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**Priority Populations Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**SC Works Clemson Comprehensive Center East Park/Zoom**  
**Tuesday, March 7, 2023**  
**3:00 – 4:00 pm**

WorkLink WDB is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Priority Populations Committee Meeting  
Time: Mar 7, 2023 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Approval of the January 3, 2023, Minutes\*
- III. Christina Ray, Upstate Transition Specialist for Chafee and ETV program
- IV. Billy Hunter, One-Stop Manager
- V. WorkLink Data and Community Profile
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Adjourn

\*requires a vote

The meeting may be attended in person at the Clemson Center or virtually. Zoom meeting information is listed above.

Next Priority Populations Committee Meeting, Tuesday, May 2, 2023



The targeted population WIOA data is found on pages 4-6. Aggregate information is given for July 2022 to December 2022.

Beginning on page 7, Ms. Graham reviewed the SC Employment Situation from October 2022 that the SC Department of Employment and Workforce released.

The Community Profile was available in the packet, beginning on page 12. Ms. Graham stated that the Community Profile shows economic, demographic, industry, occupation, and education data for the Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens areas. The report can be revised to show individual counties and is updated approximately every 6 weeks.

WorkLink's unemployment rate is 2.5%, and the population of those with disabilities is higher nationwide at 5.8%. The percentage of our labor force with a disability is 23.7% (data from US Department of Labor).

IV. **Other Business**

Chair Gillespie shared that the next committee meeting will be on March 7, 2023.

V. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Meredith Durham*



**WIOA Targeted Population Summary**

LWIA/Region: WorkLink  
 State: South Carolina  
 Filter By Date: Participation Date  
 Date Range: 7/1/2022 - 2/28/2023

Target Group	Total Enrolled	New Enrolled	Received Career Services	Received Training/Educ Svcs	Total Exited	With Credit	Empl at Exit	Avg Wage at Exit	Training Related at Exit	Emp Qtr 1	Emp Qtr 2	Emp Qtr 3	Emp Qtr 4	Training Related Qtr 1	Training Related Qtr 2	Training Related Qtr 3	Training Related Qtr 4
<b>Total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$18.23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Gender</b>																	
Female	93	93	93	63	14	3	6	\$16.10	2	6	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
	52.22%	52.22%	52.22%	53.85%	53.85%	42.86%	50.00%	88.30%	66.67%	38.46%	40.00%			50.00%	50.00%		
Male	85	85	85	54	12	4	6	\$20.37	1	8	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
	47.75%	47.75%	47.75%	46.15%	46.15%	57.14%	50.00%	111.70%	33.33%	61.54%	60.00%			50.00%	50.00%		
<b>Age</b>																	
18 and Under	56	56	56	54	7	0	4	\$12.50	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31.46%	31.46%	31.46%	46.15%	28.92%	0	40.00%	68.55%		23.08%							
19 to 24	36	36	36	25	9	4	3	\$21.61	1	7	3	0	0	2	2	0	0
	20.22%	20.22%	20.22%	21.37%	34.82%	57.14%	30.00%	118.53%	33.33%	53.85%	60.00%			100.00%	100.00%		
25 to 54	76	76	76	38	9	3	3	\$22.50	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	42.70%	42.70%	42.70%	30.77%	34.82%	42.86%	30.00%	123.40%	66.67%	23.08%	40.00%						
55 and Older	10	10	10	2	1	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5.62%	5.62%	5.62%	1.71%	3.85%												
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>																	
White	110	110	110	79	14	3	7	\$16.55	0	9	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
	61.80%	61.80%	61.80%	67.52%	53.85%	42.86%	70.00%	90.76%		69.23%	60.00%			50.00%	50.00%		
African American/Black	67	67	67	33	11	4	3	\$22.17	3	4	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
	32.02%	32.02%	32.02%	28.21%	42.31%	57.14%	30.00%	121.57%	100.00%	30.77%	40.00%			50.00%	50.00%		
Asian	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1.12%	1.12%	1.12%	0.85%													
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.85%													
Hispanic	14	14	14	11	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	7.87%	7.87%	7.87%	9.40%													
<b>Educational Status</b>																	
In-school; post Secondary School	6	6	6	6	1	1	1	\$19.00	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3.37%	3.37%	3.37%	5.13%	3.85%	14.29%	10.00%	104.20%		7.69%							
Not attending school or Secondary School Dropout	83	83	83	73	12	2	6	\$16.50	1	6	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
	46.83%	46.83%	46.83%	62.39%	46.15%	28.57%	60.00%	90.48%	33.33%	46.15%	20.00%			50.00%	50.00%		
Not attending school; Secondary School Graduate or has a recognized equivalent	89	89	89	38	13	4	3	\$21.45	2	6	4	0	0	1	1	0	0
	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	32.48%	50.00%	57.14%	30.00%	117.62%	66.67%	46.15%	80.00%			50.00%	50.00%		
<b>Veteran</b>																	
All Veterans	4	4	4	1	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	0.85%													
Eligible Veteran Status	4	4	4	1	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	0.85%													
Other Eligible Person/Veteran Spouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Campaign Veteran	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1.69%	1.69%	1.69%	0.85%													
Disabled Veteran	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%														
Transitioning Service Member	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recently Separated Veteran	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1.69%	1.69%	1.69%	0.85%													
Active Duty Military Spouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Barriers</b>																	
Total With Significant Barriers to Employment	162	162	162	107	21	6	8	\$18.56	3	9	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
	91.01%	91.01%	91.01%	91.45%	80.77%	85.71%	80.00%	101.80%	100.00%	69.23%	60.00%			50.00%	50.00%		
Individuals with Disability	7	7	7	5	2	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



	3.93%	3.93%	3.93%	4.27%	7.69%													
Displaced Homemaker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Underemployed	87	87	87	40	8	3	6	\$22.87	3	4	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
	37.84%	37.84%	37.84%	34.19%	30.77%	42.86%	50.00%	124.32%	100.00%	30.77%	40.00%			50.00%	50.00%			
Dislocation Event	3	3	3	2	1	0	1	\$21.84	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1.69%	1.69%	1.69%	1.71%	3.85%		10.00%	119.78%		7.69%	20.00%							
Within 2 Years of Exhausting TANF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaiian Native	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.85%														
Single Parent	22	22	22	11	4	1	0	\$0.00	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	12.36%	12.36%	12.36%	9.40%	15.38%	14.29%				7.69%	20.00%							
Facing Substantial Cultural Barriers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eligible Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meets Governors Special Barrier	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
English Language Learner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Basic Skills Deficient	125	125	125	94	16	5	8	\$18.86	3	7	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
	70.22%	70.22%	70.22%	80.34%	61.54%	71.43%	80.00%	101.80%	100.00%	53.85%	20.00%			50.00%	50.00%			
Offender	28	28	28	13	4	1	2	\$21.25	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	15.73%	15.73%	15.73%	11.11%	15.38%	14.29%	20.00%	118.54%	33.33%	7.69%								
Homeless	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Runaway Youth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foster Care (All)	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.85%														
In Foster Care	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.85%														
Aged Out of Foster Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pregnant or Parenting Youth	7	7	7	7	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3.93%	3.93%	3.93%	5.98%														
Out of Home Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eligible Under Section 477	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Requires Additional Assistance	37	37	37	37	5	0	2	\$12.25	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	20.79%	20.79%	20.79%	31.62%	19.23%		20.00%	67.18%		7.69%								
Long-Term Unemployed	14	14	14	7	2	1	0	\$0.00	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	7.87%	7.87%	7.87%	5.98%	7.69%	14.29%				7.69%	20.00%							
<b>Public Assistance</b>																		
TANF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SNAP	20	20	20	7	2	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	11.24%	11.24%	11.24%	5.98%	7.69%													
Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%															
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	4	4	4	3	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.56%														
General Assistance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Living in the High Poverty Area	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1.12%	1.12%	1.12%	1.71%														
Free or Reduced Lunch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Low Income	69	69	69	37	12	2	1	\$25.00	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	38.76%	38.76%	38.76%	31.62%	48.15%	28.57%	10.00%	137.11%		30.77%	80.00%							

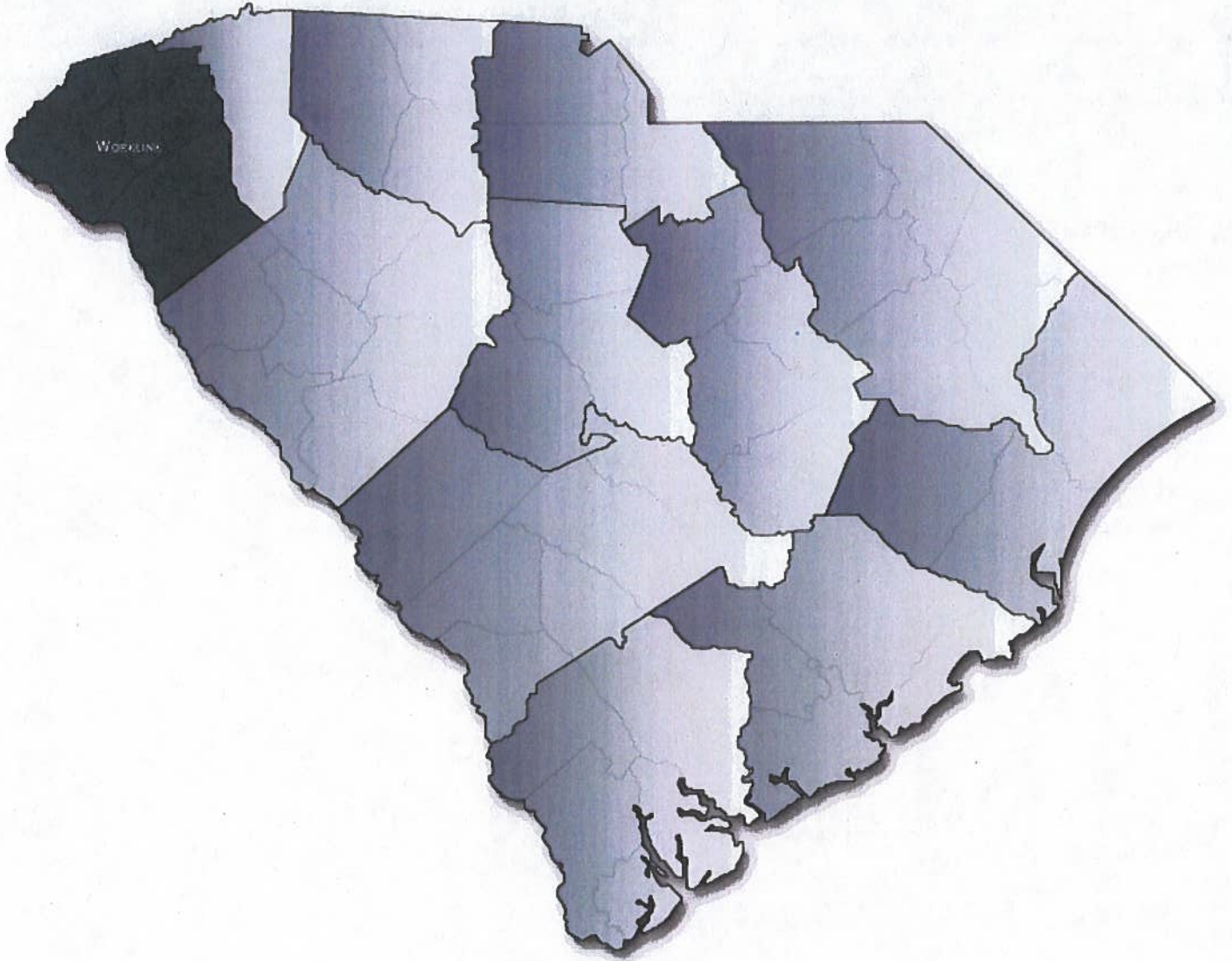
Green Training																	
Received Green Training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Target Group	Total Enrolled	New Enrolled	Received Career Services	Received Training/Educ Svcs	Total Exited	With Credential	Empl at Exit	Avg Wage at Exit	Training Related at Exit	Emp Qtr 1	Emp Qtr 2	Emp Qtr 3	Emp Qtr 4	Training Related Qtr 1	Training Related Qtr 2	Training Related Qtr 3	Training Related Qtr 4
<b>Total Rows: 58</b>																	



# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Worklink

Workforce Development Area



**S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce**  
Business Intelligence Department

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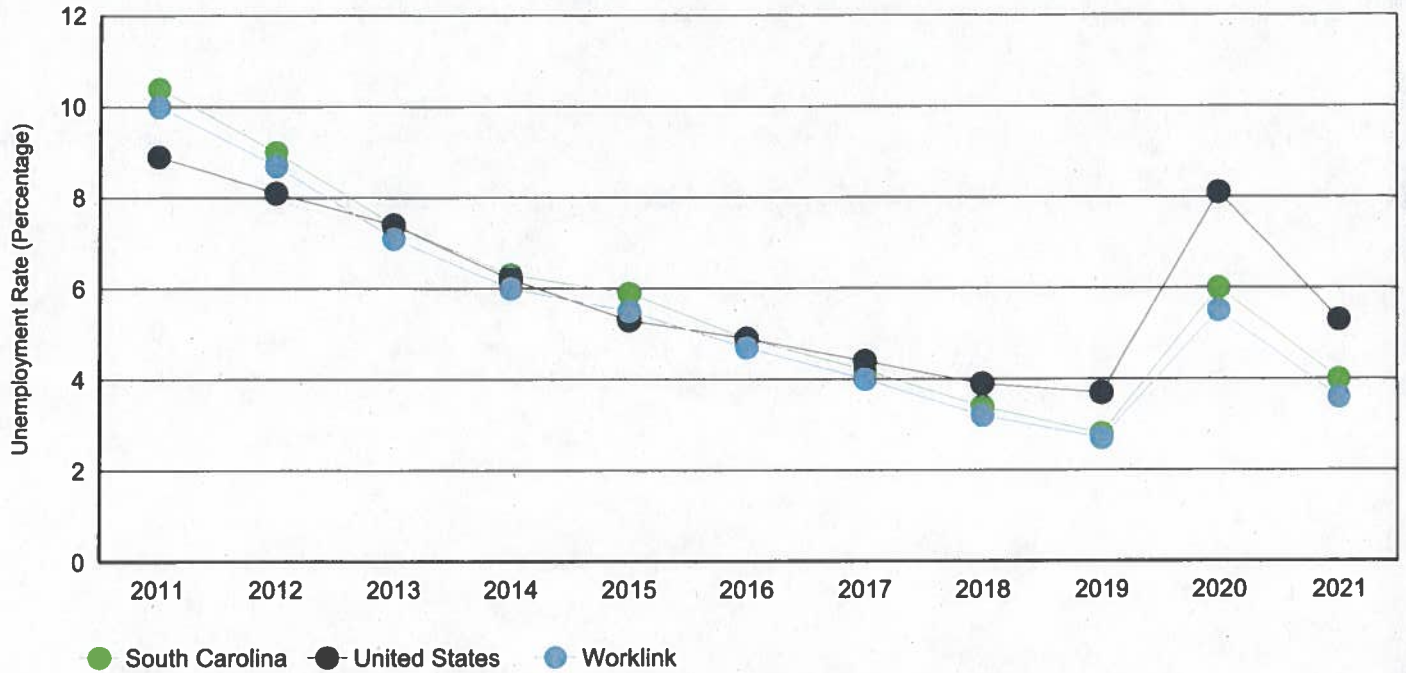
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## Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Trends

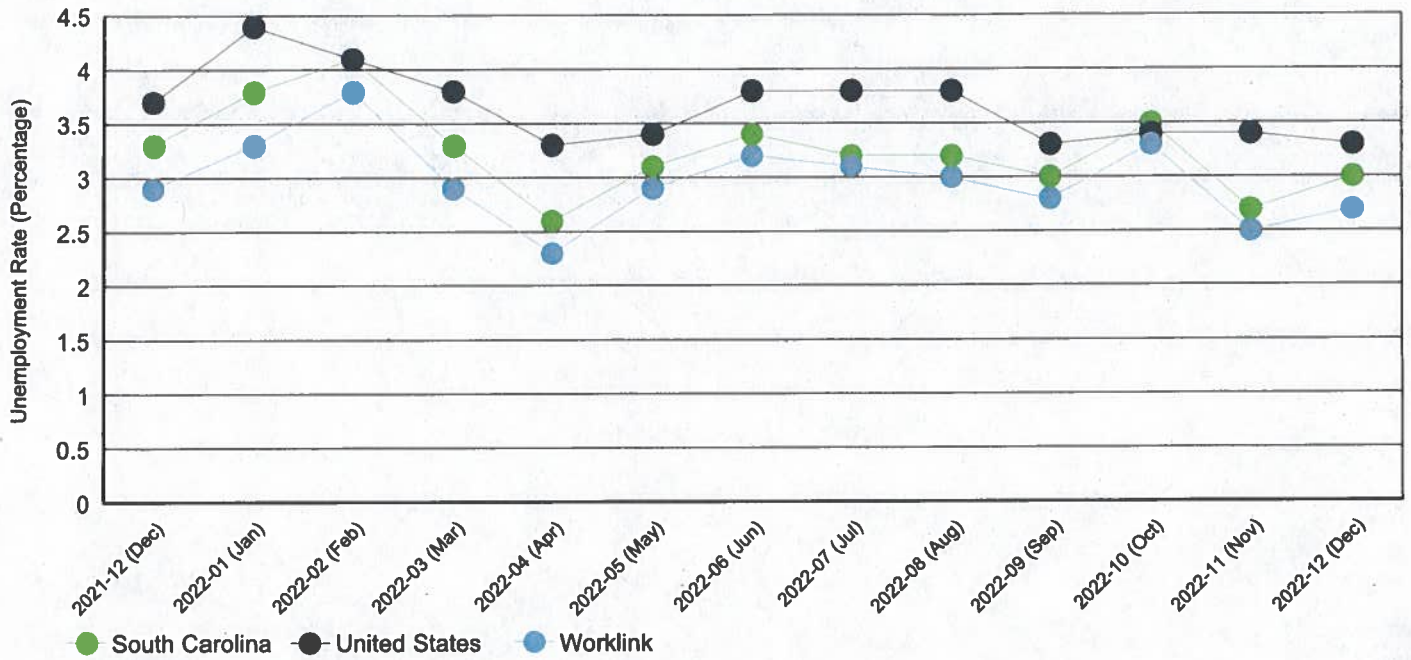


Year	Worklink			South Carolina			United States		
	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate
2021	174,438	6,551	3.6%	2,269,813	94,553	4.0%	152,581,000	8,623,000	5.3%
2020	168,467	9,739	5.5%	2,191,331	139,532	6.0%	147,795,000	12,947,000	8.1%
2019	174,532	4,852	2.7%	2,256,313	64,876	2.8%	157,538,000	6,001,000	3.7%
2018	171,724	5,760	3.2%	2,202,377	77,054	3.4%	155,761,000	6,314,000	3.9%
2017	168,966	7,050	4.0%	2,166,708	95,058	4.2%	153,337,000	6,982,000	4.4%
2016	170,516	8,435	4.7%	2,174,301	111,753	4.9%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%
2015	169,017	9,901	5.5%	2,134,087	133,750	5.9%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2014	165,212	10,497	6.0%	2,082,941	139,485	6.3%	146,305,000	9,617,000	6.2%
2013	161,818	12,382	7.1%	2,034,404	163,472	7.4%	143,929,000	11,460,000	7.4%
2012	158,880	15,118	8.7%	1,992,957	197,246	9.0%	142,469,000	12,506,000	8.1%
2011	157,230	17,467	10.0%	1,957,493	227,678	10.4%	139,869,000	13,747,000	8.9%

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

### Monthly Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Past 13 Months



Period	Worklink	South Carolina	United States
Dec 2022	2.7%	3.0%	3.3%
Nov 2022	2.5%	2.7%	3.4%
Oct 2022	3.3%	3.5%	3.4%
Sep 2022	2.8%	3.0%	3.3%
Aug 2022	3.0%	3.2%	3.8%
Jul 2022	3.1%	3.2%	3.8%
Jun 2022	3.2%	3.4%	3.8%
May 2022	2.9%	3.1%	3.4%
Apr 2022	2.3%	2.6%	3.3%
Mar 2022	2.9%	3.3%	3.8%
Feb 2022	3.8%	4.1%	4.1%
Jan 2022	3.3%	3.8%	4.4%
Dec 2021	2.9%	3.3%	3.7%

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce



## Area Job Openings

Period	Worklink				South Carolina			
	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Job Openings
Dec-22	176,888	4,886	2.7%	4,571	2,300,110	77,361	3.3%	104,937
Nov-22	177,821	4,545	2.5%	4,628	2,302,638	78,128	3.3%	99,867
Oct-22	178,356	6,073	3.3%	4,327	2,307,897	78,559	3.3%	102,425
Sep-22	178,380	5,111	2.8%	3,911	2,315,822	75,404	3.2%	100,689
Aug-22	177,690	5,525	3.0%	3,824	2,320,199	74,521	3.1%	103,762
Jul-22	176,954	5,579	3.1%	3,824	2,323,963	75,661	3.2%	106,932
Jun-22	179,044	5,985	3.2%	3,858	2,326,245	77,941	3.2%	113,366
May-22	179,268	5,309	2.9%	3,882	2,321,969	79,129	3.3%	99,073
Apr-22	179,613	4,270	2.3%	3,593	2,312,654	79,165	3.3%	102,064
Mar-22	179,408	5,408	2.9%	3,323	2,303,599	80,747	3.4%	106,264
Feb-22	177,887	6,964	3.8%	2,868	2,295,733	82,614	3.5%	96,487
Jan-22	176,130	5,937	3.3%	2,259	2,292,300	82,242	3.5%	100,688
Dec-21	176,052	5,350	2.9%	2,793	2,286,561	84,737	3.6%	109,493

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce & The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine® data series  
 South Carolina Data is Seasonally Adjusted



## Employers by Size of Establishment

Employees	Worklink	South Carolina
0 to 4	6,152	119,943
5 to 9	1,439	17,621
10 to 19	1,119	11,781
20 to 49	712	8,333
50 to 99	241	2,836
100 to 249	147	1,844
250 to 499	32	581
500 to 999	20	291
1000 +	10	241

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2022 Q2  
 - Indicates that the requested data is suppressed

## Employment by Size of Establishment

Employees	Worklink	South Carolina
0 to 4	7,152	124,080
5 to 9	9,484	116,358
10 to 19	15,336	159,870
20 to 49	21,439	253,105
50 to 99	16,350	196,719
100 to 249	22,232	283,208
250 to 499	10,076	199,559
500 to 999	13,851	200,094
1000 +	26,163	643,346

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2022 Q2  
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## 20 Largest Employers

(Listed Alphabetically)

### Corporation Name

ANDERSON AREA MEDICAL CENTER

ANDERSON COUNTY

ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS LLC

ELECTROLUX HOME PRODUCTS INC

Glen Raven Custom Fabrics LLC

INGLES MARKET INC

KELLY SERVICES GLOBAL LLC

LOWE S HOME CENTERS LLC

MICHELIN NORTH AMERICA INC

OCONEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

ONE WORLD TECHNOLOGIES INC

Prisma Health Upstate

ROBERT BOSCH CORPORATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PICKENS COUNTY

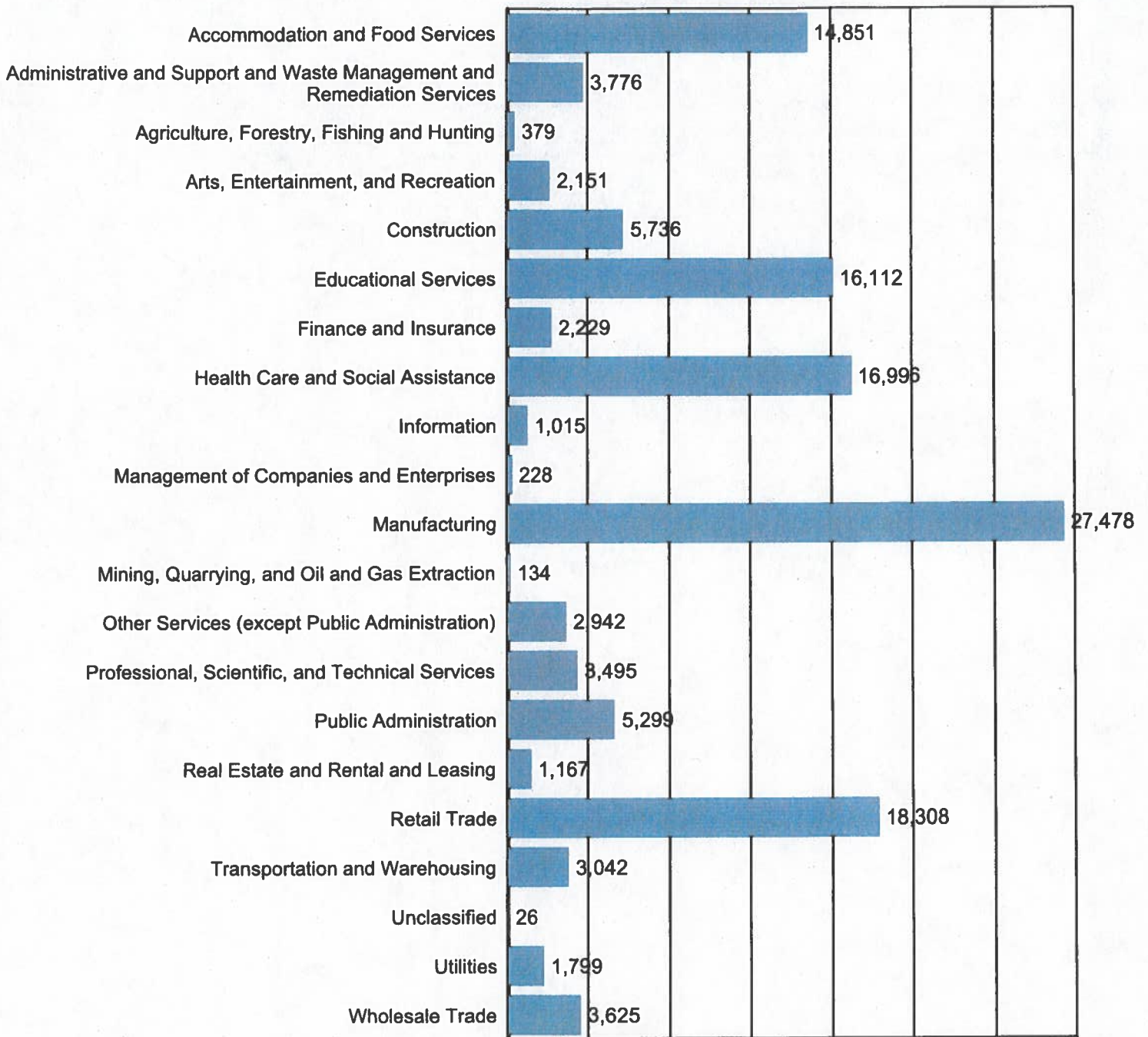
THE RELIABLE AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER CO

WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

WALGREEN CO

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2022 Q2

### Employment by Industry



Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce  
 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - 2022 Q2



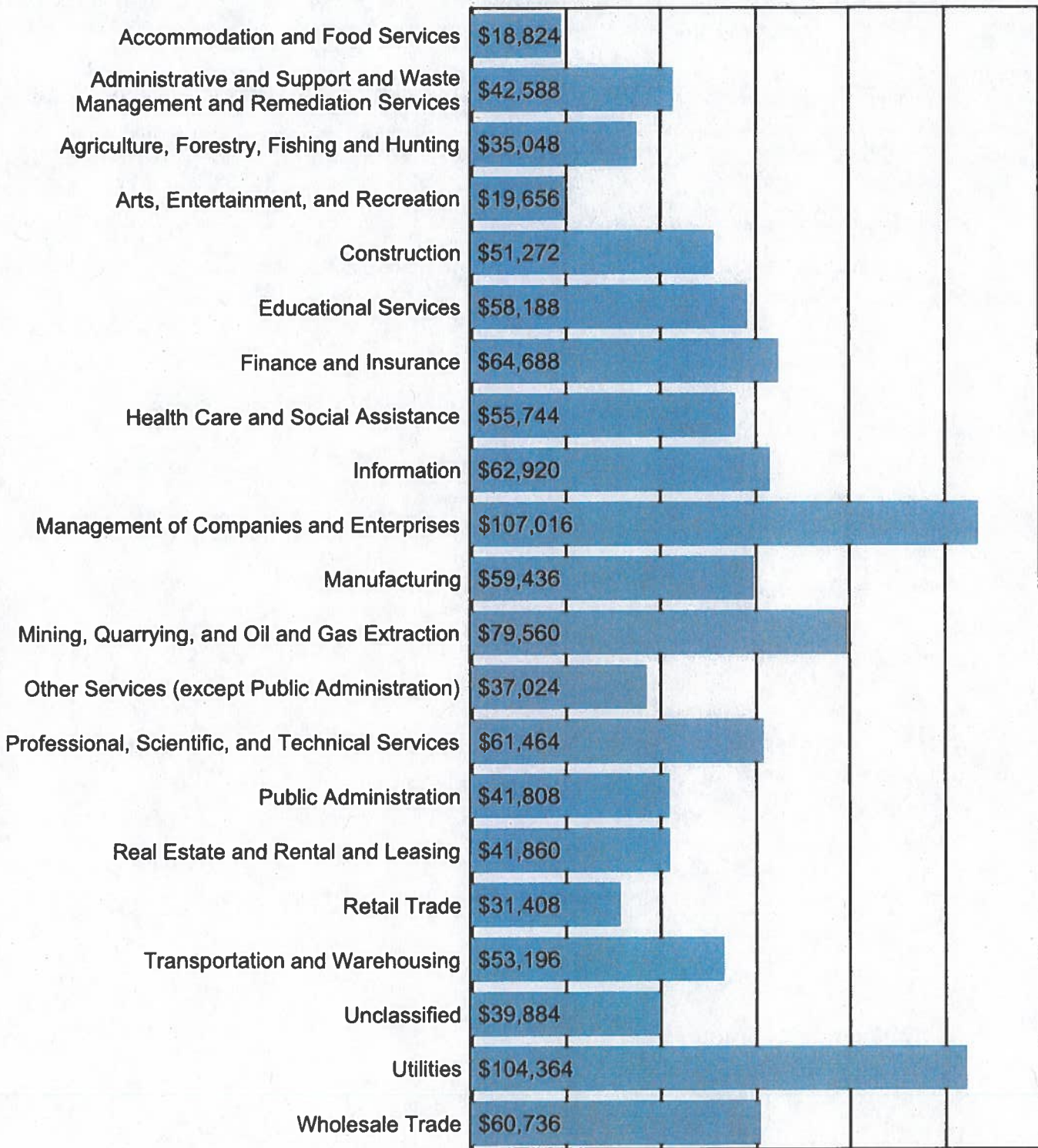
## Top 20 Occupational Openings

Worklink  
December-2022

Occupation Name (Soccode)	Job Openings
Registered Nurses (29-1141)	209
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive (43-6014)	133
Retail Salespersons (41-2031)	122
Managers, All Other (11-9199)	117
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)	94
Mental Health Counselors (21-1014)	85
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers (43-1011)	82
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (29-2061)	68
Medical and Health Services Managers (11-9111)	64
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General (49-9071)	61
Social and Community Service Managers (11-9151)	59
Customer Service Representatives (43-4051)	58
Postsecondary Teachers, All Other (25-1199)	57
Correctional Officers and Jailers (33-3012)	53
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand (53-7062)	42
Food Service Managers (11-9051)	40
Human Resources Specialists (13-1071)	39
Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers (27-1026)	39
Accountants and Auditors (13-2011)	38
Lawyers (23-1011)	36

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce & The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine® data series

### Average Annual Wage by Industry



Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce  
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## Labor Market Projections

*Total Employment by Industry*  
(County/Metropolitan Statistical Area Data Unavailable)

Note: Projections are available by Workforce Investment Area (WIA). The data displayed is selected from the appropriate WIA.

Worklink Industry	2018 Estimated Employment	2028 Projected Employment	Change	Percent Change	Annual Percent
Total All Industries	137,684	151,731	14,047	10.20	0.98
Manufacturing	26,052	28,406	2,354	9.04	0.87
Health Care and Social Assistance	16,070	18,139	2,069	12.87	1.22
Accommodation and Food Services	14,684	16,700	2,016	13.73	1.29
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediat	4,894	6,221	1,327	27.11	2.43
Construction	5,063	6,051	988	19.51	1.80
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	3,085	3,962	877	28.43	2.53
Wholesale Trade	2,893	3,557	664	22.95	2.09
Educational Services	15,436	16,097	661	4.28	0.42
Other Services (except Government)	6,536	7,014	478	7.31	0.71
Retail Trade	17,767	18,237	470	2.65	0.26
Transportation and Warehousing	2,260	2,620	360	15.93	1.49
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,747	1,969	222	12.71	1.20
Finance and Insurance	2,075	2,278	203	9.78	0.94
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	939	1,093	154	16.40	1.53
Information	902	1,033	131	14.52	1.37
Management of Companies and Enterprises	342	443	101	29.53	2.62
Utilities	1,850	1,869	19	1.03	0.10
Mining	165	167	2	1.21	0.12
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,492	1,438	-54	-3.62	-0.37

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - Industry Projections





# ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

The South Carolina Leading Index (SCLI) fell in December to a value (following revisions) of 102.26.

SCLI metrics were mixed in December. Unemployment claims were 39.8 percent higher than in November. The number of issued housing permits rose 4.3 percent month-over-month while valuation for the permits fell 1.3 percent. Average weekly manufacturing hours were up 0.3 percent. The Dow Jones Composite Average was down 5.0 percent.



Source: S.C. Department of Commerce

The Conference Board's national Leading Economic Index decreased in December, following revisions, to 110.5. The Conference Board notes that current economic conditions show widespread weakness.

- Brandon Wilkerson

## KEY S.C. INDICATORS

### Income

**+1.3%** State Personal Income increased to \$282.3 billion in the 3rd quarter of 2022. *U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis*

**-0.3%** Consumer Price Index Cost of goods and services in the South Region fell 0.3% in Dec. *U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

### Real Estate

**-2.5%** Median Home Sales Price fell \$8,010 from the prior month to \$311,990 for December. *South Carolina Association of Realtors*

**+4.3%** Residential Building Permits rose by 121 permits from the prior month to 2,937 in December. *U.S. Census Bureau*

### Employment

**-0.3%** Nonfarm Employment fell by 5,600 net non seasonally adjusted jobs from the prior month. *U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

**-0.2%** Labor Force decreased by 3,295 to 2,377,471, seasonally adjusted, in December. *U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

**+0.3%** Manufacturing Weekly Hours rose, following revisions, to 40.0 hours in December. *U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

**+5%** Available Online Job Postings increased by 5,000 positions in December to a seasonally adjusted 104,900 job postings. *The Conference Board Help Wanted Online Index*

**0.0%** Unemployment Rate remained at 3.3 percent, seasonally adjusted, in December. *U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

### About S.C. Commerce's Research Team

The Research Team is a highly skilled, multidisciplinary group of professionals that collects, examines and disseminates data to support economic development in South Carolina. The team furnishes information to companies considering an investment in the state and produces rigorous analysis for stakeholders of all kinds.

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# South Carolina Employment

Non-Seasonally Adjusted Wage and Salary Employment

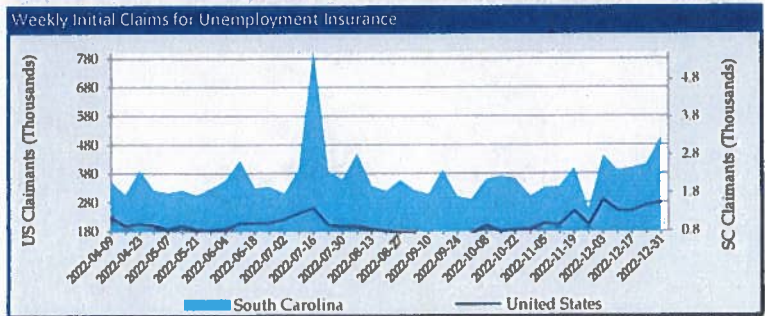
South Carolina's total non seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment fell by 5,600 net jobs to 2,258,400 in December, which was 0.3 percent lower than November numbers and 3.3 percent higher than one year ago. Sectors reporting net job gains for the month included Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (6,600); Manufacturing (1,000); and Educational and Health Services (600). Net job losses were reported in the Professional and Business Services (-5,900); Government (-2,700); Leisure and Hospitality (-2,300); Construction (-1,300); Finance (-900); Other Services (-600); and Natural Resources and Mining (-100) sectors. Information had no net change month-over-month. Compared to one year ago, the state economy added 71,700 net nonfarm jobs.

Industry Sector	December 2022	Previous Month	Previous Year	% Change Month Ago	% Change Year Ago
Goods Producing	366,300	366,100	363,800	0.05%	0.69%
Natural Resources and Mining	4,600	4,700	4,400	-2.13%	-4.55%
Construction	100,000	101,300	104,900	-1.28%	-4.67%
Manufacturing	261,700	260,700	254,500	0.38%	2.83%
Service Providing	1,892,100	1,897,300	1,822,900	-0.27%	3.80%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	447,000	440,400	432,600	1.50%	1.73%
Information	30,300	30,300	28,000	0.00%	8.21%
Finance	117,500	118,400	112,800	-0.76%	4.17%
Professional and Business Services	307,500	313,400	297,700	-1.88%	3.29%
Educational and Health Services	266,100	265,500	255,400	0.23%	4.19%
Leisure and Hospitality	262,700	265,000	243,900	-0.87%	7.71%
Other Services	83,200	83,800	79,100	-0.72%	5.18%
Total Private	1,880,600	1,883,500	1,813,300	-0.15%	3.71%
Government	377,800	380,500	373,400	-0.71%	1.18%
Total Nonfarm	2,258,400	2,264,000	2,186,700	-0.25%	3.28%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Weekly Unemployment Claims

The average number of initial reported claims for unemployment insurance in the state increased in December. The average for the month was 2,703 weekly initial claims, up 39.8 percent month-over-month.



Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Average Hourly Earnings

These charts present the average hourly earnings of all employees in private industry, based on a monthly national survey of businesses. The data are not seasonally adjusted.



Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics



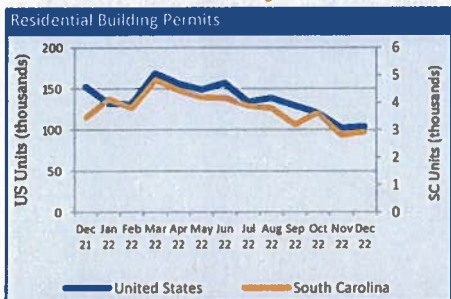
# Real Estate & Business Activity

In December, the number of building permits issued in South Carolina for new residential construction rose 4.3 percent to 2,937. This figure was down 15.1 percent from one year ago. Valuation for the permits fell 1.3 percent month-over-month and was 2.2 percent lower than one year ago. Total closings were down 1.2 percent compared to November, while the median sales price was down 2.5 percent. Total closings rose in four of the six MSAs, with Spartanburg reporting the strongest gain (7.9 percent). Median sales price, meanwhile, fell in four of the MSAs, with Florence reporting the steepest decline at -10.2 percent.

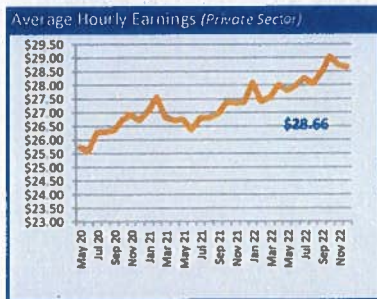
	Month	Current	Previous Year	% Change Year Ago	Current YTD	Prior YTD	% Change YTD
Closings	December	7,110	10,432	-31.8%	107,146	122,389	-12.5%
Median Sales Price*	December	\$312.0	\$290.0	7.6%	\$315.0	\$273.0	15.4%
Residential Building Permits -Total	December	2,937	3,459	-15.1%	45,834	49,269	-7.0%
Residential Building Permits -Valuation*	December	\$737,702	\$754,309	-2.2%	\$11,448,924	\$10,940,977	4.6%

\* Thousands of US dollars Source: S.C. Association of Realtors, U.S. Census

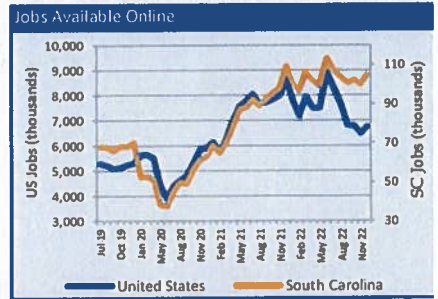
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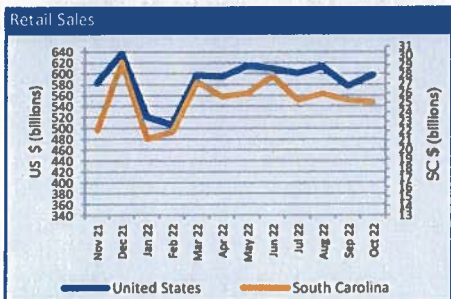
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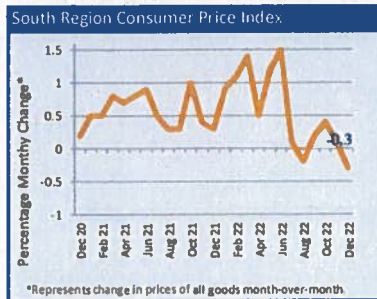
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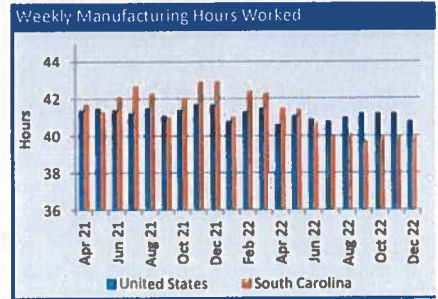
Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online Index



Source: South Carolina Department of Revenue



\*Represents change in prices of all goods month-over-month. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

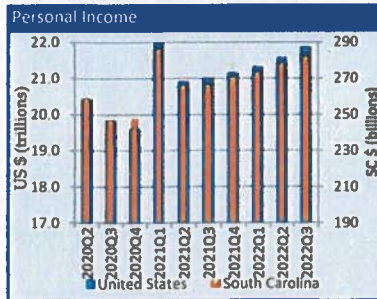


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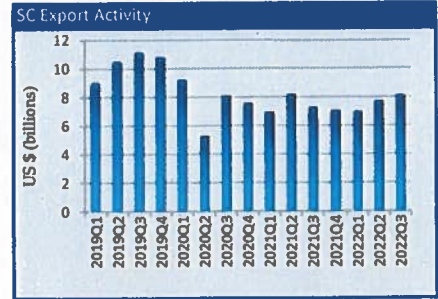
## Income and Output



\*Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units. Source: SC Ports Authority



Source: U.S. Census



Source: Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census



# Regional Updates

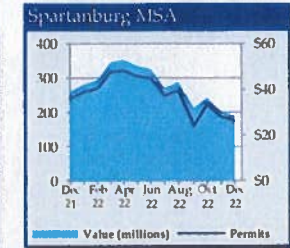
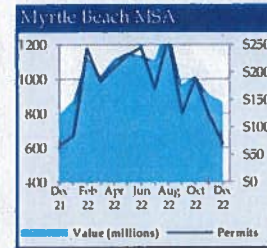
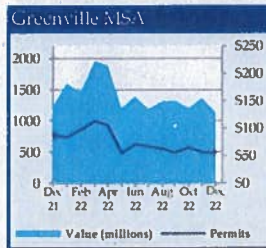
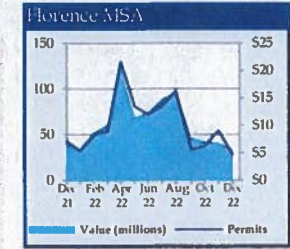
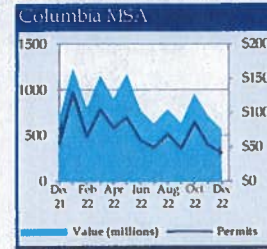
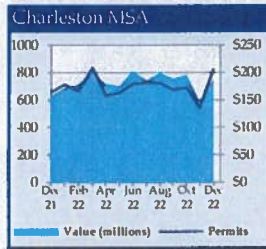
The South Carolina Regional Update provides a snapshot of the most recent economic figures for the six largest Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the state.

## Home Sales

MSA	Indicator	Dec 21	Dec 22
Charleston	Sales Volume	2,129	1,356
	Median Price (000's)	\$372	\$381
Columbia	Sales Volume	1,428	979
	Median Price (000's)	\$243	\$266
Florence	Sales Volume	284	174
	Median Price (000's)	\$190	\$184
Greenville	Sales Volume	1,617	1,221
	Median Price (000's)	\$288	\$296
Myrtle Beach	Sales Volume	1,767	1,063
	Median Price (000's)	\$276	\$317
Spartanburg	Sales Volume	548	439
	Median Price (000's)	\$239	\$275
South Carolina	Sales Volume	10,432	7,110
	Median Price (000's)	\$290.0	\$312.0

Source: S.C. Association of Realtors.

## Building Permits



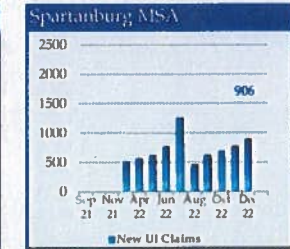
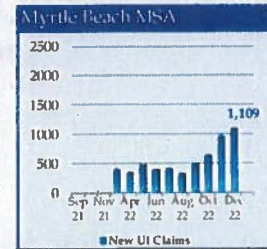
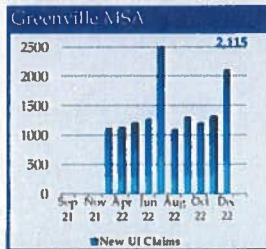
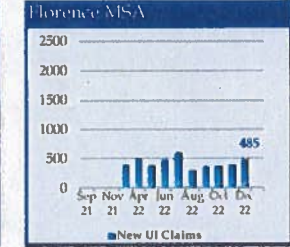
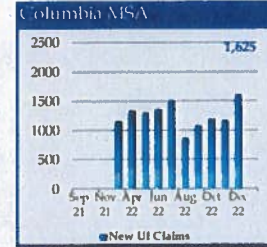
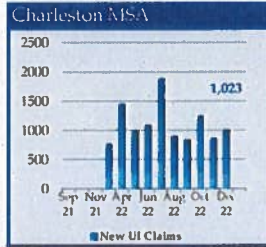
Source: U.S. Census

## Employment

MSA	Indicator	Nov 22	Dec 22
Charleston	Employment (000's)	400.6	398.6
	Unemployment Rate	2.2	2.5
Columbia	Employment (000's)	381.2	381.7
	Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.8
Florence	Employment (000's)	89.3	90.5
	Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.0
Greenville	Employment (000's)	427.2	425.3
	Unemployment Rate	2.4	2.6
Myrtle Beach	Employment (000's)	193.9	191.0
	Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.1
Spartanburg	Employment (000's)	162.2	162.3
	Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.9
South Carolina	Employment (000's)	2,302.6	2,300.1
	Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.3

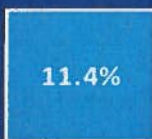
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (unadjusted MSA figures)

## Unemployment Insurance Claims



Source: SCDOC analysis of SCDEW data; some past claims data is being reviewed.

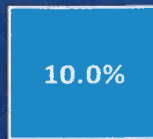
## Change in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by MSA, 2020 to 2021



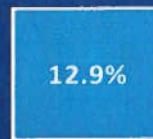
Charleston



Columbia



Greenville



Myrtle Beach



Spartanburg

Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis, January 2023. GDP in Current Dollars.





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## South Carolina's Employment Situation December 2022

### I. Household Survey<sup>1</sup> (Local Area Unemployment Statistics)

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working decreased to 2,300,110.

- That is a decrease of 2,528 people over the November estimate.
- That is an increase of 13,549 people over the December 2021 estimate.

Unemployment: The estimate of unemployed people decreased to 77,361.

- That is a decrease of 767 people from November's estimate and a decrease of 7,376 over the December 2021 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.3 percent from November's estimate.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate declined from November's revised rate of 3.6 percent to 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 2,377,471 from November's level of 2,380,766.

- That is a decrease of 3,295 people over the November estimate.
- That is an increase of 6,173 individuals over the December 2021 estimate.

### II. Employer Survey<sup>2</sup> (Current Employment Statistics)

#### Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted<sup>3</sup>)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated decrease of 3,100 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,243,600.

- Industries that reported gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+1,700); Education and Health Services (+1,400); Manufacturing (+500); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+200); and Other Services (+100).
- Professional and Business Services (-4,000); Government (-1,700); Construction (-600); Financial Activities (-500); and Information (-100) industries declined.

From December 2021 to December 2022, South Carolina's economy has picked up 71,700 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with strong growth were Leisure and Hospitality (+18,800); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+15,100); Professional and Business Services (+10,700); Education and Health Services (+9,900); Manufacturing (+7,200); Financial Activities (+4,700); Other Services (+4,000); Government (+3,500); and Information (+2,500).
- The Construction industry declined (-4,900).

#### **Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted<sup>4</sup>)**

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 5,600 from November 2022 to December 2022 for a total of 2,258,400.

- Industries reporting gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+6,600); Manufacturing (+1,000); and Education and Health Services (+600).
- The Professional and Business Services (-5,900); Government (-2,700); Leisure and Hospitality (-2,300); Construction (-1,300); Financial Activities (-900); Other Services (-600); and Mining and Logging (-100) industries marked declines.
- The Information industry showed no change over the month.

Since December 2021, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 71,700 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+18,800); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+14,400); Educational and Health Services (+10,700); Professional and Business Services (+9,800); Manufacturing (+7,200); Financial Activities (+4,700); Government (+4,400); Other Services (+4,100); Information (+2,300); and Mining and Logging (+200).
- The Construction (-4,900) industry showed a decline over the year.

<sup>1</sup>**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.

<sup>2</sup>**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.

<sup>3</sup>**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.

<sup>4</sup>**Not Seasonally Adjusted:** Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from these data.



**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY**

Statewide  
December-22

Jobs by Industry	December 2022	November 2022	December 2021	November 2022 to December 2022		December 2021 to December 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>2,243,600</b>	<b>2,246,700</b>	<b>2,171,900</b>	<b>-3,100</b>	<b>-0.14%</b>	<b>71,700</b>	<b>3.30%</b>
Construction	100,100	100,700	105,000	-600	-0.60%	-4,900	-4.67%
Manufacturing	261,200	260,700	254,000	500	0.19%	7,200	2.83%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	436,000	435,800	420,900	200	0.05%	15,100	3.59%
Information	30,300	30,400	27,800	-100	-0.33%	2,500	8.99%
Financial Activities	117,600	118,100	112,900	-500	-0.42%	4,700	4.16%
Professional and Business Services	303,600	307,600	292,900	-4,000	-1.30%	10,700	3.65%
Education and Health Services	264,200	262,800	254,300	1,400	0.53%	9,900	3.89%
Leisure and Hospitality	271,100	269,400	252,300	1,700	0.63%	18,800	7.45%
Other Services	83,600	83,500	79,600	100	0.12%	4,000	5.03%
Government	371,300	373,000	367,800	-1,700	-0.46%	3,500	0.95%

**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

Statewide  
December-22

Industry	December 2022	November 2022	December 2021	November 2022 to December 2022		December 2021 to December 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>2,258,400</b>	<b>2,264,000</b>	<b>2,186,700</b>	<b>-5,600</b>	<b>-0.25%</b>	<b>71,700</b>	<b>3.28%</b>
Mining and Logging	4,600	4,700	4,400	-100	-2.13%	200	4.55%
Construction	100,000	101,300	104,900	-1,300	-1.28%	-4,900	-4.67%
Manufacturing	261,700	260,700	254,500	1,000	0.38%	7,200	2.83%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	447,000	440,400	432,600	6,600	1.50%	14,400	3.33%
Information	30,300	30,300	28,000	0	0.00%	2,300	8.21%
Financial Activities	117,500	118,400	112,800	-900	-0.76%	4,700	4.17%
Professional and Business Services	307,500	313,400	297,700	-5,900	-1.88%	9,800	3.29%
Education and Health Services	266,100	265,500	255,400	600	0.23%	10,700	4.19%
Leisure and Hospitality	262,700	265,000	243,900	-2,300	-0.87%	18,800	7.71%
Other Services	83,200	83,800	79,100	-600	-0.72%	4,100	5.18%
Government	377,800	380,500	373,400	-2,700	-0.71%	4,400	1.18%

**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT**

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted**

**December-22**

Industry	December 2022	November 2022	December 2021	November 2022 to December 2022		December 2021 to December 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,243,600</b>	<b>2,246,700</b>	<b>2,171,900</b>	<b>-3,100</b>	<b>-0.14%</b>	<b>71,700</b>	<b>3.30%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	400,300	402,600	378,000	-2,300	-0.57%	22,300	5.90%
Columbia MSA	404,600	404,400	397,900	200	0.05%	6,700	1.68%
Florence MSA	90,800	90,400	90,400	400	0.44%	400	0.44%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	446,700	447,000	427,900	-300	-0.07%	18,800	4.39%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	85,100	84,400	83,500	700	0.83%	1,600	1.92%
Myrtle Beach MSA	181,900	182,600	178,900	-700	-0.38%	3,000	1.68%
Spartanburg MSA	169,500	169,800	165,300	-300	-0.18%	4,200	2.54%
Sumter MSA	38,200	37,900	38,300	300	0.79%	-100	-0.26%

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**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**December-22**

Area	December 2022	November 2022	December 2021	November 2022 to December 2022		December 2021 to December 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,258,400</b>	<b>2,264,000</b>	<b>2,186,700</b>	<b>-5,600</b>	<b>-0.25%</b>	<b>71,700</b>	<b>3.28%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	402,100	405,000	379,800	-2,900	-0.72%	22,300	5.87%
Columbia MSA	407,500	407,300	400,800	200	0.05%	6,700	1.67%
Florence MSA	92,000	90,900	91,200	1,100	1.21%	800	0.88%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	449,500	452,200	432,200	-2,700	-0.60%	17,300	4.00%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	85,100	84,000	83,100	1,100	1.31%	2,000	2.41%
Myrtle Beach MSA	177,300	180,500	174,400	-3,200	-1.77%	2,900	1.66%
Spartanburg MSA	171,200	171,000	167,100	200	0.12%	4,100	2.45%
Sumter MSA	38,400	38,000	38,400	400	1.05%	0	0.00%

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

AREA	December 2022				November 2022				December 2021				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)	
Marlboro County	↑	8,438	7,751	687	8.1	8,337	7,742	595	7.1	8,773	8,113	660	7.5
Allendale County	↑	2,176	2,038	138	6.3	2,151	2,038	113	5.3	2,367	2,211	156	6.6
Bamberg County	↑	4,498	4,266	232	5.2	4,474	4,250	224	5.0	4,658	4,368	290	6.2
Marion County	↑	12,331	11,722	609	4.9	12,307	11,748	559	4.5	12,727	11,973	754	5.9
Orangeburg County	↑	32,555	30,994	1,561	4.8	32,360	30,901	1,459	4.5	33,976	31,881	2,095	6.2
Williamsburg County	↑	10,561	10,055	506	4.8	10,500	10,047	453	4.3	10,872	10,298	574	5.3
Dillon County	↑	12,765	12,168	597	4.7	12,675	12,120	555	4.4	13,017	12,339	678	5.2
Lee County	↑	6,250	5,955	295	4.7	6,203	5,930	273	4.4	6,493	6,185	308	4.7
Union County	↑	11,347	10,822	525	4.6	11,305	10,818	487	4.3	11,498	10,877	621	5.4
Barnwell County	↑	7,374	7,041	333	4.5	7,330	7,033	297	4.1	7,467	7,036	431	5.8
Clarendon County	↑	11,614	11,095	519	4.5	11,530	11,100	430	3.7	11,987	11,489	498	4.2
Fairfield County	↑	8,987	8,592	395	4.4	8,941	8,589	352	3.9	9,196	8,722	474	5.2
Chester County	↑	13,433	12,874	559	4.2	13,354	12,846	508	3.8	13,405	12,727	678	5.1
Horry County	↑	145,214	139,430	5,784	4.0	146,536	141,644	4,892	3.3	147,766	141,224	6,542	4.4
Sumter County	↑	40,932	39,292	1,640	4.0	40,373	38,960	1,413	3.5	42,180	40,574	1,606	3.8
Cherokee County	↓	24,229	23,337	892	3.7	24,328	23,371	957	3.9	24,823	23,806	1,017	4.1
Georgetown County	↑	25,212	24,305	907	3.6	25,247	24,479	768	3.0	25,510	24,462	1,048	4.1
Abbeville County	↑	9,542	9,216	326	3.4	9,488	9,188	300	3.2	9,654	9,301	353	3.7
Chesterfield County	↑	20,906	20,203	703	3.4	20,811	20,172	639	3.1	21,481	20,620	861	4.0
Calhoun County	↑	6,242	6,035	207	3.3	6,216	6,040	176	2.8	6,367	6,128	239	3.8
Darlington County	↑	28,917	27,969	948	3.3	28,501	27,623	878	3.1	29,691	28,595	1,096	3.7
Greenwood County	↑	29,946	28,950	996	3.3	29,776	28,846	930	3.1	30,361	29,262	1,099	3.6
Lancaster County	↑	43,839	42,381	1,458	3.3	43,626	42,302	1,324	3.0	43,533	41,870	1,663	3.8
McCormick County	↑	3,436	3,324	112	3.3	3,397	3,301	96	2.8	3,290	3,165	125	3.8
Colleton County	↑	15,599	15,102	497	3.2	15,617	15,177	440	2.8	16,053	15,487	566	3.5
Edgefield County	↑	10,163	9,851	312	3.1	10,150	9,854	296	2.9	10,273	9,981	292	2.8
Kershaw County	↑	28,637	27,777	860	3.0	28,563	27,766	797	2.8	29,114	28,195	919	3.2
Laurens County	↑	29,829	28,922	907	3.0	29,900	29,081	819	2.7	29,781	28,704	1,077	3.6
Aiken County	↑	72,905	70,820	2,085	2.9	72,535	70,642	1,893	2.6	73,787	71,644	2,143	2.9
Beaufort County	↑	75,596	73,423	2,173	2.9	74,534	72,645	1,889	2.5	76,193	73,931	2,262	3.0
Florence County	↑	64,361	62,485	1,876	2.9	63,479	61,713	1,766	2.8	65,954	63,745	2,209	3.3
Richland County	↑	192,961	187,301	5,660	2.9	192,295	186,897	5,398	2.8	196,483	189,914	6,569	3.3
Sakuda County	↑	8,059	7,832	227	2.8	8,072	7,878	194	2.4	8,221	8,001	220	2.7
Spartanburg County	↑	155,882	151,506	4,376	2.8	155,349	151,364	3,985	2.6	157,320	152,290	5,030	3.2
York County	↑	149,121	144,986	4,135	2.8	148,533	144,676	3,857	2.6	147,982	143,133	4,849	3.3
Anderson County	↑	90,855	88,411	2,444	2.7	91,025	88,819	2,206	2.4	90,397	87,703	2,694	3.0
Oconee County	↑	33,380	32,464	916	2.7	33,516	32,718	798	2.4	33,813	32,809	1,004	3.0
Pickens County	-	57,539	56,013	1,526	2.7	57,825	56,284	1,541	2.7	57,192	55,540	1,652	2.9
Berkeley County	↑	110,840	107,939	2,901	2.6	111,080	108,418	2,662	2.4	108,424	105,212	3,212	3.0
Hampton County	↑	7,700	7,497	203	2.6	7,644	7,459	185	2.4	7,917	7,687	230	2.9
Jasper County	↑	12,995	12,651	344	2.6	12,886	12,582	304	2.4	13,092	12,713	379	2.9
Newberry County	↑	18,583	18,103	480	2.6	18,527	18,095	432	2.3	18,973	18,457	516	2.7
Dorchester County	↑	80,353	78,351	2,002	2.5	80,549	78,719	1,830	2.3	78,674	76,383	2,291	2.9
Greenville County	↑	258,494	251,938	6,556	2.5	259,012	253,052	5,960	2.3	257,085	249,874	7,211	2.8
Lexington County	↑	147,835	144,165	3,670	2.5	147,360	144,055	3,305	2.2	150,130	146,222	3,908	2.6
Charleston County	↑	217,542	212,279	5,263	2.4	218,183	213,498	4,685	2.1	213,073	206,934	6,139	2.9
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↑	408,735	398,569	10,166	2.5	409,812	400,635	9,177	2.2	400,171	388,529	11,642	2.9
Columbia MSA	↑	392,721	381,702	11,019	2.8	391,447	381,225	10,222	2.6	399,511	387,182	12,329	3.1
Florence MSA	↑	93,278	90,454	2,824	3.0	91,980	89,336	2,644	2.9	95,645	92,340	3,305	3.5
Greenville -Anderson Mauldin MSA	↑	436,717	425,284	11,433	2.6	437,762	427,236	10,526	2.4	434,455	421,821	12,634	2.9
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	↑	88,591	86,074	2,517	2.8	87,420	85,227	2,193	2.5	89,285	86,644	2,641	3.0
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach, SC-NC MSA	↑	199,089	190,967	8,122	4.1	201,549	193,935	7,614	3.8	201,384	192,583	8,801	4.4
Spartanburg MSA	↑	167,229	162,328	4,901	2.9	166,654	162,182	4,472	2.7	168,818	163,167	5,651	3.3
Sumter MSA	↑	40,932	39,292	1,640	4.0	40,373	38,960	1,413	3.5	42,180	40,574	1,606	3.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	-	2,377,471	2,300,110	77,361	3.3	2,380,766	2,302,638	78,128	3.3	2,371,298	2,286,561	84,737	3.6

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

↑ Unemployment Rate Up  
↓ Unemployment Rate Down  
- Unemployment Rate =



## Quick Facts December 2022

### South Carolina:

Population: 5,282,634

Labor Force: 2,377,471

Employed: 2,300,110

Unemployed: 77,361

Unemployment Rate: 3.3% (Seasonally Adjusted) (The Unemployment Rate Is Unchanged Compared to November 2022 Rate Of: 3.3%)

### Anderson:

Population: 187,126

Labor Force: 90,855

Employed: 88,411

Unemployed: 2,444

Unemployment Rate: 2.7% (The Unemployment Rate Is Higher Compared to November 2022 Rate Of: 2.4%)

### Oconee:

Population: 74,273

Labor Force: 33,380

Employed: 32,404

Unemployed: 916

Unemployment Rate: 2.7% (The Unemployment Rate Is Higher Compared to November 2022 Rate Of: 2.4%)

### Pickens:

Population: 119,224

Labor Force: 57,539

Employed: 56,013

Unemployed: 1,526

Unemployment Rate: 2.7% (The Unemployment Rate Is Unchanged Compared to November 2022 Rate Of: 2.7%)

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### Disability Statistics

January 2023 Disability Employment Statistics Ages 16 years and over:

#### Labor Force Participation Rate

- People with disabilities: 24.1%
- People without disabilities: 67.4%

#### Unemployment Rate

- People with disabilities: 7.1%
- People without disabilities: 3.7%

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