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South Carolina's Employment Situation August 2013

In August, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 8.1 percent. The unemployment rate has shown little movement since April, fluctuating between 8.0 and 8.1 percent. Unemployed persons totaled 175,602 in August, an increase of 1,165. The number of employed fell 1,526 over-the-month to 1,986,209. There was a small decline in the labor force (-361) to 2,161,811 people.

Nationally, the unemployment rate dropped to 7.3 percent from July's estimate of 7.4 percent.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted¹)

A small increase of 600 from July to August pushed seasonally adjusted, non-farm payroll employment in South Carolina to a year-high level of 1,890,200. This over-the-month change was the lowest employment increase since June 2013.

- There were gains in Professional and Business Services (+1,100); Manufacturing (+900); and as educators began the new school year, Government (+800).
- Additional growth occurred in Other Services (+200) and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+100).
- Financial Activities and Leisure and Hospitality both had declines (-700), along with Education and Health Services (-600) and Construction (-500).

Since August 2012, seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs were up 35,200.

- Industries with notable growth over the year were Leisure and Hospitality (+10,500); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+8,500); Professional and Business Services (+5,400); Construction (+4,200); Financial Activities (+3,300); and Government (+2,500).
- Smaller gains occurred in Manufacturing (+1,300) and Information (+200).
- Modest drops were reported in Education and Health Services (-400) and Other Services (-200).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted²)

From July to August 2013, not-seasonally adjusted, non-farm payroll employment fell 1,500 to 1,892,200. As state and local schools augmented staff for the opening day of the school year, the Government sector grew by 1,700. However, large over-the-month decreases in various industries, especially Leisure and Hospitality (-3,400), offset any gains made during the month.

¹Seasonally 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.

²Not 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
August 2013

Industry	August 2013	July 2013	August 2012	July 2013 to August 2013		August 2012 to August 2013	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,890,200	1,889,600	1,855,000	600	0.0%	35,200	1.9%
Construction	81,100	81,600	76,900	-500	-0.6%	4,200	5.2%
Manufacturing	220,900	220,000	219,600	900	0.4%	1,300	0.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	363,000	362,900	354,500	100	0.0%	8,500	2.3%
Information	25,600	25,600	25,400	0	0.0%	200	0.8%
Financial Activities	101,600	102,300	98,300	-700	-0.7%	3,300	3.2%
Professional and Business Services	239,900	238,800	234,500	1,100	0.5%	5,400	2.3%
Education and Health Services	209,900	210,500	210,300	-600	-0.3%	-400	-0.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	227,100	227,800	216,600	-700	-0.3%	10,500	4.6%
Other Services	68,700	68,500	68,900	200	0.3%	-200	-0.3%
Government	348,700	347,900	346,200	800	0.2%	2,500	0.7%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
August 2013

Industry	August 2013	July 2013	August 2012	July 2013 to August 2013		August 2012 to August 2013	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,892,200	1,893,700	1,859,800	-1,500	-0.1%	32,400	1.7%
Natural Resources and Mining	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	0.0%	-100	-2.6%
Construction	82,600	82,700	78,400	-100	-0.1%	4,200	5.4%
Manufacturing	221,500	220,600	219,800	900	0.4%	1,700	0.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	364,200	364,400	355,800	-200	-0.1%	8,400	2.4%
Information	25,700	25,700	25,500	0	0.0%	200	0.8%
Financial Activities	102,400	103,100	99,700	-700	-0.7%	2,700	2.7%
Professional and Business Services	241,700	241,000	238,000	700	0.3%	3,700	1.6%
Education and Health Services	208,400	208,600	208,900	-200	-0.1%	-500	-0.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	238,400	241,800	228,400	-3,400	-1.4%	10,000	4.4%
Other Services	68,800	69,000	69,300	-200	-0.3%	-500	-0.7%
Government	334,800	333,100	332,200	1,700	0.5%	2,600	0.8%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas August 2013

AREA	August 2013	July 2013	August 2012	July 2013 to August 2013		August 2012 to August 2013	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	1,890,200	1,889,600	1,855,000	600	0.0%	35,200	1.9%
Anderson MSA	61,300	61,600	61,300	-300	-0.5%	0	0.0%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	311,400	310,400	306,900	1,000	0.3%	4,500	1.4%
Columbia MSA	359,900	361,000	354,200	-1,100	-0.3%	5,700	1.6%
Florence MSA	82,700	84,000	83,300	-1,300	-1.6%	-600	-0.7%
Greenville MSA	312,200	312,400	306,900	-200	-0.1%	5,300	1.7%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	120,400	121,200	116,000	-800	-0.7%	4,400	3.7%
Spartanburg MSA	123,300	126,100	123,000	-2,800	-2.3%	300	0.2%
Sumter MSA	37,400	37,500	37,100	-100	-0.3%	300	0.8%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas August 2013

AREA	August 2013	July 2013	August 2012	July 2013 to August 2013		August 2012 to August 2013	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	1,892,200	1,893,700	1,859,800	-1,500	-0.1%	32,400	1.7%
Anderson MSA	60,900	61,100	60,700	-200	-0.3%	200	0.3%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	312,200	312,100	307,500	100	0.0%	4,700	1.5%
Columbia MSA	358,900	359,100	352,300	-200	-0.1%	6,600	1.9%
Florence MSA	83,100	82,400	82,700	700	0.9%	400	0.5%
Greenville MSA	310,300	308,700	305,900	1,600	0.5%	4,400	1.4%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	126,100	129,000	125,100	-2,900	-2.3%	1,000	0.8%
Spartanburg MSA	123,300	122,400	122,200	900	0.7%	1,100	0.9%
Sumter MSA	37,400	37,200	37,200	200	0.5%	200	0.5%

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		August 2013				July 2013				August 2012			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)
Marion County	—	11,392	9,671	1,721	15.1	11,545	9,796	1,749	15.1	11,535	9,474	2,061	17.9
Allendale County	↑	3,200	2,728	472	14.8	3,230	2,764	466	14.4	3,196	2,656	540	16.9
Bamberg County	↓	5,797	4,996	801	13.8	5,898	5,052	846	14.3	5,891	4,869	1,022	17.3
Marlboro County	—	11,199	9,672	1,527	13.6	11,239	9,709	1,530	13.6	11,422	9,462	1,960	17.2
Barnwell County	—	8,323	7,220	1,103	13.3	8,404	7,284	1,120	13.3	8,254	7,039	1,215	14.7
Orangeburg County	↓	39,993	34,959	5,034	12.6	40,755	35,329	5,426	13.3	40,692	34,081	6,611	16.2
Dillon County	↑	12,654	11,095	1,559	12.3	12,766	11,205	1,561	12.2	12,657	10,845	1,812	14.3
Union County	↓	11,295	9,909	1,386	12.3	11,398	9,973	1,425	12.5	11,345	9,698	1,647	14.5
Clarendon County	↑	12,112	10,634	1,478	12.2	12,222	10,749	1,473	12.1	12,121	10,421	1,700	14.0
McCormick County	↑	3,330	2,941	389	11.7	3,338	2,968	370	11.1	3,320	2,867	453	13.6
Chester County	↓	14,657	12,964	1,693	11.6	14,661	12,923	1,738	11.9	14,684	12,613	2,071	14.1
Williamsburg County	—	14,881	13,189	1,692	11.4	15,060	13,350	1,710	11.4	14,802	12,897	1,905	12.9
Hampton County	—	7,649	6,814	835	10.9	7,740	6,897	843	10.9	7,602	6,639	963	12.7
Chesterfield County	↓	18,699	16,714	1,985	10.6	18,816	16,794	2,022	10.7	18,680	16,294	2,386	12.8
Cherokee County	↑	24,950	22,367	2,583	10.4	25,035	22,483	2,552	10.2	24,909	21,854	3,055	12.3
Lee County	↓	7,962	7,137	825	10.4	8,053	7,206	847	10.5	7,991	7,013	978	12.2
Lancaster County	↓	32,205	28,962	3,243	10.1	32,237	28,959	3,278	10.2	32,079	28,190	3,889	12.1
Colleton County	↓	16,935	15,235	1,700	10.0	17,142	15,410	1,732	10.1	16,783	14,860	1,923	11.5
Abbeville County	↑	10,840	9,765	1,075	9.9	10,901	9,858	1,043	9.6	10,650	9,540	1,110	10.4
Darlington County	—	30,057	27,099	2,958	9.8	30,043	27,103	2,940	9.8	30,535	26,964	3,571	11.7
Fairfield County	↑	10,410	9,413	997	9.6	10,430	9,488	942	9.0	10,417	9,247	1,170	11.2
Florence County	↑	62,625	56,651	5,974	9.5	62,518	56,659	5,859	9.4	62,394	56,371	6,023	9.7
Greenwood County	↑	30,652	27,755	2,897	9.5	30,822	28,012	2,810	9.1	30,259	27,021	3,238	10.7
Sumter County	↓	44,338	40,196	4,142	9.3	44,659	40,423	4,236	9.5	44,638	39,948	4,690	10.5
Calhoun County	↓	6,665	6,069	596	8.9	6,821	6,117	704	10.3	6,924	5,962	962	13.9
Laurens County	↑	30,560	27,843	2,717	8.9	30,462	27,880	2,582	8.5	30,340	27,449	2,891	9.5
Oconee County	—	31,731	28,926	2,805	8.8	31,978	29,174	2,804	8.8	31,298	28,267	3,031	9.7
Spartanburg County	↓	135,715	124,549	11,166	8.2	135,923	124,621	11,302	8.3	136,188	123,444	12,744	9.4
York County	↓	112,953	103,648	9,305	8.2	111,176	101,747	9,429	8.5	113,445	100,896	12,549	11.1
Georgetown County	↑	29,742	27,325	2,417	8.1	30,096	27,739	2,357	7.8	29,426	26,728	2,698	9.2
Richland County	↑	184,465	169,450	15,015	8.1	185,436	170,808	14,628	7.9	182,751	166,462	16,289	8.9
Horry County	↑	136,085	125,244	10,841	8.0	139,452	128,892	10,560	7.6	136,651	124,363	12,288	9.0
Anderson County	↑	84,260	77,698	6,562	7.8	84,622	78,214	6,408	7.6	84,586	77,100	7,486	8.9
Edgefield County	↓	11,150	10,283	867	7.8	11,271	10,318	953	8.5	11,161	10,114	1,047	9.4
Beaufort County	↑	65,705	60,646	5,059	7.7	66,109	61,297	4,812	7.3	64,477	59,168	5,309	8.2
Newberry County	↑	18,288	16,886	1,402	7.7	18,401	16,997	1,404	7.6	18,120	16,499	1,621	8.9
Kershaw County	↑	29,772	27,500	2,272	7.6	29,938	27,720	2,218	7.4	29,625	27,015	2,610	8.8
Aiken County	↓	76,779	71,014	5,765	7.5	77,430	71,254	6,176	8.0	75,992	69,848	6,144	8.1
Berkeley County	↑	87,765	81,266	6,499	7.4	87,964	81,785	6,179	7.0	87,075	80,054	7,021	8.1
Jasper County	↑	10,564	9,783	781	7.4	10,657	9,887	770	7.2	10,436	9,544	892	8.5
Pickens County	↓	57,739	53,490	4,249	7.4	57,936	53,562	4,374	7.5	57,594	52,735	4,859	8.4
Dorchester County	↑	71,462	66,435	5,027	7.0	71,766	66,860	4,906	6.8	70,709	65,444	5,265	7.4
Greenville County	↑	228,667	213,200	15,467	6.8	228,461	213,485	14,976	6.6	227,128	210,190	16,938	7.5
Charleston County	↑	181,733	169,657	12,076	6.6	182,488	170,741	11,747	6.4	181,012	167,126	13,886	7.7
Saluda County	↑	8,973	8,384	589	6.6	9,037	8,451	586	6.5	8,911	8,236	675	7.6
Lexington County	↑	135,721	126,854	8,867	6.5	136,350	127,871	8,479	6.2	134,185	124,617	9,568	7.1
Charleston MSA	↑	340,960	317,358	23,602	6.9	342,217	319,385	22,832	6.7	338,797	312,624	26,173	7.7
Columbia MSA	↑	376,006	347,669	28,337	7.5	378,013	350,456	27,557	7.3	372,813	341,538	31,275	8.4
Florence MSA	↑	92,682	83,750	8,932	9.6	92,561	83,762	8,799	9.5	92,929	83,335	9,594	10.3
Greenville MSA	↑	316,965	294,533	22,432	7.1	316,859	294,927	21,932	6.9	315,063	290,375	24,688	7.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	—	2,161,811	1,986,209	175,602	8.1	2,162,172	1,987,735	174,437	8.1	2,164,470	1,968,280	196,190	9.1

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 =