



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF Employment and Workforce 2021 TIMELINE

JANUARY

- Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) Program Payments Began
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) Program was Extended
- Be Pro, Be Proud SC Mobile Workshop Starts Visits Across SC
- State Unemployment Rate Decreased to 5.3%, National Unemployment Rate was 6.4%

- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) Extension Program Payments Began
- DEW Claimant Mobile App was Launched
- DEW Exceeded \$5 Billion in Benefits Provided Since the Start of the Pandemic
- Number of South Carolinians Working Increased to 2,235,303

FEBRUARY

- DEW Website Redesign was Revealed
- Number of South Carolinians Working Increased to 2,253,252

- Federal Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) Program Launched
- State Unemployment Rate Decreased Slightly to 5.2%, National Unemployment Rate was 6.2%

MARCH

- DEW Partnered with ID.me for Fraud Prevention
- State Unemployment Rate Decreased Slightly to 5.1%, National Unemployment Rate was 6.0%

- Number of South Carolinians Working Increased to 2,267,442

APRIL

- Work Search Requirement was Reinstated
- Number of South Carolinians Working was 2,263,256
- State Unemployment Rate Decreased Slightly to 5.0%, National Unemployment Rate was 6.0%

- The State Workforce Development Board (SWDB) Awarded More than \$1 Million Dollars to SC Employers for Training

MAY

- The Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund Balance Reached \$1.2 billion for the First Time
- State Unemployment Rate Decreased Significantly to 4.6%, National Unemployment Rate was 5.8%

- Number of South Carolinians Working Increased Significantly to 2,277,505

JUNE

- Initial claims Began to Fall Consistently Below Their 2019 Levels
- DEW Partnered with the SC State Technical College System to Endorse Training Opportunities for UI claimants through Gov. McMaster's Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Funds
- State Unemployment Rate Decreased to 4.5%, National Unemployment Rate was 5.9%

- DEW Launched the Online Tax Lien Registry for UI Debt
- Federal Benefits Came to an End
- Number of South Carolinians Working Increased Significantly to 2,289,292



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JULY
AUGUST
SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER
NOVEMBER
DECEMBER

Employment in the Leisure and Hospitality Industry Increased 3.2% Month Over Month

State Unemployment Rate Decreased to 4.3%, National Unemployment Rate was 5.4%

DEW Approved for Second Round of Department of Defense Funding for the South Carolina Cyber Assistance Program (SCCAP)

State Unemployment Rate Decreased to 4.2%, National Unemployment Rate was 5.2%

Number of South Carolinians Working Increased to 2,309,134

DEW and Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette Partnered Together for Youth PSA

Workforce Reemployment Assistance Program (WRAP) Began

State Unemployment Rate Decreased Significantly to 3.9%, National Unemployment Rate was 4.6%

2022 Tax Rates Announced to be the Same or Lower than 2021

776 Initial Claims Were Filed for the Week of November 21-27, Making it the Lowest Weekly Initial Claims Ever Filed in Record History

Number of South Carolinians Working Increased to 2,320,717

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State Unemployment Rate Decreased to 4.1%, National Unemployment Rate was 4.7%

DEW and CompTIA Partnered Together to Provide SC Businesses the Free Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) Scholarship Opportunity

Number of South Carolinians Working Increased to 2,313,290

DEW's MyBenefits Portal Facelift was Revealed

Number of South Carolinians Working Increased to 2,317,709

State Unemployment Rate Decreased Significantly to 3.7%, National Unemployment Rate was 4.2%

December 2021 Unemployment Numbers Decreased Significantly to 3.5%, National Unemployment Rate is 3.9%