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South Carolina's Employment Situation May 2013

Unemployment rate unchanged; Payroll employment up 5,400

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 8.0 percent in May. The number of unemployed fell by 1,773, while the number of people employed rose by 1,497, making May the 11th consecutive month that employment has increased.

Nationally, the unemployment rate increased slightly from 7.5 percent to 7.6 percent prompted by people reentering the workforce. This month is the closest South Carolina's rate has been to the national rate since March 2008, when both rates were below 6.0 percent.

Employment by Industry

Non-farm jobs (not seasonally adjusted) increased by 5,400 from April to May to a total of 1,895,200. Growth was concentrated in service-providing industries with Professional and Business Services leading the way for the second consecutive month, mainly due to increased hiring in Temporary Help Services and Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services.

- Professional and Business Services reported an increase of 3,700, and Leisure and Hospitality continued its seasonal rise (+2,900) for the fifth consecutive month.
- The Financial Activities sector expanded by 1,600 since April, and small improvements were also reported in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+600); Other Services (+400); and Construction (+200).
- Large monthly declines were seen in Government (-2,100) and Manufacturing (-1,000). The usual summer downturn in employment at public colleges and universities drove the decrease in Government, while the Manufacturing sector saw its second consecutive drop. A smaller decrease was seen in Education and Health Services (-800), which included declines in private educational institutions and related services.

Since May 2012, non-farm jobs (not seasonally adjusted) were up 21,600, with service-providing industries accounting for more than 90 percent of that increase.

- The Leisure and Hospitality industry (+9,200) led the gains since May 2012. Financial Activities (+5,300); Government (+4,300); and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+2,500) also reported

growth. Increases in Construction (+1,900) and Education and Health Services (+1,300) also assisted in job expansion since May 2012.

- Professional and Business Services (-2,100) saw the largest decline since a year ago, and a modest decrease took place in Other Services (-600).

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Statewide

May 2013

Jobs by Industry	May 2013	April 2013	May 2012	April 2013 to May 2013		May 2012 to May 2013	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,895,200	1,889,800	1,873,600	5,400	0.29%	21,600	1.15%
Natural Resources and Mining	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	0.00%	-100	-2.56%
Construction	79,600	79,400	77,700	200	0.25%	1,900	2.45%
Manufacturing	220,500	221,500	220,500	-1,000	-0.45%	0	0.00%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	356,300	355,700	353,800	600	0.17%	2,500	0.71%
Information	25,900	26,000	26,000	-100	-0.38%	-100	-0.38%
Financial Activities	103,700	102,100	98,400	1,600	1.57%	5,300	5.39%
Professional and Business Services	236,200	232,500	238,300	3,700	1.59%	-2,100	-0.88%
Education and Health Services	212,600	213,400	211,300	-800	-0.37%	1,300	0.62%
Leisure and Hospitality	233,400	230,500	224,200	2,900	1.26%	9,200	4.10%
Other Services	68,800	68,400	69,400	400	0.58%	-600	-0.86%
Government	354,400	356,500	350,100	-2,100	-0.59%	4,300	1.23%

Note: Not Seasonally Adjusted

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

May 2013

AREA	May 2013	April 2013	May 2012	April 2013 to May 2013		May 2012 to May 2013	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	1,895,200	1,889,800	1,873,600	5,400	0.29%	21,600	1.15%
Anderson MSA	61,700	61,500	61,500	200	0.33%	200	0.33%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	310,800	307,400	308,000	3,400	1.11%	2,800	0.91%
Columbia MSA	360,300	357,900	353,900	2,400	0.67%	6,400	1.81%
Florence MSA	83,800	83,500	84,100	300	0.36%	-300	-0.36%
Greenville MSA	310,800	310,900	308,200	-100	-0.03%	2,600	0.84%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	122,500	120,600	120,700	1,900	1.58%	1,800	1.49%
Spartanburg MSA	124,600	125,000	123,200	-400	-0.32%	1,400	1.14%
Sumter MSA	37,600	37,600	37,400	0	0.00%	200	0.53%

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		May 2013				April 2013				May 2012			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)	
Marion County	↑	11,389	9,657	1,732	15.2	11,317	9,625	1,692	15.0	11,680	9,654	2,026	17.3
Allendale County	↑	3,182	2,729	453	14.2	3,169	2,728	441	13.9	3,242	2,722	520	16.0
Marlboro County	↑	11,278	9,688	1,590	14.1	11,211	9,692	1,519	13.5	11,451	9,549	1,902	16.6
Bamberg County	↑	5,787	5,040	747	12.9	5,762	5,042	720	12.5	5,864	5,016	848	14.5
Barnwell County	↑	8,316	7,255	1,061	12.8	8,312	7,286	1,026	12.3	8,358	7,176	1,182	14.1
Union County	↑	11,413	9,993	1,420	12.4	11,397	10,022	1,375	12.1	11,465	9,887	1,578	13.8
Dillon County	↑	12,730	11,187	1,543	12.1	12,669	11,174	1,495	11.8	12,916	11,101	1,815	14.1
Chester County	↑	14,791	13,042	1,749	11.8	14,665	13,005	1,660	11.3	14,760	12,815	1,945	13.2
Clarendon County	↑	12,079	10,660	1,419	11.7	11,987	10,661	1,326	11.1	12,346	10,642	1,704	13.8
Orangeburg County	↑	39,936	35,272	4,664	11.7	39,708	35,254	4,454	11.2	40,574	35,557	5,017	12.4
McCormick County	↑	3,357	2,967	390	11.6	3,349	2,977	372	11.1	3,384	2,944	440	13.0
Williamsburg County	↑	14,830	13,190	1,640	11.1	14,763	13,160	1,603	10.9	14,956	13,080	1,876	12.5
Chesterfield County	↑	18,815	16,789	2,026	10.8	18,711	16,773	1,938	10.4	18,997	16,692	2,305	12.1
Hampton County	↑	7,662	6,843	819	10.7	7,625	6,851	774	10.2	7,696	6,758	938	12.2
Fairfield County	↑	10,588	9,464	1,124	10.6	10,380	9,398	982	9.5	10,629	9,321	1,308	12.3
Cherokee County	↑	25,149	22,589	2,560	10.2	25,114	22,667	2,447	9.7	25,114	22,233	2,881	11.5
Lancaster County	↑	32,464	29,153	3,311	10.2	32,320	29,130	3,190	9.9	32,275	28,550	3,725	11.5
Lee County	↑	7,978	7,173	805	10.1	7,877	7,132	745	9.5	8,141	7,176	965	11.9
Colleton County	↑	16,964	15,268	1,696	10.0	16,857	15,262	1,595	9.5	16,811	14,889	1,922	11.4
Calhoun County	↑	6,757	6,101	656	9.7	6,671	6,059	612	9.2	6,671	6,010	661	9.9
York County	↑	115,338	104,154	11,184	9.7	114,057	103,091	10,966	9.6	113,294	101,816	11,478	10.1
Darlington County	↑	30,230	27,365	2,865	9.5	29,737	27,165	2,572	8.6	30,620	27,476	3,144	10.3
Abbeville County	↑	10,863	9,838	1,025	9.4	10,818	9,858	960	8.9	11,048	9,943	1,105	10.0
Greenwood County	↑	30,759	27,965	2,794	9.1	30,769	28,085	2,684	8.7	30,847	27,717	3,130	10.1
Sumter County	↑	44,400	40,405	3,995	9.0	44,036	40,389	3,647	8.3	44,998	40,376	4,622	10.3
Florence County	↑	62,658	57,208	5,450	8.7	61,942	56,789	5,153	8.3	63,608	57,441	6,167	9.7
Horry County	↑	133,458	122,435	11,023	8.3	131,032	120,481	10,551	8.1	133,186	120,385	12,801	9.6
Oconee County	↑	31,732	29,094	2,638	8.3	31,494	29,163	2,331	7.4	31,602	28,780	2,822	8.9
Georgetown County	↑	29,662	27,259	2,403	8.1	29,570	27,231	2,339	7.9	29,318	26,525	2,793	9.5
Aiken County	↑	77,121	71,141	5,980	7.8	77,225	71,729	5,496	7.1	76,526	70,620	5,906	7.7
Laurens County	↑	30,267	27,918	2,349	7.8	30,057	27,910	2,147	7.1	30,542	27,758	2,784	9.1
Edgefield County	↑	11,156	10,301	855	7.7	11,225	10,386	839	7.5	11,167	10,226	941	8.4
Spartanburg County	↑	136,377	125,860	10,517	7.7	136,021	126,171	9,850	7.2	136,962	124,654	12,308	9.0
Anderson County	↑	84,620	78,470	6,150	7.3	83,920	78,244	5,676	6.8	85,697	78,312	7,385	8.6
Newberry County	↑	18,241	16,913	1,328	7.3	18,143	16,894	1,249	6.9	18,334	16,720	1,614	8.8
Richland County	↑	183,667	170,364	13,303	7.2	181,667	169,175	12,492	6.9	183,743	167,804	15,939	8.7
Jasper County	↑	10,578	9,844	734	6.9	10,610	9,888	722	6.8	10,278	9,399	879	8.6
Beaufort County	↑	65,498	61,027	4,471	6.8	65,264	61,303	3,961	6.1	63,540	58,271	5,269	8.3
Berkeley County	↑	86,858	80,958	5,900	6.8	85,407	80,040	5,367	6.3	87,524	80,468	7,056	8.1
Kershaw County	↑	29,649	27,648	2,001	6.7	29,282	27,455	1,827	6.2	29,655	27,233	2,422	8.2
Pickens County	↑	57,429	53,636	3,793	6.6	57,159	53,620	3,539	6.2	58,091	53,329	4,762	8.2
Saluda County	-	9,005	8,429	576	6.4	8,943	8,370	573	6.4	9,046	8,302	744	8.2
Dorchester County	↑	70,636	66,184	4,452	6.3	69,656	65,434	4,222	6.1	70,992	65,783	5,209	7.3
Charleston County	↑	180,210	169,015	11,195	6.2	177,245	167,099	10,146	5.7	181,370	167,991	13,379	7.4
Greenville County	↑	228,007	213,782	14,225	6.2	226,742	213,716	13,026	5.7	229,347	212,556	16,791	7.3
Lexington County	↑	135,823	127,539	8,284	6.1	134,196	126,649	7,547	5.6	135,199	125,622	9,577	7.1
Charleston MSA	↑	337,704	316,157	21,547	6.4	332,308	312,573	19,735	5.9	339,888	314,242	25,646	7.5
Columbia MSA	↑	375,489	349,545	25,944	6.9	371,139	347,106	24,033	6.5	374,942	344,292	30,650	8.2
Florence MSA	↑	92,888	84,573	8,315	9.0	91,679	83,954	7,725	8.4	94,228	84,917	9,311	9.9
Greenville MSA	↑	315,704	295,336	20,368	6.5	313,957	295,245	18,712	6.0	317,980	293,643	24,337	7.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	-	2,169,409	1,996,625	172,784	8.0	2,169,685	1,995,128	174,557	8.0	2,167,784	1,966,525	201,259	9.3

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 =