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**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**Priority Populations Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**SC Works Clemson Comprehensive Center East Park/Zoom**  
**Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

WorkLink WDB is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Priority Populations Committee  
Time: Jan 9, 2024, 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
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Meeting ID: 812 2273 2815  
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- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Approval of the October 3, 2023, Minutes\*
- III. Jennifer Campbell, WorkLink
- 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, March 12, 2024

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**Priority Populations Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**SC Works Clemson Comprehensive Center at East Park/Zoom**  
**Tuesday, October 3, 2023**  
**3:00 – 4:00 pm**

Members Present

Lisa Gillespie                                  Pat Pruitt                                  Cherri Boller

Members Absent

Billy Gibson                                  Cynthia Sprinkle

Staff Present

Windy Graham                                  Jennifer Kelly

Guests Present

Billy Hunter

I. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Lisa Gillespie welcomed everyone, and committee members gave introductions.

II. Approval of August 1, 2023, Minutes

August 1, 2023, minutes were included in the meeting packet. The chair, Ms. Gillespie, called for changes.

**ACTION TAKEN: Pat Pruitt made a motion to accept the August 1, 2023, minutes as presented, seconded by Cherri Boller. The motion was approved by voice vote.**

III. Committee Education – WorkLink Workforce Development Board

Ms. Windy Graham, WIOA Performance and Reporting Specialist – gave an overview of the WIOA program and the performance for the WorkLink region.

Mr. Billy Hunter provided an update for the SC Works Centers.

Ms. Windy Graham, staff member of the WorkLink Board, referenced reports in the packet.

Beginning on page 4, Ms. Graham reviewed the Community Profile report from September 2023 that the SC Department of Employment and Workforce released.

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Cynthia Sprinkle provided the committee a Veteran Success Story.

The committee voted on next year's committee dates.

The committee accepted Laura Cox application as an ad hoc committee member.

IV. **Other Business**

Chair, Ms. Gillespie, shared that the next committee meeting will be on January 9, 2024.

V. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Windy Gram*

## SC Works Center Customer Survey

1. What was the primary reason for your visit to SC Works?
2. Which services/resources did you use during your visit? Select all that apply.

Workshops  
Computer assisted job search.  
Job Fair/Hiring Event  
Referrals to other services and agencies  
Individual counseling  
Unemployment

3. During your visit, SC Works Staff were: Check all that apply.

Knowledgeable  
Helpful  
Courteous  
Patient  
Professional

4. How satisfied were you with the range of services, quality of services, timeliness of services, and understanding your next steps? Please choose one.

- Very satisfied
- Neutral
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

5. Additional Comments:

6. What is your name?

7. Phone Number:

8. Which SC Works did you visit today?

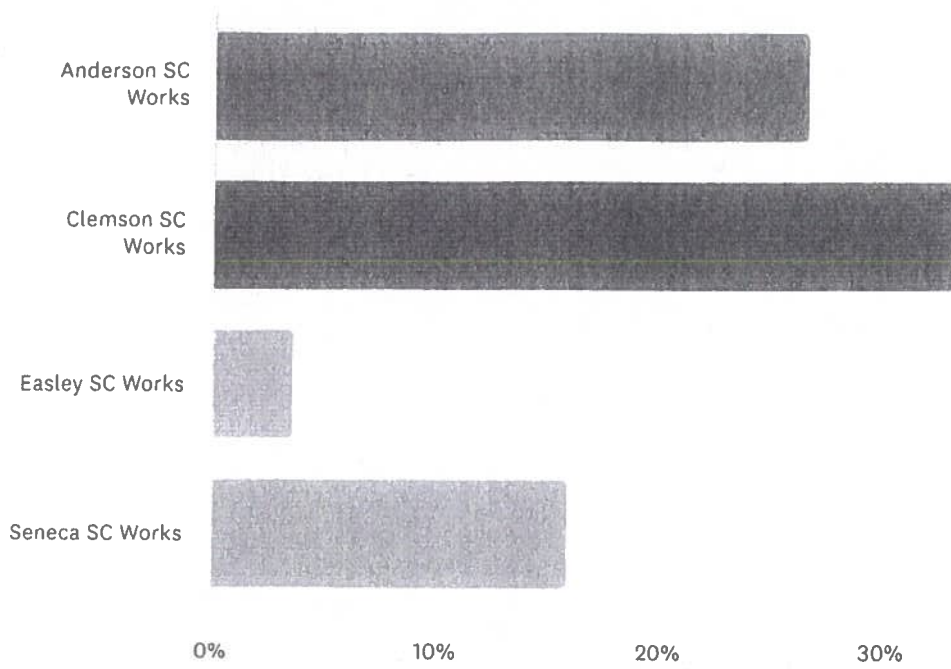
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Clemson SC Works  
Easley SC Works  
Seneca SC Works

Billy Hunter, OneStop Manager, provided these statistics on January 4, 2024, sent 5500 SC Works Center Customer Survey through the SC Works Online Services (SCWOS) system. Of the 5500 surveys, 1287 customers read the email. Of the 1287 customers, 454 submitted the surveys or 35%. Of the 454 submitted surveys, 421 of the customers responded as very satisfied or satisfied with our services, or 93%.

# SC Works Center Customer Survey

## Which SC Works did you visit today

Answered: 456 Skipped: 4

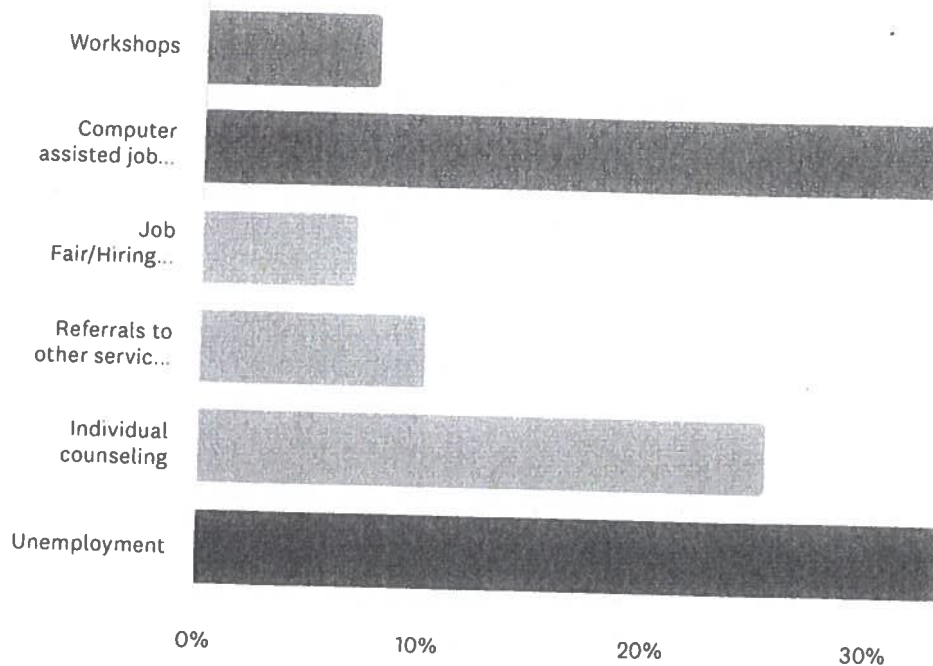


## SC Works Center Customer Survey

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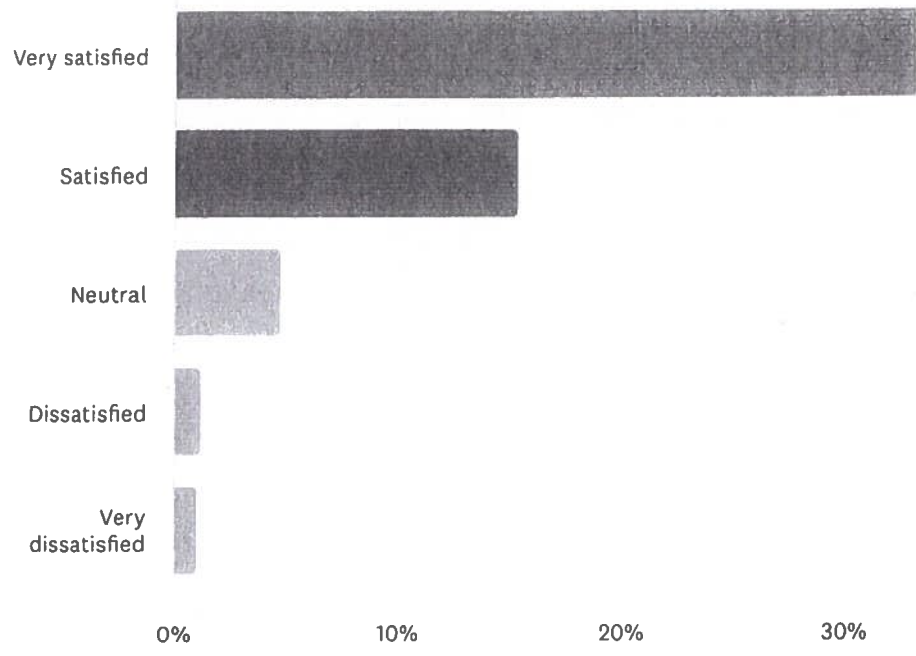
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Answered: 460 Skipped: 0



### How satisfied were you with the range of services, q... ...

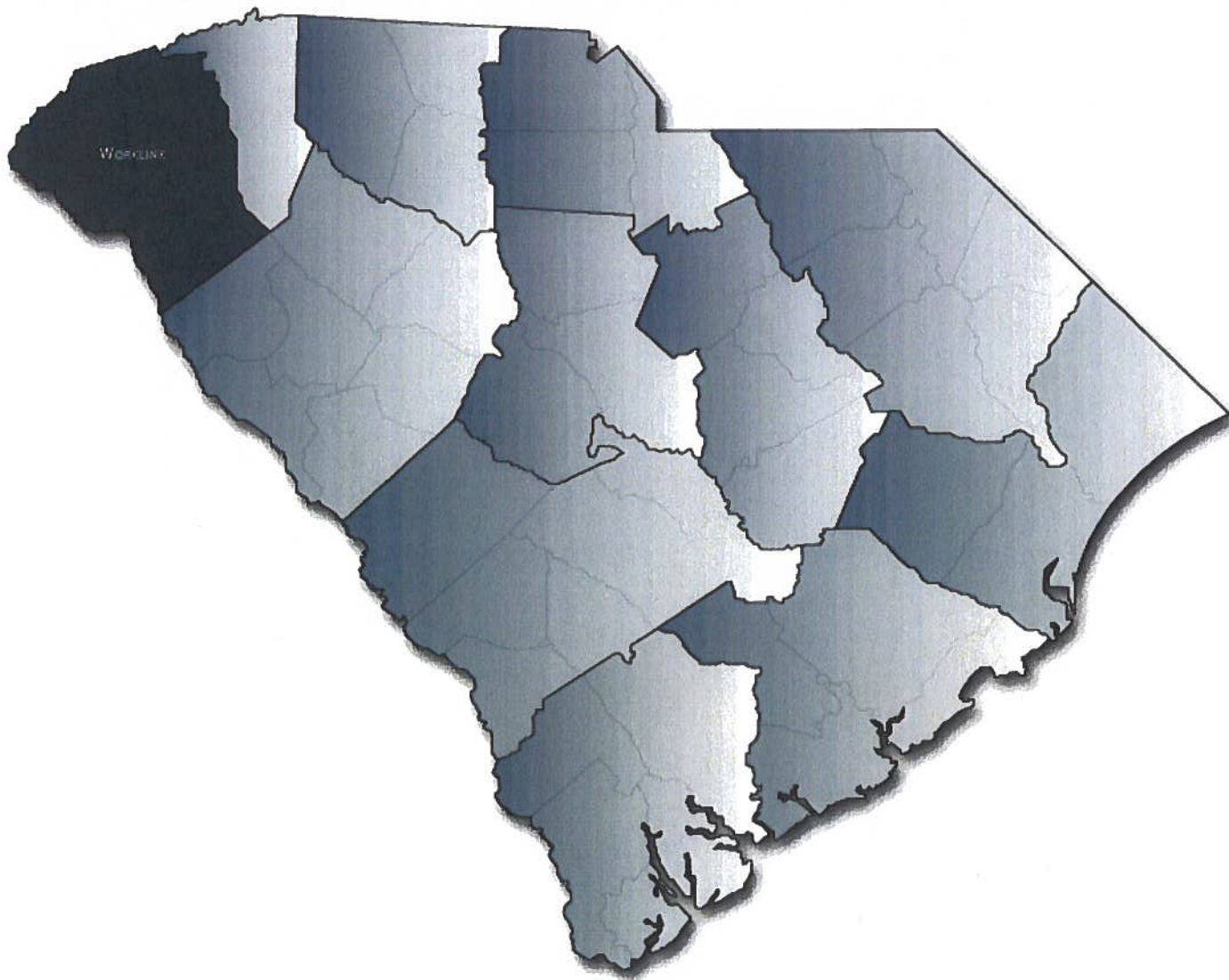
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# COMMUNITY PROFILE

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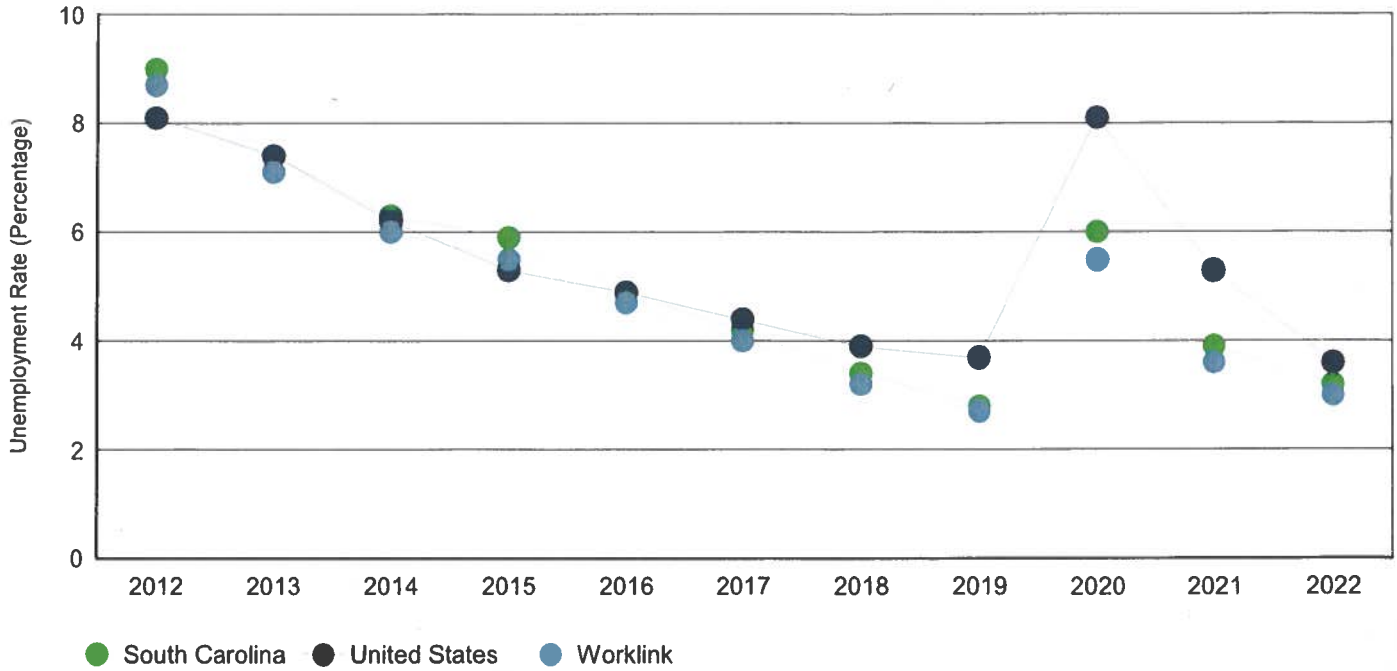
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## Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

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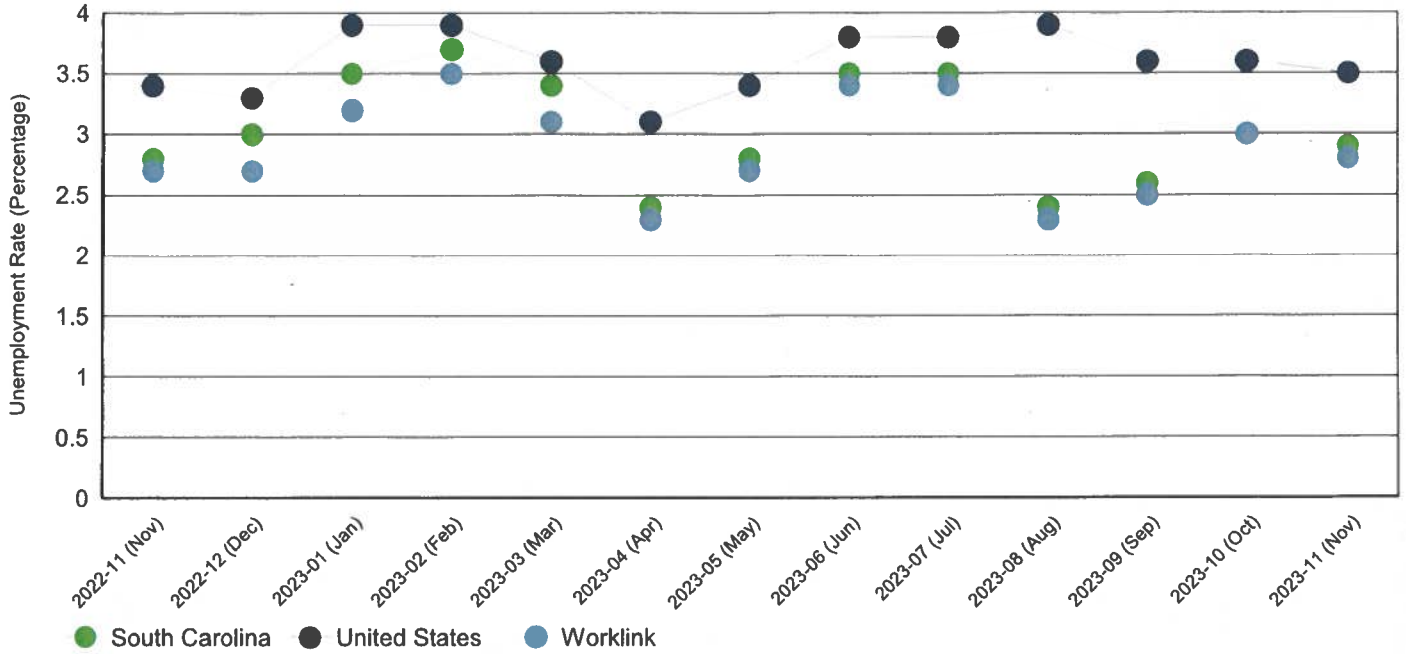


Year	Worklink			South Carolina			United States		
	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate	Employment	Unemp	Rate
2022	177,781	5,587	3.0%	2,297,927	77,048	3.2%	158,291,000	5,996,000	3.6%
2021	174,058	6,488	3.6%	2,261,060	92,908	3.9%	152,581,000	8,623,000	5.3%
2020	168,762	9,767	5.5%	2,195,171	139,855	6.0%	147,795,000	12,947,000	8.1%
2019	174,802	4,838	2.7%	2,259,807	64,693	2.8%	157,538,000	6,001,000	3.7%
2018	171,956	5,730	3.2%	2,205,356	76,666	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%

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce

### Monthly Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Past 13 Months



Period	Worklink	South Carolina	United States
Nov 2023	2.8%	2.9%	3.5%
Oct 2023	3.0%	3.0%	3.6%
Sep 2023	2.5%	2.6%	3.6%
Aug 2023	2.3%	2.4%	3.9%
Jul 2023	3.4%	3.5%	3.8%
Jun 2023	3.4%	3.5%	3.8%
May 2023	2.7%	2.8%	3.4%
Apr 2023	2.3%	2.4%	3.1%
Mar 2023	3.1%	3.4%	3.6%
Feb 2023	3.5%	3.7%	3.9%
Jan 2023	3.2%	3.5%	3.9%
Dec 2022	2.7%	3.0%	3.3%
Nov 2022	2.7%	2.8%	3.4%

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
Nov-23	184,729	5,344	2.8%		2,398,350	73,346	3.0%	
Oct-23	184,584	5,641	3.0%	5,234	2,393,214	71,873	2.9%	91,724
Sep-23	184,767	4,645	2.5%	5,738	2,389,880	71,647	2.9%	101,555
Aug-23	186,040	4,302	2.3%	10,929	2,382,409	73,016	3.0%	102,287
Jul-23	185,023	6,552	3.4%	10,929	2,370,982	77,071	3.1%	112,508
Jun-23	185,052	6,432	3.4%	11,527	2,357,501	76,101	3.1%	113,533
May-23	183,515	5,132	2.7%	12,761	2,344,885	75,621	3.1%	124,397
Apr-23	183,734	4,356	2.3%	13,076	2,330,627	75,642	3.1%	117,601
Mar-23	182,104	5,821	3.1%	10,921	2,316,734	76,414	3.2%	111,937
Feb-23	180,165	6,571	3.5%	8,365	2,306,064	76,043	3.2%	114,389
Jan-23	177,694	5,933	3.2%	5,037	2,298,780	76,046	3.2%	115,864
Dec-22	176,919	4,989	2.7%	4,765	2,294,391	77,159	3.3%	125,077
Nov-22	177,181	4,861	2.7%	4,358	2,293,650	77,457	3.3%	117,386

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	6,483	129,136
5 to 9	1,492	17,719
10 to 19	1,102	12,069
20 to 49	742	8,636
50 to 99	264	3,013
100 to 249	155	1,874
250 to 499	34	622
500 to 999	18	300
1000 +	10	236

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2023 Q2  
 - Indicates that the requested data is suppressed

## Employment by Size of Establishment

Employees	Worklink	South Carolina
0 to 4	7,421	130,207
5 to 9	9,934	116,587
10 to 19	15,275	163,607
20 to 49	22,161	262,410
50 to 99	18,082	208,380
100 to 249	23,723	288,632
250 to 499	11,303	212,711
500 to 999	12,970	206,768
1000 +	24,380	651,478

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2023 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

Arthrex Manufacturing Inc

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS LLC

ELECTROLUX HOME PRODUCTS INC

FIRST QUALITY TISSUE SE LLC

INGLES MARKET INC

Ingles Market Inc.

LOWE S HOME CENTERS LLC

MICHELIN NORTH AMERICA INC

OCONEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

ONE WORLD TECHNOLOGIES INC

Prisma Health Upstate

ROBERT BOSCH CORPORATION

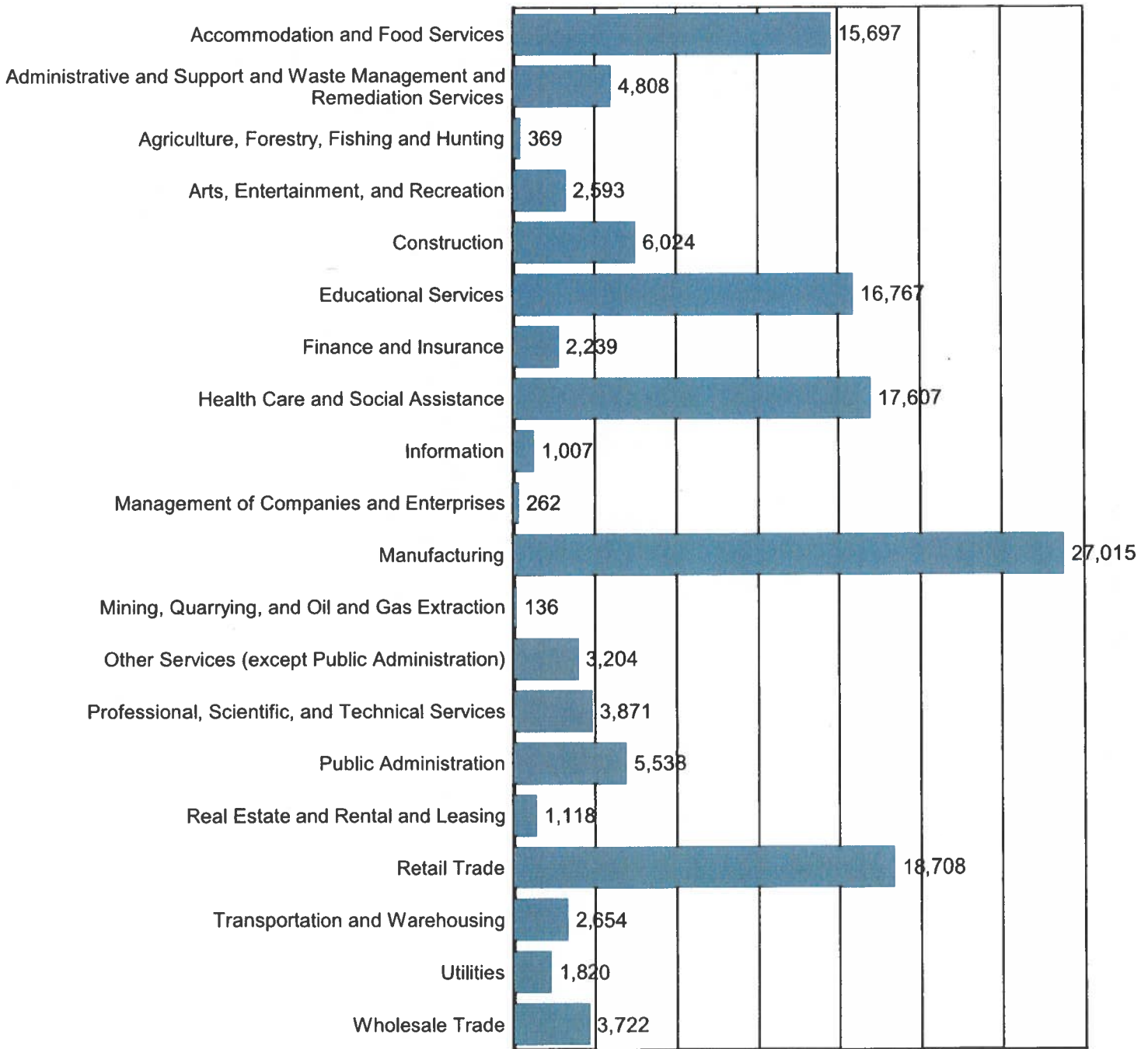
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PICKENS COUNTY

THE RELIABLE AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER CO

WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce - 2023 Q2

### Employment by Industry



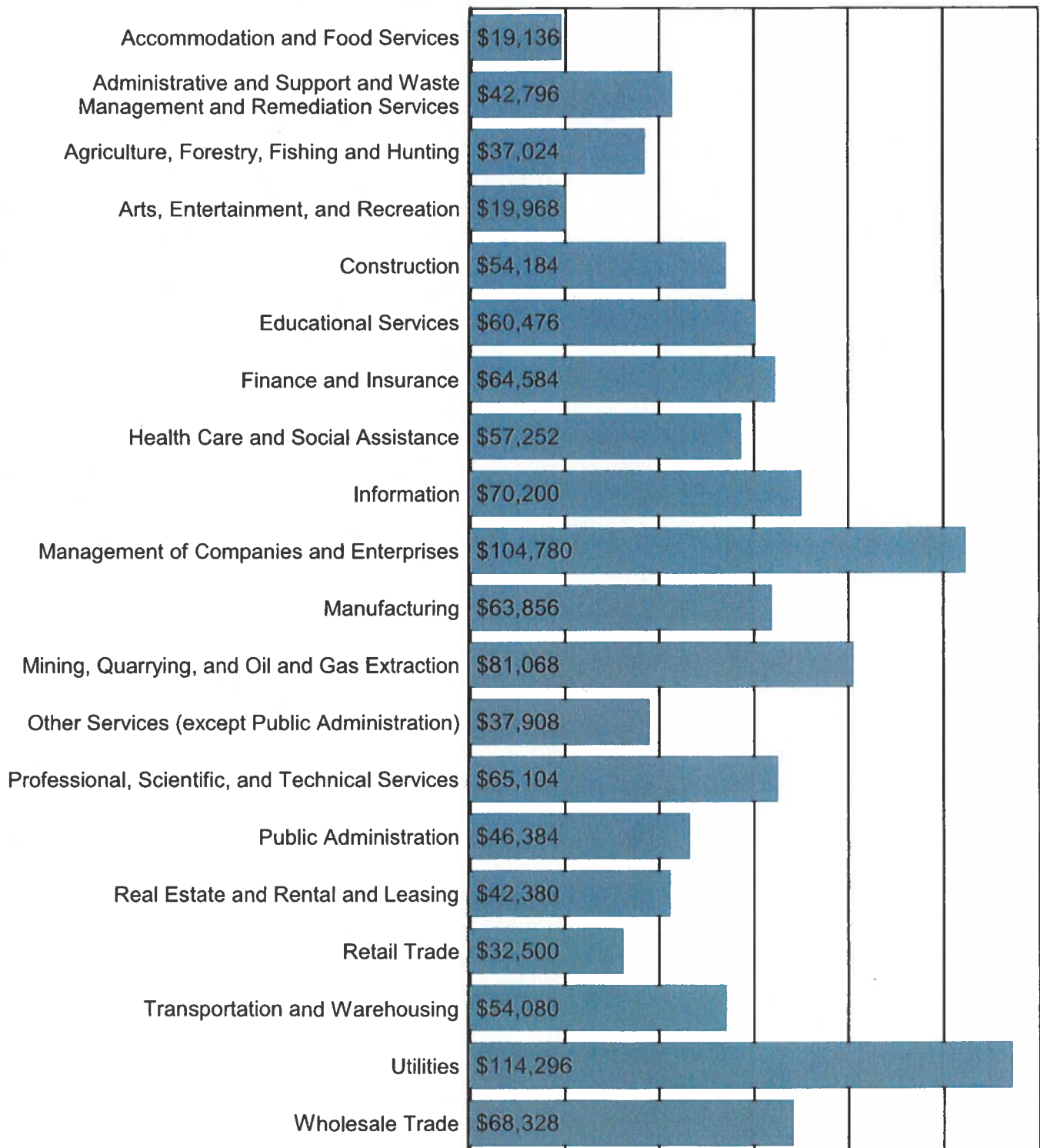
Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce  
 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - 2023 Q2

## Top Occupational Openings

Occupation Name (Soccode)	Job Openings

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  
 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - 2023 Q2



## Labor Market Projections

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

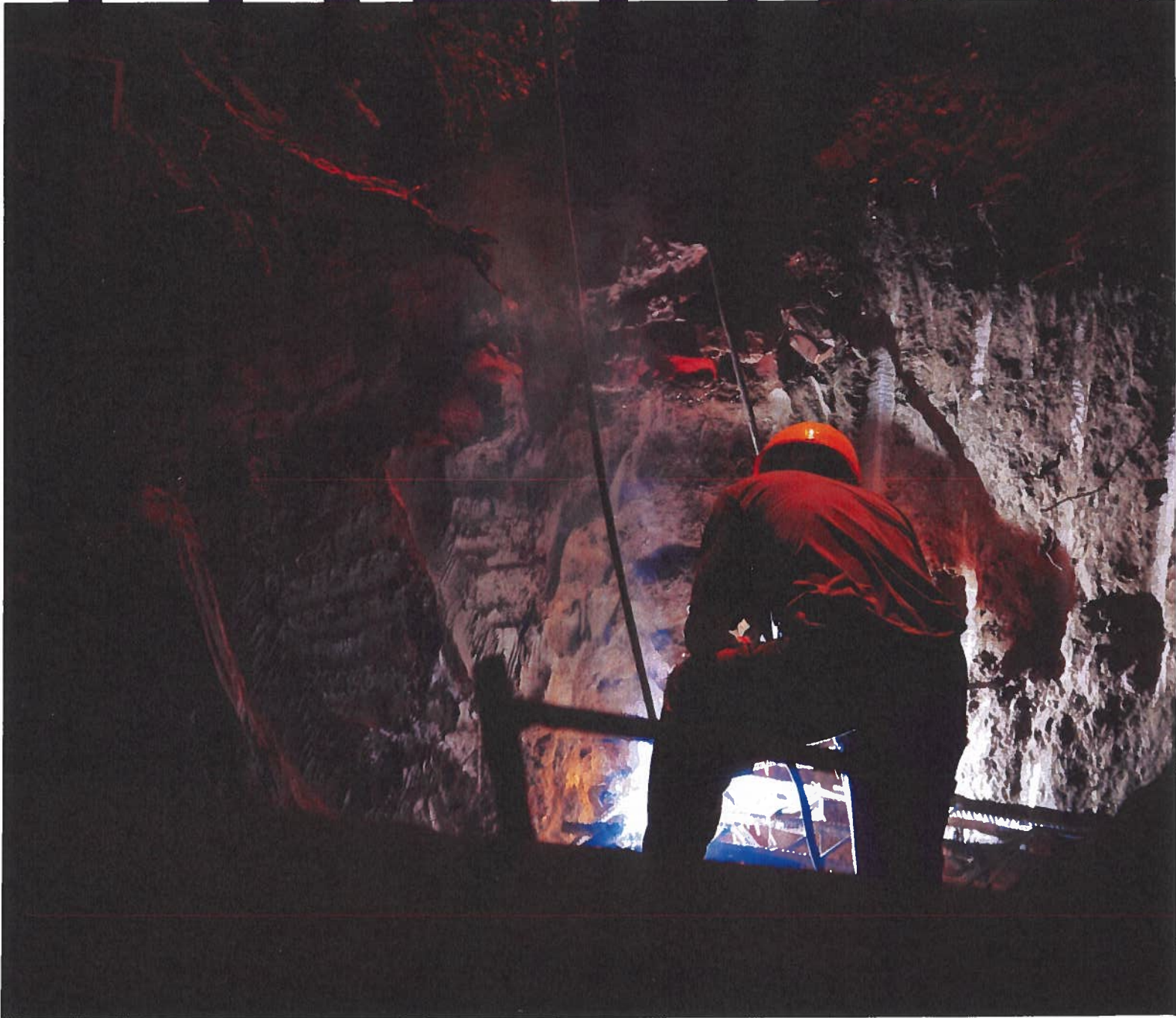
Note: Projections are available by Workforce Investment Area (WIA). The data displayed is selected from the appropriate WIA.

Worklink Industry	2020 Estimated Employment	2030 Projected Employment	Change	Percent Change	Annual Percent
Total All Industries	136,740	147,200	10,460	7.65	0.74
Health Care and Social Assistance	16,133	20,483	4,350	26.96	2.42
Accommodation and Food Services	13,405	15,562	2,157	16.09	1.50
Manufacturing	25,610	27,017	1,407	5.49	0.54
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediat	4,621	5,470	849	18.37	1.70
Other Services (except Government)	6,253	6,996	743	11.88	1.13
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,674	2,209	535	31.96	2.81
Transportation and Warehousing	2,372	2,791	419	17.66	1.64
Finance and Insurance	2,318	2,678	360	15.53	1.45
Retail Trade	17,607	17,904	297	1.69	0.17
Wholesale Trade	3,547	3,826	279	7.87	0.76
Information	817	1,070	253	30.97	2.73
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	3,360	3,566	206	6.13	0.60
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,113	1,164	51	4.58	0.45
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	810	860	50	6.17	0.60
Management of Companies and Enterprises	214	213	-1	-0.47	-0.05
Mining	172	166	-6	-3.49	-0.35
Construction	5,589	5,560	-29	-0.52	-0.05
Utilities	1,572	1,501	-71	-4.52	-0.46
Educational Services	15,651	13,896	-1,755	-11.21	-1.18

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

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# TRENDS



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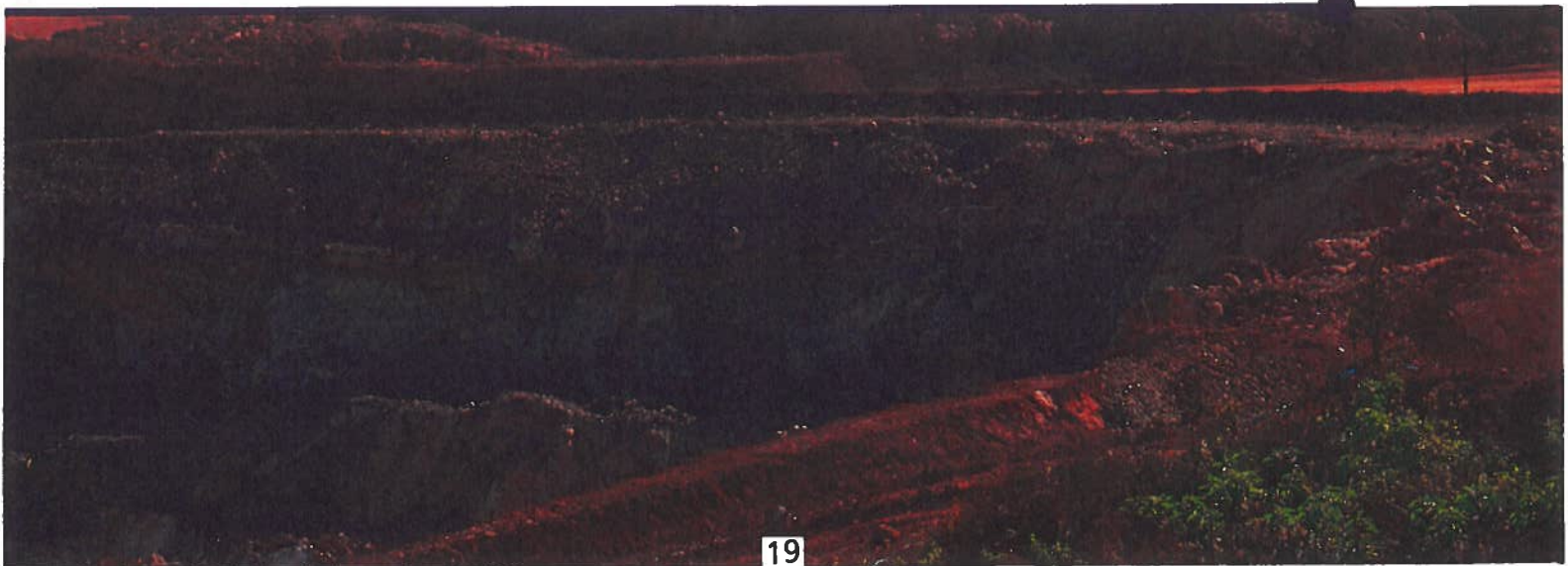
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## NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

What county has the lowest unemployment rate right now? Check out the map on [page 10](#).

It is hard to believe that 2023 is nearly in the books. This was my second year at the helm of the Labor Market Information Division, and it has been quite a ride. We are rapidly hiring personnel and building out new resources to help us better assess and explain our state's economy and workforce to employers, jobseekers, policymakers, and more. As I've discussed in previous issues, many of these efforts are the result of the Statewide Education and Workforce Development Act (Act 67), which was signed into law in May. We're also working to improve what we've always done. To that end, we'll have a new LMI website in 2024 that will be easier to use and will act as a home for all the tools we offer.

This month's featured article is about the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, or IPEDS. This resource from the U.S. Department of Education is invaluable for learning more about colleges and universities. Here at LMI, we're primarily interested in the completer data set, which counts the number of people who receive a degree or other credential by institution, field, and level. This is essential for our ongoing work toward developing a statewide supply gap analysis as mandated in Act 67, as it helps us compare the group of people exiting higher education to the hiring demands of our state's industries. Watch for this important new report in the coming months.

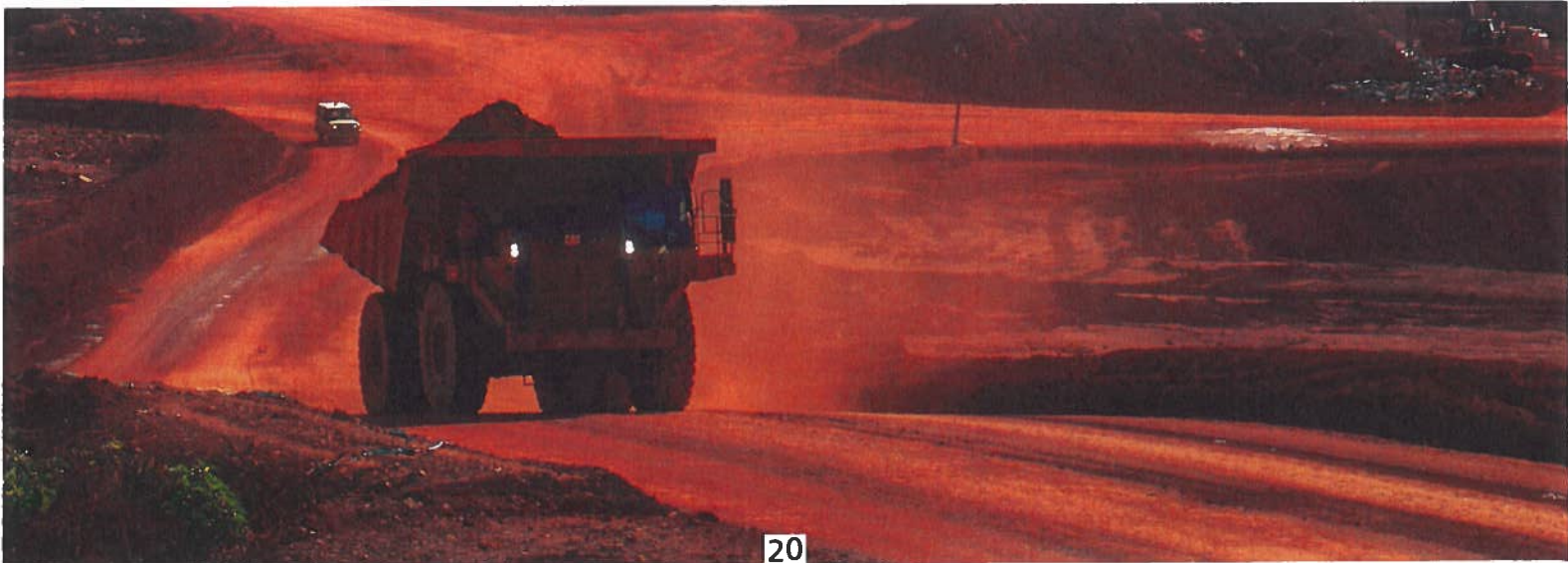
As always, the LMI team is standing by to answer your workforce questions.

Please contact us at [lmicustomerservice@dew.sc.gov](mailto:lmicustomerservice@dew.sc.gov) if you can't find what you're looking for. I wish you and yours a happy holiday season and a successful new year.



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# INTEGRATED POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION DATA SYSTEM (IPEDS) 2022 DATA RELEASE

*By Taylor Hendrix and Leah Price – Workforce Insights Analysts*

## **What is IPEDS?**

The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) is the National Center for Education Statistics' (NCES) core postsecondary education data collection program, designed to help NCES meet its mandate to report full and complete statistics illustrating the condition of postsecondary education in the United States. IPEDS collects institution-level data from providers of postsecondary education and is a single, comprehensive system that is built around a series of interrelated survey components aimed at such areas as enrollment, admissions, program completions, graduation rates, retention rates, student financial aid, tuition and fees, faculty, staff, library data, finances, and other outcome measures.<sup>1</sup>

For this article, we'll be examining program completions by region, colleges and universities with the most completers from each region, and top programs of study by career cluster and their classification of instructional program (CIP).

## **Regional Completers**

### **Workforce Development Area (WDA) Regions**

Postsecondary institutions are in abundance across South Carolina. Our state is home to more than 90 colleges and universities, including public and private institutions, technical schools, and community colleges.<sup>2</sup> Each of these institutions provides pivotal information for data collection for the IPEDS program.

How does the state as a whole shape up? Take a look at **Table 1** below for further analysis on 2022 completers data totals for each program across the state.

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>COMPLETERS</b>
Certificates <12 weeks	453
Certificates 12 weeks-1 year	9,183
Certificates 1-2 years	2,618
Associate's	9,884
Bachelor's	28,301
Postbaccalaureate certificate	559
Master's	7,649
Post-Master's certificate	181
Doctoral – Professional Practice	1,165
Doctoral – Research-based Program	1,165
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,158</b>

Approximately 46 percent of the state's total completers earned a bachelor's degree for the year, while 16 percent earned an associate's degree, 13 percent earned a master's degree, and 4 percent earned a doctoral degree. Certificate program completers accounted for 20 percent of the population; this does not include postbaccalaureate or post-master's certificates.

The Midlands region reported the most completers for 2022 with 14,095. That region is home to the University of South Carolina's main campus, which has the highest enrollment in the state. Of the total completers, 998 earned an associate's degree, 7,877 earned a bachelor's degree, and 2,383 earned a master's degree. Students earning a doctoral degree either in a professional practice or a research-based program totaled 989.

The Worklink region, followed Midlands with the second highest number of completers in the state, sitting at 11,815 for 2022. That region is home to Clemson University, which has the second highest enrollment in the state. Of the total completers, 839 earned an associate's degree, 6,056 earned a bachelor's degree, 2,072 earned a master's degree, and 300 earned a doctoral degree in a research-based program.

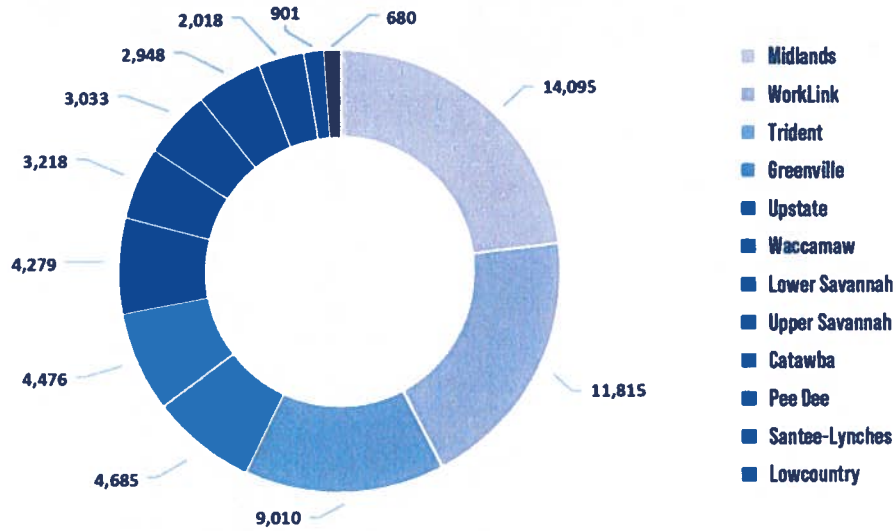
<sup>1</sup> National Center for Education Statistics, NCES Handbook of Survey Methods: Overview, <https://nces.ed.gov/statprog/handbook/ipeds.asp>

<sup>2</sup> Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System 2022 Data Release

Rounding out the top three is the Trident region with 9,010 total completers for the year. Of the total, 1,452 earned an associate's degree, 3,624 earned a bachelor's degree, 1,129 earned a master's degree, and 762 earned a doctoral degree either in a professional practice or a research-based program.

By contrast, the WDAs with the fewest completers are the Pee Dee region (2,018 total), the Santee-Lynches region (901), and the Lowcountry region (680). See Figure 1 below for a general data breakdown of total completers by region.

**FIGURE 1: TOTAL COMPLETERS BY WDA**



**Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Regions**

The Link Upstate region contained 39 percent, or 24,009, of the state's total completers for 2022; followed by the Central region with 33 percent, or 20,261; the South Coast region with 16 percent, 9,690; and the Pee Dee region with 12 percent, or 7,158. In all four regions, completers earning a bachelor's degree accounted for the majority, followed by completers earning an associate's, and completers earning a certificate of at least 12 weeks but less than a year accounted for the third highest. See Figure 2 and Table 2 for more information on these WIOA-based data.

**FIGURE 2: TOTAL COMPLETERS BY WIOA**

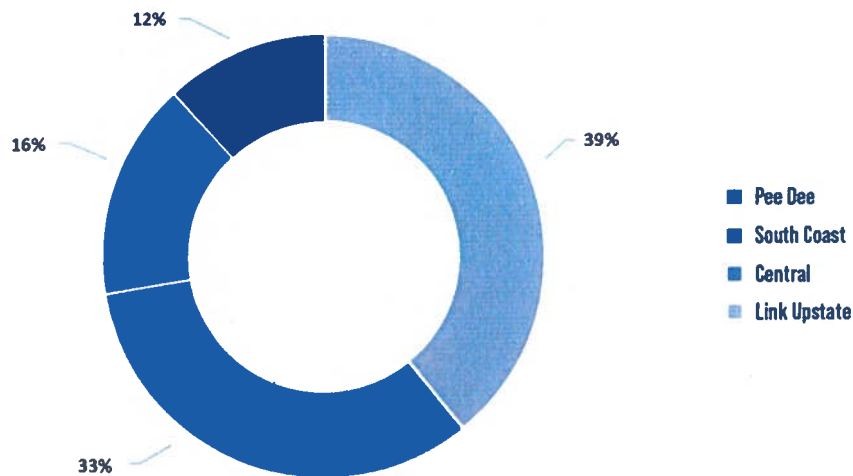


TABLE 2

WIOA	Cert. <1 Year	Cert. 1-2 Years	Associate's	Bachelor's	Postbach. Cert.	Master's	Post-Master's Cert.	Doctoral - Prof. Practice	Doctoral/ Research-Based Prog.
Link Upstate	3,783	1,271	3,800	11,466	132	2,936	80	173	368
Central	2,465	669	2,477	10,161	324	3,093	64	509	499
South Coast	1,676	353	1,653	3,985	100	1,134	27	476	286
Pee Dee	1,712	325	1,954	2,689	3	486	10	7	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,636</b>	<b>2,618</b>	<b>9,884</b>	<b>28,301</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>7,649</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>1,165</b>

### Top Postsecondary Institutions

Each WIOA region is home to several postsecondary institutions. The institution with the most completers in the Central region is the University of South Carolina—Columbia campus with 10,045 completers. The Link Upstate institution with the most completers is Clemson University with 7,469 completers, followed by Trident Technical College in the South Coast region with 2,581 completers, and, finally, Coastal Carolina University in the Pee Dee region with 2,195 completers. See **Table 3** below for more information.

TABLE 3

WIOA	School	Cert. <2 Years	Associate's	Bachelor's	Postbach. Cert.	Master's	Post-Master's Cert.	Doctorate	Total
Central	University of South Carolina - Columbia	11	1	7,106	298	1,740	24	865	10,045
Link Upstate	Clemson University	210	0	5,123	118	1,713	61	244	7,469
South Coast	Trident Technical College	1,143	1,438	0	0	0	0	0	2,581
Pee Dee	Coastal Carolina University	1	0	1,890	3	289	0	12	2,195

## Top Programs of Study

### By Career Cluster

There are 16 career clusters that students can choose from for program completion. Of those 16, the Education and Training career cluster has the most completers, with 10,891; followed by Health Sciences with 10,701; and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) with 8,767. On the opposite end of the spectrum, Hospitality and Tourism has the smallest amount of completers with 456; then Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources with 741; and Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics with 941, rounding out the bottom three career clusters. See **Table 4** below for more information on the top programs of study by career cluster.

TABLE 4

Career Cluster	Cert. <2 Years	Associate's	Bachelor's	Postbach. Cert.	Master's	Post-Master's Cert.	Doctorate	Total
Education & Training	1,677	3,476	3,037	115	2,279	75	232	10,891
Health Sciences	2,889	2,037	3,596	38	1,019	13	1,109	10,701
STEM	181	492	6,626	208	901	58	301	8,767
Business Management & Administration	772	970	3,671	88	1,825	3	137	7,466
Human Services	2,295	377	2,356	43	718	31	85	5,905

### By Classification of Instructional Program (CIP)

All postsecondary programs of study fit into one of more than 450 Classification of Instructional Programs, or CIPs. Liberal Arts and Sciences is the top CIP with 5,426 completers, followed by Business Administration and Management with 3,750, Registered Nursing with 2,878, Biological Sciences with 1,750, and Psychology with 1,412 rounding out the top five.

### Conclusion

Data collected from postsecondary institutions for the IPEDS program provide beneficial information for a myriad of interested parties, students, educators, policymakers, and the workforce. This data has many uses, one of which is to act as a crucial element in labor supply and demand analyses conducted by our own Labor Market Information Division. Employers and policymakers can determine if there is a lack or a surplus of workers based on the correlation between job openings and program completers. Students can use this information to assist in their future career choices, and educators can use this information as a means of helping their students be more aware of their career options. Without the IPEDS program, this knowledge would not be as readily available.





# SOUTH CAROLINA'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION (OCTOBER 2023)

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

**EMPLOYMENT:** The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working increased to 2,393,128.

- That is an increase of 3,248 people over the September 2023 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 100,019 people over the October 2022 estimate.

**UNEMPLOYMENT:** The estimate of unemployed people increased to 71,886.

- That is an increase of 239 people from September's estimate and a decrease of 6,188 from the October 2022 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 2.9 percent from September's estimate.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate increased to 3.9 percent from September's estimate of 3.8 percent, according to the Current Population Survey.

**LABOR FORCE:** The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,465,014.

- That is an increase of 3,487 people over the September 2023 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 93,831 individuals over the October 2022 estimate.

## *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 increase of 6,100 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,314,000.

- Industries reporting gains were Professional and Business Services (+2,400); Leisure and Hospitality (+1,500); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,300); Manufacturing (+1,100); Financial Activities (+900); and Government (+100).
- Construction (-500); Other Services (-500); and Education and Health Services (-200) industries declined.
- The Information industry marked no change over the month.

From October 2022 to October 2023, South Carolina's economy has picked up 49,200 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries making strong growth were Education and Health Services (+14,300); Leisure and Hospitality (+10,000); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+9,500); Government (+8,300); Financial Activities (+3,100); Professional and Business Services (+2,700); Construction (+800); Other Services (+400); and Information (+300).
- Manufacturing (-300) declined.



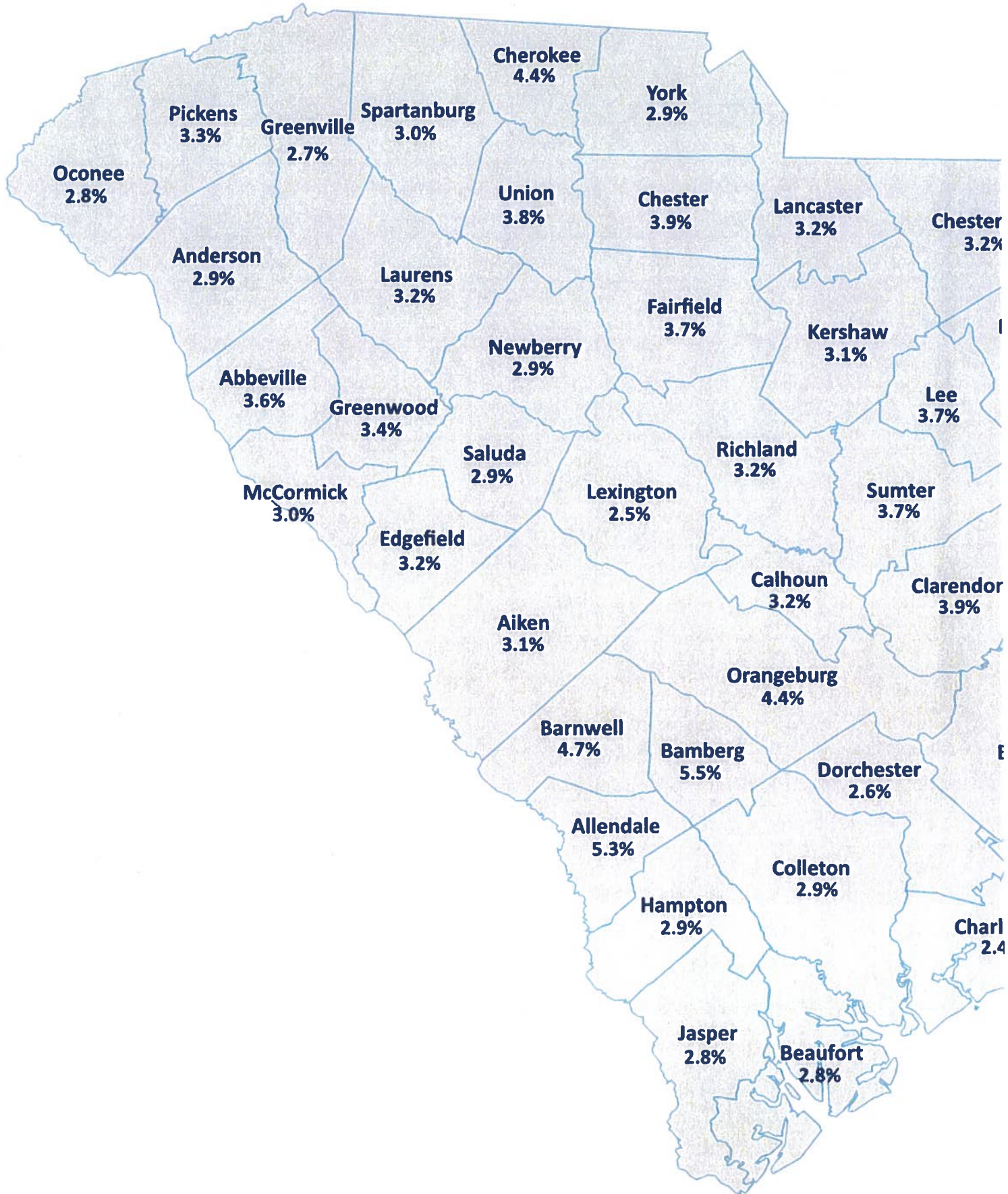
## NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED<sup>4</sup>)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 14,900 from September 2023 to October 2023 for a total of 2,322,600.

- Professional and Business Services (+5,100); Government (+3,800); Trade Transportation and Utilities (+2,900); Education and Health Services (+1,600); Financial Activities (+1,400); Manufacturing (+1,000); Construction (+300); and Information (+200) industries increased over the month.
- Leisure and Hospitality (-700) and Other Services (-700) industries declined.
- The Mining and Logging industry showed no change over the month.

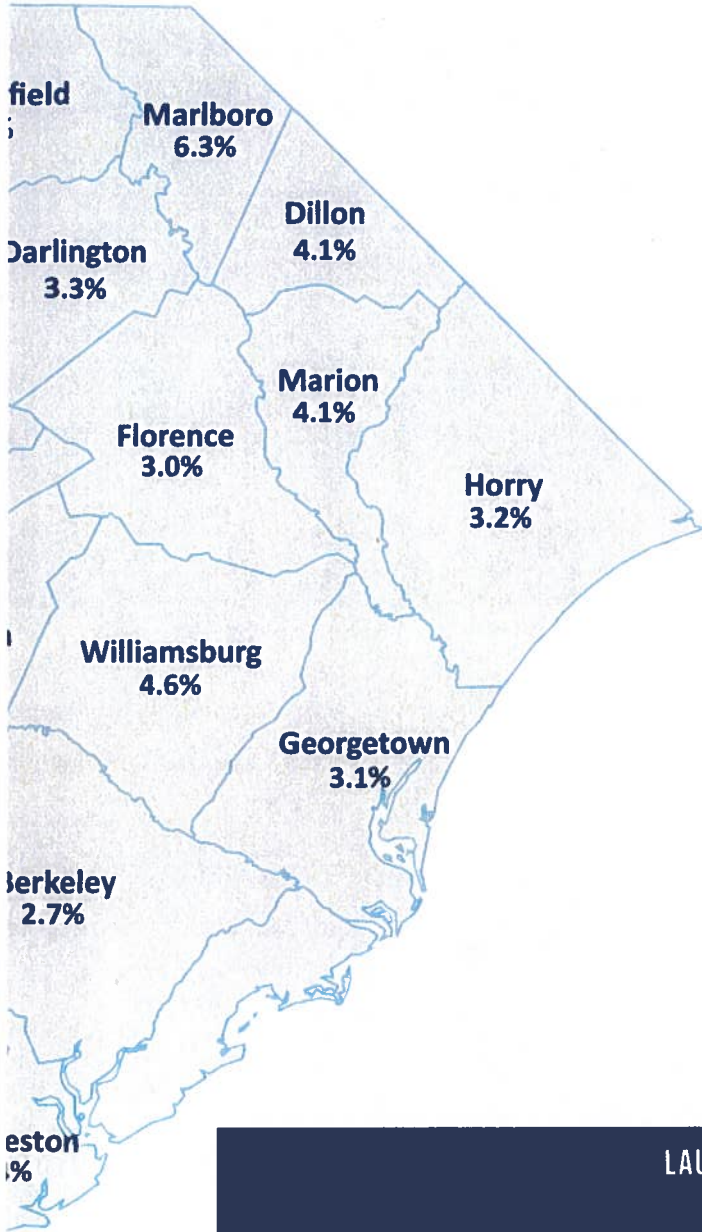
Since October 2022, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 49,100 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Educational and Health Services (+14,200); Leisure and Hospitality (+9,900); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+9,400); Government (+8,200); Professional and Business Services (+3,400); Financial Activities (+3,000); Construction (+700); Other Services (+300); Information (+300); Construction (+700); and Mining and Logging (+100).
- The Manufacturing industry declined (-400).



# LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

## Unemployment Rate by County



LAUS EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)						
CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE					
	TOTAL	PERCENT OF POPULATION	EMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT	
			TOTAL	PERCENT OF POPULATION	TOTAL	RATE (%)
4,326,137	2,465,014	57.0%	2,393,128	55.3%	71,886	2.9%

NOTE: Current month's estimates are preliminary. All data are subject to revision. Population data are not seasonally adjusted.

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

AREA	OCTOBER 2023					SEPTEMBER 2023					OCTOBER 2022				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT				
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			
Abbeville County	↑	9,595	9,247	348	3.6%	9,565	9,269	296	3.1%	9,472	9,107	365	3.9%		
Aiken County	↑	74,300	72,017	2,283	3.1%	73,910	71,955	1,955	2.6%	72,372	70,001	2,371	3.3%		
Allendale County	↑	2,340	2,215	125	5.3%	2,360	2,258	102	4.3%	2,234	2,116	118	5.3%		
Anderson County	↑	94,241	91,548	2,693	2.9%	94,066	91,735	2,331	2.5%	91,731	88,954	2,777	3.0%		
Bamberg County	↑	4,591	4,337	254	5.5%	4,597	4,376	221	4.8%	4,535	4,281	254	5.6%		
Barnwell County	↑	7,661	7,302	359	4.7%	7,612	7,306	306	4.0%	7,413	7,090	323	4.4%		
Beaufort County	↑	78,957	76,739	2,218	2.8%	78,968	76,983	1,985	2.5%	76,221	73,836	2,385	3.1%		
Berkeley County	↑	118,029	114,854	3,175	2.7%	116,483	113,767	2,716	2.3%	110,388	106,774	3,614	3.3%		
Calhoun County	↑	6,581	6,370	211	3.2%	6,574	6,386	188	2.9%	6,382	6,154	228	3.6%		
Charleston County	↑	232,081	226,508	5,573	2.4%	229,309	224,448	4,861	2.1%	216,274	210,462	5,812	2.7%		
Cherokee County	↑	24,036	22,985	1,051	4.4%	23,737	22,957	780	3.3%	24,438	23,315	1,123	4.6%		
Chester County	↑	13,798	13,260	538	3.9%	13,818	13,343	475	3.4%	13,293	12,733	560	4.2%		
Chesterfield County	↑	21,456	20,764	692	3.2%	21,473	20,860	613	2.9%	20,946	20,182	764	3.6%		
Clarendon County	↑	12,214	11,742	472	3.9%	12,276	11,880	396	3.2%	11,821	11,331	490	4.1%		
Colleton County	↑	16,265	15,792	473	2.9%	16,196	15,774	422	2.6%	15,859	15,315	544	3.4%		
Darlington County	↑	30,879	29,873	1,006	3.3%	30,687	29,830	857	2.8%	29,604	28,581	1,023	3.5%		
Dillon County	↑	13,236	12,695	541	4.1%	13,223	12,750	473	3.6%	12,754	12,197	557	4.4%		
Dorchester County	↑	85,679	83,440	2,239	2.6%	84,543	82,663	1,880	2.2%	79,990	77,555	2,435	3.0%		
Edgefield County	↑	10,488	10,148	340	3.2%	10,443	10,161	282	2.7%	10,203	9,819	384	3.8%		
Fairfield County	↑	9,376	9,027	349	3.7%	9,371	9,044	327	3.5%	9,137	8,735	402	4.4%		
Florence County	↑	68,538	66,457	2,081	3.0%	68,050	66,272	1,778	2.6%	65,777	63,647	2,130	3.2%		
Georgetown County	↑	26,292	25,465	827	3.1%	26,551	25,801	750	2.8%	25,975	25,068	907	3.5%		
Greenville County	↑	267,964	260,636	7,328	2.7%	267,418	261,128	6,290	2.4%	260,738	253,334	7,404	2.8%		
Greenwood County	↑	30,087	29,067	1,020	3.4%	30,030	29,161	869	2.9%	29,780	28,634	1,146	3.8%		
Hampton County	↑	8,186	7,949	237	2.9%	8,224	8,021	203	2.5%	7,815	7,598	217	2.8%		
Horry County	↑	157,162	152,152	5,010	3.2%	157,996	153,575	4,421	2.8%	151,005	145,497	5,508	3.6%		
Jasper County	↑	13,745	13,363	382	2.8%	13,750	13,409	341	2.5%	13,190	12,799	391	3.0%		
Kershaw County	↑	30,094	29,172	922	3.1%	30,009	29,220	789	2.6%	29,201	28,234	967	3.3%		
Lancaster County	↑	45,113	43,652	1,461	3.2%	45,227	43,904	1,323	2.9%	43,441	41,907	1,534	3.5%		
Laurens County	↑	31,055	30,054	1,001	3.2%	31,008	30,131	877	2.8%	30,170	29,163	1,007	3.3%		
Lee County	↑	6,563	6,322	241	3.7%	6,564	6,360	204	3.1%	6,353	6,052	301	4.7%		
Lexington County	↑	154,952	151,007	3,945	2.5%	154,513	151,158	3,355	2.2%	150,382	146,271	4,111	2.7%		
Marion County	↑	12,808	12,278	530	4.1%	12,821	12,359	462	3.6%	12,506	11,920	586	4.7%		
Marlboro County	↑	7,247	6,791	456	6.3%	7,424	6,990	434	5.8%	8,064	7,548	516	6.4%		
McCormick County	↑	3,433	3,331	102	3.0%	3,453	3,352	101	2.9%	3,531	3,411	120	3.4%		
Newberry County	↑	19,039	18,478	561	2.9%	19,033	18,564	469	2.5%	19,062	18,518	544	2.9%		
Oconee County	↑	35,796	34,799	997	2.8%	35,809	34,925	884	2.5%	34,086	33,073	1,013	3.0%		
Orangeburg County	↑	33,652	32,174	1,478	4.4%	33,558	32,260	1,298	3.9%	32,658	31,054	1,604	4.9%		
Pickens County	↑	59,959	58,001	1,958	3.3%	59,537	58,107	1,430	2.4%	58,237	56,346	1,891	3.2%		
Richland County	↑	201,595	195,186	6,409	3.2%	200,511	195,229	5,282	2.6%	195,940	189,440	6,500	3.3%		
Saluda County	↑	8,739	8,482	257	2.9%	8,770	8,549	221	2.5%	8,374	8,126	248	3.0%		
Spartanburg County	↑	159,486	154,761	4,725	3.0%	158,768	154,831	3,937	2.5%	154,103	149,179	4,924	3.2%		
Sumter County	↑	42,655	41,084	1,571	3.7%	42,659	41,306	1,353	3.2%	41,503	39,880	1,623	3.9%		
Union County	↑	11,502	11,069	433	3.8%	11,455	11,075	380	3.3%	11,204	10,665	539	4.8%		
Williamsburg County	↑	10,253	9,786	467	4.6%	10,314	9,903	411	4.0%	10,561	10,070	491	4.6%		
York County	↑	153,391	149,000	4,391	2.9%	153,494	149,784	3,710	2.4%	147,749	143,140	4,609	3.1%		

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**LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY MSA**  
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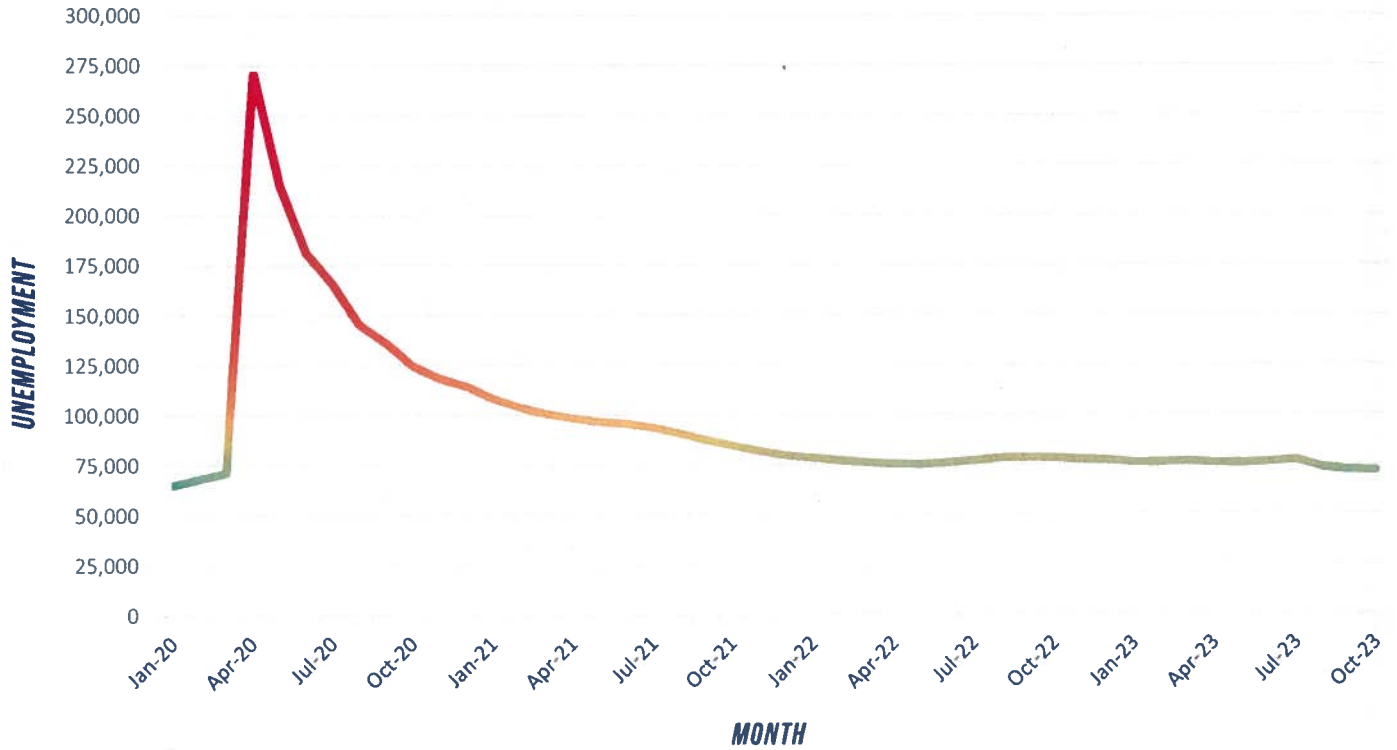
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	OCTOBER 2023					SEPTEMBER 2023					OCTOBER 2022				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT				
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			
Charleston-North Charleston	↑ 435,789	424,802	10,987	2.5%	430,335	420,878	9,457	2.2%	406,652	394,791	11,861	2.9%			
Columbia	↑ 411,337	399,244	12,093	2.9%	409,748	399,586	10,162	2.5%	399,416	386,960	12,456	3.1%			
Florence	↑ 99,417	96,330	3,087	3.1%	98,737	96,102	2,635	2.7%	95,381	92,228	3,153	3.3%			
Greenville - Anderson-Mauldin	↑ 453,219	440,239	12,980	2.9%	452,029	441,101	10,928	2.4%	440,876	427,797	13,079	3.0%			
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	↑ 92,702	90,102	2,600	2.8%	92,718	90,392	2,326	2.5%	89,411	86,635	2,776	3.1%			
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	↑ 216,178	208,732	7,446	3.4%	217,744	211,040	6,704	3.1%	208,762	200,537	8,225	3.9%			
Spartanburg	↑ 170,988	165,830	5,158	3.0%	170,223	165,906	4,317	2.5%	165,307	159,844	5,463	3.3%			
Sumter	↑ 42,655	41,084	1,571	3.7%	42,659	41,306	1,353	3.2%	41,503	39,880	1,623	3.9%			
Augusta-Richmond County, GA (SC portion)	↑ 84,788	82,165	2,623	3.1%	84,353	82,116	2,237	2.7%	82,575	79,820	2,755	3.3%			
Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC (SC portion)	↑ 212,302	205,912	6,390	3.0%	212,539	207,031	5,508	2.6%	204,483	197,780	6,703	3.3%			

**LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY MUNICIPALITY**  
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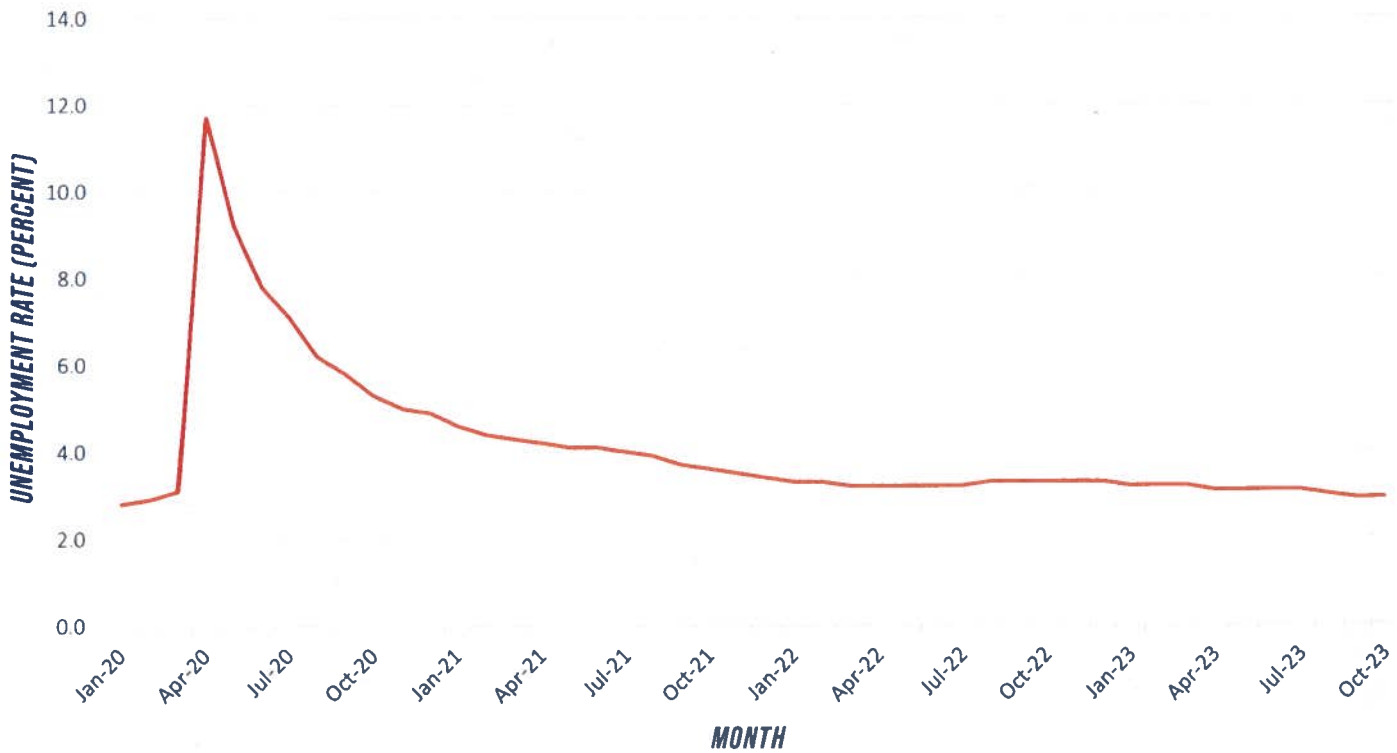
CITIES AND TOWNS ABOVE 25,000 POPULATION	OCTOBER 2023					SEPTEMBER 2023					OCTOBER 2022				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT				
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			
Aiken	↑ 13,049	12,597	452	3.5%	12,973	12,586	387	3.0%	12,680	12,244	436	3.4%			
Anderson	↑ 11,908	11,502	406	3.4%	11,875	11,525	350	2.9%	11,572	11,176	396	3.4%			
Bluffton	↑ 13,404	13,093	311	2.3%	13,432	13,135	297	2.2%	12,938	12,598	340	2.6%			
Charleston	↑ 82,020	79,902	2,118	2.6%	80,995	79,173	1,822	2.2%	76,251	74,245	2,006	2.6%			
Columbia	↑ 58,681	56,319	2,362	4.0%	58,086	56,333	1,753	3.0%	56,866	54,661	2,205	3.9%			
Conway	↑ 10,802	10,277	525	4.9%	10,734	10,373	361	3.4%	10,331	9,827	504	4.9%			
Florence	↑ 20,167	19,542	625	3.1%	20,046	19,488	558	2.8%	19,332	18,716	616	3.2%			
Fort Mill	↑ 13,781	13,433	348	2.5%	13,793	13,504	289	2.1%	13,270	12,905	365	2.8%			
Goose Creek	↑ 22,437	21,761	676	3.0%	22,080	21,555	525	2.4%	20,922	20,230	692	3.3%			
Greenville	↑ 38,359	37,319	1,040	2.7%	38,273	37,390	883	2.3%	37,356	36,274	1,082	2.9%			
Greer	↑ 18,862	18,390	472	2.5%	18,863	18,419	444	2.4%	18,290	17,840	450	2.5%			
Hanahan	↑ 15,593	15,271	322	2.1%	15,401	15,126	275	1.8%	14,524	14,197	327	2.3%			
Hilton Head Island	↑ 17,676	17,263	413	2.3%	17,712	17,318	394	2.2%	17,065	16,610	455	2.7%			
Mauldin	↑ 14,207	13,847	360	2.5%	14,179	13,873	306	2.2%	13,814	13,459	355	2.6%			
Mount Pleasant	↑ 54,718	53,659	1,059	1.9%	54,151	53,171	980	1.8%	50,929	49,858	1,071	2.1%			
Myrtle Beach	↑ 16,315	15,795	520	3.2%	16,391	15,942	449	2.7%	15,687	15,104	583	3.7%			
North Charleston	↑ 61,239	59,575	1,664	2.7%	60,425	59,029	1,396	2.3%	57,187	55,358	1,829	3.2%			
Rock Hill	↑ 41,548	40,183	1,365	3.3%	41,494	40,394	1,100	2.7%	40,060	38,602	1,458	3.6%			
Spartanburg	↑ 17,085	16,430	655	3.8%	16,956	16,438	518	3.1%	16,434	15,837	597	3.6%			
Summerville	↑ 27,517	26,783	734	2.7%	27,162	26,533	629	2.3%	25,653	24,894	759	3.0%			
Sumter	↑ 15,247	14,629	618	4.1%	15,219	14,708	511	3.4%	14,807	14,201	606	4.1%			

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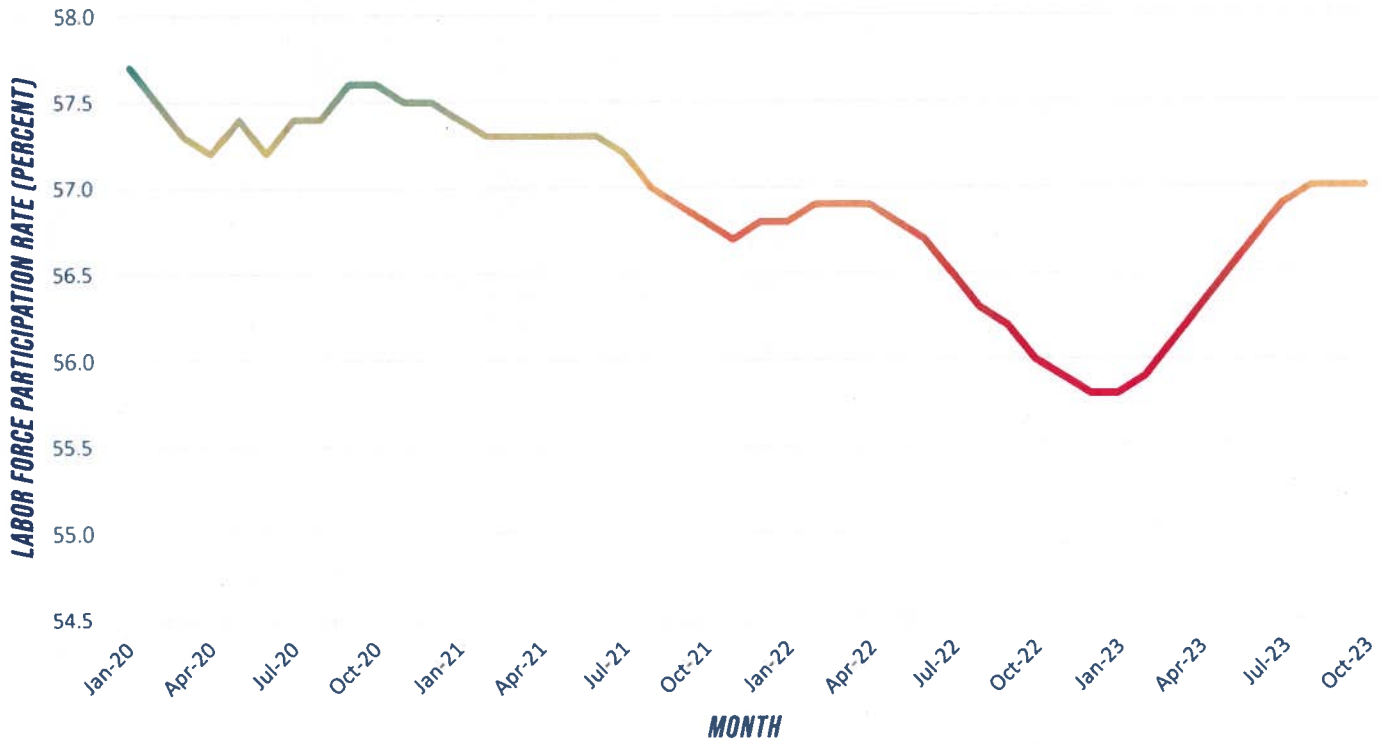
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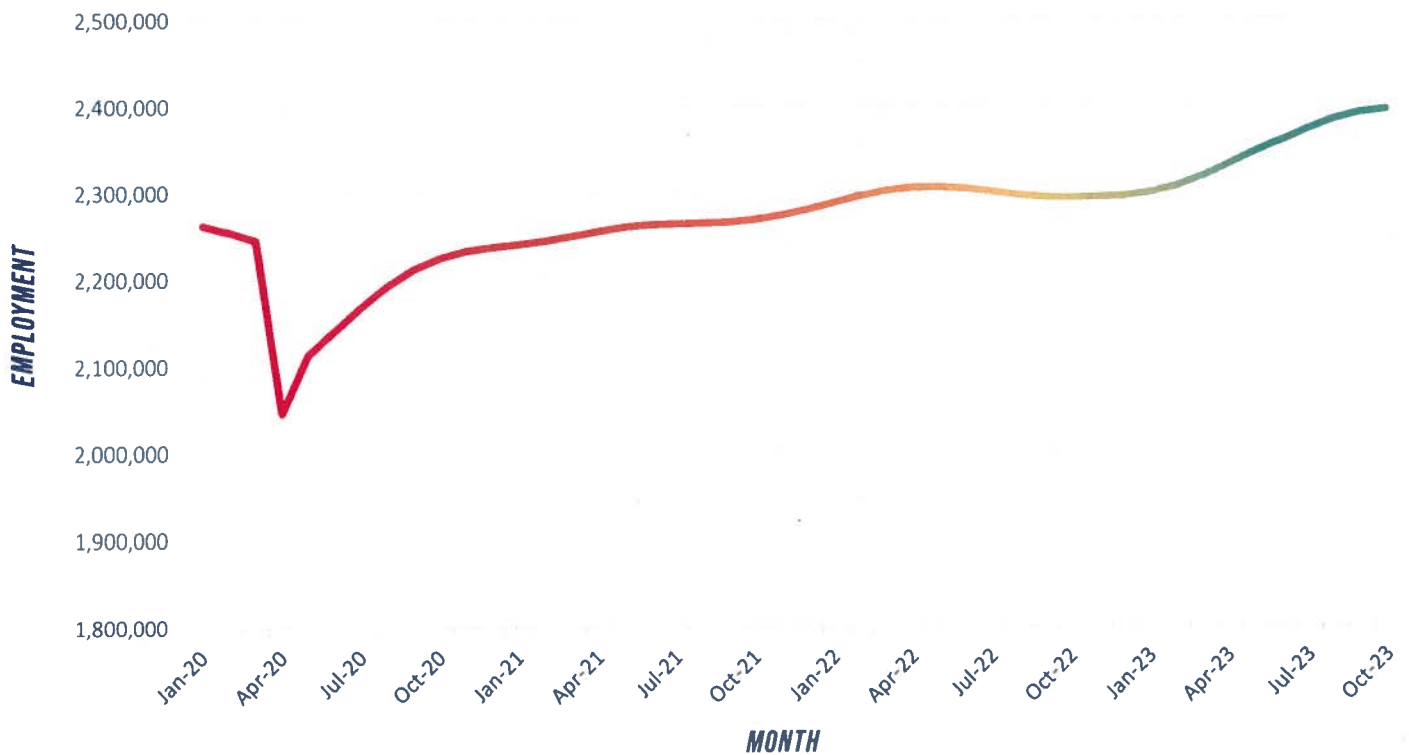
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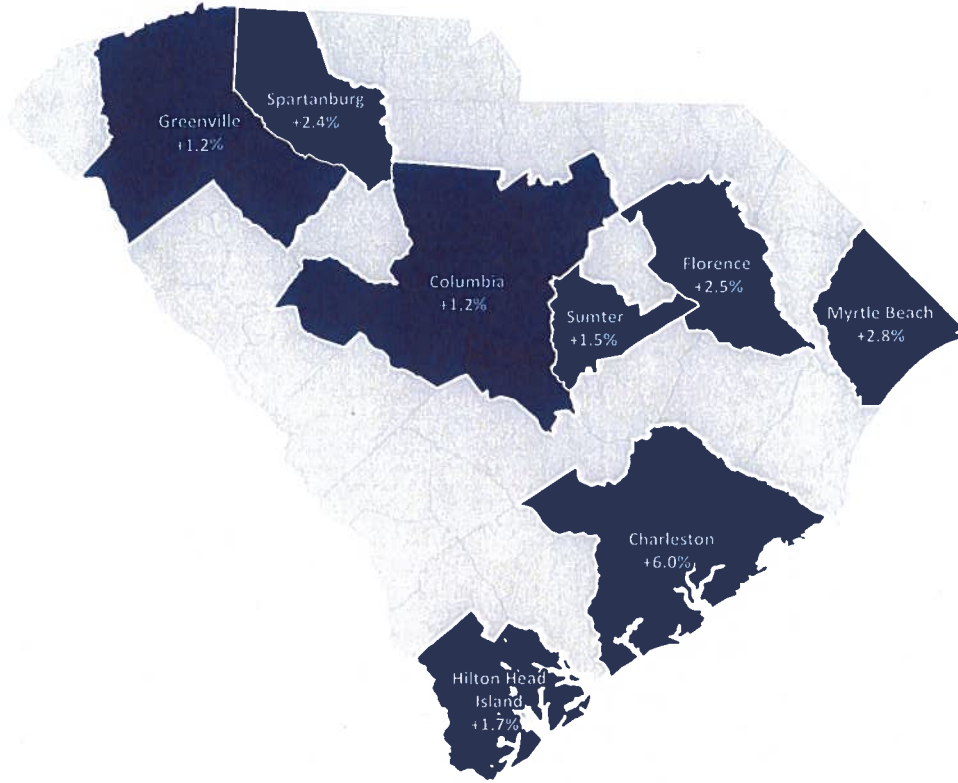
### MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT SINCE JANUARY 2020





# CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

## Seasonally Adjusted – Year-Over-Year Change



### NONFARM PAYROLL BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA SEASONALLY ADJUSTED OCTOBER 2023

AREA	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,314,000</b>	<b>2,307,900</b>	<b>2,264,800</b>	<b>+6,100</b>	<b>+0.3%</b>	<b>+49,200</b>	<b>+2.2%</b>
Charleston-North Charleston	426,500	421,700	402,400	+4,800	+1.1%	+24,100	+6.0%
Columbia	419,700	419,300	414,900	+400	+0.1%	+4,800	+1.2%
Florence	96,700	96,300	94,300	+400	+0.4%	+2,400	+2.5%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	460,200	459,800	454,600	+400	+0.1%	+5,600	+1.2%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	88,000	88,000	86,500	0	+0.0%	+1,500	+1.7%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	192,500	192,100	187,200	+400	+0.2%	+5,300	+2.8%
Spartanburg	172,600	171,700	168,500	+900	+0.5%	+4,100	+2.4%
Sumter	39,700	39,900	39,100	-200	-0.5%	+600	+1.5%

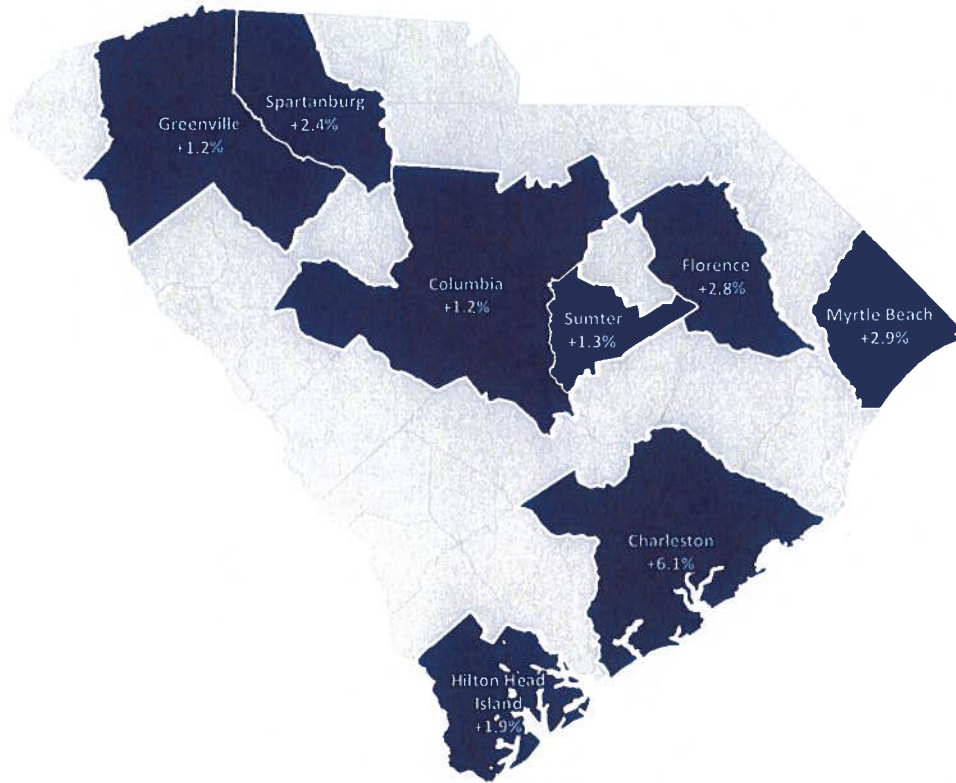
**NOTE:** Employment estimates have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Sum of detail may not equal totals due to rounding or the exclusion of certain industries from publication. All data are subject to revision.

**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR**  
**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (IN THOUSANDS)**  
*OCTOBER 2023*

	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>2,314.0</b>	<b>2,307.9</b>	<b>2,264.8</b>	<b>+6.1</b>	<b>+0.3%</b>	<b>+49.2</b>	<b>+2.2%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>1,937.4</b>	<b>1,931.4</b>	<b>1,896.5</b>	<b>+6.0</b>	<b>+0.3%</b>	<b>+40.9</b>	<b>+2.2%</b>
Goods Producing	377.3	376.7	376.7	+0.6	+0.2%	+0.6	+0.2%
Mining, Logging and Construction	115.5	116.0	114.6	-0.5	-0.4%	+0.9	+0.8%
Mining and Logging	4.6	4.6	4.5	0.0	0.0%	+0.1	+2.2%
Construction	110.9	111.4	110.1	-0.5	-0.4%	+0.8	+0.7%
Manufacturing	261.8	260.7	262.1	+1.1	+0.4%	-0.3	-0.1%
Durable Goods	158.5	157.6	157.1	+0.9	+0.6%	+1.4	+0.9%
Non-Durable Goods	103.3	103.1	105.0	+0.2	+0.2%	-1.7	-1.6%
Service-Providing	1,936.7	1,931.2	1,888.1	+5.5	+0.3%	+48.6	+2.6%
Private Service Providing	1,560.1	1,554.7	1,519.8	+5.4	+0.3%	+40.3	+2.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	445.9	444.6	436.4	+1.3	+0.3%	+9.5	+2.2%
Wholesale Trade	80.0	79.4	80.7	+0.6	+0.8%	-0.7	-0.9%
Retail Trade	264.0	264.1	261.0	-0.1	0.0%	+3.0	+1.1%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	101.9	101.1	94.7	+0.8	+0.8%	+7.2	+7.6%
Information	31.8	31.8	31.5	0.0	0.0%	+0.3	+1.0%
Financial Activities	121.4	120.5	118.3	+0.9	+0.7%	+3.1	+2.6%
Finance and Insurance	86.2	85.4	85.3	+0.8	+0.9%	+0.9	+1.1%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35.2	35.1	33.0	+0.1	+0.3%	+2.2	+6.7%
Professional and Business Services	316.8	314.4	314.1	+2.4	+0.8%	+2.7	+0.9%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	123.0	121.8	121.9	+1.2	+1.0%	+1.1	+0.9%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	25.8	25.8	25.5	0.0	0.0%	+0.3	+1.2%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	168.0	166.8	166.7	+1.2	+0.7%	+1.3	+0.8%
Education and Health Services	284.3	284.5	270.0	-0.2	-0.1%	+14.3	+5.3%
Educational Services	46.6	47.1	46.3	-0.5	-1.1%	+0.3	+0.6%
Health Care Services	237.7	237.4	223.7	+0.3	+0.1%	+14.0	+6.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	277.3	275.8	267.3	+1.5	+0.5%	+10.0	+3.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	37.0	37.8	33.5	-0.8	-2.1%	+3.5	+10.4%
Accommodation and Food Services	240.3	238.0	233.8	+2.3	+1.0%	+6.5	+2.8%
Other Services	82.6	83.1	82.2	-0.5	-0.6%	+0.4	+0.5%
Government	376.6	376.5	368.3	+0.1	0.0%	+8.3	+2.3%
Federal Government	37.4	37.3	35.4	+0.1	+0.3%	+2.0	+5.6%
State Government	108.4	108.7	107.0	-0.3	-0.3%	+1.4	+1.3%
Local Government	230.8	230.5	225.9	+0.3	+0.1%	+4.9	+2.2%

# CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

*Not Seasonally Adjusted – Year-Over-Year Change*



## NONFARM PAYROLL BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED OCTOBER 2023

AREA	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,322,600</b>	<b>2,307,700</b>	<b>2,273,500</b>	<b>+14,900</b>	<b>+0.6%</b>	<b>+49,100</b>	<b>+2.2%</b>
Charleston-North Charleston	426,800	420,000	402,300	+6,800	+1.6%	+24,500	+6.1%
Columbia	422,200	419,900	417,000	+2,300	+0.5%	+5,200	+1.2%
Florence	97,000	96,100	94,400	+900	+0.9%	+2,600	+2.8%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	462,000	460,100	456,700	+1,900	+0.4%	+5,300	+1.2%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	87,700	87,500	86,100	+200	+0.2%	+1,600	+1.9%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	192,400	193,000	186,900	-600	-0.3%	+5,500	+2.9%
Spartanburg	173,200	172,000	169,200	+1,200	+0.7%	+4,000	+2.4%
Sumter	39,700	39,700	39,200	0	0.0%	+500	+1.3%

**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 PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED OCTOBER 2023

	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>2,322,600</b>	<b>2,307,700</b>	<b>2,273,500</b>	<b>+14,900</b>	<b>+0.6%</b>	<b>+49,100</b>	<b>+2.2%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>1,941,100</b>	<b>1,930,000</b>	<b>1,900,200</b>	<b>+11,100</b>	<b>+0.6%</b>	<b>+40,900</b>	<b>+2.2%</b>
<b>Goods Producing</b>	<b>377,100</b>	<b>375,800</b>	<b>376,700</b>	<b>+1,300</b>	<b>+0.3%</b>	<b>+400</b>	<b>+0.1%</b>
<b>Mining, Logging and Construction</b>	<b>115,300</b>	<b>115,000</b>	<b>114,500</b>	<b>+300</b>	<b>+0.3%</b>	<b>+800</b>	<b>+0.7%</b>
Mining and Logging	4,600	4,600	4,500	0	0.0%	+100	+2.3%
<b>Construction</b>	<b>110,700</b>	<b>110,400</b>	<b>110,000</b>	<b>+300</b>	<b>+0.3%</b>	<b>+700</b>	<b>+0.6%</b>
Construction of Buildings	26,000	26,100	27,100	-100	-0.4%	-1,100	-4.1%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	17,300	17,400	17,000	-100	-0.6%	+300	+1.8%
Specialty Trade Contractors	67,400	66,900	65,900	+500	+0.7%	+1,500	+2.3%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>261,800</b>	<b>260,800</b>	<b>262,200</b>	<b>+1,000</b>	<b>+0.4%</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
Durable Goods	158,900	158,400	157,500	+500	+0.3%	+1,400	+0.9%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	23,800	23,800	24,200	0	0.0%	-400	-1.7%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	51,100	51,200	50,500	-100	-0.2%	+600	+1.2%
Non-Durable Goods	102,900	102,400	104,700	+500	+0.5%	-1,800	-1.7%
Textile Mills	11,900	11,900	12,500	0	0.0%	600	+4.8%
Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	25,000	25,200	25,800	-200	-0.8%	-800	-3.1%
<b>Service Providing</b>	<b>1,945,500</b>	<b>1,931,900</b>	<b>1,896,800</b>	<b>+13,600</b>	<b>+0.7%</b>	<b>+48,700</b>	<b>+2.6%</b>
<b>Private Service Providing</b>	<b>1,564,000</b>	<b>1,554,200</b>	<b>1,523,500</b>	<b>+9,800</b>	<b>+0.6%</b>	<b>+40,500</b>	<b>+2.7%</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	444,800	441,900	435,400	+2,900	+0.7%	+9,400	+2.2%
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>80,200</b>	<b>79,400</b>	<b>80,800</b>	<b>+800</b>	<b>+1.0%</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	43,000	42,700	43,300	+300	+0.7%	-300	0.7%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	22,700	22,300	22,800	+400	+1.8%	-100	-0.4%
Retail Trade	263,400	261,900	260,400	+1,500	+0.6%	+3,000	+1.2%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	34,800	34,600	33,700	+200	+0.6%	+1,100	+3.3%
Food and Beverage Stores	53,000	52,800	52,400	+200	+0.4%	+600	+1.1%
Health and Personal Care Stores	16,100	15,800	16,200	+300	+1.9%	-100	-0.6%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	18,000	17,700	17,900	+300	+1.7%	+100	+0.6%
General Merchandise Stores	61,900	60,700	59,300	+1,200	+2.0%	+2,600	+4.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	101,200	100,600	94,200	+600	+0.6%	+7,000	+7.4%
Utilities	11,800	11,800	11,100	0	0.0%	+700	+6.3%
Transportation and Warehousing	89,400	88,800	83,100	+600	+0.7%	+6,300	+7.6%
<b>Information</b>	<b>31,600</b>	<b>31,400</b>	<b>31,300</b>	<b>+200</b>	<b>+0.6%</b>	<b>+300</b>	<b>+1.0%</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>122,100</b>	<b>120,700</b>	<b>119,100</b>	<b>+1,400</b>	<b>+1.2%</b>	<b>+3,000</b>	<b>+2.5%</b>
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	<b>86,400</b>	<b>85,500</b>	<b>85,700</b>	<b>+900</b>	<b>+1.1%</b>	<b>+700</b>	<b>+0.8%</b>
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Monetary Authorities	37,800	37,600	38,100	+200	+0.5%	-300	-0.8%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35,700	35,200	33,400	+500	+1.4%	+2,300	+6.9%
Professional and Business Services	319,900	314,800	316,500	+5,100	+1.6%	+3,400	+1.1%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	123,000	120,600	121,400	+2,400	+2.0%	+1,600	+1.3%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services	23,600	23,200	22,300	+400	+1.7%	+1,300	+5.8%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	25,700	25,700	25,500	0	0.0%	+200	+0.8%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	171,200	168,500	169,600	+2,700	+1.6%	+1,600	+0.9%
Administrative and Support Services	159,100	156,400	157,700	+2,700	+1.7%	+1,400	+0.9%
Employment Services	73,700	71,100	75,400	+2,600	+3.7%	-1,700	-2.3%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	39,100	39,100	36,900	0	0.0%	+2,200	+6.0%
Education and Health Services	286,500	284,900	272,300	+1,600	+0.6%	+14,200	+5.2%
Educational Services	47,600	47,500	47,500	+100	+0.2%	+100	+0.2%
Health Care and Social Assistance	238,900	237,400	224,800	+1,500	+0.6%	+14,100	+6.3%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	115,300	114,000	109,000	+1,300	+1.1%	+6,300	+5.8%
Hospitals	39,700	39,600	37,900	+100	+0.3%	+1,800	+4.7%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	43,200	42,900	38,300	+300	+0.7%	+4,900	+12.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	276,300	277,000	266,400	-700	-0.3%	+9,900	+3.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	36,100	37,300	32,900	-1,200	-3.2%	+3,200	+9.7%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	26,900	27,500	25,300	-600	-2.2%	+1,600	+6.3%
Accommodation and Food Services	240,200	239,700	233,500	+500	+0.2%	+6,700	+2.9%
Accommodation	32,900	33,400	31,100	-500	-1.5%	+1,800	+5.8%
Food Services and Drinking Places	207,300	206,300	202,400	+1,000	+0.5%	+4,900	+2.4%
Other Services	82,800	83,500	82,500	-700	-0.8%	+300	+0.4%
Repair and Maintenance	23,500	23,600	23,300	-100	-0.4%	+200	+0.9%
Personal and Laundry Services	20,300	20,700	19,800	-400	-1.9%	+500	+2.5%
<b>Government</b>	<b>381,500</b>	<b>377,700</b>	<b>373,300</b>	<b>+3,800</b>	<b>+1.0%</b>	<b>+8,200</b>	<b>+2.2%</b>
<b>Federal Government</b>	<b>37,500</b>	<b>37,200</b>	<b>35,400</b>	<b>+300</b>	<b>+0.8%</b>	<b>+2,100</b>	<b>+5.9%</b>
<b>State Government</b>	<b>111,100</b>	<b>109,400</b>	<b>110,100</b>	<b>+1,700</b>	<b>+1.6%</b>	<b>+1,000</b>	<b>+0.9%</b>
State Government Educational Services	52,100	50,900	53,800	+1,200	+2.4%	-1,700	-3.2%
State Government Excluding Education	59,000	58,500	56,300	+500	+0.9%	+2,700	+4.8%
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>232,900</b>	<b>231,100</b>	<b>227,800</b>	<b>+1,800</b>	<b>+0.8%</b>	<b>+5,100</b>	<b>+2.2%</b>
Local Government Educational Services	112,100	110,100	110,200	+2,000	+1.8%	+1,900	+1.7%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	120,800	121,000	117,600	-200	-0.2%	+3,200	+2.7%

## TOTAL PRIVATE NSA STATEWIDE HOURS AND EARNINGS BY MSA

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (AWE)

AREA	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	\$1,124.62	\$1,091.74	\$1,139.55	+\$32.88	+3.0%	-\$14.93	-1.3%
Columbia	\$978.80	\$961.07	\$925.10	+\$17.73	+1.8%	+\$53.70	+5.8%
Florence	\$730.63	\$751.77	\$769.16	-\$21.14	-2.8%	-\$38.53	-5.0%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	\$1,129.36	\$1,124.63	\$1,067.84	+\$4.73	+0.4%	+\$61.52	+5.8%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	\$821.84	\$815.28	\$829.87	+\$6.56	+0.8%	-\$8.03	-1.0%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	\$877.94	\$866.06	\$874.92	+\$11.88	+1.4%	+\$3.02	+0.3%
Spartanburg	\$980.20	\$929.29	\$961.74	+\$50.91	+5.5%	+\$18.46	+1.9%
Sumter	\$845.68	\$824.04	\$709.76	+\$21.64	+2.6%	+\$135.92	+19.2%

## AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS (AWH)

AREA	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	34.1	33.8	34.7	+0.3	+0.9%	-0.6	-1.7%
Columbia	34.2	33.9	34.7	+0.3	+0.9%	-0.5	-1.4%
Florence	32.3	32.9	33.5	-0.6	-1.8%	-1.2	-3.6%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	34.9	34.7	36.1	+0.2	+0.6%	-1.2	-3.3%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	30.7	30.8	31.0	-0.1	-0.3%	-0.3	-1.0%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	32.1	32.1	34.5	0.0	0.0%	-2.4	-7.0%
Spartanburg	33.8	33.5	35.1	+0.3	+0.9%	-1.3	-3.7%
Sumter	34.1	33.8	32.0	+0.3	+0.9%	+2.1	+6.6%

## AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS (AHE)

AREA	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	\$32.98	\$32.30	\$32.84	+\$0.68	+2.1%	+\$0.14	+0.4%
Columbia	\$28.62	\$28.35	\$26.66	+\$0.27	+1.0%	+\$1.96	+7.4%
Florence	\$22.62	\$22.85	\$22.96	-\$0.23	-1.0%	-\$0.34	-1.5%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	\$32.36	\$32.41	\$29.58	-\$0.05	-0.2%	+\$2.78	+9.4%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	\$26.77	\$26.47	\$26.77	+\$0.30	+1.1%	\$0.00	0.0%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	\$27.35	\$26.98	\$25.36	+\$0.37	+1.4%	+\$1.99	+7.8%
Spartanburg	\$29.00	\$27.74	\$27.40	+\$1.26	+4.5%	+\$1.60	+5.8%
Sumter	\$24.80	\$24.38	\$22.18	+\$0.42	+1.7%	+\$2.62	+11.8%

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

## NSA STATEWIDE HOURS AND EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (AWE)

INDUSTRY TITLE	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>\$1,035.17</b>	<b>\$1,020.61</b>	<b>\$1,019.66</b>	<b>+\$14.56</b>	<b>+1.4%</b>	<b>+\$15.51</b>	<b>+1.5%</b>
Goods Producing	\$1,323.50	\$1,331.30	\$1,280.71	-\$7.80	-0.6%	+\$42.79	+3.3%
Construction	\$1,233.80	\$1,249.53	\$1,270.05	-\$15.73	-1.3%	-\$36.25	-2.9%
Manufacturing	\$1,364.04	\$1,367.28	\$1,286.91	-\$3.24	-0.2%	+\$77.13	+6.0%
Private Service Providing	\$964.98	\$945.43	\$956.26	+\$19.55	+2.1%	+\$8.72	+0.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	\$858.22	\$858.61	\$843.82	-\$0.39	0.0%	+\$14.40	+1.7%
Financial Activities	\$1,253.35	\$1,202.55	\$1,303.25	+\$50.80	+4.2%	-\$49.90	-3.8%
Professional and Business Services	\$1,260.71	\$1,241.93	\$1,258.92	+\$18.78	+1.5%	+\$1.79	+0.1%
Education and Health Services	\$1,046.95	\$1,042.80	\$1,002.93	+\$4.15	+0.4%	+\$44.02	+4.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	\$482.36	\$464.52	\$452.63	+\$17.84	+3.8%	+\$29.73	+6.6%
Other Services	\$1,047.08	\$1,004.65	\$809.14	+\$42.43	+4.2%	+\$237.94	+29.4%

## AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS (AWH)

INDUSTRY TITLE	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>+0.2</b>	<b>+0.6%</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>
Goods Producing	40.4	40.7	41.3	-0.3	-0.7%	-0.9	-2.2%
Construction	41.5	42.4	41.6	-0.9	-2.1%	-0.1	-0.2%
Manufacturing	40.5	40.5	41.3	0.0	0.0%	-0.8	-1.9%
Private Service Providing	32.8	32.5	33.6	+0.3	+0.9%	-0.8	-2.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	33.2	33.1	33.3	+0.1	+0.3%	-0.1	-0.3%
Financial Activities	37.9	37.3	40.1	+0.6	+1.6%	-2.2	-5.5%
Professional and Business Services	36.5	36.7	38.3	-0.2	-0.5%	-1.8	-4.7%
Education and Health Services	33.1	32.7	33.1	+0.4	+1.2%	0.0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	24.8	24.5	25.4	+0.3	+1.2%	-0.6	-2.4%
Other Services	35.7	34.3	34.3	+1.4	+4.1%	+1.4	+4.1%

## AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS (AHE)

INDUSTRY TITLE	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>\$30.18</b>	<b>\$29.93</b>	<b>\$29.05</b>	<b>+\$0.25</b>	<b>+0.8%</b>	<b>+\$1.13</b>	<b>+3.9%</b>
Goods Producing	\$32.76	\$32.71	\$31.01	+\$0.05	+0.2%	+\$1.75	+5.6%
Construction	\$29.73	\$29.47	\$30.53	+\$0.26	+0.9%	-\$0.80	-2.6%
Manufacturing	\$33.68	\$33.76	\$31.16	-\$0.08	-0.2%	+\$2.52	+8.1%
Private Service Providing	\$29.42	\$29.09	\$28.46	+\$0.33	+1.1%	+\$0.96	+3.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	\$25.85	\$25.94	\$25.34	-\$0.09	-0.3%	+\$0.51	+2.0%
Financial Activities	\$33.07	\$32.24	\$32.50	+\$0.83	+2.6%	+\$0.57	+1.8%
Professional and Business Services	\$34.54	\$33.84	\$32.87	+\$0.70	+2.1%	+\$1.67	+5.1%
Education and Health Services	\$31.63	\$31.89	\$30.30	-\$0.26	-0.8%	+\$1.33	+4.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	\$19.45	\$18.96	\$17.82	+\$0.49	+2.6%	+\$1.63	+9.1%
Other Services	\$29.33	\$29.29	\$23.59	+\$0.04	+0.1%	+\$5.74	+24.3%

**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR**  
**CHARLESTON-NORTH CHARLESTON MSA**  
*OCTOBER 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)*

	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>426,800</b>	<b>420,000</b>	<b>402,300</b>	<b>+6,800</b>	<b>+1.6%</b>	<b>+24,500</b>	<b>+6.1%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>357,000</b>	<b>351,200</b>	<b>334,900</b>	<b>+5,800</b>	<b>+1.7%</b>	<b>+22,100</b>	<b>+6.6%</b>
Goods Producing	55,100	54,900	52,600	+200	+0.4%	+2,500	+4.8%
Service-Providing	371,700	365,100	349,700	+6,600	+1.8%	+22,000	+6.3%
Private Service Providing	301,900	296,300	282,300	+5,600	+1.9%	+19,600	+6.9%
Mining, Logging and Construction	22,700	22,700	21,700	0	0.0%	+1,000	+4.6%
Manufacturing	32,400	32,200	30,900	+200	+0.6%	+1,500	+4.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	76,300	75,600	74,200	+700	+0.9%	+2,100	+2.8%
Wholesale Trade	12,200	12,100	12,500	+100	+0.8%	-300	-2.4%
Retail Trade	42,900	42,300	42,400	+600	+1.4%	+500	+1.2%
General Merchandise Stores	8,200	8,000	7,700	+200	+2.5%	+500	+6.5%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	21,200	21,200	19,300	0	0.0%	+1,900	+9.8%
Information	9,200	9,100	8,800	+100	+1.1%	+400	+4.5%
Financial Activities	18,700	18,700	19,100	0	0.0%	-400	-2.1%
Professional and Business Services	74,600	71,200	66,600	+3,400	+4.8%	+8,000	+12.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	33,400	31,900	29,900	+1,500	+4.7%	+3,500	+11.7%
Education and Health Services	50,300	49,700	47,000	+600	+1.2%	+3,300	+7.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	57,000	56,000	51,100	+1,000	+1.8%	+5,900	+11.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	49,900	49,500	45,000	+400	+0.8%	+4,900	+10.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	40,700	40,400	37,300	+300	+0.7%	+3,400	+9.1%
Other Services	15,800	16,000	15,500	-200	-1.3%	+300	+1.9%
<b>Government</b>	<b>69,800</b>	<b>68,800</b>	<b>67,400</b>	<b>+1,000</b>	<b>+1.5%</b>	<b>+2,400</b>	<b>+3.6%</b>
Federal Government	11,900	11,900	11,500	0	0.0%	+400	+3.5%
State Government	29,300	29,000	28,000	+300	+1.0%	+1,300	+4.6%
Local Government	28,600	27,900	27,900	+700	+2.5%	+700	+2.5%

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**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR**  
**COLUMBIA MSA**  
*OCTOBER 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)*

	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>422,200</b>	<b>419,900</b>	<b>417,000</b>	<b>+2,300</b>	<b>+0.5%</b>	<b>+5,200</b>	<b>+1.2%</b>
Total Private	338,400	336,600	334,300	+1,800	+0.5%	+4,100	+1.2%
Goods Producing	49,600	49,100	48,600	+500	+1.0%	+1,000	+2.1%
Service-Providing	372,600	370,800	368,400	+1,800	+0.5%	+4,200	+1.1%
Private Service Providing	288,800	287,500	285,700	+1,300	+0.5%	+3,100	+1.1%
Mining, Logging and Construction	17,200	16,900	17,100	+300	+1.8%	+100	+0.6%
Manufacturing	32,400	32,200	31,500	+200	+0.6%	+900	+2.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	76,800	76,600	77,700	+200	+0.3%	-900	-1.2%
Wholesale Trade	16,000	15,900	16,400	+100	+0.6%	-400	-2.4%
Retail Trade	43,500	43,300	44,700	+200	+0.5%	-1,200	-2.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17,300	17,400	16,600	-100	-0.6%	+700	+4.2%
Information	5,300	5,300	5,200	0	0.0%	+100	+1.9%
Financial Activities	36,600	36,000	35,800	+600	+1.7%	+800	+2.2%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Monetary Authorities - Central Bank	7,700	7,600	7,700	+100	+1.3%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	59,100	58,700	58,600	+400	+0.7%	+500	+0.9%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	32,600	32,100	32,400	+500	+1.6%	+200	+0.6%
Education and Health Services	54,300	53,900	53,100	+400	+0.7%	+1,200	+2.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	39,300	39,400	38,200	-100	-0.3%	+1,100	+2.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	32,700	32,800	31,700	-100	-0.3%	+1,000	+3.2%
Other Services	17,400	17,600	17,100	-200	-1.1%	+300	+1.8%
Government	83,800	83,300	82,700	+500	+0.6%	+1,100	+1.3%
Federal Government	11,600	11,600	11,100	0	0.0%	+500	+4.5%
State Government	36,700	36,300	35,700	+400	+1.1%	+1,000	+2.8%
Local Government	35,500	35,400	35,900	+100	+0.3%	-400	-1.1%

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**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR**  
**GREENVILLE-ANDERSON-MAULDIN MSA**  
*OCTOBER 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)*

	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>462,000</b>	<b>460,100</b>	<b>456,700</b>	<b>+1,900</b>	<b>+0.4%</b>	<b>+5,300</b>	<b>+1.2%</b>
Total Private	398,700	397,300	392,900	+1,400	+0.4%	+5,800	+1.5%
Goods Producing	81,500	81,400	83,100	+100	+0.1%	-1,600	-1.9%
Service-Providing	380,500	378,700	373,600	+1,800	+0.5%	+6,900	+1.8%
Private Service Providing	317,200	315,900	309,800	+1,300	+0.4%	+7,400	+2.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	22,000	22,000	21,700	0	0.0%	+300	+1.4%
Manufacturing	59,500	59,400	61,400	+100	+0.2%	-1,900	-3.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	85,100	83,700	82,500	+1,400	+1.7%	+2,600	+3.2%
Wholesale Trade	20,000	19,900	20,500	+100	+0.5%	-500	-2.4%
Retail Trade	49,200	47,900	47,400	+1,300	+2.7%	+1,800	+3.8%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	15,900	15,900	14,600	0	0.0%	+1,300	+8.9%
Information	7,500	7,500	7,200	0	0.0%	+300	+4.2%
Financial Activities	22,400	22,200	21,800	+200	+0.9%	+600	+2.8%
Professional and Business Services	76,500	76,200	77,400	+300	+0.4%	-900	-1.2%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	28,000	27,600	27,900	+400	+1.4%	+100	+0.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	6,600	6,500	6,600	+100	+1.5%	0	0.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	41,900	42,100	42,900	-200	-0.5%	-1,000	-2.3%
Education and Health Services	60,900	61,100	57,700	-200	-0.3%	+3,200	+5.5%
Educational Services	13,000	13,100	12,200	-100	-0.8%	+800	+6.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	47,900	48,000	45,500	-100	-0.2%	+2,400	+5.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	49,100	49,400	47,800	-300	-0.6%	+1,300	+2.7%
Other Services	15,700	15,800	15,400	-100	-0.6%	+300	+1.9%
Government	63,300	62,800	63,800	+500	+0.8%	-500	-0.8%
Federal Government	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	0.0%	+100	+3.3%
State Government	13,900	13,600	15,400	+300	+2.2%	-1,500	-9.7%
Local Government	46,300	46,100	45,400	+200	+0.4%	+900	+2.0%

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**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR**  
**MYRTLE BEACH-CONWAY-NORTH MYRTLE BEACH MSA**  
*OCTOBER 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)*

	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>192,400</b>	<b>193,000</b>	<b>186,900</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>+5,500</b>	<b>+2.9%</b>
Total Private	167,100	167,900	162,400	-800	-0.5%	+4,700	+2.9%
Goods Producing	17,800	17,700	17,300	+100	+0.6%	+500	+2.9%
Service-Providing	174,600	175,300	169,600	-700	-0.4%	+5,000	+2.9%
Private Service Providing	149,300	150,200	145,100	-900	-0.6%	+4,200	+2.9%
Mining, Logging and Construction	12,300	12,200	12,000	+100	+0.8%	+300	+2.5%
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,300	0	0.0%	+200	+3.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	40,500	40,300	40,800	+200	+0.5%	-300	-0.7%
Wholesale Trade	3,700	3,700	3,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	31,300	31,100	31,900	+200	+0.6%	-600	-1.9%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	5,500	5,500	5,200	0	0.0%	+300	+5.8%
Information	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	11,500	11,500	10,500	0	0.0%	+1,000	+9.5%
Professional and Business Services	19,000	18,900	18,700	+100	+0.5%	+300	+1.6%
Education and Health Services	22,800	22,500	21,300	+300	+1.3%	+1,500	+7.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	45,900	47,400	44,500	-1,500	-3.2%	+1,400	+3.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	40,000	41,300	37,700	-1,300	-3.1%	+2,300	+6.1%
Food Services and Drinking Places	31,400	32,400	28,700	-1,000	-3.1%	+2,700	+9.4%
Other Services	6,700	6,700	6,400	0	0.0%	+300	+4.7%
Government	25,300	25,100	24,500	+200	+0.8%	+800	+3.3%
Federal Government	1,600	1,500	1,500	+100	+6.7%	+100	+6.7%
State Government	4,700	4,600	4,700	+100	+2.2%	0	0.0%
Local Government	19,000	19,000	18,300	0	0.0%	+700	+3.8%

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**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR**  
**SPARTANBURG MSA**  
*OCTOBER 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)*

	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>173,200</b>	<b>172,000</b>	<b>169,200</b>	<b>+1,200</b>	<b>+0.7%</b>	<b>+4,000</b>	<b>+2.4%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>143,200</b>	<b>142,800</b>	<b>140,700</b>	<b>+400</b>	<b>+0.3%</b>	<b>+2,500</b>	<b>+1.8%</b>
Goods Producing	46,000	46,000	45,800	0	0.0%	+200	+0.4%
Service-Providing	127,200	126,000	123,400	+1,200	+1.0%	+3,800	+3.1%
Private Service Providing	97,200	96,800	94,900	+400	+0.4%	+2,300	+2.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	7,800	7,700	7,500	+100	+1.3%	+300	+4.0%
Manufacturing	38,200	38,300	38,300	-100	-0.3%	-100	-0.3%
Durable Goods	26,500	26,600	26,400	-100	-0.4%	+100	+0.4%
Non-Durable Goods	11,700	11,700	11,900	0	0.0%	-200	-1.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	37,400	37,300	36,200	+100	+0.3%	+1,200	+3.3%
Wholesale Trade	8,000	7,900	8,200	+100	+1.3%	-200	-2.4%
Retail Trade	17,400	17,400	16,700	0	0.0%	+700	+4.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	12,000	12,000	11,300	0	0.0%	+700	+6.2%
Information	900	900	900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	5,300	5,200	5,200	+100	+1.9%	+100	+1.9%
Professional and Business Services	17,300	17,100	17,200	+200	+1.2%	+100	+0.6%
Education and Health Services	15,700	15,600	15,300	+100	+0.6%	+400	+2.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	15,000	15,100	14,600	-100	-0.7%	+400	+2.7%
Other Services	5,600	5,600	5,500	0	0.0%	+100	+1.8%
<b>Government</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>29,200</b>	<b>28,500</b>	<b>+800</b>	<b>+2.7%</b>	<b>+1,500</b>	<b>+5.3%</b>
Federal Government	700	700	600	0	0.0%	+100	+16.7%
State Government	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	25,300	24,500	23,900	+800	+3.3%	+1,400	+5.9%

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**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR**  
**FLORENCE MSA**  
*OCTOBER 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)*

	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>97,000</b>	<b>96,100</b>	<b>94,400</b>	<b>+900</b>	<b>+0.9%</b>	<b>+2,600</b>	<b>+2.8%</b>
Total Private	78,900	78,200	77,200	+700	+0.9%	+1,700	+2.2%
Goods Producing	15,500	15,500	15,000	0	0.0%	+500	+3.3%
Service-Providing	81,500	80,600	79,400	+900	+1.1%	+2,100	+2.6%
Private Service Providing	63,400	62,700	62,200	+700	+1.1%	+1,200	+1.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	20,800	21,000	20,800	-200	-1.0%	0	0.0%
Government	18,100	17,900	17,200	+200	+1.1%	+900	+5.2%
Federal Government	700	700	700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	0.0%	+200	+4.3%
Local Government	12,600	12,400	11,900	+200	+1.6%	+700	+5.9%

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND-BLUFFTON-BEAUFORT MSA**  
*OCTOBER 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)*

	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>87,700</b>	<b>87,500</b>	<b>86,100</b>	<b>+200</b>	<b>+0.2%</b>	<b>+1,600</b>	<b>+1.9%</b>
Total Private	76,100	75,900	74,600	+200	+0.3%	+1,500	+2.0%
Goods Producing	7,900	8,000	7,600	-100	-1.3%	+300	+3.9%
Service-Providing	79,800	79,500	78,500	+300	+0.4%	+1,300	+1.7%
Private Service Providing	68,200	67,900	67,000	+300	+0.4%	+1,200	+1.8%
Government	11,600	11,600	11,500	0	0.0%	+100	+0.9%

**SUMTER MSA**  
*OCTOBER 2023 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)*

	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2023		OCTOBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>39,700</b>	<b>39,700</b>	<b>39,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>+500</b>	<b>+1.3%</b>
Total Private	33,700	33,700	33,300	0	0.0%	+400	+1.2%
Goods Producing	9,900	10,000	9,700	-100	-1.0%	+200	+2.1%
Service-Providing	29,800	29,700	29,500	+100	+0.3%	+300	+1.0%
Private Service Providing	23,800	23,700	23,600	+100	+0.4%	+200	+0.8%
Manufacturing	7,300	7,300	7,200	0	0.0%	+100	+1.4%
Government	6,000	6,000	5,900	0	0.0%	+100	+1.7%
Federal Government	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	0.0%	+100	+8.3%
State Government	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

# LONG-RUN TRENDS

## ANNUAL LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS DATA 1976-2022

YEAR	CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION	LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE (PERCENT)	EMPLOYMENT-POPULATION RATIO (PERCENT)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (PERCENT)
1976	2,007,417	64.7%	60.2%	1,299,241	1,207,662	91,579	7.0%
1977	2,061,250	64.4%	60.0%	1,327,423	1,237,495	89,928	6.8%
1978	2,117,667	64.1%	60.5%	1,356,921	1,281,597	75,324	5.6%
1979	2,169,417	63.4%	60.2%	1,375,201	1,306,773	68,428	5.0%
1980	2,221,250	62.8%	58.6%	1,395,675	1,301,796	93,879	6.7%
1981	2,266,583	63.2%	58.0%	1,432,219	1,314,907	117,312	8.2%
1982	2,307,333	64.2%	57.3%	1,482,373	1,322,883	159,490	10.8%
1983	2,341,083	63.2%	56.9%	1,479,137	1,333,162	145,975	9.9%
1984	2,378,500	62.9%	58.5%	1,495,188	1,391,286	103,902	6.9%
1985	2,426,500	63.8%	59.5%	1,548,924	1,443,612	105,312	6.8%
1986	2,455,333	64.9%	60.7%	1,592,306	1,491,069	101,237	6.4%
1987	2,495,333	65.4%	61.8%	1,631,897	1,542,170	89,727	5.5%
1988	2,533,000	65.6%	62.5%	1,660,533	1,583,928	76,605	4.6%
1989	2,566,000	66.0%	62.9%	1,693,438	1,615,009	78,429	4.6%
1990	2,611,843	66.5%	63.3%	1,737,831	1,652,949	84,882	4.9%
1991	2,663,759	66.3%	62.3%	1,767,123	1,659,196	107,927	6.1%
1992	2,699,745	66.7%	62.2%	1,799,677	1,678,803	120,874	6.7%
1993	2,739,480	66.7%	61.8%	1,826,650	1,693,483	133,167	7.3%
1994	2,775,049	66.4%	62.3%	1,841,428	1,727,714	113,714	6.2%
1995	2,813,952	66.2%	62.8%	1,864,221	1,768,540	95,681	5.1%
1996	2,851,104	66.2%	62.4%	1,886,064	1,779,221	106,843	5.7%
1997	2,897,839	66.3%	63.3%	1,920,244	1,834,337	85,907	4.5%
1998	2,945,825	65.9%	63.5%	1,940,846	1,870,270	70,576	3.6%
1999	2,989,560	65.5%	62.8%	1,958,598	1,877,345	81,253	4.1%
2000	3,027,367	64.9%	62.5%	1,965,481	1,892,559	72,922	3.7%
2001	3,064,191	63.4%	60.0%	1,941,956	1,839,246	102,710	5.3%
2002	3,098,739	63.1%	59.0%	1,954,548	1,828,735	125,813	6.4%
2003	3,133,915	63.8%	59.2%	1,999,485	1,855,599	143,886	7.2%
2004	3,178,645	64.3%	59.5%	2,043,864	1,891,722	152,142	7.4%
2005	3,234,049	64.0%	59.4%	2,071,111	1,919,644	151,467	7.3%
2006	3,305,437	65.0%	60.5%	2,148,698	2,001,245	147,453	6.9%
2007	3,374,548	63.9%	60.0%	2,155,198	2,024,493	130,705	6.1%
2008	3,439,974	62.8%	58.2%	2,160,084	2,002,903	157,181	7.3%
2009	3,490,448	62.1%	55.0%	2,166,737	1,919,307	247,430	11.4%
2010	3,564,619	61.0%	54.1%	2,174,535	1,928,442	246,093	11.3%
2011	3,612,048	60.5%	54.2%	2,185,171	1,957,493	227,678	10.4%
2012	3,655,515	59.9%	54.5%	2,190,203	1,992,957	197,246	9.0%
2013	3,704,281	59.3%	54.9%	2,197,876	2,034,404	163,472	7.4%
2014	3,759,002	59.1%	55.4%	2,222,426	2,082,941	139,485	6.3%
2015	3,822,409	59.3%	55.8%	2,267,837	2,134,087	133,750	5.9%
2016	3,888,005	58.8%	55.9%	2,286,054	2,174,301	111,753	4.9%
2017	3,897,645	58.0%	55.6%	2,261,766	2,166,708	95,058	4.2%
2018	3,948,448	57.8%	55.9%	2,282,022	2,205,356	76,666	3.4%
2019	4,002,601	58.1%	56.5%	2,324,500	2,259,807	64,693	2.8%
2020	4,062,556	57.5%	54.0%	2,335,026	2,195,171	139,855	6.0%
2021	4,124,126	57.1%	54.8%	2,353,968	2,261,060	92,908	3.9%
2022	4,204,317	56.5%	54.7%	2,374,975	2,297,927	77,048	3.2%

**ANNUAL CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS NONFARM PAYROLL**  
1939-2022

YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT
1939	310,100	1960	582,500	1981	1,196,500	2002	1,795,400
1940	328,600	1961	587,000	1982	1,162,300	2003	1,799,100
1941	387,500	1962	609,800	1983	1,189,000	2004	1,826,600
1942	416,500	1963	630,600	1984	1,262,500	2005	1,862,900
1943	428,500	1964	651,500	1985	1,296,200	2006	1,905,700
1944	408,600	1965	686,000	1986	1,338,000	2007	1,945,000
1945	396,000	1966	734,900	1987	1,392,200	2008	1,926,300
1946	411,600	1967	754,500	1988	1,449,000	2009	1,814,400
1947	436,200	1968	782,900	1989	1,499,700	2010	1,811,300
1948	456,400	1969	819,800	1990	1,527,600	2011	1,832,500
1949	443,100	1970	842,000	1991	1,497,300	2012	1,864,300
1950	461,400	1971	862,600	1992	1,511,800	2013	1,901,000
1951	505,800	1972	920,300	1993	1,553,000	2014	1,951,300
1952	544,300	1973	984,000	1994	1,592,000	2015	2,006,700
1953	543,900	1974	1,015,800	1995	1,636,300	2016	2,055,300
1954	519,700	1975	982,600	1996	1,669,400	2017	2,096,100
1955	533,000	1976	1,038,100	1997	1,718,800	2018	2,154,800
1956	542,900	1977	1,081,700	1998	1,779,800	2019	2,189,600
1957	545,000	1978	1,137,500	1999	1,826,300	2020	2,082,300
1958	545,900	1979	1,176,000	2000	1,854,000	2021	2,154,600
1959	566,900	1980	1,188,800	2001	1,814,800	2022	2,243,500

**ANNUAL CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS NONFARM PAYROLL**  
2007-2022

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
2007	\$675.36	36.0	\$18.76
2008	\$669.28	35.6	\$18.80
2009	\$665.55	34.7	\$19.18
2010	\$692.17	34.8	\$19.89
2011	\$716.18	34.8	\$20.58
2012	\$705.16	35.1	\$20.09
2013	\$716.15	34.9	\$20.52
2014	\$726.23	34.5	\$21.05
2015	\$743.27	34.7	\$21.42
2016	\$762.80	34.5	\$22.11
2017	\$791.99	34.6	\$22.89
2018	\$829.36	34.6	\$23.97
2019	\$852.84	34.5	\$24.72
2020	\$888.31	34.1	\$26.05
2021	\$925.41	34.3	\$26.98
2022	\$972.90	34.5	\$28.20

## TECHNICAL NOTES

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 sub-state 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. This data is 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 this data.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (CES)	LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (LAUS)
Data is published by <b>Industry</b>	Data is published by <b>County</b>
Counts <b>Jobs</b>	Counts <b>People</b>
Utilizes an <b>Establishment Survey</b>	The Current Population Survey (CPS), which is a <b>Household Survey</b> , is used to calculate LAUS
Reference week is the <b>Pay Period</b> that includes the 12 <sup>th</sup> of the month	Reference week is the <b>Calendar Week</b> that includes the 12 <sup>th</sup> of the month
A job held by a person on unpaid leave during the reference week is <b>not counted</b> since they are not receiving pay	A person on unpaid leave is <b>counted</b> as employed because they will return to their job
<b>Does not count</b> self-employed workers	<b>Does count</b> self-employed workers
<b>Does not include</b> agricultural workers	<b>Includes</b> both agricultural and non-agricultural workers
<b>Does not count</b> unpaid family workers	<b>Counts</b> unpaid family workers if they worked at least 15 unpaid hours for a family business or family farm during the reference week
Workers on strike during the entire reference period are <b>not counted</b>	Workers on strike during the reference week are <b>counted</b> as employed in LAUS





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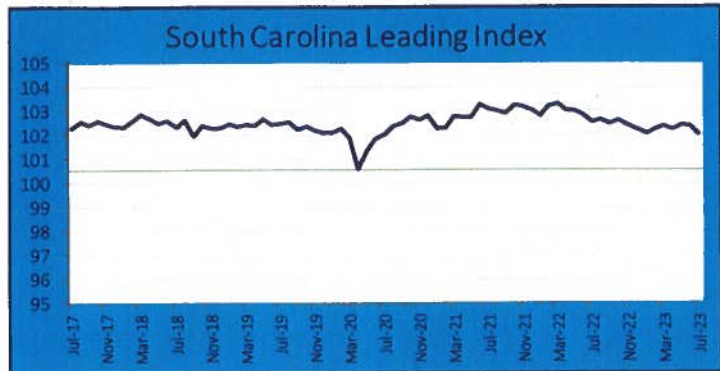
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# ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

The South Carolina Leading Index (SCLI) fell in July to a value (following revisions) of 102.01.

SCLI metrics were mixed in July. Unemployment claims were 3.4 percent higher than in June. The number of issued housing permits fell 9.4 percent month-over-month while nominal valuation for the permits fell 3.5 percent. Average weekly manufacturing hours were down 4.4 percent. The Dow Jones Composite Average was up 4.3 percent.



Source: S.C. Department of Commerce

The Conference Board's national Leading Economic Index decreased in July to 105.8, down 0.4 from June. The Conference Board notes that high interest rates, reduced manufacturing hours, and falling consumer confidence contributed to the decline.

- David McCully

## KEY S.C. INDICATORS

### Income

**+1.7%** State Personal Income increased to \$295.6 billion in the 1st quarter of 2023.  
*U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis*

**+0.2%** Consumer Price Index Cost of goods and services in the South Region rose 0.2% in July.  
*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

### Real Estate

**-1.5%** Median Home Sales Price fell \$5,000 from the prior month to \$333,000 for July.  
*South Carolina Association of Realtors*

**-9.4%** Residential Building Permits fell by 354 permits from the prior month to 3,424 in July.  
*U.S. Census Bureau*

### Employment

**-0.4%** Nonfarm Employment fell by 9,100 net non-seasonally adjusted jobs from the prior month.  
*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

**+0.6%** Labor Force increased by 14,378 to 2,447,980 seasonally adjusted, in July.  
*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

**-3.1%** Manufacturing Weekly Hours fell, following revisions, to 37.1 hours in July.  
*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

**-0.9%** Available Online Job Postings decreased by 1,000 positions in July to a seasonally adjusted 112,500 job postings.  
*The Conference Board Help Wanted Online Index*

**0.0%** Unemployment Rate Remained at 3.1 percent, seasonally adjusted, in July.  
*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

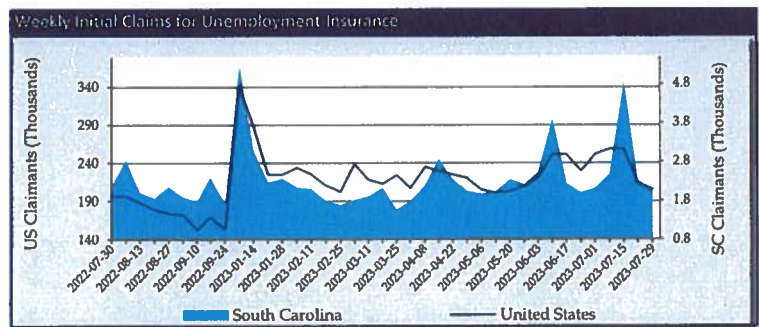
South Carolina's total non-seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment fell by 9,100 net jobs to 2,306,500 in July, which was 0.4 percent lower than June numbers and 3.27 percent higher than one year ago. Sectors reporting net job gains for the month include Manufacturing (700); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (800); Finance (600); Educational and Health Services (1,800); and Other Services (400). Net job losses were reported in the Natural Resources and Mining (-100); Construction (-200); Information (-600); Professional and Business Services (-4,700); Leisure and Hospitality (-100); and Government (-7,700) sectors. Compared to one year ago, the state economy added 73,100 net nonfarm jobs.

Industry Sector	July 2023 (Preliminary)	Previous Month	Previous Year	% Change Month Ago	% Change Year Ago
Goods Producing	380,100	379,700	367,800	0.11%	3.34%
Natural Resources and Mining	4,500	4,600	4,700	-2.17%	-4.26%
Construction	111,800	112,000	103,800	-0.18%	7.71%
Manufacturing	263,800	263,100	259,300	0.27%	1.74%
Service Providing	1,926,400	1,935,900	1,865,600	-0.49%	3.26%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	443,100	442,300	436,400	0.18%	1.54%
Information	32,300	32,900	30,400	-1.82%	6.25%
Finance	123,800	123,200	117,100	0.49%	5.72%
Professional and Business Services	308,100	312,800	297,900	-1.50%	3.42%
Educational and Health Services	278,800	277,000	258,200	0.65%	7.98%
Leisure and Hospitality	291,900	292,000	283,900	-0.03%	2.82%
Other Services	84,400	84,000	83,000	0.48%	1.69%
Total Private	1,942,500	1,943,900	1,874,700	-0.07%	3.62%
Government	364,000	371,700	358,700	-2.07%	1.48%
Total Nonfarm	2,306,500	2,315,600	2,233,400	-0.39%	3.27%

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 July. The average for the month was 2,760 weekly initial claims, up 3.4 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: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

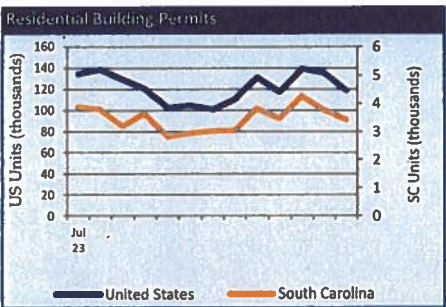
# Real Estate & Business Activity

In July, the number of building permits issued in South Carolina for new residential construction fell 9.4 percent to 3,424. This figure was down 11.6 percent from one year ago. Valuation for the permits fell 3.5 percent month-over-month and was 1.8 percent lower than one year ago. Total closings were down 18 percent compared to June, while the median sales price was down 1.5 percent. Total closings fell in all six MSAs. Median sales price rose or remained stable in four of the six MSAs, with Florence (Pee Dee) reporting the greatest increase at 19.5 percent.

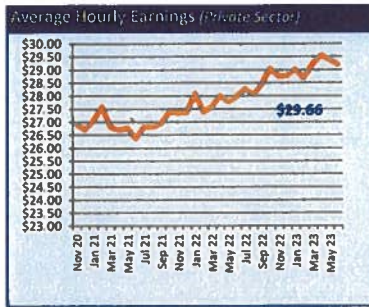
	Month	Current	Previous Year	% Change Year Ago	Current YTD	Prior YTD	% Change YTD
Closings	July	7,421	8,894	-16.6%	52,033	65,833	-21.0%
Median Sales Price*	July	\$333.0	\$323.3	3.0%	\$325.0	\$313.3	3.7%
Residential Building Permits -Total	July	3,424	3,874	-11.6%	24,809	29,443	-15.7%
Residential Building Permits -Valuation*	July	\$949,876	\$967,768	-1.8%	\$6,402,588	\$7,256,690	-11.8%

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

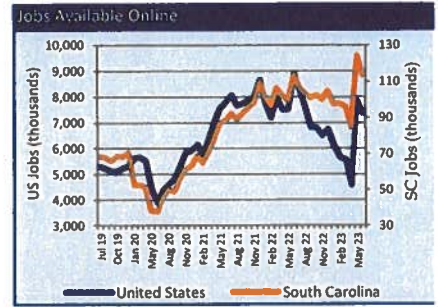
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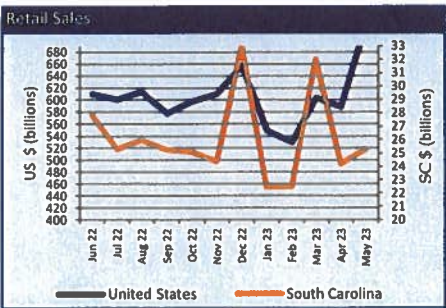
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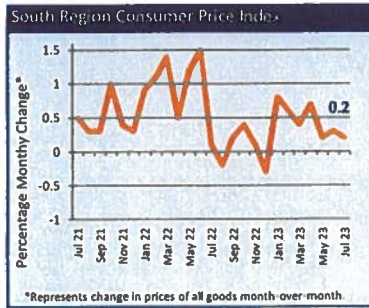
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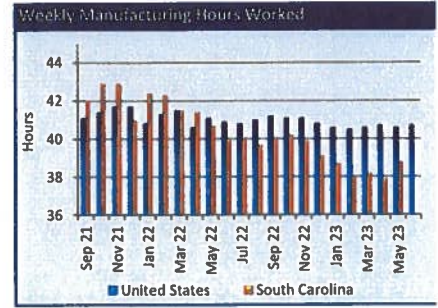
Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online Index



Source: South Carolina Department of Revenue



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

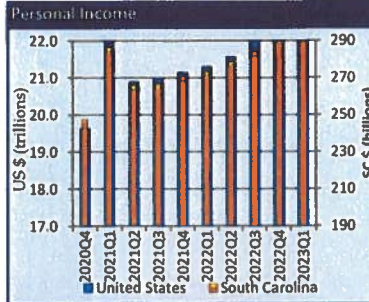


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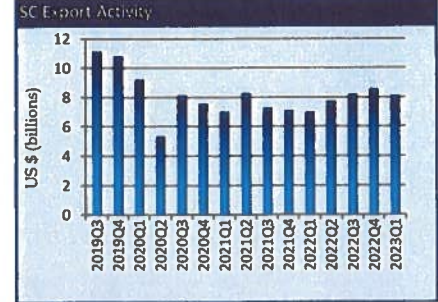
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\*Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units. Source: SC Ports Authority



Source: U.S. Census



Source: Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census

# Regional Updates

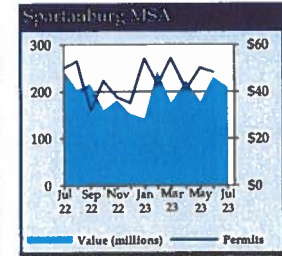
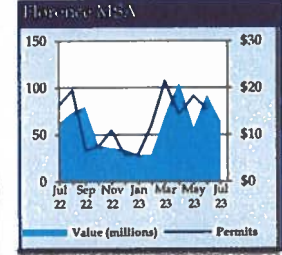
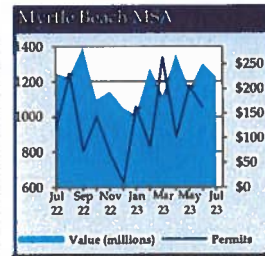
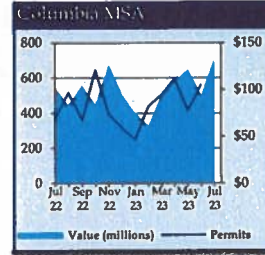
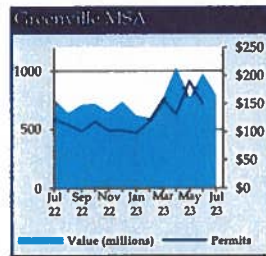
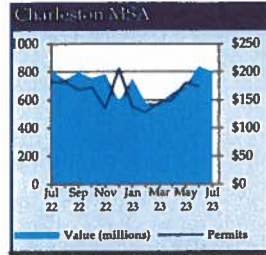
The South Carolina Regional Update provides a snapshot of the most recent economic figures for the six largest Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the state.

## Home Sales

MSA	Indicator	Jul 22	Jul 23
Charleston	Sales Volume	1,818	1,514
	Median Price (000's)	\$388	\$395
Columbia	Sales Volume	1,259	1,129
	Median Price (000's)	\$275	\$277
Florence	Sales Volume	231	223
	Median Price (000's)	\$205	\$245
Greenville	Sales Volume	1,399	1,314
	Median Price (000's)	\$317	\$320
Myrtle Beach	Sales Volume	1,416	1,253
	Median Price (000's)	\$318	\$330
Spartanburg	Sales Volume	472	424
	Median Price (000's)	\$265	\$295
South Carolina	Sales Volume	8,894	7,421
	Median Price (000's)	\$323.3	\$333.0

Source: S.C. Association of Realtors.

## Building Permits



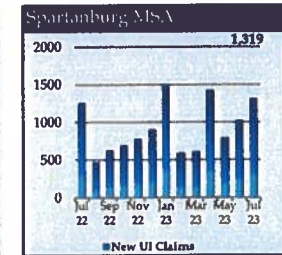
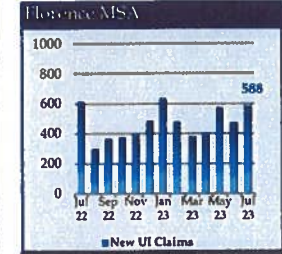
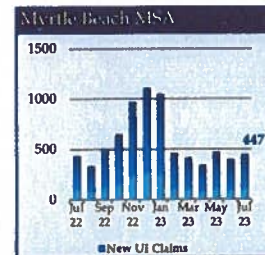
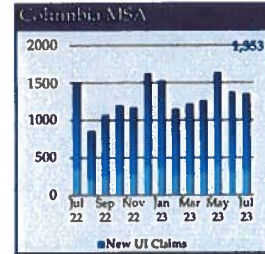
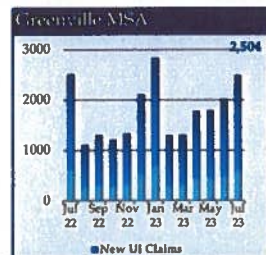
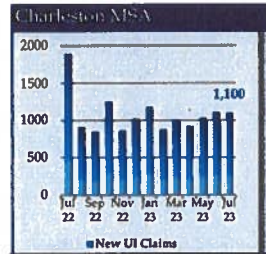
Source: U.S. Census

## Employment

MSA	Indicator	Jun 23	Jul 23
Charleston	Employment (000's)	420.6	425.1
	Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.0
Columbia	Employment (000's)	396.1	402.1
	Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.4
Florence	Employment (000's)	96.2	97.4
	Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.7
Greenville	Employment (000's)	441.2	442.1
	Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.3
Myrtle Beach	Employment (000's)	216.0	217.2
	Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.7
Spartanburg	Employment (000's)	165.7	166.4
	Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.7
South Carolina	Employment (000's)	2,357.5	2,370.9
	Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.1

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

## Unemployment Insurance Claims



Source: SCDDC analysis of SCDEW data

## Brookings Metro Monitor -- Growth Rank of US Metro Areas, 2011 to 2021



Source: Brookings Metro Monitor 2023. Spartanburg's rank is among mid-sized MSAs (>250K to 500K residents). All others are among large MSAs (>500K to 1M residents).



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## **South Carolina's Employment Situation November 2023**

### **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 increased to 2,398,350.

- That is an increase of 5,136 people over the October 2023 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 104,700 people over the November 2022 estimate.

**Unemployment:** The estimate of unemployed people increased to 73,346.

- That is an increase of 1,473 people from October's estimate and a decrease of 4,111 from the November 2022 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 3.0 percent from October's estimate of 2.9 percent.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased to 3.7 percent from October's estimate of 3.9 percent, according to the Current Population Survey.

**Labor force:** The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,471,696.

- That is an increase of 6,609 people over the October 2023 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 100,589 individuals over the November 2022 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 increase of 6,700 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,322,900.

- Industries reporting gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+3,800); Education and Health Services (+1,900); Other Services (+1,200); Construction (+700); Government (+500); and Professional and Business Services (+300).
- The Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-1,100); Manufacturing (-200); Financial Activities (-200); and Information (-100) industries declined.

From November 2022 to November 2023, South Carolina's economy has picked up 60,600 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries making strong growth were Education and Health Services (+16,200); Leisure and Hospitality (+14,700); Professional and Business Services (+8,800); Government (+8,200); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+7,300); Construction (+2,600); Financial Activities (+2,000); Other Services (+1,200); and Information (+600).
- Manufacturing (-900) declined.

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

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 15,300 from October 2023 to November 2023 for a total of 2,339,200.

- Trade Transportation and Utilities (+4,900); Professional and Business Services (+3,500); Government (+2,900); Education and Health Services (+2,900); Other Services (+1,300); Construction (+1,000); and Manufacturing (+500) industries increased over the month.
- Financial Activities (-1,200); Leisure and Hospitality (-300); Mining and Logging(-100); and Information (-100) declined.

Since November 2022, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 58,300 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Educational and Health Services (+16,900); Leisure and Hospitality (+13,500); Professional and Business Services (+8,800); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+8,600); Government (+6,100); Construction (+2,400); Financial Activities (+1,300); Other Services (+1,100); and Information (+500).
- Manufacturing (-800); and Mining and Logging (-100) declined.

<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  
November-23

Jobs by Industry	November 2023	October 2023	November 2022	October 2023 to November 2023		November 2022 to November 2023	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>2,322,900</b>	<b>2,316,200</b>	<b>2,262,300</b>	<b>6,700</b>	<b>0.29%</b>	<b>60,600</b>	<b>2.68%</b>
Construction	112,300	111,600	109,700	700	0.63%	2,600	2.37%
Manufacturing	261,700	261,900	262,600	-200	-0.08%	-900	-0.34%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	444,200	445,300	436,900	-1,100	-0.25%	7,300	1.67%
Information	31,900	32,000	31,300	-100	-0.31%	600	1.92%
Financial Activities	120,800	121,000	118,800	-200	-0.17%	2,000	1.68%
Professional and Business Services	317,500	317,200	308,700	300	0.09%	8,800	2.85%
Education and Health Services	287,900	286,000	271,700	1,900	0.66%	16,200	5.96%
Leisure and Hospitality	281,800	278,000	267,100	3,800	1.37%	14,700	5.50%
Other Services	83,800	82,600	82,600	1,200	1.45%	1,200	1.45%
Government	376,500	376,000	368,300	500	0.13%	8,200	2.23%

**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 INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

Statewide  
November-23

Industry	November 2023	October 2023	November 2022	October 2023 to November 2023		November 2022 to November 2023	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>2,339,200</b>	<b>2,323,900</b>	<b>2,280,900</b>	<b>15,300</b>	<b>0.66%</b>	<b>58,300</b>	<b>2.56%</b>
Mining and Logging	4,500	4,600	4,600	-100	-2.17%	-100	-2.17%
Construction	112,400	111,400	110,000	1,000	0.90%	2,400	2.18%
Manufacturing	262,400	261,900	263,200	500	0.19%	-800	-0.30%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	449,600	444,700	441,000	4,900	1.10%	8,600	1.95%
Information	31,700	31,800	31,200	-100	-0.31%	500	1.60%
Financial Activities	120,500	121,700	119,200	-1,200	-0.99%	1,300	1.09%
Professional and Business Services	323,600	320,100	314,800	3,500	1.09%	8,800	2.80%
Education and Health Services	291,100	288,200	274,200	2,900	1.01%	16,900	6.16%
Leisure and Hospitality	276,100	276,400	262,600	-300	-0.11%	13,500	5.14%
Other Services	84,100	82,800	83,000	1,300	1.57%	1,100	1.33%
Government	383,200	380,300	377,100	2,900	0.76%	6,100	1.62%

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**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA**

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted**

**November-23**

INDUSTRY TITLE	November 2023	October 2023	November 2022	October 2023 to November 2023		November 2022 to November 2023	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,322,900</b>	<b>2,316,200</b>	<b>2,262,300</b>	<b>6,700</b>	<b>0.29%</b>	<b>60,600</b>	<b>2.68%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	427,100	425,200	403,800	1,900	0.45%	23,300	5.77%
Columbia MSA	422,800	420,500	414,200	2,300	0.55%	8,600	2.08%
Florence MSA	97,000	96,600	94,300	400	0.41%	2,700	2.86%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	460,900	460,500	452,800	400	0.09%	8,100	1.79%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	88,500	87,800	86,600	700	0.80%	1,900	2.19%
Myrtle Beach MSA	192,100	192,200	188,200	-100	-0.05%	3,900	2.07%
Spartanburg MSA	172,600	172,400	169,000	200	0.12%	3,600	2.13%
Sumter MSA	39,900	39,800	39,100	100	0.25%	800	2.05%

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

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**November-23**

Area	November 2023	October 2023	November 2022	October 2023 to November 2023		November 2022 to November 2023	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,339,200</b>	<b>2,323,900</b>	<b>2,280,900</b>	<b>15,300</b>	<b>0.66%</b>	<b>58,300</b>	<b>2.56%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	430,300	425,400	406,300	4,900	1.15%	24,000	5.91%
Columbia MSA	426,100	422,700	417,500	3,400	0.80%	8,600	2.06%
Florence MSA	98,000	96,700	95,000	1,300	1.34%	3,000	3.16%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	463,400	462,300	457,500	1,100	0.24%	5,900	1.29%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	88,200	87,400	86,000	800	0.92%	2,200	2.56%
Myrtle Beach MSA	190,200	192,200	186,100	-2,000	-1.04%	4,100	2.20%
Spartanburg MSA	174,000	173,100	170,200	900	0.52%	3,800	2.23%
Sumter MSA	40,100	39,800	39,200	300	0.75%	900	2.30%

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

AREA		November 2023				October 2023				November 2022			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)
Marlboro County	↑	7,268	6,804	464	6.4	7,256	6,797	459	6.3	8,072	7,512	560	6.9
Bamberg County	↑	4,591	4,333	258	5.6	4,595	4,341	254	5.5	4,447	4,231	216	4.9
Allendale County	↑	2,324	2,197	127	5.5	2,342	2,217	125	5.3	2,176	2,072	104	4.8
Barnwell County	↑	7,648	7,277	371	4.9	7,660	7,301	359	4.7	7,296	7,014	282	3.9
Williamsburg County	↑	10,191	9,700	491	4.8	10,257	9,787	470	4.6	10,397	9,945	452	4.3
Orangeburg County	-	33,769	32,293	1,476	4.4	33,680	32,203	1,477	4.4	32,234	30,880	1,354	4.2
Marion County	-	12,730	12,207	523	4.1	12,806	12,277	529	4.1	12,291	11,759	532	4.3
Chester County	↑	13,822	13,271	551	4.0	13,808	13,269	539	3.9	13,119	12,626	493	3.8
Dillon County	↓	13,193	12,669	524	4.0	13,238	12,698	540	4.1	12,588	12,038	550	4.4
Clarendon County	-	12,127	11,658	469	3.9	12,223	11,752	471	3.9	11,567	11,122	445	3.8
Fairfield County	↑	9,431	9,064	367	3.9	9,392	9,043	349	3.7	8,992	8,645	347	3.9
Cherokee County	↓	23,961	23,055	906	3.8	24,057	23,008	1,049	4.4	24,177	23,190	987	4.1
Lee County	↑	6,557	6,308	249	3.8	6,564	6,324	240	3.7	6,232	5,956	276	4.4
Union County	↓	11,532	11,104	428	3.7	11,520	11,087	433	3.8	11,092	10,626	466	4.2
Sumter County	↓	42,906	41,347	1,559	3.6	42,698	41,130	1,568	3.7	41,012	39,526	1,486	3.6
Abbeville County	↓	9,655	9,317	338	3.5	9,603	9,255	348	3.6	9,434	9,118	316	3.3
Georgetown County	↑	26,075	25,218	857	3.3	26,307	25,481	826	3.1	25,376	24,583	793	3.1
Greenwood County	↓	30,282	29,277	1,005	3.3	30,108	29,091	1,017	3.4	29,604	28,627	977	3.3
Horry County	↑	155,554	150,359	5,195	3.3	157,159	152,152	5,007	3.2	148,586	143,569	5,017	3.4
Lancaster County	↑	45,172	43,685	1,487	3.3	45,144	43,682	1,462	3.2	42,949	41,582	1,367	3.2
Calhoun County	-	6,596	6,383	213	3.2	6,591	6,380	211	3.2	6,261	6,078	183	2.9
Chesterfield County	-	21,422	20,729	693	3.2	21,461	20,771	690	3.2	20,607	19,953	654	3.2
Darlington County	↓	31,005	30,014	991	3.2	30,802	29,797	1,005	3.3	29,233	28,312	921	3.2
Laurens County	-	31,058	30,075	983	3.2	31,096	30,095	1,001	3.2	29,792	28,931	861	2.9
Edgefield County	↓	10,356	10,036	320	3.1	10,460	10,121	339	3.2	10,053	9,734	319	3.2
McCormick County	↑	3,434	3,326	108	3.1	3,433	3,331	102	3.0	3,491	3,392	99	2.8
Aiken County	↓	73,766	71,554	2,212	3.0	74,099	71,819	2,280	3.1	71,826	69,789	2,037	2.8
Kershaw County	↓	30,206	29,295	911	3.0	30,141	29,220	921	3.1	28,801	27,952	849	2.9
Pickens County	↓	59,912	58,122	1,790	3.0	60,036	58,080	1,956	3.3	57,659	55,997	1,662	2.9
Richland County	↓	202,846	196,665	6,181	3.0	201,913	195,513	6,400	3.2	193,927	188,234	5,693	2.9
Colleton County	-	16,210	15,736	474	2.9	16,262	15,790	472	2.9	15,617	15,156	461	3.0
Florence County	↓	68,886	66,873	2,013	2.9	68,373	66,290	2,083	3.0	65,097	63,236	1,861	2.9
Newberry County	-	18,918	18,374	544	2.9	19,058	18,498	560	2.9	18,687	18,224	463	2.5
Spartanburg County	↓	159,925	155,340	4,585	2.9	159,713	154,998	4,715	3.0	152,872	148,676	4,196	2.7
Beaufort County	-	78,953	76,760	2,193	2.8	78,787	76,569	2,218	2.8	75,076	73,036	2,040	2.7
Hampton County	↓	8,130	7,904	226	2.8	8,183	7,946	237	2.9	7,656	7,458	198	2.6
Jasper County	-	13,689	13,306	383	2.8	13,719	13,338	381	2.8	12,958	12,632	326	2.5
Saluda County	↓	8,657	8,411	246	2.8	8,752	8,496	256	2.9	8,129	7,920	209	2.6
York County	↓	153,615	149,245	4,370	2.8	153,498	149,101	4,397	2.9	146,234	142,211	4,023	2.8
Anderson County	↓	94,309	91,740	2,569	2.7	94,363	91,673	2,690	2.9	90,714	88,367	2,347	2.6
Greenville County	-	268,530	261,282	7,248	2.7	268,313	260,993	7,320	2.7	258,106	251,773	6,333	2.5
Oconee County	↓	35,852	34,867	985	2.7	35,826	34,831	995	2.8	33,669	32,817	852	2.5
Berkeley County	↓	118,890	115,774	3,116	2.6	117,815	114,642	3,173	2.7	109,868	107,016	2,852	2.6
Dorchester County	↓	86,241	84,074	2,167	2.5	85,521	83,286	2,235	2.6	79,643	77,702	1,941	2.4
Charleston County	-	233,463	227,963	5,500	2.4	231,673	226,105	5,568	2.4	215,691	210,739	4,952	2.3
Lexington County	↓	155,602	151,812	3,790	2.4	155,195	151,257	3,938	2.5	148,560	145,031	3,529	2.4
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	-	438,594	427,811	10,783	2.5	435,009	424,033	10,976	2.5	405,202	395,457	9,745	2.4
Columbia MSA	↓	413,338	401,630	11,708	2.8	411,984	399,909	12,075	2.9	394,670	383,860	10,810	2.7
Florence MSA	↓	99,891	96,887	3,004	3.0	99,175	96,087	3,088	3.1	94,330	91,548	2,782	2.9
Greenville - Anderson - Mauldin MSA	↓	453,809	441,219	12,590	2.8	453,808	440,841	12,967	2.9	436,271	425,068	11,203	2.6
Hilton Head Island - Bluffton - Beaufort MSA	-	92,642	90,066	2,576	2.8	92,506	89,907	2,599	2.8	88,034	85,668	2,366	2.7
Myrtle Beach - Conway - North Myrtle Beach, SC - NC MSA	↑	213,460	205,833	7,627	3.6	216,140	208,698	7,442	3.4	205,383	197,778	7,605	3.7
Spartanburg MSA	↓	171,457	166,444	5,013	2.9	171,233	166,085	5,148	3.0	163,964	159,302	4,662	2.8
Sumter MSA	↓	42,906	41,347	1,559	3.6	42,698	41,130	1,568	3.7	41,012	39,526	1,486	3.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↑	2,471,696	2,398,350	73,346	3.0	2,465,087	2,393,214	71,873	2.9	2,371,107	2,293,650	77,457	3.3

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

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









## Quick Facts November 2023

### South Carolina:

Population: 5,282,634

Labor Force: 2,471,696

Employed: 2,398,350

Unemployed: 73,346

Unemployment Rate: 3.0% (Seasonally Adjusted) (The Unemployment Rate Is Higher Compared to October 2023 Rate Of: 2.9%)

### Anderson:

Population: 187,126

Labor Force: 94,309

Employed: 91,740

Unemployed: 2,569

Unemployment Rate: 2.7% (The Unemployment Rate Is Lower Compared to October 2023 Rate Of: 2.9%)

### Oconee:

Population: 74,273

Labor Force: 35,852

Employed: 34,867

Unemployed: 985

Unemployment Rate: 2.7% (The Unemployment Rate Is Lower Compared to October 2023 Rate Of: 2.8%)

### Pickens:

Population: 119,224

Labor Force: 59,912

Employed: 58,122

Unemployed: 1,790

Unemployment Rate: 3.0% (The Unemployment Rate Is Lower Compared to October 2023 Rate Of: 3.3%)

[Community Profiles \(sc.gov\)](https://www.sc.gov/CommunityProfiles)

## Disability Statistics

November 2023 Disability Employment Statistics Ages 16 years and over:

### Labor Force Participation Rate

- People with disabilities: 24.8%
- People without disabilities: 68.2%

### Unemployment Rate

- People with disabilities: 7.3%
- People without disabilities: 3.3%

[ODEP | U.S. Department of Labor \(dol.gov\)](https://www.dol.gov/ODEP)

**Veterans' Employment and Training  
Standardized "Good News/Success" Stories Template**

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**State:** SC

**Name of Veteran:** Crowe

**Branch of Service:** US Army

**Rank:** E-3/Private First Class

**Type:** Active:  X  Reserve:   Guard:

**Status:** Active:   Veteran:  X

**Military Occupation:** 35M Human Intel Collection

**Veteran History/Tour of Duty:**

**Unit/Organization of Assignment:**

**Current Address**

**City:** Easley **State:** SC **Zip Code:** 29642

**E-mail:**

**Check all that apply:**

**Gold Card:**   **Post 9/11 Era Veteran:** Yes:  X  No:

**Program:** VRAP   USERRA   VP   TAP    
JVSG  X  HVRP   Other

**Individual Reporting Good News Story:** Cynthia Sprinkle

**Program name and location:** Disabled Veterans Outreach Program, Worklink Region

**Individual Consent Received to Share Story:** Yes:  X  No:



### **Veteran Success Story Narrative**

Crowe is a US Army veteran who came to SC Works for assistance when a career in law enforcement came to a close.

DVOP Cynthia Sprinkle began working with Crowe in May and developed a plan of action. Crowe is interested in a career in computer technology, but doesn't have the training required. Veteran applied for VR&E for additional training; however, he needed immediate employment. DVOP provided resume to LVER, Jeff Wilcox. Jeff reached out to Vertiv/E&I Engineering and referred Crowe to a position. Veteran was hired immediately, and has been working full time at Vertiv since July.



## **Veteran Employment Assistance!**

**Meet your Disabled Veterans Outreach Program  
Workforce Consultant**

**Drop-in on the third Wednesday of the month**

**9:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

**Oconee Veterans Affairs**

**223C Kenneth Street, Walhalla, SC 29691**

**or make an appointment:**

**[csprinkle@dew.sc.gov](mailto:csprinkle@dew.sc.gov)**

**864.722.9264**