



South Carolina's Employment Situation November 2010

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State's Unemployment Rate Declines for Third Consecutive Month

South Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 10.6% in November from a rate of 10.7% in October. Over the month, the number of employed increased by 2,610, and the number of unemployed decreased by 1,160. This continued decline in unemployment represents a move downward of 1.9 percentage points in the state's unemployment rate since January of this year, when the rate was estimated at 12.5%. During the month, the total labor force (employed + unemployed) grew by 1,450 to 2,154,179, indicating a positive outlook. This gradual movement of declining unemployment and increasing employment, along with an increase in the labor force, remains encouraging.

Similarly, the national labor force increased in November by 103,000. However, estimates show a downward movement in employment (-173,000) and an upward movement in unemployment (+276,000). Due to these negative changes, the November national rate increased to 9.8% from 9.6% in October.

Looking at employment by industry, the Current Employment Survey showed a decline of 3,700 nonagricultural jobs in November. This includes private sector losses of 3,600 jobs and a decline in Government employment of 100. Growth in the Manufacturing sector of 500 jobs was notable as the industry continued its gradual movement upward over the past several months. Other gains were recorded in Retail Trade (+1,400), Wholesale Trade (+400), Educational and Health Services (+900), Professional and Business Services (+1,600), and Transportation and Warehousing (+1,000). Conversely, Leisure and Hospitality showed declines of (-7,100) due to the seasonal nature of the industry. Construction jobs also declined (-2,200), offsetting most of the overall gains seen in the previous month.

Over the past 12 months, Manufacturing has maintained gradual gains in employment, along with solid progress made in Wholesale Trade.

"This news shows momentum in key areas..." said John Finan, Executive Director of the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce. "...the state continues to make progress as the unemployment rate declines, while experiencing ongoing growth in the areas of Manufacturing, Wholesale Trade, and Health Services."

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WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

November - 2010

Industry	November 2010	October 2010	November 2009	Net Change From Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Nonag. Employment	1,828,100	1,831,800	1,820,800	-3,700	7,300
Natural Resources and Mining	4,400	4,400	4,100	0	300
Construction	79,400	81,600	81,900	-2,200	-2,500
Manufacturing	212,200	211,700	208,400	500	3,800
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	348,800	346,000	348,500	2,800	300
Information	27,900	27,700	27,700	200	200
Financial Activities	103,000	102,900	100,700	100	2,300
Professional and Business Services	211,700	210,100	211,500	1,600	200
Educational and Health Services	213,300	212,400	209,200	900	4,100
Leisure and Hospitality	197,600	204,700	200,500	-7,100	-2,900
Government	359,700	359,800	359,900	-100	-200

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES RANKED BY COUNTY

Rank	Unemployment Rate			
	November 2010	October 2010	Change	
1	MARION	19.0	17.8	1.2
2	ALLENDALE	18.5	17.5	1.0
3	UNION	17.0	16.2	0.8
4	CHESTER	16.9	16.0	0.9
	MARLBORO	16.9	16.1	0.8
6	BARNWELL	15.7	15.3	0.4
7	CLARENDON	15.3	14.5	0.8
8	BAMBERG	15.2	14.4	0.8
	ORANGEBURG	15.2	14.1	1.1
10	LANCASTER	15.0	14.2	0.8
11	McCORMICK	14.8	14.3	0.5
12	DILLON	14.6	13.6	1.0
13	HAMPTON	14.2	13.2	1.0
14	WILLIAMSBURG	14.1	13.1	1.0
15	YORK	13.9	13.2	0.7
16	CHESTERFIELD	13.7	12.9	0.8
17	CHEROKEE	13.3	12.6	0.7
	COLLETON	13.3	12.3	1.0
	LEE	13.3	12.7	0.6
20	FAIRFIELD	12.9	12.3	0.6
21	ABBEVILLE	12.6	12.2	0.4
22	CALHOUN	12.2	11.0	1.2
	SUMTER MSA	12.2	11.7	0.5
24	HORRY/MYR BCH MSA	11.8	10.5	1.3
25	DARLINGTON	11.7	11.1	0.6
	GEORGETOWN	11.7	10.7	1.0
27	GREENWOOD	11.6	11.0	0.6
28	ANDERSON MSA	11.2	10.5	0.7
	FLORENCE	11.2	10.6	0.6
30	LAURENS	11.1	10.7	0.4
31	OCONEE	10.9	10.3	0.6
	SPARTANBURG MSA	10.9	10.3	0.6
33	NEWBERRY	10.7	9.9	0.8
34	KERSHAW	10.4	9.7	0.7
35	BERKELEY	9.8	9.4	0.4
36	JASPER	9.7	9.0	0.7
37	PICKENS	9.5	9.0	0.5
38	EDGEFIELD	9.4	9.9	-0.5
39	RICHLAND	9.3	9.0	0.3
40	DORCHESTER	9.2	8.9	0.3
41	SALUDA	9.1	9.1	0.0
42	GREENVILLE	9.0	8.7	0.3
43	CHARLESTON	8.8	8.3	0.5
44	BEAUFORT	8.5	8.1	0.4
45	AIKEN	8.1	8.1	0.0
46	LEXINGTON	8.0	7.6	0.4

LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT BY LABOR MARKET AREA

November 2010

AREA:	LABOR FORCE			UNEMPLOYMENT			% OF LABOR FORCE		
	November 2010	October 2010	November 2009	November 2010	October 2010	November 2009	November 2010	October 2010	November 2009
ABBEVILLE	10,819	10,901	11,166	1,363	1,328	1,681	12.6	12.2	15.1
AIKEN	75,479	75,807	75,573	6,078	6,105	6,879	8.1	8.1	9.1
ALLENDALE	3,277	3,323	3,401	607	583	727	18.5	17.5	21.4
ANDERSON MSA	82,919	82,810	84,325	9,275	8,722	10,704	11.2	10.5	12.7
BAMBERG	6,322	6,372	6,449	963	916	1,070	15.2	14.4	16.6
BARNWELL	9,043	9,120	9,354	1,423	1,398	1,727	15.7	15.3	18.5
BEAUFORT	65,197	65,520	65,932	5,553	5,291	5,982	8.5	8.1	9.1
BERKELEY	80,953	81,110	80,981	7,940	7,603	8,940	9.8	9.4	11.0
CALHOUN	6,871	6,803	6,927	840	746	915	12.2	11.0	13.2
CHARLESTON	176,226	176,560	175,773	15,478	14,724	17,166	8.8	8.3	9.8
CHEROKEE	24,740	24,755	25,668	3,302	3,131	4,179	13.3	12.6	16.3
CHESTER	14,983	14,983	15,684	2,538	2,400	3,241	16.9	16.0	20.7
CHESTERFIELD	18,400	18,510	19,180	2,520	2,393	3,302	13.7	12.9	17.2
CLARENDON	12,844	12,933	12,929	1,969	1,872	2,027	15.3	14.5	15.7
COLLETON	17,397	17,464	17,493	2,315	2,141	2,399	13.3	12.3	13.7
DARLINGTON	31,471	31,386	31,428	3,673	3,487	4,140	11.7	11.1	13.2
DILLON	13,880	13,974	14,186	2,031	1,902	2,283	14.6	13.6	16.1
DORCHESTER	64,296	64,497	64,199	5,920	5,726	6,601	9.2	8.9	10.3
EDGEFIELD	11,074	11,193	11,097	1,036	1,111	1,161	9.4	9.9	10.5
FAIRFIELD	11,085	11,056	11,058	1,427	1,355	1,429	12.9	12.3	12.9
FLORENCE	64,218	63,999	63,926	7,182	6,755	7,936	11.2	10.6	12.4
GEORGETOWN	30,831	31,036	31,238	3,605	3,316	4,093	11.7	10.7	13.1
GREENVILLE	219,171	218,822	221,669	19,808	19,037	23,593	9.0	8.7	10.6
GREENWOOD	30,702	30,817	31,438	3,551	3,388	4,170	11.6	11.0	13.3
HAMPTON	7,897	7,960	8,053	1,119	1,049	1,261	14.2	13.2	15.7
HORRY/MYR BCH MSA	129,490	131,389	127,635	15,301	13,766	16,697	11.8	10.5	13.1
JASPER	10,341	10,361	10,525	1,006	934	1,142	9.7	9.0	10.9
KERSHAW	29,973	29,854	30,046	3,131	2,892	3,285	10.4	9.7	10.9
LANCASTER	29,578	29,556	30,734	4,447	4,184	5,584	15.0	14.2	18.2
LAURENS	32,302	32,227	32,521	3,590	3,455	3,995	11.1	10.7	12.3
LEE	8,321	8,432	8,491	1,106	1,075	1,288	13.3	12.7	15.2
LEXINGTON	132,443	132,336	133,191	10,650	10,002	11,769	8.0	7.6	8.8
MARION	12,963	13,016	13,109	2,466	2,312	2,674	19.0	17.8	20.4
MARLBORO	11,710	11,800	12,220	1,984	1,901	2,420	16.9	16.1	19.8
McCORMICK	3,340	3,371	3,414	493	482	561	14.8	14.3	16.4
NEWBERRY	18,086	18,264	18,338	1,929	1,808	2,263	10.7	9.9	12.3
OCONEE	30,583	30,705	31,570	3,329	3,156	4,272	10.9	10.3	13.5
ORANGEBURG	41,163	41,268	41,953	6,256	5,814	6,946	15.2	14.1	16.6
PICKENS	56,880	56,707	57,674	5,386	5,104	6,513	9.5	9.0	11.3
RICHLAND	180,357	180,553	181,844	16,772	16,241	18,758	9.3	9.0	10.3
SALUDA	8,914	8,954	9,007	809	813	927	9.1	9.1	10.3
SPARTANBURG MSA	133,334	132,779	135,065	14,468	13,703	17,167	10.9	10.3	12.7
SUMTER MSA	43,237	43,167	44,026	5,264	5,047	5,836	12.2	11.7	13.3
UNION	11,747	11,757	12,248	2,001	1,909	2,510	17.0	16.2	20.5
WILLIAMSBURG	15,863	15,983	16,046	2,242	2,092	2,474	14.1	13.1	15.4
YORK	110,513	110,005	111,873	15,382	14,493	16,888	13.9	13.2	15.1
Multi County MSAs									
CHAS MSA	321,475	322,167	320,953	29,338	28,053	32,707	9.1	8.7	10.2
COLA MSA	369,644	369,557	372,073	33,629	32,049	37,083	9.1	8.7	10.0
FLORENCE MSA	95,689	95,385	95,354	10,855	10,242	12,076	11.3	10.7	12.7
GRNV MSA	308,352	307,756	311,865	28,784	27,596	34,102	9.3	9.0	10.9
South Carolina*	2,154.2	2,152.7	2,172.4	228.8	229.9	267.6	10.6	10.7	12.3

* Seasonally Adjusted