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South Carolina's Employment Situation
November 2018

Job Growth Remains Strong
Unemployment Rate Unchanged

The number of individuals working across the state increased considerably by an estimated 4,202 people to a level of 2,235,289, setting yet another record.

Unemployment estimates showed little change over the month, increasing by 474 to 76,694 people. The state's labor force increased by 4,676 to 2,311,983 people, as the many jobseekers entering the labor force found employment.

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained steady at 3.3 percent.

Since November of 2017, employment gains totaled approximately 14,100 people, and the labor force declined by nearly 7,150 people. The level of unemployed moved markedly lower by approximately 21,250 people.

Nationally, the unemployment rate was unchanged for the third consecutive month at 3.7 percent.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted[1])
In November, seasonally-adjusted, nonfarm payrolls increased by 3,400 over the month to a record high level of 2,138,000.

- The increase in employment was primarily due to changes in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,500). Additional increases were seen in Financial Activities (+900); Government (+900); Manufacturing (+600); Education and Health Services (+500); and Leisure and Hospitality (+100). Construction and Information remained steady during this period.
- The industries reporting declines during the same period were Professional and Business Services (-1,100) and Other Services (-100).

Compared to November, 2017, South Carolina's economy has added 32,800 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with noticeable gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+12,200); Leisure and Hospitality (+7,600); Education and Health Services (+6,300); Manufacturing (+3,600); Government (+3,300); Professional and Business Services (+2,300); and Financial Activities (+900).
- Declines were reported in Construction (-3,100); and Information (-400); and Other Services (-100).

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

Not seasonally adjusted payroll employment increased by 8,700 from October to November 2018 for a total of 2,149,000 as businesses continue to rebound from an active weather season.

- Industries contributing to the increase are: Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+8,700); Government (+3,100); Manufacturing (+1,400); Financial Activities (+400); Education and Health Services (+300); Mining and Logging (+100); and Information (+100).
- Industries declining during the month were Leisure and Hospitality (-4,200); Construction (-600); Other Services (-500); and Professional and Business Services (-100).

Since November 2017, not seasonally adjusted jobs were up 34,700 overall in South Carolina.

- Industries marking strong annual gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+13,100); Leisure and Hospitality (7,100); Education and Health Services (+6,000); Government (+3,800); Manufacturing (+3,700); Professional and Business Services (+3,700); Financial Activities (+900); and Mining and Logging (+200).
- The industries reporting declines were Construction (-3,100); and Information (-400); and Other Services (-300).

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[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 2018

Industry	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	October 2018 to November 2018		November 2017 to November 2018	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	*2,138,000*	*2,134,600*	*2,105,200*	*3,400*	*0.16%*	*32,800*	*1.56%*
Construction	98,600	98,600	101,700	0	0.00%	-3,100	-3.05%
Manufacturing	245,500	244,900	241,900	600	0.24%	3,600	1.49%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	411,300	409,800	399,100	1,500	0.36%	12,200	3.06%
Information	27,400	27,400	27,800	0	0.00%	-400	-1.44%
Financial Activities	102,800	101,900	101,900	900	0.88%	900	0.88%
Professional and Business Services	282,800	283,900	280,500	-1,100	-0.39%	2,300	0.82%
Education and Health Services	254,600	254,100	248,300	500	0.20%	6,300	2.54%
Leisure and Hospitality	262,700	262,600	255,100	100	0.04%	7,600	2.98%
Other Services	78,000	78,100	78,100	-100	-0.13%	-100	-0.13%
Government	369,800	368,900	366,500	900	0.24%	3,300	0.90%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
November 2018

Industry	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	October 2018 to November 2018		November 2017 to November 2018	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	*2,149,000*	*2,140,300*	*2,114,300*	*8,700*	*0.41%*	*34,700*	*1.64%*
Mining and Logging	4,500	4,400	4,300	100	2.27%	200	4.65%
Construction	97,800	98,400	100,900	-600	-0.61%	-3,100	-3.07%
Manufacturing	246,200	244,800	242,500	1,400	0.57%	3,700	1.53%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	418,200	409,500	405,100	8,700	2.12%	13,100	3.23%
Information	27,500	27,400	27,900	100	0.36%	-400	-1.43%
Financial Activities	102,600	102,200	101,700	400	0.39%	900	0.88%
Professional and Business Services	286,200	286,300	282,500	-100	-0.03%	3,700	1.31%
Education and Health Services	256,700	256,400	250,700	300	0.12%	6,000	2.39%
Leisure and Hospitality	256,500	260,700	249,400	-4,200	-1.61%	7,100	2.85%
Other Services	77,100	77,600	77,400	-500	-0.64%	-300	-0.39%
Government	375,700	372,600	371,900	3,100	0.83%	3,800	1.02%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted
November 2018

Area	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	October 2018 to November 2018		November 2017 to November 2018	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	*2,138,000*	*2,134,600*	*2,105,200*	*3,400*	*0.16%*	*32,800*	*1.56%*
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	362,800	362,500	355,000	300	0.08%	7,800	2.20%
Columbia MSA	400,400	400,700	394,700	-300	-0.07%	5,700	1.44%
Florence MSA	90,000	89,900	88,200	100	0.11%	1,800	2.04%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	422,100	421,900	417,500	200	0.05%	4,600	1.10%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	81,800	81,900	79,500	-100	-0.12%	2,300	2.89%
Myrtle Beach MSA	172,000	171,700	168,100	300	0.17%	3,900	2.32%
Spartanburg MSA	155,900	156,100	154,000	-200	-0.13%	1,900	1.23%
Sumter MSA	40,100	40,000	39,500	100	0.25%	600	1.52%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Not Seasonally Adjusted
November 2018

Area	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	October 2018 to November 2018		November 2017 to November 2018	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	*2,149,000*	*2,140,300*	*2,114,300*	*8,700*	*0.41%*	*34,700*	*1.64%*
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	365,900	363,600	357,900	2,300	0.63%	8,000	2.24%
Columbia MSA	403,300	402,900	397,700	400	0.10%	5,600	1.41%
Florence MSA	90,600	89,800	88,800	800	0.89%	1,800	2.03%
Greenville MSA	426,400	424,800	422,000	1,600	0.38%	4,400	1.04%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	81,100	81,300	78,900	-200	-0.25%	2,200	2.79%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	168,500	170,300	164,500	-1,800	-1.06%	4,000	2.43%
Spartanburg MSA	157,300	157,200	155,800	100	0.06%	1,500	0.96%
Sumter MSA	40,300	40,000	39,600	300	0.75%	700	1.77%

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		November 2018 LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY-MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	October 2018 LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY-MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	November 2017 LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY-MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)
Bamberg County	↓	5,180	4,872	308	5.9	5,160	4,805	355	6.9	5,171	4,822	349	6.7
Marion County	↓	12,427	11,751	676	5.4	12,416	11,698	718	5.8	12,470	11,611	859	6.9
Orangeburg County	↓	34,948	33,050	1,898	5.4	35,042	32,782	2,260	6.4	35,026	32,769	2,257	6.4
Allendale County	↓	2,740	2,600	140	5.1	2,706	2,555	151	5.6	2,732	2,569	163	6.0
Fairfield County	↓	9,796	9,295	501	5.1	9,824	9,312	512	5.2	10,145	9,208	937	9.2
Williamsburg County	↓	12,474	11,854	620	5.0	12,393	11,746	647	5.2	12,456	11,741	715	5.7
Dillon County	↓	12,661	12,072	589	4.7	12,527	11,914	613	4.9	12,665	11,940	725	5.7
Marlboro County	↓	9,274	8,845	429	4.6	9,244	8,778	466	5.0	9,319	8,778	541	5.8
Barnwell County	↓	8,089	7,723	366	4.5	8,061	7,667	394	4.9	8,119	7,656	463	5.7
Chester County	↓	13,668	13,083	585	4.3	13,750	13,127	623	4.5	13,619	12,866	753	5.5
Clarendon County	↓	12,398	11,865	533	4.3	12,286	11,729	557	4.5	12,426	11,735	691	5.6
Lee County	↓	6,357	6,082	275	4.3	6,313	6,033	280	4.4	6,352	6,011	341	5.4
Calhoun County	↓	6,767	6,483	284	4.2	6,786	6,482	304	4.5	6,745	6,419	326	4.8
Georgetown County	↓	25,580	24,512	1,068	4.2	25,490	24,396	1,094	4.3	25,552	24,261	1,291	5.1
Horry County	–	141,197	135,575	5,622	4.0	143,340	137,658	5,682	4.0	139,802	133,175	6,627	4.7
Darlington County	↓	29,647	28,513	1,134	3.8	29,497	28,305	1,192	4.0	29,541	28,063	1,478	5.0
Abbeville County	↓	10,120	9,741	379	3.7	10,101	9,696	405	4.0	10,112	9,677	435	4.3
Sumter County	↓	43,743	42,134	1,609	3.7	43,849	42,161	1,688	3.8	43,760	41,601	2,159	4.9
Union County	↓	11,665	11,236	429	3.7	11,737	11,285	452	3.9	11,777	11,192	585	5.0
Colleton County	↓	16,985	16,399	586	3.5	16,915	16,281	634	3.7	17,024	16,235	789	4.6
Greenwood County	↓	30,870	29,781	1,089	3.5	30,757	29,617	1,140	3.7	30,862	29,570	1,292	4.2
Lancaster County	–	39,572	38,202	1,370	3.5	39,749	38,342	1,407	3.5	39,356	37,584	1,772	4.5
Cherokee County	↓	24,215	23,387	828	3.4	24,211	23,334	877	3.6	24,347	23,252	1,095	4.5
Florence County	↓	65,246	63,008	2,238	3.4	65,071	62,695	2,376	3.7	64,872	62,084	2,788	4.3
McCormick County	↓	3,393	3,276	117	3.4	3,378	3,260	118	3.5	3,386	3,251	135	4.0
Hampton County	↓	8,235	7,974	261	3.2	8,170	7,890	280	3.4	8,194	7,850	344	4.2
Kershaw County	↓	28,707	27,783	924	3.2	28,825	27,841	984	3.4	28,760	27,526	1,234	4.3
Laurens County	↓	30,047	29,089	958	3.2	30,146	29,113	1,033	3.4	30,160	28,936	1,224	4.1
Chesterfield County	↓	21,674	21,001	673	3.1	21,517	20,833	684	3.2	21,611	20,770	841	3.9
Edgefield County	↓	10,522	10,199	323	3.1	10,508	10,157	351	3.3	10,542	10,095	447	4.2
Richland County	↓	197,646	191,436	6,210	3.1	199,025	192,497	6,528	3.3	198,016	189,841	8,175	4.1
Aiken County	↓	74,649	72,400	2,249	3.0	74,873	72,454	2,419	3.2	74,641	71,753	2,888	3.9
Anderson County	↓	89,404	86,738	2,666	3.0	89,761	86,937	2,824	3.1	89,555	86,317	3,238	3.6
Oconee County	↓	34,423	33,397	1,026	3.0	34,282	33,195	1,087	3.2	34,508	33,162	1,346	3.9
Pickens County	↓	56,468	54,758	1,710	3.0	56,704	54,893	1,811	3.2	56,702	54,503	2,199	3.9
Beaufort County	↓	73,910	71,749	2,161	2.9	74,442	72,141	2,301	3.1	73,005	70,226	2,779	3.8
Newberry County	↓	18,396	17,870	526	2.9	18,231	17,674	557	3.1	18,434	17,679	755	4.1
Saluda County	↓	8,719	8,470	249	2.9	8,634	8,371	263	3.0	8,692	8,355	337	3.9
York County	↓	135,209	131,232	3,977	2.9	135,976	131,857	4,119	3.0	134,291	129,157	5,134	3.8
Berkeley County	↓	99,028	96,295	2,733	2.8	99,303	96,422	2,881	2.9	98,290	94,812	3,478	3.5
Dorchester County	↓	74,690	72,611	2,079	2.8	74,862	72,679	2,183	2.9	74,171	71,490	2,681	3.6
Spartanburg County	↓	145,878	141,783	4,095	2.8	146,861	142,458	4,403	3.0	146,591	141,221	5,370	3.7
Greenville County	↓	247,155	240,474	6,681	2.7	248,255	241,122	7,133	2.9	247,695	239,336	8,359	3.4
Jasper County	↓	12,199	11,873	326	2.7	12,251	11,889	362	3.0	12,044	11,632	412	3.4
Lexington County	↓	146,242	142,425	3,817	2.6	146,981	142,905	4,076	2.8	146,334	141,173	5,161	3.5
Charleston County	↓	206,222	201,029	5,193	2.5	206,599	201,062	5,537	2.7	204,512	197,980	6,532	3.2
Charleston-North Charleston MSA	↓	379,940	369,935	10,005	2.6	380,764	370,163	10,601	2.8	376,973	364,282	12,691	3.4
Columbia MSA	↓	397,877	385,892	11,985	3.0	400,075	387,408	12,667	3.2	398,692	382,522	16,170	4.1
Florence MSA	↓	94,893	91,521	3,372	3.6	94,568	91,000	3,568	3.8	94,413	90,147	4,266	4.5
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin MSA	↓	423,074	411,059	12,015	2.8	424,866	412,065	12,801	3.0	424,112	409,092	15,020	3.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED South Carolina	–	2,311,983	2,235,289	76,694	3.3	2,307,307	2,231,087	76,220	3.3	2,319,133	2,221,189	97,944	4.2

Current month's estimates are preliminary.

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

↑ Unemployment Rate Up
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– Unemployment Rate =