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South Carolina's Employment Situation May 2022

I. Household Survey¹ (Local Area Unemployment Statistics)

Employment: The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working increased to 2,322,089.

- That is a significant increase of 9,435 people over the April estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 55,543 people over the May 2021 estimate.

Unemployment: The estimate of unemployed people marked little change over the month at 79,162.

- That is a decrease of three people from April's estimate and a significant decrease of 18,762 over the May 2021 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.3 percent from April's estimate.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.6 percent, according to the Current Population Survey.

Labor force: The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,401,251 from April's level of 2,391,819.

- That is a significant increase of 9,432 people over the April estimate.
- That is an increase of 36,781 individuals over the May 2021 estimate.

II. Employer Survey² (Current Employment Statistics)

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted³)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 12,400 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,211,100.

- Industries that reported gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+4,000); Manufacturing (+2,200); Education and Health Services (+2,100); Professional and Business Services (+1,200); Government (+800); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+500); Information (+500); Construction (+400); Financial Activities (+300); and Other Services (+300).

From May 2021 to May 2022, South Carolina's economy has picked up 72,200 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with strong growth were Leisure and Hospitality (+22,600); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+18,500); Manufacturing (+11,500); Financial Activities (+6,700); Professional and Business Services (+4,700); Other Services (+4,300); Information (+2,200); Government (+1,600); and Construction (+400).
- The Education and Health Services industry declined over the year (-600).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted⁴)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 21,700 from April 2022 to May 2022 for a total of 2,220,800.

- Increases were reported in the Leisure and Hospitality (+11,500); Professional and Business Services (+3,000); Manufacturing (+2,300); Education and Health Services (+1,600); Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+1,300); Other Services (+1,000); Financial Activities (+800); Information (+600); Construction (+400); and Mining and Logging (+100) industries.
- A decrease was reported in Government (-900).

Since May 2021, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 71,600 in South Carolina.

- Industries making strong annual gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+21,200); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+17,500); Manufacturing (+11,700); Professional and Business Services (+7,400); Financial Activities (+6,900); Other Services (+3,700); Government (+2,300); and Mining and Logging (+300).
- The Educational and Health Services (-1,100) and Construction (-400) industries showed a decline over the year.

¹**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.

²**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.

³**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.

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

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide

May 2022

Jobs by Industry	May 2022	April 2022	May 2021	April 2022 to May 2022		May 2021 to May 2022	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,211,100	2,198,700	2,138,900	12,400	0.56%	72,200	3.38%
Construction	104,400	104,000	104,000	400	0.38%	400	0.38%
Manufacturing	258,500	256,300	247,000	2,200	0.86%	11,500	4.66%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	431,800	431,300	413,300	500	0.12%	18,500	4.48%
Information	29,200	28,700	27,000	500	1.74%	2,200	8.15%
Financial Activities	115,500	115,200	108,800	300	0.26%	6,700	6.16%
Professional and Business Services	299,600	298,400	294,900	1,200	0.40%	4,700	1.59%
Education and Health Services	254,900	252,800	255,500	2,100	0.83%	-600	-0.23%
Leisure and Hospitality	264,500	260,500	241,900	4,000	1.54%	22,600	9.34%
Other Services	80,900	80,600	76,600	300	0.37%	4,300	5.61%
Government	367,200	366,400	365,600	800	0.22%	1,600	0.44%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide

May 2022

Jobs by Industry	May 2022	April 2022	May 2021	April 2022 to May 2022		May 2021 to May 2022	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,220,800	2,199,100	2,149,200	21,700	0.99%	71,600	3.33%
Mining and Logging	4,600	4,500	4,300	100	2.22%	300	6.98%
Construction	104,300	103,900	104,700	400	0.38%	-400	-0.38%
Manufacturing	258,200	255,900	246,500	2,300	0.90%	11,700	4.75%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	430,100	428,800	412,600	1,300	0.30%	17,500	4.24%
Information	29,300	28,700	27,200	600	2.09%	2,100	7.72%
Financial Activities	115,900	115,100	109,000	800	0.70%	6,900	6.33%
Professional and Business Services	300,800	297,800	293,400	3,000	1.01%	7,400	2.52%
Education and Health Services	255,300	253,700	256,400	1,600	0.63%	-1,100	-0.43%
Leisure and Hospitality	271,100	259,600	249,900	11,500	4.43%	21,200	8.48%
Other Services	81,000	80,000	77,300	1,000	1.25%	3,700	4.79%
Government	370,200	371,100	367,900	-900	-0.24%	2,300	0.63%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted

May 2022

Area	May 2022	April 2022	May 2021	April 2022 to May 2022		May 2021 to May 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,211,100	2,198,700	2,138,900	12,400	0.56%	72,200	3.38%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	384,800	383,400	368,700	1,400	0.37%	16,100	4.37%
Columbia MSA	399,400	398,900	396,400	500	0.13%	3,000	0.76%
Florence MSA	89,800	89,800	89,800	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	438,900	437,200	420,300	1,700	0.39%	18,600	4.43%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	83,900	83,900	81,300	0	0.00%	2,600	3.20%
Myrtle Beach MSA	180,700	180,000	172,200	700	0.39%	8,500	4.94%
Spartanburg MSA	167,800	167,300	163,400	500	0.30%	4,400	2.69%
Sumter MSA	38,200	38,100	38,400	100	0.26%	-200	-0.52%

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

May 2022

Area	May 2022	April 2022	May 2021	April 2022 to May 2022		May 2021 to May 2022	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,220,800	2,199,100	2,149,200	21,700	0.99%	71,600	3.33%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	387,200	383,800	370,400	3,400	0.89%	16,800	4.54%
Columbia MSA	400,600	398,900	397,400	1,700	0.43%	3,200	0.81%
Florence MSA	90,300	89,900	90,100	400	0.44%	200	0.22%
Greenville MSA	438,500	436,200	421,500	2,300	0.53%	17,000	4.03%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	84,700	83,800	82,600	900	1.07%	2,100	2.54%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	185,000	181,500	176,500	3,500	1.93%	8,500	4.82%
Spartanburg MSA	168,100	167,100	163,600	1,000	0.60%	4,500	2.75%
Sumter MSA	38,400	38,300	38,600	100	0.26%	-200	-0.52%

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

AREA		May 2022				April 2022				May 2021			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)	
Marlboro County	↑	8,814	8,229	585	6.6	8,786	8,259	527	6.0	8,803	8,201	602	6.8
Allendale County	↑	2,385	2,243	142	6.0	2,327	2,203	124	5.3	2,477	2,307	170	6.9
Bamberg County	↑	4,616	4,344	272	5.9	4,555	4,325	230	5.0	4,705	4,390	315	6.7
Orangeburg County	↑	33,424	31,492	1,932	5.8	33,181	31,528	1,653	5.0	33,469	31,275	2,194	6.6
Marion County	↑	12,947	12,280	667	5.2	12,817	12,220	597	4.7	12,925	12,172	753	5.8
Barnwell County	↑	7,558	7,171	387	5.1	7,536	7,194	342	4.5	7,603	7,166	437	5.7
Fairfield County	↑	9,280	8,837	443	4.8	9,259	8,838	421	4.5	9,248	8,757	491	5.3
Williamsburg County	↑	10,889	10,371	518	4.8	10,791	10,332	459	4.3	11,226	10,593	633	5.6
Dillon County	↑	13,218	12,596	622	4.7	13,027	12,494	533	4.1	13,262	12,564	698	5.3
Lee County	↑	6,610	6,299	311	4.7	6,553	6,288	265	4.0	6,611	6,287	324	4.9
Union County	↑	11,544	11,011	533	4.6	11,513	11,041	472	4.1	11,373	10,682	691	6.1
Chester County	↑	13,556	12,960	596	4.4	13,489	12,967	522	3.9	13,191	12,487	704	5.3
Cherokee County	↑	24,632	23,580	1,052	4.3	24,595	23,789	806	3.3	24,548	23,385	1,163	4.7
Clarendon County	↑	12,551	12,090	461	3.7	12,385	11,989	396	3.2	12,477	11,926	551	4.4
Sumter County	↑	42,300	40,763	1,537	3.6	42,319	41,037	1,282	3.0	42,704	40,953	1,751	4.1
Abbeville County	↑	9,573	9,236	337	3.5	9,525	9,243	282	3.0	9,576	9,186	390	4.1
Greenwood County	↑	30,139	29,084	1,055	3.5	29,998	29,110	888	3.0	30,283	29,017	1,266	4.2
Horry County	↑	156,112	150,579	5,533	3.5	153,506	148,738	4,768	3.1	150,149	143,442	6,707	4.5
Calhoun County	↑	6,466	6,249	217	3.4	6,410	6,228	182	2.8	6,454	6,189	265	4.1
Chesterfield County	↑	21,848	21,116	732	3.4	21,635	20,986	649	3.0	21,623	20,771	852	3.9
Darlington County	↑	29,796	28,779	1,017	3.4	29,604	28,747	857	2.9	29,902	28,700	1,202	4.0
Georgetown County	↑	26,612	25,694	918	3.4	25,974	25,194	780	3.0	26,171	25,088	1,083	4.1
Lancaster County	↑	44,144	42,645	1,499	3.4	43,939	42,641	1,298	3.0	42,646	41,018	1,628	3.8
McCormick County	↑	3,328	3,214	114	3.4	3,322	3,226	96	2.9	3,400	3,261	139	4.1
Laurens County	↑	30,385	29,396	989	3.3	30,249	29,411	838	2.8	29,420	28,241	1,179	4.0
Colleton County	↑	16,547	16,018	529	3.2	16,381	15,930	451	2.8	16,181	15,540	641	4.0
Richland County	↑	196,639	190,255	6,384	3.2	196,616	191,396	5,220	2.7	195,781	188,421	7,360	3.8
Florence County	↑	65,891	63,837	2,054	3.1	65,602	63,882	1,720	2.6	65,879	63,433	2,446	3.7
Pickens County	↑	58,422	56,624	1,798	3.1	58,172	56,778	1,394	2.4	56,179	54,341	1,838	3.3
Berkeley County	↑	110,706	107,342	3,364	3.0	110,412	107,623	2,789	2.5	106,378	102,680	3,698	3.5
Kershaw County	↑	29,443	28,546	897	3.0	29,333	28,562	771	2.6	29,237	28,284	953	3.3
Spartanburg County	↑	158,628	153,914	4,714	3.0	158,377	154,497	3,880	2.4	155,245	149,417	5,828	3.8
York County	↑	149,942	145,372	4,570	3.0	149,468	145,545	3,923	2.6	144,498	139,675	4,823	3.3
Aiken County	↑	75,553	73,382	2,171	2.9	76,198	74,410	1,788	2.3	73,810	71,581	2,229	3.0
Dorchester County	↑	80,345	78,030	2,315	2.9	80,098	78,174	1,924	2.4	77,340	74,636	2,704	3.5
Edgefield County	↑	10,684	10,379	305	2.9	10,674	10,434	240	2.2	10,443	10,132	311	3.0
Anderson County	↑	91,981	89,402	2,579	2.8	91,767	89,678	2,089	2.3	88,951	85,884	3,067	3.4
Oconee County	↑	34,302	33,356	946	2.8	33,944	33,157	787	2.3	34,348	33,166	1,182	3.4
Beaufort County	↑	78,368	76,223	2,145	2.7	77,476	75,683	1,793	2.3	76,449	74,121	2,328	3.0
Greenville County	↑	261,372	254,410	6,962	2.7	261,103	255,357	5,746	2.2	252,339	244,361	7,978	3.2
Hampton County	↑	8,147	7,930	217	2.7	8,047	7,866	181	2.2	8,113	7,855	258	3.2
Jasper County	↑	13,672	13,299	373	2.7	13,390	13,083	307	2.3	13,238	12,850	388	2.9
Charleston County	↑	217,858	212,156	5,702	2.6	216,879	212,021	4,858	2.2	209,431	202,594	6,837	3.3
Newberry County	↑	19,446	18,949	497	2.6	19,228	18,820	408	2.1	19,567	18,979	588	3.0
Lexington County	↑	151,326	147,544	3,782	2.5	150,983	147,854	3,129	2.1	150,076	146,038	4,038	2.7
Saluda County	↑	8,644	8,435	209	2.4	8,454	8,276	178	2.1	8,643	8,404	239	2.8
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↑	408,909	397,528	11,381	2.8	407,389	397,818	9,571	2.3	393,149	379,910	13,239	3.4
Columbia MSA	↑	401,798	389,866	11,932	3.0	401,055	391,154	9,901	2.5	399,439	386,093	13,346	3.3
Florence MSA	↑	95,687	92,616	3,071	3.2	95,206	92,629	2,577	2.7	95,781	92,133	3,648	3.8
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↑	442,160	429,832	12,328	2.8	441,291	431,224	10,067	2.3	426,889	412,827	14,062	3.3
Hilton Head Island- Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	↑	92,040	89,522	2,518	2.7	90,866	88,766	2,100	2.3	89,687	86,971	2,716	3.0
Myrtle Beach-Conway- North Myrtle Beach, SC- NC MSA	↑	213,752	205,582	8,170	3.8	210,067	202,820	7,247	3.4	204,669	194,493	10,176	5.0
Spartanburg MSA	↑	170,172	164,925	5,247	3.1	169,890	165,538	4,352	2.6	166,618	160,099	6,519	3.9
Sumter MSA	↑	42,300	40,763	1,537	3.6	42,319	41,037	1,282	3.0	42,704	40,953	1,751	4.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	-	2,401,251	2,322,089	79,162	3.3	2,391,819	2,312,654	79,165	3.3	2,364,470	2,266,546	97,924	4.1

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↑ Unemployment Rate Up
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