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South Carolina's Employment Situation January 2016

Employment Growth Continues, Unemployment Rate Remains Unchanged

South Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in January remained unchanged at 5.5 percent from December 2015. However, the number of people working increased by 10,853, setting a new record of 2,149,850.

The state's labor force increased by 11,070 to 2,274,500 people. Unemployment rose slightly by 217 people from December to January, bringing the number of unemployed to 124,650.

Since January 2015, employment gains totaled 50,114, and the level of the unemployed decreased by 22,128 people. Also over the past year, the labor force has grown by 27,986.

Nationally, January's unemployment rate was 4.9 percent.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted¹)

January's seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payrolls decreased by 10,100 over the month to 2,025,100. Government led the industry increases (+1,500), followed by Construction (+1,100); Education and Health Services (+900); Manufacturing (+400); and Financial Activities (+200).

Decreases occurred in Professional and Business Services (-4,500); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-3,900); Leisure and Hospitality (-3,500); and Other Services (-2,000). Information (-300) reported a small decrease.

Since January 2015, seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 43,200. Supporting this overall increase were Professional and Business Services (+10,300); Education and Health Services (+9,400); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+6,000); Government (+5,700); Construction (+5,000); Manufacturing (+4,300); Leisure and Hospitality (+1,800) and Financial Activities (+600). Other Services remained the same. Information decreased since last year (-100).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted²)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment decreased (-44,300) from December 2015 to January 2016 for a total of 1,944,200. A lone industry saw growth: Mining, Logging and Construction (+100). Over-the-month decreases included Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-15,500); Professional and Business Services (-11,200); Leisure and Hospitality (-6,400); Government (-5,300); Education and Health Services (-2,000); and Other Services (-2,000). Smaller losses were reported in Manufacturing (-900); Financial Activities (-600); and Information (-500).

Since January 2015, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs in South Carolina were up 49,400. Most industries marked strong annual gains including Professional and Business Services (+9,800); Education and Health Services (+9,200); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+8,000); Mining, Logging and Construction (+5,600); Construction (+5,400); Leisure and Hospitality (+5,000); Government (+4,700); and Manufacturing (+4,500). Additional growth was seen in Financial Activities (+1,700); Other Services (+1,000); and Mining and Logging (+200). The only industry reporting a loss was Information (-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
January 2016

Industry	January 2016	December 2015	January 2015	December 2015 to January 2016		January 2015 to January 2016	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,025,100	2,035,200	1,981,900	-10,100	-0.50%	43,200	2.18%
Construction	89,700	88,600	84,700	1,100	1.23%	5,000	5.90%
Manufacturing	238,300	237,900	234,000	400	0.17%	4,300	1.84%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	385,200	389,100	379,200	-3,900	-1.01%	6,000	1.58%
Information	26,700	27,000	26,800	-300	-1.12%	-100	-0.37%
Financial Activities	97,200	97,000	96,600	200	0.21%	600	0.62%
Professional and Business Services	268,000	272,500	257,700	-4,500	-1.68%	10,300	4.00%
Education and Health Services	240,600	239,700	231,200	900	0.37%	9,400	4.07%
Leisure and Hospitality	238,200	241,700	236,400	-3,500	-1.47%	1,800	0.76%
Other Services	73,100	75,100	73,100	-2,000	-2.74%	0	0.00%
Government	364,000	362,500	358,300	1,500	0.41%	5,700	1.59%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
January 2016

Industry	January 2016	December 2015	January 2015	December 2015 to January 2016		January 2015 to January 2016	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm	1,994,200	2,038,500	1,944,800	-44,300	-2.17%	49,400	2.54%
Mining and Logging	4,100	4,100	3,900	0	0.00%	200	5.13%
Mining, Logging and Construction	92,600	92,500	87,000	100	0.11%	5,600	6.44%
Construction	88,500	88,400	83,100	100	0.11%	5,400	6.50%
Manufacturing	237,900	238,800	233,400	-900	-0.38%	4,500	1.93%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	381,500	397,000	373,500	-15,500	-3.90%	8,000	2.14%
Information	26,500	27,000	26,600	-500	-1.85%	-100	-0.38%
Financial Activities	96,800	97,400	95,100	-600	-0.62%	1,700	1.79%
Professional and Business Services	261,400	272,600	251,600	-11,200	-4.11%	9,800	3.90%
Education and Health Services	239,000	241,000	229,800	-2,000	-0.83%	9,200	4.00%
Leisure and Hospitality	223,300	229,700	218,300	-6,400	-2.79%	5,000	2.29%
Other Services	73,000	75,000	72,000	-2,000	-2.67%	1,000	1.39%
Government	362,200	367,500	357,500	-5,300	-1.44%	4,700	1.31%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas
January 2016**

INDUSTRY TITLE	January 2016	December 2015	January 2015	December 2015 to January 2016		January 2015 to January 2016	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	2,025,100	2,035,200	1,981,900	-10,100	-0.50%	43,200	2.18%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	339,500	337,800	328,700	1,700	0.50%	10,800	3.29%
Columbia MSA	390,800	390,800	380,100	0	0.00%	10,700	2.82%
Florence MSA	86,100	87,200	85,400	-1,100	-1.28%	700	0.82%
Sumter MSA	39,000	39,000	38,700	0	0.00%	300	0.78%

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January 2016**

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				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	1,994,200	2,038,500	1,944,800	-44,300	-2.17%	49,400	2.54%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	333,600	338,000	322,500	-4,400	-1.30%	11,100	3.44%
Columbia MSA	386,300	393,900	377,100	-7,600	-1.93%	9,200	2.44%
Florence MSA	85,800	88,000	84,400	-2,200	-2.50%	1,400	1.66%
Greenville MSA	400,800	410,700	390,800	-9,900	-2.41%	10,000	2.56%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	73,400	74,900	71,000	-1,500	-2.00%	2,400	3.38%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	146,500	151,600	141,400	-5,100	-3.36%	5,100	3.61%
Spartanburg MSA	144,100	147,000	138,800	-2,900	-1.97%	5,300	3.82%
Sumter MSA	39,000	39,400	38,500	-400	-1.02%	500	1.30%

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	January 2016				December 2015 *				January 2015 *				
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	
Allendale County	↑	2,708	2,438	270	10.0	2,965	2,701	264	8.9	3,004	2,609	395	13.1
Bamberg County	↑	5,381	4,852	529	9.8	5,710	5,225	485	8.5	5,701	5,008	693	12.2
Marion County	↑	12,764	11,507	1,257	9.8	13,107	11,887	1,220	9.3	12,950	11,444	1,506	11.6
Marlboro County	↑	9,588	8,645	943	9.8	10,267	9,341	926	9.0	9,978	8,903	1,075	10.8
Orangeburg County	↑	36,239	32,902	3,337	9.2	38,897	35,547	3,350	8.6	38,470	33,893	4,577	11.9
Williamsburg County	↑	12,881	11,709	1,172	9.1	13,377	12,239	1,138	8.5	13,180	11,795	1,385	10.5
Georgetown County	↑	25,364	23,190	2,174	8.6	26,264	24,208	2,056	7.8	25,553	23,131	2,422	9.5
Dillon County	↑	12,538	11,520	1,018	8.1	12,927	11,919	1,008	7.8	12,749	11,519	1,230	9.6
Lee County	↑	6,458	5,932	526	8.1	6,571	6,077	494	7.5	6,561	5,919	642	9.8
Horry County	↑	131,308	120,957	10,351	7.9	132,362	122,914	9,448	7.1	129,761	117,437	12,324	9.5
Barnwell County	↑	8,333	7,680	653	7.8	8,978	8,344	634	7.1	8,925	8,034	891	10.0
Fairfield County	↑	10,253	9,453	800	7.8	10,288	9,526	762	7.4	10,043	9,172	871	8.7
Chester County	↑	13,684	12,647	1,037	7.6	13,951	12,948	1,003	7.2	13,781	12,473	1,308	9.5
Clarendon County	↑	12,995	12,043	952	7.3	13,370	12,437	933	7.0	13,157	12,001	1,156	8.8
Hampton County	↑	8,117	7,524	593	7.3	8,563	7,976	587	6.9	8,610	7,783	827	9.6
McCormick County	↑	3,452	3,203	249	7.2	3,647	3,425	222	6.1	3,586	3,268	318	8.9
Darlington County	↑	29,968	27,850	2,118	7.1	29,776	27,736	2,040	6.9	30,093	27,564	2,529	8.4
Union County	↑	11,783	10,966	817	6.9	11,809	11,047	762	6.5	11,695	10,606	1,089	9.3
Colleton County	↑	16,815	15,712	1,103	6.6	17,412	16,368	1,044	6.0	16,883	15,578	1,305	7.7
Abbeville County	↑	10,331	9,657	674	6.5	10,818	10,219	599	5.5	10,515	9,709	806	7.7
Cherokee County	↑	23,377	21,849	1,528	6.5	24,207	22,822	1,385	5.7	23,734	21,772	1,962	8.3
Sumter County	↑	44,898	41,970	2,928	6.5	43,903	41,105	2,798	6.4	44,306	40,955	3,351	7.6
Calhoun County	↑	6,966	6,529	437	6.3	7,040	6,630	410	5.8	6,940	6,382	558	8.0
Edgefield County	↑	10,680	10,011	669	6.3	10,771	10,101	670	6.2	10,659	9,936	723	6.8
Florence County	↑	65,171	61,194	3,977	6.1	64,348	60,515	3,833	6.0	64,624	59,783	4,841	7.5
Lancaster County	↑	36,282	34,092	2,190	6.0	35,554	33,564	1,990	5.6	34,762	32,241	2,521	7.3
Laurens County	↑	30,476	28,671	1,805	5.9	30,589	28,940	1,649	5.4	30,119	27,849	2,270	7.5
Oconee County	↑	34,610	32,558	2,052	5.9	35,730	33,801	1,929	5.4	34,553	32,316	2,237	6.5
Chesterfield County	↑	21,234	20,004	1,230	5.8	21,928	20,764	1,164	5.3	21,401	19,914	1,487	6.9
Greenwood County	↑	30,994	29,189	1,805	5.8	32,550	30,884	1,666	5.1	31,785	29,473	2,312	7.3
Aiken County	↑	73,622	69,474	4,148	5.6	73,859	69,930	3,929	5.3	73,611	68,768	4,843	6.6
Kershaw County	↑	29,090	27,452	1,638	5.6	28,762	27,219	1,543	5.4	28,106	26,198	1,908	6.8
Pickens County	↑	56,163	53,082	3,081	5.5	56,401	53,560	2,841	5.0	55,009	51,472	3,537	6.4
Richland County	↑	198,976	188,453	10,523	5.3	197,429	187,298	10,131	5.1	192,191	180,040	12,151	6.3
Beaufort County	↑	70,417	66,746	3,671	5.2	67,909	64,570	3,339	4.9	68,450	64,109	4,341	6.3
Saluda County	↑	8,853	8,397	456	5.2	8,892	8,482	410	4.6	8,781	8,252	529	6.0
Spartanburg County	↑	141,150	133,810	7,340	5.2	139,602	132,731	6,871	4.9	136,393	127,585	8,808	6.5
Berkeley County	↑	93,405	88,624	4,781	5.1	91,580	87,133	4,447	4.9	89,619	83,943	5,676	6.3
Dorchester County	↑	72,331	68,641	3,690	5.1	70,998	67,548	3,450	4.9	69,339	65,053	4,286	6.2
Newberry County	↑	18,848	17,887	961	5.1	19,077	18,213	864	4.5	18,650	17,538	1,112	6.0
York County	↑	126,169	119,724	6,445	5.1	124,813	118,864	5,949	4.8	121,824	113,998	7,826	6.4
Anderson County	↑	88,693	84,224	4,469	5.0	88,433	84,335	4,098	4.6	86,535	81,187	5,348	6.2
Jasper County	↑	11,502	10,945	557	4.8	11,236	10,732	504	4.5	11,203	10,516	687	6.1
Greenville County	↑	241,706	230,437	11,269	4.7	239,587	229,218	10,369	4.3	233,769	220,628	13,141	5.6
Lexington County	↑	145,294	138,677	6,617	4.6	143,030	136,839	6,191	4.3	139,069	131,484	7,585	5.5
Charleston County	↑	197,946	188,949	8,997	4.5	194,466	186,245	8,221	4.2	189,282	178,764	10,518	5.6
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↑	363,682	346,214	17,468	4.8	357,044	340,926	16,118	4.5	348,240	327,760	20,480	5.9
Columbia MSA	↑	399,432	378,961	20,471	5.1	395,441	375,994	19,447	4.9	385,130	361,528	23,602	6.1
Florence MSA	↑	95,139	89,044	6,095	6.4	94,124	88,251	5,873	6.2	94,717	87,347	7,370	7.8
Greenville - Anderson-Mauldin MSA	↑	417,038	396,414	20,624	4.9	415,010	396,053	18,957	4.6	405,432	381,136	24,296	6.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	-	2,274,500	2,149,850	124,650	5.5	2,263,430	2,138,997	124,433	5.5	2,246,514	2,099,736	146,778	6.5

Current month's estimates are preliminary.

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

*2015 substate estimates will be revised at the conclusion of the Bureau of Labor Statistics annual benchmarking process.

↑ Unemployment Rate Up
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- Unemployment Rate =