For Immediate Release

<div align="center">

South Carolina's Employment Situation
June 2016

Unemployment Rate Declines to 15 Year Low

</div>

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased in June to 5.4 percent from 5.6 percent in May, marking its lowest level since July 2001.

South Carolina's employment level reached another historic high with 2,185,181, gaining slightly in June as 109 people found work.

The number of unemployed decreased in June by nearly 4,270 to 125,591, which pushed the labor force down by 4,161 to 2,310,772 people. Over the year, 67,545 job seekers found work, and the level of unemployed individuals decreased by an estimated 7,250. Since June 2015, the labor force has grown by nearly 60,295 people.

Nationally, the unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage point to 4.9 percent in June as many people entered the labor force. The state's unemployment rate has averaged 5.6 percent for the first six months of 2016.

Nonfarm Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted[1])
June's seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payrolls increased by 5,200 over the month to a record high level of 2,051,100.

- South Carolina saw gains in Professional and Business Services (+3,200); Government (+2,600); and Financial Activities (+1,400). Additional growth was also reported in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+200); Education and Health Services (+200); and Information (+100). Industries reporting declines were Manufacturing (-700); Leisure and Hospitality (-700); Other Services (-700); and Construction (-400).

- Compared to a year ago, seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 52,300 with increases occurring in the Professional and Business Services (+14,300); Education and Health Services (+8,300); Construction (+6,700); Government (+6,100); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+5,400); Leisure and Hospitality (+4,500); Manufacturing (+3,400); Financial Activities (+3,400); and Other Services (+200). Information (-100) saw a slight dip in payroll.

Nonfarm Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted[2])

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased 5,200 from May 2016 to June 2016 for a total of 2,067,900. Growth was concentrated primarily in the Leisure and Hospitality (+5,300) sector.

- Over-the-month increases also came from Professional and Business Services (+4,100); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,800); and Financial Activities (+1,600). Additional jobs were added in Construction (+700) and Information (+200). Job losses occurred in Government (-4,900); Education and Health Services (-2,900); Other Services (-600); and Manufacturing (-100). Mining and Logging remained the same.
- Since June 2015, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up (+50,400) overall in South Carolina. Growth was experienced in Professional and Business Services (+16,900); Education and Health Services (+8,300); Construction (+6,400); Government (+5,000); Leisure and Hospitality (+4,300); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+4,100); Manufacturing (+3,100); Financial Activities (+2,600); and Mining and Logging (+100). The Information sector remained steady, while Other Services (-400) fell.

---

[1]**Seasonally Adjusted:** Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a more or less regular pattern each year (i.e. tourist-related hiring and school closings in the summer). These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other nonseasonal movements in data over time.

[2]**Not Seasonally Adjusted**: Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have <u>not</u> been removed from these data.

###

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
June 2016

Jobs by Industry	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016 to June 2016 # Change	% Change	June 2015 to June 2016 # Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,051,100	2,045,900	1,998,800	5,200	0.25%	52,300	2.62%
Construction	93,100	93,500	86,400	-400	-0.43%	6,700	7.75%
Manufacturing	239,100	239,800	235,700	-700	-0.29%	3,400	1.44%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	389,900	389,700	384,500	200	0.05%	5,400	1.40%
Information	26,400	26,300	26,500	100	0.38%	-100	-0.38%
Financial Activities	100,200	98,800	96,800	1,400	1.40%	3,400	3.51%
Professional and Business Services	274,800	271,600	260,500	3,200	1.16%	14,300	5.49%
Education and Health Services	242,700	242,500	234,400	200	0.08%	8,300	3.54%
Leisure and Hospitality	241,200	241,900	236,700	-700	-0.29%	4,500	1.90%
Other Services	73,600	74,300	73,400	-700	-0.95%	200	0.27%
Government	366,000	363,400	359,900	2,600	0.71%	6,100	1.69%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
June 2016

Jobs by Industry	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016 to June 2016 # Change	% Change	June 2015 to June 2016 # Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm	2,067,900	2,062,700	2,017,500	5,200	0.25%	50,400	2.50%
Mining and Logging	4,100	4,100	4,000	0	0.00%	100	2.50%
Construction	94,100	93,400	87,700	700	0.75%	6,400	7.30%
Manufacturing	239,700	239,800	236,600	-100	-0.04%	3,100	1.31%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	391,500	389,700	387,400	1,800	0.46%	4,100	1.06%
Information	26,700	26,500	26,700	200	0.75%	0	0.00%
Financial Activities	100,700	99,100	98,100	1,600	1.61%	2,600	2.65%
Professional and Business Services	278,700	274,600	261,800	4,100	1.49%	16,900	6.46%
Education and Health Services	240,700	243,600	232,400	-2,900	-1.19%	8,300	3.57%
Leisure and Hospitality	254,800	249,500	250,500	5,300	2.12%	4,300	1.72%
Other Services	73,900	74,500	74,300	-600	-0.81%	-400	-0.54%
Government	363,000	367,900	358,000	-4,900	-1.33%	5,000	1.40%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted
June 2016

INDUSTRY TITLE	June 2016	May 2015	June 2015	May 2016 to June 2016 # Change	May 2016 to June 2016 % Change	June 2015 to June 2016 # Change	June 2015 to June 2016 % Change
Statewide	2,051,100	2,045,900	1,998,800	5,200	0.25%	52,300	2.62%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	342,300	340,200	332,000	2,100	0.61%	10,300	3.10%
Columbia MSA	393,200	391,900	384,800	1,300	0.33%	8,400	2.18%
Florence MSA	87,300	87,500	85,700	-200	-0.23%	1,600	1.87%
Sumter MSA	38,900	39,300	38,900	-400	-1.03%	-	0.00%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Not Seasonally Adjusted
June 2016

INDUSTRY TITLE	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016 to June 2016 # Change	May 2016 to June 2016 % Change	June 2015 to June 2016 # Change	June 2015 to June 2016 % Change
Statewide	2,067,900	2,062,700	2,017,500	5,200	0.25%	50,400	2.50%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	345,200	342,800	335,400	2,400	0.70%	9,800	2.92%
Columbia MSA	393,200	394,100	382,900	-900	-0.23%	10,300	2.69%
Florence MSA	87,300	88,000	86,000	-700	-0.80%	1,300	1.51%
Greenville MSA	409,600	410,500	402,000	-900	-0.22%	7,600	1.89%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	79,700	78,000	76,600	1,700	2.18%	3,100	4.05%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	169,100	164,300	165,300	4,800	2.92%	3,800	2.30%
Spartanburg MSA	145,300	145,600	142,300	-300	-0.21%	3,000	2.11%
Sumter MSA	39,300	39,500	38,800	-200	-0.51%	500	1.29%

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

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

AREA		June 2016 LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY-MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	May 2016 LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY-MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	June 2015 LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY-MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)
Bamberg County	↑	5,665	5,102	563	9.9	5,515	5,056	459	8.3	5,599	4,976	623	11.1
Allendale County	↑	2,859	2,590	269	9.4	2,785	2,557	228	8.2	2,857	2,527	330	11.6
Marlboro County	↑	9,905	8,990	915	9.2	9,739	8,946	793	8.1	9,861	8,766	1,095	11.1
Orangeburg County	↑	37,751	34,270	3,481	9.2	37,016	34,117	2,899	7.8	37,375	33,306	4,069	10.9
Marion County	↑	13,386	12,171	1,215	9.1	13,126	12,057	1,069	8.1	13,199	11,877	1,322	10.0
Williamsburg County	↑	13,267	12,178	1,089	8.2	13,085	12,118	967	7.4	13,069	11,889	1,180	9.0
Lee County	↑	6,689	6,145	544	8.1	6,570	6,109	461	7.0	6,593	6,007	586	8.9
Fairfield County	↑	10,516	9,670	846	8.0	10,400	9,638	762	7.3	10,218	9,386	832	8.1
Chester County	↑	14,107	12,997	1,110	7.9	13,879	12,895	984	7.1	13,867	12,653	1,214	8.8
Barnwell County	↑	8,637	7,968	669	7.7	8,500	7,920	580	6.8	8,593	7,783	810	9.4
Dillon County	↑	13,057	12,076	981	7.5	12,868	11,980	888	6.9	12,941	11,794	1,147	8.9
Clarendon County	↑	13,540	12,562	978	7.2	13,370	12,500	870	6.5	13,328	12,230	1,098	8.2
Darlington County	↑	30,707	28,533	2,174	7.1	30,343	28,528	1,815	6.0	30,510	28,067	2,443	8.0
Union County	↑	11,906	11,062	844	7.1	11,852	11,061	791	6.7	11,769	10,774	995	8.5
Georgetown County	↑	26,561	24,730	1,831	6.9	26,102	24,460	1,642	6.3	26,078	24,041	2,037	7.8
Hampton County	↑	8,640	8,064	576	6.7	8,432	7,927	505	6.0	8,587	7,812	775	9.0
Sumter County	↑	45,227	42,191	3,036	6.7	44,928	42,339	2,589	5.8	44,778	41,499	3,279	7.3
Cherokee County	↑	24,023	22,432	1,591	6.6	23,765	22,386	1,379	5.8	23,692	21,865	1,827	7.7
Calhoun County	↑	7,167	6,707	460	6.4	7,086	6,682	404	5.7	7,002	6,499	503	7.2
Edgefield County	↑	11,025	10,320	705	6.4	10,875	10,237	638	5.9	10,786	10,108	678	6.3
Abbeville County	↑	10,652	9,988	664	6.2	10,544	9,979	565	5.4	10,496	9,703	793	7.6
Colleton County	↑	17,440	16,377	1,063	6.1	17,249	16,306	943	5.5	17,094	15,844	1,250	7.3
Florence County	↑	66,439	62,459	3,980	6.0	66,134	62,639	3,495	5.3	65,869	61,275	4,594	7.0
Lancaster County	↑	37,269	35,033	2,236	6.0	36,766	34,802	1,964	5.3	36,503	34,045	2,458	6.7
McCormick County	↑	3,527	3,316	211	6.0	3,509	3,311	198	5.6	3,477	3,220	257	7.4
Pickens County	↑	57,678	54,233	3,445	6.0	56,907	54,224	2,683	4.7	56,545	52,918	3,627	6.4
Chesterfield County	↑	22,132	20,835	1,297	5.9	21,818	20,738	1,080	5.0	21,698	20,251	1,447	6.7
Kershaw County	↑	29,829	28,064	1,765	5.9	29,457	27,979	1,478	5.0	29,085	27,243	1,842	6.3
Greenwood County	↑	32,096	30,222	1,874	5.8	31,704	30,129	1,575	5.0	31,583	29,443	2,140	6.8
Laurens County	↑	31,198	29,384	1,814	5.8	30,895	29,350	1,545	5.0	30,886	28,664	2,222	7.2
Oconee County	↑	35,825	33,745	2,080	5.8	35,384	33,631	1,753	5.0	35,059	32,867	2,192	6.3
Aiken County	↑	75,113	70,872	4,241	5.6	74,146	70,420	3,726	5.0	74,314	69,653	4,661	6.3
Horry County	↑	146,824	138,619	8,205	5.6	141,710	134,322	7,388	5.2	144,094	134,716	9,378	6.5
Richland County	↑	202,672	191,323	11,349	5.6	200,442	191,016	9,426	4.7	198,165	186,006	12,159	6.1
Spartanburg County	↑	142,838	134,812	8,026	5.6	141,229	134,748	6,481	4.6	140,373	131,463	8,910	6.3
Anderson County	↑	90,835	86,045	4,790	5.3	89,971	85,966	4,005	4.5	89,317	84,060	5,257	5.9
York County	↑	129,630	122,789	6,841	5.3	127,883	122,087	5,796	4.5	126,623	119,274	7,349	5.8
Beaufort County	↑	76,314	72,366	3,948	5.2	73,998	70,770	3,228	4.4	73,371	69,198	4,173	5.7
Berkeley County	↑	96,361	91,374	4,987	5.2	94,745	90,459	4,286	4.5	94,073	88,605	5,468	5.8
Dorchester County	↑	74,651	70,829	3,822	5.1	73,358	70,124	3,234	4.4	72,942	68,647	4,295	5.9
Newberry County	↑	19,698	18,697	1,001	5.1	19,433	18,539	894	4.6	19,340	18,219	1,121	5.8
Jasper County	↑	12,559	11,937	622	5.0	12,230	11,729	501	4.1	11,974	11,307	667	5.6
Saluda County	↑	9,278	8,810	468	5.0	9,124	8,717	407	4.5	9,031	8,538	493	5.5
Greenville County	↑	247,245	235,228	12,017	4.9	245,174	235,053	10,121	4.1	242,849	229,845	13,004	5.4
Lexington County	↑	148,368	141,445	6,923	4.7	147,074	141,160	5,914	4.0	144,826	137,256	7,570	5.2
Charleston County	↑	204,900	195,399	9,501	4.6	201,755	193,703	8,052	4.0	199,121	188,805	10,316	5.2
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↑	375,912	357,602	18,310	4.9	369,858	354,286	15,572	4.2	366,136	346,057	20,079	5.5
Columbia MSA	↑	407,830	386,019	21,811	5.3	403,583	385,192	18,391	4.6	398,327	374,928	23,399	5.9
Florence MSA	↑	97,146	90,992	6,154	6.3	96,477	91,167	5,310	5.5	96,379	89,342	7,037	7.3
Greenville -Anderson-Mauldin MSA	↑	426,956	404,890	22,066	5.2	422,947	404,593	18,354	4.3	419,597	395,487	24,110	5.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,310,772	2,185,181	125,591	5.4	2,314,933	2,185,072	129,861	5.6	2,250,477	2,117,636	132,841	5.9

Current month's estimates are preliminary.

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

All estimates are subject to revision

↑ Unemployment Rate Up
↓ Unemployment Rate Down
− Unemployment Rate =