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South Carolina's Employment Situation January 2013

Unemployment rate up slightly in January; Nearly 27,000 more people working than a year ago

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in South Carolina increased slightly from the revised rate of 8.6 percent in December 2012 to 8.7 percent in January 2013, mirroring the trend of the U.S. rate. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose slightly from 7.8 percent in December 2012 to 7.9 percent in January 2013.

In South Carolina, the number of employed persons increased to 1,987,765, and unemployed persons numbered 188,496 in January. Since January 2012, employment has increased 26,840.

Employment by Industry

In terms of industry sectors, the nonagricultural job count (not seasonally adjusted) in the state dropped 33,900 from December 2012 to January 2013, landing at 1,839,400. This decline is a typical trend for the December-to-January time period due to seasonal layoffs and school closings between terms.

- Only the Information sector saw a gain (+600) in January.
- Industries reporting losses were: Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-9,600), Government (-8,500), Professional and Business Services (-5,300), Leisure and Hospitality (-4,800), Education and Health Services (-2,600), Construction (-1,300), Financial Activities (-1,200), and Manufacturing (-400).

During 2012, non-farm jobs in the state were up 31,100. These annual gains came from Leisure and Hospitality (+9,800); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+6,900); Government (+6,500); Manufacturing (+3,000); Financial Activities (+2,800); and Construction (+2,600). Education and Health Services saw no change over the year while Professional and Business Services (-2,000) and Mining and Logging (-100) dropped.

NOTE: What does a revised rate mean?

Annually, the Bureau of Labor Statistics re-estimates labor force data to take advantage of the latest available information related to unemployment claims, nonfarm employment, population changes, and other data used in generating the estimates through a process called benchmarking. After re-estimation, December's unemployment rate for 2012 was revised from 8.4 percent to 8.6 percent.

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Statewide
January 2013

Jobs by Industry	January 2013	December 2012	January 2012	December 2012 to January 2013		January 2012 to January 2013	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,839,400	1,873,300	1,808,300	-33,900	-1.81%	31,100	1.72%
Natural Resources and Mining	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	0.00%	-100	-2.56%
Construction	77,600	78,900	75,000	-1,300	-1.65%	2,600	3.47%
Manufacturing	220,600	221,000	217,600	-400	-0.18%	3,000	1.38%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	354,400	364,000	347,500	-9,600	-2.64%	6,900	1.99%
Information	26,000	25,400	25,500	600	2.36%	500	1.96%
Financial Activities	99,200	100,400	96,400	-1,200	-1.20%	2,800	2.90%
Professional and Business Services	225,400	230,700	227,400	-5,300	-2.30%	-2,000	-0.88%
Education and Health Services	209,200	211,800	209,200	-2,600	-1.23%	0	0.00%
Leisure and Hospitality	207,200	212,000	197,400	-4,800	-2.26%	9,800	4.96%
Other Services	68,800	69,600	67,700	-800	-1.15%	1,100	1.62%
Government	347,200	355,700	340,700	-8,500	-2.39%	6,500	1.91%

Note: Not Seasonally Adjusted

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
January 2013

INDUSTRY TITLE	January 2013	December 2012	January 2012	December 2012 to January 2013		January 2012 to January 2013	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	1,839,400	1,873,300	1,808,300	-33,900	-1.81%	31,100	1.72%
Anderson MSA	60,400	62,100	60,100	-1,700	-2.74%	300	0.50%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	300,600	305,400	296,500	-4,800	-1.57%	4,100	1.38%
Columbia MSA	351,300	357,900	347,500	-6,600	-1.84%	3,800	1.09%
Florence MSA	83,000	84,300	82,200	-1,300	-1.54%	800	0.97%
Greenville MSA	304,000	311,500	301,600	-7,500	-2.41%	2,400	0.80%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	107,500	111,500	103,900	-4,000	-3.59%	3,600	3.46%
Spartanburg MSA	123,100	125,900	119,400	-2,800	-2.22%	3,700	3.10%
Sumter MSA	37,000	37,500	36,700	-500	-1.33%	300	0.82%

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		January 2013				December 2012				January 2012			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
				LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)
Marion County	↑	11,645	9,406	2,239	19.2	11,382	9,323	2,059	18.1	11,917	9,551	2,366	19.9
Allendale County	↑	3,265	2,703	562	17.2	3,164	2,656	508	16.1	3,235	2,639	596	18.4
Marlboro County	↓	11,453	9,640	1,813	15.8	11,380	9,511	1,869	16.4	11,621	9,573	2,048	17.6
Bamberg County	↑	5,865	4,965	900	15.3	5,735	4,905	830	14.5	5,861	4,928	933	15.9
Barnwell County	↑	8,445	7,151	1,294	15.3	8,255	7,094	1,161	14.1	8,429	7,044	1,385	16.4
Dillon County	↑	12,930	11,060	1,870	14.5	12,722	10,910	1,812	14.2	12,948	10,977	1,971	15.2
Chester County	↑	14,954	12,806	2,148	14.4	14,674	12,741	1,933	13.2	14,908	12,613	2,295	15.4
Union County	↑	11,498	9,850	1,648	14.3	11,342	9,820	1,522	13.4	11,456	9,690	1,766	15.4
Orangeburg County	↑	40,270	34,642	5,628	14.0	39,416	34,313	5,103	12.9	40,657	34,922	5,735	14.1
Clarendon County	↑	12,264	10,557	1,707	13.9	12,094	10,435	1,659	13.7	12,282	10,389	1,893	15.4
Williamsburg County	↑	14,934	12,935	1,999	13.4	14,687	12,798	1,889	12.9	14,757	12,492	2,265	15.3
McCormick County	↑	3,359	2,921	438	13.0	3,322	2,895	427	12.9	3,363	2,879	484	14.4
Hampton County	↑	7,716	6,753	963	12.5	7,559	6,669	890	11.8	7,547	6,556	991	13.1
Horry County	↑	124,130	108,694	15,436	12.4	124,252	110,553	13,699	11.0	121,232	104,328	16,904	13.9
Chesterfield County	↓	18,851	16,549	2,302	12.2	18,765	16,411	2,354	12.5	18,656	16,160	2,496	13.4
Cherokee County	↑	25,264	22,216	3,048	12.1	24,986	22,151	2,835	11.3	25,369	22,031	3,338	13.2
Fairfield County	↑	10,523	9,252	1,271	12.1	10,410	9,286	1,124	10.8	10,655	9,184	1,471	13.8
Lancaster County	↑	32,486	28,609	3,877	11.9	32,248	28,492	3,756	11.6	31,918	27,794	4,124	12.9
York County	↑	115,376	101,933	13,443	11.7	114,787	102,198	12,589	11.0	113,622	99,008	14,614	12.9
Colleton County	↑	16,985	15,007	1,978	11.6	16,695	14,877	1,818	10.9	16,786	14,606	2,180	13.0
Lee County	↑	8,045	7,111	934	11.6	7,893	7,011	882	11.2	8,137	7,053	1,084	13.3
Abbeville County	↑	10,873	9,669	1,204	11.1	10,788	9,637	1,151	10.7	10,916	9,773	1,143	10.5
Darlington County	↑	30,511	27,210	3,301	10.8	30,166	27,122	3,044	10.1	30,021	26,791	3,230	10.8
Greenwood County	↑	30,791	27,451	3,340	10.8	30,435	27,322	3,113	10.2	30,612	27,277	3,335	10.9
Georgetown County	↑	29,464	26,340	3,124	10.6	29,037	26,215	2,822	9.7	27,537	24,176	3,361	12.2
Sumter County	↑	44,600	40,018	4,582	10.3	44,285	39,872	4,413	10.0	44,613	39,745	4,868	10.9
Calhoun County	↑	6,639	5,965	674	10.2	6,594	5,986	608	9.2	6,680	5,921	759	11.4
Edgefield County	↑	11,273	10,173	1,100	9.8	11,255	10,189	1,066	9.5	11,221	10,116	1,105	9.8
Florence County	↑	63,037	56,884	6,153	9.8	62,548	56,700	5,848	9.3	62,792	56,008	6,784	10.8
Oconee County	↑	31,606	28,603	3,003	9.5	31,329	28,521	2,808	9.0	30,940	28,001	2,939	9.5
Aiken County	↑	77,224	70,259	6,965	9.0	76,758	70,370	6,388	8.3	76,909	69,862	7,047	9.2
Laurens County	↑	30,070	27,406	2,664	8.9	30,372	27,686	2,686	8.8	30,164	27,245	2,919	9.7
Spartanburg County	↑	136,645	124,500	12,145	8.9	136,878	125,522	11,356	8.3	134,427	121,540	12,887	9.6
Anderson County	↑	84,254	77,075	7,179	8.5	84,783	77,965	6,818	8.0	84,477	76,849	7,628	9.0
Richland County	↑	182,024	166,551	15,473	8.5	181,628	167,156	14,472	8.0	180,515	165,331	15,184	8.4
Newberry County	↑	18,327	16,782	1,545	8.4	18,061	16,607	1,454	8.1	18,063	16,360	1,703	9.4
Jasper County	↑	10,556	9,675	881	8.3	10,490	9,625	865	8.2	9,782	8,865	917	9.4
Kershaw County	↑	29,451	27,029	2,422	8.2	29,533	27,127	2,406	8.1	29,363	26,831	2,532	8.6
Beaufort County	↑	64,974	59,978	4,996	7.7	64,390	59,668	4,722	7.3	60,036	54,957	5,079	8.5
Berkeley County	↑	85,164	78,572	6,592	7.7	85,077	78,662	6,415	7.5	85,183	77,769	7,414	8.7
Pickens County	↑	57,045	52,651	4,394	7.7	57,507	53,189	4,318	7.5	57,451	52,343	5,108	8.9
Saluda County	↑	8,908	8,240	668	7.5	8,908	8,270	638	7.2	8,954	8,180	774	8.6
Charleston County	↑	176,671	164,034	12,637	7.2	176,292	164,221	12,071	6.8	175,829	162,358	13,471	7.7
Dorchester County	↑	69,207	64,233	4,974	7.2	69,173	64,307	4,866	7.0	68,679	63,577	5,102	7.4
Greenville County	↑	225,750	209,856	15,894	7.0	227,186	211,999	15,187	6.7	224,942	208,627	16,315	7.3
Lexington County	↑	133,715	124,685	9,030	6.8	133,867	125,137	8,730	6.5	133,279	123,771	9,508	7.1
Charleston MSA	↑	331,043	306,840	24,203	7.3	330,542	307,190	23,352	7.1	329,693	303,704	25,989	7.9
Columbia MSA	↑	371,261	341,722	29,539	8.0	370,941	342,963	27,978	7.5	369,446	339,219	30,227	8.2
Florence MSA	↑	93,548	84,094	9,454	10.1	92,714	83,822	8,892	9.6	92,813	82,799	10,014	10.8
Greenville MSA	↑	312,865	289,913	22,952	7.3	315,064	292,873	22,191	7.0	312,558	288,215	24,343	7.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↑	2,176,261	1,987,765	188,496	8.7	2,170,238	1,984,374	185,864	8.6	2,167,247	1,960,925	206,322	9.5

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 =