



## SC Department of Employment and Workforce

### NEWS RELEASE

**Media Contact:**

Mary-Kathryn Craft

(803) 737-2013

[mkcraft@dew.sc.gov](mailto:mkcraft@dew.sc.gov)

**For Immediate Release**

**October 19, 2012**

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

In September, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 9.1 percent from the August estimate of 9.6 percent. Over the month, the number of unemployed people dropped by 10,738 to 194,253. The September 2012 unemployment rate estimate was 1.1 percentage points lower than the year-ago rate of 10.2 percent. The estimated number of employed people increased by 13,329 to 1,940,026 in September, and the labor force climbed by an estimated 2,591 people to 2,134,279.

Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased from 8.1 percent in August to 7.8 percent in September. Employment increased 873,000 people. Of those newly employed, an estimated 582,000 went to work in part-time jobs for economic reasons.

South Carolina's non-seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment was estimated at 1,862,600, an increase of 6,400 over the month. Since September 2011, the number of jobs in the state was up 30,000 (about 1.6 percent). Nationally, the number of jobs was up approximately 1.4 percent from a year ago.

#### **Employment by Industry**

- September was the ninth out of the past 12 months in which the state experienced job growth. During the month, the industry gaining the most jobs was Government (15,500 jobs, 4.7 percent), mostly in the sub-sector of government education services.
- Other industries gaining jobs were Educational and Health Services (3,300 jobs, 1.5 percent) and Manufacturing (400 jobs, 0.2 percent). These gains were due to hiring completion for the fall school term, an increase in health care and social assistance demand and an increase in durable goods manufacturing.
- Industries losing jobs during the month included Leisure and Hospitality (-5,800, -2.6 percent); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-2,500 jobs, -0.7 percent); Professional and Business Services (-2,100 jobs, -0.9 percent); Construction (-1,900 jobs, -2.48 percent); Financial Activities (-200, -0.2 percent); and Information (-200, -0.7 percent). These industry job losses were due to the end of the summer tourism season, a decline for administrative and support services and a weakening in demand for specialty trade contractors.

###

## NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Statewide  
September 2012

Jobs by Industry	September 2012	August 2012	September 2011	August 2012 to September 2012		September 2011 to September 2012	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	1,862,600	1,856,200	1,832,600	6,400	0.34%	30,000	1.64%
Natural Resources and Mining	3,600	3,600	3,900	0	0.00%	-300	-7.69%
Construction	74,600	76,500	75,300	-1,900	-2.48%	-700	-0.93%
Manufacturing	223,900	223,500	218,400	400	0.18%	5,500	2.52%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	353,800	356,300	348,600	-2,500	-0.70%	5,200	1.49%
Information	27,000	27,200	25,600	-200	-0.74%	1,400	5.47%
Financial Activities	96,900	97,100	95,300	-200	-0.21%	1600	1.68%
Professional and Business Services	231,700	233,800	229,300	-2,100	-0.90%	2,400	1.05%
Education and Health Services	223,700	220,400	217,100	3,300	1.50%	6,600	3.04%
Leisure and Hospitality	215,000	220,800	210,400	-5,800	-2.63%	4,600	2.19%
Other Services	68,900	69,000	69,300	-100	-0.14%	-400	-0.58%
Government	343,500	328,000	339,400	15,500	4.73%	4,100	1.21%

**Note: Not Seasonally Adjusted**

## NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

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

INDUSTRY TITLE	September 2012	August 2012	September 2011	August 2012 to September 2012		September 2011 to September 2012	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Statewide</b>	1,862,600	1,856,200	1,832,600	6,400	0.34%	30,000	1.64%
Anderson MSA	57,700	57,700	58,000	0	0.00%	-300	-0.52%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	300,800	301,900	293,600	-1,100	-0.36%	7,200	2.45%
Columbia MSA	350,900	352,300	345,700	-1,400	-0.40%	5,200	1.50%
Florence MSA	84,900	84,400	81,400	500	0.59%	3,500	4.30%
Greenville MSA	302,100	301,200	306,300	900	0.30%	-4,200	-1.37%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	116,000	119,300	115,700	-3,300	-2.77%	300	0.26%
Spartanburg MSA	122,400	121,400	116,300	1,000	0.82%	6,100	5.25%
Sumter MSA	36,700	36,700	36,200	0	0.00%	500	1.38%

**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.

**LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS BY COUNTY, MSA, AND STATE  
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

AREA	September 2012				August 2012				September 2011				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)	
Marion County	↓	11,819	9,945	1,874	15.9	11,870	9,816	2,054	17.3	12,168	9,808	2,360	19.4
Allendale County	↓	3,289	2,781	508	15.4	3,277	2,731	546	16.7	3,384	2,760	624	18.4
Marlboro County	↓	11,404	9,726	1,678	14.7	11,453	9,501	1,952	17.0	11,771	9,655	2,116	18.0
Bamberg County	↓	6,192	5,360	832	13.4	6,259	5,244	1,015	16.2	6,276	5,272	1,004	16.0
Barnwell County	↓	8,364	7,260	1,104	13.2	8,321	7,105	1,216	14.6	8,542	7,178	1,364	16.0
Union County	↓	11,401	9,918	1,483	13.0	11,345	9,694	1,651	14.6	11,560	9,657	1,903	16.5
Chester County	↓	14,457	12,592	1,865	12.9	14,426	12,360	2,066	14.3	14,738	12,415	2,323	15.8
Clarendon County	↓	12,295	10,748	1,547	12.6	12,279	10,577	1,702	13.9	12,548	10,601	1,947	15.5
Dillon County	↓	13,144	11,493	1,651	12.6	13,078	11,271	1,807	13.8	13,420	11,314	2,106	15.7
Orangeburg County	↓	41,160	36,024	5,136	12.5	41,888	35,282	6,606	15.8	41,630	35,364	6,266	15.1
McCormick County	↓	3,313	2,931	382	11.5	3,320	2,866	454	13.7	3,365	2,891	474	14.1
Hampton County	↓	7,713	6,848	865	11.2	7,671	6,701	970	12.6	7,842	6,745	1,097	14.0
Lancaster County	↓	30,616	27,259	3,357	11.0	30,534	26,683	3,851	12.6	31,087	26,786	4,301	13.8
Chesterfield County	↓	18,720	16,671	2,049	10.9	18,718	16,333	2,385	12.7	18,992	16,387	2,605	13.7
Lee County	↓	8,071	7,195	876	10.9	8,120	7,144	976	12.0	8,241	7,136	1,105	13.4
Cherokee County	↓	24,828	22,183	2,645	10.7	24,650	21,606	3,044	12.3	24,794	21,589	3,205	12.9
Williamsburg County	↓	16,034	14,313	1,721	10.7	15,984	14,077	1,907	11.9	16,286	14,092	2,194	13.5
Fairfield County	↓	10,616	9,496	1,120	10.6	10,622	9,451	1,171	11.0	10,621	9,367	1,254	11.8
Colleton County	↓	17,066	15,317	1,749	10.2	16,932	15,006	1,926	11.4	17,316	15,031	2,285	13.2
Darlington County	↓	31,070	27,942	3,128	10.1	31,135	27,574	3,561	11.4	30,606	26,925	3,681	12.0
York County	↓	111,333	100,260	11,073	9.9	111,495	99,087	12,408	11.1	114,828	99,133	15,695	13.7
Sumter County	↓	43,838	39,601	4,237	9.7	44,084	39,407	4,677	10.6	44,267	39,167	5,100	11.5
Greenwood County	↓	30,882	27,940	2,942	9.5	30,375	27,158	3,217	10.6	30,805	27,348	3,457	11.2
Abbeville County	↓	10,652	9,667	985	9.2	10,561	9,446	1,115	10.6	10,803	9,541	1,262	11.7
Calhoun County	↓	6,647	6,035	612	9.2	6,965	6,007	958	13.8	6,839	5,953	886	13.0
Edgefield County	↓	10,984	10,017	967	8.8	10,985	9,935	1,050	9.6	11,255	10,140	1,115	9.9
Horry County	↓	127,182	116,053	11,129	8.8	130,404	118,198	12,206	9.4	129,709	115,791	13,918	10.7
Florence County	↓	63,157	57,675	5,482	8.7	62,896	56,916	5,980	9.5	62,407	55,578	6,829	10.9
Oconee County	↓	31,138	28,452	2,686	8.6	30,858	27,801	3,057	9.9	31,186	28,097	3,089	9.9
Laurens County	↓	30,154	27,635	2,519	8.4	30,152	27,269	2,883	9.6	30,996	27,902	3,094	10.0
Aiken County	-	74,257	68,129	6,128	8.3	73,706	67,574	6,132	8.3	76,133	68,962	7,171	9.4
Spartanburg County	↓	134,674	123,504	11,170	8.3	134,193	121,531	12,662	9.4	132,299	118,620	13,679	10.3
Georgetown County	↓	29,650	27,231	2,419	8.2	29,466	26,781	2,685	9.1	29,897	26,798	3,099	10.4
Anderson County	↓	80,850	74,374	6,476	8.0	80,934	73,512	7,422	9.2	83,067	74,917	8,150	9.8
Kershaw County	↓	29,367	27,041	2,326	7.9	29,501	26,913	2,588	8.8	29,499	26,674	2,825	9.6
Richland County	↓	180,331	166,189	14,142	7.8	181,550	165,403	16,147	8.9	181,038	163,933	17,105	9.4
Jasper County	↓	10,522	9,718	804	7.6	10,329	9,448	881	8.5	10,477	9,485	992	9.5
Newberry County	↓	18,156	16,802	1,354	7.5	18,084	16,472	1,612	8.9	18,409	16,599	1,810	9.8
Berkeley County	↓	84,209	78,052	6,157	7.3	84,509	77,627	6,882	8.1	84,098	76,220	7,878	9.4
Pickens County	↓	57,099	52,929	4,170	7.3	57,047	52,228	4,819	8.4	58,515	53,441	5,074	8.7
Dorchester County	↓	68,463	63,819	4,644	6.8	68,623	63,471	5,152	7.5	67,957	62,321	5,636	8.3
Beaufort County	↓	64,706	60,357	4,349	6.7	63,893	58,678	5,215	8.2	64,440	58,910	5,530	8.6
Saluda County	↓	8,913	8,318	595	6.7	8,965	8,279	686	7.7	8,945	8,205	740	8.3
Charleston County	↓	176,210	164,628	11,582	6.6	177,515	163,732	13,783	7.8	175,372	160,765	14,607	8.3
Greenville County	↓	221,506	206,962	14,544	6.6	220,899	204,220	16,679	7.6	227,424	208,965	18,459	8.1
Lexington County	↓	132,052	123,672	8,380	6.3	132,543	123,088	9,455	7.1	132,508	121,994	10,514	7.9
Charleston MSA	↓	328,881	306,499	22,382	6.8	330,647	304,830	25,817	7.8	327,427	299,306	28,121	8.6
Columbia MSA	↓	367,925	340,751	27,174	7.4	370,146	339,141	31,005	8.4	369,450	336,126	33,324	9.0
Florence MSA	↓	94,227	85,617	8,610	9.1	94,031	84,490	9,541	10.1	93,013	82,503	10,510	11.3
Greenville MSA	↓	308,759	287,526	21,233	6.9	308,097	283,717	24,380	7.9	316,936	290,309	26,627	8.4

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina	↓	2,134,279	1,940,026	194,253	9.1	2,131,688	1,926,697	204,991	9.6	2,159,072	1,938,277	220,795	10.2
----------------	---	-----------	-----------	---------	-----	-----------	-----------	---------	-----	-----------	-----------	---------	------

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 =