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

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

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working increased to 2,292,415.

- That is an increase of 5,854 people over the December 2021 revised estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 51,748 people over the January 2021 revised estimate.

Unemployment: The estimate of unemployed people decreased to 82,267.

- That is a decrease of 2,470 people from the revised December 2021 estimate and a significant decrease of 26,667 over the January 2021 revised estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.5 percent in January from the revised rate of 3.6 percent in December 2021.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate increased to 4.0 percent in January from 3.9 percent in December, according to the Current Population Survey.

Labor force: The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,374,682 from the revised December 2021 level of 2,371,298.

- That is an increase of 3,384 people over the December 2021 revised estimate.
- That is an increase of 25,081 individuals over the January 2021 revised estimate.

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

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

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 10,400 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,182,300.

- Industries that reported gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+4,700); Leisure and Hospitality (+2,600); Professional and Business Services (+1,700); Manufacturing (+1,400); Information (+500); Education and Health Services (+400); and Other Services (+400).
- Decreases were observed in the Government (-900) and Financial Activities (-400) industries.
- Construction remained flat.

From January 2021 to January 2022, South Carolina's economy has picked up 57,800 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with strong growth were reported in Leisure and Hospitality (+16,700); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+14,100); Manufacturing (+8,200); Financial Activities (+4,700); Other Services (+4,300); Professional and Business Services (+3,500); Education and Health Services (+2,300); Information (+1,500); Government (+1,200); and Construction (+1,200).
- There were no declines noticed in the industries over the year.

### **Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted<sup>2</sup>)**

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment declined by 32,100 from December 2021 to January 2022 for a total of 2,154,600.

- Increases were reported in the Other Services (+500); Manufacturing (+400); and Information (+300) industries.
- Decreases were reported in the Government (-8,700); Professional and Business Services (-7,400); Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-7,300); Leisure and Hospitality (-6,000); Education and Health Services (-3,300); and Construction (-600) industries.
- Mining and Logging Industry and Financial Activities remained flat.

Since January 2021, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 61,900 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+17,800); Leisure and Hospitality (+16,000); Manufacturing (+8,600); Financial Activities (+6,100); Other Services (+5,100); Professional and Business Services (+3,400); Construction (+2,200); Information (+1,900); Education and Health Services (+1,200); and Mining and Logging (+100).
- Declines were noticed in the Government (-500) industry.

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

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

<sup>3</sup>**Seasonally Adjusted:** Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a regular pattern each year (i.e. tourist-related hiring and school closings in the summer). These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other nonseasonal movements in data over time.

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

**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**Statewide  
January 2022**

Industry	January 2022	December 2021	January 2021	December 2021 to January 2022		January 2021 to January 2022	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>2,182,300</b>	<b>2,171,900</b>	<b>2,124,500</b>	<b>10,400</b>	<b>0.48%</b>	<b>57,800</b>	<b>2.72%</b>
Construction	105,000	105,000	103,800	0	0.00%	1,200	1.16%
Manufacturing	255,400	254,000	247,200	1,400	0.55%	8,200	3.32%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	425,600	420,900	411,500	4,700	1.12%	14,100	3.43%
Information	28,300	27,800	26,800	500	1.80%	1,500	5.60%
Financial Activities	112,500	112,900	107,800	-400	-0.35%	4,700	4.36%
Professional and Business Services	294,600	292,900	291,100	1,700	0.58%	3,500	1.20%
Education and Health Services	254,700	254,300	252,400	400	0.16%	2,300	0.91%
Leisure and Hospitality	254,900	252,300	238,200	2,600	1.03%	16,700	7.01%
Other Services	80,000	79,600	75,700	400	0.50%	4,300	5.68%
Government	366,900	367,800	365,700	-900	-0.24%	1,200	0.33%

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

**Statewide  
January 2022**

Industry	January 2022	December 2021	January 2021	December 2021 to January 2022		January 2021 to January 2022	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>2,154,600</b>	<b>2,186,700</b>	<b>2,092,700</b>	<b>-32,100</b>	<b>-1.47%</b>	<b>61,900</b>	<b>2.96%</b>
Mining and Logging	4,400	4,400	4,300	0	0.00%	100	2.33%
Construction	104,300	104,900	102,100	-600	-0.57%	2,200	2.15%
Manufacturing	254,900	254,500	246,300	400	0.16%	8,600	3.49%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	425,300	432,600	407,500	-7,300	-1.69%	17,800	4.37%
Information	28,300	28,000	26,400	300	1.07%	1,900	7.20%
Financial Activities	112,800	112,800	106,700	0	0.00%	6,100	5.72%
Professional and Business Services	290,300	297,700	286,900	-7,400	-2.49%	3,400	1.19%
Education and Health Services	252,100	255,400	250,900	-3,300	-1.29%	1,200	0.48%
Leisure and Hospitality	237,900	243,900	221,900	-6,000	-2.46%	16,000	7.21%
Other Services	79,600	79,100	74,500	500	0.63%	5,100	6.85%
Government	364,700	373,400	365,200	-8,700	-2.33%	-500	-0.14%

**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted**

**January 2022**

Area	January 2022	December 2021	January 2021	December 2021 to January 2022		January 2021 to January 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,182,300</b>	<b>2,171,900</b>	<b>2,124,500</b>	<b>10,400</b>	<b>0.48%</b>	<b>57,800</b>	<b>2.72%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	379,700	378,000	363,300	1,700	0.45%	16,400	4.51%
Columbia MSA	398,600	397,900	393,000	700	0.18%	5,600	1.42%
Florence MSA	90,500	90,400	88,800	100	0.11%	1,700	1.91%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	430,100	427,900	420,900	2,200	0.51%	9,200	2.19%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	83,800	83,500	81,200	300	0.36%	2,600	3.20%
Myrtle Beach MSA	178,900	178,900	169,500	0	0.00%	9,400	5.55%
Spartanburg MSA	166,000	165,300	162,400	700	0.42%	3,600	2.22%
Sumter MSA	38,300	38,300	38,000	0	0.00%	300	0.79%

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

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

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**January 2022**

Area	January 2022	December 2021	January 2021	December 2021 to January 2022		January 2021 to January 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,154,600</b>	<b>2,186,700</b>	<b>2,092,700</b>	<b>-32,100</b>	<b>-1.47%</b>	<b>61,900</b>	<b>2.96%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	374,700	379,800	358,700	-5,100	-1.34%	16,000	4.46%
Columbia MSA	395,100	400,800	389,900	-5,700	-1.42%	5,200	1.33%
Florence MSA	89,700	91,200	88,000	-1,500	-1.64%	1,700	1.93%
Greenville MSA	426,600	432,200	416,400	-5,600	-1.30%	10,200	2.45%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	81,500	83,100	78,700	-1,600	-1.93%	2,800	3.56%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	170,300	174,400	159,700	-4,100	-2.35%	10,600	6.64%
Spartanburg MSA	164,700	167,100	161,600	-2,400	-1.44%	3,100	1.92%
Sumter MSA	38,100	38,400	37,700	-300	-0.78%	400	1.06%

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

AREA	January 2022				December 2021**				January 2021**				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		
Marlboro County	↑	8,824	8,069	755	8.6	8,842	8,175	667	7.5	9,250	8,377	873	9.4
Allendale County	↑	2,368	2,185	183	7.7	2,402	2,242	160	6.7	2,563	2,337	226	8.8
Bamberg County	↑	4,693	4,349	344	7.3	4,675	4,379	296	6.3	4,713	4,259	454	9.6
Orangeburg County	↑	34,111	31,671	2,440	7.2	33,745	31,634	2,111	6.3	34,306	31,344	2,962	8.6
Marion County	↑	12,823	11,926	897	7.0	12,886	12,131	755	5.9	13,194	12,139	1,055	8.0
Barnwell County	↑	7,493	6,981	512	6.8	7,459	7,024	435	5.8	7,836	7,246	590	7.5
Union County	↑	11,600	10,858	742	6.4	12,149	11,519	630	5.2	11,814	10,888	926	7.8
Chester County	↑	13,394	12,592	802	6.0	13,627	12,944	683	5.0	13,402	12,358	1,044	7.8
Fairfield County	↑	9,255	8,701	554	6.0	9,561	9,081	480	5.0	9,335	8,656	679	7.3
Williamsburg County	↑	10,861	10,206	655	6.0	11,067	10,487	580	5.2	11,633	10,778	855	7.3
Dillon County	↑	13,135	12,360	775	5.9	13,154	12,467	687	5.2	13,272	12,357	915	6.9
Lee County	↑	6,548	6,174	374	5.7	6,546	6,237	309	4.7	6,691	6,215	476	7.1
Horry County	↑	147,847	139,847	8,000	5.4	146,326	139,835	6,491	4.4	141,453	131,218	10,235	7.2
Georgetown County	↑	25,439	24,208	1,231	4.8	25,554	24,497	1,057	4.1	25,301	23,600	1,701	6.7
Cherokee County	↑	24,784	23,621	1,163	4.7	25,429	24,411	1,018	4.0	24,849	23,118	1,731	7.0
Clarendon County	↑	11,995	11,438	557	4.6	12,208	11,701	507	4.2	12,494	11,664	830	6.6
Chesterfield County	↑	21,507	20,544	963	4.5	21,648	20,775	873	4.0	21,527	20,165	1,362	6.3
Lancaster County	↑	43,338	41,434	1,904	4.4	43,004	41,352	1,652	3.8	42,038	39,455	2,583	6.1
Abbeville County	↑	9,564	9,165	399	4.2	9,844	9,486	358	3.6	9,957	9,397	560	5.6
Calhoun County	↑	6,379	6,111	268	4.2	6,541	6,299	242	3.7	6,371	6,017	354	5.6
Darlington County	↑	29,768	28,506	1,262	4.2	30,041	28,929	1,112	3.7	30,094	28,278	1,816	6.0
Greenwood County	↑	30,077	28,827	1,250	4.2	30,684	29,569	1,115	3.6	31,200	29,349	1,851	5.9
Sumter County	↑	42,628	40,821	1,807	4.2	42,750	41,117	1,633	3.8	43,813	41,130	2,683	6.1
Colleton County	↑	16,042	15,386	656	4.1	16,168	15,590	578	3.6	16,438	15,455	983	6.0
McCormick County	↑	3,272	3,137	135	4.1	3,309	3,183	126	3.8	3,331	3,105	226	6.8
Laurens County	↑	29,875	28,674	1,201	4.0	30,364	29,279	1,085	3.6	29,654	27,920	1,734	5.8
Florence County	↑	66,068	63,561	2,507	3.8	66,965	64,731	2,234	3.3	66,590	63,082	3,508	5.3
Richland County	↑	197,027	189,578	7,449	3.8	200,213	193,594	6,619	3.3	194,730	183,868	10,862	5.6
York County	↑	147,176	141,659	5,517	3.7	146,304	141,471	4,833	3.3	142,294	134,812	7,482	5.3
Spartanburg County	↑	157,650	152,052	5,598	3.6	161,286	156,247	5,039	3.1	155,733	147,640	8,093	5.2
Kershaw County	↑	29,148	28,130	1,018	3.5	29,509	28,583	926	3.1	28,653	27,241	1,412	4.9
Oconee County	↑	33,780	32,646	1,134	3.4	34,113	33,099	1,014	3.0	34,253	32,701	1,552	4.5
Anderson County	↑	90,646	87,635	3,011	3.3	91,883	89,166	2,717	3.0	89,441	84,911	4,530	5.1
Beaufort County	↑	75,882	73,362	2,520	3.3	78,458	76,196	2,262	2.9	75,766	72,318	3,448	4.6
Berkeley County	↑	108,793	105,196	3,597	3.3	106,862	103,666	3,196	3.0	103,774	98,734	5,040	4.9
Aiken County	↑	74,214	71,859	2,355	3.2	74,827	72,663	2,164	2.9	74,668	71,374	3,294	4.4
Charleston County	↑	213,731	206,840	6,891	3.2	214,076	207,922	6,154	2.9	208,849	198,153	10,696	5.1
Dorchester County	↑	78,914	76,366	2,548	3.2	78,859	76,559	2,300	2.9	76,784	72,941	3,843	5.0
Edgefield County	↑	10,328	10,001	327	3.2	10,598	10,301	297	2.8	10,636	10,156	480	4.5
Hampton County	↑	7,880	7,631	249	3.2	8,057	7,814	243	3.0	8,009	7,624	385	4.8
Jasper County	↑	13,026	12,609	417	3.2	13,066	12,701	365	2.8	12,694	12,081	613	4.8
Greenville County	↑	257,798	249,698	8,100	3.1	259,217	251,977	7,240	2.8	251,580	239,859	11,721	4.7
Newberry County	↑	19,001	18,420	581	3.1	19,317	18,795	522	2.7	18,872	18,017	855	4.5
Pickens County	↑	57,301	55,497	1,804	3.1	58,149	56,484	1,665	2.9	56,265	53,770	2,495	4.4
Saluda County	↑	8,212	7,965	247	3.0	8,517	8,294	223	2.6	8,372	8,024	348	4.2
Lexington County	↑	150,242	145,912	4,330	2.9	151,634	147,711	3,923	2.6	146,555	140,575	5,980	4.1
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↑	401,438	388,402	13,036	3.2	399,797	388,147	11,650	2.9	389,407	369,828	19,579	5.0
Columbia MSA	↑	400,263	386,397	13,866	3.5	405,975	393,562	12,413	3.1	394,016	374,381	19,635	5.0
Florence MSA	↑	95,836	92,067	3,769	3.9	97,006	93,660	3,346	3.4	96,684	91,360	5,324	5.5
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↑	435,620	421,504	14,116	3.2	439,613	426,906	12,707	2.9	426,940	406,460	20,480	4.8
Hilton Head Island- Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	↑	88,908	85,971	2,937	3.3	91,524	88,897	2,627	2.9	88,460	84,399	4,061	4.6
Myrtle Beach-Conway- North Myrtle Beach, SC- NC MSA	↑	201,526	190,720	10,806	5.4	199,416	190,703	8,713	4.4	192,851	178,634	14,217	7.4
Spartanburg MSA	↑	169,250	162,910	6,340	3.7	173,435	167,766	5,669	3.3	167,547	158,528	9,019	5.4
Sumter MSA	↑	42,628	40,821	1,807	4.2	42,750	41,117	1,633	3.8	43,813	41,130	2,683	6.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,374,682	2,292,415	82,267	3.5	2,371,298	2,286,561	84,737	3.6	2,349,601	2,240,667	108,934	4.6

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

\*\*2021 substate estimates will be revised at the conclusion of the Bureau of Labor Statistics annual benchmarking process on April 15th.

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