



South Carolina's Employment Situation September 2010

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S.C. Unemployment Rate Decreases to 11.0%

The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce, in partnership with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, reported today that South Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 11.0% in September from a revised rate of 11.1% in August. Over the month, the number of employed persons increased by 6,219 (0.3%), and the number of unemployed declined by 652 (-0.3%). This resulted in an increase in the labor force (employed + unemployed) of 5,567 to 2,153,870.

Nationally, the September unemployment rate was unchanged at 9.6%. The national labor force also grew in September by 48,000, with movement upward in employment (+141,000) and movement downward in unemployment (-93,000). Of note, nationally, those working part time for economic reasons have increased two months in a row with an increase in September of 612,000 following an increase of 331,000 in August.

The monthly establishment survey in South Carolina showed growth of 1,800 nonagricultural jobs in September. The Government sector (+14,400) accounted for most of the growth as local government education services staff continued their return for the school year. However, the Federal government sector decreased by (-1,600), reflecting a reduction in Census jobs. The private sector declined by 12,600 jobs in September. Private sector losses were recorded in Retail Trade (-2,900), Professional and Business Services (-1,100), Leisure and Hospitality (-9,100), and Construction (-600). Private sector gains were noted in Manufacturing (+200), and Education and Health Services (+3,900). The overall job count was 11,900 above the year-ago level; the private sector accounted for approximately 7,700 of the overall job count increase over the year.

"Consumer sentiment remains weak, and this continues to influence the demand for goods and services," said John L. Finan, Executive Director of the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce. "As the state's economy strives to recover from the recent recession we, at SCDEW, remain committed to supporting the needs of job seekers and employers by offering a variety of tools and services to assist both groups of customers."

One of these tools is the South Carolina Virtual OneStop (VOS) system. The web site www.sconestop.org is a powerful online tool designed to assist job seekers in finding the right job, and help employers who are looking for the best job candidates. The site serves as a hub for the state's workforce services while focusing on job openings and job candidates. The site is also a valuable resource for policy makers, researchers, and others seeking to explore and analyze local labor markets in South Carolina. Of the various online job search engine databases, in early October, more than 46,000 jobs were listed in the Virtual OneStop database.

S. C. Department of Employment and Workforce John L. Finan, Executive Director

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

September - 2010

Industry	September 2010	August 2010	September 2009	Net Change From Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Nonag. Employment	1,828,000	1,826,200	1,816,100	1,800	11,900
Natural Resources and Mining	4,400	4,400	4,200	0	200
Construction	79,900	80,500	84,200	-600	-4,300
Manufacturing	210,400	210,200	207,700	200	2,700
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	343,300	347,200	347,400	-3,900	-4,100
Information	27,500	27,800	27,600	-300	-100
Financial Activities	103,900	104,700	101,700	-800	2,200
Professional and Business Services	209,400	210,500	201,000	-1,100	8,400
Educational and Health Services	213,000	209,100	208,200	3,900	4,800
Leisure and Hospitality	207,600	216,700	211,700	-9,100	-4,100
Government	358,400	344,000	354,200	14,400	4,200

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES RANKED BY COUNTY

Rank		Unemployment Rate		
		September 2010	August 2010	Change
1	Marion	18.6	19.8	-1.2
2	Marlboro	18.4	20.0	-1.6
3	Allendale	18.0	19.5	-1.5
4	Chester	17.1	18.2	-1.1
	Union	17.1	18.2	-1.1
6	York	16.7	16.8	-0.1
7	Lancaster	15.7	17.1	-1.4
8	Barnwell	15.4	17.4	-2.0
9	Chesterfield	14.8	15.9	-1.1
	Dillon	14.8	15.8	-1.0
	McCormick	14.8	16.3	-1.5
12	Bamberg	14.5	16.8	-2.3
	Clarendon	14.5	15.4	-0.9
	Orangeburg	14.5	16.1	-1.6
15	Cherokee	14.1	14.9	-0.8
16	Hampton	13.9	14.4	-0.5
17	Lee	13.5	14.4	-0.9
	Williamsburg	13.5	14.6	-1.1
19	Fairfield	13.4	13.5	-0.1
20	Abbeville	12.6	13.7	-1.1
21	Colleton	12.4	13.3	-0.9
22	Darlington	12.1	13.3	-1.2
	Sumter	12.1	13.2	-1.1
24	Calhoun	11.6	12.0	-0.4
25	Greenwood	11.4	12.6	-1.2
26	Laurens	11.0	12.1	-1.1
27	Georgetown	10.9	11.6	-0.7
	Oconee	10.9	12.0	-1.1
	Spartanburg	10.9	12.0	-1.1
30	Anderson	10.7	11.7	-1.0
	Florence	10.7	11.4	-0.7
32	Kershaw	10.5	11.0	-0.5
33	Horry	10.4	10.5	-0.1
	Newberry	10.4	11.5	-1.1
35	Edgefield	9.9	10.3	-0.4
36	Berkeley	9.7	10.7	-1.0
37	Pickens	9.5	10.7	-1.2
38	Jasper	9.3	10.5	-1.2
	Richland	9.3	10.5	-1.2
40	Dorchester	9.2	9.8	-0.6
41	Greenville	9.0	9.8	-0.8
42	Charleston	8.6	9.8	-1.2
	Saluda	8.6	9.5	-0.9
44	Aiken	8.3	9.0	-0.7
45	Beaufort	8.0	9.0	-1.0
46	Lexington	7.9	8.6	-0.7

LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT BY LABOR MARKET AREA

September-10

AREA:	LABOR FORCE			UNEMPLOYMENT			% OF LABOR FORCE		
	September 2010	August 2010	September 2009	September 2010	August 2010	September 2009	September 2010	August 2010	September 2009
ABBEVILLE	10,969	11,034	11,216	1,382	1,515	1,716	12.6	13.7	15.3
AIKEN	76,057	76,861	76,360	6,310	6,899	7,734	8.3	9.0	10.1
ALLENDALE	3,353	3,385	3,420	602	660	744	18.0	19.5	21.8
ANDERSON MSA	82,040	83,420	84,832	8,783	9,758	10,993	10.7	11.7	13.0
BAMBERG	6,431	6,527	6,533	935	1,096	1,135	14.5	16.8	17.4
BARNWELL	9,166	9,312	9,364	1,412	1,617	1,734	15.4	17.4	18.5
BEAUFORT	65,786	65,961	65,747	5,291	5,951	5,711	8.0	9.0	8.7
BERKELEY	81,166	82,453	80,540	7,882	8,855	8,907	9.7	10.7	11.1
CALHOUN	6,806	6,854	7,062	791	824	1,061	11.6	12.0	15.0
CHARLESTON	176,509	179,572	174,454	15,164	17,536	16,745	8.6	9.8	9.6
CHEROKEE	25,177	25,271	25,911	3,553	3,760	4,375	14.1	14.9	16.9
CHESTER	15,225	15,358	15,843	2,596	2,794	3,386	17.1	18.2	21.4
CHESTERFIELD	18,973	19,110	19,333	2,804	3,048	3,432	14.8	15.9	17.8
CLARENDON	12,958	12,986	12,985	1,882	1,995	2,044	14.5	15.4	15.7
COLLETON	17,554	17,612	17,489	2,181	2,348	2,390	12.4	13.3	13.7
DARLINGTON	31,648	32,162	31,687	3,830	4,286	4,281	12.1	13.3	13.5
DILLON	14,263	14,289	14,234	2,107	2,264	2,291	14.8	15.8	16.1
DORCHESTER	64,504	65,211	64,146	5,912	6,368	6,874	9.2	9.8	10.7
EDGEFIELD	11,192	11,281	11,157	1,104	1,161	1,231	9.9	10.3	11.0
FAIRFIELD	11,120	11,162	11,120	1,486	1,505	1,509	13.4	13.5	13.6
FLORENCE	63,912	64,591	64,002	6,834	7,395	7,770	10.7	11.4	12.1
GEORGETOWN	31,299	31,564	31,166	3,412	3,660	3,802	10.9	11.6	12.2
GREENVILLE	218,665	220,299	223,060	19,637	21,682	24,256	9.0	9.8	10.9
GREENWOOD	31,103	31,211	31,462	3,545	3,917	4,159	11.4	12.6	13.2
HAMPTON	8,057	8,032	8,056	1,116	1,160	1,254	13.9	14.4	15.6
HORRY/MYR BCH MSA	133,460	138,816	130,254	13,875	14,637	14,793	10.4	10.5	11.4
JASPER	10,434	10,492	10,523	966	1,099	1,127	9.3	10.5	10.7
KERSHAW	29,902	30,157	29,993	3,128	3,319	3,284	10.5	11.0	10.9
LANCASTER	30,217	30,544	30,945	4,749	5,211	5,765	15.7	17.1	18.6
LAURENS	32,200	32,535	32,730	3,537	3,931	4,099	11.0	12.1	12.5
LEE	8,516	8,544	8,545	1,148	1,229	1,311	13.5	14.4	15.3
LEXINGTON	131,859	133,183	132,878	10,377	11,409	11,688	7.9	8.6	8.8
MARION	13,208	13,382	13,275	2,458	2,649	2,773	18.6	19.8	20.9
MARLBORO	12,109	12,228	12,318	2,229	2,443	2,535	18.4	20.0	20.6
McCORMICK	3,414	3,442	3,417	504	561	556	14.8	16.3	16.3
NEWBERRY	18,345	18,410	18,274	1,905	2,120	2,184	10.4	11.5	12.0
OCONEE	30,965	31,139	31,784	3,364	3,729	4,430	10.9	12.0	13.9
ORANGEBURG	41,738	42,068	42,777	6,066	6,763	7,687	14.5	16.1	18.0
PICKENS	56,825	57,451	57,912	5,418	6,150	6,563	9.5	10.7	11.3
RICHLAND	179,844	182,738	181,076	16,677	19,178	18,301	9.3	10.5	10.1
SALUDA	8,844	8,953	8,963	760	849	898	8.6	9.5	10.0
SPARTANBURG MSA	132,110	135,155	136,186	14,439	16,183	17,471	10.9	12.0	12.8
SUMTER MSA	43,142	43,493	44,657	5,217	5,723	6,147	12.1	13.2	13.8
UNION	11,872	11,994	12,290	2,032	2,188	2,522	17.1	18.2	20.5
WILLIAMSBURG	16,115	16,263	16,006	2,173	2,381	2,382	13.5	14.6	14.9
YORK	114,773	115,272	112,451	19,127	19,337	17,394	16.7	16.8	15.5
Multi County MSAs									
CHAS MSA	322,179	327,237	319,139	28,958	32,759	32,526	9.0	10.0	10.2
COLA MSA	368,376	373,046	371,090	33,219	37,083	36,740	9.0	9.9	9.9
FLORENCE MSA	95,560	96,753	95,689	10,664	11,681	12,051	11.2	12.1	12.6
GRNV MSA	307,690	310,285	313,703	28,592	31,763	34,918	9.3	10.2	11.1
South Carolina*	2,153.8	2,148.3	2,175.8	236.9	237.5	264.7	11.0	11.1	12.2

* Seasonally Adjusted