



South Carolina's Employment Situation - July 2010

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S.C. Unemployment Rate Increases to 10.8%

The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce, in partnership with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, reported today that South Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 10.8% in July. This is an increase of 0.1 of a percentage point from 10.7% recorded in June, and 1.2 percentage points below the July 2009 rate. Over the month, the number of employed persons decreased 6,918 (-0.4%), and the number of unemployed increased by 56 (0.02%). This resulted in a decrease in the labor force (employed + unemployed) of 6,862 to 2,143,387. This is the first unemployment rate increase this calendar year and the fifth consecutive month the labor force has decreased.

Nationally, June's unemployment rate remained the same at 9.5%. The national civilian labor force also declined in July (-181,000), with decreases in both employment (-159,000) and unemployment (-24,000).

The monthly establishment survey in South Carolina showed a decrease of 32,300 nonagricultural jobs in July. The Government sector (-39,200) accounted for most of the decrease as state and local schools released additional staff for the summer, reflecting a normal seasonal pattern. Reduction in temporary census workers also affected the Government sector (-2,000). The private sector partially offset the Government losses with a gain of 6,900 jobs in July. Manufacturing added 1,900 jobs. Other private sector gains were recorded in Professional and Business Services (+5,200), Leisure and Hospitality (+1,500), and Wholesale Trade (+300). Losses in the private sector occurred in Education and Health Services (-1,200), and Retail Trade (-1,300), and Construction (-300). The overall job count was 18,200 above the year-ago level.

“Several sectors of the economy such as Retail Trade and Construction are moving in a lateral motion. This continues to affect consumer sentiment which directly affects demand for products and services. As the state's economy strives to rebound, we remain committed to assisting job seekers in finding employment,” said John L. Finan, Executive Director of the Department of Employment and Workforce.”

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WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
July -2010

Industry	July 2010	June 2010	July 2009	Net Change From Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Nonag. Employment	1,811,200	1,843,500	1,793,000	-32,300	18,200
Natural Resources and Mining	4,400	4,400	4,100	0	300
Construction	80,600	80,900	86,200	-300	-5,600
Manufacturing	211,000	209,100	210,400	1,900	600
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	345,500	346,600	349,800	-1,100	-4,300
Information	28,100	27,900	27,700	200	400
Financial Activities	103,500	103,500	102,400	0	1,100
Professional and Business Services	217,800	212,600	198,600	5,200	19,200
Educational and Health Services	207,100	208,300	204,100	-1,200	3,000
Leisure and Hospitality	221,100	219,600	224,700	1,500	-3,600
Government	320,100	359,300	314,100	-39,200	6,000

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES RANKED BY COUNTY

Rank		Unemployment Rate		
		July 2010	June 2010	Change
1	Marion	19.9	19.3	0.6
2	Marlboro	19.7	19.7	0.0
3	Allendale	19.3	19.0	0.3
4	Union	18.2	17.5	0.7
5	Chester	17.9	17.7	0.2
6	Barnwell	16.9	16.5	0.4
7	Bamberg	16.4	15.6	0.8
8	Lancaster	16.1	16.4	-0.3
9	Orangeburg	15.9	14.8	1.1
10	York	15.7	15.8	-0.1
11	Dillon	15.5	15.3	0.2
12	Chesterfield	15.4	15.6	-0.2
13	McCormick	15.0	14.6	0.4
14	Cherokee	14.8	14.5	0.3
	Clarendon	14.8	14.5	0.3
16	Lee	14.4	13.6	0.8
	Williamsburg	14.4	13.9	0.5
18	Hampton	14.3	13.6	0.7
19	Darlington	13.4	12.8	0.6
20	Abbeville	13.3	13.2	0.1
21	Colleton	13.2	12.7	0.5
	Fairfield	13.2	13.0	0.2
23	Sumter	13.1	12.6	0.5
24	Laurens	12.4	11.4	1.0
25	Greenwood	12.2	12.0	0.2
26	Oconee	12.1	11.5	0.6
27	Spartanburg	11.8	11.5	0.3
28	Anderson	11.5	11.3	0.2
	Calhoun	11.5	11.0	0.5
	Florence	11.5	11.0	0.5
31	Georgetown	11.4	11.2	0.2
32	Newberry	11.1	10.9	0.2
33	Kershaw	10.5	10.2	0.3
34	Pickens	10.3	10.0	0.3
35	Jasper	10.2	10.2	0.0
36	Horry	10.1	10.3	-0.2
37	Berkeley	10.0	10.0	0.0
38	Richland	9.9	9.9	0.0
39	Edgefield	9.6	9.3	0.3
40	Greenville	9.5	9.6	-0.1
41	Charleston	9.2	9.1	0.1
	Saluda	9.2	9.3	-0.1
43	Dorchester	8.8	9.0	-0.2
44	Beaufort	8.7	8.1	0.6
45	Aiken	8.3	8.2	0.1
46	Lexington	8.2	7.9	0.3

LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT BY LABOR MARKET AREA

July-10

AREA:	LABOR FORCE			UNEMPLOYMENT			% OF LABOR FORCE		
	July 2010	June 2010	July 2009	July 2010	June 2010	July 2009	July 2010	June 2010	July 2009
ABBEVILLE	10,914	11,067	11,281	1,451	1,456	1,776	13.3	13.2	15.7
AIKEN	77,185	76,669	78,488	6,431	6,325	7,986	8.3	8.2	10.2
ALLENDALE	3,353	3,373	3,444	647	641	756	19.3	19.0	22.0
ANDERSON MSA	82,741	83,328	86,776	9,498	9,457	11,217	11.5	11.3	12.9
BAMBERG	6,490	6,510	6,538	1,067	1,017	1,161	16.4	15.6	17.8
BARNWELL	9,242	9,300	9,387	1,562	1,533	1,741	16.9	16.5	18.5
BEAUFORT	65,473	66,148	65,733	5,718	5,350	5,931	8.7	8.1	9.0
BERKELEY	83,749	82,876	84,136	8,376	8,320	9,409	10.0	10.0	11.2
CALHOUN	6,857	6,807	7,080	787	748	909	11.5	11.0	12.8
CHARLESTON	182,701	180,641	181,877	16,757	16,497	17,355	9.2	9.1	9.5
CHEROKEE	25,020	25,446	25,828	3,696	3,696	4,397	14.8	14.5	17.0
CHESTER	15,122	15,343	15,811	2,703	2,716	3,341	17.9	17.7	21.1
CHESTERFIELD	18,768	19,127	19,391	2,894	2,981	3,512	15.4	15.6	18.1
CLARENDON	12,801	12,938	13,050	1,900	1,877	2,057	14.8	14.5	15.8
COLLETON	17,567	17,646	17,643	2,315	2,233	2,458	13.2	12.7	13.9
DARLINGTON	31,293	31,906	31,692	4,191	4,094	4,514	13.4	12.8	14.2
DILLON	14,153	14,309	14,238	2,200	2,189	2,343	15.5	15.3	16.5
DORCHESTER	66,106	65,489	66,726	5,844	5,880	6,980	8.8	9.0	10.5
EDGEFIELD	11,325	11,217	11,435	1,091	1,042	1,237	9.6	9.3	10.8
FAIRFIELD	11,196	11,149	11,511	1,475	1,446	1,627	13.2	13.0	14.1
FLORENCE	62,807	64,139	63,506	7,198	7,073	7,741	11.5	11.0	12.2
GEORGETOWN	31,465	31,743	31,567	3,591	3,560	3,766	11.4	11.2	11.9
GREENVILLE	219,890	220,693	227,104	20,810	21,174	23,911	9.5	9.6	10.5
GREENWOOD	30,930	31,434	31,302	3,774	3,776	4,176	12.2	12.0	13.3
HAMPTON	7,969	8,009	8,087	1,136	1,087	1,285	14.3	13.6	15.9
HORRY/MYR BCH MSA	141,114	140,297	140,633	14,277	14,429	14,689	10.1	10.3	10.4
JASPER	10,417	10,597	10,520	1,064	1,081	1,160	10.2	10.2	11.0
KERSHAW	30,198	30,016	30,849	3,180	3,049	3,381	10.5	10.2	11.0
LANCASTER	29,894	30,497	30,914	4,808	4,994	5,713	16.1	16.4	18.5
LAURENS	32,714	32,415	33,697	4,043	3,681	4,434	12.4	11.4	13.2
LEE	8,502	8,484	8,626	1,223	1,150	1,322	14.4	13.6	15.3
LEXINGTON	133,517	132,896	136,240	10,929	10,537	11,609	8.2	7.9	8.5
MARION	13,309	13,375	13,451	2,653	2,580	2,842	19.9	19.3	21.1
MARLBORO	12,077	12,223	12,415	2,381	2,410	2,597	19.7	19.7	20.9
McCORMICK	3,389	3,411	3,400	510	497	547	15.0	14.6	16.1
NEWBERRY	18,254	18,358	18,519	2,033	1,994	2,293	11.1	10.9	12.4
OCONEE	31,068	31,246	32,193	3,764	3,585	4,757	12.1	11.5	14.8
ORANGEBURG	41,978	41,921	42,144	6,677	6,201	7,097	15.9	14.8	16.8
PICKENS	57,321	57,277	59,254	5,900	5,743	6,771	10.3	10.0	11.4
RICHLAND	182,739	182,471	185,945	18,087	18,126	18,548	9.9	9.9	10.0
SALUDA	8,980	8,975	9,189	822	832	895	9.2	9.3	9.7
SPARTANBURG MSA	132,710	134,863	138,051	15,682	15,495	18,172	11.8	11.5	13.2
SUMTER MSA	43,300	43,650	45,300	5,673	5,490	6,057	13.1	12.6	13.4
UNION	11,874	11,989	12,352	2,158	2,100	2,590	18.2	17.5	21.0
WILLIAMSBURG	16,106	16,222	16,255	2,321	2,262	2,536	14.4	13.9	15.6
YORK	111,528	113,741	112,674	17,487	17,920	16,610	15.7	15.8	14.7
Multi County MSAs									
CHAS MSA	332,557	329,006	332,740	30,977	30,697	33,744	9.3	9.3	10.1
COLA MSA	373,488	372,313	380,812	35,281	34,737	36,967	9.4	9.3	9.7
FLORENCE MSA	94,100	96,045	95,198	11,389	11,167	12,255	12.1	11.6	12.9
GRNV MSA	309,924	310,385	320,055	30,753	30,598	35,116	9.9	9.9	11.0
South Carolina*	2,143.4	2,150.2	2,181.0	230.8	230.8	261.6	10.8	10.7	12.0

* Seasonally Adjusted