

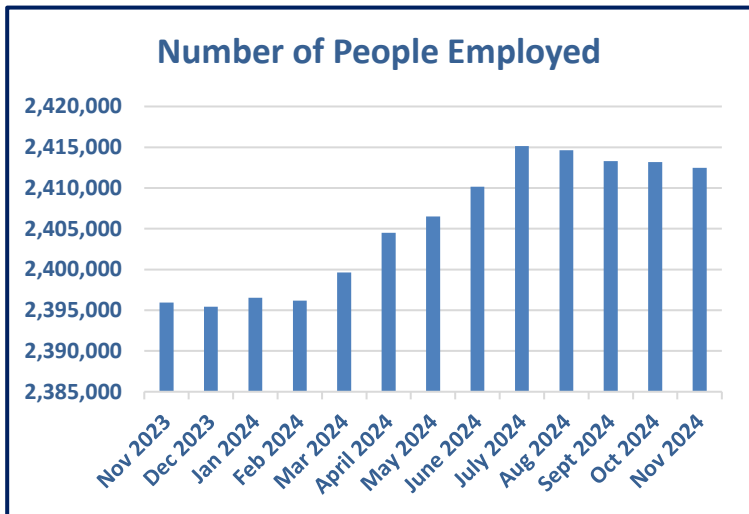


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South Carolina’s Employment Situation: November 2024

HOUSEHOLD SURVEY: LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

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



EMPLOYMENT:

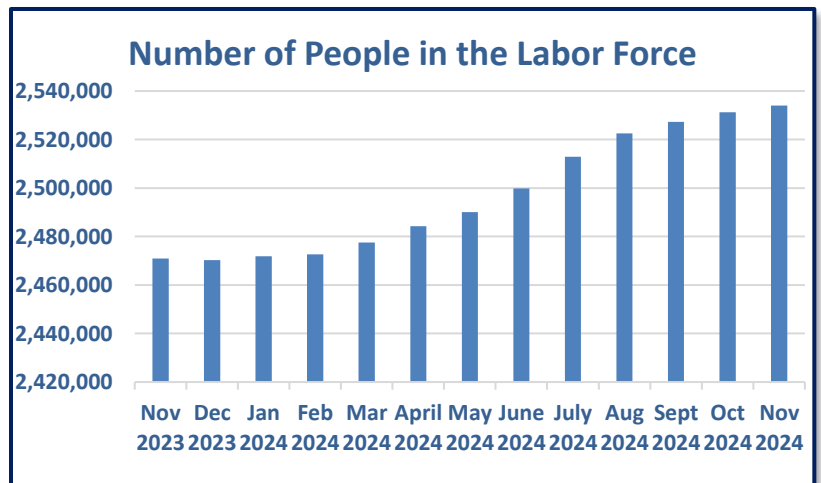
- The seasonally adjusted number of South Carolina workers decreased to 2,412,486.
- That is a decrease of 679 people over the October 2024 estimate.
- That is an increase of 16,552 people over the November 2023 estimate.

LABOR FORCE:

- The state’s estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,533,987 while the labor force participation rate was unchanged at 57.6 percent.
- That is an increase of 2,725 people over the October 2024 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 63,096 individuals over the November 2023 estimate.

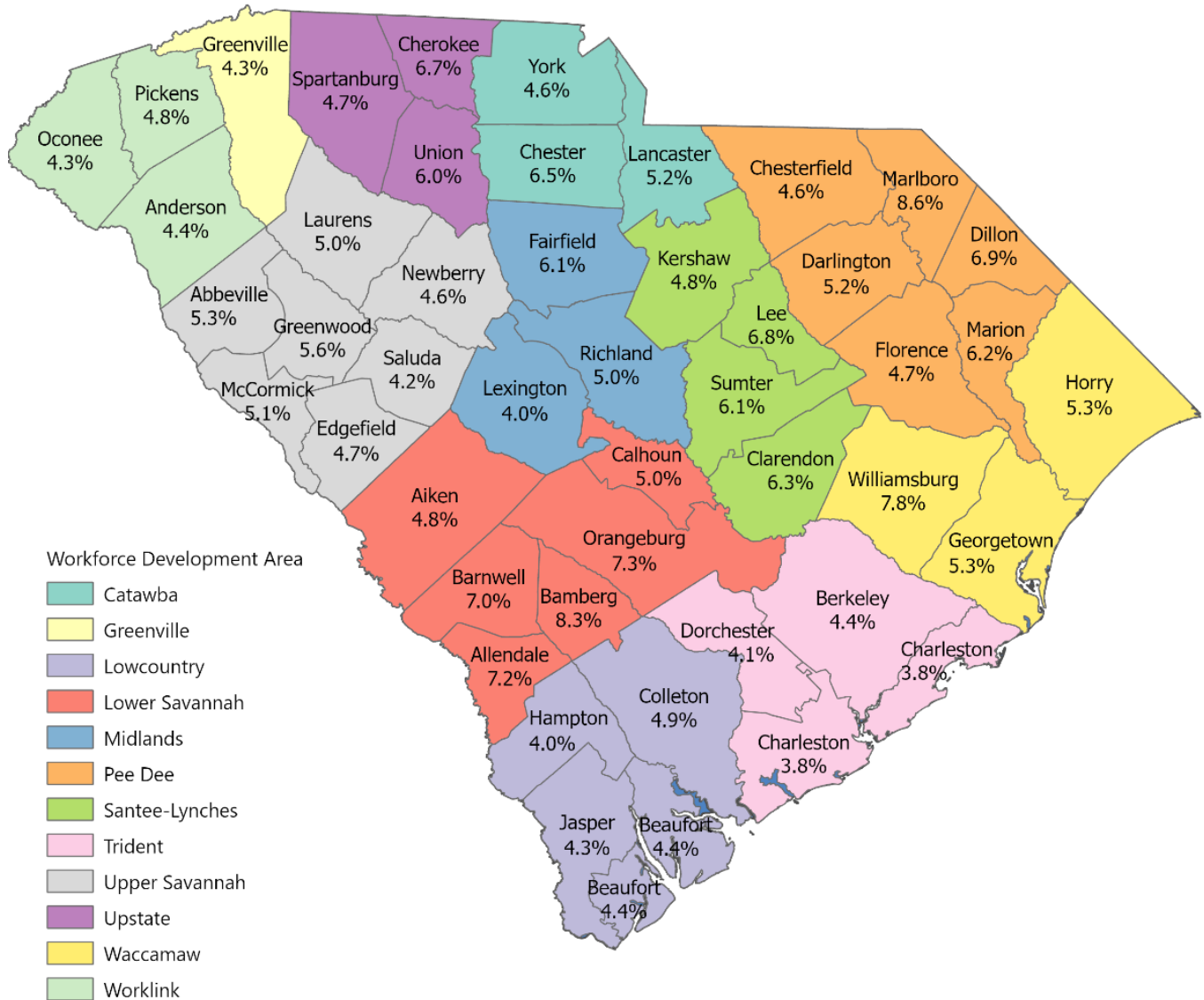
UNEMPLOYED:

- The estimate of unemployed people increased to 121,501.
- That is an increase of 3,404 people from the October estimate and a significant increase of 46,544 from the November 2023 estimate.
- The state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 4.7 percent to 4.8 percent. The national unemployment rate increased to 4.2 percent, according to the Current Population Survey.



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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY COUNTY (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Name	Counties	Rate	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Charleston-North Charleston	Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester	4.0%	↓ -0.1 pts	↑ 1.6 pts
Columbia	Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Richland, Saluda	4.6%	No Change	↑ 1.9 pts
Florence	Darlington, Florence	4.8%	No Change	↑ 1.8 pts
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	Anderson, Greenville, Laurens, Pickens	4.4%	↓ -0.1 pts	↑ 1.7 pts
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	Beaufort, Jasper	4.4%	↑ 0.1 pts	↑ 1.7 pts
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	Horry, Brunswick (NC)	5.1%	↑ 0.3 pts	↑ 1.6 pts
Spartanburg	Spartanburg, Union	4.8%	No Change	↑ 1.9 pts
Sumter	Sumter	6.1%	↑ 0.1 pts	↑ 2.4 pts

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

AREA	November 2024				October 2024				November 2023				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)	
Bamberg County	↓	4,632	4,246	386	8.3	4,699	4,302	397	8.4	4,613	4,363	250	5.4
Marlboro County	↑	7,714	7,049	665	8.6	7,763	7,108	655	8.4	7,399	6,946	453	6.1
Orangeburg County	↓	33,807	31,336	2,471	7.3	34,139	31,605	2,534	7.4	33,511	32,072	1,439	4.3
Williamsburg County	↑	9,995	9,219	776	7.8	10,148	9,400	748	7.4	10,240	9,760	480	4.7
Allendale County	↓	2,420	2,245	175	7.2	2,470	2,289	181	7.3	2,316	2,192	124	5.4
Barnwell County	-	7,601	7,072	529	7.0	7,672	7,138	534	7.0	7,582	7,221	361	4.8
Dillon County	↑	13,231	12,312	919	6.9	13,408	12,495	913	6.8	12,877	12,364	513	4.0
Lee County	↑	6,650	6,196	454	6.8	6,740	6,286	454	6.7	6,513	6,271	242	3.7
Cherokee County	↑	22,761	21,241	1,520	6.7	22,905	21,396	1,509	6.6	23,044	22,159	885	3.8
Chester County	↑	14,260	13,334	926	6.5	14,281	13,381	900	6.3	13,748	13,209	539	3.9
Clarendon County	-	12,166	11,395	771	6.3	12,388	11,612	776	6.3	12,196	11,740	456	3.7
Marion County	-	13,224	12,405	819	6.2	13,423	12,587	836	6.2	12,681	12,172	509	4.0
Fairfield County	-	9,741	9,147	594	6.1	9,833	9,233	600	6.1	9,495	9,139	356	3.7
Sumter County	↑	42,945	40,327	2,618	6.1	42,991	40,417	2,574	6.0	41,206	39,670	1,536	3.7
Union County	↑	11,874	11,157	717	6.0	11,882	11,192	690	5.8	11,514	11,098	416	3.6
Greenwood County	↓	30,861	29,125	1,736	5.6	30,826	29,064	1,762	5.7	30,144	29,165	979	3.2
Abbeville County	↑	9,782	9,265	517	5.3	9,738	9,246	492	5.1	9,610	9,280	330	3.4
Darlington County	↑	31,790	30,145	1,645	5.2	32,068	30,420	1,648	5.1	30,676	29,710	966	3.1
Horry County	↑	158,899	150,443	8,456	5.3	161,465	153,293	8,172	5.1	157,494	152,427	5,067	3.2
Richland County	↓	209,396	198,855	10,541	5.0	210,234	199,590	10,644	5.1	204,427	198,406	6,021	2.9
Calhoun County	-	6,769	6,433	336	5.0	6,856	6,516	340	5.0	6,642	6,434	208	3.1
Georgetown County	↑	26,946	25,514	1,432	5.3	27,380	26,015	1,365	5.0	26,188	25,354	834	3.2
Lancaster County	↑	46,298	43,877	2,421	5.2	46,376	44,049	2,327	5.0	44,931	43,480	1,451	3.2
Aiken County	↓	74,797	71,239	3,558	4.8	75,289	71,626	3,663	4.9	73,801	71,648	2,153	2.9
Edgefield County	↓	10,460	9,968	492	4.7	10,631	10,108	523	4.9	10,356	10,045	311	3.0
Pickens County	↓	61,219	58,292	2,927	4.8	61,291	58,291	3,000	4.9	60,243	58,501	1,742	2.9
Kershaw County	-	31,045	29,570	1,475	4.8	31,336	29,836	1,500	4.8	30,428	29,542	886	2.9
Laurens County	↑	31,722	30,145	1,577	5.0	31,748	30,215	1,533	4.8	31,223	30,267	956	3.1
McCormick County	↑	3,634	3,448	186	5.1	3,648	3,472	176	4.8	3,471	3,364	107	3.1
Colleton County	↑	16,811	15,981	830	4.9	17,011	16,204	807	4.7	16,469	16,008	461	2.8
Spartanburg County	-	163,822	156,137	7,685	4.7	164,206	156,462	7,744	4.7	159,733	155,263	4,470	2.8
Chesterfield County	-	21,429	20,440	989	4.6	21,697	20,689	1,008	4.6	21,374	20,698	676	3.2
Florence County	↑	70,466	67,176	3,290	4.7	70,927	67,645	3,282	4.6	68,156	66,196	1,960	2.9
Newberry County	-	18,620	17,758	862	4.6	18,954	18,089	865	4.6	18,871	18,342	529	2.8
York County	-	157,179	149,948	7,231	4.6	157,504	150,329	7,175	4.6	152,817	148,544	4,273	2.8
Berkeley County	↓	120,828	115,503	5,325	4.4	120,901	115,511	5,390	4.5	116,685	113,643	3,042	2.6
Anderson County	-	96,235	92,031	4,204	4.4	96,239	92,004	4,235	4.4	94,850	92,348	2,502	2.6
Beaufort County	↑	81,680	78,050	3,630	4.4	82,729	79,158	3,571	4.3	80,038	77,901	2,137	2.7
Greenville County	-	274,043	262,157	11,886	4.3	273,823	261,915	11,908	4.3	270,084	263,025	7,059	2.6
Oconee County	-	36,004	34,459	1,545	4.3	36,191	34,640	1,551	4.3	35,777	34,819	958	2.7
Dorchester County	↓	87,479	83,858	3,621	4.1	87,626	83,923	3,703	4.2	84,641	82,529	2,112	2.5
Jasper County	↑	14,072	13,464	608	4.3	14,368	13,768	600	4.2	13,851	13,478	373	2.7
Hampton County	-	8,358	8,020	338	4.0	8,502	8,165	337	4.0	8,167	7,946	221	2.7
Lexington County	↑	159,664	153,295	6,369	4.0	160,723	154,424	6,299	3.9	156,789	153,098	3,691	2.4
Saluda County	↑	8,807	8,439	368	4.2	9,042	8,685	357	3.9	8,709	8,471	238	2.7
Charleston County	-	236,133	227,192	8,941	3.8	236,931	227,868	9,063	3.8	229,178	223,820	5,358	2.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↑	2,533,987	2,412,486	121,501	4.8	2,531,262	2,413,165	118,097	4.7	2,470,891	2,395,934	74,957	3.0

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EMPLOYER SURVEY: CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

BLS conducts a monthly Current Employment Statistics survey of approximately 119,000 businesses and government agencies which yields national estimates of nonagricultural wage and salary employment, hours, and earnings by industry. These data are processed by DEW to generate comparable data for the state and its metropolitan statistical areas.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 4,200 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,395,900.

Jobs by Industry	November 2024	October 2024	November 2023	October 2024 to November 2024		November 2023 to November 2024	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,395,900	2,391,700	2,334,300	↑ 4,200	↑ 0.2%	↑ 61,600	↑ 2.6%
Construction	122,400	123,600	116,000	↓ -1,200	↓ -1.0%	↑ 6,400	↑ 5.5%
Manufacturing	266,100	266,500	264,900	↓ -400	↓ -0.2%	↑ 1,200	↑ 0.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	450,400	449,700	442,600	↑ 700	↑ 0.2%	↑ 7,800	↑ 1.8%
Information	30,300	30,300	28,700	No Change	No Change	↑ 1,600	↑ 5.6%
Financial Activities	124,900	124,200	123,500	↑ 700	↑ 0.6%	↑ 1,400	↑ 1.1%
Professional and Business Services	327,100	322,700	314,400	↑ 4,400	↑ 1.4%	↑ 12,700	↑ 4.0%
Education and Health Services	305,100	305,300	290,400	↓ -200	↓ -0.1%	↑ 14,700	↑ 5.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	291,900	290,500	288,700	↑ 1,400	↑ 0.5%	↑ 3,200	↑ 1.1%
Other Services	88,700	91,100	88,600	↓ -2,400	↓ -2.6%	↑ 100	↑ 0.1%
Government	384,200	383,000	372,000	↑ 1,200	↑ 0.3%	↑ 12,200	↑ 3.3%

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 4,200 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,395,900.

Area	November 2024	October 2024	November 2023	October 2024 to November 2024		November 2023 to November 2024	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	2,395,900	2,391,700	2,334,300	↑ 4,200	↑ 0.2%	↑ 61,600	↑ 2.6%
Charleston/North Charleston	433,800	433,500	421,000	↑ 300	↑ 0.1%	↑ 12,800	↑ 3.0%
Columbia	436,000	435,600	429,500	↑ 400	↑ 0.1%	↑ 6,500	↑ 1.5%
Florence	99,600	99,700	96,700	↓ -100	↓ -0.1%	↑ 2,900	↑ 3.0%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin	469,400	467,700	465,200	↑ 1,700	↑ 0.4%	↑ 4,200	↑ 0.9%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort	91,900	92,200	90,300	↓ -300	↓ -0.3%	↑ 1,600	↑ 1.8%
Myrtle Beach	196,400	196,600	196,300	↓ -200	↓ -0.1%	↑ 100	↑ 0.1%
Spartanburg	177,000	176,800	173,100	↑ 200	↑ 0.1%	↑ 3,900	↑ 2.3%
Sumter	39,700	39,500	38,400	↑ 200	↑ 0.5%	↑ 1,300	↑ 3.4%

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