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### **DEW Executive Director Cheryl Stanton's Statement September 2016 Employment Situation**

“As South Carolina’s businesses continue to grow and prosper, they are providing opportunities for our state’s citizens. I am excited to see that a record number of people are working now than at any time in our state’s history, and our unemployment rate has fallen to a level we have not experienced in the last 15 years,” said Cheryl Stanton, executive director for the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce. “While there are more than 58,000 unfilled jobs across the state, we are continuing our work to develop a pipeline of skilled workers to address the state’s workforce needs of our current and future employers.”

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#### ***About DEW***

*The S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) is putting South Carolinians to work. The agency invests in building a pipeline of quality workers, matches workers with jobs, and is a bridge for individuals who find themselves out of work for no fault of their own. This promotes financial stability and economic prosperity for employers, individuals and communities. [DEW](#) is dedicated to advancing South Carolina through services that meet the needs of the state’s businesses, jobseekers and those looking to advance their careers.*