



South Carolina's Employment Situation - June 2010

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S.C. Unemployment Rate Drops to 10.7%

South Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 10.7% in June, a drop of 0.4 of a percentage point from a revised 11.1% recorded in May, and 1.2 percentage points below the June 2009 rate. Over the month, the number of employed persons dropped 1,009 (-0.1%), and the number of unemployed decreased 8,609 (-3.6%). This resulted in a decrease in the labor force (employed + unemployed) of 9,618 to 2,149,605. This marks the fifth straight month of decline in the unemployment rate, and the fourth straight month in which the civilian labor force has declined.

Nationally, June's unemployment rate decreased 0.2 of a percentage point to 9.5%. The national civilian labor force also declined in June (-652,000), with losses in both employment (-301,000) and unemployment (-350,000).

The monthly establishment survey in South Carolina showed a loss of 3,000 nonagricultural jobs in June. The Government sector (-10,300) accounted for most of the loss as state and local schools released staff for the summer recess. The private sector partially offset the Government losses with a modest gain of 7,300 jobs in June. Leisure and Hospitality added 6,200 jobs reflecting increases in tourist activity. Other private sector gains were recorded in Retail Trade (+1,800), Construction (+900), and Manufacturing (+500). Losses in the private sector occurred in Education and Health Services (-2,000) and Professional and Business Services (-1,200). The overall job count was 14,100 above the year-ago level, but still almost 100,000 below pre-recession levels.

"The four-month decline in the labor force continues to be a major concern," said John L. Finan, Executive Director of the Department of Employment and Workforce. "The drop in our state's jobless rate has been largely driven by the unemployed dropping out of the labor force. We still have a long way to go in increasing consumer confidence which will lead to increased demand and more job growth."

S. C. Department of Employment and Workforce John L. Finan, Executive Director

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

June -2010

Industry	June	May	June	Net Change From	
	2010	2010	2009	Month	Year
				Ago	Ago
Total Nonag. Employment	1,844,300	1,847,300	1,830,200	-3,000	14,100
Natural Resources and Mining	4,400	4,300	4,100	100	300
Construction	80,100	79,200	89,000	900	-8,900
Manufacturing	208,700	208,200	212,700	500	-4,000
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	348,000	346,300	350,800	1,700	-2,800
Information	27,900	27,800	27,500	100	400
Financial Activities	103,100	102,800	102,500	300	600
Professional and Business Services	213,200	214,400	198,100	-1,200	15,100
Educational and Health Services	207,900	209,900	206,600	-2,000	1,300
Leisure and Hospitality	220,200	214,000	220,900	6,200	-700
Government	359,400	369,700	347,800	-10,300	11,600

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES RANKED BY COUNTY

Rank		Unemployment Rate		
		June 2010	May 2010	Change
1	Marion	19.3	18.6	0.7
2	Allendale	19.0	18.3	0.7
3	Marlboro	18.2	19.2	-1.0
4	Union	17.7	17.1	0.6
5	Chester	17.5	17.4	0.1
6	Barnwell	16.6	15.9	0.7
7	Bamberg	15.7	14.7	1.0
8	Lancaster	15.6	16.0	-0.4
9	Dillon	15.0	14.9	0.1
10	Orangeburg	14.9	13.6	1.3
11	Chesterfield	14.7	15.2	-0.5
12	Clarendon	14.6	14.0	0.6
13	York	14.5	15.3	-0.8
14	Cherokee	14.2	13.8	0.4
	McCormick	14.2	14.6	-0.4
16	Williamsburg	14.1	13.2	0.9
17	Hampton	13.6	13.0	0.6
	Lee	13.6	12.9	0.7
19	Abbeville	13.2	12.6	0.6
20	Colleton	12.8	12.2	0.6
	Darlington	12.8	11.7	1.1
	Fairfield	12.8	12.5	0.3
23	Sumter	12.6	12.0	0.6
24	Greenwood	12.1	11.3	0.8
25	Spartanburg	11.6	10.9	0.7
26	Anderson	11.5	10.9	0.6
	Laurens	11.5	10.8	0.7
	Oconee	11.5	11.1	0.4
29	Georgetown	11.3	11.1	0.2
30	Calhoun	11.1	10.3	0.8
	Florence	11.1	10.7	0.4
32	Newberry	10.8	10.2	0.6
33	Horry	10.3	10.6	-0.3
	Kershaw	10.3	9.6	0.7
35	Berkeley	10.2	9.3	0.9
36	Pickens	10.1	9.3	0.8
37	Jasper	10.0	9.1	0.9
	Richland	10.0	9.3	0.7
39	Greenville	9.7	9.2	0.5
40	Charleston	9.2	8.6	0.6
	Edgefield	9.2	8.5	0.7
	Saluda	9.2	9.0	0.2
43	Dorchester	9.1	8.5	0.6
44	Beaufort	8.1	7.6	0.5
45	Lexington	8.0	7.5	0.5
46	Aiken	7.9	7.7	0.2

LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT BY LABOR MARKET AREA

AREA:	June-10								
	LABOR FORCE			UNEMPLOYMENT			% OF LABOR FORCE		
	June 2010	May 2010	June 2009	June 2010	May 2010	June 2009	June 2010	May 2010	June 2009
ABBEVILLE	11,085	11,049	11,547	1,458	1,387	1,821	13.2	12.6	15.8
AIKEN	76,267	76,152	78,407	6,055	5,835	8,258	7.9	7.7	10.5
ALLENDALE	3,383	3,355	3,617	644	613	789	19.0	18.3	21.8
ANDERSON MSA	83,296	83,195	87,149	9,539	9,108	11,446	11.5	10.9	13.1
BAMBERG	6,531	6,464	6,700	1,024	950	1,140	15.7	14.7	17.0
BARNWELL	9,330	9,277	9,595	1,551	1,474	1,769	16.6	15.9	18.4
BEAUFORT	66,337	66,196	66,749	5,395	5,059	5,898	8.1	7.6	8.8
BERKELEY	82,899	81,491	83,208	8,416	7,591	9,329	10.2	9.3	11.2
CALHOUN	6,812	6,774	6,993	753	696	900	11.1	10.3	12.9
CHARLESTON	180,572	177,940	179,961	16,587	15,239	17,306	9.2	8.6	9.6
CHEROKEE	25,368	25,328	26,474	3,594	3,493	4,637	14.2	13.8	17.5
CHESTER	15,320	15,341	16,183	2,678	2,662	3,462	17.5	17.4	21.4
CHESTERFIELD	18,961	19,112	20,018	2,791	2,908	3,640	14.7	15.2	18.2
CLARENDON	12,979	12,896	13,509	1,893	1,804	2,106	14.6	14.0	15.6
COLLETON	17,697	17,603	18,109	2,259	2,151	2,510	12.8	12.2	13.9
DARLINGTON	31,881	31,318	32,504	4,096	3,670	4,682	12.8	11.7	14.4
DILLON	14,292	14,272	14,688	2,148	2,122	2,328	15.0	14.9	15.8
DORCHESTER	65,541	64,556	66,211	5,990	5,471	7,143	9.1	8.5	10.8
EDGEFIELD	11,188	11,117	11,423	1,032	946	1,277	9.2	8.5	11.2
FAIRFIELD	11,131	11,123	11,451	1,427	1,389	1,693	12.8	12.5	14.8
FLORENCE	64,149	63,495	64,986	7,138	6,766	7,901	11.1	10.7	12.2
GEORGETOWN	31,837	31,495	32,069	3,598	3,482	3,682	11.3	11.1	11.5
GREENVILLE	220,853	219,777	226,003	21,351	20,284	24,522	9.7	9.2	10.9
GREENWOOD	31,531	31,367	31,941	3,808	3,542	4,266	12.1	11.3	13.4
HAMPTON	8,035	7,989	8,376	1,096	1,037	1,310	13.6	13.0	15.6
HORRY/MYR BCH MSA	140,470	133,757	139,324	14,478	14,243	15,386	10.3	10.6	11.0
JASPER	10,594	10,522	10,673	1,056	953	1,149	10.0	9.1	10.8
KERSHAW	30,054	29,912	30,693	3,084	2,859	3,574	10.3	9.6	11.6
LANCASTER	30,238	30,489	31,511	4,704	4,878	5,899	15.6	16.0	18.7
LAURENS	32,474	32,198	33,196	3,742	3,468	4,179	11.5	10.8	12.6
LEE	8,506	8,427	8,965	1,161	1,090	1,379	13.6	12.9	15.4
LEXINGTON	132,981	132,725	134,935	10,611	9,976	11,885	8.0	7.5	8.8
MARION	13,391	13,197	13,807	2,579	2,454	2,852	19.3	18.6	20.7
MARLBORO	12,020	12,191	12,736	2,189	2,336	2,508	18.2	19.2	19.7
McCORMICK	3,401	3,425	3,548	483	500	617	14.2	14.6	17.4
NEWBERRY	18,386	18,323	19,253	1,994	1,877	2,425	10.8	10.2	12.6
OCONEE	31,301	31,255	32,565	3,595	3,480	4,645	11.5	11.1	14.3
ORANGEBURG	42,051	41,518	43,078	6,257	5,667	7,075	14.9	13.6	16.4
PICKENS	57,345	56,830	58,748	5,815	5,303	6,707	10.1	9.3	11.4
RICHLAND	182,697	181,717	184,018	18,337	16,849	18,746	10.0	9.3	10.2
SALUDA	8,967	8,972	9,153	824	803	964	9.2	9.0	10.5
SPARTANBURG MSA	134,572	133,593	138,619	15,610	14,575	18,307	11.6	10.9	13.2
SUMTER MSA	43,780	43,365	46,141	5,528	5,199	6,291	12.6	12.0	13.6
UNION	12,020	11,951	12,626	2,127	2,038	2,655	17.7	17.1	21.0
WILLIAMSBURG	16,268	16,052	16,759	2,286	2,114	2,548	14.1	13.2	15.2
YORK	111,945	113,349	113,306	16,196	17,344	17,032	14.5	15.3	15.0
Multi County MSAs									
CHAS MSA	329,013	323,988	329,380	30,993	28,302	33,778	9.4	8.7	10.3
COLA MSA	372,642	371,223	377,243	35,036	32,572	37,762	9.4	8.8	10.0
FLORENCE MSA	96,030	94,813	97,490	11,234	10,436	12,583	11.7	11.0	12.9
GRNV MSA	310,672	308,805	317,947	30,908	29,054	35,408	9.9	9.4	11.1
South Carolina*	2,149.6	2,159.2	2,183.6	230.2	238.8	259.4	10.7	11.1	11.9

* Seasonally Adjusted