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South Carolina's Employment Situation **April 2014**

Unemployment Rate Decreases; Lowest Rate Since June 2001

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.3 percent in April down from March's rate of 5.5 percent. The last time the rate was at this level was in June 2001. The number of unemployed persons was 114,413, a decline of 4,652 people over the month. The number of South Carolinians working continues to trend upward, rising for nine consecutive months, and reaching a historic high in April of 2,050,776 people. This marks a 4,713 increase since March, and an estimated 35,939 people have found work since April 2013.

Over the month, the labor force ticked up by 61 people to a level of 2,165,189. Since April 2013, the labor force has declined by nearly 23,000 people.

Nationally, the unemployment rate fell by 0.4 percentage points to 6.3 percent in April.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted¹)

April's seasonally adjusted, non-farm payrolls jumped by 5,300 over the month, to reach the level of 1,929,200. This is the second employment increase this year.

- South Carolina experienced gains in Manufacturing (+1,800); Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+1,600); Government (+1,300); Leisure and Hospitality (+800); and, Education and Health Services (+600). Other increases were reported in Professional and Business Services (+200) and Information (+100).
- Financial Activities (-500); Other Services (-400); and Construction (-200) reported losses.

Since April 2013, seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs were up 39,900.

- Industries with gains were Professional and Business Services (+9,500); Leisure and Hospitality (+9,100); Manufacturing (+7,300); Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+7,000); Education and Health Services (+5,400); and, Construction (+3,600).
- Industries experiencing declines over the year were Financial Activities (-1,000); and Government and Other Services both down (-400); and Information (-100).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted²)

Not-seasonally adjusted, non-farm payroll employment increased by 19,000 from March to April to a level of 1,937,400. Growth was concentrated in service-providing industries with Leisure and Hospitality leading the way.

In addition to the jump in Leisure and Hospitality (+9,000), the following industries also reported improved employment levels: Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+3,200); Professional and Business Services (+2,500); Manufacturing (+1,700); and Education and Health Services and Government, both with gains of (+1,100). Smaller increases were seen in Construction (+700) and Information (+200). Two industries reported losses over the month: Other Services (-300) and Financial Activities (-200).

Since April 2013, not-seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs were up 40,300 overall in South Carolina's workforce. These annual gains came from Leisure and Hospitality (+9,400); Professional and Business Services (+8,900); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+7,200); Manufacturing (+7,000); Education and Health Services (+6,300); and Construction (+3,600). There were losses over the year in Financial Activities (-1,000); Other Services (-600); Government (-300); Information (-100); and Natural Resources and Mining (-100).

¹**Seasonally Adjusted:** Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a more or less 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.

²**Not Seasonally Adjusted:** Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from these data.

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

**Statewide
April 2014**

Industry	April 2014	March 2014	April 2013	March 2014 to April 2014		April 2013 to April 2014	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,929,200	1,923,900	1,889,300	5,300	0.27%	39,900	2.07%
Construction	83,100	83,300	79,500	-200	-0.24%	3,600	4.33%
Manufacturing	230,600	228,800	223,300	1,800	0.78%	7,300	3.17%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	366,400	364,800	359,400	1,600	0.44%	7,000	1.91%
Information	26,500	26,400	26,600	100	0.38%	-100	-0.38%
Financial Activities	94,200	94,700	95,200	-500	-0.53%	-1,000	-1.06%
Professional and Business Services	247,400	247,200	237,900	200	0.08%	9,500	3.84%
Education and Health Services	223,200	222,600	217,800	600	0.27%	5,400	2.42%
Leisure and Hospitality	230,300	229,500	221,200	800	0.35%	9,100	3.95%
Other Services	70,200	70,600	70,600	-400	-0.57%	-400	-0.57%
Government	353,600	352,300	354,000	1,300	0.37%	-400	-0.11%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

**Statewide
April 2014**

Industry	April 2014	March 2014	April 2013	March 2014 to April 2014		April 2013 to April 2014	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,937,400	1,918,400	1,897,100	19,000	0.99%	40,300	2.12%
Natural Resources and Mining	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	0.00%	-100	-2.63%
Construction	82,600	81,900	79,000	700	0.85%	3,600	4.56%
Manufacturing	230,600	228,900	223,600	1,700	0.74%	7,000	3.13%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	364,300	361,100	357,100	3,200	0.89%	7,200	2.02%
Information	26,600	26,400	26,700	200	0.76%	-100	-0.37%
Financial Activities	94,100	94,300	95,100	-200	-0.21%	-1,000	-1.05%
Professional and Business Services	246,800	244,300	237,900	2,500	1.02%	8,900	3.74%
Education and Health Services	224,700	223,600	218,400	1,100	0.49%	6,300	2.88%
Leisure and Hospitality	234,800	225,800	225,400	9,000	3.99%	9,400	4.17%
Other Services	70,300	70,600	70,900	-300	-0.42%	-600	-0.85%
Government	358,900	357,800	359,200	1,100	0.31%	-300	-0.08%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas
April 2014**

AREA	April 2014	March 2014	April 2013	March 2014 to April 2014		April 2013 to April 2014	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	1,929,200	1,923,900	1,889,300	5,300	0.27%	39,900	2.07%
Anderson MSA	66,200	66,500	63,500	-300	-0.45%	2,700	4.08%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	314,400	313,300	309,300	1,100	0.35%	5,100	1.62%
Columbia MSA	367,400	364,000	360,700	3,400	0.93%	6,700	1.82%
Florence MSA	84,600	84,900	84,300	-300	-0.35%	300	0.35%
Greenville MSA	318,000	317,700	310,100	300	0.09%	7,900	2.48%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	122,800	120,400	118,600	2,400	1.95%	4,200	3.42%
Spartanburg MSA	129,900	130,000	127,600	-100	-0.08%	2,300	1.77%
Sumter MSA	38,400	38,300	37,600	100	0.26%	800	2.08%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

**South Carolina & Metropolitan (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
April 2014**

AREA	April 2014	March 2014	April 2013	March 2014 to April 2014		April 2013 to April 2014	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	1,937,400	1,918,400	1,897,100	19,000	0.99%	40,300	2.12%
Anderson MSA	66,600	66,300	63,600	300	0.45%	3,000	4.72%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	314,600	310,900	310,400	3,700	1.19%	4,200	1.35%
Columbia MSA	367,700	363,600	361,600	4,100	1.13%	6,100	1.69%
Florence MSA	85,200	85,300	84,400	-100	-0.12%	800	0.95%
Greenville MSA	318,600	317,500	310,500	1,100	0.35%	8,100	2.61%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	124,200	116,600	120,600	7,600	6.52%	3,600	2.99%
Spartanburg MSA	130,500	130,500	127,900	0	0.00%	2,600	2.03%
Sumter MSA	38,600	38,400	37,900	200	0.52%	700	1.85%

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.

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

AREA		April 2014				March 2014				April 2013			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)
Marion	↓	11,068	10,015	1,053	9.5	11,103	9,952	1,151	10.4	11,550	9,881	1,669	14.5
Allendale	↓	3,092	2,809	283	9.2	3,125	2,814	311	10.0	3,206	2,773	433	13.5
Bamberg	↓	5,502	5,045	457	8.3	5,549	5,050	499	9.0	5,807	5,096	711	12.2
Barnwell	↓	8,078	7,425	653	8.1	8,108	7,396	712	8.8	8,262	7,247	1,015	12.3
Marlboro	↓	10,939	10,066	873	8.0	11,067	10,089	978	8.8	11,502	10,002	1,500	13.0
Dillon	↓	12,241	11,278	963	7.9	12,324	11,320	1,004	8.1	12,525	11,050	1,475	11.8
Orangeburg	↓	38,478	35,620	2,858	7.4	38,743	35,626	3,117	8.0	40,438	36,033	4,405	10.9
Clarendon	↓	11,871	11,014	857	7.2	11,952	11,026	926	7.7	12,038	10,732	1,306	10.8
McCormick	↓	3,233	3,003	230	7.1	3,250	2,997	253	7.8	3,337	2,968	369	11.1
Chester	↓	14,541	13,540	1,001	6.9	14,652	13,551	1,101	7.5	15,003	13,368	1,635	10.9
Union	↓	11,487	10,692	795	6.9	11,566	10,702	864	7.5	11,888	10,528	1,360	11.4
Hampton	↓	7,505	6,995	510	6.8	7,556	7,000	556	7.4	7,631	6,864	767	10.1
Williamsburg	↓	15,244	14,209	1,035	6.8	15,296	14,169	1,127	7.4	15,249	13,661	1,588	10.4
Cherokee	↓	25,093	23,557	1,536	6.1	25,211	23,559	1,652	6.6	25,561	23,134	2,427	9.5
Chesterfield	↓	18,424	17,309	1,115	6.1	18,558	17,332	1,226	6.6	18,933	17,015	1,918	10.1
Fairfield	↓	10,058	9,447	611	6.1	10,057	9,385	672	6.7	10,339	9,365	974	9.4
Colleton	↓	16,739	15,734	1,005	6.0	16,835	15,716	1,119	6.6	16,851	15,273	1,578	9.4
Florence	↓	61,545	57,863	3,682	6.0	62,162	58,242	3,920	6.3	62,984	57,881	5,103	8.1
Lee	↓	7,795	7,327	468	6.0	7,849	7,347	502	6.4	8,001	7,274	727	9.1
York	↓	111,621	105,042	6,579	5.9	112,851	105,197	7,654	6.8	114,626	103,676	10,950	9.6
Abbeville	↓	10,738	10,114	624	5.8	10,794	10,112	682	6.3	10,996	10,048	948	8.6
Darlington	↓	29,295	27,597	1,698	5.8	29,616	27,777	1,839	6.2	30,148	27,605	2,543	8.4
Lancaster	↓	33,234	31,292	1,942	5.8	33,408	31,293	2,115	6.3	33,831	30,656	3,175	9.4
Sumter	↓	43,874	41,356	2,518	5.7	44,024	41,320	2,704	6.1	44,575	40,952	3,623	8.1
Greenwood	↓	30,412	28,708	1,704	5.6	30,534	28,684	1,850	6.1	30,891	28,229	2,662	8.6
Edgefield	↓	10,856	10,261	595	5.5	10,789	10,078	711	6.6	11,157	10,329	828	7.4
Horry	↓	130,190	123,070	7,120	5.5	124,826	116,718	8,108	6.5	131,429	120,881	10,548	8.0
Georgetown	↓	29,191	27,632	1,559	5.3	29,083	27,336	1,747	6.0	28,771	26,443	2,328	8.1
Calhoun	↓	6,376	6,049	327	5.1	6,366	6,009	357	5.6	6,597	5,996	601	9.1
Oconee	↓	31,286	29,693	1,593	5.1	31,465	29,686	1,779	5.7	31,310	29,001	2,309	7.4
Richland	↓	182,740	173,654	9,086	5.0	182,096	172,513	9,583	5.3	184,602	172,136	12,466	6.8
Aiken	↓	76,322	72,686	3,636	4.8	75,627	71,390	4,237	5.6	78,609	73,161	5,448	6.9
Spartanburg	↓	137,710	131,150	6,560	4.8	138,410	131,460	6,950	5.0	139,040	129,227	9,813	7.1
Berkeley	↓	86,714	82,667	4,047	4.7	86,393	82,065	4,328	5.0	87,555	82,134	5,421	6.2
Laurens	↓	29,607	28,207	1,400	4.7	29,774	28,220	1,554	5.2	29,802	27,682	2,120	7.1
Beaufort	↓	65,329	62,405	2,924	4.5	65,480	62,327	3,153	4.8	63,276	59,301	3,975	6.3
Kershaw	↓	29,159	27,876	1,283	4.4	29,070	27,692	1,378	4.7	29,444	27,632	1,812	6.2
Newberry	↓	17,831	17,050	781	4.4	17,903	17,043	860	4.8	18,097	16,862	1,235	6.8
Anderson	↓	86,918	83,187	3,731	4.3	87,146	83,081	4,065	4.7	86,196	80,548	5,648	6.6
Pickens	↓	56,923	54,484	2,439	4.3	57,108	54,510	2,598	4.5	56,978	53,470	3,508	6.2
Dorchester	↓	69,011	66,097	2,914	4.2	68,808	65,616	3,192	4.6	69,899	65,671	4,228	6.0
Jasper	↓	10,562	10,114	448	4.2	10,619	10,101	518	4.9	10,338	9,611	727	7.0
Greenville	↓	229,245	219,952	9,293	4.1	230,066	220,053	10,013	4.4	228,895	215,858	13,037	5.7
Charleston	↓	177,443	170,370	7,073	4.0	176,843	169,129	7,714	4.4	179,415	169,272	10,143	5.7
Lexington	↓	135,304	130,021	5,283	3.9	134,871	129,167	5,704	4.2	136,413	128,885	7,528	5.5
Saluda	↓	8,842	8,494	348	3.9	8,856	8,438	418	4.7	8,983	8,419	564	6.3
Charleston MSA	↓	333,168	319,134	14,034	4.2	332,044	316,810	15,234	4.6	336,869	317,077	19,792	5.9
Columbia MSA	↓	372,479	355,540	16,939	4.5	371,315	353,204	18,111	4.9	376,377	352,432	23,945	6.4
Florence MSA	↓	90,840	85,460	5,380	5.9	91,778	86,019	5,759	6.3	93,132	85,486	7,646	8.2
Greenville MSA	↓	315,775	302,643	13,132	4.2	316,948	302,783	14,165	4.5	315,676	297,011	18,665	5.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,165,189	2,050,776	114,413	5.3	2,165,128	2,046,063	119,065	5.5	2,188,255	2,014,837	173,418	7.9

Current month's estimates are preliminary.

Counties are sorted by current month's unemployment rate in descending order.

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