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South Carolina's Employment Situation November 2013

Rate drops and is the closest South Carolina has been to the national rate since 2002

In November, the state's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate declined significantly to 7.1 percent from the October rate of 7.5 percent. The number of unemployed persons was 152,584, a decrease of approximately 10,230, and employed persons increased by 6,343 from October to November to a total of 2,000,756. The labor force was estimated at 2,153,340 people, reflecting a decline of 3,887.

Since November 2012, the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.5 percent, and the estimated number of unemployed people has declined by 34,674. Over the same period, 19,991 people found work, and 14,683 people left the labor force.

The national unemployment rate for November was estimated at 7.0 percent down from 7.3 percent in October.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted¹)

With an increase of over 4,600 since last month, November's seasonally-adjusted, non-farm payrolls reached a year-high level of 1,907,100. This was the sixth over-the-month increase since May 2013.

- The largest gains were in Government (+1,800); Leisure and Hospitality (+1,300); and Educational and Health Services (+1,100). Additional gains occurred in Professional and Business Services (+700); Manufacturing (+600); and Other Services (+200).
- Industry declines were reported in Financial Activities (-600); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-200); and Information (-200). Construction had a minimal decline of 100.

Since November of 2012, seasonally-adjusted, non-farm jobs were up 34,100.

- Healthy gains were noted in Professional and Business Services (+7,000); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+6,300); Construction (+4,800); Leisure and Hospitality (+4,700); Education and Health Services (+4,100); Government (+4,000); and Manufacturing (+3,600).
- Declines were seen in Other Services (-1,800) and Information (-400).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted²)

Not seasonally-adjusted, non-farm payroll employment in November increased by 4,300 since October to 1,912,600, which is typical in November as the trade industry begins its seasonal hiring. Sizeable gains were felt in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+4,600); Government (+2,700); Manufacturing (+1,100); and Education and Health Services (+900). Leisure and Hospitality continued its normal summer downturn in employment with a decline of (-2,300). Also experiencing declines were Professional and Business Services (-1,200); Financial Activities (-700); and Construction (-700). Since November 2012, not-seasonally adjusted, non-farm jobs were up 34,500 overall in South Carolina's workforce.

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
November 2013**

| Jobs by Industry | November 2013 | October 2013 | November 2012 | October 2013 to November 2013 | | November 2012 to November 2013 | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| | | | | # | % | # | % |
| | | | | Change | Change | Change | Change |
| Total Nonfarm Employment | 1,907,100 | 1,902,500 | 1,873,000 | 4,600 | 0.24% | 34,100 | 1.79% |
| Construction | 83,300 | 83,400 | 78,500 | -100 | -0.12% | 4,800 | 5.76% |
| Manufacturing | 224,500 | 223,900 | 220,900 | 600 | 0.27% | 3,600 | 1.60% |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 362,800 | 363,000 | 356,500 | -200 | -0.06% | 6,300 | 1.74% |
| Information | 25,200 | 25,400 | 25,600 | -200 | -0.79% | -400 | -1.59% |
| Financial Activities | 101,900 | 102,500 | 100,000 | -600 | -0.59% | 1,900 | 1.86% |
| Professional and Business Services | 239,600 | 238,900 | 232,600 | 700 | 0.29% | 7,000 | 2.92% |
| Education and Health Services | 214,500 | 213,400 | 210,400 | 1,100 | 0.51% | 4,100 | 1.91% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 227,800 | 226,500 | 223,100 | 1,300 | 0.57% | 4,700 | 2.06% |
| Other Services | 68,500 | 68,300 | 70,300 | 200 | 0.29% | -1,800 | -2.63% |
| Government | 355,300 | 353,500 | 351,300 | 1,800 | 0.51% | 4,000 | 1.13% |

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

**Statewide
November 2013**

| Jobs by Industry | November 2013 | October 2013 | November 2012 | October 2013 to November 2013 | | November 2012 to November 2013 | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| | | | | # | % | # | % |
| | | | | Change | Change | Change | Change |
| Total Nonfarm Employment | 1,912,600 | 1,908,300 | 1,878,100 | 4,300 | 0.23% | 34,500 | 1.84% |
| Natural Resources and Mining | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,800 | 0 | 0.00% | -100 | -2.63% |
| Construction | 83,400 | 84,100 | 78,600 | -700 | -0.83% | 4,800 | 6.11% |
| Manufacturing | 225,200 | 224,100 | 221,600 | 1,100 | 0.49% | 3,600 | 1.62% |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 367,500 | 362,900 | 361,100 | 4,600 | 1.27% | 6,400 | 1.77% |
| Information | 25,400 | 25,300 | 25,800 | 100 | 0.40% | -400 | -1.55% |
| Financial Activities | 102,100 | 102,800 | 100,200 | -700 | -0.68% | 1,900 | 1.90% |
| Professional and Business Services | 238,400 | 239,600 | 231,400 | -1,200 | -0.50% | 7,000 | 3.03% |
| Education and Health Services | 215,500 | 214,600 | 211,400 | 900 | 0.42% | 4,100 | 1.94% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 223,100 | 225,400 | 218,400 | -2,300 | -1.02% | 4,700 | 2.15% |
| Other Services | 68,300 | 68,500 | 70,100 | -200 | -0.29% | -1,800 | -2.57% |
| Government | 360,000 | 357,300 | 355,700 | 2,700 | 0.76% | 4,300 | 1.21% |

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas
November 2013**

| AREA | November 2013 | October 2013 | November 2012 | October 2013 to November 2013 | | November 2012 to November 2013 | |
|---|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | # Change | % Change | # Change | % Change |
| Statewide | 1,907,100 | 1,902,500 | 1,873,000 | 4,600 | 0.24% | 34,100 | 1.79% |
| Anderson MSA | 62,400 | 62,200 | 61,700 | 200 | 0.32% | 700 | 1.12% |
| Charleston/North Charleston MSA | 310,400 | 310,200 | 307,000 | 200 | 0.06% | 3,400 | 1.10% |
| Columbia MSA | 362,400 | 360,000 | 355,900 | 2,400 | 0.66% | 6,500 | 1.79% |
| Florence MSA | 84,600 | 83,800 | 84,300 | 800 | 0.95% | 300 | 0.35% |
| Greenville MSA | 312,400 | 312,700 | 309,400 | -300 | -0.10% | 3,000 | 0.96% |
| Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA | 120,200 | 119,100 | 116,800 | 1,100 | 0.92% | 3,400 | 2.83% |
| Spartanburg MSA | 124,600 | 123,800 | 123,800 | 800 | 0.64% | 800 | 0.64% |
| Sumter MSA | 37,600 | 37,600 | 37,200 | 0 | 0.00% | 400 | 1.06% |

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas
November 2013**

| AREA | November 2013 | October 2013 | November 2012 | October 2013 to November 2013 | | November 2012 to November 2013 | |
|---|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | # Change | % Change | # Change | % Change |
| Statewide | 1,912,600 | 1,908,300 | 1,878,100 | 4,300 | 0.23% | 34,500 | 1.84% |
| Anderson MSA | 62,700 | 62,400 | 62,000 | 300 | 0.48% | 700 | 1.13% |
| Charleston/North Charleston MSA | 310,500 | 310,100 | 307,100 | 400 | 0.13% | 3,400 | 1.11% |
| Columbia MSA | 364,400 | 362,000 | 357,900 | 2,400 | 0.66% | 6,500 | 1.82% |
| Florence MSA | 85,000 | 84,000 | 84,700 | 1,000 | 1.19% | 300 | 0.35% |
| Greenville MSA | 315,000 | 314,400 | 311,900 | 600 | 0.19% | 3,100 | 0.99% |
| Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA | 117,300 | 118,700 | 113,900 | -1,400 | -1.18% | 3,400 | 2.99% |
| Spartanburg MSA | 126,300 | 125,000 | 125,500 | 1,300 | 1.04% | 800 | 0.64% |
| Sumter MSA | 37,600 | 37,500 | 37,300 | 100 | 0.27% | 300 | 0.80% |

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 | November 2013 | | | | October 2013 | | | | November 2012 | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------|
| | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYMENT | UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYMENT | UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYMENT | UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | |
| Marion County | ↓ | 11,000 | 9,559 | 1,441 | 13.1 | 11,265 | 9,680 | 1,585 | 14.1 | 11,261 | 9,390 | 1,871 | 16.6 |
| Allendale County | ↓ | 3,113 | 2,715 | 398 | 12.8 | 3,201 | 2,765 | 436 | 13.6 | 3,167 | 2,668 | 499 | 15.8 |
| Bamberg County | ↑ | 5,751 | 5,026 | 725 | 12.6 | 5,790 | 5,095 | 695 | 12.0 | 5,777 | 4,919 | 858 | 14.9 |
| Orangeburg County | ↑ | 40,182 | 35,225 | 4,957 | 12.3 | 39,944 | 35,601 | 4,343 | 10.9 | 39,813 | 34,435 | 5,378 | 13.5 |
| Barnwell County | ↓ | 8,181 | 7,242 | 939 | 11.5 | 8,321 | 7,303 | 1,018 | 12.2 | 8,227 | 7,108 | 1,119 | 13.6 |
| Marlboro County | ↓ | 10,980 | 9,737 | 1,243 | 11.3 | 11,251 | 9,885 | 1,366 | 12.1 | 11,129 | 9,535 | 1,594 | 14.3 |
| Dillon County | ↓ | 12,433 | 11,143 | 1,290 | 10.4 | 12,745 | 11,303 | 1,442 | 11.3 | 12,589 | 10,950 | 1,639 | 13.0 |
| Calhoun County | ↑ | 6,768 | 6,086 | 682 | 10.1 | 6,605 | 6,062 | 543 | 8.2 | 6,704 | 5,999 | 705 | 10.5 |
| Clarendon County | ↓ | 11,794 | 10,627 | 1,167 | 9.9 | 11,983 | 10,732 | 1,251 | 10.4 | 12,054 | 10,468 | 1,586 | 13.2 |
| Williamsburg County | ↓ | 14,496 | 13,104 | 1,392 | 9.6 | 14,760 | 13,269 | 1,491 | 10.1 | 14,633 | 12,875 | 1,758 | 12.0 |
| Chester County | ↓ | 14,446 | 13,081 | 1,365 | 9.4 | 14,657 | 13,159 | 1,498 | 10.2 | 14,606 | 12,777 | 1,829 | 12.5 |
| Union County | ↓ | 11,060 | 10,018 | 1,042 | 9.4 | 11,216 | 10,055 | 1,161 | 10.4 | 11,280 | 9,839 | 1,441 | 12.8 |
| McCormick County | ↓ | 3,265 | 2,960 | 305 | 9.3 | 3,333 | 2,991 | 342 | 10.3 | 3,284 | 2,900 | 384 | 11.7 |
| Hampton County | ↓ | 7,518 | 6,840 | 678 | 9.0 | 7,648 | 6,930 | 718 | 9.4 | 7,546 | 6,696 | 850 | 11.3 |
| Chesterfield County | ↓ | 18,372 | 16,814 | 1,558 | 8.5 | 18,647 | 16,950 | 1,697 | 9.1 | 18,522 | 16,476 | 2,046 | 11.0 |
| Darlington County | - | 29,708 | 27,246 | 2,462 | 8.3 | 29,622 | 27,157 | 2,465 | 8.3 | 30,191 | 27,286 | 2,905 | 9.6 |
| Lee County | ↓ | 7,748 | 7,103 | 645 | 8.3 | 7,896 | 7,197 | 699 | 8.9 | 7,887 | 7,030 | 857 | 10.9 |
| Cherokee County | ↓ | 24,715 | 22,701 | 2,014 | 8.1 | 24,960 | 22,762 | 2,198 | 8.8 | 24,804 | 22,208 | 2,596 | 10.5 |
| Colleton County | ↓ | 16,599 | 15,250 | 1,349 | 8.1 | 16,872 | 15,386 | 1,486 | 8.8 | 16,692 | 14,951 | 1,741 | 10.4 |
| Lancaster County | ↓ | 31,863 | 29,276 | 2,587 | 8.1 | 32,258 | 29,409 | 2,849 | 8.8 | 32,021 | 28,582 | 3,439 | 10.7 |
| Abbeville County | ↓ | 10,726 | 9,880 | 846 | 7.9 | 10,862 | 9,937 | 925 | 8.5 | 10,751 | 9,665 | 1,086 | 10.1 |
| Fairfield County | - | 10,247 | 9,440 | 807 | 7.9 | 10,207 | 9,402 | 805 | 7.9 | 10,387 | 9,306 | 1,081 | 10.4 |
| Horry County | ↑ | 125,486 | 115,741 | 9,745 | 7.8 | 127,604 | 117,771 | 9,833 | 7.7 | 125,284 | 113,094 | 12,190 | 9.7 |
| Florence County | ↓ | 61,597 | 56,959 | 4,638 | 7.5 | 62,044 | 56,774 | 5,270 | 8.5 | 62,613 | 57,042 | 5,571 | 8.9 |
| Sumter County | ↓ | 43,331 | 40,077 | 3,254 | 7.5 | 43,581 | 40,018 | 3,563 | 8.2 | 44,126 | 39,826 | 4,300 | 9.7 |
| Greenwood County | ↓ | 30,372 | 28,138 | 2,234 | 7.4 | 30,842 | 28,282 | 2,560 | 8.3 | 30,347 | 27,420 | 2,927 | 9.6 |
| Edgefield County | ↓ | 10,918 | 10,145 | 773 | 7.1 | 11,059 | 10,144 | 915 | 8.3 | 11,071 | 10,146 | 925 | 8.4 |
| Georgetown County | ↓ | 29,090 | 27,013 | 2,077 | 7.1 | 29,474 | 27,289 | 2,185 | 7.4 | 28,989 | 26,425 | 2,564 | 8.8 |
| York County | ↓ | 112,397 | 104,403 | 7,994 | 7.1 | 113,126 | 104,413 | 8,713 | 7.7 | 112,902 | 102,495 | 10,407 | 9.2 |
| Oconee County | ↓ | 31,397 | 29,200 | 2,197 | 7.0 | 31,740 | 29,351 | 2,389 | 7.5 | 31,289 | 28,618 | 2,671 | 8.5 |
| Aiken County | ↓ | 75,135 | 70,065 | 5,070 | 6.7 | 76,008 | 70,057 | 5,951 | 7.8 | 75,629 | 70,068 | 5,561 | 7.4 |
| Laurens County | ↓ | 29,951 | 27,962 | 1,989 | 6.6 | 30,121 | 27,932 | 2,189 | 7.3 | 30,240 | 27,754 | 2,486 | 8.2 |
| Spartanburg County | ↓ | 134,560 | 125,965 | 8,595 | 6.4 | 134,437 | 124,984 | 9,453 | 7.0 | 136,671 | 125,467 | 11,204 | 8.2 |
| Richland County | ↓ | 181,233 | 169,930 | 11,303 | 6.2 | 181,852 | 169,260 | 12,592 | 6.9 | 181,840 | 167,517 | 14,323 | 7.9 |
| Jasper County | ↓ | 10,532 | 9,896 | 636 | 6.0 | 10,610 | 9,934 | 676 | 6.4 | 10,463 | 9,668 | 795 | 7.6 |
| Anderson County | ↓ | 83,636 | 78,692 | 4,944 | 5.9 | 83,951 | 78,471 | 5,480 | 6.5 | 84,693 | 78,051 | 6,642 | 7.8 |
| Beaufort County | ↓ | 65,175 | 61,347 | 3,828 | 5.9 | 65,718 | 61,589 | 4,129 | 6.3 | 64,604 | 59,934 | 4,670 | 7.2 |
| Berkeley County | ↓ | 84,875 | 79,874 | 5,001 | 5.9 | 85,406 | 79,843 | 5,563 | 6.5 | 85,516 | 79,243 | 6,273 | 7.3 |
| Newberry County | ↓ | 18,046 | 16,991 | 1,055 | 5.8 | 18,408 | 17,228 | 1,180 | 6.4 | 18,013 | 16,639 | 1,374 | 7.6 |
| Dorchester County | ↓ | 69,255 | 65,297 | 3,958 | 5.7 | 69,455 | 65,272 | 4,183 | 6.0 | 69,581 | 64,781 | 4,800 | 6.9 |
| Kershaw County | ↓ | 29,223 | 27,578 | 1,645 | 5.6 | 29,342 | 27,469 | 1,873 | 6.4 | 29,541 | 27,186 | 2,355 | 8.0 |
| Pickens County | ↓ | 56,893 | 53,721 | 3,172 | 5.6 | 57,143 | 53,662 | 3,481 | 6.1 | 57,674 | 53,320 | 4,354 | 7.5 |
| Saluda County | ↓ | 8,904 | 8,407 | 497 | 5.6 | 8,931 | 8,374 | 557 | 6.2 | 8,882 | 8,288 | 594 | 6.7 |
| Charleston County | ↓ | 176,010 | 166,750 | 9,260 | 5.3 | 176,844 | 166,686 | 10,158 | 5.7 | 177,200 | 165,433 | 11,767 | 6.6 |
| Greenville County | ↓ | 226,080 | 214,119 | 11,961 | 5.3 | 226,963 | 213,885 | 13,078 | 5.8 | 227,584 | 212,521 | 15,063 | 6.6 |
| Lexington County | ↓ | 134,195 | 127,214 | 6,981 | 5.2 | 134,335 | 126,712 | 7,623 | 5.7 | 133,949 | 125,408 | 8,541 | 6.4 |
| Charleston MSA | ↓ | 330,140 | 311,921 | 18,219 | 5.5 | 331,705 | 311,800 | 19,905 | 6.0 | 332,297 | 309,457 | 22,840 | 6.9 |
| Columbia MSA | ↓ | 370,569 | 348,654 | 21,915 | 5.9 | 371,271 | 347,279 | 23,992 | 6.5 | 371,304 | 343,704 | 27,600 | 7.4 |
| Florence MSA | ↓ | 91,305 | 84,205 | 7,100 | 7.8 | 91,666 | 83,931 | 7,735 | 8.4 | 92,804 | 84,328 | 8,476 | 9.1 |
| Greenville MSA | ↓ | 312,924 | 295,802 | 17,122 | 5.5 | 314,226 | 295,479 | 18,747 | 6.0 | 315,497 | 293,594 | 21,903 | 6.9 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| South Carolina | ↓ | 2,153,340 | 2,000,756 | 152,584 | 7.1 | 2,157,227 | 1,994,413 | 162,814 | 7.5 | 2,168,023 | 1,980,765 | 187,258 | 8.6 |

Current month's estimates are preliminary.

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

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