



## SC Department of Employment and Workforce

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### **South Carolina's Employment Situation August 2014**

#### *Unemployment Rate Increases for Second Consecutive Month*

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 6.4 percent in August from a revised 5.8 percent in July. The estimated number of unemployed increased by 13,396 people to 138,108 in August. The number of working South Carolinians fell by 7,649 people to 2,035,751. From July to August, the labor force grew by 5,747 people to a level of 2,173,859.

About 20,168 people have found work since August 2013, and the labor force decreased by nearly 6,282 people in that same time period. Over the year, the state's unemployment rate declined by 1.1 percentage points.

Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased to 6.1 percent in August from 6.2 percent in July, showing little change over the past three months.

#### **Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted<sup>1</sup>)**

August's seasonally adjusted, non-farm payrolls increased by 5,000 over the month to 1,932,100.

- Industries with the highest increases were Education and Health Services (+2,800); Leisure and Hospitality (+1,200); and Manufacturing (+1,000). Job gains were reported in Professional and Business Services (+800); Other Services (+400); and Government (+200).
- Decreases occurred in Information (-700); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-400); and Construction (-200).

Since August 2013, seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs were up 34,100.

- Employment improved in Leisure and Hospitality (+8,100); Professional and Business Services (+7,800); Manufacturing (+7,400); Education and Health Services (+6,600); Government (+2,700); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+2,600); and, Construction (+1,400).
- Financial Activities (-1,100); Information (-900); and Other Services (-500) reported declines.

## Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted<sup>2</sup>)

Payroll employment (not-seasonally adjusted, non-farm) in August increased 2,300 from July to 1,929,300. Historically, employment grows during the month of August as schools gear up for the next semester. This is illustrated by the over-the-month growth in Education and Health Services (+3,200) and Government (+1,700). Other upswings were seen in Manufacturing (+1,400) and Professional and Business Services (+500). Industries reporting the most prominent decreases were Leisure and Hospitality (-2,300); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-1,200); and, Information (-700).

Since August 2013, not-seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs were up 32,600 overall with strong gains from Manufacturing (+7,700); Professional and Business Services (+7,400); Leisure and Hospitality (+6,900); Education and Health Services (+6,400); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+3,100); Government (+2,900); and Construction (+1,500). Financial Activities (-2,000) had a substantial loss, and there were two smaller drops: Other Services (-700) and Information (-600).

<sup>1</sup>**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.

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

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**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**Statewide  
August 2014**

Industry	August 2014	July 2014	August 2013	July 2014 to August 2014		August 2013 to August 2014	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	1,932,100	1,927,100	1,898,000	5,000	0.26%	34,100	1.76%
Construction	80,900	81,100	79,500	-200	-0.25%	1,400	1.73%
Manufacturing	232,400	231,400	225,000	1,000	0.43%	7,400	3.18%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	366,800	367,200	364,200	-400	-0.11%	2,600	0.71%
Information	25,500	26,200	26,400	-700	-2.75%	-900	-3.53%
Financial Activities	94,800	94,800	95,900	0	0.00%	-1,100	-1.16%
Professional and Business Services	248,000	247,200	240,200	800	0.32%	7,800	3.15%
Education and Health Services	224,900	222,100	218,300	2,800	1.24%	6,600	2.93%
Leisure and Hospitality	231,500	230,300	223,400	1,200	0.52%	8,100	3.50%
Other Services	70,900	70,500	71,400	400	0.56%	-500	-0.71%
Government	352,700	352,500	350,000	200	0.06%	2,700	0.77%

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

**Statewide  
August 2014**

Industry	August 2014	July 2014	August 2013	July 2014 to August 2014		August 2013 to August 2014	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	1,929,300	1,927,000	1,896,700	2,300	0.12%	32,600	1.72%
Natural Resources and Mining	3,700	3,800	3,700	-100	-2.63%	0	0.00%
Construction	82,300	82,400	80,800	-100	-0.12%	1,500	1.86%
Manufacturing	232,500	231,100	224,800	1,400	0.61%	7,700	3.43%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	368,500	369,700	365,400	-1,200	-0.32%	3,100	0.85%
Information	25,700	26,400	26,300	-700	-2.65%	-600	-2.28%
Financial Activities	95,100	95,200	97,100	-100	-0.11%	-2,000	-2.06%
Professional and Business Services	250,900	250,400	243,500	500	0.20%	7,400	3.04%
Education and Health Services	222,800	219,600	216,400	3,200	1.46%	6,400	2.96%
Leisure and Hospitality	241,700	244,000	234,800	-2,300	-0.94%	6,900	2.94%
Other Services	70,900	70,900	71,600	0	0.00%	-700	-0.98%
Government	335,200	333,500	332,300	1,700	0.51%	2,900	0.87%

**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas  
August 2014**

Area	August 2014	July 2014	August 2013	July 2014 to August 2014		August 2013 to August 2014	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Statewide</b>	1,932,100	1,927,100	1,898,000	5,000	0.26%	34,100	1.76%
Anderson MSA	67,000	66,500	65,100	500	0.75%	1,900	2.84%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	313,000	311,200	312,200	1,800	0.58%	800	0.26%
Columbia MSA	363,500	361,000	361,600	2,500	0.69%	1,900	0.52%
Florence MSA	85,800	86,300	84,100	-500	-0.58%	1,700	1.98%
Greenville MSA	320,200	319,600	313,000	600	0.19%	7,200	2.25%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	125,000	125,000	118,100	0	0.00%	6,900	5.52%
Spartanburg MSA	130,400	131,400	128,500	-1,000	-0.77%	1,900	1.46%
Sumter MSA	38,200	38,300	37,500	-100	-0.26%	700	1.83%

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

**South Carolina & Metropolitan (Not Seasonally Adjusted)  
August 2014**

Area	August 2014	July 2014	August 2013	July 2014 to August 2014		August 2013 to August 2014	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Statewide</b>	1,929,300	1,927,000	1,896,700	2,300	0.12%	32,600	1.72%
Anderson MSA	66,400	65,900	64,500	500	0.76%	1,900	2.95%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	314,800	313,700	312,100	1,100	0.35%	2,700	0.87%
Columbia MSA	362,300	359,600	358,200	2,700	0.75%	4,100	1.14%
Florence MSA	85,400	85,200	83,300	200	0.23%	2,100	2.52%
Greenville MSA	318,300	316,100	311,800	2,200	0.70%	6,500	2.08%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	131,400	134,200	125,900	-2,800	-2.09%	5,500	4.37%
Spartanburg MSA	129,800	128,700	127,300	1,100	0.85%	2,500	1.96%
Sumter MSA	38,100	38,100	37,100	0	0.00%	1,000	2.70%

**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	August 2014				July 2014				August 2013				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)	
Bamberg County	↑	5,802	5,030	772	13.3	5,802	5,100	702	12.1	5,711	4,953	758	13.3
Orangeburg County	↑	40,756	35,377	5,379	13.2	40,691	35,891	4,800	11.8	39,722	34,964	4,758	12.0
Allendale County	↑	3,232	2,832	400	12.4	3,218	2,850	368	11.4	3,212	2,772	440	13.7
Marion County	↑	11,461	10,135	1,326	11.6	11,568	10,260	1,308	11.3	11,541	9,922	1,619	14.0
Calhoun County	↑	6,679	5,950	729	10.9	6,555	5,979	576	8.8	6,489	5,932	557	8.6
Barnwell County	↑	8,248	7,371	877	10.6	8,279	7,465	814	9.8	8,322	7,281	1,041	12.5
Marlboro County	↑	11,201	10,073	1,128	10.1	11,210	10,175	1,035	9.2	11,407	9,971	1,436	12.6
Dillon County	↑	12,561	11,309	1,252	10.0	12,615	11,437	1,178	9.3	12,585	11,117	1,468	11.7
Clarendon County	↑	12,202	10,992	1,210	9.9	12,214	11,087	1,127	9.2	12,190	10,804	1,386	11.4
McCormick County	↑	3,307	2,985	322	9.7	3,301	3,028	273	8.3	3,312	2,945	367	11.1
Chester County	↑	14,860	13,487	1,373	9.2	14,809	13,577	1,232	8.3	14,894	13,307	1,587	10.7
Union County	↑	11,614	10,574	1,040	9.0	11,660	10,701	959	8.2	11,779	10,472	1,307	11.1
Hampton County	↑	7,647	6,978	669	8.7	7,679	7,051	628	8.2	7,662	6,871	791	10.3
Darlington County	↑	30,382	27,841	2,541	8.4	30,535	28,110	2,425	7.9	30,012	27,231	2,781	9.3
Chesterfield County	↑	18,807	17,254	1,553	8.3	18,831	17,409	1,422	7.6	18,890	17,012	1,878	9.9
Williamsburg County	↑	15,574	14,282	1,292	8.3	15,669	14,445	1,224	7.8	15,624	14,029	1,595	10.2
Fairfield County	↑	10,119	9,293	826	8.2	10,104	9,339	765	7.6	10,198	9,265	933	9.1
Lee County	↑	8,050	7,399	651	8.1	8,061	7,435	626	7.8	7,992	7,228	764	9.6
Sumter County	↑	44,406	40,823	3,583	8.1	44,387	41,154	3,233	7.3	44,130	40,203	3,927	8.9
Cherokee County	↑	25,166	23,187	1,979	7.9	25,314	23,505	1,809	7.1	25,460	23,013	2,447	9.6
Florence County	↑	63,314	58,374	4,940	7.8	63,434	58,938	4,496	7.1	62,758	57,097	5,661	9.0
Lancaster County	↑	33,613	30,976	2,637	7.8	33,703	31,292	2,411	7.2	33,778	30,690	3,088	9.1
Colleton County	↑	16,939	15,631	1,308	7.7	17,046	15,818	1,228	7.2	17,093	15,487	1,606	9.4
Abbeville County	↑	10,824	10,005	819	7.6	10,897	10,132	765	7.0	10,912	9,895	1,017	9.3
Greenwood County	↑	30,493	28,189	2,304	7.6	30,782	28,673	2,109	6.9	30,789	28,045	2,744	8.9
Edgefield County	↑	11,039	10,237	802	7.3	11,129	10,324	805	7.2	10,882	10,067	815	7.5
Oconee County	↑	31,640	29,346	2,294	7.3	31,860	29,723	2,137	6.7	31,744	29,088	2,656	8.4
Laurens County	↑	30,246	28,074	2,172	7.2	30,118	28,224	1,894	6.3	30,327	27,762	2,565	8.5
York County	↑	113,399	105,258	8,141	7.2	113,032	105,005	8,027	7.1	112,599	103,713	8,886	7.9
Richland County	↑	183,789	170,815	12,974	7.1	183,714	171,661	12,053	6.6	184,654	170,310	14,344	7.8
Beaufort County	↑	65,716	61,186	4,530	6.9	66,330	62,247	4,083	6.2	65,885	61,016	4,869	7.4
Aiken County	↑	77,704	72,511	5,193	6.7	78,315	73,126	5,189	6.6	76,773	71,312	5,461	7.1
Georgetown County	↑	29,724	27,720	2,004	6.7	30,016	28,199	1,817	6.1	29,625	27,324	2,301	7.8
Spartanburg County	↑	139,261	129,897	9,364	6.7	139,270	130,611	8,659	6.2	139,338	128,705	10,633	7.6
Horry County	↑	139,254	130,028	9,226	6.6	142,663	134,464	8,199	5.7	135,990	125,615	10,375	7.6
Jasper County	↑	10,620	9,917	703	6.6	10,747	10,088	659	6.1	10,640	9,889	751	7.1
Kershaw County	↑	29,364	27,420	1,944	6.6	29,380	27,556	1,824	6.2	29,501	27,339	2,162	7.3
Berkeley County	↑	88,121	82,442	5,679	6.4	88,263	83,154	5,109	5.8	88,743	82,453	6,290	7.1
Dorchester County	↑	70,387	65,917	4,470	6.4	70,584	66,486	4,098	5.8	70,739	65,926	4,813	6.8
Newberry County	↑	18,175	17,020	1,155	6.4	18,231	17,183	1,048	5.7	18,131	16,808	1,323	7.3
Pickens County	↑	57,956	54,227	3,729	6.4	57,989	54,517	3,472	6.0	57,638	53,624	4,014	7.0
Anderson County	↑	88,206	82,610	5,596	6.3	88,065	83,071	4,994	5.7	87,503	81,265	6,238	7.1
Charleston County	↑	180,709	169,907	10,802	6.0	181,111	171,374	9,737	5.4	181,499	169,929	11,570	6.4
Saluda County	↑	8,883	8,355	528	5.9	8,851	8,396	455	5.1	8,883	8,330	553	6.2
Greenville County	↑	232,492	218,913	13,579	5.8	232,093	220,085	12,008	5.2	231,306	216,480	14,826	6.4
Lexington County	↑	135,735	127,896	7,839	5.8	135,504	128,530	6,974	5.1	135,980	127,518	8,462	6.2
Charleston MSA	↑	339,217	318,266	20,951	6.2	339,957	321,014	18,943	5.6	340,982	318,308	22,674	6.6
Columbia MSA	↑	374,569	349,728	24,841	6.6	374,108	351,461	22,647	6.1	375,706	348,694	27,012	7.2
Florence MSA	↑	93,696	86,215	7,481	8.0	93,969	87,048	6,921	7.4	92,770	84,328	8,442	9.1
Greenville MSA	↑	320,693	301,214	19,479	6.1	320,200	302,826	17,374	5.4	319,270	297,866	21,404	6.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↑	2,173,859	2,035,751	138,108	6.4	2,168,112	2,043,400	124,712	5.8	2,180,141	2,015,583	164,558	7.5

Current month's estimates are preliminary.

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

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