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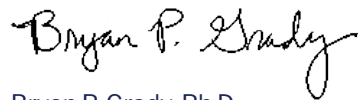
Want to know how many South Carolinians are eligible to work? Check out the Civilian Non-Institutional Population figure on page 17.

Welcome to Trends! As temperatures rise, we find ourselves in the middle of graduation season, with young adults concluding their high school and college studies and thinking about what comes next. Here at DEW, we are celebrating SC@Work School to Success Month. Executive Director, William Floyd, spoke alongside Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette at an event earlier this month that launched her Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders employment initiative. We want to make sure that young people and their parents are thinking about the merits of part-time work, supplementing their studies so they can earn a paycheck and valuable skills for their futures. Visit the news feed on dew.sc.gov to read the press release about the event.

This month's featured article is about our short-term employment projections. Once we had the final jobs numbers for 2023, LMI staff worked on estimating payroll by industry and occupation for 2025. Of course we don't have a crystal ball, but it's our best estimate, assuming that economic conditions remain stable. Read along to see what we're expecting to see for the South Carolina labor market in the year ahead.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at lmicustomerservice@dew.sc.gov if you have any questions. We'd also love to hear any suggestions on what data would help you out!

Thanks for reading!



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SOUTH CAROLINA SHORT-TERM EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS, 2023-2025

The Labor Market Information Division (LMI) of DEW completes a two-year industry and occupational employment projection each March for the state. This comprehensive analysis for the period of 2023-2025 provides valuable insights into the state's economic landscape, highlighting growth trends, key sectors, and emerging opportunities.

Industry Projections

The analysis projects employment at the three-digit industry level and aggregates the results up the hierarchy of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Overall, the state is expected to surpass 2.438 million jobs by 2025, marking a two-year increase of 54,000 jobs, representing a robust growth rate of 2.25 percent. **Figure 1** presents a table summarizing the industry projections at the supersector level.

FIGURE 1: S.C. INDUSTRY GROUP EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS, 2023-2025

NAICS CODE	NAICS TITLE	BASE EMPLOYMENT	PROJECTION EMPLOYMENT	NUMERIC CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE	ANNUAL GROWTH RATE
000000	Total All Industries	2,385,096	2,438,853	53,757	2.25%	1.12%
000067	Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, All Jobs	123,343	125,549	2,206	1.79%	0.89%
101100	Natural Resources and Mining	16,051	16,324	273	1.70%	0.85%
101200	Construction	109,749	112,921	3,172	2.89%	1.43%
101300	Manufacturing	262,264	263,371	1,107	0.42%	0.21%
102100	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	437,633	449,218	11,585	2.65%	1.32%
102200	Information	30,406	30,600	194	0.64%	0.32%
102300	Financial Activities	113,426	118,862	5,436	4.79%	2.37%
102400	Professional and Business Services	309,185	316,829	7,644	2.47%	1.23%
102500	Education and Health Services	454,302	468,992	14,690	3.23%	1.60%
102600	Leisure and Hospitality	266,619	269,942	3,323	1.25%	0.62%
102700	Other Services (except Government)	104,633	106,397	1,764	1.69%	0.84%
102800	Government	157,485	159,848	2,363	1.50%	0.75%

Source: DEW, Employment Projections Program

Education and Health Services continues to be the largest supersector, followed by Trade, Transportation and Utilities, and Professional and Business Services. Notably, Education and Health Services and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities are projected to lead in job creation, each adding more than 11,000 jobs during the period. The Goods-Producing sectors, Construction and Manufacturing, also show promising growth, with the addition of 3,172 and 1,107 jobs, respectively.

At the more granular industry sector level, Mining leads with an impressive growth rate of 8.32 percent, followed by the Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services, and Finance and Insurance sectors, which are each projected to grow by more than five percent, as indicated by the table in **Figure 2**. Reflective of industries at the sector level, Health Care and Social Assistance, expected to be the largest sector employer, is set to expand significantly, adding more than 11,000 jobs. The Retail Trade, Accommodations and Food Services, and Education Services sectors are also poised for substantial growth, showing the diversity of the state's economy.

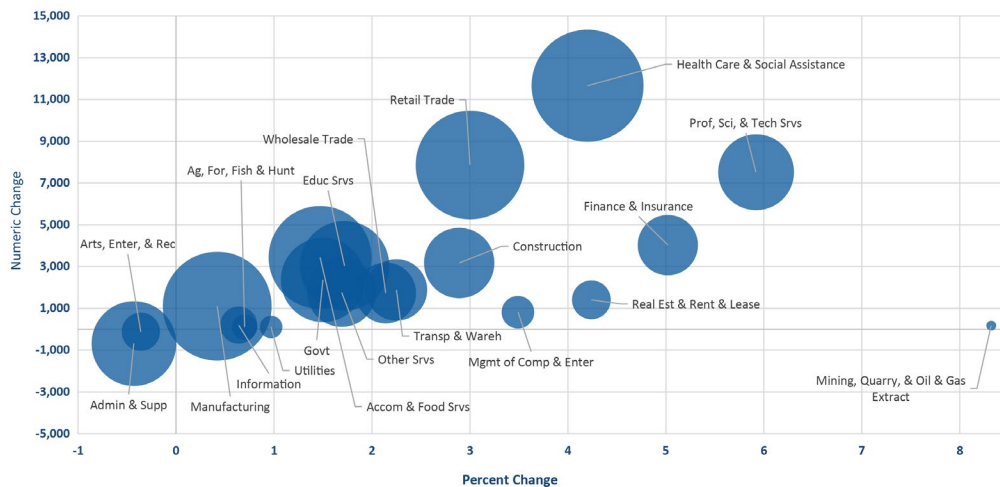
FIGURE 2: S.C. INDUSTRY SECTOR EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS, 2023-2025

NAICS TITLE	BASE EMPLOYMENT	PROJECTION EMPLOYMENT	NUMERIC CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
Mining, Quarry, & Oil & Gas Extract	2,104	2,279	175	8.32%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	126,974	134,486	7,512	5.92%
Finance & Insurance	80,253	84,281	4,028	5.02%
Real Estate & Rent & Lease	33,173	34,581	1,408	4.24%
Health Care & Social Assistance	277,525	289,180	11,655	4.20%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	23,406	24,222	816	3.49%
Retail Trade	261,550	269,408	7,858	3.00%
Construction	109,749	112,921	3,172	2.89%
Transportation & Warehousing	83,622	85,505	1,883	2.25%
Total All Industries	2,385,096	2,438,853	53,757	2.25%
Wholesale Trade	81,277	83,013	1,736	2.14%
Educational Services	176,777	179,812	3,035	1.72%
Other Services	104,633	106,397	1,764	1.69%
Government	157,485	159,848	2,363	1.50%
Accommodation and Food Services	234,403	237,841	3,438	1.47%
Utilities	11,184	11,292	108	0.97%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	13,947	14,045	98	0.70%
Information	30,406	30,600	194	0.64%
Manufacturing	262,264	263,371	1,107	0.42%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	32,216	32,101	-115	-0.36%
Administrative and Support	158,805	158,121	-684	-0.43%

Source: DEW, Employment Projections Program

The bubble chart in **Figure 3** illustrates the employment projections across various industry sectors with bubble size determined by base employment level and the axes showing the two-year change. The Health Care and Social Assistance industry sector is a clear, projected leader.

FIGURE 3: S.C. INDUSTRY SECTOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGE, 2023-2025



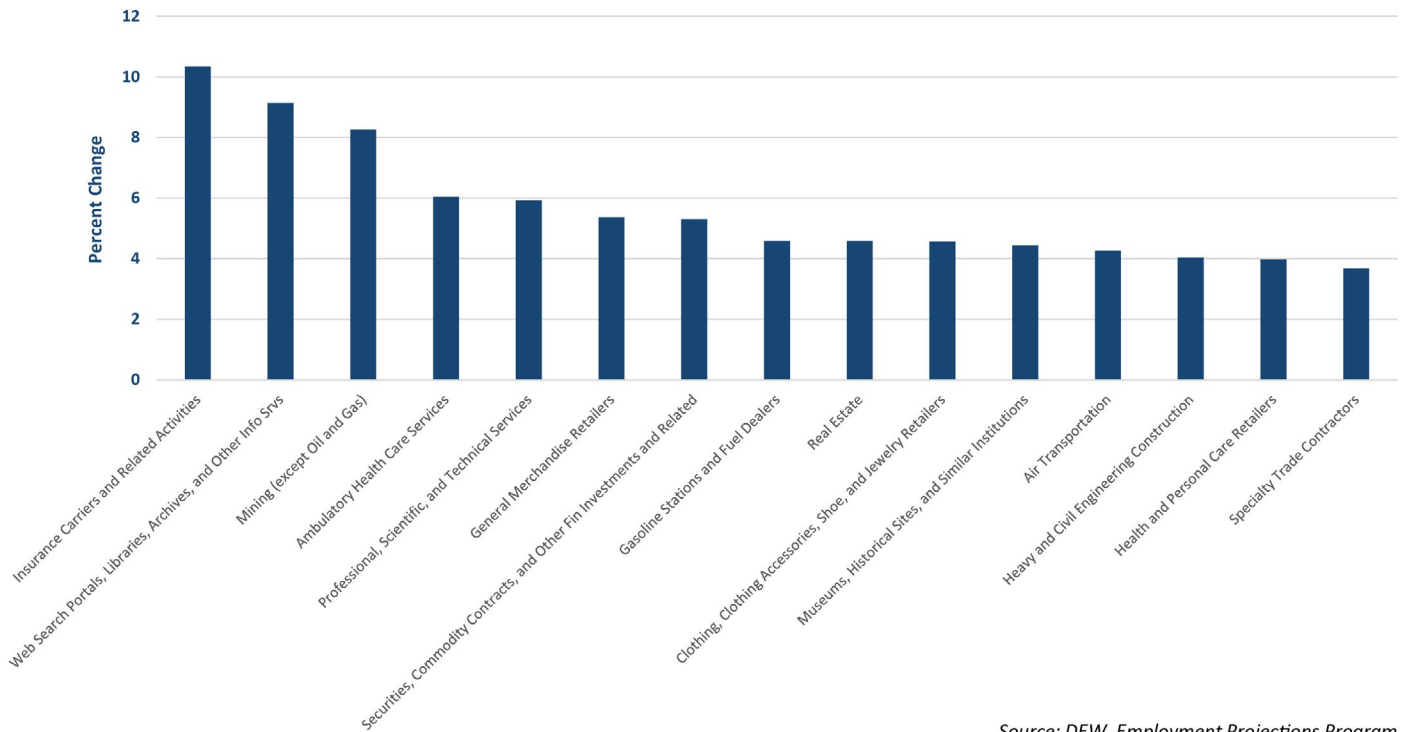
Source: DEW, Employment Projections Program

The placement of bubbles from left to right signifies the extent of percent growth or decline in each sector. Bubbles situated farther to the right indicate a higher projected percent change in employment, reflecting sectors expected to expand significantly. Conversely, bubbles positioned closer to the left indicate sectors with relatively stagnant or declining employment. The vertical axis shows the numeric change in employment.

The sectors Health Care and Social Assistance; Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services; Finance and Insurance; and Retail Trade exhibit notable impact on the economy with significant size and growth. Stakeholders can utilize this visual representation to identify sectors with significant growth potential, informing strategic decisions related to workforce development, investment, and economic policies.

Examining the subsector-level employment change reveals a variety of industries expecting strong growth over the two-year period. **Figure 4** highlights the top subsectors by percent change with Insurance Carriers, Web Search Portals, and Mining leading the way in growth.

FIGURE 4: S.C. TOP INDUSTRY SUBSECTOR PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT PERCENT CHANGE, 2023-2025



Source: DEW, Employment Projections Program

Occupational Projections

Occupations show what workers do as opposed to what their companies' activities are, as with industry projections. **Figure 5** presents a table of employment projections and metrics by major occupation group. Office and Administrative Support is the largest group with 312,000 jobs, followed by Sales and Related Occupations with 241,000 jobs.

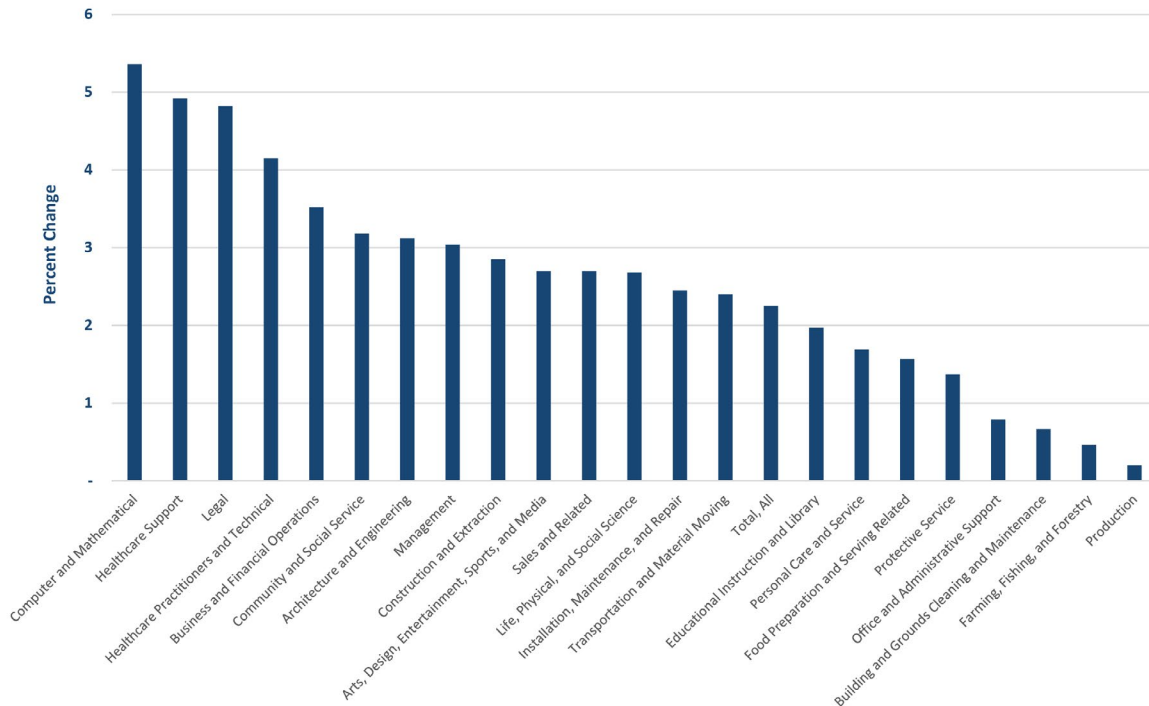
FIGURE 5: S.C. OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS, 2023-2025

SOC CODE	NAICS TITLE	BASE EMPLOYMENT	PROJECTION EMPLOYMENT	NUMERIC CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE	ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS	ANNUAL GROWTH RATE
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	2,385,096	2,438,853	53,757	2.25%	296,699	1.12%
11-0000	Management Occupations	152,618	157,255	4,637	3.04%	14,106	1.51%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations Occupations	114,480	118,509	4,029	3.52%	11,176	1.74%
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical Occupations	52,765	55,593	2,828	5.36%	4,613	2.64%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering Occupations	41,731	43,033	1,302	3.12%	3,489	1.55%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	15,675	16,095	420	2.68%	1,614	1.33%
21-0000	Community and Social Service Occupations	30,977	31,961	984	3.18%	3,068	1.58%
23-0000	Legal Occupations	18,885	19,795	910	4.82%	1,685	2.38%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library Occupations	113,158	115,392	2,234	1.97%	10,815	0.98%
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	28,287	29,050	763	2.70%	3,179	1.34%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	140,387	146,215	5,828	4.15%	10,898	2.05%
31-0000	Healthcare Support Occupations	84,599	88,762	4,163	4.92%	14,402	2.43%
33-0000	Protective Service Occupations	47,819	48,475	656	1.37%	5,590	0.68%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	219,921	223,379	3,458	1.57%	43,562	0.78%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	82,885	83,440	555	0.67%	11,397	0.33%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service Occupations	65,214	66,316	1,102	1.69%	12,165	0.84%
41-0000	Sales and Related Occupations	241,150	247,657	6,507	2.70%	35,354	1.34%
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	312,017	314,497	2,480	0.79%	37,013	0.40%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	9,795	9,840	45	0.46%	1,452	0.23%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction Occupations	97,649	100,430	2,781	2.85%	9,802	1.41%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	102,918	105,435	2,517	2.45%	10,286	1.22%
51-0000	Production Occupations	197,485	197,882	397	0.20%	21,067	0.10%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	214,681	219,842	5,161	2.40%	29,969	1.19%

Source: DEW, Employment Projections Program

The smallest Occupation Group is Farming, Fishing, and Forestry with fewer than 9,800 jobs. The chart in **Figure 6** below presents the occupation groups sorted by percent change in descending order.

FIGURE 6: S.C. OCCUPATIONAL GROUP PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT PERCENT CHANGE, 2023-2025

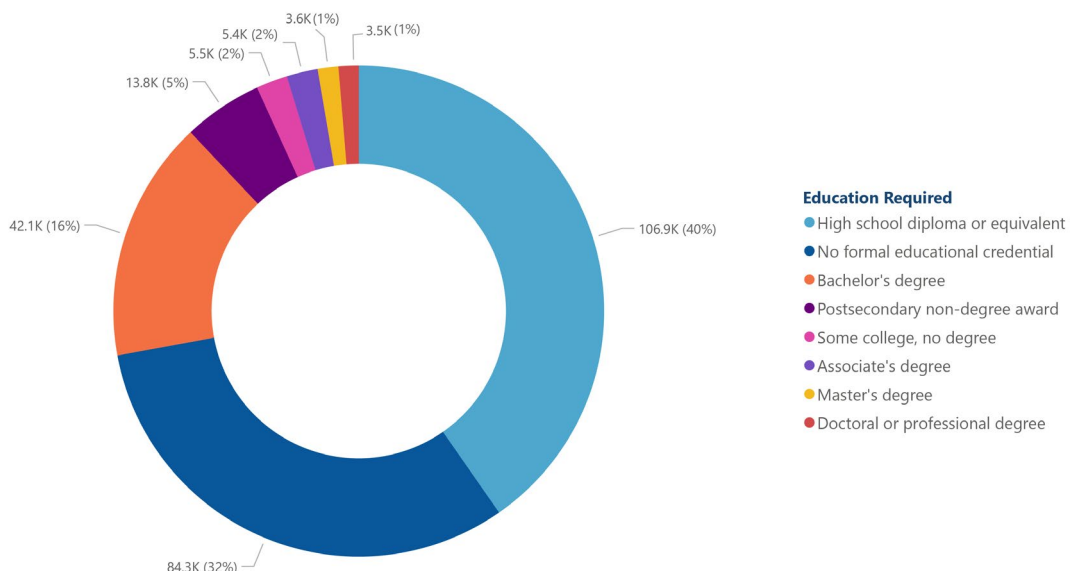


Source: DEW, Employment Projections Program

Computer and Mathematical occupations are projected to grow more than five percent for the two-year period, pointing to increasing demand for professionals skilled in computer science, data analysis, and other mathematical disciplines, driven by technological advancements and digital transformation across industries. Healthcare Support, Legal, and Healthcare Practitioners and Technical occupations are expected to grow more than four percent, indicating healthcare industry expansion and advancements in medical technology as well as demand for legal expertise in various fields. On the other end of the spectrum, Production occupations should tick up by a modest 0.2 percent.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics determines the typical education for entry into an occupation by exhaustive research. A summary of the annual job openings by education required is shown in **Figure 7** below.

FIGURE 7: ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS BY EDUCATION REQUIRED



The clear majority of projected job openings require education at the high school level or below. However, occupations requiring a Bachelor's degree still represent a significant portion of the job market. Roles requiring higher education typically offer higher earning potential and opportunities for career advancement. Occupations requiring some college but no degree and those necessitating an associate degree present moderate job openings. These roles often require specific technical or vocational skills acquired through partial college education or specialized training programs. Occupations requiring advanced degrees have comparatively fewer job openings. These roles typically represent specialized fields such as healthcare, academia, or executive leadership, where demand may be more limited but opportunities for high-level expertise and leadership exist.

Figure 8 presents a table of the fastest-growing occupations with at least 25 new jobs projected to be added over the two-year period. Computer, Mathematical, and Healthcare occupations dominate the listing.

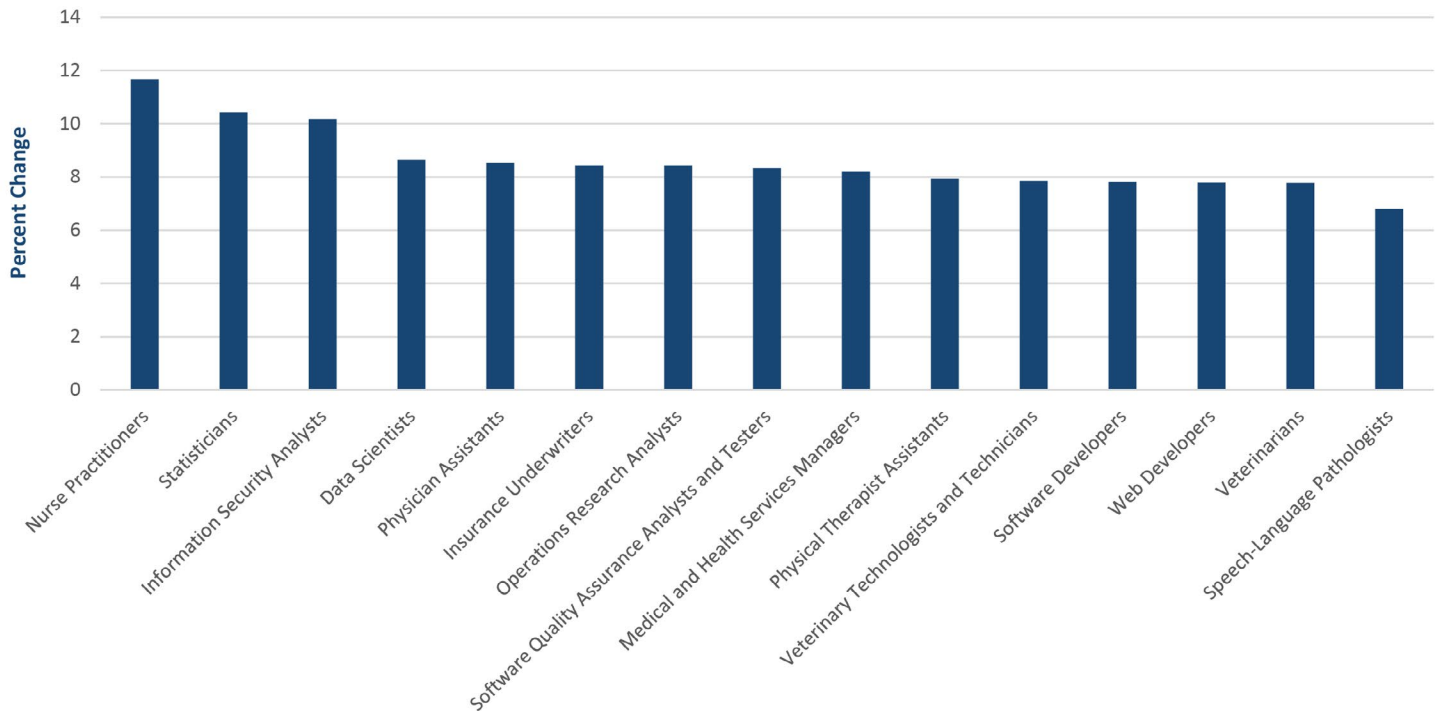
FIGURE 8: S.C. FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS WITH GROWTH OF AT LEAST 25 NEW JOBS

SOC CODE	NAICS TITLE	BASE EMPLOYMENT	PROJECTION EMPLOYMENT	NUMERIC CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
29-1171	Nurse Practitioners	4,243	4,738	495	11.67%
41-3021	Insurance Sales Agents	8,598	9,517	919	10.69%
15-2041	Statisticians	288	318	30	10.42%
15-1212	Information Security Analysts	1,436	1,582	146	10.17%
47-5041	Continuous Mining Machine Operators	359	391	32	8.91%
15-2051	Data Scientists	1,284	1,395	111	8.64%
29-1071	Physician Assistants	1,854	2,012	158	8.52%
31-9096	Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers	2,061	2,235	174	8.44%
13-2053	Insurance Underwriters	1,364	1,479	115	8.43%
15-2031	Operations Research Analysts	913	990	77	8.43%
15-1253	Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	1,383	1,498	115	8.32%
11-9111	Medical and Health Services Managers	8,004	8,661	657	8.21%
39-9099	Personal Care and Service Workers, All Other	845	913	68	8.05%
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	2,181	2,354	173	7.93%
29-2056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	1,952	2,105	153	7.84%
15-1252	Software Developers	11,992	12,928	936	7.81%
15-1254	Web Developers	1,566	1,688	122	7.79%
29-1131	Veterinarians	1,851	1,995	144	7.78%
43-9041	Insurance Claims and Policy Processing Clerks	4,298	4,596	298	6.93%
29-1127	Speech-Language Pathologists	2,428	2,593	165	6.80%

Source: DEW, Employment Projections Program

A subset of the table shown in **Figure 9** shows those occupations that require education beyond high school. The increased demand for advanced healthcare providers to address the needs of aging populations and expand healthcare services is apparent from the sheer number of healthcare occupations in the listing. The rising importance of data analysis and statistical expertise, driven by the growing emphasis on data-driven decision-making and analytics, is also evident by the many computer and mathematical positions.

FIGURE 9: FASTEST GROWING BY AT LEAST 25 NEW JOBS FOR OCCUPATIONS REQUIRING EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL



Source: DEW, Employment Projections Program

Conversely, **Figure 10** highlights the fastest declining occupations that are projected to lose at least 25 jobs. The declines result from changing consumer preferences and the impact of technological innovations in the workforce.

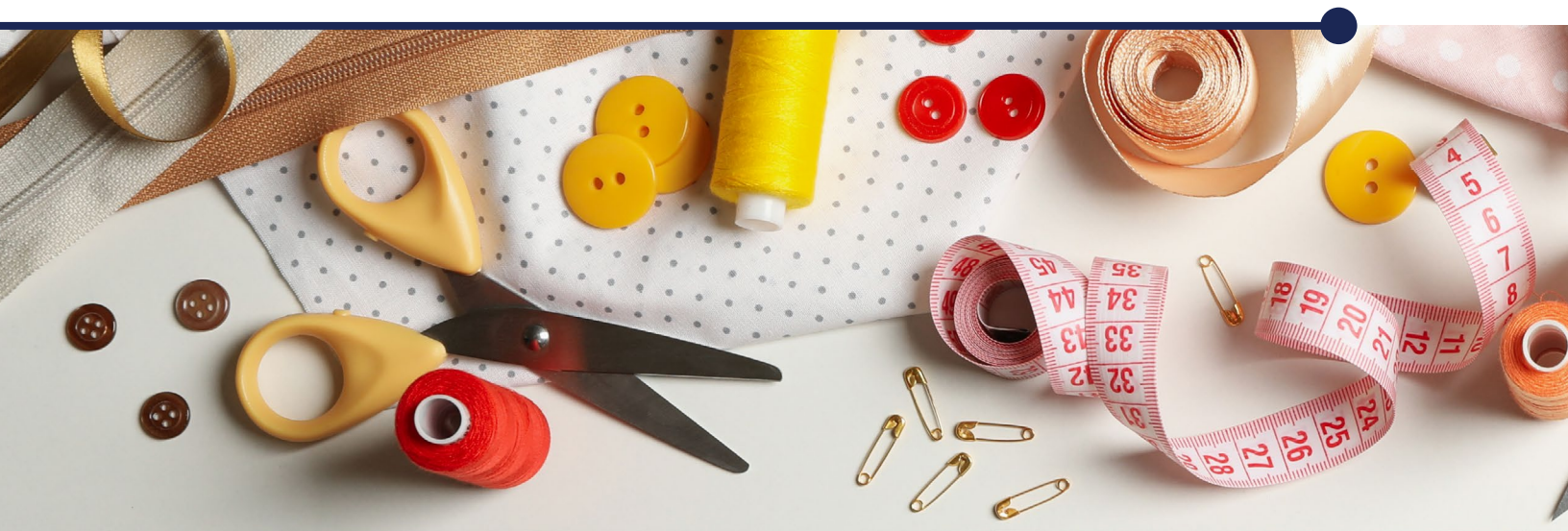


FIGURE 10: S.C. FASTEST DECLINING OCCUPATIONS WITH LOSS OF AT LEAST 25 JOBS

SOC CODE	SOC TITLE	BASE EMPLOYMENT	PROJECTION EMPLOYMENT	NUMERIC CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
41-9091	Door-to-Door Sales Workers, News and Street Vendors, and Related Workers	939	885	-54	-5.75%
41-9041	Telemarketers	871	826	-45	-5.17%
51-7011	Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters	933	896	-37	-3.97%
51-2041	Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters	843	816	-27	-3.2%
51-9011	Chemical Equipment Operators and Tenders	4,003	3,888	-115	-2.87%
43-3071	Tellers	6,145	5,969	-176	-2.86%
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	5,778	5,622	-156	-2.7%
43-9021	Data Entry Keyers	1,583	1,551	-32	-2.02%
51-9198	Helpers--Production Workers	3,772	3,703	-69	-1.83%
51-6064	Textile Winding, Twisting, and Drawing Out Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	2,417	2,377	-40	-1.65%
51-6063	Textile Knitting and Weaving Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	2,019	1,988	-31	-1.54%
51-4033	Grinding, Lapping, Polishing, and Buffing Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	1,687	1,662	-25	-1.48%
35-2011	Cooks, Fast Food	14,738	14,525	-213	-1.45%
51-6091	Extruding and Forming Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Synthetic and Glass Fibers	2,186	2,158	-28	-1.28%
51-4031	Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	2,658	2,627	-31	-1.17%
43-3011	Bill and Account Collectors	5,524	5,481	-43	-0.78%
43-5071	Shipping, Receiving, and Inventory Clerks	15,277	15,213	-64	-0.42%
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	37,467	37,345	-122	-0.33%
33-9032	Security Guards	14,224	14,196	-28	-0.20%

Source: DEW, Employment Projections Program

Overall, the analysis reveals the dynamic nature of the job market in South Carolina, with certain occupations experiencing rapid growth while others face decline due to various economic, technological, and societal factors. This data can inform workforce development strategies, education and training programs, and career planning initiatives to align with emerging opportunities and challenges in the labor market.



SOUTH CAROLINA'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION (MARCH 2024)

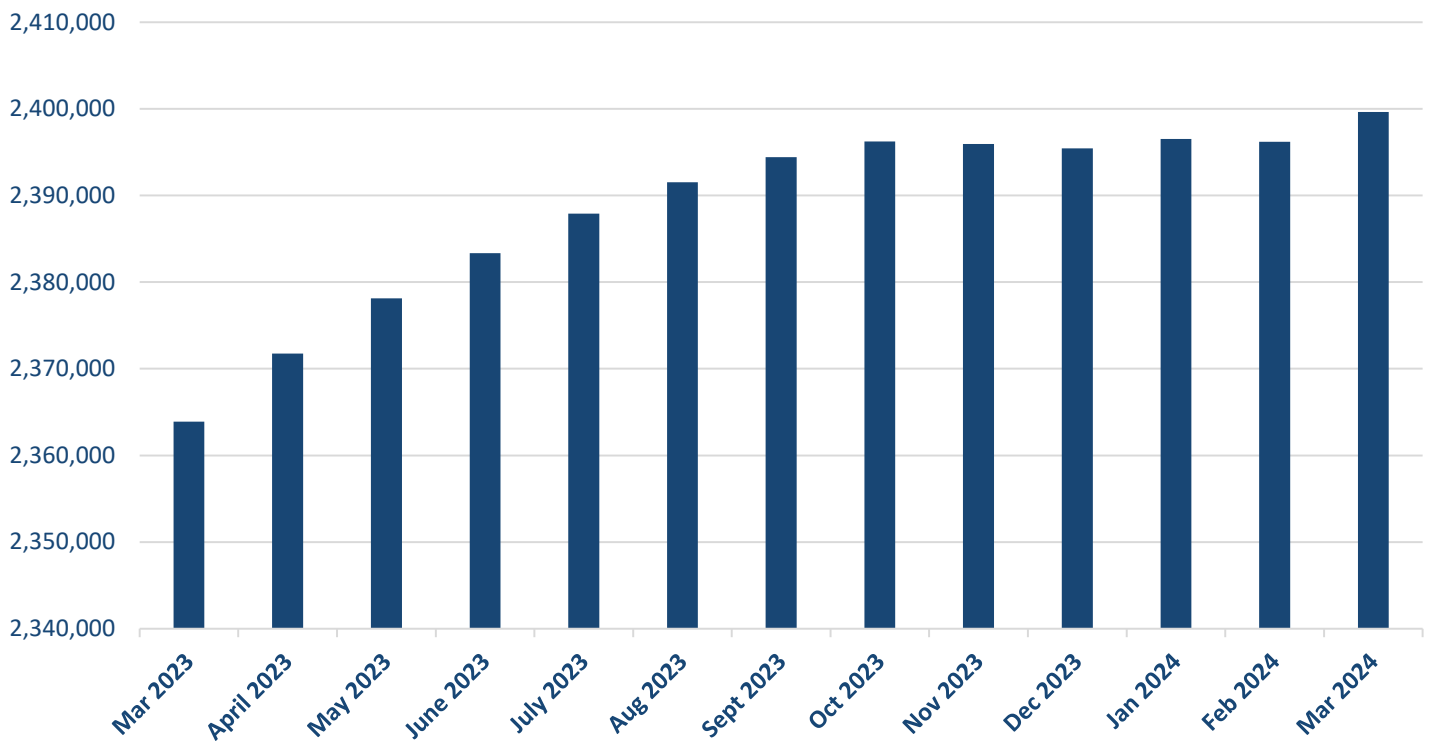
Household Survey¹ (Local Area Unemployment Statistics)

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 2,399,623.
- That is an increase of 3,428 people over the February 2024 estimate.
- That is an increase of 35,715 people over the March 2023 estimate.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED

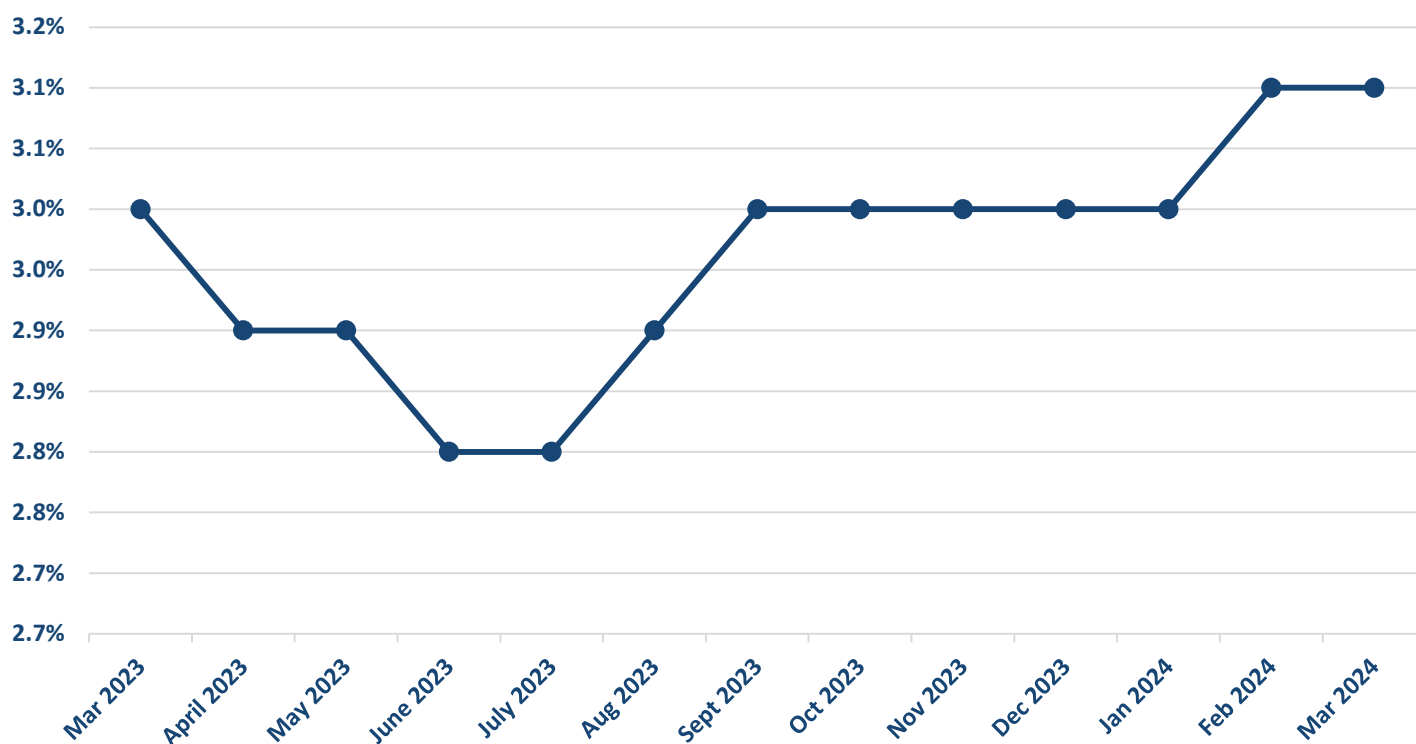


SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a regular pattern each year (i.e. tourist-related hiring and school closings in the summer). These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other nonseasonal movements in data over time.

UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED³)

- The estimate of unemployed people increased to 77,961.
- That is an increase of 1,537 people from February's estimate and an increase of 5,931 from the March 2023 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.1 percent. The national unemployment rate decreased to 3.8 percent, according to the Current Population Survey.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



LABOR FORCE:

- The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,477,584, while the labor force participation rate was steady at 57.1 percent.
- That is an increase of 4,965 people over the February 2024 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 41,646 individuals over the March 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.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED³)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 7,200 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,358,400.

JOBS BY INDUSTRY	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024				MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024			
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE		
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,358,400	2,351,200	2,293,200	+7,200 ↑	+0.3% ↑	+65,200 ↑	+2.8% ↑				
Construction	114,900	115,500	111,300	-600 ↓	-0.5% ↓	+3,600 ↑	+3.2% ↑				
Manufacturing	265,900	265,900	262,800	0 -	0% -	+3,100 ↑	+1.2% ↑				
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	447,100	446,200	440,100	+900 ↑	+0.2% ↑	+7,000 ↑	+1.6% ↑				
Information	29,000	28,800	29,500	+200 ↑	+0.7% ↑	-500 ↓	-1.7% ↓				
Financial Activities	123,800	123,500	121,000	+300 ↑	+0.2% ↑	+2,800 ↑	+2.3% ↑				
Professional and Business Services	317,400	315,400	311,200	+2,000 ↑	+0.6% ↑	+6,200 ↑	+2.0% ↑				
Education and Health Services	295,400	293,800	276,800	+1,600 ↑	+0.5% ↑	+18,600 ↑	+6.7% ↑				
Leisure and Hospitality	293,000	290,700	278,500	+2,300 ↑	+0.8% ↑	+14,500 ↑	+5.2% ↑				
Other Services	89,800	89,800	85,900	0 -	0 -	+3,900 ↑	+4.5% ↑				
Government	377,600	377,100	371,700	+500 ↑	+0.1% ↑	+5,900 ↑	+1.6% ↑				

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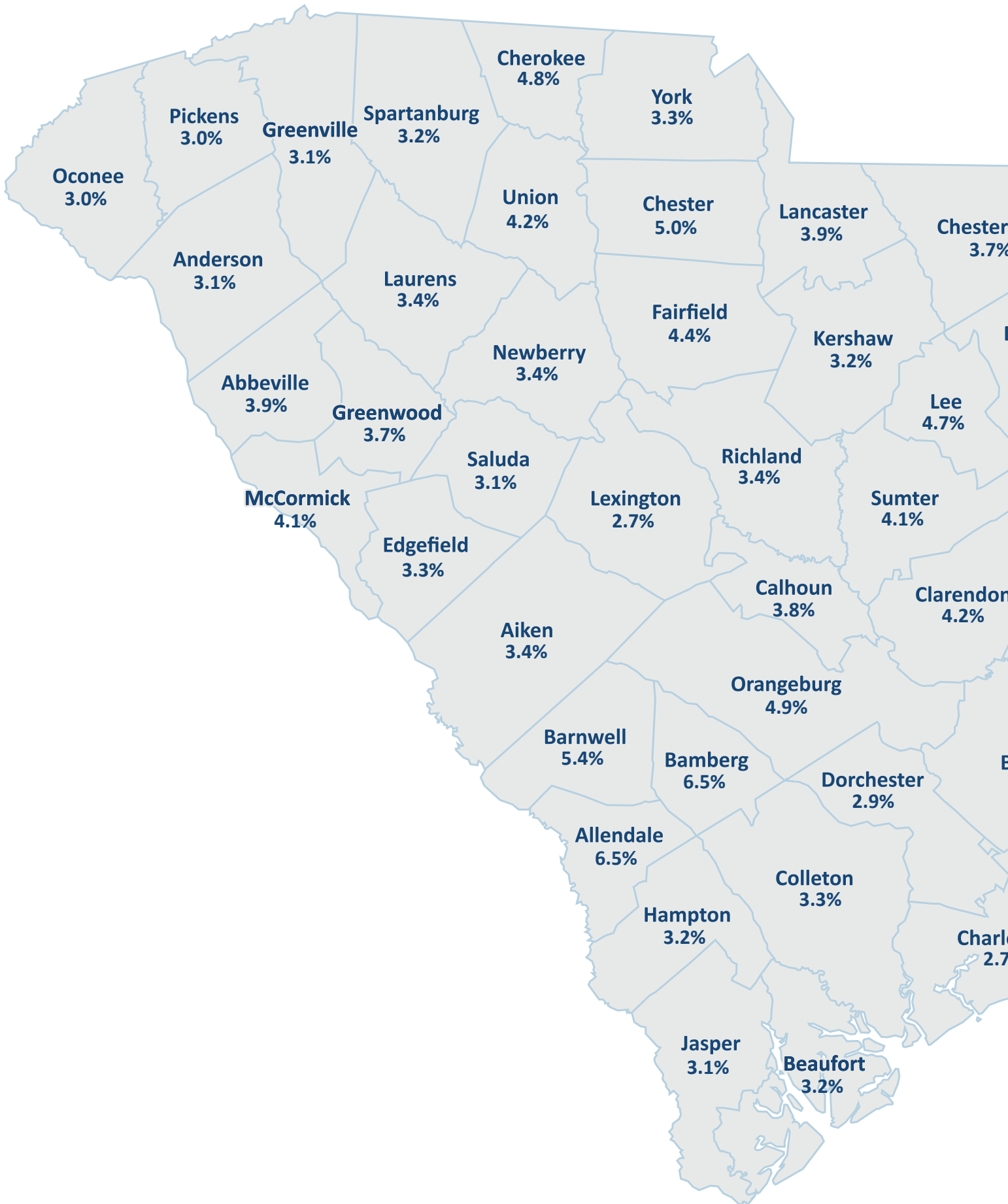
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED³)

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				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE		
Statewide	2,358,400	2,351,200	2,293,200	+7,200	↑	+0.3%	↑	+65,200	↑	+2.8%	↑
Charleston/North Charleston	424,600	424,300	409,000	+300	↑	+0.1%	↑	+15,600	↑	+3.8%	↑
Columbia	433,800	431,800	421,500	+2,000	↑	+0.5%	↑	+12,300	↑	+2.9%	↑
Florence	97,500	97,000	95,300	+500	↑	+0.5%	↑	+2,200	↑	+2.3%	↑
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin	465,900	464,500	457,900	+1,400	↑	+0.3%	↑	+8,000	↑	+1.7%	↑
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort	91,200	90,900	88,000	+300	↑	+0.3%	↑	+3,200	↑	+3.6%	↑
Myrtle Beach	198,700	198,500	191,200	+200	↑	+0.1%	↑	+7,500	↑	+3.9%	↑
Spartanburg	174,300	173,800	169,800	+500	↑	+0.3%	↑	+4,500	↑	+2.7%	↑
Sumter	38,800	38,600	37,700	+200	↑	+0.5%	↑	+1,100	↑	+2.9%	↑

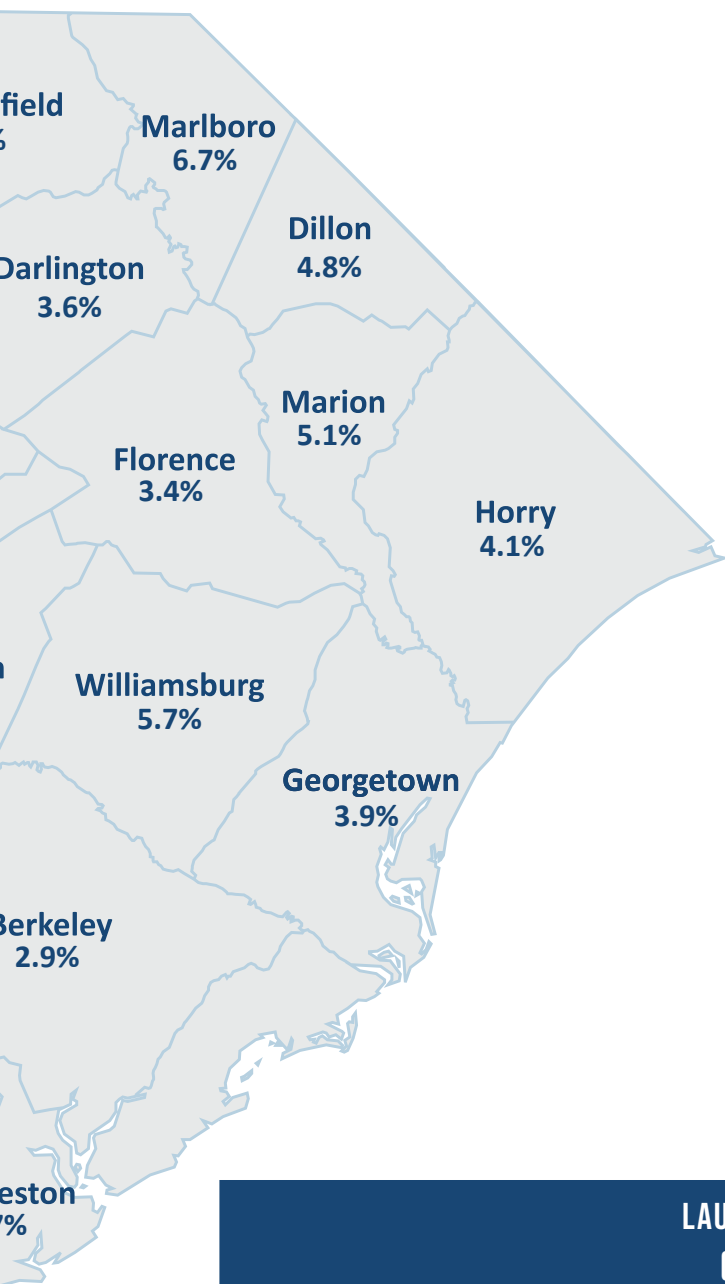
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LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

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 (%)
4,339,390	2,477,584	57.1%	2,399,623	55.3%	77,961	3.1%

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	MARCH 2024					FEBRUARY 2024					MARCH 2023				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT				
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			
Abbeville County	↓	9,664	9,287	377	3.9%	9,629	9,181	448	4.7%	9,487	9,107	380	4.0%		
Aiken County	↓	75,501	72,935	2,566	3.4%	74,244	71,433	2,811	3.8%	73,176	70,729	2,447	3.3%		
Allendale County	↓	2,448	2,288	160	6.5%	2,387	2,224	163	6.8%	2,401	2,255	146	6.1%		
Anderson County	↓	95,744	92,790	2,954	3.1%	94,698	91,443	3,255	3.4%	93,517	90,694	2,823	3.0%		
Bamberg County	↑	4,766	4,454	312	6.5%	4,697	4,395	302	6.4%	4,558	4,300	258	5.7%		
Barnwell County	↓	7,765	7,346	419	5.4%	7,650	7,216	434	5.7%	7,795	7,441	354	4.5%		
Beaufort County	↓	81,827	79,241	2,586	3.2%	80,750	77,812	2,938	3.6%	77,225	74,808	2,417	3.1%		
Berkeley County	↓	118,051	114,589	3,462	2.9%	116,902	113,073	3,829	3.3%	114,458	111,060	3,398	3.0%		
Calhoun County	↓	6,840	6,577	263	3.8%	6,731	6,466	265	3.9%	6,474	6,218	256	4.0%		
Charleston County	↓	232,296	226,001	6,295	2.7%	229,832	222,984	6,848	3.0%	224,476	218,253	6,223	2.8%		
Cherokee County	↑	22,979	21,886	1,093	4.8%	22,779	21,708	1,071	4.7%	23,846	22,832	1,014	4.3%		
Chester County	↑	13,992	13,298	694	5.0%	13,783	13,110	673	4.9%	13,671	13,069	602	4.4%		
Chesterfield County	↓	21,854	21,049	805	3.7%	21,530	20,699	831	3.9%	21,461	20,748	713	3.3%		
Clarendon County	↓	12,537	12,010	527	4.2%	12,355	11,781	574	4.6%	12,044	11,473	571	4.7%		
Colleton County	↓	16,705	16,150	555	3.3%	16,461	15,875	586	3.6%	15,998	15,417	581	3.6%		
Darlington County	↓	31,338	30,217	1,121	3.6%	30,803	29,613	1,190	3.9%	30,340	29,198	1,142	3.8%		
Dillon County	↓	13,364	12,718	646	4.8%	13,182	12,542	640	4.9%	13,088	12,358	730	5.6%		
Dorchester County	↓	85,759	83,265	2,494	2.9%	84,851	82,155	2,696	3.2%	83,005	80,615	2,390	2.9%		
Edgefield County	↓	10,667	10,316	351	3.3%	10,482	10,085	397	3.8%	10,221	9,863	358	3.5%		
Fairfield County	↓	9,742	9,312	430	4.4%	9,616	9,161	455	4.7%	9,301	8,852	449	4.8%		
Florence County	↓	69,377	67,006	2,371	3.4%	68,230	65,754	2,476	3.6%	67,301	65,092	2,209	3.3%		
Georgetown County	↓	27,149	26,088	1,061	3.9%	26,542	25,414	1,128	4.2%	25,964	24,966	998	3.8%		
Greenville County	↓	272,474	264,092	8,382	3.1%	269,256	260,300	8,956	3.3%	266,329	258,409	7,920	3.0%		
Greenwood County	↓	30,386	29,254	1,132	3.7%	30,324	28,894	1,430	4.7%	29,844	28,637	1,207	4.0%		
Hampton County	↓	8,419	8,148	271	3.2%	8,276	7,988	288	3.5%	7,945	7,705	240	3.0%		
Horry County	↓	162,406	155,816	6,590	4.1%	158,791	151,576	7,215	4.5%	154,470	147,982	6,488	4.2%		
Jasper County	↓	14,213	13,766	447	3.1%	14,010	13,516	494	3.5%	13,239	12,869	370	2.8%		
Kershaw County	↓	31,093	30,084	1,009	3.2%	30,723	29,595	1,128	3.7%	29,612	28,620	992	3.3%		
Lancaster County	↓	45,495	43,738	1,757	3.9%	44,931	43,131	1,800	4.0%	44,682	42,991	1,691	3.8%		
Laurens County	↓	31,566	30,488	1,078	3.4%	31,221	30,031	1,190	3.8%	30,756	29,677	1,079	3.5%		
Lee County	↓	6,725	6,411	314	4.7%	6,618	6,295	323	4.9%	6,410	6,105	305	4.8%		
Lexington County	↓	159,892	155,532	4,360	2.7%	157,878	153,105	4,773	3.0%	152,736	148,429	4,307	2.8%		
Marion County	↓	13,052	12,380	672	5.1%	12,798	12,128	670	5.2%	12,772	12,099	673	5.3%		
Marlboro County	-	7,362	6,872	490	6.7%	7,267	6,777	490	6.7%	7,513	6,820	693	9.2%		
McCormick County	↓	3,540	3,395	145	4.1%	3,507	3,347	160	4.6%	3,451	3,313	138	4.0%		
Newberry County	↓	19,529	18,872	657	3.4%	19,273	18,581	692	3.6%	19,265	18,515	750	3.9%		
Oconee County	↓	36,267	35,161	1,106	3.0%	35,854	34,604	1,250	3.5%	35,058	33,981	1,077	3.1%		
Orangeburg County	-	34,063	32,380	1,683	4.9%	33,689	32,028	1,661	4.9%	33,143	31,474	1,669	5.0%		
Pickens County	↓	60,573	58,751	1,822	3.0%	60,047	57,910	2,137	3.6%	59,350	57,429	1,921	3.2%		
Richland County	↓	207,984	200,849	7,135	3.4%	205,290	197,859	7,431	3.6%	199,542	192,778	6,764	3.4%		
Saluda County	↓	9,124	8,844	280	3.1%	8,962	8,650	312	3.5%	8,405	8,120	285	3.4%		
Spartanburg County	↓	161,941	156,707	5,234	3.2%	160,115	154,516	5,599	3.5%	157,668	152,709	4,959	3.1%		
Sumter County	↓	42,231	40,493	1,738	4.1%	41,545	39,685	1,860	4.5%	42,586	40,751	1,835	4.3%		
Union County	↓	11,701	11,206	495	4.2%	11,549	11,051	498	4.3%	11,470	10,907	563	4.9%		
Williamsburg County	-	10,427	9,830	597	5.7%	10,247	9,659	588	5.7%	10,652	10,083	569	5.3%		
York County	↓	154,138	149,108	5,030	3.3%	152,347	147,120	5,227	3.4%	151,849	146,973	4,876	3.2%		

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LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY MSA (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

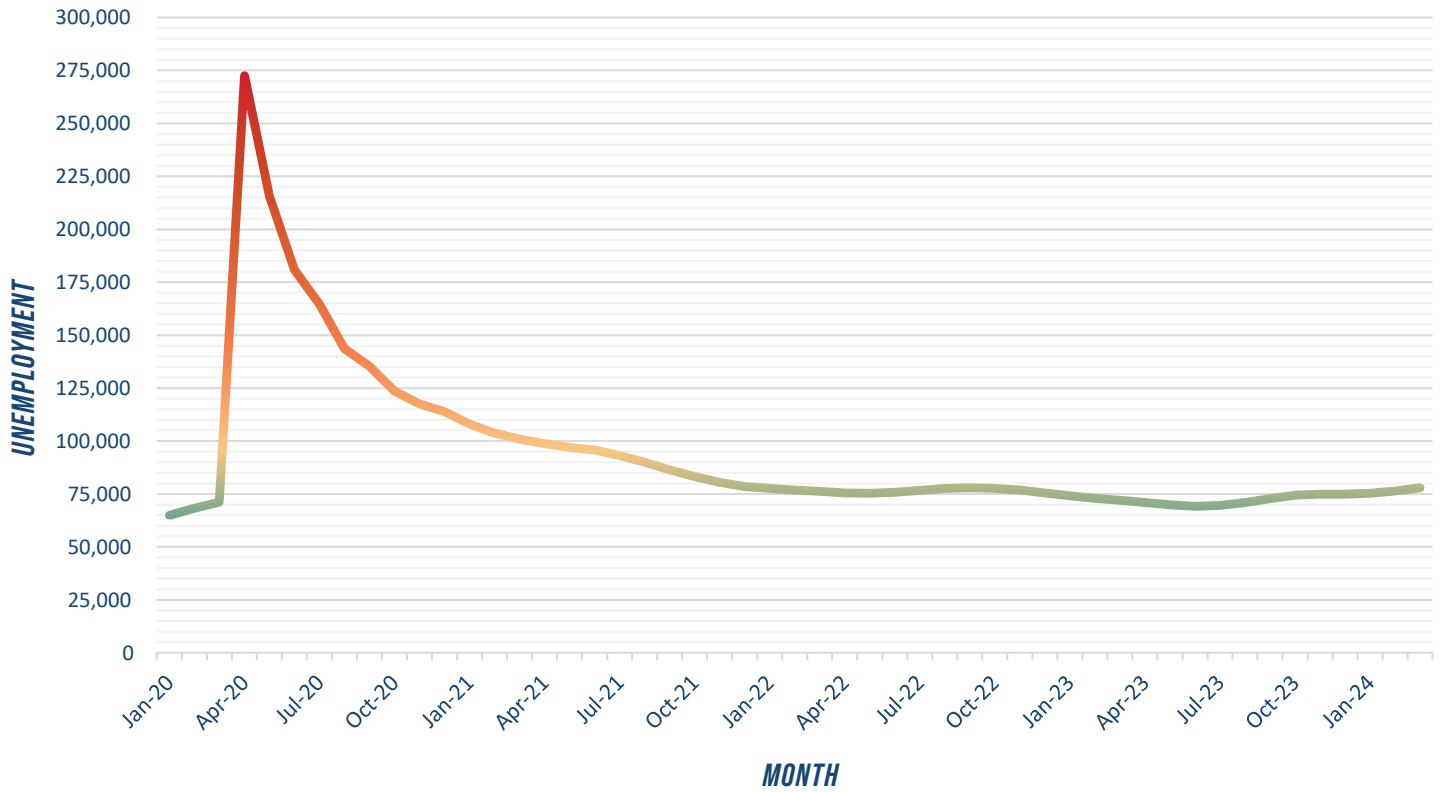
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	MARCH 2024					FEBRUARY 2024					MARCH 2023				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT				
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			
Charleston-North Charleston	↓ 436,106	423,855	12,251	2.8%	431,585	418,212	13,373	3.1%	421,939	409,928	12,011	2.8%			
Columbia	↓ 424,675	411,198	13,477	3.2%	419,200	404,836	14,364	3.4%	406,070	393,017	13,053	3.2%			
Florence	↓ 100,715	97,223	3,492	3.5%	99,033	95,367	3,666	3.7%	97,641	94,290	3,351	3.4%			
Greenville - Anderson-Mauldin	↓ 460,357	446,121	14,236	3.1%	455,222	439,684	15,538	3.4%	449,952	436,209	13,743	3.1%			
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	↓ 96,040	93,007	3,033	3.2%	94,760	91,328	3,432	3.6%	90,464	87,677	2,787	3.1%			
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	↓ 222,407	213,213	9,194	4.1%	217,805	207,732	10,073	4.6%	212,203	203,125	9,078	4.3%			
Spartanburg	↓ 173,642	167,913	5,729	3.3%	171,664	165,567	6,097	3.6%	169,138	163,616	5,522	3.3%			
Sumter	↓ 42,231	40,493	1,738	4.1%	41,545	39,685	1,860	4.5%	42,586	40,751	1,835	4.3%			
Augusta-Richmond County, GA (SC portion)	↓ 86,168	83,251	2,917	3.4%	84,726	81,518	3,208	3.8%	83,397	80,592	2,805	3.4%			
Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC (SC portion)	↓ 213,625	206,144	7,481	3.5%	211,061	203,361	7,700	3.6%	210,202	203,033	7,169	3.4%			

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY MUNICIPALITY (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

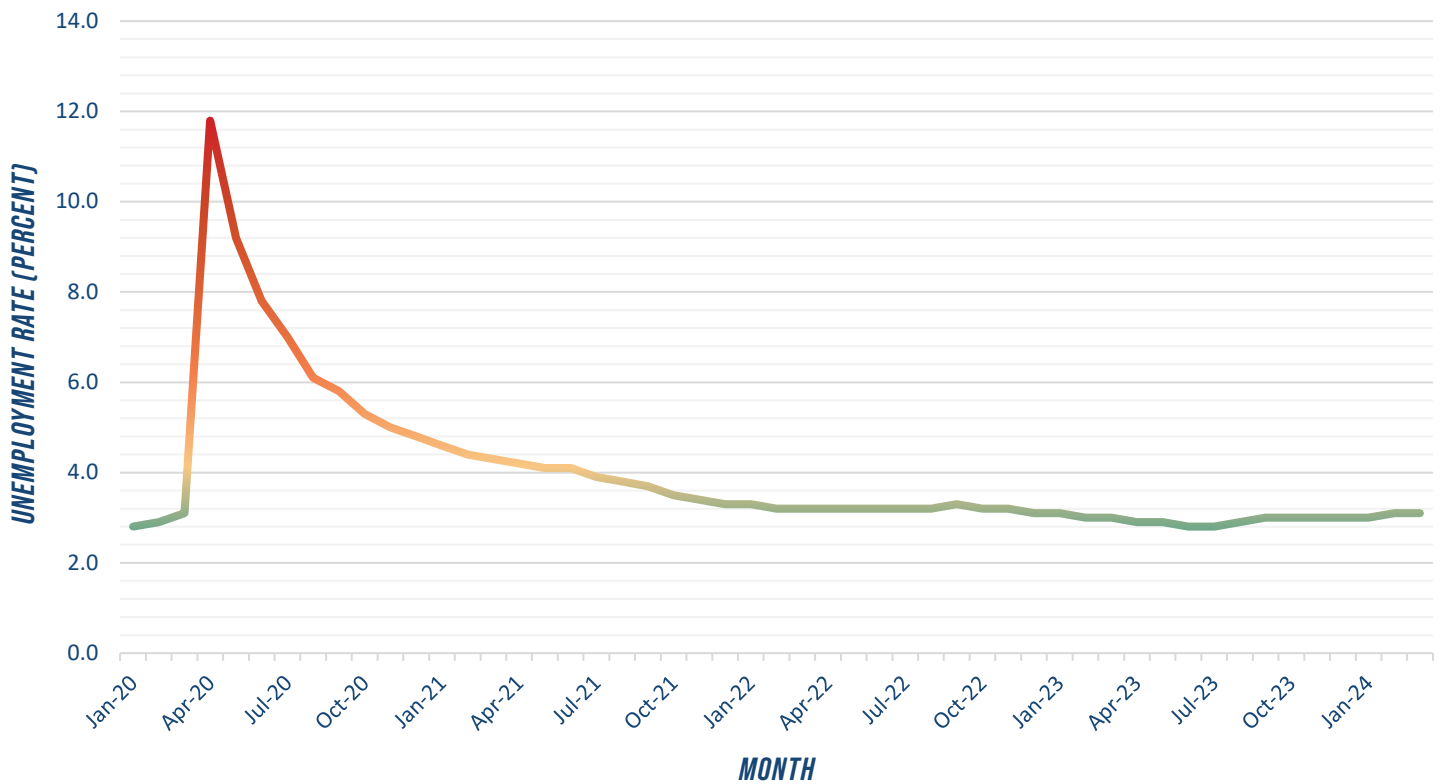
CITIES AND TOWNS ABOVE 25,000 POPULATION	MARCH 2024					FEBRUARY 2024					MARCH 2023				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT				
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			
Aiken	↓ 13,235	12,758	477	3.6%	13,008	12,495	513	3.9%	12,867	12,372	495	3.8%			
Anderson	↓ 12,095	11,658	437	3.6%	11,980	11,489	491	4.1%	11,804	11,395	409	3.5%			
Bluffton	↓ 13,918	13,520	398	2.9%	13,709	13,276	433	3.2%	13,118	12,764	354	2.7%			
Charleston	↓ 81,964	79,724	2,240	2.7%	81,106	78,660	2,446	3.0%	79,376	77,009	2,367	3.0%			
Columbia	↓ 60,193	57,954	2,239	3.7%	59,517	57,091	2,426	4.1%	57,831	55,623	2,208	3.8%			
Conway	↓ 10,979	10,524	455	4.1%	10,766	10,238	528	4.9%	10,500	9,995	505	4.8%			
Florence	↓ 20,395	19,703	692	3.4%	20,072	19,335	737	3.7%	19,821	19,141	680	3.4%			
Fort Mill	↓ 13,865	13,443	422	3.0%	13,698	13,263	435	3.2%	13,603	13,250	353	2.6%			
Goose Creek	↓ 22,358	21,711	647	2.9%	22,163	21,424	739	3.3%	21,705	21,043	662	3.0%			
Greenville	↓ 39,064	37,814	1,250	3.2%	38,577	37,271	1,306	3.4%	38,233	37,001	1,232	3.2%			
Greer	- 19,229	18,631	598	3.1%	18,955	18,366	589	3.1%	18,776	18,213	563	3.0%			
Hilton Head Island	↓ 18,356	17,826	530	2.9%	18,102	17,504	598	3.3%	17,334	16,829	505	2.9%			
Mauldin	↓ 14,465	14,031	434	3.0%	14,278	13,829	449	3.1%	14,144	13,729	415	2.9%			
Mount Pleasant	↓ 54,908	53,539	1,369	2.5%	54,264	52,824	1,440	2.7%	52,991	51,703	1,288	2.4%			
Myrtle Beach	↓ 16,921	16,175	746	4.4%	16,589	15,735	854	5.1%	16,093	15,362	731	4.5%			
North Augusta	↓ 11,114	10,779	335	3.0%	10,922	10,557	365	3.3%	-	-	-	-			
North Charleston	↓ 61,199	59,443	1,756	2.9%	60,567	58,649	1,918	3.2%	59,197	57,439	1,758	3.0%			
Rock Hill	↓ 41,764	40,212	1,552	3.7%	41,229	39,676	1,553	3.8%	41,116	39,636	1,480	3.6%			
Simpsonville	↓ 14,382	13,943	439	3.1%	14,216	13,743	473	3.3%	-	-	-	-			
Spartanburg	↓ 17,334	16,637	697	4.0%	17,136	16,404	732	4.3%	16,920	16,212	708	4.2%			
Summerville	↓ 27,543	26,726	817	3.0%	27,235	26,370	865	3.2%	26,719	25,876	843	3.2%			
Sumter	↓ 15,136	14,419	717	4.7%	14,867	14,131	736	5.0%	15,228	14,511	717	4.7%			

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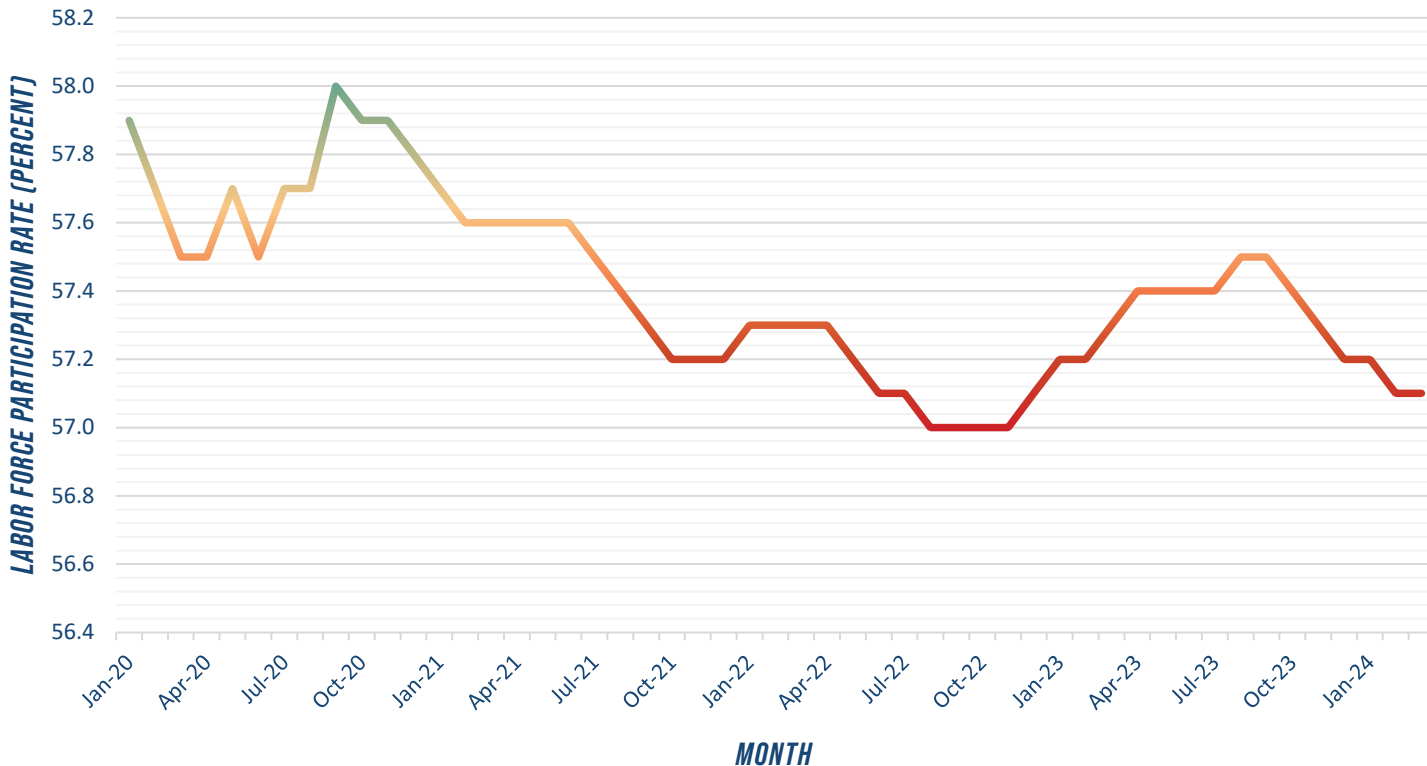
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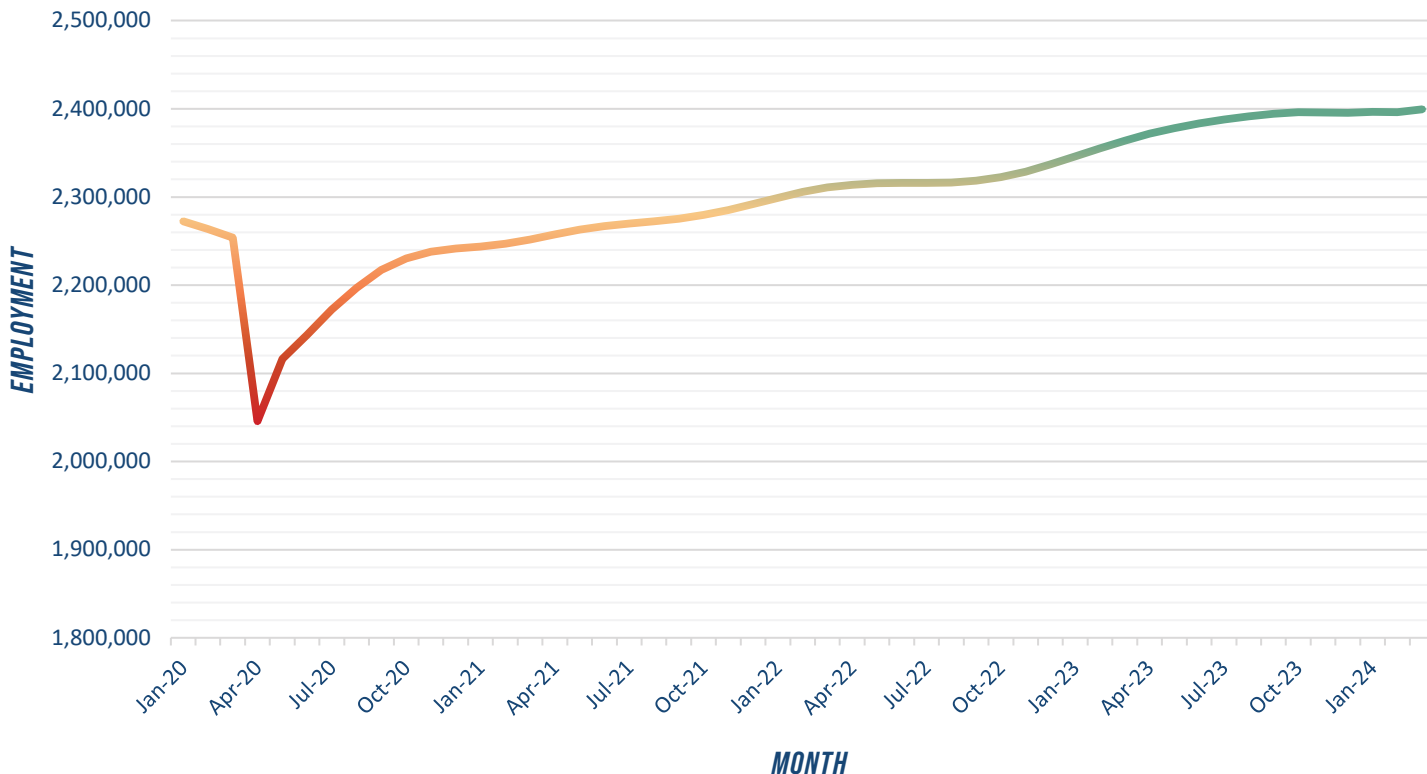
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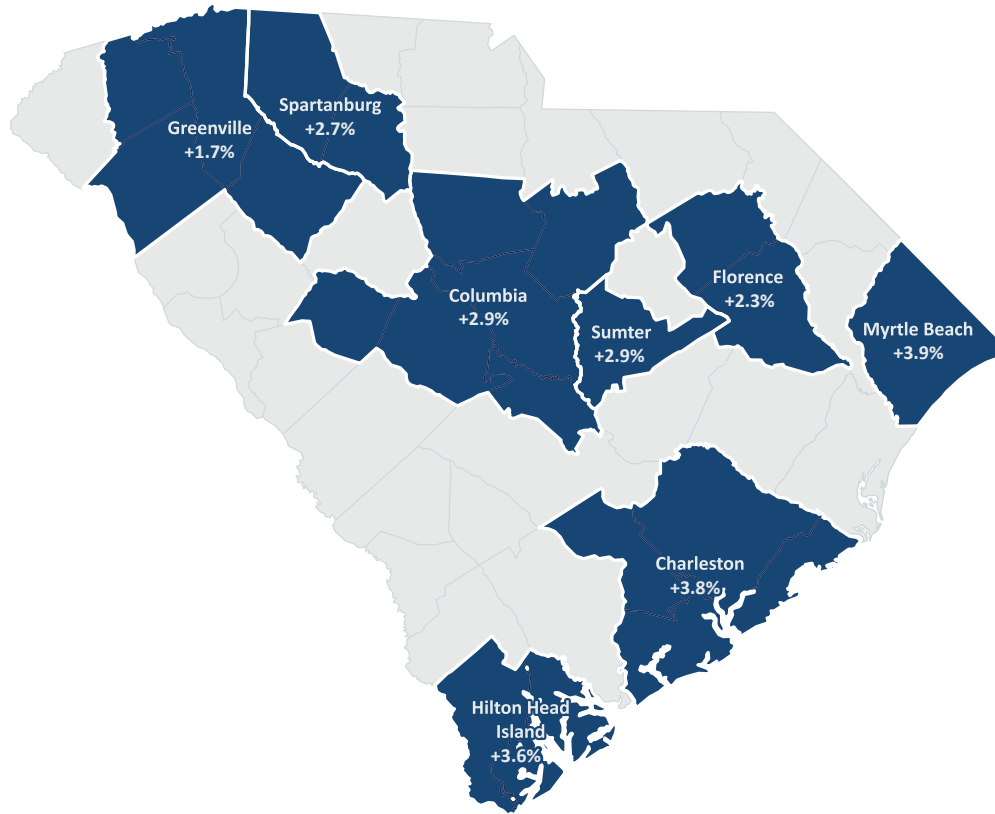


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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Seasonally Adjusted – Year-Over-Year Change



NONFARM PAYROLL BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA SEASONALLY ADJUSTED MARCH 2024

AREA	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Statewide	2,358,400	2,351,200	2,293,200	+7,200	+0.3%	+65,200	+2.8%
Charleston-North Charleston	424,600	424,300	409,000	+300	+0.1%	+15,600	+3.8%
Columbia	433,800	431,800	421,500	+2,000	+0.5%	+12,300	+2.9%
Florence	97,500	97,000	95,300	+500	+0.5%	+2,200	+2.3%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	465,900	464,500	457,900	+1,400	+0.3%	+8,000	+1.7%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	91,200	90,900	88,000	+300	+0.3%	+3,200	+3.6%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	198,700	198,500	191,200	+200	+0.1%	+7,500	+3.9%
Spartanburg	174,300	173,800	169,800	+500	+0.3%	+4,500	+2.7%
Sumter	38,800	38,600	37,700	+200	+0.5%	+1,100	+2.9%

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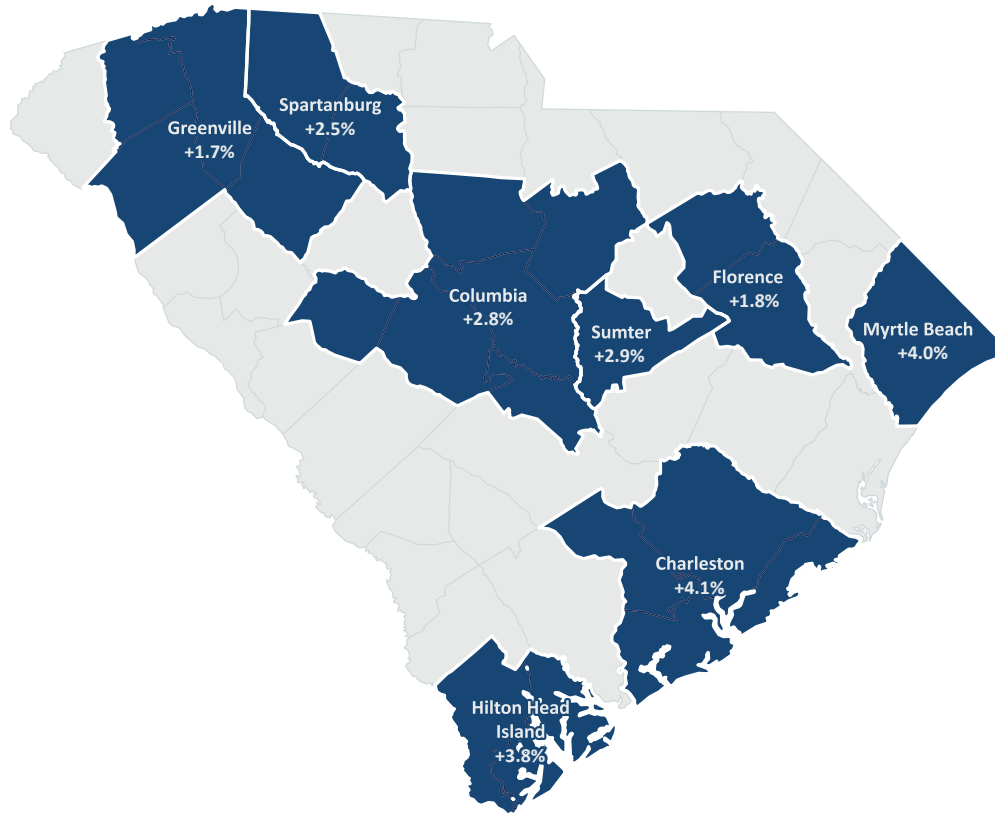
NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (IN THOUSANDS)

MARCH 2024

	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	2,358.4	2,351.2	2,293.2	+7.2	+0.3%	+65.2	+2.8%
Total Private	1,980.8	1,974.1	1,921.5	+6.7	+0.3%	+59.3	+3.1%
Goods Producing	385.3	385.9	378.5	-0.6	-0.2%	+6.8	+1.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	119.4	120.0	115.7	-0.6	-0.5%	+3.7	+3.2%
Mining and Logging	4.5	4.5	4.4	0.0	0.0%	+0.1	+2.3%
Construction	114.9	115.5	111.3	-0.6	-0.5%	+3.6	+3.2%
Manufacturing	265.9	265.9	262.8	0.0	0.0%	+3.1	+1.2%
Durable Goods	162.5	162.0	159.1	+0.5	+0.3%	+3.4	+2.1%
Non-Durable Goods	103.4	103.9	103.7	-0.5	-0.5%	-0.3	-0.3%
Service-Providing	1,973.1	1,965.3	1,914.7	+7.8	+0.4%	+58.4	+3.1%
Private Service Providing	1,595.5	1,588.2	1,543.0	+7.3	+0.5%	+52.5	+3.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	447.1	446.2	440.1	+0.9	+0.2%	+7.0	+1.6%
Wholesale Trade	85.1	84.5	81.6	+0.6	+0.7%	+3.5	+4.3%
Retail Trade	266.7	267.2	264.6	-0.5	-0.2%	+2.1	+0.8%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	95.3	94.5	93.9	+0.8	+0.8%	+1.4	+1.5%
Information	29.0	28.8	29.5	+0.2	+0.7%	-0.5	-1.7%
Financial Activities	123.8	123.5	121.0	+0.3	+0.2%	+2.8	+2.3%
Finance and Insurance	87.9	87.8	86.6	+0.1	+0.1%	+1.3	+1.5%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35.9	35.7	34.4	+0.2	+0.6%	+1.5	+4.4%
Professional and Business Services	317.4	315.4	311.2	+2.0	+0.6%	+6.2	+2.0%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	132.5	132.4	126.9	+0.1	+0.1%	+5.6	+4.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	24.8	24.8	23.6	0.0	0.0%	+1.2	+5.1%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	160.1	158.2	160.7	+1.9	+1.2%	-0.6	-0.4%
Education and Health Services	295.4	293.8	276.8	+1.6	+0.5%	+18.6	+6.7%
Educational Services	49.4	48.9	47.0	+0.5	+1.0%	+2.4	+5.1%
Health Care Services	246.0	244.9	229.8	+1.1	+0.4%	+16.2	+7.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	293.0	290.7	278.5	+2.3	+0.8%	+14.5	+5.2%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	38.8	38.2	35.5	+0.6	+1.6%	+3.3	+9.3%
Accommodation and Food Services	254.2	252.5	243.0	+1.7	+0.7%	+11.2	+4.6%
Other Services	89.8	89.8	85.9	0.0	0.0%	+3.9	+4.5%
Government	377.6	377.1	371.7	+0.5	+0.1%	+5.9	+1.6%
Federal Government	37.6	37.3	36.4	+0.3	+0.8%	+1.2	+3.3%
State Government	108.3	108.3	108.9	0.0	0.0%	-0.6	-0.6%
Local Government	231.7	231.5	226.4	+0.2	+0.1%	+5.3	+2.3%

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Not Seasonally Adjusted – Year-Over-Year Change



NONFARM PAYROLL BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED MARCH 2024

AREA	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Statewide	2,351,800	2,337,400	2,284,000	+14,400	+0.6%	+67,800	+3.0%
Charleston-North Charleston	423,000	421,500	406,200	+1,500	+0.4%	+16,800	+4.1%
Columbia	432,700	430,300	420,800	+2,400	+0.6%	+11,900	+2.8%
Florence	97,100	96,300	95,400	+800	+0.8%	+1,700	+1.8%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	465,600	463,200	458,000	+2,400	+0.5%	+7,600	+1.7%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	90,200	89,400	86,900	+800	+0.9%	+3,300	+3.8%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	195,900	192,100	188,300	+3,800	+2.0%	+7,600	+4.0%
Spartanburg	174,200	173,400	170,000	+800	+0.5%	+4,200	+2.5%
Sumter	38,800	38,400	37,700	+400	+1.0%	+1,100	+2.9%

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 PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED MARCH 2024

	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	2,351,800	2,337,400	2,284,000	+14,400	+0.6%	+67,800	+3.0%
Total Private	1,969,600	1,957,000	1,909,700	+12,600	+0.6%	+59,900	+3.1%
Goods Producing	385,100	385,900	378,300	-800	-0.2%	+6,800	+1.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	119,200	120,000	114,900	-800	-0.7%	+4,300	+3.7%
Mining and Logging	4,500	4,500	4,400	0	0.0%	+100	+2.3%
Construction	114,700	115,500	110,500	-800	-0.7%	+4,200	+3.8%
Construction of Buildings	28,400	28,500	26,800	-100	-0.4%	+1,600	+6.0%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	17,700	17,800	17,100	-100	-0.6%	+600	+3.5%
Specialty Trade Contractors	68,600	69,200	66,600	-600	-0.9%	+2,000	+3.0%
Manufacturing	265,900	265,900	263,400	0	0.0%	+2,500	+0.9%
Durable Goods	162,400	161,700	159,400	+700	+0.4%	+3,000	+1.9%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	24,700	24,500	24,200	+200	+0.8%	+500	+2.1%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	52,900	52,600	51,300	+300	+0.6%	+1,600	+3.1%
Non-Durable Goods	103,500	104,200	104,000	-700	-0.7%	-500	-0.5%
Textile Mills	11,500	11,500	11,800	0	0.0%	-300	-2.5%
Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	26,500	26,500	25,800	0	0.0%	+700	+2.7%
Service-Providing	1,966,700	1,951,500	1,905,700	+15,200	+0.8%	+61,000	+3.2%
Private Service Providing	1,584,500	1,571,100	1,531,400	+13,400	+0.9%	+53,100	+3.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	445,400	442,800	436,900	+2,600	+0.6%	+8,500	+1.9%
Wholesale Trade	84,500	83,100	81,500	+1,400	+1.7%	+3,000	+3.7%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	45,000	44,100	43,100	+900	+2.0%	+1,900	+4.4%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	24,000	23,600	23,400	+400	+1.7%	+600	+2.6%
Retail Trade	265,700	265,400	262,200	+300	+0.1%	+3,500	+1.3%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	34,400	34,500	33,900	-100	-0.3%	+500	+1.5%
Food and Beverage Stores	54,200	54,500	52,600	-300	-0.6%	+1,600	+3.0%
Health and Personal Care Stores	15,600	15,800	16,100	-200	-1.3%	-500	-3.1%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	17,700	17,700	17,400	0	0.0%	+300	+1.7%
General Merchandise Stores	60,700	60,300	59,600	+400	+0.7%	+1,100	+1.8%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	95,200	94,300	93,200	+900	+1.0%	+2,000	+2.1%
Utilities	11,400	11,300	11,200	+100	+0.9%	+200	+1.8%
Transportation and Warehousing	83,800	83,000	82,000	+800	+1.0%	+1,800	+2.2%
Information	29,100	28,400	29,300	+700	+2.5%	-200	-0.7%
Financial Activities	122,300	122,600	120,000	-300	-0.2%	+2,300	+1.9%
Finance and Insurance	87,300	87,900	86,400	-600	-0.7%	+900	+1.0%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Monetary Authorities	36,600	36,900	37,500	-300	-0.8%	-900	-2.4%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35,000	34,700	33,600	+300	+0.9%	+1,400	+4.2%
Professional and Business Services	316,500	316,500	309,100	0	0.0%	+7,400	+2.4%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	132,400	133,700	127,200	-1,300	-1.0%	+5,200	+4.1%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services	23,600	23,700	23,200	-100	-0.4%	+400	+1.7%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	24,800	24,700	23,400	+100	+0.4%	+1,400	+6.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	159,300	158,100	158,500	+1,200	+0.8%	+800	+0.5%
Administrative and Support Services	147,100	145,600	146,200	+1,500	+1.0%	+900	+0.6%
Employment Services	69,100	69,000	68,300	+100	+0.1%	+800	+1.2%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	34,900	34,800	34,400	+100	+0.3%	+500	+1.5%
Education and Health Services	296,000	295,100	277,000	+900	+0.3%	+19,000	+6.9%
Educational Services	51,500	51,000	47,900	+500	+1.0%	+3,600	+7.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	244,500	244,100	229,100	+400	+0.2%	+15,400	+6.7%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	116,900	116,900	108,900	0	0.0%	+8,000	+7.3%
Hospitals	42,100	42,100	39,300	0	0.0%	+2,800	+7.1%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	42,900	42,800	40,700	+100	+0.2%	+2,200	+5.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	286,100	276,100	273,300	+10,000	+3.6%	+12,800	+4.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	37,700	35,800	33,700	+1,900	+5.3%	+4,000	+11.9%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	29,700	28,600	26,500	+1,100	+3.8%	+3,200	+12.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	248,400	240,300	239,600	+8,100	+3.4%	+8,800	+3.7%
Accommodation	32,400	31,100	32,100	+1,300	+4.2%	+300	+0.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	216,000	209,200	207,500	+6,800	+3.3%	+8,500	+4.1%
Other Services	89,100	89,600	85,800	-500	-0.6%	+3,300	+3.8%
Repair and Maintenance	25,800	25,900	24,700	-100	-0.4%	+1,100	+4.5%
Personal and Laundry Services	20,700	20,900	20,500	-200	-1.0%	+200	+1.0%
Government	382,200	380,400	374,300	+1,800	+0.5%	+7,900	+2.1%
Federal Government	37,500	37,300	36,200	+200	+0.5%	+1,300	+3.6%
State Government	111,600	111,200	110,700	+400	+0.4%	+900	+0.8%
State Government Educational Services	51,000	50,900	53,100	+100	+0.2%	-2,100	-4.0%
State Government Excluding Education	60,600	60,300	57,600	+300	+0.5%	+3,000	+5.2%
Local Government	233,100	231,900	227,400	+1,200	+0.5%	+5,700	+2.5%
Local Government Educational Services	113,600	113,400	110,900	+200	+0.2%	+2,700	+2.4%
Local Government Excluding Educational Services	119,500	118,500	116,500	+1,000	+0.8%	+3,000	+2.6%

TOTAL PRIVATE NSA STATEWIDE HOURS AND EARNINGS BY MSA

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (AWE)

AREA	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	\$1,091.88	\$1,091.54	\$1,091.40	+\$0.34	0.0%	+\$0.48	0.0%
Columbia	\$1,007.87	\$1,002.93	\$917.62	+\$4.94	+0.5%	+\$90.25	+9.8%
Florence	\$769.76	\$739.91	\$759.53	+\$29.85	+4.0%	+\$10.23	+1.3%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	\$1,121.78	\$1,119.87	\$1,139.19	+\$1.91	+0.2%	-\$17.41	-1.5%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	\$779.19	\$754.21	\$823.50	+\$24.98	+3.3%	-\$44.31	-5.4%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	\$852.41	\$850.65	\$843.68	+\$1.76	+0.2%	+\$8.73	+1.0%
Spartanburg	\$1,018.02	\$967.69	\$911.15	+\$50.33	+5.2%	+\$106.87	+11.7%
Sumter	\$916.43	\$927.85	\$738.54	-\$11.42	-1.2%	+\$177.89	+24.1%

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS (AWH)

AREA	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	33.7	33.7	34.0	0.0	0.0%	-0.3	-0.9%
Columbia	34.2	34.3	33.6	-0.1	-0.3%	+0.6	+1.8%
Florence	32.7	32.1	32.5	+0.6	+1.9%	+0.2	+0.6%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	34.4	34.5	35.7	-0.1	-0.3%	-1.3	-3.6%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	29.9	29.6	30.5	+0.3	+1.0%	-0.6	-2.0%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	31.7	31.8	33.4	-0.1	-0.3%	-1.7	-5.1%
Spartanburg	34.3	33.8	34.5	+0.5	+1.5%	-0.2	-0.6%
Sumter	34.7	35.0	33.0	-0.3	-0.9%	+1.7	+5.2%

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS (AHE)

AREA	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	\$32.40	\$32.39	\$32.10	+\$0.01	0.0%	+\$0.30	+0.9%
Columbia	\$29.47	\$29.24	\$27.31	+\$0.23	+0.8%	+\$2.16	+7.9%
Florence	\$23.54	\$23.05	\$23.37	+\$0.49	+2.1%	+\$0.17	+0.7%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	\$32.61	\$32.46	\$31.91	+\$0.15	+0.5%	+\$0.70	+2.2%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	\$26.06	\$25.48	\$27.00	+\$0.58	+2.3%	-\$0.94	-3.5%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	\$26.89	\$26.75	\$25.26	+\$0.14	+0.5%	+\$1.63	+6.5%
Spartanburg	\$29.68	\$28.63	\$26.41	+\$1.05	+3.7%	+\$3.27	+12.4%
Sumter	\$26.41	\$26.51	\$22.38	-\$0.10	-0.4%	+\$4.03	+18.0%

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NSA STATEWIDE HOURS AND EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (AWE)

INDUSTRY TITLE	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Private	\$1,030.90	\$1,017.68	\$1,007.06	+\$13.22	+1.3%	+\$23.84	+2.4%
Goods Producing	\$1,316.40	\$1,294.69	\$1,268.35	+\$21.71	+1.7%	+\$48.05	+3.8%
Construction	\$1,334.10	\$1,291.45	\$1,232.06	+\$42.65	+3.3%	+\$102.04	+8.3%
Manufacturing	\$1,331.94	\$1,336.88	\$1,288.63	-\$4.94	-0.4%	+\$43.31	+3.4%
Private Service Providing	\$960.98	\$948.02	\$943.24	+\$12.96	+1.4%	+\$17.74	+1.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	\$880.35	\$843.05	\$833.32	+\$37.30	+4.4%	+\$47.03	+5.6%
Financial Activities	\$1,217.25	\$1,188.81	\$1,224.45	+\$28.44	+2.4%	-\$7.20	-0.6%
Professional and Business Services	\$1,269.19	\$1,278.80	\$1,255.13	-\$9.61	-0.8%	+\$14.06	+1.1%
Education and Health Services	\$1,037.12	\$1,039.03	\$1,002.26	-\$1.91	-0.2%	+\$34.86	+3.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	\$473.84	\$474.08	\$470.36	-\$0.24	-0.1%	+\$3.48	+0.7%
Other Services	\$1,003.40	\$998.82	\$919.34	+\$84.58	+8.5%	+\$84.06	+9.1%

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS (AWH)

INDUSTRY TITLE	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Private	33.9	33.9	34.5	0.0	0.0%	-0.6	-1.7%
Goods Producing	40.0	39.8	41.1	+0.2	+0.5%	-1.1	-2.7%
Construction	41.9	41.3	41.4	+0.6	+1.5%	+0.5	+1.2%
Manufacturing	39.7	39.8	41.0	-0.1	-0.3%	-1.3	-3.2%
Private Service Providing	32.4	32.4	32.9	0.0	0.0%	-0.5	-1.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	32.8	32.4	33.2	+0.4	+1.2%	-0.4	-1.2%
Financial Activities	37.5	37.8	38.3	-0.3	-0.8%	-0.8	-2.1%
Professional and Business Services	37.1	36.8	37.2	+0.3	+0.8%	-0.1	-0.3%
Education and Health Services	32.4	32.5	32.7	-0.1	-0.3%	-0.3	-0.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	24.2	24.2	24.9	0.0	0.0%	-0.7	-2.8%
Other Services	34.6	34.3	34.1	+0.3	+0.9%	+0.5	+1.5%

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS (AHE)

INDUSTRY TITLE	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Private	\$30.41	\$30.02	\$29.19	+\$0.39	+1.3%	+\$1.22	+4.2%
Goods Producing	\$32.91	\$32.53	\$30.86	+\$0.38	+1.2%	+\$2.05	+6.6%
Construction	\$31.84	\$31.27	\$29.76	+\$0.57	+1.8%	+\$2.08	+7.0%
Manufacturing	\$33.55	\$33.59	\$31.43	-\$0.04	-0.1%	+\$2.12	+6.7%
Private Service Providing	\$29.66	\$29.26	\$28.67	+\$0.40	+1.4%	+\$0.99	+3.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	\$26.84	\$26.02	\$25.10	+\$0.82	+3.2%	+\$1.74	+6.9%
Financial Activities	\$32.46	\$31.45	\$31.97	+\$1.01	+3.2%	+\$0.49	+1.5%
Professional and Business Services	\$34.21	\$34.75	\$33.74	-\$0.54	-1.6%	+\$0.47	+1.4%
Education and Health Services	\$32.01	\$31.97	\$30.65	+\$0.04	+0.1%	+\$1.36	+4.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	\$19.58	\$19.59	\$18.89	-\$0.01	-0.1%	+\$0.69	+3.7%
Other Services	\$29.00	\$29.12	\$26.96	-\$0.12	-0.4%	+\$2.04	+7.6%

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

	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	423,000	421,500	406,200	+1,500	+0.4%	+16,800	+4.1%
Total Private	351,800	351,100	338,900	+700	+0.2%	+12,900	+3.8%
Goods Producing	56,500	56,500	54,300	0	0.0%	+2,200	+4.1%
Service-Providing	366,500	365,000	351,900	+1,500	+0.4%	+14,600	+4.1%
Private Service Providing	295,300	294,600	284,600	+700	+0.2%	+10,700	+3.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	22,600	22,800	22,100	-200	-0.9%	+500	+2.3%
Manufacturing	33,900	33,700	32,200	+200	+0.6%	+1,700	+5.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	77,700	77,300	74,700	+400	+0.5%	+3,000	+4.0%
Wholesale Trade	13,400	13,200	12,800	+200	+1.5%	+600	+4.7%
Retail Trade	44,900	44,900	42,800	0	0.0%	+2,100	+4.9%
General Merchandise Stores	7,900	7,900	7,700	0	0.0%	+200	+2.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	19,400	19,200	19,100	+200	+1.0%	+300	+1.6%
Information	8,100	7,900	8,400	+200	+2.5%	-300	-3.6%
Financial Activities	21,400	21,700	20,500	-300	-1.4%	+900	+4.4%
Professional and Business Services	68,600	68,700	66,600	-100	-0.1%	+2,000	+3.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	29,000	29,000	28,800	0	0.0%	+200	+0.7%
Education and Health Services	48,500	49,100	45,900	-600	-1.2%	+2,600	+5.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	53,900	52,700	52,300	+1,200	+2.3%	+1,600	+3.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	46,800	45,800	46,100	+1,000	+2.2%	+700	+1.5%
Food Services and Drinking Places	39,000	38,100	37,800	+900	+2.4%	+1,200	+3.2%
Other Services	17,100	17,200	16,200	-100	-0.6%	+900	+5.6%
Government	71,200	70,400	67,300	+800	+1.1%	+3,900	+5.8%
Federal Government	12,000	11,800	11,700	+200	+1.7%	+300	+2.6%
State Government	28,800	28,700	27,200	+100	+0.3%	+1,600	+5.9%
Local Government	30,400	29,900	28,400	+500	+1.7%	+2,000	+7.0%

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

	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	432,700	430,300	420,800	+2,400	+0.6%	+11,900	+2.8%
Total Private	347,800	345,800	337,500	+2,000	+0.6%	+10,300	+3.1%
Goods Producing	50,700	50,300	48,900	+400	+0.8%	+1,800	+3.7%
Service-Providing	382,000	380,000	371,900	+2,000	+0.5%	+10,100	+2.7%
Private Service Providing	297,100	295,500	288,600	+1,600	+0.5%	+8,500	+2.9%
Mining, Logging and Construction	18,000	17,900	17,200	+100	+0.6%	+800	+4.7%
Manufacturing	32,700	32,400	31,700	+300	+0.9%	+1,000	+3.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	78,700	78,300	78,100	+400	+0.5%	+600	+0.8%
Wholesale Trade	17,300	16,900	16,400	+400	+2.4%	+900	+5.5%
Retail Trade	44,100	44,300	44,600	-200	-0.5%	-500	-1.1%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17,300	17,100	17,100	+200	+1.2%	+200	+1.2%
Information	4,900	4,800	5,000	+100	+2.1%	-100	-2.0%
Financial Activities	37,800	37,700	36,400	+100	+0.3%	+1,400	+3.8%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Monetary Authorities - Central Bank	7,500	7,500	7,700	0	0.0%	-200	-2.6%
Professional and Business Services	56,400	56,600	56,100	-200	-0.4%	+300	+0.5%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	29,800	29,900	28,900	-100	-0.3%	+900	+3.1%
Education and Health Services	58,800	58,300	55,100	+500	+0.9%	+3,700	+6.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	42,200	41,300	40,100	+900	+2.2%	+2,100	+5.2%
Food Services and Drinking Places	35,400	34,600	33,700	+800	+2.3%	+1,700	+5.0%
Other Services	18,300	18,500	17,800	-200	-1.1%	+500	+2.8%
Government	84,900	84,500	83,300	+400	+0.5%	+1,600	+1.9%
Federal Government	12,200	12,100	11,400	+100	+0.8%	+800	+7.0%
State Government	36,800	36,600	35,700	+200	+0.5%	+1,100	+3.1%
Local Government	35,900	35,800	36,200	+100	+0.3%	-300	-0.8%

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

	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	465,600	463,200	458,000	+2,400	+0.5%	+7,600	+1.7%
Total Private	403,300	401,000	394,600	+2,300	+0.6%	+8,700	+2.2%
Goods Producing	84,600	84,700	83,600	-100	-0.1%	+1,000	+1.2%
Service-Providing	381,000	378,500	374,400	+2,500	+0.7%	+6,600	+1.8%
Private Service Providing	318,700	316,300	311,000	+2,400	+0.8%	+7,700	+2.5%
Mining, Logging and Construction	22,200	22,400	21,500	-200	-0.9%	+700	+3.3%
Manufacturing	62,400	62,300	62,100	+100	+0.2%	+300	+0.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	83,900	83,500	83,000	+400	+0.5%	+900	+1.1%
Wholesale Trade	21,300	20,900	20,600	+400	+1.9%	+700	+3.4%
Retail Trade	47,700	47,800	48,000	-100	-0.2%	-300	-0.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	14,900	14,800	14,400	+100	+0.7%	+500	+3.5%
Information	6,400	6,200	6,100	+200	+3.2%	+300	+4.9%
Financial Activities	22,300	22,500	21,700	-200	-0.9%	+600	+2.8%
Professional and Business Services	74,400	75,000	75,800	-600	-0.8%	-1,400	-1.8%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	30,500	30,500	29,300	0	0.0%	+1,200	+4.1%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	6,900	6,900	6,800	0	0.0%	+100	+1.5%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	37,000	37,600	39,700	-600	-1.6%	-2,700	-6.8%
Education and Health Services	63,000	62,900	58,900	+100	+0.2%	+4,100	+7.0%
Educational Services	13,600	13,500	12,600	+100	+0.7%	+1,000	+7.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	49,400	49,400	46,300	0	0.0%	+3,100	+6.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	52,300	49,700	49,600	+2,600	+5.2%	+2,700	+5.4%
Other Services	16,400	16,500	15,900	-100	-0.6%	+500	+3.1%
Government	62,300	62,200	63,400	+100	+0.2%	-1,100	-1.7%
Federal Government	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	0.0%	-100	-3.2%
State Government	13,800	13,800	15,300	0	0.0%	-1,500	-9.8%
Local Government	45,500	45,400	45,000	+100	+0.2%	+500	+1.1%

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

	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	195,900	192,100	188,300	+3,800	+2.0%	+7,600	+4.0%
Total Private	169,700	166,200	162,700	+3,500	+2.1%	+7,000	+4.3%
Goods Producing	17,900	18,000	17,500	-100	-0.6%	+400	+2.3%
Service-Providing	178,000	174,100	170,800	+3,900	+2.2%	+7,200	+4.2%
Private Service Providing	151,800	148,200	145,200	+3,600	+2.4%	+6,600	+4.5%
Mining, Logging and Construction	12,400	12,500	12,100	-100	-0.8%	+300	+2.5%
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	0.0%	+100	+1.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	43,400	42,900	41,100	+500	+1.2%	+2,300	+5.6%
Wholesale Trade	4,100	4,000	3,900	+100	+2.5%	+200	+5.1%
Retail Trade	34,100	33,700	32,000	+400	+1.2%	+2,100	+6.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	5,200	5,200	5,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	2,700	2,600	2,700	+100	+3.8%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	10,400	10,200	10,200	+200	+2.0%	+200	+2.0%
Professional and Business Services	19,800	19,900	18,700	-100	-0.5%	+1,100	+5.9%
Education and Health Services	22,800	22,700	21,600	+100	+0.4%	+1,200	+5.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	45,600	42,900	44,100	+2,700	+6.3%	+1,500	+3.4%
Accommodation and Food Services	37,200	35,200	37,400	+2,000	+5.7%	-200	-0.5%
Food Services and Drinking Places	30,900	29,000	29,300	+1,900	+6.6%	+1,600	+5.5%
Other Services	7,100	7,000	6,800	+100	+1.4%	+300	+4.4%
Government	26,200	25,900	25,600	+300	+1.2%	+600	+2.3%
Federal Government	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	0.0%	+100	+6.7%
State Government	4,400	4,400	4,500	0	0.0%	-100	-2.2%
Local Government	20,200	19,900	19,600	+300	+1.5%	+600	+3.1%

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

	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	174,200	173,400	170,000	+800	+0.5%	+4,200	+2.5%
Total Private	145,000	144,300	142,300	+700	+0.5%	+2,700	+1.9%
Goods Producing	47,600	47,400	46,200	+200	+0.4%	+1,400	+3.0%
Service-Providing	126,600	126,000	123,800	+600	+0.5%	+2,800	+2.3%
Private Service Providing	97,400	96,900	96,100	+500	+0.5%	+1,300	+1.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	8,200	8,100	7,400	+100	+1.2%	+800	+10.8%
Manufacturing	39,400	39,300	38,800	+100	+0.3%	+600	+1.5%
Durable Goods	27,200	27,100	26,700	+100	+0.4%	+500	+1.9%
Non-Durable Goods	12,200	12,200	12,100	0	0.0%	+100	+0.8%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	35,900	35,700	35,900	+200	+0.6%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	8,300	8,100	8,200	+200	+2.5%	+100	+1.2%
Retail Trade	17,500	17,600	17,400	-100	-0.6%	+100	+0.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	10,100	10,000	10,300	+100	+1.0%	-200	-1.9%
Information	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	5,100	5,100	5,300	0	0.0%	-200	-3.8%
Professional and Business Services	16,800	17,000	17,200	-200	-1.2%	-400	-2.3%
Education and Health Services	17,000	16,900	16,000	+100	+0.6%	+1,000	+6.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	15,700	15,300	15,000	+400	+2.6%	+700	+4.7%
Other Services	5,900	5,900	5,700	0	0.0%	+200	+3.5%
Government	29,200	29,100	27,700	+100	+0.3%	+1,500	+5.4%
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	24,500	24,400	23,000	+100	+0.4%	+1,500	+6.5%

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

	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	97,100	96,300	95,400	+800	+0.8%	+1,700	+1.8%
Total Private	79,100	78,300	78,000	+800	+1.0%	+1,100	+1.4%
Goods Producing	14,800	14,700	15,200	+100	+0.7%	-400	-2.6%
Service-Providing	82,300	81,600	80,200	+700	+0.9%	+2,100	+2.6%
Private Service Providing	64,300	63,600	62,800	+700	+1.1%	+1,500	+2.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	20,300	20,200	21,000	+100	+0.5%	-700	-3.3%
Government	18,000	18,000	17,400	0	0.0%	+600	+3.4%
Federal Government	700	700	700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	4,900	4,900	4,700	0	0.0%	+200	+4.3%
Local Government	12,400	12,400	12,000	0	0.0%	+400	+3.3%

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

	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	90,200	89,400	86,900	+800	+0.9%	+3,300	+3.8%
Total Private	78,000	77,200	75,000	+800	+1.0%	+3,000	+4.0%
Goods Producing	8,200	8,100	7,800	+100	+1.2%	+400	+5.1%
Service-Providing	82,000	81,300	79,100	+700	+0.9%	+2,900	+3.7%
Private Service Providing	69,800	69,100	67,200	+700	+1.0%	+2,600	+3.9%
Government	12,200	12,200	11,900	0	0.0%	+300	+2.5%

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

	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	FEBRUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024		MARCH 2023 TO MARCH 2024	
				# CHANGE	% CHANGE	# CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	38,800	38,400	37,700	+400	+1.0%	+1,100	+2.9%
Total Private	32,800	32,400	31,800	+400	+1.2%	+1,000	+3.1%
Goods Producing	9,400	9,200	9,200	+200	+2.2%	+200	+2.2%
Service-Providing	29,400	29,200	28,500	+200	+0.7%	+900	+3.2%
Private Service Providing	23,400	23,200	22,600	+200	+0.9%	+800	+3.5%
Manufacturing	6,600	6,600	6,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	6,000	6,000	5,900	0	0.0%	+100	+1.7%
Federal Government	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	0.0%	+100	+8.3%
State Government	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	0.0%	-100	-7.1%
Local Government	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	0.0%	+100	+3.0%

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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