

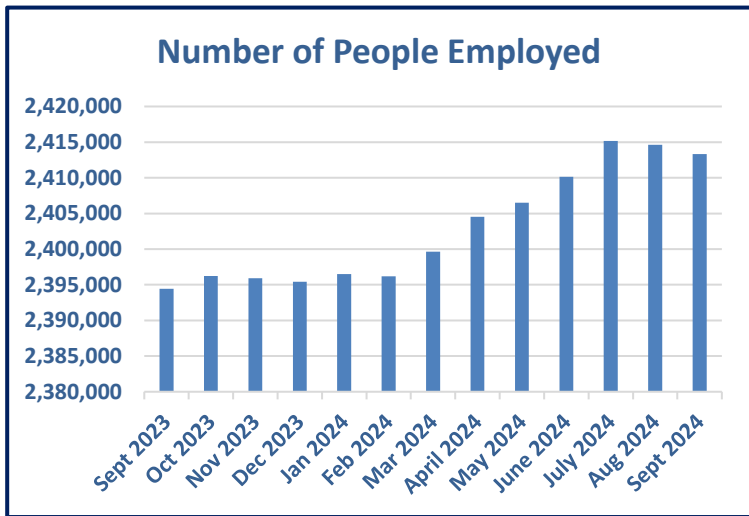


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South Carolina's Employment Situation: September 2024

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:

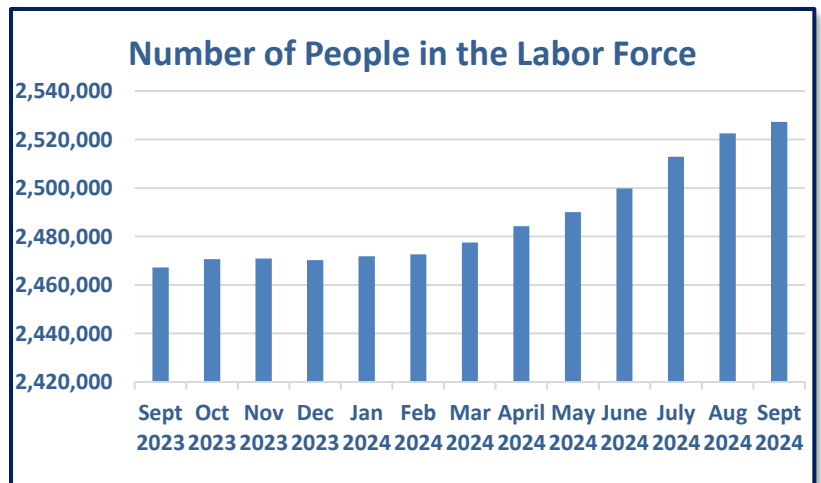
- The seasonally adjusted number of South Carolina workers decreased to 2,413,337.
- That is a decrease of 1,287 people over the August 2024 estimate.
- That is an increase of 18,921 people over the September 2023 estimate.

LABOR FORCE:

- The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,527,319 while the labor force participation rate was unchanged at 57.6 percent.
- That is an increase of 4,804 people over the August 2024 estimate.
- That is a significant increase of 60,098 individuals over the September 2023 estimate.

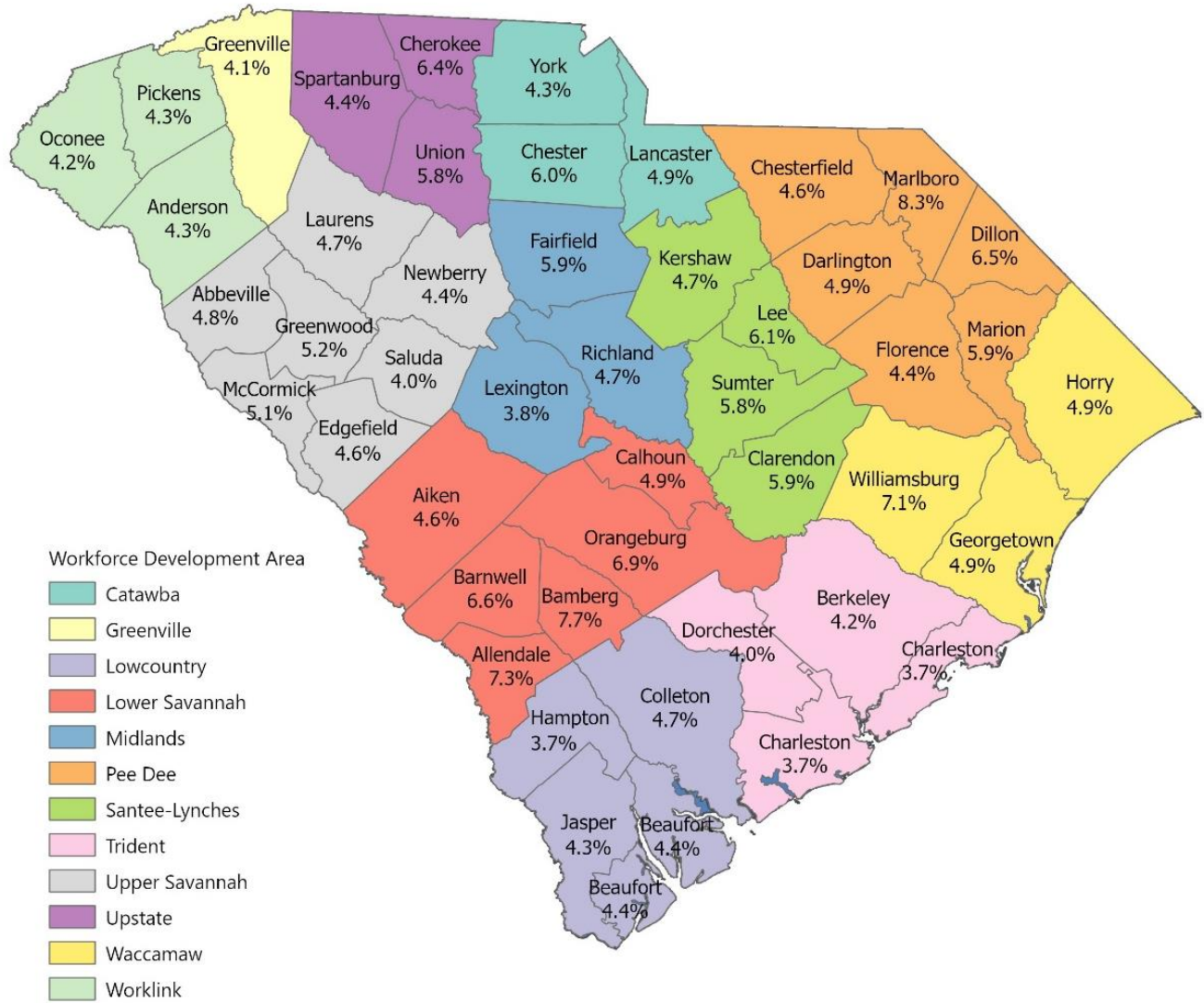
UNEMPLOYED:

- The estimate of unemployed people increased to 113,982.
- That is a significant increase of 6,091 people from the August estimate and a significant increase of 41,177 from the September 2023 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased significantly from 4.3 percent to 4.5 percent. The national unemployment rate decreased to 4.1 percent, according to the Current Population Survey.



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 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	3.9%	↓ -0.7 pts	↑ 1.6 pts
Columbia	Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Richland, Saluda	4.4%	↓ -0.8 pts	↑ 1.8 pts
Florence	Darlington, Florence	4.5%	↓ -0.9 pts	↑ 1.7 pts
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	Anderson, Greenville, Laurens, Pickens	4.2%	↓ -0.9 pts	↑ 1.7 pts
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	Beaufort, Jasper	4.4%	↓ -0.8 pts	↑ 1.8 pts
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	Horry, Brunswick (NC)	4.6%	↓ -0.9 pts	↑ 1.4 pts
Spartanburg	Spartanburg, Union	4.5%	↓ -0.9 pts	↑ 1.8 pts
Sumter	Sumter	5.8%	↓ -0.9 pts	↑ 2.3 pts

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

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

AREA	September 2024				August 2024				September 2023				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		
			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)	
Marlboro County	↓	7,586	6,960	626	8.3	7,697	6,952	745	9.7	7,425	6,967	458	6.2
Bamberg County	↓	4,719	4,357	362	7.7	4,813	4,362	451	9.4	4,647	4,415	232	5.0
Allendale County	↓	2,440	2,263	177	7.3	2,477	2,250	227	9.2	2,365	2,257	108	4.6
Williamsburg County	↓	10,241	9,510	731	7.1	10,432	9,541	891	8.5	10,448	10,014	434	4.2
Orangeburg County	↓	34,185	31,818	2,367	6.9	34,631	31,789	2,842	8.2	33,447	32,077	1,370	4.1
Barnwell County	↓	7,509	7,010	499	6.6	7,608	7,017	591	7.8	7,581	7,257	324	4.3
Dillon County	↓	13,270	12,413	857	6.5	13,488	12,465	1,023	7.6	13,014	12,513	501	3.8
Cherokee County	↓	22,803	21,346	1,457	6.4	22,976	21,213	1,763	7.7	22,897	22,071	826	3.6
Lee County	↓	6,726	6,314	412	6.1	6,838	6,343	495	7.2	6,546	6,330	216	3.3
Chester County	↓	14,147	13,296	851	6.0	14,300	13,311	989	6.9	13,734	13,234	500	3.6
Clarendon County	↓	12,503	11,760	743	5.9	12,686	11,778	908	7.2	12,403	11,984	419	3.4
Fairfield County	↓	9,744	9,165	579	5.9	9,849	9,169	680	6.9	9,474	9,129	345	3.6
Marion County	↓	13,257	12,476	781	5.9	13,474	12,541	933	6.9	12,829	12,342	487	3.8
Sumter County	↓	42,417	39,949	2,468	5.8	42,916	40,026	2,890	6.7	41,038	39,594	1,444	3.5
Union County	↓	11,807	11,122	685	5.8	11,908	11,073	835	7.0	11,426	11,025	401	3.5
Greenwood County	↓	30,436	28,846	1,590	5.2	30,562	28,636	1,926	6.3	30,017	29,101	916	3.1
McCormick County	↓	3,588	3,405	183	5.1	3,589	3,370	219	6.1	3,504	3,397	107	3.1
Calhoun County	↓	6,801	6,466	335	4.9	6,878	6,467	411	6.0	6,643	6,445	198	3.0
Darlington County	↓	31,764	30,213	1,551	4.9	32,165	30,329	1,836	5.7	30,558	29,655	903	3.0
Georgetown County	↓	27,827	26,462	1,365	4.9	28,532	26,871	1,661	5.8	26,747	25,955	792	3.0
Horry County	↓	161,717	153,800	7,917	4.9	166,667	157,212	9,455	5.7	159,539	154,874	4,665	2.9
Lancaster County	↓	45,981	43,725	2,256	4.9	46,345	43,699	2,646	5.7	44,947	43,548	1,399	3.1
Abbeville County	↓	9,625	9,159	466	4.8	9,668	9,065	603	6.2	9,562	9,250	312	3.3
Colleton County	↓	16,975	16,180	795	4.7	17,139	16,173	966	5.6	16,596	16,151	445	2.7
Kershaw County	↓	31,066	29,615	1,451	4.7	31,331	29,622	1,709	5.5	30,327	29,495	832	2.7
Laurens County	↓	31,599	30,100	1,499	4.7	31,816	30,034	1,782	5.6	31,108	30,183	925	3.0
Richland County	↓	207,832	198,091	9,741	4.7	209,456	197,970	11,486	5.5	202,740	197,167	5,573	2.7
Aiken County	↓	75,103	71,619	3,484	4.6	75,648	71,470	4,178	5.5	73,840	71,776	2,064	2.8
Chesterfield County	↓	21,616	20,623	993	4.6	21,838	20,630	1,208	5.5	21,489	20,841	648	3.0
Edgefield County	↓	10,591	10,102	489	4.6	10,686	10,091	595	5.6	10,431	10,133	298	2.9
Beaufort County	↓	81,965	78,350	3,615	4.4	83,544	79,195	4,349	5.2	80,113	78,019	2,094	2.6
Florence County	↓	70,133	67,059	3,074	4.4	70,783	67,079	3,704	5.2	67,755	65,881	1,874	2.8
Newberry County	↓	19,064	18,231	833	4.4	19,293	18,279	1,014	5.3	19,059	18,565	494	2.6
Spartanburg County	↓	162,787	155,571	7,216	4.4	163,564	154,995	8,569	5.2	158,298	154,144	4,154	2.6
Anderson County	↓	95,778	91,692	4,086	4.3	96,451	91,511	4,940	5.1	94,366	91,907	2,459	2.6
Jasper County	↓	14,177	13,569	608	4.3	14,354	13,615	739	5.1	13,928	13,566	362	2.6
Pickens County	↓	60,693	58,054	2,639	4.3	61,129	57,874	3,255	5.3	59,718	58,212	1,506	2.5
York County	↓	155,796	149,154	6,642	4.3	156,891	148,917	7,974	5.1	152,495	148,569	3,926	2.6
Berkeley County	↓	119,737	114,723	5,014	4.2	121,019	115,065	5,954	4.9	115,483	112,613	2,870	2.5
Oconee County	↓	36,264	34,740	1,524	4.2	36,576	34,723	1,853	5.1	35,786	34,855	931	2.6
Greenville County	↓	272,297	261,024	11,273	4.1	273,924	260,481	13,443	4.9	268,261	261,626	6,635	2.5
Dorchester County	↓	86,807	83,337	3,470	4.0	87,693	83,569	4,124	4.7	83,809	81,825	1,984	2.4
Saluda County	↓	9,008	8,646	362	4.0	9,159	8,706	453	4.9	8,850	8,617	233	2.6
Lexington County	↓	159,319	153,204	6,115	3.8	160,403	153,070	7,333	4.6	156,139	152,600	3,539	2.3
Charleston County	↓	234,619	225,981	8,638	3.7	236,634	226,146	10,488	4.4	227,321	222,193	5,128	2.3
Hampton County	↓	8,488	8,172	316	3.7	8,654	8,239	415	4.8	8,286	8,072	214	2.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↑	2,527,319	2,413,337	113,982	4.5	2,522,515	2,414,624	107,891	4.3	2,467,221	2,394,416	72,805	3.0

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

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

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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 5,800 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,396,100.

Jobs by Industry	September 2024	August 2024	September 2023	August 2024 to September 2024		September 2023 to September 2024	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,396,100	2,390,300	2,319,700	↑ 5,800	↑ 0.2%	↑ 76,400	↑ 3.3%
Construction	122,500	119,600	113,400	↑ 2,900	↑ 2.4%	↑ 9,100	↑ 8.0%
Manufacturing	269,300	269,300	263,600	No Change	No Change	↑ 5,700	↑ 2.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	451,600	449,000	444,500	↑ 2,600	↑ 0.6%	↑ 7,100	↑ 1.6%
Information	30,500	30,000	28,600	↑ 500	↑ 1.7%	↑ 1,900	↑ 6.6%
Financial Activities	123,600	124,400	123,400	↓ -800	↓ -0.6%	↑ 200	↑ 0.2%
Professional and Business Services	326,700	328,900	315,100	↓ -2,200	↓ -0.7%	↑ 11,600	↑ 3.7%
Education and Health Services	300,700	300,200	286,100	↑ 500	↑ 0.2%	↑ 14,600	↑ 5.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	293,200	292,100	281,400	↑ 1,100	↑ 0.4%	↑ 11,800	↑ 4.2%
Other Services	90,300	90,000	87,500	↑ 300	↑ 0.3%	↑ 2,800	↑ 3.2%
Government	382,900	382,000	371,600	↑ 900	↑ 0.2%	↑ 11,300	↑ 3.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 5,800 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,396,100.

Area	September 2024	August 2024	September 2023	August 2024 to September 2024		September 2023 to September 2024	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,396,100	2,390,300	2,319,700	↑ 5,800	↑ 0.2%	↑ 76,400	↑ 3.3%
Charleston/North Charleston	432,800	433,000	417,500	↓ -200	↓ 0.0%	↑ 15,300	↑ 3.7%
Columbia	435,500	435,100	426,800	↑ 400	↑ 0.1%	↑ 8,700	↑ 2.0%
Florence	99,700	99,800	95,600	↓ -100	↓ -0.1%	↑ 4,100	↑ 4.3%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin	468,900	468,700	463,600	↑ 200	↑ 0.0%	↑ 5,300	↑ 1.1%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort	91,900	91,500	89,100	↑ 400	↑ 0.4%	↑ 2,800	↑ 3.1%
Myrtle Beach	197,300	198,300	194,400	↓ -1,000	↓ -0.5%	↑ 2,900	↑ 1.5%
Spartanburg	176,900	177,100	171,700	↓ -200	↓ -0.1%	↑ 5,200	↑ 3.0%
Sumter	39,300	39,300	38,000	No Change	No Change	↑ 1,300	↑ 3.4%

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