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South Carolina's Employment Situation November 2013

Rate drops and is the closest South Carolina has been to the national rate since 2002

In November, the state's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate declined significantly to 7.1 percent from the October rate of 7.5 percent. The number of unemployed persons was 152,584, a decrease of approximately 10,230, and employed persons increased by 6,343 from October to November to a total of 2,000,756. The labor force was estimated at 2,153,340 people, reflecting a decline of 3,887.

Since November 2012, the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.5 percent, and the estimated number of unemployed people has declined by 34,674. Over the same period, 19,991 people found work, and 14,683 people left the labor force.

The national unemployment rate for November was estimated at 7.0 percent down from 7.3 percent in October.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted¹)

With an increase of over 4,600 since last month, November's seasonally-adjusted, non-farm payrolls reached a year-high level of 1,907,100. This was the sixth over-the-month increase since May 2013.

- The largest gains were in Government (+1,800); Leisure and Hospitality (+1,300); and Educational and Health Services (+1,100). Additional gains occurred in Professional and Business Services (+700); Manufacturing (+600); and Other Services (+200).
- Industry declines were reported in Financial Activities (-600); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-200); and Information (-200). Construction had a minimal decline of 100.

Since November of 2012, seasonally-adjusted, non-farm jobs were up 34,100.

- Healthy gains were noted in Professional and Business Services (+7,000); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+6,300); Construction (+4,800); Leisure and Hospitality (+4,700); Education and Health Services (+4,100); Government (+4,000); and Manufacturing (+3,600).
- Declines were seen in Other Services (-1,800) and Information (-400).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted²)

Not seasonally-adjusted, non-farm payroll employment in November increased by 4,300 since October to 1,912,600, which is typical in November as the trade industry begins its seasonal hiring. Sizeable gains were felt in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+4,600); Government (+2,700); Manufacturing (+1,100); and Education and Health Services (+900). Leisure and Hospitality continued its normal summer downturn in employment with a decline of (-2,300). Also experiencing declines were Professional and Business Services (-1,200); Financial Activities (-700); and Construction (-700). Since November 2012, not-seasonally adjusted, non-farm jobs were up 34,500 overall in South Carolina's workforce.

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 not been removed from these data.

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
November 2013

Jobs by Industry	November 2013	October 2013	November 2012	October 2013 to November 2013		November 2012 to November 2013	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,907,100	1,902,500	1,873,000	4,600	0.24%	34,100	1.79%
Construction	83,300	83,400	78,500	-100	-0.12%	4,800	5.76%
Manufacturing	224,500	223,900	220,900	600	0.27%	3,600	1.60%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	362,800	363,000	356,500	-200	-0.06%	6,300	1.74%
Information	25,200	25,400	25,600	-200	-0.79%	-400	-1.59%
Financial Activities	101,900	102,500	100,000	-600	-0.59%	1,900	1.86%
Professional and Business Services	239,600	238,900	232,600	700	0.29%	7,000	2.92%
Education and Health Services	214,500	213,400	210,400	1,100	0.51%	4,100	1.91%
Leisure and Hospitality	227,800	226,500	223,100	1,300	0.57%	4,700	2.06%
Other Services	68,500	68,300	70,300	200	0.29%	-1,800	-2.63%
Government	355,300	353,500	351,300	1,800	0.51%	4,000	1.13%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
November 2013

Jobs by Industry	November 2013	October 2013	November 2012	October 2013 to November 2013		November 2012 to November 2013	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,912,600	1,908,300	1,878,100	4,300	0.23%	34,500	1.84%
Natural Resources and Mining	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	0.00%	-100	-2.63%
Construction	83,400	84,100	78,600	-700	-0.83%	4,800	6.11%
Manufacturing	225,200	224,100	221,600	1,100	0.49%	3,600	1.62%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	367,500	362,900	361,100	4,600	1.27%	6,400	1.77%
Information	25,400	25,300	25,800	100	0.40%	-400	-1.55%
Financial Activities	102,100	102,800	100,200	-700	-0.68%	1,900	1.90%
Professional and Business Services	238,400	239,600	231,400	-1,200	-0.50%	7,000	3.03%
Education and Health Services	215,500	214,600	211,400	900	0.42%	4,100	1.94%
Leisure and Hospitality	223,100	225,400	218,400	-2,300	-1.02%	4,700	2.15%
Other Services	68,300	68,500	70,100	-200	-0.29%	-1,800	-2.57%
Government	360,000	357,300	355,700	2,700	0.76%	4,300	1.21%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas
November 2013

AREA	November 2013	October 2013	November 2012	October 2013 to November 2013		November 2012 to November 2013	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	1,907,100	1,902,500	1,873,000	4,600	0.24%	34,100	1.79%
Anderson MSA	62,400	62,200	61,700	200	0.32%	700	1.12%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	310,400	310,200	307,000	200	0.06%	3,400	1.10%
Columbia MSA	362,400	360,000	355,900	2,400	0.66%	6,500	1.79%
Florence MSA	84,600	83,800	84,300	800	0.95%	300	0.35%
Greenville MSA	312,400	312,700	309,400	-300	-0.10%	3,000	0.96%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	120,200	119,100	116,800	1,100	0.92%	3,400	2.83%
Spartanburg MSA	124,600	123,800	123,800	800	0.64%	800	0.64%
Sumter MSA	37,600	37,600	37,200	0	0.00%	400	1.06%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas
November 2013

AREA	November 2013	October 2013	November 2012	October 2013 to November 2013		November 2012 to November 2013	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	1,912,600	1,908,300	1,878,100	4,300	0.23%	34,500	1.84%
Anderson MSA	62,700	62,400	62,000	300	0.48%	700	1.13%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	310,500	310,100	307,100	400	0.13%	3,400	1.11%
Columbia MSA	364,400	362,000	357,900	2,400	0.66%	6,500	1.82%
Florence MSA	85,000	84,000	84,700	1,000	1.19%	300	0.35%
Greenville MSA	315,000	314,400	311,900	600	0.19%	3,100	0.99%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	117,300	118,700	113,900	-1,400	-1.18%	3,400	2.99%
Spartanburg MSA	126,300	125,000	125,500	1,300	1.04%	800	0.64%
Sumter MSA	37,600	37,500	37,300	100	0.27%	300	0.80%

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		November 2013				October 2013				November 2012			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)
Marion County	↓	11,000	9,559	1,441	13.1	11,265	9,680	1,585	14.1	11,261	9,390	1,871	16.6
Allendale County	↓	3,113	2,715	398	12.8	3,201	2,765	436	13.6	3,167	2,668	499	15.8
Bamberg County	↑	5,751	5,026	725	12.6	5,790	5,095	695	12.0	5,777	4,919	858	14.9
Orangeburg County	↑	40,182	35,225	4,957	12.3	39,944	35,601	4,343	10.9	39,813	34,435	5,378	13.5
Barnwell County	↓	8,181	7,242	939	11.5	8,321	7,303	1,018	12.2	8,227	7,108	1,119	13.6
Marlboro County	↓	10,980	9,737	1,243	11.3	11,251	9,885	1,366	12.1	11,129	9,535	1,594	14.3
Dillon County	↓	12,433	11,143	1,290	10.4	12,745	11,303	1,442	11.3	12,589	10,950	1,639	13.0
Calhoun County	↑	6,768	6,086	682	10.1	6,605	6,062	543	8.2	6,704	5,999	705	10.5
Clarendon County	↓	11,794	10,627	1,167	9.9	11,983	10,732	1,251	10.4	12,054	10,468	1,586	13.2
Williamsburg County	↓	14,496	13,104	1,392	9.6	14,760	13,269	1,491	10.1	14,633	12,875	1,758	12.0
Chester County	↓	14,446	13,081	1,365	9.4	14,657	13,159	1,498	10.2	14,606	12,777	1,829	12.5
Union County	↓	11,060	10,018	1,042	9.4	11,216	10,055	1,161	10.4	11,280	9,839	1,441	12.8
McCormick County	↓	3,265	2,960	305	9.3	3,333	2,991	342	10.3	3,284	2,900	384	11.7
Hampton County	↓	7,518	6,840	678	9.0	7,648	6,930	718	9.4	7,546	6,696	850	11.3
Chesterfield County	↓	18,372	16,814	1,558	8.5	18,647	16,950	1,697	9.1	18,522	16,476	2,046	11.0
Darlington County	—	29,708	27,246	2,462	8.3	29,622	27,157	2,465	8.3	30,191	27,286	2,905	9.6
Lee County	↓	7,748	7,103	645	8.3	7,896	7,197	699	8.9	7,887	7,030	857	10.9
Cherokee County	↓	24,715	22,701	2,014	8.1	24,960	22,762	2,198	8.8	24,804	22,208	2,596	10.5
Colleton County	↓	16,599	15,250	1,349	8.1	16,872	15,386	1,486	8.8	16,692	14,951	1,741	10.4
Lancaster County	↓	31,863	29,276	2,587	8.1	32,258	29,409	2,849	8.8	32,021	28,582	3,439	10.7
Abbeville County	↓	10,726	9,880	846	7.9	10,862	9,937	925	8.5	10,751	9,665	1,086	10.1
Fairfield County	—	10,247	9,440	807	7.9	10,207	9,402	805	7.9	10,387	9,306	1,081	10.4
Horry County	↑	125,486	115,741	9,745	7.8	127,604	117,771	9,833	7.7	125,284	113,094	12,190	9.7
Florence County	↓	61,597	56,959	4,638	7.5	62,044	56,774	5,270	8.5	62,613	57,042	5,571	8.9
Sumter County	↓	43,331	40,077	3,254	7.5	43,581	40,018	3,563	8.2	44,126	39,826	4,300	9.7
Greenwood County	↓	30,372	28,138	2,234	7.4	30,842	28,282	2,560	8.3	30,347	27,420	2,927	9.6
Edgefield County	↓	10,918	10,145	773	7.1	11,059	10,144	915	8.3	11,071	10,146	925	8.4
Georgetown County	↓	29,090	27,013	2,077	7.1	29,474	27,289	2,185	7.4	28,989	26,425	2,564	8.8
York County	↓	112,397	104,403	7,994	7.1	113,126	104,413	8,713	7.7	112,902	102,495	10,407	9.2
Oconee County	↓	31,397	29,200	2,197	7.0	31,740	29,351	2,389	7.5	31,289	28,618	2,671	8.5
Aiken County	↓	75,135	70,065	5,070	6.7	76,008	70,057	5,951	7.8	75,629	70,068	5,561	7.4
Laurens County	↓	29,951	27,962	1,989	6.6	30,121	27,932	2,189	7.3	30,240	27,754	2,486	8.2
Spartanburg County	↓	134,560	125,965	8,595	6.4	134,437	124,984	9,453	7.0	136,671	125,467	11,204	8.2
Richland County	↓	181,233	169,930	11,303	6.2	181,852	169,260	12,592	6.9	181,840	167,517	14,323	7.9
Jasper County	↓	10,532	9,896	636	6.0	10,610	9,934	676	6.4	10,463	9,668	795	7.6
Anderson County	↓	83,636	78,692	4,944	5.9	83,951	78,471	5,480	6.5	84,693	78,051	6,642	7.8
Beaufort County	↓	65,175	61,347	3,828	5.9	65,718	61,589	4,129	6.3	64,604	59,934	4,670	7.2
Berkeley County	↓	84,875	79,874	5,001	5.9	85,406	79,843	5,563	6.5	85,516	79,243	6,273	7.3
Newberry County	↓	18,046	16,991	1,055	5.8	18,408	17,228	1,180	6.4	18,013	16,639	1,374	7.6
Dorchester County	↓	69,255	65,297	3,958	5.7	69,455	65,272	4,183	6.0	69,581	64,781	4,800	6.9
Kershaw County	↓	29,223	27,578	1,645	5.6	29,342	27,469	1,873	6.4	29,541	27,186	2,355	8.0
Pickens County	↓	56,893	53,721	3,172	5.6	57,143	53,662	3,481	6.1	57,674	53,320	4,354	7.5
Saluda County	↓	8,904	8,407	497	5.6	8,931	8,374	557	6.2	8,882	8,288	594	6.7
Charleston County	↓	176,010	166,750	9,260	5.3	176,844	166,686	10,158	5.7	177,200	165,433	11,767	6.6
Greenville County	↓	226,080	214,119	11,961	5.3	226,963	213,885	13,078	5.8	227,584	212,521	15,063	6.6
Lexington County	↓	134,195	127,214	6,981	5.2	134,335	126,712	7,623	5.7	133,949	125,408	8,541	6.4
Charleston MSA	↓	330,140	311,921	18,219	5.5	331,705	311,800	19,905	6.0	332,297	309,457	22,840	6.9
Columbia MSA	↓	370,569	348,654	21,915	5.9	371,271	347,279	23,992	6.5	371,304	343,704	27,600	7.4
Florence MSA	↓	91,305	84,205	7,100	7.8	91,666	83,931	7,735	8.4	92,804	84,328	8,476	9.1
Greenville MSA	↓	312,924	295,802	17,122	5.5	314,226	295,479	18,747	6.0	315,497	293,594	21,903	6.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,153,340	2,000,756	152,584	7.1	2,157,227	1,994,413	162,814	7.5	2,168,023	1,980,765	187,258	8.6

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 =