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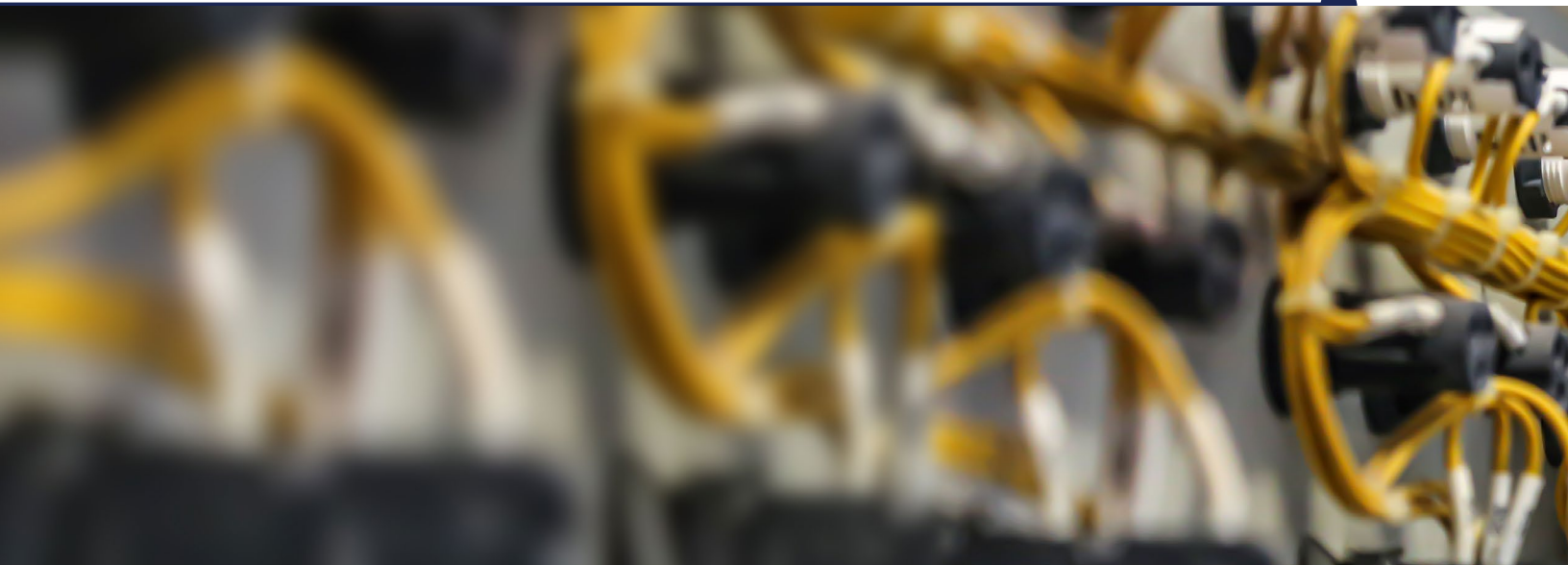
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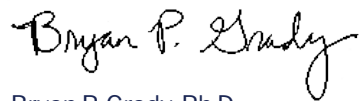
NOTE FROM THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Which sector had the most job growth in December? Find out on [page 21](#).

After a short but eventful winter, March is here, and spring is upon us. March is, among many other things, National Social Work Month. As of June 2024, there were 42,774 South Carolinians employed by 5,661 establishments in what the federal government calls “social assistance.” Collectively, these workers earn just over \$100 million per month in gross wages. This information comes from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, which is produced by the Labor Market Information (LMI) division in conjunction with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. We’ll have new data to publish on March 5 for the third quarter of 2024, so keep a look out for more information on that.

With numbers for 2024 reported, it’s important to take a look back and a look forward. Brandon Wilkerson, Labor Market Analytics Director, reflects on how far South Carolina’s economy has come since 2014. Despite some recent cooling in the labor market, conditions are good overall. In many ways, the story of the past year was one of economic metrics returning to typical pre-pandemic levels. As for where we go from here: Stay tuned, because LMI will be rolling out new products and resources to help businesses and jobseekers get a handle on what the future holds.

Our team of economic experts is standing by to answer whatever workforce data questions you might have. Just send us an email at lmicustomerservice@dew.sc.gov.



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LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AT THE START OF 2025

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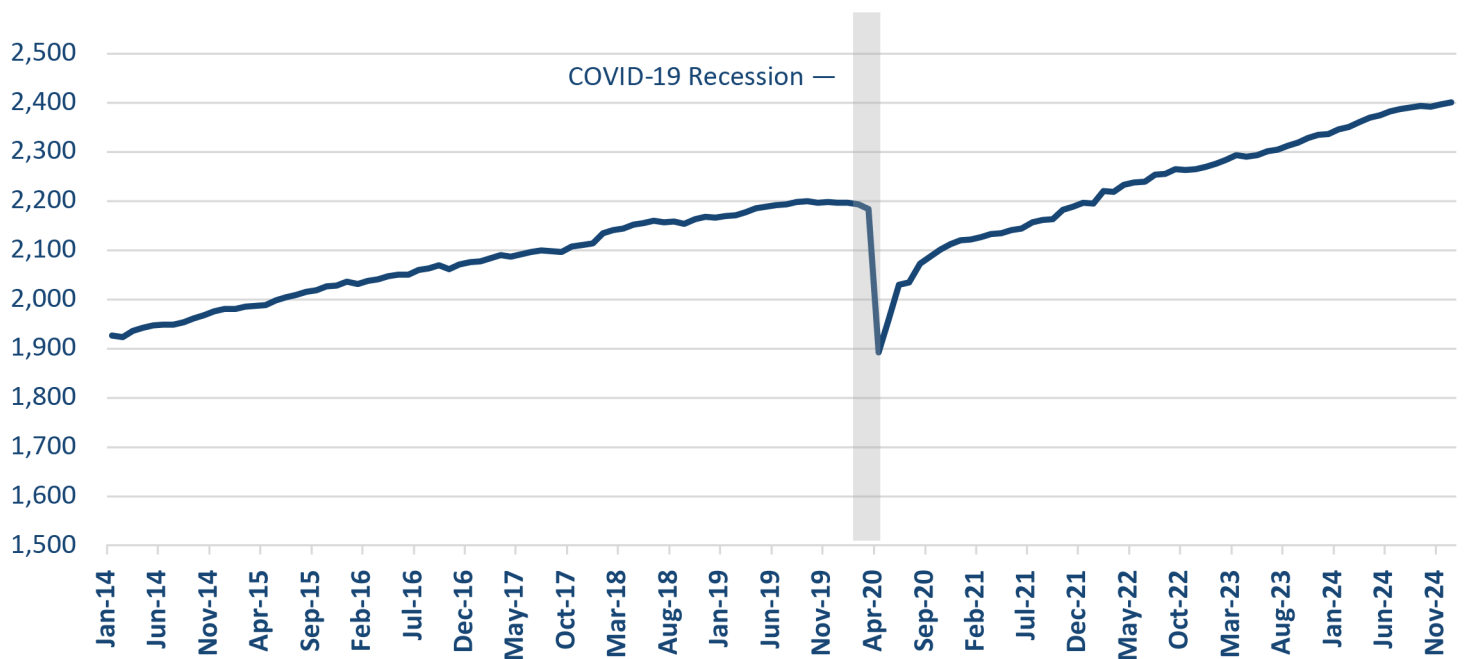
Introduction

South Carolina's December employment update went public January 28, presenting a prime opportunity to evaluate the state's labor market conditions. This article examines the state's recent performance in key metrics — employment, hiring rates, and unemployment rates — in comparison to the average result for the six years (2014 through 2019) preceding the pandemic.

This comparison is relevant because the state has recovered from the pandemic and returned to a self-stabilizing position. Growth or decline is occurring now via organic market developments, and not being driven by shocks or recalibrations to those shocks.

Employment

FIGURE 1: SOUTH CAROLINA'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT 2014-2024 (IN THOUSANDS)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

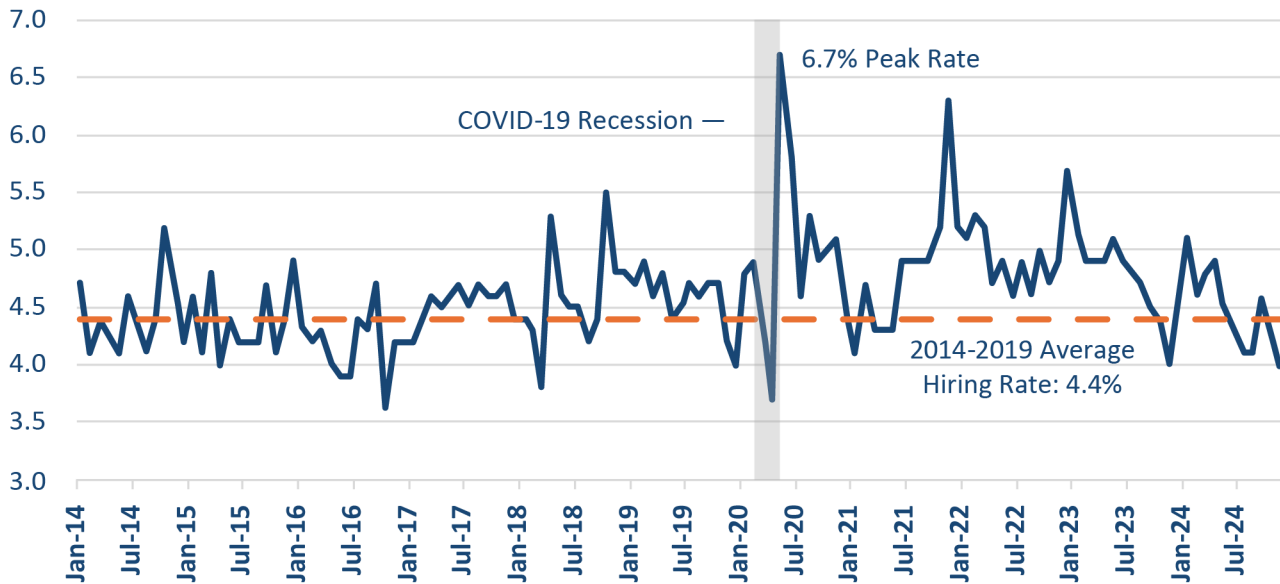
This graph depicts the seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment in South Carolina in every month from 2014 through 2024. This simple line has an obvious message: employment, aside from a dramatic dip during the pandemic (the shaded gray bar represents the COVID-19 Recession), has grown steadily. The state has already returned to and surpassed the pre-pandemic employment levels, and is consistently breaking records. In 2024, South Carolina had record high employment in 11 out of 12 months. October was the only month not to set a new high-water mark, and yet October's figure still represented (at the time) the second highest number of people ever employed in the state.

Aside from the disruption in 2020, this kind of consecutive record setting was being achieved with regularity. South Carolina has had robust growth in its population and labor force in the last decade, frequently topping or nearly topping the annual state rankings for percentage growth.¹ Jobs were and are again plentiful.

Average annual growth in seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment over the period 2014 through 2019 was 2.1 percent. In 2024, the annual growth rate was 2.3 percent. At the levels being considered, those two tenths of a point account for thousands of additional jobs coming into the South Carolina economy. This is a clear sign of a thriving labor market, with ongoing demand for workers and a path of sustained growth.

¹<https://rfa.sc.gov/data-research/population-demographics/census-state-data-center/estimates-projections-dashboard>

FIGURE 2: SOUTH CAROLINA HIRES AS A SHARE OF TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT JANUARY 2014 - NOVEMBER 2024



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Job Openings and Labor Turnover (JOLTS)

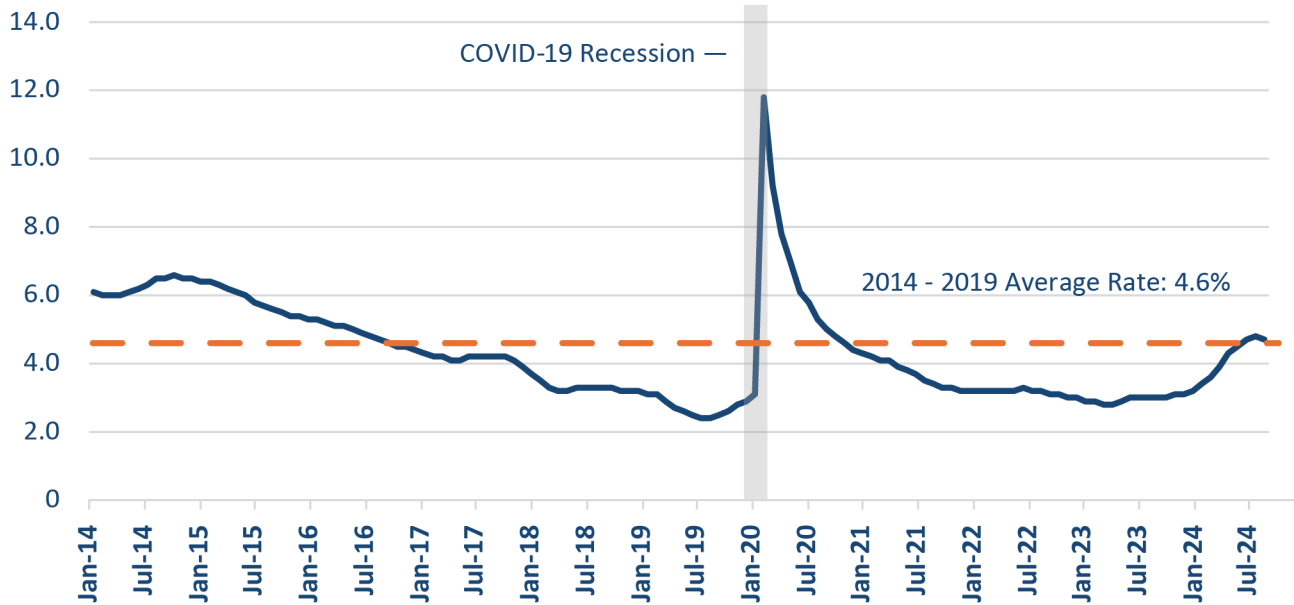
This second graph depicts the hiring rate in South Carolina in every month from 2014 through 2024. The hiring rate is computed by finding the proportion of total employment represented by new hires within a month. A steep hiring rate is not as cut and dry an indicator as growth in employment, since employee turnover could represent difficulties at the micro level for specific sectors or an individual company. However, at the macro level it does suggest healthy demand for labor, a willingness of workers to test the market, and a lack of obstacles for companies seeking to fill open spots. A low hiring rate, however, is suggestive of a less dynamic labor market, with either reduced demand for labor or a broadly-felt difficulty in finding suitable candidates.

For the period 2014 through November 2024 (December 2024 stats have not been release), the hiring rate peaked at 6.7 percent. This occurred as the state emerged from the pandemic recession. Predictably, the nadir for the period came just before that: 3.7 percent. Between the myriad factors that contribute to a hiring rate, and its typical month to month turbulence, it's challenging to set a target number for a bountiful economy. We can, however, compare eras again.

The state's average hiring rate over the entire period of 2014 through 2019 was 4.4 percent. Its average hiring rate through November 2024 was 4.5 percent. As with employment growth, the state's labor market conditions are proving more statistically hardy in the present than they were in pre-pandemic years. It's an indicator that both workers and employers are getting what they need from the labor market.



FIGURE 3: SOUTH CAROLINA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE JANUARY 2014 - DECEMBER 2024



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

The final graph depicts the unemployment rate in South Carolina in every month from 2014 through 2024. Nearly every reader will be at least somewhat familiar with this statistic, which calculates the percentage of people in the labor force that are without jobs. It is considered a critical indicator of the economy, with low unemployment rates signaling strength and high unemployment rates signaling weakness.

By now the pattern as the statistic reaches the COVID-19 Recession should be familiar: conditions dramatically worsened. South Carolina's unemployment rate peaked at 11.8 percent in April 2020, but had a smooth and consistent return to lower, healthier levels over the following several months. As of December 2024, the state's unemployment rate was 4.7 percent. Economists consider 5.0 percent (sometimes called "full employment") to be the level at which the economy is balanced between operating to potential and keeping inflation in check.

How do the eras compare? The state's average unemployment rate over the entire period of 2014 through 2019 was 4.6 percent. The average across 2024 was 3.9 percent. And though it moved upward as 2024 came to a close, the most recent rate of 4.7 percent fits the pattern of pre-pandemic years. True, the rate has come up from the sub-3 percent, intensely low levels, but this also means the labor market is not as suffocatingly tight for employers as in those days, and the risk for inflation is reduced. There is a balance here, and the labor market is providing returns for parties on the supply side and demand side.

Conclusion

The signs are very positive. South Carolina's economy has absorbed and moved on from the impact of the pandemic. The state has returned to or even surpassed the favorable winds we had so enjoyed before COVID-19 struck. Employment is higher and growing faster, hiring makes up a bigger proportion of employment on average, and the unemployment rate has barely strayed from the levels of those prior days. The state's labor market is starting off strong in 2025.



SOUTH CAROLINA'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION (DECEMBER 2024)

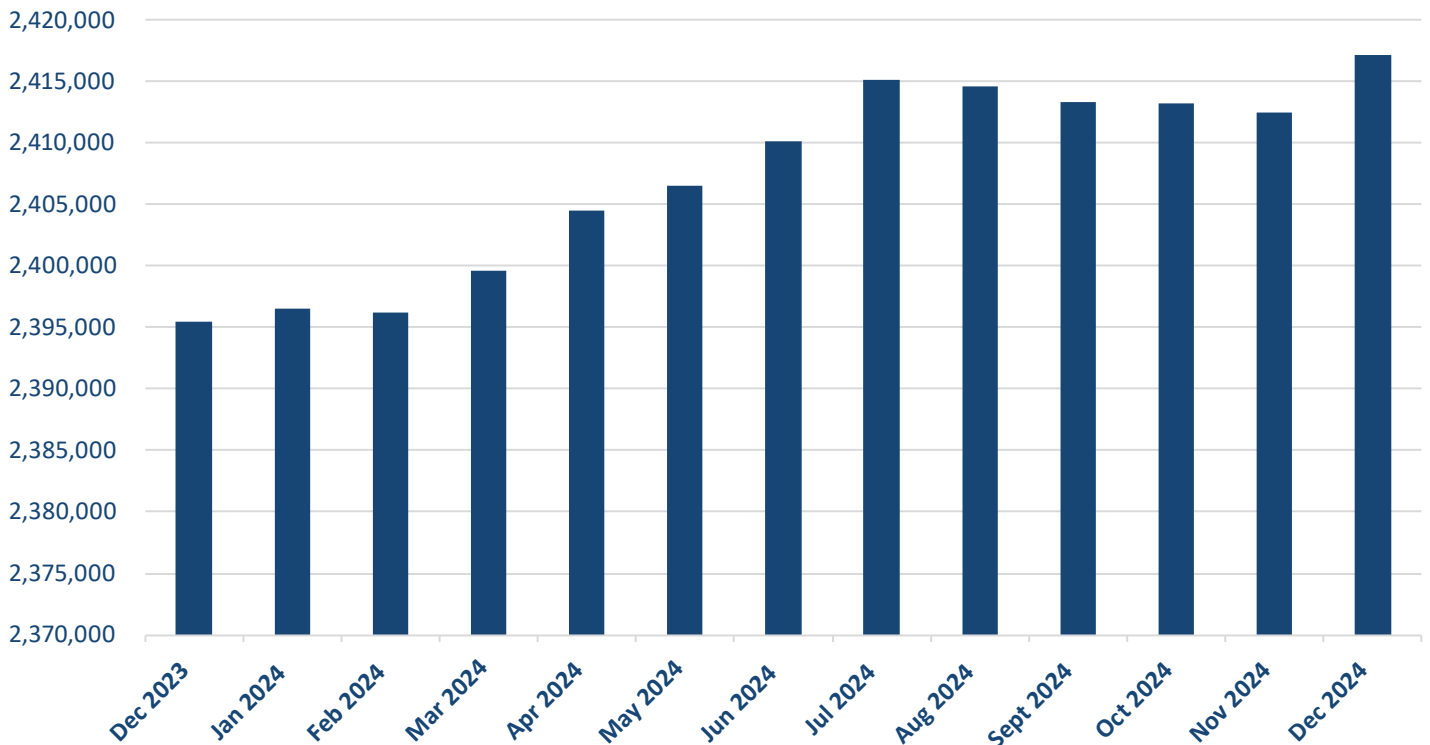
Household Survey¹ (Local Area Unemployment Statistics)

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 (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED³)

- The seasonally adjusted number of South Carolina workers increased to 2,417,169.
- That is an increase of 4,580 people over the November 2024 estimate.
- That is an increase of 21,742 people over the December 2023 estimate.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED

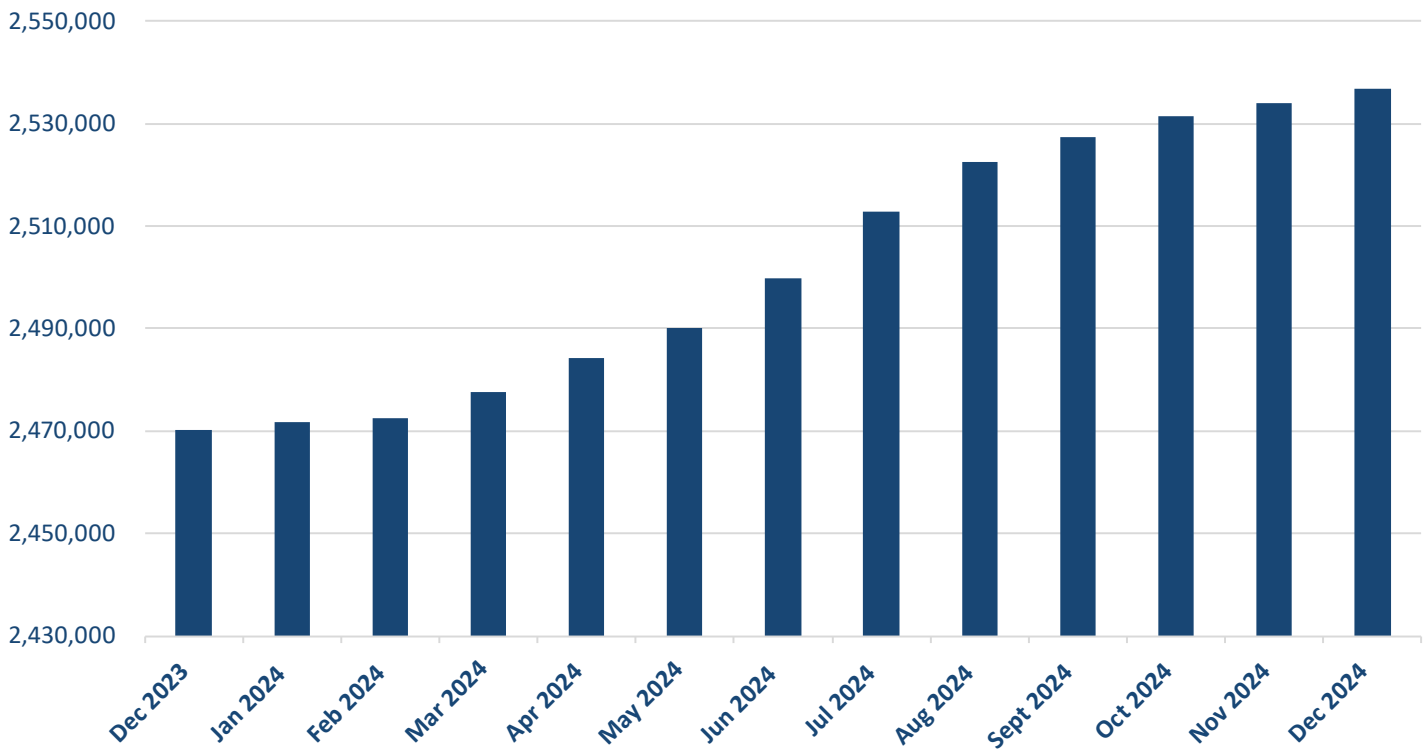


SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a regular pattern each year (i.e. tourist-related hiring and school closings in the summer). These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other nonseasonal movements in data over time.

UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED³)

- The estimate of unemployed people decreased to 119,485.
- That is a decrease of 1,997 people from the November estimate and a significant increase of 44,612 from the December 2023 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased from 4.8 percent to 4.7 percent. The national unemployment rate decreased to 4.1 percent, according to the Current Population Survey.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE LABOR FORCE



LABOR FORCE:

- The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,536,654 while the labor force participation rate decreased to 57.5 percent.
- That is an increase of 2,583 people over the November 2024 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 66,354 individuals over the December 2023 estimate.

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SOUTH CAROLINA'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION (CONT.)

Employer Survey² (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 (MSA).

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED³)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 4,500 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,401,000.

JOBS BY INDUSTRY	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024			DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024		
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE		# CHANGE	% CHANGE	
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,401,000	2,396,500	2,336,600	+4,500 ↑	+0.2% ↑		+64,400 ↑	+2.8% ↑	
Construction	123,400	122,600	115,300	+800 ↑	+0.7% ↑		+8,100 ↑	+7.0% ↑	
Manufacturing	265,900	266,200	264,600	-300 ↓	-0.1% ↓		+1,300 ↑	+0.5% ↑	
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	450,800	450,300	445,100	+500 ↑	+0.1% ↑		+5,700 ↑	+1.3% ↑	
Information	30,600	30,200	28,600	+400 ↑	+1.3% ↑		+2,000 ↑	+7.0% ↑	
Financial Activities	125,300	124,500	124,100	+800 ↑	+0.6% ↑		+1,200 ↑	+1.0% ↑	
Professional and Business Services	329,300	327,700	315,700	+1,600 ↑	+0.5% ↑		+13,600 ↑	+4.3% ↑	
Education and Health Services	306,400	305,400	290,300	+1,000 ↑	+0.3% ↑		+16,100 ↑	+5.5% ↑	
Leisure and Hospitality	292,000	292,100	286,900	-100 ↓	0.0% ↓		+5,100 ↑	+1.8% ↑	
Other Services	88,700	88,800	89,300	-100 ↓	-0.1% ↓		-600 ↓	-0.7% ↓	
Government	383,800	383,900	372,200	-100 ↓	0.0% ↓		+11,600 ↑	+3.1% ↑	

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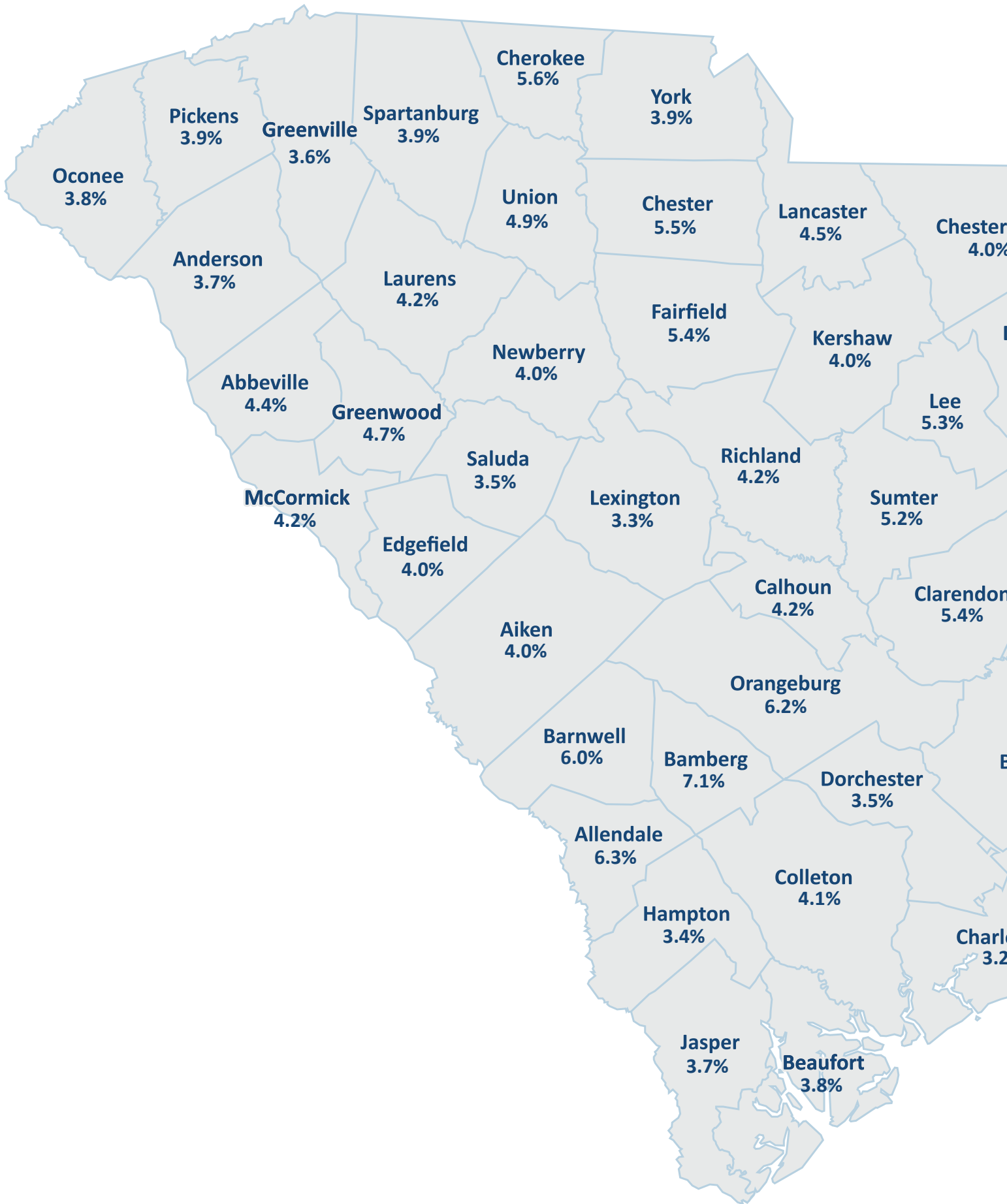
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED³)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 4,500 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,401,000.

AREA	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024				DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024			
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE		
Statewide	2,401,000	2,396,500	2,336,600	+4,500 ↑	+0.2% ↑	+64,400 ↑	+2.8% ↑				
Charleston/North Charleston	433,900	433,200	421,500	+700 ↑	+0.1% ↑	+12,400 ↑	+2.9% ↑				
Columbia	435,900	435,700	429,500	+200 ↑	+0.1% ↑	+6,400 ↑	+1.5% ↑				
Florence	100,000	99,700	96,900	+300 ↑	-0.1% ↑	+3,100 ↑	+3.2% ↑				
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin	470,700	469,200	464,700	+1,500 ↑	+0.4% ↑	+6,000 ↑	+1.3% ↑				
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort	91,800	91,800	90,500	- -	- -	+1,300 ↑	+1.4% ↑				
Myrtle Beach	198,000	196,800	197,200	+1,200 ↑	+0.6% ↑	+800 ↑	+0.4% ↑				
Spartanburg	177,100	177,200	173,600	-100 ↓	-0.1% ↓	+3,500 ↑	+2.0% ↑				
Sumter	39,600	39,600	38,400	- -	- -	+1,200 ↑	+3.1% ↑				

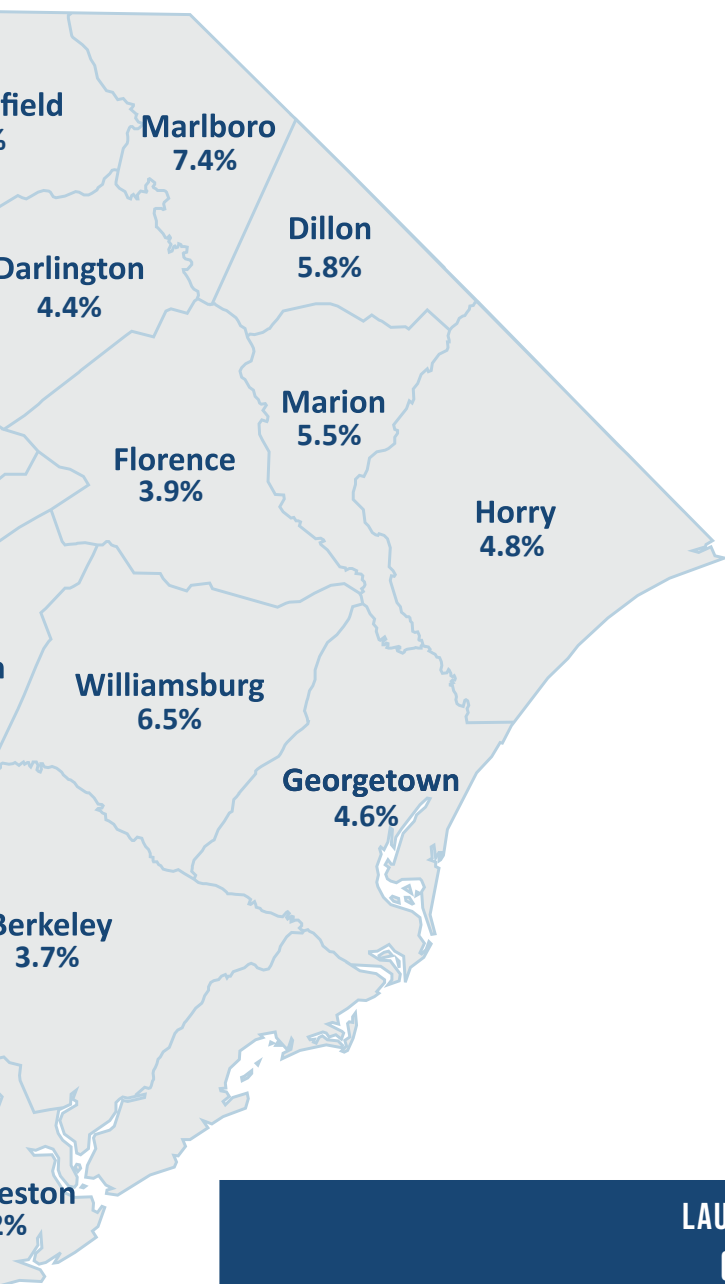
NOTE: Employment estimates have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Sum of detail may not equal totals due to rounding or the exclusion of certain industries from publication. All data are subject to revision.

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LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Unemployment Rate by County



LAUS EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE					
	TOTAL	PERCENT OF POPULATION	EMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT	
			TOTAL	PERCENT OF POPULATION	TOTAL	RATE (%)
4,409,911	2,536,654	57.5%	2,417,169	54.8%	119,485	4.7%

NOTE: Current month's estimates are preliminary. All data are subject to revision. Population data are not seasonally adjusted.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY COUNTY (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

AREA	DECEMBER 2024					NOVEMBER 2024					DECEMBER 2023				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT				
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			
Abbeville County	↓	9,818	9,383	435	4.4%	9,788	9,271	517	5.3%	9,622	9,289	333	3.5%		
Aiken County	↓	74,951	71,920	3,031	4.0%	74,736	71,181	3,555	4.8%	73,306	71,046	2,260	3.1%		
Allendale County	↓	2,405	2,253	152	6.3%	2,421	2,247	174	7.2%	2,295	2,157	138	6.0%		
Anderson County	↓	96,387	92,798	3,589	3.7%	96,245	92,047	4,198	4.4%	94,240	91,608	2,632	2.8%		
Bamberg County	↓	4,595	4,270	325	7.1%	4,634	4,249	385	8.3%	4,567	4,320	247	5.4%		
Barnwell County	↓	7,581	7,128	453	6.0%	7,602	7,074	528	6.9%	7,578	7,178	400	5.3%		
Beaufort County	↓	81,738	78,642	3,096	3.8%	81,660	78,035	3,625	4.4%	79,826	77,537	2,289	2.9%		
Berkeley County	↓	120,607	116,162	4,445	3.7%	120,765	115,447	5,318	4.4%	116,192	113,038	3,154	2.7%		
Calhoun County	↓	6,763	6,478	285	4.2%	6,769	6,434	335	4.9%	6,589	6,379	210	3.2%		
Charleston County	↓	236,269	228,616	7,653	3.2%	236,020	227,088	8,932	3.8%	228,031	222,474	5,557	2.4%		
Cherokee County	↓	22,634	21,365	1,269	5.6%	22,783	21,260	1,523	6.7%	22,827	21,888	939	4.1%		
Chester County	↓	14,256	13,468	788	5.5%	14,272	13,348	924	6.5%	13,666	13,105	561	4.1%		
Chesterfield County	↓	21,466	20,618	848	4.0%	21,446	20,458	988	4.6%	21,236	20,506	730	3.4%		
Clarendon County	↓	12,125	11,465	660	5.4%	12,171	11,401	770	6.3%	12,088	11,597	491	4.1%		
Colleton County	↓	16,765	16,085	680	4.1%	16,815	15,986	829	4.9%	16,349	15,860	489	3.0%		
Darlington County	↓	31,868	30,479	1,389	4.4%	31,837	30,194	1,643	5.2%	30,545	29,518	1,027	3.4%		
Dillon County	↓	13,203	12,431	772	5.8%	13,240	12,322	918	6.9%	12,813	12,259	554	4.3%		
Dorchester County	↓	87,372	84,337	3,035	3.5%	87,436	83,818	3,618	4.1%	84,287	82,064	2,223	2.6%		
Edgefield County	↓	10,470	10,047	423	4.0%	10,455	9,961	494	4.7%	10,237	9,909	328	3.2%		
Fairfield County	↓	9,745	9,216	529	5.4%	9,742	9,148	594	6.1%	9,476	9,078	398	4.2%		
Florence County	↓	70,811	68,042	2,769	3.9%	70,572	67,284	3,288	4.7%	68,022	65,950	2,072	3.0%		
Georgetown County	↓	26,927	25,678	1,249	4.6%	26,956	25,526	1,430	5.3%	25,938	25,026	912	3.5%		
Greenville County	↓	274,385	264,381	10,004	3.6%	274,082	262,203	11,879	4.3%	268,424	261,018	7,406	2.8%		
Greenwood County	↓	30,907	29,453	1,454	4.7%	30,879	29,143	1,736	5.6%	30,157	29,154	1,003	3.3%		
Hampton County	↓	8,353	8,066	287	3.4%	8,361	8,023	338	4.0%	8,081	7,850	231	2.9%		
Horry County	↓	158,754	151,131	7,623	4.8%	158,852	150,398	8,454	5.3%	156,070	150,165	5,905	3.8%		
Jasper County	↓	14,113	13,586	527	3.7%	14,070	13,463	607	4.3%	13,763	13,383	380	2.8%		
Kershaw County	↓	31,044	29,791	1,253	4.0%	31,047	29,574	1,473	4.7%	30,273	29,353	920	3.0%		
Lancaster County	↓	46,436	44,345	2,091	4.5%	46,341	43,923	2,418	5.2%	44,716	43,159	1,557	3.5%		
Laurens County	↓	31,731	30,388	1,343	4.2%	31,726	30,151	1,575	5.0%	31,037	29,986	1,051	3.4%		
Lee County	↓	6,612	6,259	353	5.3%	6,654	6,201	453	6.8%	6,490	6,224	266	4.1%		
Lexington County	↓	159,891	154,546	5,345	3.3%	159,673	153,313	6,360	4.0%	156,205	152,331	3,874	2.5%		
Marion County	↓	13,231	12,503	728	5.5%	13,232	12,414	818	6.2%	12,591	12,026	565	4.5%		
Marlboro County	↓	7,670	7,101	569	7.4%	7,718	7,054	664	8.6%	7,368	6,879	489	6.6%		
McCormick County	↓	3,652	3,498	154	4.2%	3,636	3,450	186	5.1%	3,488	3,366	122	3.5%		
Newberry County	↓	18,557	17,817	740	4.0%	18,628	17,767	861	4.6%	18,689	18,101	588	3.1%		
Oconee County	↓	35,839	34,488	1,351	3.8%	36,022	34,479	1,543	4.3%	35,309	34,298	1,011	2.9%		
Orangeburg County	↓	33,570	31,475	2,095	6.2%	33,825	31,355	2,470	7.3%	33,290	31,818	1,472	4.4%		
Pickens County	↓	61,166	58,804	2,362	3.9%	61,228	58,303	2,925	4.8%	59,781	58,052	1,729	2.9%		
Richland County	↓	209,335	200,566	8,769	4.2%	209,411	198,877	10,534	5.0%	204,063	197,814	6,249	3.1%		
Saluda County	↓	8,755	8,452	303	3.5%	8,808	8,441	367	4.2%	8,542	8,293	249	2.9%		
Spartanburg County	↓	164,457	158,005	6,452	3.9%	163,995	156,316	7,679	4.7%	159,567	154,902	4,665	2.9%		
Sumter County	↓	43,006	40,777	2,229	5.2%	42,948	40,327	2,621	6.1%	41,187	39,564	1,623	3.9%		
Union County	↓	11,877	11,292	585	4.9%	11,885	11,169	716	6.0%	11,519	11,069	450	3.9%		
Williamsburg County	↓	9,956	9,304	652	6.5%	10,002	9,227	775	7.7%	10,195	9,677	518	5.1%		
York County	↓	157,824	151,639	6,185	3.9%	157,328	150,107	7,221	4.6%	151,997	147,629	4,368	2.9%		

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↑ Unemployment Rate Up
↓ Unemployment Rate Down
— Unemployment Rate =

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY MSA (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

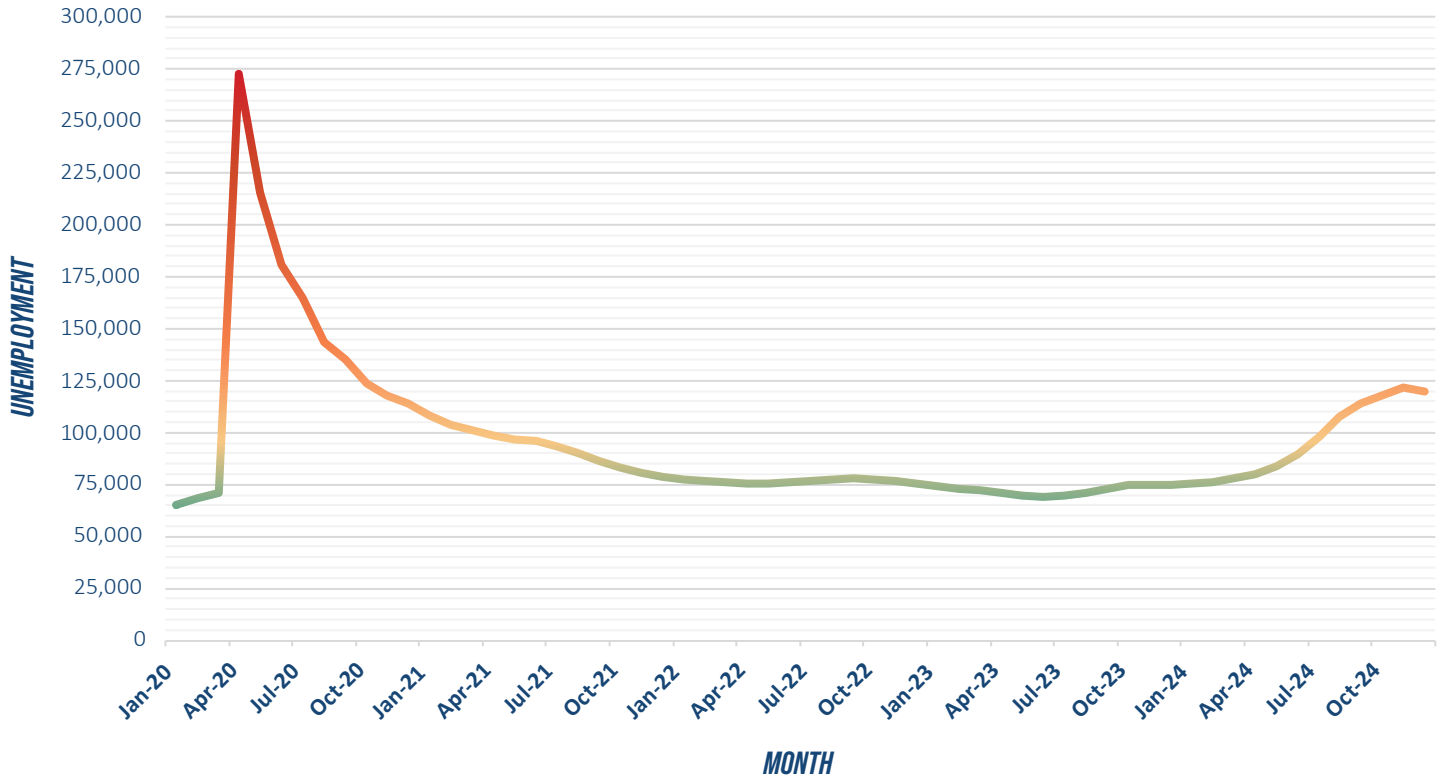
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	DECEMBER 2024					NOVEMBER 2024				DECEMBER 2023			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)	
Charleston-North Charleston	↓ 444,248	429,115	15,133	3.4%	444,221	426,353	17,868	4.0%	428,510	417,576	10,934	2.6%	
Columbia	↓ 425,533	409,049	16,484	3.9%	425,450	405,787	19,663	4.6%	415,148	403,248	11,900	2.9%	
Florence	↓ 102,679	98,521	4,158	4.0%	102,409	97,478	4,931	4.8%	98,567	95,468	3,099	3.1%	
Greenville - Anderson-Mauldin	↓ 463,669	446,371	17,298	3.7%	463,281	442,704	20,577	4.4%	453,482	440,664	12,818	2.8%	
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	↓ 95,851	92,228	3,623	3.8%	95,730	91,498	4,232	4.4%	93,589	90,920	2,669	2.9%	
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	↓ 216,183	206,159	10,024	4.6%	216,886	205,833	11,053	5.1%	214,033	205,779	8,254	3.9%	
Spartanburg	↓ 176,334	169,297	7,037	4.0%	175,880	167,485	8,395	4.8%	171,086	165,971	5,115	3.0%	
Sumter	↓ 43,006	40,777	2,229	5.2%	42,948	40,327	2,621	6.1%	41,187	39,564	1,623	3.9%	
Augusta-Richmond County, GA (S.C. portion)	↓ 85,421	81,967	3,454	4.0%	85,191	81,142	4,049	4.8%	83,543	80,955	2,588	3.1%	
Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC (S.C. portion)	↓ 218,516	209,452	9,064	4.1%	217,941	207,378	10,563	4.8%	210,379	203,893	6,486	3.1%	

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY MUNICIPALITY (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

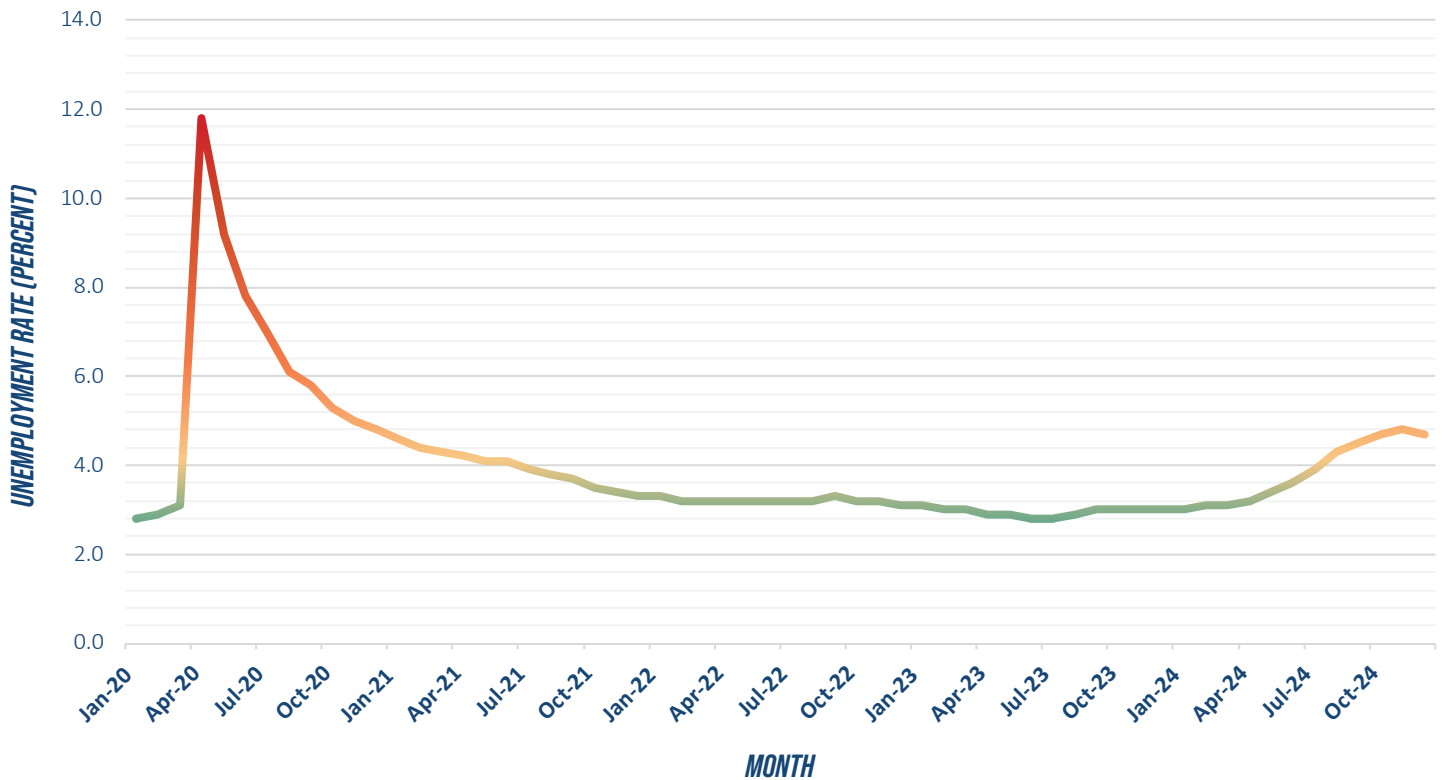
CITIES AND TOWNS ABOVE 25,000 POPULATION	DECEMBER 2024					NOVEMBER 2024				DECEMBER 2023			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)	
Aiken	↓ 13,152	12,580	572	4.3%	13,142	12,451	691	5.3%	12,881	12,427	454	3.5%	
Anderson	↓ 12,156	11,659	497	4.1%	12,179	11,565	614	5.0%	11,893	11,509	384	3.2%	
Bluffton	↓ 13,862	13,418	444	3.2%	13,850	13,314	536	3.9%	13,555	13,230	325	2.4%	
Charleston	↓ 83,447	80,657	2,790	3.3%	83,467	80,121	3,346	4.0%	80,563	78,490	2,073	2.6%	
Columbia	↓ 60,748	57,871	2,877	4.7%	60,953	57,384	3,569	5.9%	59,153	57,076	2,077	3.5%	
Conway	↓ 10,781	10,208	573	5.3%	10,944	10,158	786	7.2%	10,623	10,143	480	4.5%	
Florence	↓ 20,848	20,008	840	4.0%	20,731	19,785	946	4.6%	20,037	19,393	644	3.2%	
Fort Mill	↓ 14,150	13,671	479	3.4%	14,078	13,533	545	3.9%	13,674	13,309	365	2.7%	
Goose Creek	↓ 22,855	22,009	846	3.7%	22,921	21,874	1,047	4.6%	22,068	21,417	651	2.9%	
Greenville	↓ 39,323	37,856	1,467	3.7%	39,322	37,544	1,778	4.5%	38,425	37,374	1,051	2.7%	
Greer	↓ 19,386	18,684	702	3.6%	19,305	18,519	786	4.1%	18,963	18,415	548	2.9%	
Hilton Head Island	↓ 18,301	17,691	610	3.3%	18,238	17,554	684	3.8%	17,915	17,442	473	2.6%	
Mauldin	↓ 14,582	14,046	536	3.7%	14,556	13,930	626	4.3%	14,249	13,867	382	2.7%	
Mount Pleasant	↓ 55,691	54,158	1,533	2.8%	55,567	53,796	1,771	3.2%	53,837	52,703	1,134	2.1%	
Myrtle Beach	↓ 16,532	15,689	843	5.1%	16,483	15,612	871	5.3%	16,309	15,588	721	4.4%	
North Augusta	↓ 11,016	10,629	387	3.5%	10,986	10,520	466	4.2%	10,770	10,500	270	2.5%	
North Charleston	↓ 62,358	60,149	2,209	3.5%	62,335	59,754	2,581	4.1%	60,138	58,532	1,606	2.7%	
Rock Hill	↓ 42,745	40,894	1,851	4.3%	42,690	40,481	2,209	5.2%	41,151	39,813	1,338	3.3%	
Simpsonville	↓ 14,489	13,958	531	3.7%	14,468	13,844	624	4.3%	14,162	13,781	381	2.7%	
Spartanburg	↓ 17,593	16,774	819	4.7%	17,567	16,595	972	5.5%	17,079	16,445	634	3.7%	
Summerville	↓ 28,064	27,071	993	3.5%	28,052	26,904	1,148	4.1%	27,097	26,342	755	2.8%	
Sumter	↓ 15,354	14,520	834	5.4%	15,340	14,360	980	6.4%	14,742	14,088	654	4.4%	

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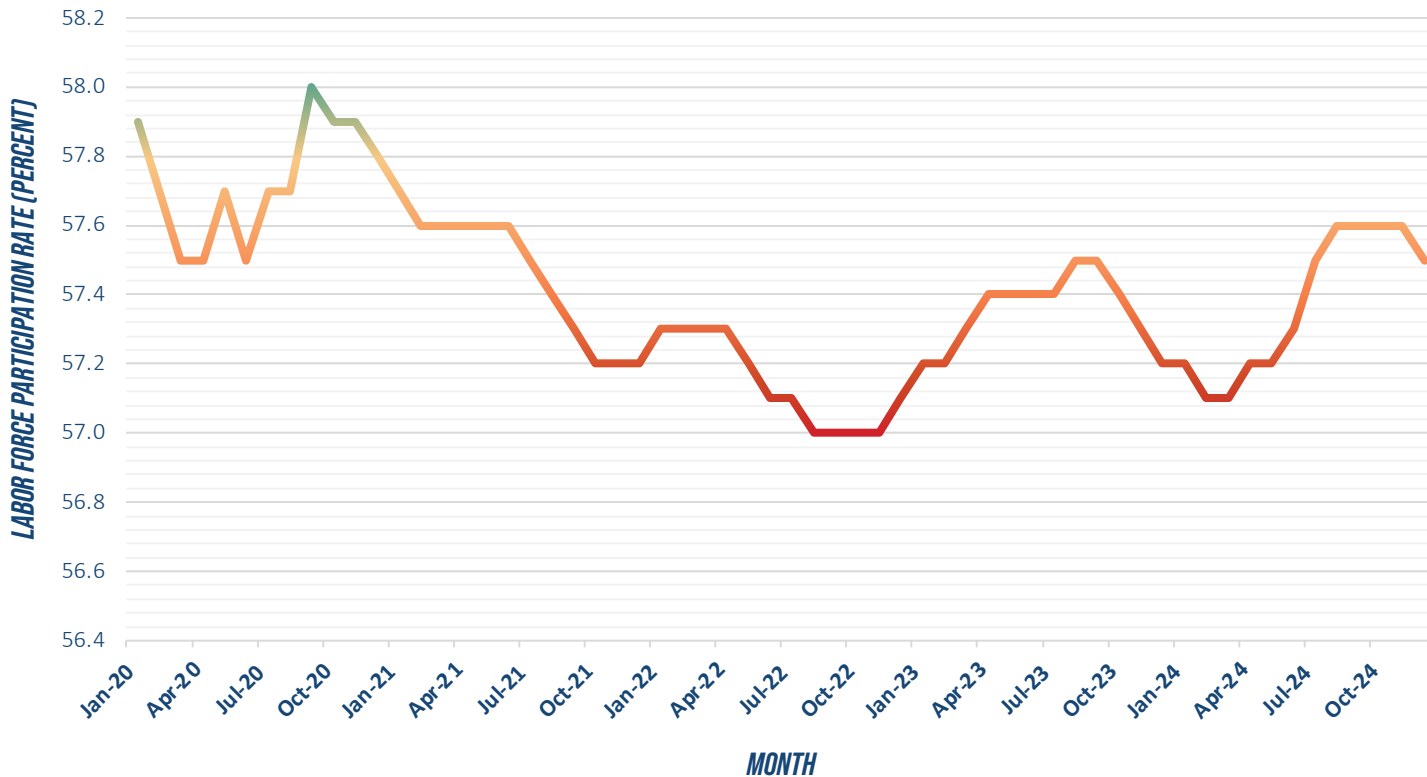
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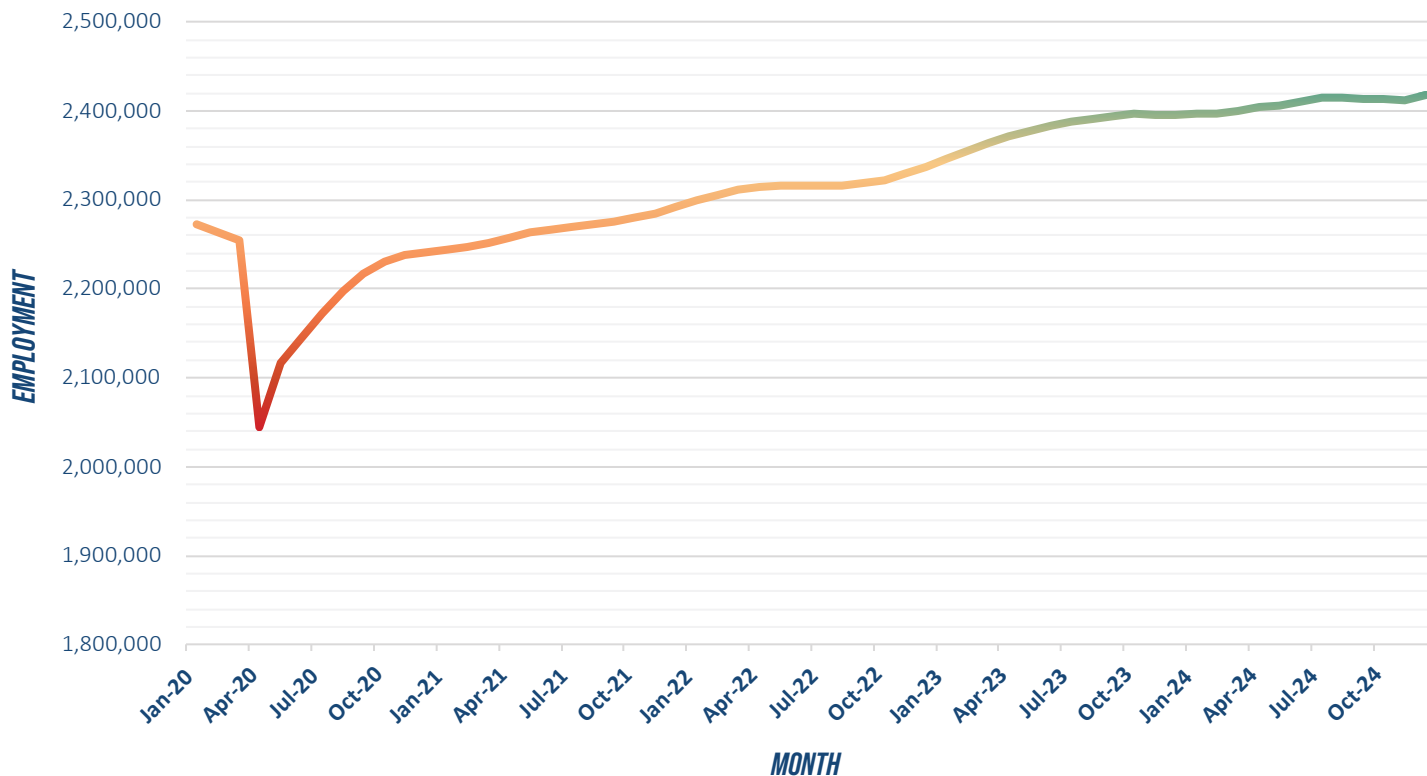
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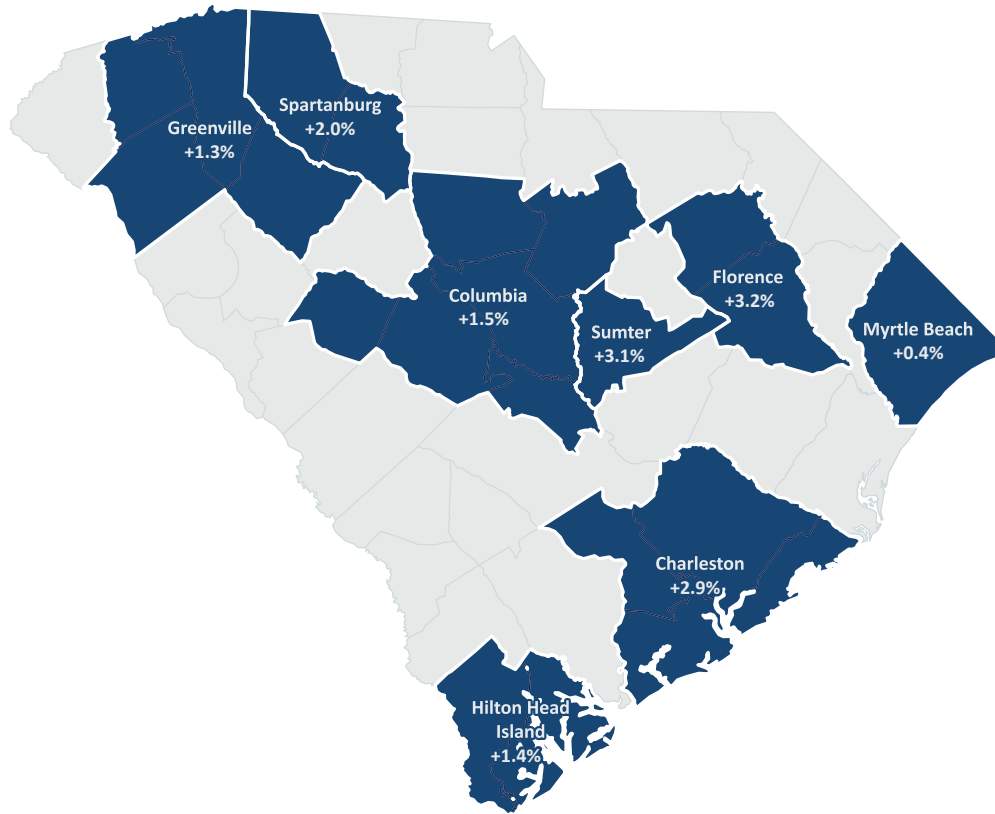


MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT SINCE JANUARY 2020



CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Seasonally Adjusted – Year-Over-Year Change



NONFARM PAYROLL BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DECEMBER 2024

AREA	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Statewide	2,401,000	2,396,500	2,336,600	+4,500	+0.2%	+64,400	+2.8%
Charleston-North Charleston	433,900	433,200	421,500	+700	+0.2%	+12,400	+2.9%
Columbia	435,900	435,700	429,500	+200	0.0%	+6,400	+1.5%
Florence	100,000	99,700	96,900	+300	+0.3%	+3,100	+3.2%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	470,700	469,200	464,700	+1,500	+0.3%	+6,000	+1.3%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	91,800	91,800	90,500	0	0.0%	+1,300	+1.4%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	198,000	196,800	197,200	+1,200	+0.6%	+800	+0.4%
Spartanburg	177,100	177,200	173,600	-100	-0.1%	+3,500	+2.0%
Sumter	39,600	39,600	38,400	0	0.0%	+1,200	+3.1%

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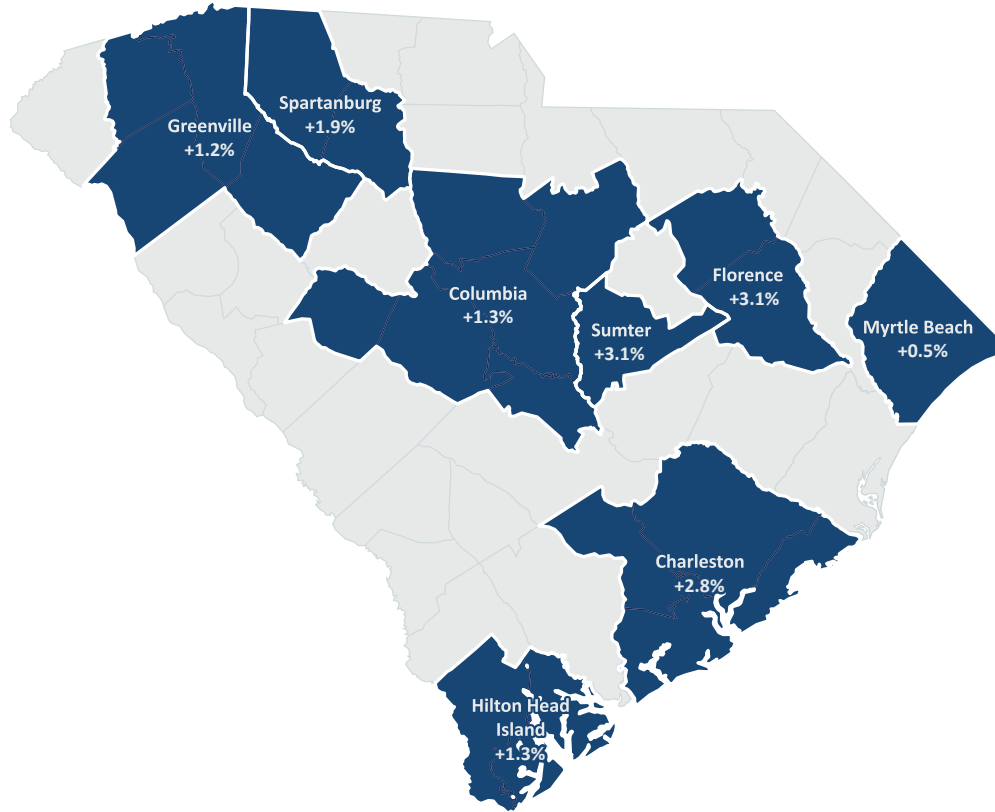
NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (IN THOUSANDS)

DECEMBER 2024

	<i>DECEMBER 2024</i>	<i>NOVEMBER 2024</i>	<i>DECEMBER 2023</i>	<i>NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024</i>		<i>DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024</i>	
				<i># CHANGE</i>	<i>% CHANGE</i>	<i># CHANGE</i>	<i>% CHANGE</i>
Total Nonfarm	2,401.0	2,396.5	2,336.6	+4.5	+0.2%	+64.4	+2.8%
Total Private	2,017.2	2,012.6	1,964.4	+4.6	+0.2%	+52.8	+2.7%
Goods Producing	394.1	393.6	384.4	+0.5	+0.1%	+9.7	+2.5%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	128.2	127.4	119.8	+0.8	+0.6%	+8.4	+7.0%
Mining and Logging	4.8	4.8	4.5	0.0	0.0%	+0.3	+6.7%
Construction	123.4	122.6	115.3	+0.8	+0.7%	+8.1	+7.0%
Manufacturing	265.9	266.2	264.6	-0.3	-0.1%	+1.3	+0.5%
Durable Goods	163.1	163.4	162.3	-0.3	-0.2%	+0.8	+0.5%
Non-Durable Goods	102.8	102.8	102.3	0.0	0.0%	+0.5	+0.5%
Service-Providing	2,006.9	2,002.9	1,952.2	+4.0	+0.2%	+54.7	+2.8%
Private Service Providing	1,623.1	1,619.0	1,580.0	+4.1	+0.3%	+43.1	+2.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	450.8	450.3	445.1	+0.5	+0.1%	+5.7	+1.3%
Wholesale Trade	85.9	86.2	84.1	-0.3	-0.3%	+1.8	+2.1%
Retail Trade	268.1	267.2	266.4	+0.9	+0.3%	+1.7	+0.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	96.8	96.9	94.6	-0.1	-0.1%	+2.2	+2.3%
Information	30.6	30.2	28.6	+0.4	+1.3%	+2.0	+7.0%
Financial Activities	125.3	124.5	124.1	+0.8	+0.6%	+1.2	+1.0%
Finance and Insurance	89.8	88.7	88.3	+1.1	+1.2%	+1.5	+1.7%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35.5	35.8	35.8	-0.3	-0.8%	-0.3	-0.8%
Professional and Business Services	329.3	327.7	315.7	+1.6	+0.5%	+13.6	+4.3%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	141.6	141.6	131.8	0.0	0.0%	+9.8	+7.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	25.5	25.7	24.9	-0.2	-0.8%	+0.6	+2.4%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	162.2	160.4	159.0	+1.8	+1.1%	+3.2	+2.0%
Education and Health Services	306.4	305.4	290.3	+1.0	+0.3%	+16.1	+5.5%
Educational Services	52.9	52.2	47.9	+0.7	+1.3%	+5.0	+10.4%
Health Care Services	253.5	253.2	242.4	+0.3	+0.1%	+11.1	+4.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	292.0	292.1	286.9	-0.1	0.0%	+5.1	+1.8%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	41.4	41.7	37.0	-0.3	-0.7%	+4.4	+11.9%
Accommodation and Food Services	250.6	250.4	249.9	+0.2	+0.1%	+0.7	+0.3%
Other Services	88.7	88.8	89.3	-0.1	-0.1%	-0.6	-0.7%
Government	383.8	383.9	372.2	-0.1	0.0%	+11.6	+3.1%
Federal Government	38.5	38.3	36.8	+0.2	+0.5%	+1.7	+4.6%
State Government	109.4	109.6	107.1	-0.2	-0.2%	+2.3	+2.1%
Local Government	235.9	236.0	228.3	-0.1	0.0%	+7.6	+3.3%

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Not Seasonally Adjusted – Year-Over-Year Change



NONFARM PAYROLL BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NOVEMBER 2024

AREA	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Statewide	2,408,400	2,409,100	2,347,000	-700	0.0%	+61,400	+2.6%
Charleston-North Charleston	435,500	436,200	423,500	-700	-0.2%	+12,000	+2.8%
Columbia	438,700	438,500	433,000	+200	0.0%	+5,700	+1.3%
Florence	100,800	100,300	97,800	+500	+0.5%	+3,000	+3.1%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	473,400	473,300	467,600	+100	0.0%	+5,800	+1.2%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	91,500	91,500	90,300	0	0.0%	+1,200	+1.3%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	193,200	193,900	192,200	-700	-0.4%	+1,000	+0.5%
Spartanburg	178,700	178,500	175,300	+200	+0.1%	+3,400	+1.9%
Sumter	39,900	39,700	38,700	+200	+0.5%	+1,200	+3.1%

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DECEMBER 2024

	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	2,408,400	2,409,100	2,347,000	-700	0.0%	+61,400	+2.6%
Total Private	2,021,500	2,018,700	1,970,100	+2,800	+0.1%	+51,400	+2.6%
Goods Producing	395,000	393,900	385,700	+1,100	+0.3%	+9,300	+2.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	128,800	127,900	120,100	+900	+0.7%	+8,700	+7.2%
Mining and Logging	4,800	4,800	4,500	0	0.0%	+300	+6.7%
Construction	124,000	123,100	115,600	+900	+0.7%	+8,400	+7.3%
Construction of Buildings	31,200	30,800	28,300	+400	+1.3%	+2,900	+10.2%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	19,200	18,900	17,700	+300	+1.6%	+1,500	+8.5%
Specialty Trade Contractors	73,600	73,400	69,600	+200	+0.3%	+4,000	+5.7%
Manufacturing	266,200	266,000	265,600	+200	+0.1%	+600	+0.2%
Durable Goods	163,000	163,000	162,600	0	0.0%	+400	+0.2%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	24,700	24,700	24,500	0	0.0%	+200	+0.8%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	53,500	53,400	52,900	+100	+0.2%	+600	+1.1%
Non-Durable Goods	103,200	103,000	103,000	+200	+0.2%	+200	+0.2%
Textile Mills	11,300	11,300	11,500	0	0.0%	-200	-1.7%
Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	26,000	26,100	26,400	-100	-0.4%	-400	-1.5%
Service-Providing	2,013,400	2,015,200	1,961,300	-1,800	-0.1%	+52,100	+2.7%
Private Service Providing	1,626,500	1,624,800	1,584,400	+1,700	+0.1%	+42,100	+2.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	461,300	454,000	456,100	+7,300	+1.6%	+5,200	+1.1%
Wholesale Trade	86,000	85,900	84,300	+100	+0.1%	+1,700	+2.0%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	45,700	45,500	44,400	+200	+0.4%	+1,300	+2.9%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	24,000	24,200	24,400	-200	-0.8%	-400	-1.6%
Retail Trade	274,400	269,600	272,700	+4,800	+1.8%	+1,700	+0.6%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	34,900	34,600	34,800	+300	+0.9%	+100	+0.3%
Food and Beverage Stores	55,100	54,600	54,900	+500	+0.9%	+200	+0.4%
Health and Personal Care Stores	15,500	15,200	16,300	+300	+2.0%	-800	-4.9%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	19,200	18,700	19,300	+500	+2.7%	-100	-0.5%
General Merchandise Stores	64,500	63,300	63,700	+1,200	+1.9%	+800	+1.3%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	100,900	98,500	99,100	+2,400	+2.4%	+1,800	+1.8%
Utilities	11,500	11,300	11,500	+200	+1.8%	0	0.0%
Transportation and Warehousing	89,400	87,200	87,600	+2,200	+2.5%	+1,800	+2.1%
Information	30,500	29,900	28,500	+600	+2.0%	+2,000	+7.0%
Financial Activities	125,900	124,900	124,500	+1,000	+0.8%	+1,400	+1.1%
Finance and Insurance	90,400	89,300	88,700	+1,100	+1.2%	+1,700	+1.9%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Monetary Authorities	37,400	37,100	37,300	+300	+0.8%	+100	+0.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35,500	35,600	35,800	-100	-0.3%	-300	-0.8%
Professional and Business Services	330,800	332,700	317,300	-1,900	-0.6%	+13,500	+4.3%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	141,300	142,400	131,700	-1,100	-0.8%	+9,600	+7.3%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services	24,600	24,800	23,700	-200	-0.8%	+900	+3.8%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	25,500	25,600	24,800	-100	-0.4%	+700	+2.8%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	164,000	164,700	160,800	-700	-0.4%	+3,200	+2.0%
Administrative and Support Services	150,900	151,500	147,500	-600	-0.4%	+3,400	+2.3%
Employment Services	68,800	67,800	69,700	+1,000	+1.5%	-900	-1.3%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	35,200	36,100	35,200	-900	-2.5%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	307,500	309,200	291,100	-1,700	-0.5%	+16,400	+5.6%
Educational Services	54,200	54,600	49,000	-400	-0.7%	+5,200	+10.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	253,300	254,600	242,100	-1,300	-0.5%	+11,200	+4.6%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	119,600	120,300	115,300	-700	-0.6%	+4,300	+3.7%
Hospitals	43,700	44,100	41,800	-400	-0.9%	+1,900	+4.5%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	45,600	45,600	43,100	0	0.0%	+2,500	+5.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	281,200	285,100	276,800	-3,900	-1.4%	+4,400	+1.6%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	39,100	40,300	35,200	-1,200	-3.0%	+3,900	+11.1%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	30,500	31,600	28,200	-1,100	-3.5%	+2,300	+8.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	242,100	244,800	241,600	-2,700	-1.1%	+500	+0.2%
Accommodation	31,400	32,100	31,300	-700	-2.2%	+100	+0.3%
Food Services and Drinking Places	210,700	212,700	210,300	-2,000	-0.9%	+400	+0.2%
Other Services	89,300	89,000	90,100	+300	+0.3%	-800	-0.9%
Repair and Maintenance	26,000	25,700	25,900	+300	+1.2%	+100	+0.4%
Personal and Laundry Services	20,500	20,400	21,200	+100	+0.5%	-700	-3.3%
Government	386,900	390,400	376,900	-3,500	-0.9%	+10,000	+2.7%
Federal Government	39,000	38,600	37,400	+400	+1.0%	+1,600	+4.3%
State Government	110,700	112,700	109,000	-2,000	-1.8%	+1,700	+1.6%
State Government Educational Services	48,200	50,400	49,100	-2,200	-4.4%	-900	-1.8%
State Government Excluding Education	62,500	62,300	59,900	+200	+0.3%	+2,600	+4.3%
Local Government	237,200	239,100	230,500	-1,900	-0.8%	+6,700	+2.9%
Local Government Educational Services	115,900	115,600	113,000	+300	+0.3%	+2,900	+2.6%
Local Government Excluding Educational Services	121,300	123,500	117,500	-2,200	-1.8%	+3,800	+3.2%

TOTAL PRIVATE NSA STATEWIDE HOURS AND EARNINGS BY MSA

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (AWE)

AREA	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	\$1,168.38	\$1,159.87	\$1,089.70	+\$8.51	+0.7%	+\$78.68	+7.2%
Columbia	\$1,023.96	\$1,007.92	\$993.85	+\$16.04	+1.6%	+\$30.11	+3.0%
Florence	\$712.73	\$727.31	\$744.91	-\$14.58	-2.0%	-\$32.18	-4.3%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	\$1,125.38	\$1,101.75	\$1,125.38	+\$23.63	+2.1%	\$0.00	0.0%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	\$819.58	\$814.52	\$753.62	+\$5.06	+0.6%	+\$65.96	+8.8%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	\$850.39	\$854.07	\$851.15	-\$3.68	-0.4%	-\$0.76	-0.1%
Spartanburg	\$1,057.82	\$1,041.90	\$938.09	+\$15.92	+1.5%	+\$119.73	+12.8%
Sumter	\$958.25	\$976.70	\$914.73	-\$18.45	-1.9%	+\$43.52	+4.8%

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS (AWH)

AREA	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	33.7	33.6	34.0	+0.1	+0.3%	-0.3	-0.9%
Columbia	34.5	33.8	34.2	+0.7	+2.1%	+0.3	+0.9%
Florence	32.5	32.6	32.6	-0.1	-0.3%	-0.1	-0.3%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	34.3	33.9	34.3	+0.4	+1.2%	0.0	0.0%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	30.4	30.9	29.6	-0.5	-1.6%	+0.8	+2.7%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	30.8	30.7	31.7	+0.1	+0.3%	-0.9	-2.8%
Spartanburg	34.9	34.5	34.1	+0.4	+1.2%	+0.8	+2.3%
Sumter	33.4	32.6	34.9	+0.8	+2.5%	-1.5	-4.3%

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS (AHE)

AREA	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	\$34.67	\$34.52	\$32.05	+\$0.15	+0.4%	+\$2.62	+8.2%
Columbia	\$29.68	\$29.82	\$29.06	-\$0.14	-0.5%	+\$0.62	+2.1%
Florence	\$21.93	\$22.31	\$22.85	-\$0.38	-1.7%	-\$0.92	-4.0%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	\$32.81	\$32.50	\$32.81	+\$0.31	+1.0%	\$0.00	0.0%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	\$26.96	\$26.36	\$25.46	+\$0.60	+2.3%	+\$1.50	+5.9%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	\$27.61	\$27.82	\$26.85	-\$0.21	-0.8%	+\$0.76	+2.8%
Spartanburg	\$30.31	\$30.20	\$27.51	+\$0.11	+0.4%	+\$2.80	+10.2%
Sumter	\$28.69	\$29.96	\$26.21	-\$1.27	-4.2%	+\$2.48	+9.5%

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NSA STATEWIDE HOURS AND EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (AWE)

INDUSTRY TITLE	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Private	\$1,063.24	\$1,063.29	\$1,022.38	-\$0.05	0.0%	+\$40.86	+4.0%
Goods Producing	\$1,327.95	\$1,350.90	\$1,309.76	-\$22.95	-1.7%	+\$18.19	+1.4%
Construction	\$1,286.34	\$1,346.36	\$1,285.35	-\$60.02	-4.5%	+\$0.99	+0.1%
Manufacturing	\$1,377.00	\$1,384.91	\$1,373.97	-\$7.91	-0.6%	+\$3.03	+0.2%
Private Service Providing	\$997.75	\$992.00	\$952.56	+\$5.75	+0.6%	+\$45.19	+4.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	\$898.00	\$890.19	\$867.24	+\$7.81	+0.9%	+\$30.76	+3.5%
Financial Activities	\$1,323.20	\$1,326.64	\$1,205.52	-\$3.44	-0.3%	+\$117.68	+9.8%
Professional and Business Services	\$1,371.22	\$1,372.50	\$1,253.41	-\$1.28	-0.1%	+\$117.81	+9.4%
Education and Health Services	\$1,039.09	\$1,035.79	\$1,036.48	+\$3.30	+0.3%	+\$2.61	+0.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	\$475.25	\$467.75	\$460.53	+\$7.50	+1.6%	+\$14.72	+3.2%
Other Services	\$979.77	\$1,000.94	\$976.32	-\$21.17	-2.1%	+\$3.45	+0.4%

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS (AWH)

INDUSTRY TITLE	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Private	33.7	33.5	34.0	+0.2	+0.6%	-0.3	-0.9%
Goods Producing	39.3	39.5	40.6	-0.2	-0.5%	-1.3	-3.2%
Construction	39.8	40.7	41.8	-0.9	-2.2%	-2.0	-4.8%
Manufacturing	40.5	40.4	41.1	+0.1	+0.2%	-0.6	-1.5%
Private Service Providing	32.3	32.0	32.4	+0.3	+0.9%	-0.1	-0.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	33.1	32.3	32.9	+0.8	+2.5%	+0.2	+0.6%
Financial Activities	37.2	36.8	36.9	+0.4	+1.1%	+0.3	+0.8%
Professional and Business Services	37.9	37.5	36.8	+0.4	+1.1%	+1.1	+3.0%
Education and Health Services	32.2	31.9	32.8	+0.3	+0.9%	-0.6	-1.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	24.1	24.4	23.8	-0.3	-1.2%	+0.3	+1.3%
Other Services	33.0	33.6	33.9	-0.6	-1.8%	-0.9	-2.7%

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS (AHE)

INDUSTRY TITLE	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Private	\$31.55	\$31.74	\$30.07	-\$0.19	-0.6%	+\$1.48	+4.9%
Goods Producing	\$33.79	\$34.20	\$32.26	-\$0.41	-1.2%	+\$1.53	+4.7%
Construction	\$32.32	\$33.08	\$30.75	-\$0.76	-2.3%	+\$1.57	+5.1%
Manufacturing	\$34.00	\$34.28	\$33.43	-\$0.28	-0.8%	+\$0.57	+1.7%
Private Service Providing	\$30.89	\$31.00	\$29.40	-\$0.11	-0.4%	+\$1.49	+5.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	\$27.13	\$27.56	\$26.36	-\$0.43	-1.6%	+\$0.77	+2.9%
Financial Activities	\$35.57	\$36.05	\$32.67	-\$0.48	-1.3%	+\$2.90	+8.9%
Professional and Business Services	\$36.18	\$36.60	\$34.06	-\$0.42	-1.1%	+\$2.12	+6.2%
Education and Health Services	\$32.27	\$32.47	\$31.60	-\$0.20	-0.6%	+\$0.67	+2.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	\$19.72	\$19.17	\$19.35	+\$0.55	+2.9%	+\$0.37	+1.9%
Other Services	\$29.69	\$29.79	\$28.80	-\$0.10	-0.3%	+\$0.89	+3.1%

NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
CHARLESTON-NORTH CHARLESTON MSA
DECEMBER 2024 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	435,500	436,200	423,500	-700	-0.2%	+12,000	+2.8%
Total Private	362,000	362,700	353,300	-700	-0.2%	+8,700	+2.5%
Goods Producing	59,400	59,400	56,600	0	0.0%	+2,800	+4.9%
Service-Providing	376,100	376,800	366,900	-700	-0.2%	+9,200	+2.5%
Private Service Providing	302,600	303,300	296,700	-700	-0.2%	+5,900	+2.0%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	24,700	24,700	22,900	0	0.0%	+1,800	+7.9%
Manufacturing	34,700	34,700	33,700	0	0.0%	+1,000	+3.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	80,900	79,700	79,600	+1,200	+1.5%	+1,300	+1.6%
Wholesale Trade	13,500	13,500	13,400	0	0.0%	+100	+0.7%
Retail Trade	46,700	46,000	45,600	+700	+1.5%	+1,100	+2.4%
General Merchandise Stores	8,800	8,600	8,700	+200	+2.3%	+100	+1.1%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,700	20,200	20,600	+500	+2.5%	+100	+0.5%
Information	8,500	8,400	7,800	+100	+1.2%	+700	+9.0%
Financial Activities	22,300	22,100	21,600	+200	+0.9%	+700	+3.2%
Professional and Business Services	68,700	70,100	68,500	-1,400	-2.0%	+200	+0.3%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	28,000	29,200	28,600	-1,200	-4.1%	-600	-2.1%
Education and Health Services	50,700	50,900	48,800	-200	-0.4%	+1,900	+3.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	54,300	55,000	53,200	-700	-1.3%	+1,100	+2.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	46,800	47,600	46,200	-800	-1.7%	+600	+1.3%
Food Services and Drinking Places	39,100	39,500	38,200	-400	-1.0%	+900	+2.4%
Other Services	17,200	17,100	17,200	+100	+0.6%	0	0.0%
Government	73,500	73,500	70,200	0	0.0%	+3,300	+4.7%
Federal Government	12,400	12,200	11,700	+200	+1.6%	+700	+6.0%
State Government	30,300	30,100	28,500	+200	+0.7%	+1,800	+6.3%
Local Government	30,800	31,200	30,000	-400	-1.3%	+800	+2.7%

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
COLUMBIA MSA
DECEMBER 2024 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	438,700	438,500	433,000	+200	0.0%	+5,700	+1.3%
Total Private	354,000	353,900	349,000	+100	0.0%	+5,000	+1.4%
Goods Producing	51,700	51,400	50,200	+300	+0.6%	+1,500	+3.0%
Service-Providing	387,000	387,100	382,800	-100	0.0%	+4,200	+1.1%
Private Service Providing	302,300	302,500	298,800	-200	-0.1%	+3,500	+1.2%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	18,900	18,600	18,000	+300	+1.6%	+900	+5.0%
Manufacturing	32,800	32,800	32,200	0	0.0%	+600	+1.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	80,700	79,900	81,400	+800	+1.0%	-700	-0.9%
Wholesale Trade	17,300	17,300	17,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	45,300	44,800	45,800	+500	+1.1%	-500	-1.1%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	18,100	17,800	18,300	+300	+1.7%	-200	-1.1%
Information	5,200	5,000	4,800	+200	+4.0%	+400	+8.3%
Financial Activities	39,500	39,300	38,100	+200	+0.5%	+1,400	+3.7%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Monetary Authorities - Central Bank	7,600	7,600	7,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	58,400	59,500	57,000	-1,100	-1.8%	+1,400	+2.5%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	31,100	31,700	30,200	-600	-1.9%	+900	+3.0%
Education and Health Services	59,500	59,700	57,800	-200	-0.3%	+1,700	+2.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	40,800	41,000	41,200	-200	-0.5%	-400	-1.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	34,200	34,300	34,500	-100	-0.3%	-300	-0.9%
Other Services	18,200	18,100	18,500	+100	+0.6%	-300	-1.6%
Government	84,700	84,600	84,000	+100	+0.1%	+700	+0.8%
Federal Government	12,200	12,100	12,100	+100	+0.8%	+100	+0.8%
State Government	36,400	36,500	36,200	-100	-0.3%	+200	+0.6%
Local Government	36,100	36,000	35,700	+100	+0.3%	+400	+1.1%

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
GREENVILLE-ANDERSON-MAULDIN MSA
DECEMBER 2024 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	473,400	473,300	467,600	+100	0.0%	+5,800	+1.2%
Total Private	412,700	411,900	406,200	+800	+0.2%	+6,500	+1.6%
Goods Producing	84,700	84,400	85,500	+300	+0.4%	-800	-0.9%
Service-Providing	388,700	388,900	382,100	-200	-0.1%	+6,600	+1.7%
Private Service Providing	328,000	327,500	320,700	+500	+0.2%	+7,300	+2.3%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	24,000	23,800	22,700	+200	+0.8%	+1,300	+5.7%
Manufacturing	60,700	60,600	62,800	+100	+0.2%	-2,100	-3.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	86,500	85,300	86,400	+1,200	+1.4%	+100	+0.1%
Wholesale Trade	21,500	21,500	21,200	0	0.0%	+300	+1.4%
Retail Trade	49,300	48,400	49,700	+900	+1.9%	-400	-0.8%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	15,700	15,400	15,500	+300	+1.9%	+200	+1.3%
Information	6,800	6,600	6,200	+200	+3.0%	+600	+9.7%
Financial Activities	22,800	22,700	23,000	+100	+0.4%	-200	-0.9%
Professional and Business Services	76,800	76,800	76,200	0	0.0%	+600	+0.8%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	31,500	31,700	30,400	-200	-0.6%	+1,100	+3.6%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	6,900	6,900	7,000	0	0.0%	-100	-1.4%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	38,400	38,200	38,800	+200	+0.5%	-400	-1.0%
Education and Health Services	65,400	65,800	62,000	-400	-0.6%	+3,400	+5.5%
Educational Services	14,100	14,200	13,000	-100	-0.7%	+1,100	+8.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	51,300	51,600	49,000	-300	-0.6%	+2,300	+4.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	53,300	54,100	50,300	-800	-1.5%	+3,000	+6.0%
Other Services	16,400	16,200	16,600	+200	+1.2%	-200	-1.2%
Government	60,700	61,400	61,400	-700	-1.1%	-700	-1.1%
Federal Government	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	11,700	12,200	13,200	-500	-4.1%	-1,500	-11.4%
Local Government	45,900	46,100	45,100	-200	-0.4%	+800	+1.8%

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
MYRTLE BEACH-CONWAY-NORTH MYRTLE BEACH MSA
DECEMBER 2024 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	193,200	193,900	192,200	-700	-0.4%	+1,000	+0.5%
Total Private	166,700	167,300	166,600	-600	-0.4%	+100	+0.1%
Goods Producing	18,600	18,400	18,000	+200	+1.1%	+600	+3.3%
Service-Providing	174,600	175,500	174,200	-900	-0.5%	+400	+0.2%
Private Service Providing	148,100	148,900	148,600	-800	-0.5%	-500	-0.3%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	13,100	13,000	12,600	+100	+0.8%	+500	+4.0%
Manufacturing	5,500	5,400	5,400	+100	+1.9%	+100	+1.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	44,200	43,900	44,200	+300	+0.7%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	4,100	4,100	4,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	34,700	34,400	34,500	+300	+0.9%	+200	+0.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	5,400	5,400	5,600	0	0.0%	-200	-3.6%
Information	2,800	2,800	2,700	0	0.0%	+100	+3.7%
Financial Activities	10,100	10,100	10,400	0	0.0%	-300	-2.9%
Professional and Business Services	20,400	20,400	20,000	0	0.0%	+400	+2.0%
Education and Health Services	23,400	23,400	22,500	0	0.0%	+900	+4.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	40,100	41,300	41,700	-1,200	-2.9%	-1,600	-3.8%
Accommodation and Food Services	33,600	34,500	34,400	-900	-2.6%	-800	-2.3%
Food Services and Drinking Places	28,200	29,100	27,900	-900	-3.1%	+300	+1.1%
Other Services	7,100	7,000	7,100	+100	+1.4%	0	0.0%
Government	26,500	26,600	25,600	-100	-0.4%	+900	+3.5%
Federal Government	1,700	1,700	1,600	0	0.0%	+100	+6.3%
State Government	4,300	4,300	4,400	0	0.0%	-100	-2.3%
Local Government	20,500	20,600	19,600	-100	-0.5%	+900	+4.6%

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
SPARTANBURG MSA
DECEMBER 2024 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	178,700	178,500	175,300	+200	+0.1%	+3,400	+1.9%
Total Private	147,600	147,600	146,100	0	0.0%	+1,500	+1.0%
Goods Producing	48,400	48,400	47,600	0	0.0%	+800	+1.7%
Service-Providing	130,300	130,100	127,700	+200	+0.2%	+2,600	+2.0%
Private Service Providing	99,200	99,200	98,500	0	0.0%	+700	+0.7%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,800	8,700	8,200	+100	+1.1%	+600	+7.3%
Manufacturing	39,600	39,700	39,400	-100	-0.3%	+200	+0.5%
Durable Goods	27,400	27,500	27,200	-100	-0.4%	+200	+0.7%
Non-Durable Goods	12,200	12,200	12,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	37,000	36,700	37,200	+300	+0.8%	-200	-0.5%
Wholesale Trade	8,200	8,300	8,300	-100	-1.2%	-100	-1.2%
Retail Trade	18,200	18,000	18,100	+200	+1.1%	+100	+0.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	10,600	10,400	10,800	+200	+1.9%	-200	-1.9%
Information	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	5,200	5,200	5,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	17,200	17,300	17,100	-100	-0.6%	+100	+0.6%
Education and Health Services	17,400	17,500	16,800	-100	-0.6%	+600	+3.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	15,500	15,600	15,300	-100	-0.6%	+200	+1.3%
Other Services	5,900	5,900	5,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	31,100	30,900	29,200	+200	+0.6%	+1,900	+6.5%
Federal Government	700	700	700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	26,400	26,200	24,500	+200	+0.8%	+1,900	+7.8%

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**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
FLORENCE MSA
DECEMBER 2024 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	100,800	100,300	97,800	+500	+0.5%	+3,000	+3.1%
Total Private	82,200	81,700	79,800	+500	+0.6%	+2,400	+3.0%
Goods Producing	15,500	15,400	15,000	+100	+0.6%	+500	+3.3%
Service-Providing	85,300	84,900	82,800	+400	+0.5%	+2,500	+3.0%
Private Service Providing	66,700	66,300	64,800	+400	+0.6%	+1,900	+2.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	21,100	20,500	21,200	+600	+2.9%	-100	-0.5%
Government	18,600	18,600	18,000	0	0.0%	+600	+3.3%
Federal Government	800	800	800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	0.0%	+100	+2.0%
Local Government	12,800	12,800	12,300	0	0.0%	+500	+4.1%

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND-BLUFFTON-BEAUFORT MSA
DECEMBER 2024 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	91,500	91,500	90,300	0	0.0%	+1,200	+1.3%
Total Private	79,200	79,300	78,200	-100	-0.1%	+1,000	+1.3%
Goods Producing	8,500	8,600	8,100	-100	-1.2%	+400	+4.9%
Service-Providing	83,000	82,900	82,200	+100	+0.1%	+800	+1.0%
Private Service Providing	70,700	70,700	70,100	0	0.0%	+600	+0.9%
Government	12,300	12,200	12,100	+100	+0.8%	+200	+1.7%

**SUMTER MSA
DECEMBER 2024 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	DECEMBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	39,900	39,700	38,700	+200	+0.5%	+1,200	+3.1%
Total Private	33,800	33,600	32,700	+200	+0.6%	+1,100	+3.4%
Goods Producing	9,900	9,800	9,300	+100	+1.0%	+600	+6.5%
Service-Providing	30,000	29,900	29,400	+100	+0.3%	+600	+2.0%
Private Service Providing	23,900	23,800	23,400	+100	+0.4%	+500	+2.1%
Manufacturing	6,400	6,400	6,600	0	0.0%	-200	-3.0%
Government	6,100	6,100	6,000	0	0.0%	+100	+1.7%
Federal Government	1,400	1,300	1,300	+100	+7.7%	+100	+7.7%
State Government	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	3,400	3,500	3,400	-100	-2.9%	0	0.0%

LONG-RUN TRENDS

ANNUAL LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS DATA 1976-2023

YEAR	CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION	LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE (PERCENT)	EMPLOYMENT-POPULATION RATIO (PERCENT)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (PERCENT)
1976	2,007,417	64.7%	60.2%	1,299,241	1,207,662	91,579	7.0%
1977	2,061,250	64.4%	60.0%	1,327,423	1,237,495	89,928	6.8%
1978	2,117,667	64.1%	60.5%	1,356,921	1,281,597	75,324	5.6%
1979	2,169,417	63.4%	60.2%	1,375,201	1,306,773	68,428	5.0%
1980	2,221,250	62.8%	58.6%	1,395,675	1,301,796	93,879	6.7%
1981	2,266,583	63.2%	58.0%	1,432,219	1,314,907	117,312	8.2%
1982	2,307,333	64.2%	57.3%	1,482,373	1,322,883	159,490	10.8%
1983	2,341,083	63.2%	56.9%	1,479,137	1,333,162	145,975	9.9%
1984	2,378,500	62.9%	58.5%	1,495,188	1,391,286	103,902	6.9%
1985	2,426,500	63.8%	59.5%	1,548,924	1,443,612	105,312	6.8%
1986	2,455,333	64.9%	60.7%	1,592,306	1,491,069	101,237	6.4%
1987	2,495,333	65.4%	61.8%	1,631,897	1,542,170	89,727	5.5%
1988	2,533,000	65.6%	62.5%	1,660,533	1,583,928	76,605	4.6%
1989	2,566,000	66.0%	62.9%	1,693,438	1,615,009	78,429	4.6%
1990	2,611,843	66.5%	63.3%	1,737,831	1,652,949	84,882	4.9%
1991	2,663,759	66.3%	62.3%	1,767,123	1,659,196	107,927	6.1%
1992	2,699,745	66.7%	62.2%	1,799,677	1,678,803	120,874	6.7%
1993	2,739,480	66.7%	61.8%	1,826,650	1,693,483	133,167	7.3%
1994	2,775,049	66.4%	62.3%	1,841,428	1,727,714	113,714	6.2%
1995	2,813,952	66.2%	62.8%	1,864,221	1,768,540	95,681	5.1%
1996	2,851,104	66.2%	62.4%	1,886,064	1,779,221	106,843	5.7%
1997	2,897,839	66.3%	63.3%	1,920,244	1,834,337	85,907	4.5%
1998	2,945,825	65.9%	63.5%	1,940,846	1,870,270	70,576	3.6%
1999	2,989,560	65.5%	62.8%	1,958,598	1,877,345	81,253	4.1%

ANNUAL LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS DATA 1976-2023

YEAR	CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION	LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE (PERCENT)	EMPLOYMENT-POPULATION RATIO (PERCENT)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (PERCENT)
2000	3,027,367	64.9%	62.5%	1,965,481	1,892,559	72,922	3.7%
2001	3,064,191	63.4%	60.0%	1,941,956	1,839,246	102,710	5.3%
2002	3,098,739	63.1%	59.0%	1,954,548	1,828,735	125,813	6.4%
2003	3,133,915	63.8%	59.2%	1,999,485	1,855,599	143,886	7.2%
2004	3,178,645	64.3%	59.5%	2,043,864	1,891,722	152,142	7.4%
2005	3,234,049	64.0%	59.4%	2,071,111	1,919,644	151,467	7.3%
2006	3,305,437	65.0%	60.5%	2,148,698	2,001,245	147,453	6.9%
2007	3,374,548	63.9%	60.0%	2,155,198	2,024,493	130,705	6.1%
2008	3,439,974	62.8%	58.2%	2,160,084	2,002,903	157,181	7.3%
2009	3,490,448	62.1%	55.0%	2,166,737	1,919,307	247,430	11.4%
2010	3,564,619	61.0%	54.1%	2,174,535	1,928,442	246,093	11.3%
2011	3,612,048	60.5%	54.2%	2,185,171	1,957,493	227,678	10.4%
2012	3,655,515	59.9%	54.5%	2,190,203	1,992,957	197,246	9.0%
2013	3,704,281	59.3%	54.9%	2,197,876	2,034,404	163,472	7.4%
2014	3,759,002	59.1%	55.4%	2,222,426	2,082,941	139,485	6.3%
2015	3,822,409	59.3%	55.8%	2,267,837	2,134,087	133,750	5.9%
2016	3,888,005	58.8%	55.9%	2,286,054	2,174,301	111,753	4.9%
2017	3,897,645	58.0%	55.6%	2,261,766	2,166,708	95,058	4.2%
2018	3,948,448	57.8%	55.9%	2,282,022	2,205,356	76,666	3.4%
2019	4,002,601	58.3%	56.7%	2,333,533	2,268,884	64,649	2.8%
2020	4,050,504	57.7%	54.3%	2,339,140	2,199,751	139,389	6.0%
2021	4,109,008	57.4%	55.2%	2,359,169	2,266,611	92,558	3.9%
2022	4,188,402	57.1%	55.3%	2,393,329	2,316,435	76,894	3.2%
2023	4,274,977	57.4%	55.7%	2,453,060	2,380,392	72,668	3.0%

LONG-RUN TRENDS

ANNUAL CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS NONFARM PAYROLL 1939-2023

YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT
1939	310,100	1961	587,000	1983	1,189,000	2005	1,862,900
1940	328,600	1962	609,800	1984	1,262,500	2006	1,905,700
1941	387,500	1963	630,600	1985	1,296,200	2007	1,945,000
1942	416,500	1964	651,500	1986	1,338,000	2008	1,926,300
1943	428,500	1965	686,000	1987	1,392,200	2009	1,814,400
1944	408,600	1966	734,900	1988	1,449,000	2010	1,811,300
1945	396,000	1967	754,500	1989	1,499,700	2011	1,832,500
1946	411,600	1968	782,900	1990	1,527,600	2012	1,864,300
1947	436,200	1969	819,800	1991	1,497,300	2013	1,901,000
1948	456,400	1970	842,000	1992	1,511,800	2014	1,951,300
1949	443,100	1971	862,600	1993	1,553,000	2015	2,006,700
1950	461,400	1972	920,300	1994	1,592,000	2016	2,055,300
1951	505,800	1973	984,000	1995	1,636,300	2017	2,096,100
1952	544,300	1974	1,015,800	1996	1,669,400	2018	2,154,800
1953	543,900	1975	982,600	1997	1,718,800	2019	2,189,600
1954	519,700	1976	1,038,100	1998	1,779,800	2020	2,082,300
1955	533,000	1977	1,081,700	1999	1,826,300	2021	2,154,000
1956	542,900	1978	1,137,500	2000	1,854,000	2022	2,242,900
1957	545,000	1979	1,176,000	2001	1,814,800	2023	2,305,800
1958	545,900	1980	1,188,800	2002	1,795,400		
1959	566,900	1981	1,196,500	2003	1,799,100		
1960	582,500	1982	1,162,300	2004	1,826,600		

ANNUAL CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS NONFARM PAYROLL 2007-2023

	<i>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</i>	<i>AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS</i>	<i>AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS</i>
2007	\$675.36	36.0	\$18.76
2008	\$669.28	35.6	\$18.80
2009	\$665.55	34.7	\$19.18
2010	\$692.17	34.8	\$19.89
2011	\$716.18	34.8	\$20.58
2012	\$705.16	35.1	\$20.09
2013	\$716.15	34.9	\$20.52
2014	\$726.23	34.5	\$21.05
2015	\$743.27	34.7	\$21.42
2016	\$762.80	34.5	\$22.11
2017	\$791.99	34.6	\$22.89
2018	\$829.36	34.6	\$23.97
2019	\$852.84	34.5	\$24.72
2020	\$888.31	34.1	\$26.05
2021	\$925.41	34.3	\$26.98
2022	\$972.90	34.5	\$28.20
2023	\$1,014.59	34.3	\$29.58

TECHNICAL NOTES

- 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, is 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 sub-state geographies.
- 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. This data is processed by DEW to generate comparable data for the state and its metropolitan statistical areas.
- 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.
- Not Seasonally Adjusted:** Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from this data.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (CES)	LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (LAUS)
Data is published by Industry	Data is published by County
Counts Jobs	Counts People
Utilizes an Establishment Survey	The Current Population Survey (CPS), which is a Household Survey , is used to calculate LAUS
Reference week is the Pay Period that includes the 12 th of the month	Reference week is the Calendar Week that includes the 12 th of the month
A job held by a person on unpaid leave during the reference week is not counted since they are not receiving pay	A person on unpaid leave is counted as employed because they will return to their job
Does not count self-employed workers	Does count self-employed workers
Does not include agricultural workers	Includes both agricultural and non-agricultural workers
Does not count unpaid family workers	Counts unpaid family workers if they worked at least 15 unpaid hours for a family business or family farm during the reference week
Workers on strike during the entire reference period are not counted	Workers on strike during the reference week are counted as employed in LAUS



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