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## **South Carolina's Employment Situation March 2022**

### **I. Household Survey<sup>1</sup> (Local Area Unemployment Statistics)**

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working increased to 2,303,592.

- That is a significant increase of 7,859 people over the February estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 49,944 people over the March 2021 estimate.

Unemployment: The estimate of unemployed people decreased to 80,772.

- That is a decrease of 1,842 people from February's estimate and a significant decrease of 20,586 over the March 2021 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.4 percent from February's estimate of 3.5 percent.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased to 3.6 percent in March from 3.8 percent in February, according to the Current Population Survey.

Labor force: The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,384,364 from February's level of 2,378,347.

- That is an increase of 6,017 people over the February estimate.
- That is an increase of 29,358 individuals over the March 2021 estimate.

### **II. Employer Survey<sup>2</sup> (Current Employment Statistics)**

#### **Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted<sup>3</sup>)**

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated decrease of 7,400 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,191,000.

- Industries that reported gains were the Information (+200); Construction (+100); and Financial Activities (+100).
- Decreases were observed in Professional and Business Services (-5,200); Leisure and Hospitality (-1,500); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-400); Government (-400); Other Services (-200); and Education and Health Services (-100) industries.
- Manufacturing showed no change.

From March 2021 to March 2022, South Carolina's economy has picked up 57,400 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with strong growth were reported in the Leisure and Hospitality (+17,800); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+16,900); Manufacturing (+6,600); Professional and Business Services (+5,400); Financial Activities (+5,200); Other Services (+3,700); Information (+1,500); and Construction (+600).
- Education and Health Services industry marked no change.
- Government (-500) industry declined over the year.

### **Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted<sup>4</sup>)**

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 1,700 from February 2022 to March 2022 for a total of 2,185,100.

- Increases were reported in the Leisure and Hospitality (+5,400); Government (+1,500); Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+400); Construction (+300); Manufacturing (+300); and Educational and Health Services (+200) industries.
- Mining and Logging, as well as Information industries remained flat.
- Decreases were reported in Professional and Business Services (-5,800); Other Services (-500); and Financial Activities (-100) industries.

Since March 2021, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 64,500 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+18,900); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+18,600); Manufacturing (+6,900); Professional and Business Services (+6,600); Financial Activities (+5,800); Other Services (+3,200); Government (+2,600); Information (+1,500); Construction (+1,100); and Mining and Logging (+200).
- Educational and Health Services industry (-900) showed a decline over the year.

<sup>1</sup>**Household Survey:** Nationally, there is a monthly Current Population Survey of about 60,000 households conducted by the Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to determine employment status of the civilian population. This information, along with other inputs, are used by DEW to operate the Local Area Unemployment Statistics program, which estimates the number of individuals employed and those not employed, but actively seeking employment for statewide and a variety of substate geographies.

<sup>2</sup>**Employer Survey:** BLS conducts a monthly Current Employment Statistics survey of about 44,000 employers which yields national estimates of nonagricultural wage and salary employment, hours, and earnings by industry. These data are processed by DEW to generate comparable data for the state and its metropolitan statistical areas.

<sup>3</sup>**Seasonally Adjusted:** Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a 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.

<sup>4</sup>**Not Seasonally Adjusted:** Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from these data.

**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

Statewide

March 2022

Jobs by Industry	March 2022	February 2022	March 2021	February 2022 to March 2022		March 2021 to March 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>2,191,000</b>	<b>2,198,400</b>	<b>2,133,600</b>	<b>-7,400</b>	<b>-0.34%</b>	<b>57,400</b>	<b>2.69%</b>
Construction	105,100	105,000	104,500	100	0.10%	600	0.57%
Manufacturing	255,000	255,000	248,400	0	0.00%	6,600	2.66%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	429,400	429,800	412,500	-400	-0.09%	16,900	4.10%
Information	28,100	27,900	26,600	200	0.72%	1,500	5.64%
Financial Activities	113,600	113,500	108,400	100	0.09%	5,200	4.80%
Professional and Business Services	298,600	303,800	293,200	-5,200	-1.71%	5,400	1.84%
Education and Health Services	254,700	254,800	254,700	-100	-0.04%	0	0.00%
Leisure and Hospitality	257,100	258,600	239,300	-1,500	-0.58%	17,800	7.44%
Other Services	79,900	80,100	76,200	-200	-0.25%	3,700	4.86%
Government	365,000	365,400	365,500	-400	-0.11%	-500	-0.14%

**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

Statewide

March 2022

Jobs by Industry	March 2022	February 2022	March 2021	February 2022 to March 2022		March 2021 to March 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>2,185,100</b>	<b>2,183,400</b>	<b>2,120,600</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>0.08%</b>	<b>64,500</b>	<b>3.04%</b>
Mining and Logging	4,500	4,500	4,300	0	0.00%	200	4.65%
Construction	104,700	104,400	103,600	300	0.29%	1,100	1.06%
Manufacturing	255,100	254,800	248,200	300	0.12%	6,900	2.78%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	427,300	426,900	408,700	400	0.09%	18,600	4.55%
Information	28,000	28,000	26,500	0	0.00%	1,500	5.66%
Financial Activities	113,300	113,400	107,500	-100	-0.09%	5,800	5.40%
Professional and Business Services	297,500	303,300	290,900	-5,800	-1.91%	6,600	2.27%
Education and Health Services	254,700	254,500	255,600	200	0.08%	-900	-0.35%
Leisure and Hospitality	250,700	245,300	231,800	5,400	2.20%	18,900	8.15%
Other Services	79,200	79,700	76,000	-500	-0.63%	3,200	4.21%
Government	370,100	368,600	367,500	1,500	0.41%	2,600	0.71%

**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted**

**March 2022**

Area	March 2022	February 2022	March 2021	February 2022 to March 2022		March 2021 to March 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,191,000</b>	<b>2,198,400</b>	<b>2,133,600</b>	<b>-7,400</b>	<b>-0.34%</b>	<b>57,400</b>	<b>2.69%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	381,700	381,800	366,000	-100	-0.03%	15,700	4.29%
Columbia MSA	393,900	398,300	395,500	-4,400	-1.10%	-1,600	-0.40%
Florence MSA	89,700	90,300	89,300	-600	-0.66%	400	0.45%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	437,200	437,200	423,500	0	0.00%	13,700	3.23%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	83,900	84,200	81,500	-300	-0.36%	2,400	2.94%
Myrtle Beach MSA	178,900	179,200	170,700	-300	-0.17%	8,200	4.80%
Spartanburg MSA	166,000	166,200	163,200	-200	-0.12%	2,800	1.72%
Sumter MSA	38,200	38,200	38,500	0	0.00%	-300	-0.78%

**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.

**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**March 2022**

Area	March 2022	February 2022	March 2021	February 2022 to March 2022		March 2021 to March 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,185,100</b>	<b>2,183,400</b>	<b>2,120,600</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>0.08%</b>	<b>64,500</b>	<b>3.04%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	380,200	378,500	362,900	1,700	0.45%	17,300	4.77%
Columbia MSA	394,500	397,900	394,800	-3,400	-0.85%	-300	-0.08%
Florence MSA	89,400	89,600	89,100	-200	-0.22%	300	0.34%
Greenville MSA	436,600	436,400	422,300	200	0.05%	14,300	3.39%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	82,700	82,300	80,600	400	0.49%	2,100	2.61%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	175,800	172,600	166,900	3,200	1.85%	8,900	5.33%
Spartanburg MSA	166,000	165,800	163,200	200	0.12%	2,800	1.72%
Sumter MSA	38,100	38,100	38,600	0	0.00%	-500	-1.30%

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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY COUNTY, MSA, AND STATE  
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

AREA		March 2022				February 2022				March 2021			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)	
Marlboro County	↓	8,803	8,143	660	7.5	8,709	7,934	775	8.9	8,933	8,222	711	8.0
Allendale County	↓	2,423	2,261	162	6.7	2,380	2,196	184	7.7	2,515	2,289	226	9.0
Bamberg County	↓	4,689	4,406	283	6.0	4,692	4,352	340	7.2	4,663	4,284	379	8.1
Marion County	↓	12,866	12,112	754	5.9	12,724	11,864	860	6.8	13,081	12,188	893	6.8
Orangeburg County	↓	34,112	32,109	2,003	5.9	34,064	31,731	2,333	6.8	33,641	31,210	2,431	7.2
Barnwell County	↓	7,505	7,082	423	5.6	7,455	6,956	499	6.7	7,653	7,121	532	7.0
Fairfield County	↓	9,249	8,740	509	5.5	9,287	8,712	575	6.2	9,280	8,697	583	6.3
Union County	↓	11,585	10,970	615	5.3	11,575	10,864	711	6.1	11,532	10,716	816	7.1
Williamsburg County	↓	10,913	10,350	563	5.2	10,829	10,171	658	6.1	11,268	10,528	740	6.6
Dillon County	↓	13,202	12,538	664	5.0	13,104	12,316	788	6.0	13,241	12,435	806	6.1
Chester County	↓	13,580	12,915	665	4.9	13,460	12,683	777	5.8	13,221	12,375	846	6.4
Lee County	↓	6,568	6,249	319	4.9	6,514	6,151	363	5.6	6,627	6,228	399	6.0
Horry County	↓	150,604	144,169	6,435	4.3	148,600	140,420	8,180	5.5	145,071	136,699	8,372	5.8
Cherokee County	↓	24,919	23,900	1,019	4.1	24,873	23,649	1,224	4.9	25,110	23,719	1,391	5.5
Clarendon County	↓	12,151	11,654	497	4.1	12,025	11,412	613	5.1	12,566	11,908	658	5.2
Georgetown County	↓	26,060	25,004	1,056	4.1	25,598	24,298	1,300	5.1	25,481	24,104	1,377	5.4
McCormick County	↓	3,304	3,172	132	4.0	3,285	3,132	153	4.7	3,296	3,109	187	5.7
Chesterfield County	↓	21,761	20,934	827	3.8	21,560	20,563	997	4.6	21,413	20,381	1,032	4.8
Lancaster County	↓	44,117	42,432	1,685	3.8	43,745	41,698	2,047	4.7	42,656	40,654	2,002	4.7
Sumter County	↓	42,447	40,828	1,619	3.8	42,442	40,471	1,971	4.6	43,156	41,013	2,143	5.0
Abbeville County	↓	9,608	9,249	359	3.7	9,604	9,160	444	4.6	9,755	9,260	495	5.1
Colleton County	↓	16,200	15,621	579	3.6	16,060	15,344	716	4.5	16,032	15,246	786	4.9
Darlington County	↓	29,709	28,625	1,084	3.6	29,637	28,299	1,338	4.5	29,872	28,406	1,466	4.9
Greenwood County	↓	30,280	29,175	1,105	3.6	30,208	28,845	1,363	4.5	30,782	29,228	1,554	5.0
Calhoun County	↓	6,375	6,152	223	3.5	6,410	6,121	289	4.5	6,436	6,119	317	4.9
Laurens County	↓	30,439	29,385	1,054	3.5	30,382	29,088	1,294	4.3	29,727	28,322	1,405	4.7
Florence County	↓	65,737	63,541	2,196	3.3	65,703	62,993	2,710	4.1	65,899	63,009	2,890	4.4
Richland County	↓	196,001	189,480	6,521	3.3	197,519	189,551	7,968	4.0	197,466	188,556	8,910	4.5
York County	↓	149,732	144,819	4,913	3.3	148,373	142,481	5,892	4.0	144,477	138,710	5,767	4.0
Kershaw County	↓	29,184	28,245	939	3.2	29,315	28,160	1,155	3.9	29,279	28,103	1,176	4.0
Oconee County	↓	34,339	33,287	1,052	3.1	34,119	32,739	1,380	4.0	34,115	32,794	1,321	3.9
Spartanburg County	↓	158,525	153,633	4,892	3.1	158,232	152,153	6,079	3.8	156,816	150,074	6,742	4.3
Aiken County	↓	75,087	72,819	2,268	3.0	74,512	71,714	2,798	3.8	74,282	71,499	2,783	3.7
Beaufort County	↓	76,982	74,645	2,337	3.0	76,640	73,612	3,028	4.0	75,245	72,374	2,871	3.8
Anderson County	↓	92,363	89,689	2,674	2.9	92,301	88,886	3,415	3.7	90,150	86,422	3,728	4.1
Berkeley County	↓	109,852	106,620	3,232	2.9	109,470	105,422	4,048	3.7	105,792	101,541	4,251	4.0
Charleston County	↓	215,821	209,643	6,178	2.9	214,861	207,198	7,663	3.6	208,156	199,700	8,456	4.1
Dorchester County	↓	79,701	77,424	2,277	2.9	79,390	76,534	2,856	3.6	76,816	73,743	3,073	4.0
Edgefield County	↓	10,504	10,197	307	2.9	10,395	9,998	397	3.8	10,400	10,014	386	3.7
Hampton County	↓	8,045	7,815	230	2.9	7,928	7,653	275	3.5	8,039	7,710	329	4.1
Jasper County	↓	13,221	12,832	389	2.9	13,123	12,636	487	3.7	12,936	12,434	502	3.9
Pickens County	↓	58,438	56,750	1,688	2.9	58,431	56,262	2,169	3.7	56,852	54,676	2,176	3.8
Greenville County	↓	262,737	255,429	7,308	2.8	262,398	253,236	9,162	3.5	255,677	246,109	9,568	3.7
Saluda County	↓	8,397	8,164	233	2.8	8,318	8,024	294	3.5	8,427	8,127	300	3.6
Lexington County	↓	150,197	146,203	3,994	2.7	150,965	145,967	4,998	3.3	150,392	145,444	4,948	3.3
Newberry County	↓	19,358	18,841	517	2.7	19,195	18,531	664	3.5	19,209	18,530	679	3.5
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↓	405,374	393,687	11,687	2.9	403,721	389,154	14,567	3.6	390,764	374,984	15,780	4.0
Columbia MSA	↓	399,403	386,984	12,419	3.1	401,814	386,535	15,279	3.8	401,280	385,046	16,234	4.0
Florence MSA	↓	95,446	92,166	3,280	3.4	95,340	91,292	4,048	4.2	95,771	91,415	4,356	4.5
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↓	443,977	431,253	12,724	2.9	443,512	427,472	16,040	3.6	432,406	415,529	16,877	3.9
Hilton Head Island- Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	↓	90,203	87,477	2,726	3.0	89,763	86,248	3,515	3.9	88,181	84,808	3,373	3.8
Myrtle Beach-Conway- North Myrtle Beach, SC- NC MSA	↓	205,694	196,605	9,089	4.4	202,735	191,806	10,929	5.4	197,713	185,785	11,928	6.0
Spartanburg MSA	↓	170,110	164,603	5,507	3.2	169,807	163,017	6,790	4.0	168,348	160,790	7,558	4.5
Sumter MSA	↓	42,447	40,828	1,619	3.8	42,442	40,471	1,971	4.6	43,156	41,013	2,143	5.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,384,364	2,303,592	80,772	3.4	2,378,347	2,295,733	82,614	3.5	2,355,006	2,253,648	101,358	4.3

Current month's estimates are preliminary. All data are subject to revision.

↑ Unemployment Rate Up  
↓ Unemployment Rate Down  
- Unemployment Rate =