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**DEW Executive Director Cheryl Stanton's Statement
August 2016 Employment Statement**

“South Carolina’s economy continued its robust growth in August as the state’s unemployment rate fell to the lowest level since May 2001. When businesses decide to expand or locate here, they are showing confidence that a pool of skilled workers is available,” said Cheryl Stanton, executive director of the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce. “In the last year, more than 54,000 people have found work and are again providing for themselves. However, we still have work to do in finding jobs for the 117,000 unemployed.”

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About SCDEW

The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce is putting South Carolinians to work. The agency invests in building a pipeline of quality workers, matches workers with jobs, and is a bridge for individuals who find themselves out of work for no fault of their own. This promotes financial stability and economic prosperity for employers, individuals and communities. [SCDEW](#) is dedicated to advancing South Carolina through services that meet the needs of the state’s businesses, jobseekers and those looking to advance their careers.