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South Carolina's Employment Situation July 2020

Employment Continues to Rise Unemployment Rate Ticks Lower

I. Household Survey¹

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working increased to 2,242,832.

- That is a significant increase of 16,049 people over June 2020.
- That is also a significant decrease of 67,088 people over July 2019.

Unemployment: Unemployment estimates increased slightly to 211,965 people.

- That is an increase of 353 people since June 2020 and a notable increase of 147,665 over July 2019.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 8.6 percent in July from June's estimate of 8.7 percent.

Nationally, the unemployment rate declined from 11.1 percent in June to 10.2 percent in July.

Labor force: The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,454,797.

- That is an increase of 16,402 people over June 2020.
- That is a significant increase of 80,577 individuals over July 2019.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted³)

The Current Employment Survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an increase of 8,300 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,071,500.

- Industries reporting gains were Professional and Business Services (+6,300); Leisure and Hospitality (+2,500); Education and Health Services (+2,200); Government (+2,200); Other Services (+1,100); and Manufacturing (+400).

- Decreases were noticed in the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-5,700); Construction (-500) and Information (-200) industries. Financial Activities remained stagnant.

From July 2019 to July 2020, South Carolina's economy has lost 121,000 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs.

- Only the Other Services industry reported gains (+1,100) over the year.
- Decreases were reported in Leisure and Hospitality (-58,900); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-16,500); Government (-14,300); Professional and Business Services (-11,500); Education and Health Services (-10,600); Manufacturing (-6,900); Financial Activities (-2,000); Information (-1,000); and Construction (-100).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted²)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 3,700 from June 2020 to July 2020 for a total of 2,077,300.

- Industries reporting growth during this period were Professional and Business Services (+6,200); Leisure and Hospitality (+2,800); Other Services (+1,500); Education and Health Services (+1,300); Manufacturing (+1,200); and Financial Activities (+700).
- Industries reporting declines were Government (-9,100); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-6,200); and Construction (-2,100).
- Mining and Logging and Information had no change.

Since July 2019, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were down 112,500 in South Carolina.

- Only the Other Services industry showed annual gains (+2,000).
- Industries recording an over-the-year loss are Leisure and Hospitality (-55,900); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-16,800); Government (-12,700); Education and Health Services (-11,800); Professional and Business Services (-7,200); Manufacturing (-6,900); Financial Activities (-1,400); Information (-800); Construction (-700); and Mining and Logging (-300).

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
July

Area	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	June 2020 to July 2020		July 2019 to July 2020	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,071,500	2,063,200	2,192,500	8,300	0.40%	-121,000	-5.52%
Construction	106,900	107,400	107,000	-500	-0.47%	-100	-0.09%
Manufacturing	252,700	252,300	259,600	400	0.16%	-6,900	-2.66%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	392,300	398,000	408,800	-5,700	-1.43%	-16,500	-4.04%
Information	26,100	26,300	27,100	-200	-0.76%	-1,000	-3.69%
Financial Activities	103,200	103,200	105,200	0	0.00%	-2,000	-1.90%
Professional and Business Services	286,800	280,500	298,300	6,300	2.25%	-11,500	-3.86%
Education and Health Services	247,600	245,400	258,200	2,200	0.90%	-10,600	-4.11%
Leisure and Hospitality	213,200	210,700	272,100	2,500	1.19%	-58,900	-21.65%
Other Services	81,000	79,900	79,900	1,100	1.38%	1,100	1.38%
Government	357,500	355,300	371,800	2,200	0.62%	-14,300	-3.85%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
July

Area	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	June 2020 to July 2020		July 2019 to July 2020	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm	2,077,300	2,081,000	2,189,800	-3,700	-0.18%	-112,500	-5.14%
Mining and Logging	4,200	4,200	4,500	0	0.00%	-300	-6.67%
Construction	107,100	109,200	107,800	-2,100	-1.92%	-700	-0.65%
Manufacturing	253,500	252,300	260,400	1,200	0.48%	-6,900	-2.65%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	392,800	399,000	409,600	-6,200	-1.55%	-16,800	-4.10%
Information	26,400	26,400	27,200	0	0.00%	-800	-2.94%
Financial Activities	104,900	104,200	106,300	700	0.67%	-1,400	-1.32%
Professional and Business Services	288,300	282,100	295,500	6,200	2.20%	-7,200	-2.44%
Education and Health Services	243,900	242,600	255,700	1,300	0.54%	-11,800	-4.61%
Leisure and Hospitality	229,000	226,200	284,900	2,800	1.24%	-55,900	-19.62%
Other Services	82,400	80,900	80,400	1,500	1.85%	2,000	2.49%
Government	344,800	353,900	357,500	-9,100	-2.57%	-12,700	-3.55%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted

July

Area	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	June 2020 to July 2020		July 2019 to July 2020	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,071,500	2,063,200	2,192,500	8,300	0.40%	-121,000	-5.52%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	347,800	345,400	376,600	2,400	0.69%	-28,800	-7.65%
Columbia MSA	383,800	378,200	405,600	5,600	1.48%	-21,800	-5.37%
Florence MSA	90,300	89,700	93,000	600	0.67%	-2,700	-2.90%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	415,700	410,700	435,300	5,000	1.22%	-19,600	-4.50%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	81,300	79,800	84,100	1,500	1.88%	-2,800	-3.33%
Myrtle Beach MSA	153,600	154,900	175,100	-1,300	-0.84%	-21,500	-12.28%
Spartanburg MSA	150,700	152,600	163,800	-1,900	-1.25%	-13,100	-8.00%
Sumter MSA	37,900	38,200	39,600	-300	-0.79%	-1,700	-4.29%

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

July

Area	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	June 2020 to July 2020		July 2019 to July 2020	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,077,300	2,081,000	2,189,800	-3,700	-0.18%	-112,500	-5.14%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	348,700	348,900	377,900	-200	-0.06%	-29,200	-7.73%
Columbia MSA	380,500	378,700	401,900	1,800	0.48%	-21,400	-5.32%
Florence MSA	89,600	89,900	92,100	-300	-0.33%	-2,500	-2.71%
Greenville MSA	412,600	412,000	431,900	600	0.15%	-19,300	-4.47%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	83,700	82,400	86,200	1,300	1.58%	-2,500	-2.90%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	162,500	165,000	184,300	-2,500	-1.52%	-21,800	-11.83%
Spartanburg MSA	148,400	152,600	161,300	-4,200	-2.75%	-12,900	-8.00%
Sumter MSA	37,700	38,300	39,400	-600	-1.57%	-1,700	-4.31%

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

AREA	July 2020					June 2020					July 2019				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		RATE (%)
			LEVEL	LEVEL				LEVEL	LEVEL						
Allendale County	↑	2,814	2,420	394	14.0	2,713	2,388	325	12.0	2,699	2,551	148	5.5		
Marlboro County	↓	10,009	8,612	1,397	14.0	9,943	8,545	1,398	14.1	9,072	8,558	514	5.7		
Chester County	↑	14,329	12,389	1,940	13.5	14,155	12,294	1,861	13.1	13,526	12,912	614	4.5		
Union County	↑	12,454	10,769	1,685	13.5	12,579	10,924	1,655	13.2	11,709	11,270	439	3.7		
Orangeburg County	↑	37,993	33,110	4,883	12.9	37,315	32,793	4,522	12.1	34,611	32,914	1,697	4.9		
Bamberg County	↑	5,274	4,605	669	12.7	5,176	4,554	622	12.0	4,955	4,652	303	6.1		
Barnwell County	↑	8,571	7,567	1,004	11.7	8,271	7,507	764	9.2	8,297	7,927	370	4.5		
Marion County	↑	13,879	12,273	1,606	11.6	13,681	12,199	1,482	10.8	13,361	12,761	600	4.5		
Williamsburg County	↑	12,895	11,402	1,493	11.6	12,708	11,302	1,406	11.1	12,231	11,652	579	4.7		
Cherokee County	↑	27,256	24,130	3,126	11.5	27,105	24,117	2,988	11.0	24,679	23,799	880	3.6		
Fairfield County	↑	10,165	9,021	1,144	11.3	9,981	8,890	1,091	10.9	9,707	9,266	441	4.5		
Lee County	↑	7,053	6,271	782	11.1	6,930	6,215	715	10.3	6,735	6,447	288	4.3		
Horry County	↓	155,682	138,581	17,101	11.0	157,102	139,208	17,894	11.4	156,579	151,458	5,121	3.3		
Lancaster County	↓	42,893	38,430	4,463	10.4	42,668	38,140	4,528	10.6	41,459	40,020	1,439	3.5		
Georgetown County	↑	27,581	24,764	2,817	10.2	27,372	24,603	2,769	10.1	26,676	25,736	940	3.5		
Spartanburg County	↓	158,139	142,859	15,280	9.7	160,884	144,975	15,909	9.9	153,824	149,471	4,353	2.8		
Sumter County	↑	46,245	41,740	4,505	9.7	45,943	41,918	4,025	8.8	43,834	42,257	1,577	3.6		
Clarendon County	↑	13,354	12,071	1,283	9.6	13,200	11,977	1,223	9.3	12,407	11,864	543	4.4		
Charleston County	-	222,143	200,998	21,145	9.5	220,362	199,380	20,982	9.5	215,888	210,555	5,333	2.5		
Darlington County	↑	32,783	29,692	3,091	9.4	32,484	29,482	3,002	9.2	30,894	29,746	1,148	3.7		
Laurens County	↓	32,181	29,172	3,009	9.4	31,945	28,844	3,101	9.7	30,594	29,630	964	3.2		
Greenwood County	↑	32,911	29,855	3,056	9.3	32,551	29,620	2,931	9.0	30,592	29,556	1,036	3.4		
York County	↓	145,005	131,481	13,524	9.3	144,453	130,555	13,898	9.6	140,877	136,707	4,170	3.0		
Colleton County	↑	17,727	16,111	1,616	9.1	17,389	15,962	1,427	8.2	17,019	16,448	571	3.4		
Calhoun County	↑	6,851	6,240	611	8.9	6,735	6,144	591	8.8	6,678	6,426	252	3.8		
McCormick County	↓	3,495	3,184	311	8.9	3,486	3,161	325	9.3	3,384	3,276	108	3.2		
Dorchester County	↑	81,285	74,097	7,188	8.8	80,566	73,541	7,025	8.7	79,705	77,604	2,101	2.6		
Berkeley County	↑	107,961	98,614	9,347	8.7	106,754	97,893	8,861	8.3	106,064	103,244	2,820	2.7		
Richland County	-	208,423	190,236	18,187	8.7	205,610	187,809	17,801	8.7	200,420	194,443	5,977	3.0		
Abbeville County	↓	10,443	9,550	893	8.6	10,472	9,478	994	9.5	9,792	9,441	351	3.6		
Chesterfield County	↓	23,048	21,079	1,969	8.5	22,867	20,886	1,981	8.7	22,312	21,590	722	3.2		
Dillon County	↑	13,784	12,613	1,171	8.5	13,563	12,483	1,080	8.0	12,693	12,157	536	4.2		
Anderson County	↓	96,145	88,477	7,668	8.0	95,729	87,545	8,184	8.5	92,340	89,689	2,651	2.9		
Florence County	↑	71,454	65,764	5,690	8.0	70,832	65,361	5,471	7.7	67,754	65,650	2,104	3.1		
Greenville County	↓	269,266	247,984	21,282	7.9	267,657	245,417	22,240	8.3	257,808	251,238	6,570	2.5		
Hampton County	↑	8,847	8,177	670	7.6	8,663	8,038	625	7.2	8,515	8,252	263	3.1		
Kershaw County	↑	30,197	27,899	2,298	7.6	29,736	27,498	2,238	7.5	29,601	28,647	954	3.2		
Jasper County	↑	13,717	12,689	1,028	7.5	13,358	12,388	970	7.3	13,132	12,760	372	2.8		
Oconee County	-	36,693	33,940	2,753	7.5	36,381	33,635	2,746	7.5	34,866	33,773	1,093	3.1		
Pickens County	↓	59,970	55,681	4,289	7.2	59,675	55,096	4,579	7.7	58,171	56,424	1,747	3.0		
Beaufort County	↓	83,959	78,106	5,853	7.0	82,484	76,343	6,141	7.4	80,433	78,146	2,287	2.8		
Edgefield County	↓	10,969	10,210	759	6.9	10,912	10,126	786	7.2	10,834	10,513	321	3.0		
Newberry County	↑	19,507	18,160	1,347	6.9	19,244	17,929	1,315	6.8	19,445	18,883	562	2.9		
Aiken County	↓	76,642	71,477	5,165	6.7	76,443	71,071	5,372	7.0	75,454	73,104	2,350	3.1		
Lexington County	↓	153,726	144,085	9,641	6.3	151,974	142,104	9,870	6.5	151,458	147,677	3,781	2.5		
Saluda County	↓	8,981	8,443	538	6.0	8,816	8,271	545	6.2	9,088	8,836	252	2.8		
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↑	411,389	373,709	37,680	9.2	407,682	370,814	36,868	9.0	401,657	391,403	10,254	2.6		
Columbia MSA	↓	418,343	385,924	32,419	7.7	412,852	380,716	32,136	7.8	406,952	395,295	11,657	2.9		
Florence MSA	↑	104,237	95,456	8,781	8.4	103,316	94,843	8,473	8.2	98,648	95,396	3,252	3.3		
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↓	457,562	421,314	36,248	7.9	455,006	416,902	38,104	8.4	438,913	426,981	11,932	2.7		
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED															
South Carolina	↓	2,454,797	2,242,832	211,965	8.6	2,438,395	2,226,783	211,612	8.7	2,374,220	2,309,920	64,300	2.7		

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

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↓ Unemployment Rate Down
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