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### **South Carolina's Employment Situation June 2018**

Employment levels reach new highs, unemployment rate declines to 3.8 percent

The number of individuals working across the state reached a new high in June, increasing by 648 people to an estimated level of 2,226,062. Unemployment decreased significantly for the third consecutive month by nearly 5,425 people to 87,080. While the state's labor force declined by 4,777 to 2,313,142 people, seasonally adjusted jobs have increased by 3,400 over the month to a record level of 2,125,700.

The changes in the state's labor force pushed the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate to 3.8 percent from May's estimate of 4.0 percent.

Since June of 2017, the labor force has grown by nearly 2,637 people, and employment gains totaled 12,231. The level of unemployed was lower, declining by 9,594 people.

Nationally, the unemployment rate edged upward to 4.0 percent from May's rate of 3.8 percent.

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

June 2018 seasonally adjusted, non-farm payrolls increased by 3,400 over the month to a record level of 2,125,700.

- The state's job count rose in Leisure and Hospitality (+4,900); Education and Health Services (+1,500); Other Services (+1,300); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+700); Manufacturing (+700); Government (+500); and Financial Activities (+400).
- Industries recording job losses during the same month were Professional and Business Services (-4,800); Construction (-1,600); and Information (-100).

From June 2017 to June 2018, South Carolina's economy has added 35,200 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs.

- Industries with noticeable gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+11,700); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+10,400); Education and Health Services (+7,900); Manufacturing (+3,900); Other Services (+3,800); and Government (+3,600).
- Declines were reported in Construction (-4,000); Professional and Business Services (-2,100); and Information (-100), while Financial Activities (0) remained constant.

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

Not seasonally adjusted, non-farm payroll employment increased by 8,200 from May 2018 to June 2018 for a total of 2,145,500.

- Industries showing notable growth were Leisure and Hospitality (+11,700); Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+2,900); Financial Activities (+1,900); Manufacturing (+1,400); and Other Services grew by (+600).
- Mining and Logging remained the same.
- Industries declining during the month were Government (-3,900); Professional and Business Services (-3,700); Construction (-1,500); Education and Health Services (-1,100); and Information (-100).

Since June 2017, not-seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 36,300 overall in South Carolina.

- Industries marking strong annual gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+12,800); Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+10,300); Education and Health Services (+6,500); Other Services (+3,800); Government (+3,100); Manufacturing (+3,000); Professional and Business Services (+200); Mining and Logging (+200); and Financial Activities (+100).
- Losses were seen in Construction (-3,400); and Information (-300).

<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  
June 2018**

Jobs by Industry	June 2018	May 2018	June 2017	May 2018 to June 2018		June 2017 to June 2018	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>2,125,700</b>	<b>2,122,300</b>	<b>2,090,500</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>0.16%</b>	<b>35,200</b>	<b>1.68%</b>
Construction	98,000	99,600	102,000	-1,600	-1.63%	-4,000	-3.92%
Manufacturing	244,700	244,000	240,800	700	0.29%	3,900	1.62%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	406,700	406,000	396,300	700	0.17%	10,400	2.62%
Information	27,500	27,600	27,600	-100	-0.36%	-100	-0.36%
Financial Activities	102,200	101,800	102,200	400	0.39%	0	0.00%
Professional and Business Services	275,800	280,600	277,900	-4,800	-1.74%	-2,100	-0.76%
Education and Health Services	253,800	252,300	245,900	1,500	0.59%	7,900	3.21%
Leisure and Hospitality	265,000	260,100	253,300	4,900	1.85%	11,700	4.62%
Other Services	79,000	77,700	75,200	1,300	1.65%	3,800	5.05%
Government	368,600	368,100	365,000	500	0.14%	3,600	0.99%

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

**Statewide  
June 2018**

Jobs by Industry	June 2018	May 2018	June 2017	May 2018 to June 2018		June 2017 to June 2018	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>2,145,500</b>	<b>2,137,300</b>	<b>2,109,200</b>	<b>8,200</b>	<b>0.38%</b>	<b>36,300</b>	<b>1.72%</b>
Mining and Logging	4,500	4,500	4,300	0	0.00%	200	4.65%
Construction	99,700	101,200	103,100	-1,500	-1.48%	-3,400	-3.30%
Manufacturing	244,700	243,300	241,700	1,400	0.58%	3,000	1.24%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	408,600	405,700	398,300	2,900	0.71%	10,300	2.59%
Information	27,500	27,600	27,800	-100	-0.36%	-300	-1.08%
Financial Activities	103,300	101,400	103,200	1,900	1.87%	100	0.10%
Professional and Business Services	279,100	282,800	278,900	-3,700	-1.31%	200	0.07%
Education and Health Services	251,000	252,100	244,500	-1,100	-0.44%	6,500	2.66%
Leisure and Hospitality	280,500	268,800	267,700	11,700	4.35%	12,800	4.78%
Other Services	79,500	78,900	75,700	600	0.76%	3,800	5.02%
Government	367,100	371,000	364,000	-3,900	-1.05%	3,100	0.85%

**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted**

**June 2018**

Area	June 2018	May 2018	June 2017	May 2018 to June 2018		June 2017 to June 2018	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,125,700</b>	<b>2,122,300</b>	<b>2,090,500</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>0.16%</b>	<b>35,200</b>	<b>1.68%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	361,700	357,700	354,100	4,000	1.11%	7,600	2.15%
Columbia MSA	398,900	398,000	400,100	900	0.23%	-1,200	-0.30%
Florence MSA	89,500	89,100	88,200	400	0.45%	1,300	1.47%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	423,100	422,800	415,400	300	0.07%	7,700	1.85%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	81,000	80,800	78,900	200	0.25%	2,100	2.66%
Myrtle Beach MSA	171,800	169,900	166,300	1,900	1.11%	5,500	3.31%
Spartanburg MSA	156,200	156,100	153,200	100	0.06%	3,000	1.96%
Sumter MSA	39,700	39,800	39,100	-100	-0.25%	600	1.53%
Other Services	79,000	77,700	75,200	1,300	1.65%	3,800	5.05%
Government	368,600	368,100	365,000	500	0.14%	3,600	0.99%

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

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**June 2018**

Area	June 2018	May 2018	June 2017	May 2018 to June 2018		June 2017 to June 2018	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,145,500</b>	<b>2,137,300</b>	<b>2,109,200</b>	<b>8,200</b>	<b>0.38%</b>	<b>36,300</b>	<b>1.72%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	364,800	359,500	356,600	5,300	1.47%	8,200	2.30%
Columbia MSA	399,600	400,100	398,900	-500	-0.12%	700	0.18%
Florence MSA	89,700	89,900	88,300	-200	-0.22%	1,400	1.59%
Greenville MSA	424,000	424,700	416,000	-700	-0.16%	8,000	1.92%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	83,700	82,200	81,400	1,500	1.82%	2,300	2.83%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach	182,500	175,500	178,000	7,000	3.99%	4,500	2.53%
Spartanburg MSA	156,200	156,400	153,400	-200	-0.13%	2,800	1.83%
Sumter MSA	39,800	39,900	39,200	-100	-0.25%	600	1.53%

**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 ESTIMATES BY COUNTY, MSA, AND STATE  
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

AREA		June 2018				May 2018				June 2017			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)	
Bamberg County	↑	5,177	4,843	334	6.5	5,118	4,858	260	5.1	5,229	4,822	407	7.8
Allendale County	↑	2,758	2,600	158	5.7	2,736	2,604	132	4.8	2,783	2,592	191	6.9
Fairfield County	↑	9,873	9,310	563	5.7	9,800	9,293	507	5.2	10,000	9,405	595	6.0
Marion County	↑	12,589	11,897	692	5.5	12,418	11,828	590	4.8	12,782	11,832	950	7.4
Williamsburg County	↑	12,458	11,777	681	5.5	12,362	11,810	552	4.5	12,563	11,729	834	6.6
Orangeburg County	↑	34,667	32,780	1,887	5.4	34,425	32,919	1,506	4.4	35,151	32,713	2,438	6.9
Marlboro County	↑	9,240	8,750	490	5.3	9,157	8,781	376	4.1	9,370	8,702	668	7.1
Barnwell County	↑	8,081	7,671	410	5.1	8,015	7,690	325	4.1	8,126	7,611	515	6.3
Clarendon County	↑	12,463	11,826	637	5.1	12,357	11,865	492	4.0	12,568	11,805	763	6.1
Lee County	↑	6,410	6,080	330	5.1	6,337	6,077	260	4.1	6,486	6,075	411	6.3
Chester County	↑	13,679	13,034	645	4.7	13,495	12,975	520	3.9	13,698	12,848	850	6.2
Dillon County	↑	12,643	12,045	598	4.7	12,558	12,071	487	3.9	12,775	12,015	760	5.9
Darlington County	↑	29,872	28,570	1,302	4.4	29,518	28,524	994	3.4	30,177	28,483	1,694	5.6
Georgetown County	↑	25,982	24,838	1,144	4.4	25,637	24,715	922	3.6	26,120	24,725	1,395	5.3
Sumter County	↑	43,960	42,037	1,923	4.4	43,408	41,915	1,493	3.4	44,372	41,891	2,481	5.6
Calhoun County	↑	6,797	6,504	293	4.3	6,722	6,498	224	3.3	6,937	6,579	358	5.2
Union County	↑	11,750	11,247	503	4.3	11,628	11,235	393	3.4	11,812	11,159	653	5.5
Abbeville County	↑	10,041	9,617	424	4.2	10,004	9,673	331	3.3	10,069	9,568	501	5.0
Colleton County	↑	17,028	16,312	716	4.2	16,895	16,329	566	3.4	17,121	16,252	869	5.1
Cherokee County	↑	24,137	23,141	996	4.1	23,951	23,207	744	3.1	24,198	22,981	1,217	5.0
Greenwood County	↑	30,637	29,453	1,184	3.9	30,502	29,576	926	3.0	30,773	29,279	1,494	4.9
Lancaster County	↑	39,578	38,037	1,541	3.9	39,130	37,904	1,226	3.1	39,416	37,517	1,899	4.8
Florence County	↑	65,450	62,941	2,509	3.8	64,958	62,944	2,014	3.1	65,899	62,756	3,143	4.8
Hampton County	↑	8,416	8,099	317	3.8	8,292	8,053	239	2.9	8,453	8,049	404	4.8
Horry County	↑	152,948	147,163	5,785	3.8	146,363	141,634	4,729	3.2	152,268	145,300	6,968	4.6
Kershaw County	↑	28,927	27,819	1,108	3.8	28,629	27,771	858	3.0	29,496	28,100	1,396	4.7
Laurens County	↑	30,343	29,186	1,157	3.8	30,088	29,179	909	3.0	30,365	29,022	1,343	4.4
Oconee County	↑	34,419	33,152	1,267	3.7	34,216	33,276	940	2.7	34,633	33,001	1,632	4.7
Pickens County	↑	56,987	54,853	2,134	3.7	56,430	54,843	1,587	2.8	57,088	54,503	2,585	4.5
Richland County	↑	198,317	191,063	7,254	3.7	196,305	190,620	5,685	2.9	201,755	192,682	9,073	4.5
Aiken County	↑	75,214	72,518	2,696	3.6	74,456	72,388	2,068	2.8	74,558	71,336	3,222	4.3
Chesterfield County	↑	21,647	20,873	774	3.6	21,547	20,944	603	2.8	21,815	20,781	1,034	4.7
Edgefield County	↑	10,645	10,263	382	3.6	10,561	10,256	305	2.9	10,627	10,134	493	4.6
McCormick County	↑	3,366	3,244	122	3.6	3,362	3,262	100	3.0	3,388	3,224	164	4.8
Anderson County	↑	90,079	86,926	3,153	3.5	89,282	86,852	2,430	2.7	90,080	86,334	3,746	4.2
Beaufort County	↑	77,136	74,515	2,621	3.4	75,216	73,247	1,969	2.6	76,711	73,519	3,192	4.2
Newberry County	↑	18,486	17,857	629	3.4	18,362	17,881	481	2.6	18,649	17,878	771	4.1
Spartanburg County	↑	146,927	141,903	5,024	3.4	145,430	141,680	3,750	2.6	147,056	140,698	6,358	4.3
York County	↑	135,103	130,501	4,602	3.4	133,698	130,083	3,615	2.7	134,319	128,670	5,649	4.2
Berkeley County	↑	99,871	96,640	3,231	3.2	97,553	95,056	2,497	2.6	99,584	95,564	4,020	4.0
Dorchester County	↑	75,309	72,890	2,419	3.2	73,569	71,718	1,851	2.5	75,145	72,108	3,037	4.0
Saluda County	↑	8,890	8,602	288	3.2	8,813	8,585	228	2.6	9,088	8,730	358	3.9
Greenville County	↑	248,693	240,904	7,789	3.1	246,756	240,686	6,070	2.5	248,840	239,206	9,634	3.9
Jasper County	↑	12,715	12,316	399	3.1	12,494	12,187	307	2.5	12,706	12,228	478	3.8
Lexington County	↑	146,930	142,415	4,515	3.1	145,766	142,207	3,559	2.4	149,484	143,810	5,674	3.8
Charleston County	↑	207,959	201,822	6,137	3.0	203,644	198,958	4,686	2.3	207,687	199,988	7,699	3.7
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↑	383,139	371,352	11,787	3.1	374,766	365,732	9,034	2.4	382,416	367,660	14,756	3.9
Columbia MSA	↑	399,734	385,713	14,021	3.5	396,035	384,974	11,061	2.8	406,760	389,306	17,454	4.3
Florence MSA	↑	95,322	91,511	3,811	4.0	94,476	91,468	3,008	3.2	96,076	91,239	4,837	5.0
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↑	426,102	411,869	14,233	3.3	422,556	411,560	10,996	2.6	426,373	409,065	17,308	4.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,313,142	2,226,062	87,080	3.8	2,317,919	2,225,414	92,505	4.0	2,310,505	2,213,831	96,674	4.2

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 =