

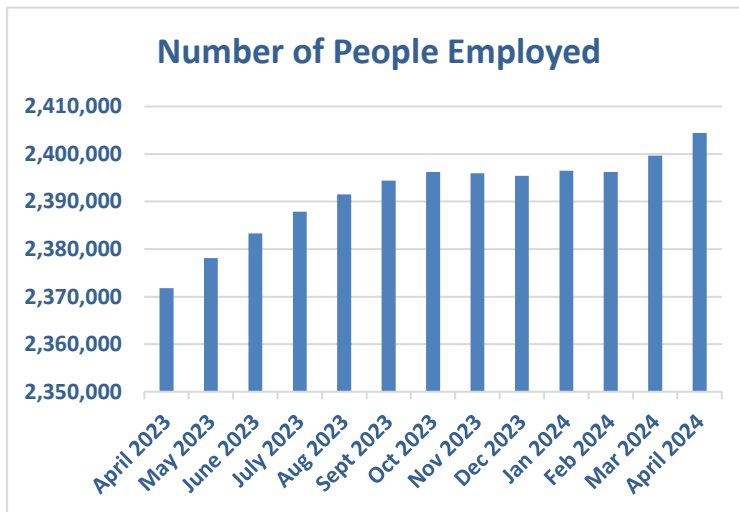


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## South Carolina's Employment Situation: April 2024

### HOUSEHOLD SURVEY: LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

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.



#### EMPLOYMENT:

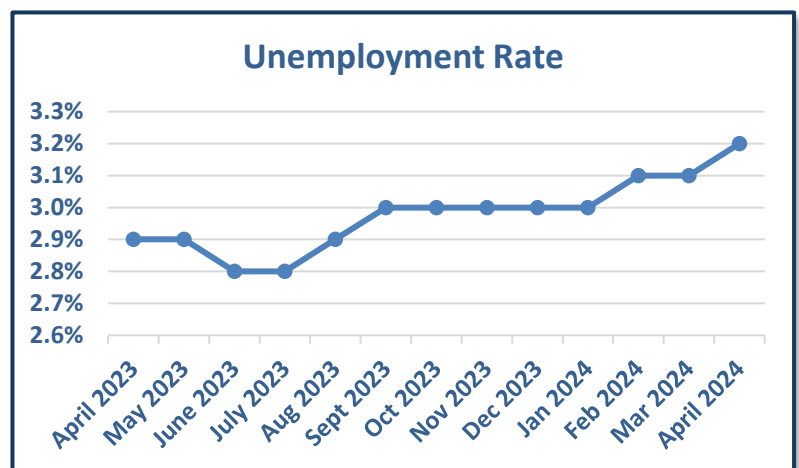
- The seasonally adjusted number of South Carolina workers increased to 2,404,450.
- That is an increase of 4,810 people over the March 2024 estimate.
- That is an increase of 32,683 people over the April 2023 estimate.

#### LABOR FORCE:

- The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,484,243, while the labor force participation rate increased to 57.2 percent.
- That is an increase of 6,655 people over the March 2024 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 41,553 individuals over the April 2023 estimate.

#### UNEMPLOYED:

- The estimate of unemployed people increased to 79,793.
- That is an increase of 1,845 people from March's estimate and an increase of 8,870 from the April 2023 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 3.2 percent. The national unemployment rate decreased to 3.9 percent, according to the Current Population Survey.



**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.



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

AREA	April 2024					March 2024				April 2023			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			LEVEL	RATE (%)				LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)
Allendale County	↓	2,423	2,285	138	5.7	2,513	2,352	161	6.4	2,306	2,221	85	3.7
Marlboro County	↓	7,413	6,999	414	5.6	7,530	7,039	491	6.5	7,480	7,016	464	6.2
Bamberg County	↓	4,695	4,436	259	5.5	4,787	4,476	311	6.5	4,503	4,333	170	3.8
Williamsburg County	↓	10,491	10,011	480	4.6	10,634	10,038	596	5.6	10,254	9,888	366	3.6
Barnwell County	↓	7,502	7,161	341	4.5	7,623	7,204	419	5.5	7,647	7,416	231	3.0
Dillon County	↓	13,152	12,568	584	4.4	13,371	12,727	644	4.8	12,930	12,465	465	3.6
Marion County	↓	12,969	12,400	569	4.4	13,064	12,394	670	5.1	12,596	12,149	447	3.5
Orangeburg County	↓	33,491	32,019	1,472	4.4	33,781	32,099	1,682	5.0	33,043	31,967	1,076	3.3
Chester County	↓	13,870	13,310	560	4.0	13,980	13,287	693	5.0	13,617	13,224	393	2.9
Lee County	↓	6,704	6,436	268	4.0	6,777	6,464	313	4.6	6,477	6,279	198	3.1
Cherokee County	↓	22,853	21,969	884	3.9	22,915	21,824	1,091	4.8	24,121	23,043	1,078	4.5
Fairfield County	↓	9,677	9,320	357	3.7	9,738	9,308	430	4.4	9,383	9,110	273	2.9
Clarendon County	↓	12,563	12,123	440	3.5	12,632	12,106	526	4.2	12,110	11,741	369	3.0
Sumter County	↓	41,969	40,482	1,487	3.5	42,243	40,504	1,739	4.1	40,885	39,682	1,203	2.9
Abbeville County	↓	9,618	9,295	323	3.4	9,673	9,297	376	3.9	9,555	9,287	268	2.8
Union County	↓	11,656	11,261	395	3.4	11,708	11,214	494	4.2	11,382	10,994	388	3.4
Calhoun County	↓	6,803	6,579	224	3.3	6,839	6,574	265	3.9	6,580	6,410	170	2.6
Greenwood County	↓	30,176	29,171	1,005	3.3	30,417	29,287	1,130	3.7	29,972	29,169	803	2.7
McCormick County	↓	3,541	3,425	116	3.3	3,543	3,399	144	4.1	3,451	3,362	89	2.6
Lancaster County	↓	45,295	43,858	1,437	3.2	45,455	43,701	1,754	3.9	44,621	43,537	1,084	2.4
Chesterfield County	↓	21,503	20,842	661	3.1	21,679	20,875	804	3.7	21,275	20,803	472	2.2
Darlington County	↓	31,139	30,162	977	3.1	31,299	30,180	1,119	3.6	30,049	29,313	736	2.4
Georgetown County	↓	27,445	26,585	860	3.1	27,210	26,151	1,059	3.9	26,013	25,380	633	2.4
Horry County	↓	165,220	160,030	5,190	3.1	162,805	156,219	6,586	4.0	157,269	153,240	4,029	2.6
Aiken County	↓	75,939	73,695	2,244	3.0	75,191	72,628	2,563	3.4	75,083	73,444	1,639	2.2
Edgefield County	↓	10,711	10,389	322	3.0	10,626	10,274	352	3.3	10,516	10,268	248	2.4
Laurens County	↓	31,445	30,503	942	3.0	31,547	30,469	1,078	3.4	30,900	30,147	753	2.4
Richland County	↓	207,726	201,510	6,216	3.0	207,894	200,764	7,130	3.4	202,623	198,004	4,619	2.3
Colleton County	↓	16,981	16,492	489	2.9	16,909	16,355	554	3.3	16,074	15,683	391	2.4
Florence County	↓	69,199	67,184	2,015	2.9	69,295	66,926	2,369	3.4	66,897	65,380	1,517	2.3
Newberry County	↓	19,077	18,531	546	2.9	19,294	18,638	656	3.4	19,111	18,736	375	2.0
Kershaw County	↓	30,981	30,118	863	2.8	31,080	30,071	1,009	3.2	30,118	29,448	670	2.2
Pickens County	↓	60,584	58,866	1,718	2.8	60,535	58,715	1,820	3.0	59,690	58,299	1,391	2.3
Spartanburg County	↓	161,864	157,374	4,490	2.8	162,026	156,798	5,228	3.2	157,463	153,808	3,655	2.3
York County	↓	154,042	149,733	4,309	2.8	154,002	148,981	5,021	3.3	152,063	148,806	3,257	2.1
Anderson County	↓	95,427	92,864	2,563	2.7	95,683	92,733	2,950	3.1	93,977	92,018	1,959	2.1
Oconee County	↓	35,840	34,890	950	2.7	35,862	34,756	1,106	3.1	35,597	34,889	708	2.0
Beaufort County	↓	82,155	79,987	2,168	2.6	81,837	79,246	2,591	3.2	79,293	77,695	1,598	2.0
Berkeley County	↓	118,412	115,369	3,043	2.6	118,299	114,838	3,461	2.9	114,004	111,672	2,332	2.0
Greenville County	↓	271,441	264,367	7,074	2.6	272,302	263,929	8,373	3.1	267,622	262,119	5,503	2.1
Hampton County	↓	8,428	8,207	221	2.6	8,526	8,256	270	3.2	8,059	7,894	165	2.0
Jasper County	↓	14,336	13,961	375	2.6	14,213	13,767	446	3.1	13,687	13,434	253	1.8
Saluda County	↓	8,979	8,745	234	2.6	9,120	8,840	280	3.1	8,586	8,402	184	2.1
Dorchester County	↓	85,968	83,835	2,133	2.5	85,941	83,445	2,496	2.9	82,680	81,095	1,585	1.9
Lexington County	↓	159,716	155,953	3,763	2.4	159,822	155,466	4,356	2.7	155,553	152,687	2,866	1.8
Charleston County	↓	233,271	227,920	5,351	2.3	232,763	226,476	6,287	2.7	224,114	219,976	4,138	1.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↑	2,484,243	2,404,450	79,793	3.2	2,477,588	2,399,640	77,948	3.1	2,442,690	2,371,767	70,923	2.9

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

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

**Not Seasonally Adjusted:** Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from these data.

## EMPLOYER SURVEY: CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

BLS conducts a monthly Current Employment Statistics survey of approximately 119,000 businesses and government agencies 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.

### NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 8,100 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,368,100.

Jobs by Industry	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024 to April 2024		April 2023 to April 2024	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	2,368,100	2,360,000	2,290,800	↑ 8,100	↑ 0.3%	↑ 77,300	↑ 3.4%
Construction	115,100	115,100	110,300	No Change	No Change	↑ 4,800	↑ 4.4%
Manufacturing	266,700	266,200	262,600	↑ 500	↑ 0.2%	↑ 4,100	↑ 1.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	450,800	447,800	440,300	↑ 3,000	↑ 0.7%	↑ 10,500	↑ 2.4%
Information	28,800	29,000	29,300	↓ -200	↓ -0.7%	↓ -500	↓ -1.7%
Financial Activities	124,800	124,400	121,300	↑ 400	↑ 0.3%	↑ 3,500	↑ 2.9%
Professional and Business Services	318,200	317,900	310,600	↑ 300	↑ 0.1%	↑ 7,600	↑ 2.4%
Education and Health Services	296,000	294,800	277,800	↑ 1,200	↑ 0.4%	↑ 18,200	↑ 6.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	293,800	293,000	276,600	↑ 800	↑ 0.3%	↑ 17,200	↑ 6.2%
Other Services	90,800	89,900	85,400	↑ 900	↑ 1.0%	↑ 5,400	↑ 6.3%
Government	378,500	377,400	372,200	↑ 1,100	↑ 0.3%	↑ 6,300	↑ 1.7%

### NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 8,100 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,368,100.

Area	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024 to April 2024		April 2023 to April 2024	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Statewide</b>	2,368,100	2,360,000	2,290,800	↑ 8,100	↑ 0.3%	↑ 77,300	↑ 3.4%
Charleston/North Charleston	426,900	425,700	409,200	↑ 1,200	↑ 0.3%	↑ 17,700	↑ 4.3%
Columbia	434,500	434,000	422,800	↑ 500	↑ 0.1%	↑ 11,700	↑ 2.8%
Florence	97,600	97,400	94,800	↑ 200	↑ 0.2%	↑ 2,800	↑ 3.0%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin	466,900	465,800	457,500	↑ 1,100	↑ 0.2%	↑ 9,400	↑ 2.1%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort	91,300	91,200	88,000	↑ 100	↑ 0.1%	↑ 3,300	↑ 3.8%
Myrtle Beach	199,900	199,400	190,200	↑ 500	↑ 0.3%	↑ 9,700	↑ 5.1%
Spartanburg	175,100	174,600	169,300	↑ 500	↑ 0.3%	↑ 5,800	↑ 3.4%
Sumter	38,700	39,000	37,700	↓ -300	↓ -0.8%	↑ 1,000	↑ 2.7%

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