁴)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 12,000 from September 2022 to October 2022 for a total of 2,255,700.

- Industries reporting gains were Government (+4,200); Professional and Business Services (+4,000); Education and Health Services (+3,600); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+3,200); Construction (+600); and Financial Activities (+200).
- Leisure and Hospitality (-2,700); Other Services (-900); Manufacturing (-100); and Information (-100) industries marked declines
- The Mining and Logging industry showed no change over the month.

Since October 2021, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 91,200 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+22,000); Leisure and Hospitality (+20,800); Professional and Business Services (+17,600); Educational and Health Services (+8,800); Manufacturing (+8,100); Financial Activities (+5,400); Other Services (+4,500); Government (+3,600); Information (+2,400); and Mining and Logging (+300).
- The Construction (-2,300) 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

October-22

Jobs by Industry	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	September 2022 to October 2022		October 2021 to October 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,247,000	2,244,400	2,157,700	2,600	0.12%	89,300	4.14%
Construction	101,300	101,600	103,400	-300	-0.30%	-2,100	-2.03%
Manufacturing	260,200	259,800	252,200	400	0.15%	8,000	3.17%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	438,200	436,300	415,700	1,900	0.44%	22,500	5.41%
Information	30,500	30,600	28,200	-100	-0.33%	2,300	8.16%
Financial Activities	116,900	117,100	111,500	-200	-0.17%	5,400	4.84%
Professional and Business Services	312,500	311,600	295,700	900	0.29%	16,800	5.68%
Education and Health Services	260,700	260,000	252,400	700	0.27%	8,300	3.29%
Leisure and Hospitality	268,900	268,900	248,400	0	0.00%	20,500	8.25%
Other Services	82,300	82,700	77,800	-400	-0.48%	4,500	5.78%
Government	370,800	371,100	368,000	-300	-0.08%	2,800	0.76%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide

October-22

Industry	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	September 2022 to October 2022		October 2021 to October 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,255,700	2,243,700	2,164,500	12,000	0.53%	91,200	4.21%
Mining and Logging	4,700	4,700	4,400	0	0.00%	300	6.82%
Construction	101,100	100,500	103,400	600	0.60%	-2,300	-2.22%
Manufacturing	259,900	260,000	251,800	-100	-0.04%	8,100	3.22%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	436,700	433,500	414,700	3,200	0.74%	22,000	5.31%
Information	30,400	30,500	28,000	-100	-0.33%	2,400	8.57%
Financial Activities	117,300	117,100	111,900	200	0.17%	5,400	4.83%
Professional and Business Services	314,500	310,500	296,900	4,000	1.29%	17,600	5.93%
Education and Health Services	263,700	260,100	254,900	3,600	1.38%	8,800	3.45%
Leisure and Hospitality	268,300	271,000	247,500	-2,700	-1.00%	20,800	8.40%
Other Services	82,600	83,500	78,100	-900	-1.08%	4,500	5.76%
Government	376,500	372,300	372,900	4,200	1.13%	3,600	0.97%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted

October-22

Industry	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	September 2022 to October 2022		October 2021 to October 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,247,000	2,244,400	2,157,700	2,600	0.12%	89,300	4.14%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	398,800	397,600	374,500	1,200	0.30%	24,300	6.49%
Columbia MSA	404,700	405,600	396,700	-900	-0.22%	8,000	2.02%
Florence MSA	90,400	90,100	90,700	300	0.33%	-300	-0.33%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	449,100	446,400	427,100	2,700	0.60%	22,000	5.15%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	84,400	84,100	82,400	300	0.36%	2,000	2.43%
Myrtle Beach MSA	183,000	181,800	176,800	1,200	0.66%	6,200	3.51%
Spartanburg MSA	170,000	169,300	163,700	700	0.41%	6,300	3.85%
Sumter MSA	38,100	38,000	38,200	100	0.26%	-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

October 2022

Area	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	September 2022 to October 2022		October 2021 to October 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,255,700	2,243,700	2,164,500	12,000	0.53%	91,200	4.21%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	399,200	396,600	374,700	2,600	0.66%	24,500	6.54%
Columbia MSA	406,200	404,700	398,100	1,500	0.37%	8,100	2.03%
Florence MSA	90,500	90,000	90,600	500	0.56%	-100	-0.11%
Greenville MSA	451,500	446,500	428,900	5,000	1.12%	22,600	5.27%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	84,200	83,800	82,200	400	0.48%	2,000	2.43%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	183,100	182,700	176,200	400	0.22%	6,900	3.92%
Spartanburg MSA	170,900	169,700	164,500	1,200	0.71%	6,400	3.89%
Sumter MSA	38,000	37,700	38,100	300	0.80%	-100	-0.26%

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

AREA		October 2022				September 2022				October 2021			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)	
Marlboro County	↑	8,406	7,756	650	7.7	8,342	7,807	535	6.4	8,836	8,183	653	7.4
Bamberg County	↑	4,586	4,283	303	6.6	4,553	4,305	248	5.4	4,672	4,386	286	6.1
Allendale County	↑	2,216	2,072	144	6.5	2,243	2,111	132	5.9	2,389	2,230	159	6.7
Orangeburg County	↑	32,939	30,961	1,978	6.0	32,862	31,130	1,732	5.3	33,680	31,549	2,131	6.3
Marion County	↑	12,597	11,888	709	5.6	12,612	11,984	628	5.0	12,876	12,115	761	5.9
Union County	↑	11,504	10,864	640	5.6	11,437	10,876	561	4.9	11,434	10,790	644	5.6
Lee County	↑	6,345	6,002	343	5.4	6,319	6,034	285	4.5	6,557	6,240	317	4.8
Williamsburg County	↑	10,707	10,137	570	5.3	10,767	10,274	493	4.6	10,983	10,415	568	5.2
Barnwell County	↑	7,484	7,095	389	5.2	7,494	7,149	345	4.6	7,532	7,099	433	5.7
Cherokee County	↑	24,686	23,439	1,247	5.1	24,168	23,235	933	3.9	24,833	23,814	1,019	4.1
Dillon County	↑	12,886	12,235	651	5.1	12,804	12,257	547	4.3	13,040	12,361	679	5.2
Fairfield County	↑	9,106	8,638	468	5.1	9,108	8,683	425	4.7	9,224	8,740	484	5.2
Chester County	↑	13,558	12,900	658	4.9	13,439	12,878	561	4.2	13,336	12,653	683	5.1
Clarendon County	↑	11,798	11,259	539	4.6	11,827	11,361	466	3.9	12,075	11,565	510	4.2
Sumter County	↑	40,871	39,102	1,769	4.3	40,716	39,217	1,499	3.7	42,179	40,540	1,639	3.9
Greenwood County	↑	29,992	28,742	1,250	4.2	29,730	28,685	1,045	3.5	30,179	29,041	1,138	3.8
Abbeville County	↑	9,537	9,142	395	4.1	9,464	9,123	341	3.6	9,602	9,217	385	4.0
Chesterfield County	↑	21,184	20,326	858	4.1	21,146	20,416	730	3.5	21,560	20,690	870	4.0
Horry County	↑	150,497	144,347	6,150	4.1	150,691	145,421	5,270	3.5	149,575	143,463	6,112	4.1
Calhoun County	↑	6,338	6,087	251	4.0	6,337	6,118	219	3.5	6,395	6,147	248	3.9
Darlington County	↑	28,921	27,803	1,118	3.9	28,863	27,892	971	3.4	29,804	28,712	1,092	3.7
Edgefield County	↑	10,372	9,967	405	3.9	10,337	10,001	336	3.3	10,361	10,079	282	2.7
Georgetown County	↑	25,925	24,922	1,003	3.9	25,961	25,095	866	3.3	25,913	24,894	1,019	3.9
Lancaster County	↑	44,157	42,456	1,701	3.9	43,860	42,381	1,479	3.4	43,264	41,592	1,672	3.9
McCormick County	↑	3,440	3,310	130	3.8	3,445	3,324	121	3.5	3,287	3,157	130	4.0
Colleton County	↑	15,845	15,259	586	3.7	15,803	15,295	508	3.2	16,147	15,581	566	3.5
Florence County	↑	64,238	61,923	2,315	3.6	64,108	62,099	2,009	3.1	66,062	63,826	2,236	3.4
Kershaw County	↑	28,953	27,918	1,035	3.6	28,964	28,062	902	3.1	29,155	28,249	906	3.1
Laurens County	↑	30,330	29,229	1,101	3.6	30,106	29,172	934	3.1	29,741	28,695	1,046	3.5
Richland County	↑	194,299	187,229	7,070	3.6	194,209	188,218	5,991	3.1	196,503	189,847	6,656	3.4
Berkeley County	↑	111,251	107,396	3,855	3.5	110,872	107,646	3,226	2.9	107,873	104,556	3,317	3.1
Pickens County	↑	58,489	56,469	2,020	3.5	57,971	56,357	1,614	2.8	57,089	55,450	1,639	2.9
Aiken County	↑	73,580	71,068	2,512	3.4	73,453	71,330	2,123	2.9	74,166	72,126	2,040	2.8
Spartanburg County	↑	157,352	151,995	5,357	3.4	156,623	152,181	4,442	2.8	156,183	151,096	5,087	3.3
York County	↑	150,071	145,014	5,057	3.4	149,119	144,746	4,373	2.9	146,854	142,035	4,819	3.3
Beaufort County	↑	75,845	73,320	2,525	3.3	75,715	73,561	2,154	2.8	75,835	73,669	2,166	2.9
Dorchester County	↑	80,631	78,009	2,622	3.3	80,392	78,187	2,205	2.7	78,295	75,919	2,376	3.0
Anderson County	↑	92,122	89,143	2,979	3.2	91,514	88,973	2,541	2.8	90,401	87,609	2,792	3.1
Oconee County	↑	33,948	32,856	1,092	3.2	34,006	33,050	956	2.8	34,018	33,020	998	2.9
Saluda County	↑	8,311	8,047	264	3.2	8,315	8,089	226	2.7	8,323	8,105	218	2.6
Jasper County	↑	13,139	12,726	413	3.1	13,106	12,754	352	2.7	13,026	12,661	365	2.8
Newberry County	↑	18,917	18,332	585	3.1	18,871	18,393	478	2.5	19,098	18,595	503	2.6
Greenville County	↑	261,842	253,866	7,976	3.0	260,116	253,385	6,731	2.6	256,795	249,540	7,255	2.8
Hampton County	↑	7,811	7,578	233	3.0	7,833	7,636	197	2.5	7,968	7,743	225	2.8
Lexington County	↑	149,036	144,627	4,409	3.0	149,065	145,362	3,703	2.5	150,160	146,333	3,827	2.5
Charleston County	↑	217,986	211,706	6,280	2.9	217,590	212,131	5,459	2.5	211,790	205,611	6,179	2.9
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↑	409,868	397,111	12,757	3.1	408,854	397,964	10,890	2.7	397,958	386,086	11,872	3.0
Columbia MSA	↑	396,043	382,546	13,497	3.4	395,998	384,532	11,466	2.9	399,760	387,421	12,339	3.1
Florence MSA	↑	93,159	89,726	3,433	3.7	92,971	89,991	2,980	3.2	95,866	92,538	3,328	3.5
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↑	442,783	428,707	14,076	3.2	439,707	427,887	11,820	2.7	434,026	421,294	12,732	2.9
Hilton Head Island- Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	↑	88,984	86,046	2,938	3.3	88,821	86,315	2,506	2.8	88,861	86,330	2,531	2.8
Myrtle Beach-Conway- North Myrtle Beach, SC- NC MSA	↑	206,922	197,892	9,030	4.4	207,052	199,432	7,620	3.7	204,478	195,540	8,938	4.4
Spartanburg MSA	↑	168,856	162,859	5,997	3.6	168,060	163,057	5,003	3.0	167,617	161,886	5,731	3.4
Sumter MSA	↑	40,871	39,102	1,769	4.3	40,716	39,217	1,499	3.7	42,179	40,540	1,639	3.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↑	2,386,416	2,307,838	78,578	3.3	2,391,226	2,315,822	75,404	3.2	2,370,730	2,284,207	86,523	3.6

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↑ Unemployment Rate Up
↓ Unemployment Rate Down
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