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South Carolina's Employment Situation
November 2012

For the fourth consecutive month, South Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped—to 8.3 percent in November from the October estimate of 8.6 percent.

The number of unemployed people fell over the month by 6,434 to 176,953. There was a rise in the number of employed people, up 9,758 to 1,964,377.   The total labor force ticked up slightly (+3,324) to 2,141,330. The unemployment rate has fallen 1.5 percentage points since November 2011.

Nationally, the unemployment rate also fell from 7.9 percent in October to 7.7 percent in November. This was caused mainly by a drop of 350,000 in the overall labor force.

Since October 2012, South Carolina's nonagricultural employment (not seasonally-adjusted) increased 7,100 to 1,880,900. In the last year, the number of jobs in the state was up 33,200 (about 1.8 percent), while the number of jobs in the U.S. grew by 1.4 percent.

Employment by Industry

- With the Christmas holidays rapidly approaching, increased hiring in Retail Trade pushed the Trade, Transportation and Utilities industry up by 1.5 percent or 5,500.

- Other positive employment trends were Government (+3,100), Education and Health Services (+1,200), Manufacturing (+1,100), Information (+200) and Financial Services (+100).

- There were some industries that lost employment since October 2012: Leisure and Hospitality (-2,200 jobs); Professional and Business Services (-1,400); and Construction (-700). These industry losses were seen in accommodation and food services in the coastal areas, administrative and support services, and Specialty Trade Contractors. The Mining and Logging industries were unchanged over the month.

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Statewide
November 2012

Jobs by Industry	November 2012	October 2012	November 2011	October 2012 to November 2012 # Change	October 2012 to November 2012 % Change	November 2011 to November 2012 # Change	November 2011 to November 2012 % Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,880,900	1,873,800	1,847,700	7,100	0.38%	33,200	1.80%
Natural Resources and Mining	3,600	3,600	3,800	0	0.00%	-200	-5.26%
Construction	74,800	75,500	75,300	-700	-0.93%	-500	-0.66%
Manufacturing	225,700	224,600	219,800	1,100	0.49%	5,900	2.68%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	361,800	356,300	358,200	5,500	1.54%	3,600	1.01%
Information	27,400	27,200	26,600	200	0.74%	800	3.01%
Financial Activities	99,100	99,000	96,500	100	0.10%	2,600	2.69%
Professional and Business Services	229,200	230,600	230,900	-1,400	-0.61%	-1,700	-0.74%
Education and Health Services	226,600	225,400	219,000	1,200	0.53%	7,600	3.47%
Leisure and Hospitality	211,800	214,000	204,500	-2,200	-1.03%	7,300	3.57%
Other Services	69,900	69,700	68,900	200	0.29%	1,000	1.45%
Government	351,000	347,900	344,200	3,100	0.89%	6,800	1.98%

Note: Not Seasonally Adjusted

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
November 2012

INDUSTRY TITLE	November 2012	October 2012	November 2011	October 2012 to November 2012 # Change	October 2012 to November 2012 % Change	November 2011 to November 2012 # Change	November 2011 to November 2012 % Change
Statewide	1,880,900	1,873,800	1,847,700	7,100	0.38%	33,200	1.80%
Anderson MSA	58,600	58,400	58,600	200	0.34%	0	0.00%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	303,000	301,800	297,000	1,200	0.40%	6,000	2.02%
Columbia MSA	355,200	355,400	353,100	-200	-0.06%	2,100	0.59%
Florence MSA	85,300	84,900	83,000	400	0.47%	2,300	2.77%
Greenville MSA	307,900	306,300	306,800	1,600	0.52%	1,100	0.36%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	113,200	114,600	112,200	-1,400	-1.22%	1,000	0.89%
Spartanburg MSA	123,100	123,100	118,800	0	0.00%	4,300	3.62%
Sumter MSA	36,900	36,800	36,400	100	0.27%	500	1.37%

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.

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

AREA		November 2012 LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY-MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	October 2012 LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY-MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	November 2011 LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY-MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)
Marion County	↓	11,745	9,895	1,850	15.8	11,832	9,932	1,900	16.1	11,902	9,756	2,146	18.0
Allendale County	↓	3,289	2,788	501	15.2	3,336	2,783	553	16.6	3,327	2,752	575	17.3
Marlboro County	↓	11,270	9,696	1,574	14.0	11,419	9,718	1,701	14.9	11,562	9,636	1,926	16.7
Bamberg County	↑	6,222	5,377	845	13.6	6,196	5,375	821	13.3	6,258	5,257	1,001	16.0
Barnwell County	↑	8,377	7,267	1,110	13.3	8,377	7,272	1,105	13.2	8,448	7,173	1,275	15.1
Orangeburg County	↑	41,453	36,117	5,336	12.9	41,230	36,148	5,082	12.3	41,894	35,325	6,569	15.7
Clarendon County	↑	12,315	10,745	1,570	12.7	12,283	10,754	1,529	12.4	12,407	10,604	1,803	14.5
Union County	↓	11,349	9,916	1,433	12.6	11,404	9,955	1,449	12.7	11,450	9,696	1,754	15.3
Chester County	↓	14,452	12,644	1,808	12.5	14,529	12,666	1,863	12.8	14,449	12,393	2,056	14.2
Dillon County	↓	13,141	11,517	1,624	12.4	13,162	11,508	1,654	12.6	13,175	11,281	1,894	14.4
McCormick County	↓	3,321	2,938	383	11.5	3,326	2,939	387	11.6	3,330	2,881	449	13.5
Hampton County	↓	7,709	6,857	852	11.1	7,765	6,857	908	11.7	7,728	6,732	996	12.9
Lancaster County	↓	30,721	27,346	3,375	11.0	30,834	27,391	3,443	11.2	30,634	26,771	3,863	12.6
Williamsburg County	↑	16,021	14,281	1,740	10.9	16,002	14,309	1,693	10.6	16,134	14,060	2,074	12.9
Chesterfield County	↓	18,725	16,697	2,028	10.8	18,889	16,707	2,182	11.6	18,772	16,381	2,391	12.7
Lee County	–	8,053	7,203	850	10.6	8,079	7,221	858	10.6	8,159	7,137	1,022	12.5
Calhoun County	↑	6,731	6,031	700	10.4	6,701	6,096	605	9.0	7,029	6,044	985	14.0
Cherokee County	↓	24,752	22,187	2,565	10.4	24,922	22,255	2,667	10.7	24,677	21,645	3,032	12.3
Colleton County	↑	17,048	15,315	1,733	10.2	17,049	15,325	1,724	10.1	17,087	15,047	2,040	11.9
Fairfield County	↑	10,565	9,490	1,075	10.2	10,603	9,591	1,012	9.5	10,695	9,509	1,186	11.1
Abbeville County	↑	10,770	9,687	1,083	10.1	10,761	9,701	1,060	9.9	10,716	9,541	1,175	11.0
Horry County	↑	124,393	112,388	12,005	9.7	126,058	114,664	11,394	9.0	125,603	111,700	13,903	11.1
Sumter County	↑	43,737	39,484	4,253	9.7	43,891	39,721	4,170	9.5	44,062	39,294	4,768	10.8
Darlington County	↓	30,625	27,760	2,865	9.4	30,875	27,876	2,999	9.7	30,411	27,130	3,281	10.8
Greenwood County	↓	30,860	27,976	2,884	9.3	30,945	28,006	2,939	9.5	30,507	27,352	3,155	10.3
York County	↓	111,314	101,085	10,229	9.2	112,595	101,249	11,346	10.1	112,389	98,970	13,419	11.9
Florence County	↑	62,801	57,300	5,501	8.8	62,982	57,541	5,441	8.6	62,251	55,999	6,252	10.0
Oconee County	↑	31,182	28,509	2,673	8.6	31,199	28,564	2,635	8.4	30,926	28,086	2,840	9.2
Georgetown County	↑	29,596	27,066	2,530	8.5	29,578	27,178	2,400	8.1	29,582	26,632	2,950	10.0
Edgefield County	–	10,916	9,995	921	8.4	10,938	10,018	920	8.4	11,142	10,151	991	8.9
Spartanburg County	↑	134,011	122,970	11,041	8.2	135,122	124,167	10,955	8.1	132,742	120,250	12,492	9.4
Laurens County	↓	30,231	27,779	2,452	8.1	30,441	27,946	2,495	8.2	30,610	27,837	2,773	9.1
Anderson County	↑	81,200	74,667	6,533	8.0	81,510	75,072	6,438	7.9	82,859	75,088	7,771	9.4
Kershaw County	–	29,332	27,024	2,308	7.9	29,665	27,311	2,354	7.9	29,688	27,080	2,608	8.8
Richland County	↑	180,168	166,086	14,082	7.8	181,938	167,850	14,088	7.7	181,460	166,426	15,034	8.3
Aiken County	↓	73,490	67,981	5,509	7.5	73,809	68,135	5,674	7.7	75,306	69,043	6,263	8.3
Newberry County	↑	18,141	16,787	1,354	7.5	18,179	16,835	1,344	7.4	18,206	16,537	1,669	9.2
Pickens County	↑	57,491	53,205	4,286	7.5	57,766	53,525	4,241	7.3	57,991	53,317	4,674	8.1
Jasper County	↓	10,490	9,711	779	7.4	10,509	9,721	788	7.5	10,413	9,496	917	8.8
Berkeley County	–	83,839	77,733	6,106	7.3	84,279	78,145	6,134	7.3	84,050	76,764	7,286	8.7
Beaufort County	↑	64,851	60,311	4,540	7.0	64,750	60,372	4,378	6.8	64,001	58,975	5,026	7.9
Dorchester County	↑	68,214	63,559	4,655	6.8	68,444	63,895	4,549	6.6	67,925	62,766	5,159	7.6
Saluda County	↓	8,908	8,313	595	6.7	9,039	8,401	638	7.1	9,061	8,330	731	8.1
Charleston County	↑	175,531	163,957	11,574	6.6	176,100	164,824	11,276	6.4	175,103	161,912	13,191	7.5
Greenville County	↑	222,742	208,041	14,701	6.6	223,627	209,293	14,334	6.4	225,183	208,479	16,704	7.4
Lexington County	↑	131,954	123,596	8,358	6.3	133,175	124,909	8,266	6.2	133,364	123,849	9,515	7.1
Charleston MSA	↑	327,584	305,249	22,335	6.8	328,823	306,864	21,959	6.7	327,078	301,442	25,636	7.8
Columbia MSA	↑	367,658	340,541	27,117	7.4	371,122	344,158	26,964	7.3	371,296	341,237	30,059	8.1
Florence MSA	–	93,426	85,060	8,366	9.0	93,857	85,417	8,440	9.0	92,662	83,129	9,533	10.3
Greenville MSA	↑	310,464	289,025	21,439	6.9	311,834	290,764	21,070	6.8	313,784	289,633	24,151	7.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED South Carolina	↓	2,141,330	1,964,377	176,953	8.3	2,138,006	1,954,619	183,387	8.6	2,159,306	1,947,293	212,013	9.8

Current month's estimates are preliminary.

Counties are sorted by current month's unemployment rate in descending order.

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