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South Carolina's Employment Situation
July 2013

Unemployment Rate Essentially Unchanged at 8.1 percent

South Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 8.1 percent for July 2013. Over the year, the rate has dropped by more than a full percentage point.

There were 174,267 unemployed South Carolinians in July and an estimated total labor force of 2,161,966. The number of employed South Carolinians slid to 1,987,699, decreasing by 4,084 since June.

Nationally, the unemployment rate declined to 7.4 percent from June's estimate of 7.6 percent.

South Carolina's seasonally adjusted non-farm payroll employment increased to 1,889,600, reaching this year's highest level and representing an increase of 1,700 jobs over the month.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted¹)

- South Carolina saw growth in Professional and Business Services (+3,100); Construction (+900); Other Services (+900); and Leisure and Hospitality (+800).
- Additional increases occurred in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+400) and Information (+200).
- Industries experiencing declines were Manufacturing (-1,100); Financial Activities (-700); Education and Health Services (-600); and Government (-2,100).
- Compared to a year ago, the number of job gains was up by 36,800, with notable advances in Leisure and Hospitality (+11,500); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+8,400); Construction (+4,600); Financial Activities (+3,900); Professional and Business Services (+3,700); and Government (+3,200).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted²)

Traditionally, not seasonally adjusted employment decreases during the summer months due to the seasonal layoffs and school closings between terms. As a result, the not-seasonally adjusted, non-farm payroll employment in July decreased by 11,200 over the month, to 1,893,700, including decreases in Government (-14,400) and Education and Health Services (-500).

- Although the overall total employment declined, there were large gains in Professional and Business Services (+2,400) and Leisure and Hospitality (+1,400). Small improvements were also reported in Other Services (+500), Construction (+400), and Information (+300).

¹Seasonally 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.

²Not Seasonally Adjusted: Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from these data.

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Industry	Statewide July 2013			June 2013		July 2012	
				#	%	#	%
	July 2013	June 2013	July 2012	Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,889,600	1,887,900	1,852,800	1,700	0.09%	36,800	1.95%
Construction	81,600	80,700	77,000	900	1.10%	4,600	5.64%
Manufacturing	220,000	221,100	219,200	-1,100	-0.50%	800	0.36%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	362,600	362,200	354,200	400	0.11%	8,400	2.32%
Information	25,900	25,700	25,400	200	0.77%	500	1.93%
Financial Activities	102,200	102,900	98,300	-700	-0.68%	3,900	3.82%
Professional and Business Services	239,200	236,100	235,500	3,100	1.30%	3,700	1.55%
Education and Health Services	210,300	210,900	209,600	-600	-0.29%	700	0.33%
Leisure and Hospitality	228,000	227,200	216,500	800	0.35%	11,500	5.04%
Other Services	68,600	67,700	69,000	900	1.31%	-400	-0.58%
Government	347,500	349,600	344,300	-2,100	-0.60%	3,200	0.92%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Industry	Statewide July 2013			June 2013		July 2012	
				#	%	#	%
	July 2013	June 2013	July 2012	Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,893,700	1,904,900	1,852,500	-11,200	-0.59%	41,200	2.22%
Natural Resources and Mining	3,700	3,800	3,800	-100	-2.63%	-100	-2.63%
Construction	82,700	82,300	78,100	400	0.49%	4,600	5.89%
Manufacturing	220,600	221,500	219,100	-900	-0.41%	1,500	0.68%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	364,100	363,900	355,500	200	0.05%	8,600	2.42%
Information	26,000	25,700	25,700	300	1.17%	300	1.17%
Financial Activities	103,000	103,500	99,500	-500	-0.48%	3,500	3.52%
Professional and Business Services	241,400	239,000	236,100	2,400	1.00%	5,300	2.24%
Education and Health Services	208,400	208,900	207,400	-500	-0.24%	1,000	0.48%
Leisure and Hospitality	242,000	240,600	228,100	1,400	0.58%	13,900	6.09%
Other Services	69,100	68,600	69,700	500	0.73%	-600	-0.86%
Government	332,700	347,100	329,500	-14,400	-4.15%	3,200	0.97%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas July 2013

AREA	July 2013	June 2013	July 2012	June 2013 to July 2013		July 2012 to July 2013	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	1,889,600	1,887,900	1,852,800	1,700	0.09%	36,800	1.95%
Anderson MSA	61,800	61,300	61,000	500	0.81%	800	1.29%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	310,600	309,200	305,900	1,400	0.45%	4,700	1.51%
Columbia MSA	361,700	361,000	354,400	700	0.19%	7,300	2.02%
Florence MSA	83,900	82,800	83,200	1,100	1.31%	700	0.83%
Greenville MSA	312,800	311,600	306,100	1,200	0.38%	6,700	2.14%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	121,300	119,000	116,200	2,300	1.90%	5,100	4.20%
Spartanburg MSA	126,100	125,100	123,000	1,000	0.79%	3,100	2.46%
Sumter MSA	37,600	37,100	37,000	500	1.33%	600	1.60%

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 Areas July 2013

AREA	July 2013	June 2013	July 2012	June 2013 to July 2013		July 2012 to July 2013	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	1,893,700	1,904,900	1,852,500	-11,200	-0.59%	41,200	2.22%
Anderson MSA	61,300	61,700	60,000	-400	-0.65%	1300	2.17%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	312,300	313,500	306,600	-1,200	-0.38%	5,700	1.86%
Columbia MSA	359,700	361,700	350,500	-2,000	-0.55%	9,200	2.62%
Florence MSA	82,300	83,400	82,100	-1100	-1.32%	200	0.24%
Greenville MSA	309,000	311,700	303,700	-2,700	-0.87%	5,300	1.75%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	129,100	127,400	126,700	1,700	1.33%	2,400	1.89%
Spartanburg MSA	122,400	124,400	120,700	-2,000	-1.61%	1,700	1.41%
Sumter MSA	37,300	37,600	36,800	-300	-0.80%	500	1.36%

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

AREA	July 2013			June 2013			July 2012		
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOY- MENT	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOY- MENT	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOY- MENT
		LEVEL	RATE (%)		LEVEL	RATE (%)		LEVEL	RATE (%)
Marion County	↓	11,522	9,772	1,750	15.2	11,615	9,729	1,886	16.2
Allendale County	↓	3,221	2,755	466	14.5	3,245	2,746	499	15.4
Bamberg County	↑	5,891	5,037	854	14.5	5,866	5,038	828	14.1
Barnwell County	↓	8,384	7,264	1,120	13.4	8,423	7,252	1,171	13.9
Marlboro County	↓	11,176	9,680	1,496	13.4	11,378	9,696	1,682	14.8
Orangeburg County	↑	40,666	35,224	5,442	13.4	40,423	35,238	5,185	12.8
Union County	↓	11,376	9,949	1,427	12.5	11,482	9,965	1,517	13.2
Clarendon County	↓	12,201	10,720	1,481	12.1	12,240	10,688	1,552	12.7
Dillon County	↓	12,708	11,168	1,540	12.1	12,862	11,189	1,673	13.0
Chester County	↓	14,614	12,898	1,716	11.7	14,809	12,961	1,848	12.5
Williamsburg County	↓	15,031	13,313	1,718	11.4	15,119	13,262	1,857	12.3
Hampton County	↓	7,714	6,871	843	10.9	7,744	6,858	886	11.4
McCormick County	↓	3,319	2,959	360	10.8	3,391	2,961	430	12.7
Lee County	↓	8,048	7,196	852	10.6	8,086	7,192	894	11.1
Chesterfield County	↓	18,704	16,745	1,959	10.5	18,876	16,759	2,117	11.2
Calhoun County	↑	6,838	6,126	712	10.4	6,779	6,104	675	10.0
Cherokee County	↓	24,951	22,416	2,535	10.2	25,236	22,474	2,762	10.9
Colleton County	↓	17,107	15,364	1,743	10.2	17,173	15,311	1,862	10.8
Lancaster County	↓	32,097	28,891	3,206	10.0	32,502	28,986	3,516	10.8
Darlington County	↓	30,016	27,080	2,936	9.8	30,401	27,189	3,212	10.6
Abbeville County	↓	10,875	9,836	1,039	9.6	10,975	9,823	1,152	10.5
Sumter County	↓	44,681	40,429	4,252	9.5	44,744	40,324	4,420	9.9
Florence County	↓	62,475	56,613	5,862	9.4	63,043	56,839	6,204	9.8
Greenwood County	↓	30,747	27,917	2,830	9.2	30,957	27,888	3,069	9.9
Fairfield County	↓	10,433	9,502	931	8.9	10,531	9,468	1,063	10.1
Oconee County	↓	31,892	29,106	2,786	8.7	32,041	29,060	2,981	9.3
Laurens County	↑	30,518	27,912	2,606	8.5	30,365	27,889	2,476	8.2
Edgefield County	↑	11,253	10,312	941	8.4	11,211	10,286	925	8.3
Spartanburg County	↓	135,907	124,552	11,355	8.4	137,164	125,184	11,980	8.7
York County	↓	110,784	101,742	9,042	8.2	113,218	102,874	10,344	9.1
Georgetown County	↓	30,028	27,665	2,363	7.9	30,132	27,483	2,649	8.8
Richland County	↓	185,772	171,053	14,719	7.9	186,130	170,446	15,684	8.4
Aiken County	↓	77,076	71,216	5,860	7.6	77,643	71,038	6,605	8.5
Anderson County	↓	84,816	78,373	6,443	7.6	85,179	78,206	6,973	8.2
Horry County	↓	139,527	128,930	10,597	7.6	138,540	126,692	11,848	8.6
Newberry County	↓	18,355	16,957	1,398	7.6	18,415	16,925	1,490	8.1
Pickens County	↓	58,019	53,625	4,394	7.6	58,173	53,580	4,593	7.9
Kershaw County	↓	29,977	27,760	2,217	7.4	30,031	27,661	2,370	7.9
Beaufort County	↓	65,916	61,081	4,835	7.3	66,131	60,916	5,215	7.9
Jasper County	↓	10,612	9,853	759	7.2	10,689	9,826	863	8.1
Berkeley County	↓	88,046	81,843	6,203	7.0	88,097	81,368	6,729	7.6
Dorchester County	↓	71,825	66,907	4,918	6.8	71,717	66,519	5,198	7.2
Greenville County	↓	228,796	213,736	15,060	6.6	229,886	213,557	16,329	7.1
Charleston County	↓	182,681	170,861	11,820	6.5	183,030	169,871	13,159	7.2
Saluda County	↓	9,049	8,463	586	6.5	9,094	8,433	661	7.3
Lexington County	↓	136,572	128,054	8,518	6.2	137,027	127,601	9,426	6.9
Charleston MSA	↓	342,551	319,611	22,940	6.7	342,844	317,758	25,086	7.3
Columbia MSA	↓	378,641	350,958	27,683	7.3	379,593	349,714	29,879	7.9
Florence MSA	↓	92,491	83,693	8,798	9.5	93,444	84,028	9,416	10.1
Greenville MSA	↓	317,333	295,273	22,060	7.0	318,424	295,026	23,398	7.3

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina	↑	2,161,966	1,987,699	174,267	8.1	2,165,928	1,991,783	174,145	8.0	2,164,863	1,965,680	199,183	9.2
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Current month's estimates are preliminary.

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

↑ Unemployment Rate Up

↓ Unemployment Rate Down

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