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South Carolina's Employment Situation **February 2013**

February unemployment rate down

The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate in South Carolina decreased to 8.6 percent in February from January's rate of 8.7 percent. Nationally, the unemployment rate fell from 7.9 percent in January to 7.7 percent in February.

The number of employed persons in our state increased to 1,991,575, the highest level since August 2008, and unemployed persons fell to 187,673 in February. Since February 2012, employment has increased 26,510.

Employment by Industry

The non-farm job count (not seasonally adjusted) in the state increased 17,900 from January to February to total 1,857,600.

- Large gains in February were reported in these sectors: Government (+8,000); Leisure and Hospitality (+4,100); Education and Health Services (+3,800); and, Professional and Business Services (+2,300). Smaller increases were seen in Construction (+900); Financial Services (+700); Information (+500); and, Manufacturing (+300). The increases in Government, Education and Health Services were driven by schools (public and private) ramping up hiring for the spring term and by more demand for health care and social services. Hotels and restaurants helped bump up Leisure and Hospitality, and increased use of employment services (i.e. temporary agencies) helped improve employment in Professional Business Services.
- The only losses were in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-2,300) and Other Services (-400).

Since February 2012, non-farm jobs in the state were up 30,100. Industries driving these gains in the past 12 months included Leisure and Hospitality (+10,800); Government (+6,100); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+5,200); and, Financial Activities (+3,300). Increases in Construction (+2,500) and Manufacturing (+2,100) also helped push the growth. Professional and Business Services reported a large drop (-2,900) over the year.

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Statewide
February 2013

Jobs by Industry	February 2013	January 2013	February 2012	January 2013 to February 2013		February 2012 to February 2013	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,857,600	1,839,700	1,827,500	17,900	0.97%	30,100	1.65%
Natural Resources and Mining	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	0.00%	-100	-2.56%
Construction	78,700	77,800	76,200	900	1.16%	2,500	3.28%
Manufacturing	220,600	220,300	218,500	300	0.14%	2,100	0.96%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	351,600	353,900	346,400	-2,300	-0.65%	5,200	1.50%
Information	26,500	26,000	25,800	500	1.92%	700	2.71%
Financial Activities	100,100	99,400	96,800	700	0.70%	3,300	3.41%
Professional and Business Services	227,400	225,100	230,300	2,300	1.02%	-2,900	-1.26%
Education and Health Services	213,100	209,300	211,200	3,800	1.82%	1,900	0.90%
Leisure and Hospitality	212,200	208,100	201,400	4,100	1.97%	10,800	5.36%
Other Services	68,400	68,800	67,900	-400	-0.58%	500	0.74%
Government	355,200	347,200	349,100	8,000	2.30%	6,100	1.75%

Note: Not Seasonally Adjusted

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

South Carolina & Metropolitan (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
February 2013

INDUSTRY TITLE	February 2013	January 2013	February 2012	January 2013 to February 2013		February 2012 to February 2013	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	1,857,600	1,839,700	1,827,500	17,900	0.97%	30,100	1.65%
Anderson MSA	60,900	60,400	60,900	500	0.83%	0	0.00%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	302,800	300,800	299,400	2,000	0.66%	3,400	1.14%
Columbia MSA	354,400	351,900	351,000	2,500	0.71%	3,400	0.97%
Florence MSA	83,400	83,000	82,700	400	0.48%	700	0.85%
Greenville MSA	306,600	304,500	303,700	2,100	0.69%	2,900	0.95%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	109,700	107,900	105,400	1,800	1.67%	4,300	4.08%
Spartanburg MSA	124,600	123,100	120,900	1,500	1.22%	3,700	3.06%
Sumter MSA	37,200	37,000	36,900	200	0.54%	300	0.81%

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		February 2013				January 2013				February 2012			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)
Marion County	↓	11,519	9,462	2,057	17.9	11,629	9,386	2,243	19.3	11,884	9,515	2,369	19.9
Allendale County	↓	3,239	2,713	526	16.2	3,254	2,694	560	17.2	3,249	2,643	606	18.7
Marlboro County	↓	11,505	9,657	1,848	16.1	11,540	9,610	1,930	16.7	11,711	9,595	2,116	18.1
Bamberg County	↓	5,845	4,994	851	14.6	5,843	4,947	896	15.3	5,895	4,971	924	15.7
Barnwell County	↓	8,397	7,190	1,207	14.4	8,420	7,128	1,292	15.3	8,392	7,060	1,332	15.9
Dillon County	↓	12,920	11,119	1,801	13.9	12,948	11,022	1,926	14.9	12,919	10,924	1,995	15.4
Union County	↓	11,530	9,925	1,605	13.9	11,458	9,824	1,634	14.3	11,506	9,775	1,731	15.0
Chester County	↓	14,855	12,841	2,014	13.6	14,964	12,773	2,191	14.6	14,787	12,620	2,167	14.7
Clarendon County	↓	12,209	10,589	1,620	13.3	12,223	10,527	1,696	13.9	12,207	10,395	1,812	14.8
Orangeburg County	↓	40,086	34,893	5,193	13.0	40,144	34,532	5,612	14.0	40,705	35,121	5,584	13.7
McCormick County	↓	3,367	2,940	427	12.7	3,361	2,912	449	13.4	3,367	2,890	477	14.2
Williamsburg County	↓	14,891	13,003	1,888	12.7	14,888	12,899	1,989	13.4	14,765	12,568	2,197	14.9
Chesterfield County	↓	18,930	16,612	2,318	12.2	18,978	16,499	2,479	13.1	18,810	16,329	2,481	13.2
Hampton County	↓	7,711	6,791	920	11.9	7,696	6,729	967	12.6	7,578	6,557	1,021	13.5
York County	↓	115,231	101,556	13,675	11.9	116,362	101,802	14,560	12.5	112,904	99,522	13,382	11.9
Cherokee County	↓	25,322	22,388	2,934	11.6	25,278	22,149	3,129	12.4	25,440	22,224	3,216	12.6
Lancaster County	↓	32,485	28,723	3,762	11.6	32,552	28,527	4,025	12.4	32,059	28,056	4,003	12.5
Fairfield County	↓	10,528	9,317	1,211	11.5	10,540	9,267	1,273	12.1	10,781	9,263	1,518	14.1
Horry County	↓	124,405	110,486	13,919	11.2	124,444	109,043	15,401	12.4	121,414	105,666	15,748	13.0
Colleton County	↓	16,973	15,089	1,884	11.1	16,917	14,960	1,957	11.6	16,554	14,453	2,101	12.7
Lee County	↓	8,025	7,134	891	11.1	8,023	7,101	922	11.5	8,050	7,000	1,050	13.0
Abbeville County	↓	10,843	9,733	1,110	10.2	10,831	9,638	1,193	11.0	11,044	9,899	1,145	10.4
Calhoun County	↑	6,693	6,007	686	10.2	6,646	5,975	671	10.1	6,693	5,972	721	10.8
Greenwood County	↓	30,823	27,665	3,158	10.2	30,670	27,353	3,317	10.8	30,678	27,317	3,361	11.0
Darlington County	↓	30,344	27,291	3,053	10.1	30,509	27,200	3,309	10.8	30,451	26,984	3,467	11.4
Georgetown County	↓	29,412	26,535	2,877	9.8	29,383	26,277	3,106	10.6	27,616	24,357	3,259	11.8
Sumter County	↓	44,378	40,042	4,336	9.8	44,545	40,004	4,541	10.2	44,849	39,956	4,893	10.9
Florence County	↓	63,113	57,053	6,060	9.6	62,995	56,863	6,132	9.7	63,028	56,411	6,617	10.5
Edgefield County	↓	11,189	10,180	1,009	9.0	11,279	10,171	1,108	9.8	11,271	10,154	1,117	9.9
Oconee County	↓	31,646	28,795	2,851	9.0	31,536	28,533	3,003	9.5	31,184	28,204	2,980	9.6
Aiken County	↓	76,940	70,303	6,637	8.6	77,560	70,244	7,316	9.4	76,984	70,125	6,859	8.9
Spartanburg County	↓	136,933	125,492	11,441	8.4	136,622	124,517	12,105	8.9	135,862	122,894	12,968	9.5
Laurens County	↓	30,068	27,586	2,482	8.3	30,086	27,444	2,642	8.8	30,407	27,404	3,003	9.9
Newberry County	↓	18,306	16,848	1,458	8.0	18,300	16,743	1,557	8.5	18,287	16,572	1,715	9.4
Anderson County	↓	84,102	77,445	6,657	7.9	84,253	77,114	7,139	8.5	85,844	77,530	8,314	9.7
Jasper County	↓	10,580	9,740	840	7.9	10,546	9,639	907	8.6	9,845	8,920	925	9.4
Kershaw County	↓	29,508	27,219	2,289	7.8	29,531	27,074	2,457	8.3	29,620	27,062	2,558	8.6
Richland County	↓	181,724	167,722	14,002	7.7	182,105	166,824	15,281	8.4	182,321	166,751	15,570	8.5
Saluda County	-	8,971	8,298	673	7.5	8,928	8,254	674	7.5	9,004	8,250	754	8.4
Beaufort County	↓	65,071	60,382	4,689	7.2	64,693	59,760	4,933	7.6	60,587	55,296	5,291	8.7
Berkeley County	↓	85,068	78,911	6,157	7.2	85,080	78,559	6,521	7.7	85,789	78,384	7,405	8.6
Pickens County	↓	57,008	52,998	4,010	7.0	57,107	52,724	4,383	7.7	57,841	52,649	5,192	9.0
Dorchester County	↓	69,178	64,510	4,668	6.7	69,165	64,223	4,942	7.1	69,516	64,080	5,436	7.8
Charleston County	↓	176,469	164,741	11,728	6.6	176,541	164,006	12,535	7.1	177,349	163,641	13,708	7.7
Greenville County	↓	226,253	211,237	15,016	6.6	225,914	210,146	15,768	7.0	226,638	209,846	16,792	7.4
Lexington County	↓	134,197	125,561	8,636	6.4	133,830	124,889	8,941	6.7	134,970	124,834	10,136	7.5
Charleston MSA	↓	330,715	308,162	22,553	6.8	330,786	306,788	23,998	7.3	332,654	306,105	26,549	8.0
Columbia MSA	↓	371,622	344,125	27,497	7.4	371,578	342,282	29,296	7.9	373,389	342,131	31,258	8.4
Florence MSA	↓	93,457	84,344	9,113	9.8	93,504	84,063	9,441	10.1	93,478	83,395	10,083	10.8
Greenville MSA	↓	313,329	291,821	21,508	6.9	313,106	290,313	22,793	7.3	314,886	289,899	24,987	7.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,179,248	1,991,575	187,673	8.6	2,176,721	1,987,724	188,997	8.7	2,167,789	1,965,065	202,724	9.4

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 =