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South Carolina's Employment Situation October 2013

Lowest State Unemployment Rate Since Sept. 2008

In October, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined significantly to 7.5 percent from 7.9 percent in September. This is the lowest the rate has been since September 2008 and the closest to the national rate since September 2002. The number of unemployed persons was 162,613, falling approximately 7,457, while those employed increased 3,465 to a level of 1,994,349. The labor force fell 3,992 to 2,156,962 in October.

Since October 2012, the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.3 percent and includes a decline of 26,940 in the number of unemployed. Of that drop, 17,779 people found work. Almost 9,200 people left the labor force during the year.

The national unemployment rate for October was estimated at 7.3 percent, up slightly from September's rate of 7.2 percent.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted¹)

With an over-the-month increase of 3,600, October's seasonally adjusted, non-farm payrolls reached a year-high level of 1,901,300. This is the fifth consecutive employment increase since May 2013.

- South Carolina's largest gains were in Manufacturing (+2,600); Construction (+1,800); and Educational and Health Services (+1,800); with smaller growth in Financial Activities (+400) and Information (+300).
- Declines were reported in Other Services (-1,100); Professional and Business Services (-900); and Leisure and Hospitality (-900); largely related to declines in the tourism industry. Smaller drops were seen in Government (-300) and Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-100).

Since October of 2012, seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs were up 33,600.

- Industries with notable gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+6,400); Professional and Business Services (+6,300); Construction (+4,900); Leisure and Hospitality (+4,800); Manufacturing and Government both attained (+3,800); Education and Health Services (+3,000) and Financial Activities (+2,700).
- Declines were seen in Other Services (-1,800) and Information (-200).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted²)

Not-seasonally adjusted employment in October increased from September by 9,600 to 1,907,100. Gains were seen in Government (+5,500); Construction (+2,400); Manufacturing (+2,300); Education and Health Services (+1,800); and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,500). Leisure and Hospitality (-3,500) experienced its usual end-of-summer decline, and there were smaller drops in Professional and Business Services (-1,300) and Other Services (-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
September 2013**

Jobs by Industry	September 2013	August 2013	September 2012	August 2013 to September 2013		September 2012 to September 2013	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,897,700	1,889,800	1,856,600	7,900	0.42%	41,100	2.17%
Construction	81,700	81,000	76,700	700	0.86%	5,000	6.12%
Manufacturing	221,400	220,600	219,600	800	0.36%	1,800	0.81%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	362,900	363,000	354,100	-100	-0.03%	8,800	2.42%
Information	25,200	25,600	25,500	-400	-1.59%	-300	-1.19%
Financial Activities	102,200	102,000	98,700	200	0.20%	3,500	3.42%
Professional and Business Services	239,900	239,900	233,400	0	0.00%	6,500	2.71%
Education and Health Services	211,100	210,000	211,200	1,100	0.52%	-100	-0.05%
Leisure and Hospitality	227,000	226,700	216,300	300	0.13%	10,700	4.71%
Other Services	69,500	68,700	68,700	800	1.15%	800	1.15%
Government	353,100	348,600	348,600	4,500	1.27%	4,500	1.27%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

**Statewide
September 2013**

Jobs by Industry	September 2013	August 2013	September 2012	August 2013 to September 2013		September 2012 to September 2013	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,897,500	1,891,800	1,863,500	5,700	0.30%	34,000	1.82%
Natural Resources and Mining	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	0.00%	-100	-2.63%
Construction	81,800	82,500	78,300	-700	-0.85%	3,500	4.47%
Manufacturing	221,900	221,200	219,900	700	0.32%	2,000	0.91%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	361,200	364,200	354,200	-3,000	-0.82%	7,000	1.98%
Information	25,100	25,700	25,300	-600	-2.33%	-200	-0.79%
Financial Activities	102,200	102,800	98,800	-600	-0.58%	3,400	3.44%
Professional and Business Services	241,000	241,700	235,000	-700	-0.29%	6,000	2.55%
Education and Health Services	212,300	208,500	211,300	3,800	1.82%	1,000	0.47%
Leisure and Hospitality	228,500	238,000	220,800	-9,500	-3.99%	7,700	3.49%
Other Services	68,700	68,800	68,900	-100	-0.15%	-200	-0.29%
Government	351,100	334,700	347,200	16,400	4.90%	3,900	1.12%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
October 2013

Jobs by Industry	October 2013	September 2013	October 2012	September 2013 to October 2013		October 2012 to October 2013	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,901,300	1,897,700	1,867,700	3,600	0.19%	33,600	1.77%
Construction	83,500	81,700	78,600	1,800	2.16%	4,900	5.87%
Manufacturing	224,000	221,400	220,200	2,600	1.16%	3,800	1.70%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	362,800	362,900	356,400	-100	-0.03%	6,400	1.76%
Information	25,500	25,200	25,700	300	1.18%	-200	-0.78%
Financial Activities	102,600	102,200	99,900	400	0.39%	2,700	2.63%
Professional and Business Services	239,000	239,900	232,700	-900	-0.38%	6,300	2.64%
Education and Health Services	212,900	211,100	209,900	1,800	0.85%	3,000	1.41%
Leisure and Hospitality	226,100	227,000	221,300	-900	-0.40%	4,800	2.12%
Other Services	68,400	69,500	70,200	-1,100	-1.61%	-1,800	-2.63%
Government	352,800	353,100	349,000	-300	-0.09%	3,800	1.08%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
October 2013

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				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,907,100	1,897,500	1,873,000	9,600	0.51%	34,100	1.82%
Natural Resources and Mining	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	0.00%	-100	-2.63%
Construction	84,200	81,800	79,300	2,400	2.93%	4,900	6.18%
Manufacturing	224,200	221,900	220,300	2,300	1.04%	3,900	1.77%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	362,700	361,200	356,400	1,500	0.42%	6,300	1.77%
Information	25,400	25,100	25,600	300	1.20%	-200	-0.78%
Financial Activities	102,900	102,200	100,100	700	0.68%	2,800	2.80%
Professional and Business Services	239,700	241,000	233,500	-1,300	-0.54%	6,200	2.66%
Education and Health Services	214,100	212,300	211,000	1,800	0.85%	3,100	1.47%
Leisure and Hospitality	225,000	228,500	220,200	-3,500	-1.53%	4,800	2.18%
Other Services	68,600	68,700	70,300	-100	-0.15%	-1,700	-2.42%
Government	356,600	351,100	352,500	5,500	1.57%	4,100	1.16%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas September 2013

INDUSTRY TITLE	September 2013	August 2013	September 2012	August 2013 to September 2013		September 2012 to September 2013	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	1,897,700	1,889,800	1,856,600	7,900	0.42%	41,100	2.17%
Anderson MSA	62,300	61,400	60,800	900	1.44%	1,500	2.41%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	311,300	310,900	307,000	400	0.13%	4,300	1.38%
Columbia MSA	360,500	360,100	353,900	400	0.11%	6,600	1.83%
Florence MSA	83,300	82,000	83,600	1,300	1.56%	-300	-0.36%
Greenville MSA	312,500	312,300	306,500	200	0.06%	6,000	1.92%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	119,900	120,400	115,700	-500	-0.42%	4,200	3.50%
Spartanburg MSA	123,000	123,000	123,400	0	0.00%	-400	-0.33%
Sumter MSA	37,100	37,300	36,900	-200	-0.54%	200	0.54%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas September 2013

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				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	1,897,500	1,891,800	1,863,500	5,700	0.30%	34,000	1.82%
Anderson MSA	61,800	61,000	61,000	800	1.31%	800	1.31%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	310,700	311,700	306,300	-1,000	-0.32%	4,400	1.44%
Columbia MSA	359,900	359,100	353,500	800	0.22%	6,400	1.81%
Florence MSA	83,200	82,400	83,500	800	0.97%	-300	-0.36%
Greenville MSA	312,700	310,400	307,000	2,300	0.74%	5,700	1.86%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	121,700	126,100	119,000	-4,400	-3.49%	2,700	2.27%
Spartanburg MSA	123,700	123,000	123,900	700	0.57%	-200	-0.16%
Sumter MSA	37,300	37,300	37,200	0	0.00%	100	0.27%

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				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	1,901,300	1,897,700	1,867,700	3,600	0.19%	33,600	1.77%
Anderson MSA	62,300	62,300	61,300	0	0.00%	1,000	1.61%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	310,100	311,300	306,300	-1,200	-0.39%	3,800	1.23%
Columbia MSA	360,000	360,500	355,400	-500	-0.14%	4,600	1.28%
Florence MSA	83,800	83,300	83,700	500	0.60%	100	0.12%
Greenville MSA	312,600	312,500	308,400	100	0.03%	4,200	1.34%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	119,200	119,900	116,300	-700	-0.59%	2,900	2.43%
Spartanburg MSA	123,800	123,000	123,800	800	0.65%	0	0.00%
Sumter MSA	37,700	37,100	37,300	600	1.59%	400	1.06%

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Statewide	1,907,100	1,897,500	1,873,000	9,600	0.51%	34,100	1.82%
Anderson MSA	62,500	61,800	61,500	700	1.13%	1,000	1.63%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	310,000	310,700	306,300	-700	-0.23%	3,700	1.21%
Columbia MSA	362,000	359,900	357,300	2,100	0.58%	4,700	1.32%
Florence MSA	84,000	83,200	84,000	800	0.96%	0	0.00%
Greenville MSA	314,300	312,700	310,100	1,600	0.51%	4,200	1.35%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	118,800	121,700	115,900	-2,900	-2.38%	2,900	2.50%
Spartanburg MSA	125,000	123,700	124,900	1,300	1.05%	100	0.08%
Sumter MSA	37,600	37,300	37,200	300	0.80%	400	1.08%

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August and September 2013 Unemployment Rates by County

County	August	County	September
Marion County	15.1	Marion County	14.4
Allendale County	14.7	Allendale County	13.9
Bamberg County	13.8	Marlboro County	12.7
Marlboro County	13.6	Bamberg County	12.4
Barnwell County	13.2	Barnwell County	12.4
Orangeburg County	12.5	Dillon County	11.6
Dillon County	12.3	Orangeburg County	11.6
Clarendon County	12.2	Union County	11.0
Union County	12.2	Clarendon County	10.9
McCormick County	11.6	Chester County	10.4
Chester County	11.5	Williamsburg County	10.4
Williamsburg County	11.3	McCormick County	10.3
Hampton County	10.9	Hampton County	10.0
Chesterfield County	10.6	Chesterfield County	9.5
Cherokee County	10.3	Lee County	9.4
Lee County	10.3	Cherokee County	9.3
Colleton County	10.0	Colleton County	9.3
Lancaster County	10.0	Lancaster County	9.1
Abbeville County	9.9	Abbeville County	8.9
Darlington County	9.9	Darlington County	8.8
Florence County	9.6	Fairfield County	8.8
Fairfield County	9.5	Florence County	8.8
Greenwood County	9.4	Calhoun County	8.7
Sumter County	9.3	Greenwood County	8.7
Calhoun County	8.9	Sumter County	8.6
Laurens County	8.9	Edgefield County	7.9
Oconee County	8.8	Oconee County	7.9
Spartanburg County	8.2	York County	7.7
York County	8.2	Horry County	7.6
Georgetown County	8.1	Laurens County	7.6
Richland County	8.1	Georgetown County	7.5
Horry County	7.9	Spartanburg County	7.4
Anderson County	7.8	Aiken County	7.3
Beaufort County	7.7	Richland County	7.3
Edgefield County	7.7	Kershaw County	7.0
Kershaw County	7.6	Newberry County	7.0
Newberry County	7.6	Anderson County	6.9
Aiken County	7.5	Jasper County	6.9
Berkeley County	7.4	Berkeley County	6.8
Jasper County	7.4	Beaufort County	6.7
Pickens County	7.3	Dorchester County	6.4
Dorchester County	7.0	Pickens County	6.4
Greenville County	6.7	Saluda County	6.4
Charleston County	6.6	Greenville County	6.1
Saluda County	6.6	Charleston County	6.0
Lexington County	6.5	Lexington County	5.9

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

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS BY COUNTY, MSA, AND STATE
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

AREA		October 2013				September 2013				October 2012			
		LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLOYMENT	
		FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE (%)	FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE (%)	FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE (%)
Marion County	↓	11,247	9,666	1,581	14.1	11,271	9,650	1,621	14.4	11,471	9,465	2,006	17.5
Allendale County	↓	3,193	2,758	435	13.6	3,189	2,745	444	13.9	3,258	2,680	578	17.7
Barnwell County	↓	8,304	7,288	1,016	12.2	8,267	7,241	1,026	12.4	8,311	7,147	1,164	14.0
Bamberg County	↓	5,782	5,083	699	12.1	5,752	5,039	713	12.4	5,811	4,942	869	15.0
Marlboro County	↓	11,186	9,867	1,319	11.8	11,152	9,732	1,420	12.7	11,395	9,598	1,797	15.8
Dillon County	↓	12,697	11,281	1,416	11.2	12,659	11,186	1,473	11.6	12,734	10,991	1,743	13.7
Orangeburg County	↓	39,889	35,533	4,356	10.9	39,820	35,209	4,611	11.6	39,959	34,618	5,341	13.4
Clarendon County	↓	11,972	10,715	1,257	10.5	11,966	10,663	1,303	10.9	12,126	10,519	1,607	13.3
Union County	↓	11,206	10,039	1,167	10.4	11,178	9,949	1,229	11.0	11,416	9,896	1,520	13.3
Chester County	↓	14,654	13,162	1,492	10.2	14,533	13,024	1,509	10.4	14,803	12,840	1,963	13.3
McCormick County	↓	3,323	2,986	337	10.1	3,300	2,959	341	10.3	3,320	2,915	405	12.2
Williamsburg County	↓	14,741	13,246	1,495	10.1	14,733	13,200	1,533	10.4	14,737	12,959	1,778	12.1
Hampton County	↓	7,634	6,915	719	9.4	7,621	6,860	761	10.0	7,675	6,728	947	12.3
Chesterfield County	↓	18,609	16,934	1,675	9.0	18,556	16,789	1,767	9.5	18,844	16,550	2,294	12.2
Colleton County	↓	16,848	15,355	1,493	8.9	16,843	15,273	1,570	9.3	16,845	15,034	1,811	10.8
Lee County	↓	7,894	7,192	702	8.9	7,905	7,164	741	9.4	7,971	7,066	905	11.4
Cherokee County	↓	24,919	22,728	2,191	8.8	24,786	22,470	2,316	9.3	25,150	22,338	2,812	11.2
Lancaster County	↓	32,220	29,398	2,822	8.8	32,014	29,086	2,928	9.1	32,385	28,729	3,656	11.3
Abbeville County	↓	10,849	9,922	927	8.5	10,789	9,826	963	8.9	10,822	9,711	1,111	10.3
Florence County	↓	62,060	56,789	5,271	8.5	61,916	56,438	5,478	8.8	62,929	57,172	5,757	9.1
Calhoun County	↓	6,612	6,065	547	8.3	6,622	6,047	575	8.7	6,691	6,054	637	9.5
Darlington County	↓	29,635	27,164	2,471	8.3	29,617	26,996	2,621	8.8	30,512	27,348	3,164	10.4
Greenwood County	↓	30,788	28,221	2,567	8.3	30,559	27,914	2,645	8.7	30,687	27,580	3,107	10.1
Sumter County	↓	43,620	40,048	3,572	8.2	43,725	39,984	3,741	8.6	44,512	40,115	4,397	9.9
Edgefield County	↑	11,030	10,141	889	8.1	11,052	10,181	871	7.9	11,161	10,197	964	8.6
Fairfield County	↓	10,214	9,408	806	7.9	10,286	9,379	907	8.8	10,454	9,390	1,064	10.2
Horry County	↑	127,606	117,764	9,842	7.7	130,681	120,728	9,953	7.6	127,925	115,873	12,052	9.4
Aiken County	↑	75,688	70,033	5,655	7.5	75,841	70,312	5,529	7.3	76,402	70,425	5,977	7.8
Georgetown County	—	29,435	27,242	2,193	7.5	29,435	27,214	2,221	7.5	29,205	26,670	2,535	8.7
Oconee County	↓	31,693	29,302	2,391	7.5	31,550	29,062	2,488	7.9	31,516	28,771	2,745	8.7
York County	↓	113,161	104,750	8,411	7.4	112,316	103,653	8,663	7.7	114,814	102,756	12,058	10.5
Laurens County	↓	30,126	27,931	2,195	7.3	30,139	27,843	2,296	7.6	30,527	27,893	2,634	8.6
Spartanburg County	↓	134,454	124,968	9,486	7.1	134,230	124,259	9,971	7.4	137,729	126,142	11,587	8.4
Richland County	↓	181,997	169,355	12,642	6.9	182,160	168,839	13,321	7.3	183,990	169,045	14,945	8.1
Anderson County	↓	83,978	78,479	5,499	6.5	83,771	77,983	5,788	6.9	85,143	78,319	6,824	8.0
Berkeley County	↓	85,412	79,840	5,572	6.5	86,151	80,280	5,871	6.8	86,470	79,895	6,575	7.6
Newberry County	↓	18,377	17,200	1,177	6.4	18,267	16,993	1,274	7.0	18,167	16,743	1,424	7.8
Beaufort County	↓	65,600	61,457	4,143	6.3	65,263	60,882	4,381	6.7	64,964	60,274	4,690	7.2
Kershaw County	↓	29,343	27,484	1,859	6.3	29,458	27,400	2,058	7.0	29,932	27,434	2,498	8.3
Saluda County	↓	8,936	8,379	557	6.2	8,926	8,353	573	6.4	9,026	8,364	662	7.3
Jasper County	↓	10,562	9,913	649	6.1	10,547	9,821	726	6.9	10,559	9,722	837	7.9
Pickens County	↓	57,160	53,661	3,499	6.1	57,176	53,492	3,684	6.4	58,081	53,586	4,495	7.7
Dorchester County	↓	69,452	65,270	4,182	6.0	70,148	65,630	4,518	6.4	70,198	65,314	4,884	7.0
Charleston County	↓	176,883	166,681	10,202	5.8	178,356	167,599	10,757	6.0	178,726	166,795	11,931	6.7
Greenville County	↓	227,006	213,881	13,125	5.8	227,053	213,207	13,846	6.1	228,887	213,583	15,304	6.7
Lexington County	↓	134,416	126,783	7,633	5.7	134,333	126,397	7,936	5.9	135,343	126,551	8,792	6.5
Charleston MSA	↓	331,747	311,791	19,956	6.0	334,655	313,509	21,146	6.3	335,395	312,004	23,391	7.0
Columbia MSA	↓	371,518	347,474	24,044	6.5	371,786	346,415	25,371	6.8	375,437	346,838	28,599	7.6
Florence MSA	↓	91,695	83,953	7,742	8.4	91,533	83,434	8,099	8.8	93,441	84,520	8,921	9.5
Greenville MSA	↓	314,293	295,474	18,819	6.0	314,368	294,542	19,826	6.3	317,495	295,062	22,433	7.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,156,962	1,994,349	162,613	7.5	2,160,954	1,990,884	170,070	7.9	2,166,123	1,976,570	189,553	8.8

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 =