



## SC Department of Employment and Workforce

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### **South Carolina's Employment Situation October 2012**

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped significantly in October to 8.6 percent from the September estimate of 9.1 percent. The number of unemployed people decreased over the month by 10,814 to 183,024. While the number of employed people climbed by 14,705 to 1,954,801, the labor force saw a modest increase of 3,891 to 2,137,825. Since October 2011, the unemployment rate has fallen 1.5 percentage points.

Nationally, the unemployment rate moved slightly higher from 7.8 percent in September to 7.9 percent in October, primarily driven by an increase in the labor force of 578,000 people. Approximately 410,000 more people found work; nearly 170,000 more people began searching and were unable to find work during the month.

Nonagricultural employment (not seasonally-adjusted) in South Carolina saw an increase of 11,100 over the month to 1,874,900. Since October 2011, the number of jobs in the state was up 34,500 (about 1.9 percent). The number of jobs was up nationally by approximately 1.5 percent from a year ago.

#### **Employment by Industry**

- For the second consecutive month, the industry gaining the most jobs was government (5,100 jobs, 1.49%), with continued increases in local and state education services.
- Other industries with added jobs were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (1,900 jobs, 0.54 percent); Financial Activities (1,300 jobs, 1.33 percent); Education and Health Services (1,200 jobs, 0.53 percent); and Construction (900 jobs, 1.2 percent). These job gains were due to growth in Trade as the holidays approach and more demand for private educational and specialty trade contractor services.
- Over the month, jobs were lost in Leisure and Hospitality (-400 jobs, -0.19 percent) and Information (-200, -0.74 percent) due to seasonal declines for accommodation and food services in the coastal areas and less demand for publishing and distribution of information. The Mining and Logging, Manufacturing, and Professional and Business Services sectors were unchanged over the month.

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## NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Statewide  
October 2012

Jobs by Industry	October 2012	September 2012	October 2011	September 2012 to October 2012		October 2011 to October 2012	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	1,874,900	1,863,800	1,840,400	11,100	0.60%	34,500	1.87%
Natural Resources and Mining	3,600	3,600	3,800	0	0.00%	-200	-5.26%
Construction	75,600	74,700	75,400	900	1.20%	200	0.27%
Manufacturing	224,100	224,100	218,800	0	0.00%	5,300	2.42%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	356,200	354,300	351,700	1,900	0.54%	4,500	1.28%
Information	26,800	27,000	26,100	-200	-0.74%	700	2.68%
Financial Activities	98,800	97,500	96,300	1,300	1.33%	2,500	2.60%
Professional and Business Services	232,100	232,100	229,900	0	0.00%	2,200	0.96%
Education and Health Services	226,000	224,800	218,900	1,200	0.53%	7,100	3.24%
Leisure and Hospitality	214,000	214,400	207,700	-400	-0.19%	6,300	3.03%
Other Services	69,700	68,400	69,000	1,300	1.90%	700	1.01%
Government	348,000	342,900	342,800	5,100	1.49%	5,200	1.52%

**Note: Not Seasonally Adjusted**

## NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)  
October 2012

INDUSTRY TITLE	October 2012	September 2012	October 2011	September 2012 to October 2012		October 2011 to October 2012	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Statewide</b>	1,874,900	1,863,800	1,840,400	11,100	0.60%	34,500	1.87%
Anderson MSA	58,300	57,700	59,300	600	1.04%	-1,000	-1.69%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	301,400	301,000	294,900	400	0.13%	6,500	2.20%
Columbia MSA	356,100	351,300	349,000	4,800	1.37%	7,100	2.03%
Florence MSA	84,900	84,300	82,200	600	0.71%	2,700	3.28%
Greenville MSA	306,400	302,200	305,900	4,200	1.39%	500	0.16%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	114,600	115,200	114,300	-600	-0.52%	300	0.26%
Spartanburg MSA	123,100	122,400	118,100	700	0.57%	5,000	4.23%
Sumter MSA	36,900	37,100	36,300	-200	-0.54%	600	1.65%

**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		October 2012				September 2012				October 2011			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)	
Allendale County	↑	3,341	2,786	555	16.6	3,295	2,789	506	15.4	3,417	2,779	638	18.7
Marion County	↑	11,828	9,938	1,890	16.0	11,806	9,941	1,865	15.8	12,116	9,840	2,276	18.8
Marlboro County	↓	11,331	9,725	1,606	14.2	11,419	9,742	1,677	14.7	11,772	9,696	2,076	17.6
Bamberg County	—	6,207	5,382	825	13.3	6,203	5,376	827	13.3	6,262	5,275	987	15.8
Barnwell County	↑	8,386	7,277	1,109	13.2	8,374	7,277	1,097	13.1	8,552	7,209	1,343	15.7
Union County	↓	11,421	9,959	1,462	12.8	11,409	9,934	1,475	12.9	11,621	9,714	1,907	16.4
Chester County	↓	14,507	12,669	1,838	12.7	14,478	12,617	1,861	12.9	14,688	12,447	2,241	15.3
Clarendon County	—	12,307	10,768	1,539	12.5	12,333	10,793	1,540	12.5	12,568	10,675	1,893	15.1
Dillon County	↓	13,149	11,519	1,630	12.4	13,155	11,512	1,643	12.5	13,369	11,334	2,035	15.2
Orangeburg County	—	41,293	36,182	5,111	12.4	41,231	36,120	5,111	12.4	41,419	35,389	6,030	14.6
Hampton County	↑	7,773	6,864	909	11.7	7,723	6,868	855	11.1	7,899	6,775	1,124	14.2
McCormick County	—	3,317	2,939	378	11.4	3,319	2,939	380	11.4	3,359	2,891	468	13.9
Chesterfield County	—	18,759	16,716	2,043	10.9	18,736	16,697	2,039	10.9	19,044	16,469	2,575	13.5
Lancaster County	↓	30,738	27,404	3,334	10.8	30,670	27,318	3,352	10.9	31,031	26,861	4,170	13.4
Lee County	↓	8,099	7,232	867	10.7	8,086	7,214	872	10.8	8,253	7,170	1,083	13.1
Williamsburg County	↓	16,023	14,318	1,705	10.6	16,038	14,326	1,712	10.7	16,309	14,159	2,150	13.2
Cherokee County	↓	24,882	22,268	2,614	10.5	24,861	22,229	2,632	10.6	24,822	21,679	3,143	12.7
Colleton County	—	17,077	15,335	1,742	10.2	17,095	15,356	1,739	10.2	17,289	15,115	2,174	12.6
Abbeville County	↑	10,769	9,705	1,064	9.9	10,670	9,687	983	9.2	10,815	9,599	1,216	11.2
Darlington County	↓	30,878	27,882	2,996	9.7	30,843	27,728	3,115	10.1	30,710	27,111	3,599	11.7
Greenwood County	↑	30,995	28,031	2,964	9.6	30,946	28,016	2,930	9.5	30,820	27,418	3,402	11.0
Fairfield County	↓	10,620	9,609	1,011	9.5	10,616	9,501	1,115	10.5	10,685	9,458	1,227	11.5
Sumter County	—	43,975	39,797	4,178	9.5	44,195	39,981	4,214	9.5	44,451	39,414	5,037	11.3
York County	↓	111,612	101,172	10,440	9.4	111,212	100,329	10,883	9.8	113,870	99,475	14,395	12.6
Calhoun County	—	6,726	6,107	619	9.2	6,648	6,039	609	9.2	6,833	6,011	822	12.0
Horry County	↑	126,052	114,616	11,436	9.1	126,374	115,295	11,079	8.8	127,937	114,022	13,915	10.9
Florence County	—	63,028	57,552	5,476	8.7	62,679	57,235	5,444	8.7	62,568	55,960	6,608	10.6
Oconee County	↓	31,217	28,581	2,636	8.4	31,184	28,509	2,675	8.6	31,170	28,203	2,967	9.5
Edgefield County	↓	10,919	10,018	901	8.3	10,974	10,011	963	8.8	11,311	10,214	1,097	9.7
Laurens County	—	30,480	27,946	2,534	8.3	30,132	27,626	2,506	8.3	30,929	27,914	3,015	9.7
Georgetown County	—	29,603	27,195	2,408	8.1	29,663	27,257	2,406	8.1	29,872	26,853	3,019	10.1
Spartanburg County	↓	135,132	124,132	11,000	8.1	134,538	123,424	11,114	8.3	133,462	120,135	13,327	10.0
Anderson County	—	81,445	74,966	6,479	8.0	80,801	74,363	6,438	8.0	83,939	76,017	7,922	9.4
Kershaw County	—	29,696	27,363	2,333	7.9	29,370	27,057	2,313	7.9	29,679	26,935	2,744	9.2
Richland County	—	182,366	168,168	14,198	7.8	180,392	166,288	14,104	7.8	181,827	165,535	16,292	9.0
Berkeley County	↑	84,255	78,054	6,201	7.4	84,234	78,118	6,116	7.3	84,465	76,630	7,835	9.3
Jasper County	↓	10,505	9,730	775	7.4	10,539	9,744	795	7.5	10,447	9,523	924	8.8
Newberry County	—	18,202	16,855	1,347	7.4	18,188	16,841	1,347	7.4	18,325	16,608	1,717	9.4
Pickens County	↑	57,821	53,524	4,297	7.4	57,050	52,912	4,138	7.3	58,407	53,463	4,944	8.5
Aiken County	↓	73,500	68,135	5,365	7.3	74,199	68,089	6,110	8.2	76,304	69,470	6,834	9.0
Saluda County	↑	9,054	8,417	637	7.0	8,912	8,323	589	6.6	9,141	8,285	856	9.4
Beaufort County	↑	64,833	60,426	4,407	6.8	64,846	60,518	4,328	6.7	64,527	59,147	5,380	8.3
Dorchester County	—	68,400	63,821	4,579	6.7	68,494	63,873	4,621	6.7	68,149	62,657	5,492	8.1
Charleston County	—	175,986	164,634	11,352	6.5	176,313	164,768	11,545	6.5	175,599	161,631	13,968	8.0
Greenville County	↓	223,677	209,290	14,387	6.4	221,371	206,896	14,475	6.5	226,941	209,051	17,890	7.9
Lexington County	—	133,498	125,145	8,353	6.3	132,069	123,746	8,323	6.3	133,341	123,186	10,155	7.6
Charleston MSA	↓	328,642	306,509	22,133	6.7	329,040	306,758	22,282	6.8	328,213	300,918	27,295	8.3
Columbia MSA	↓	371,961	344,809	27,152	7.3	368,008	340,955	27,053	7.4	371,506	339,411	32,095	8.6
Florence MSA	↓	93,906	85,434	8,472	9.0	93,522	84,963	8,559	9.2	93,278	83,071	10,207	10.9
Greenville MSA	—	311,978	290,760	21,218	6.8	308,554	287,435	21,119	6.8	316,277	290,428	25,849	8.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,137,825	1,954,801	183,024	8.6	2,133,934	1,940,096	193,838	9.1	2,159,409	1,943,020	216,389	10.0

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 =