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South Carolina's Employment Situation January 2014

Rate Continues Its Downward Trend

South Carolina started off 2014 with another drop in its unemployment rate. The January 2014 rate of 6.4 percent was down from December 2013's benchmarked seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 6.6 percent. This is the second month that the state's rate was lower than the national rate since January 2001.

The number of unemployed persons was estimated at 138,268, and the estimated employed was 2,030,996, an increase of approximately 22,127 compared to January 2013. The number of working South Carolinians continues to trend upward, reaching an historic high in January.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted¹)

Non-farm payroll employment data showed the state's first over-the-month decrease since June 2013. January's non-farm payroll employment decreased by 4,800 to reach a level of 1,916,700.

- Gains were reported in Professional and Business Services (+1,100); Education and Health Services (+400); and Information (+100).
- Decreases occurred in Construction (-1,700); Financial Activities (-1,200); Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-1,000); Government (-1,000); and Other Services (-900).
- Additional declines were felt in Leisure and Hospitality (-500) and Manufacturing (-100).

Since January of 2013, seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs were up 37,400.

- Industries with prominent gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+9,500); Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+8,600); Manufacturing (+5,600); Education and Health Services (+5,200); Professional and Business Services (+3,600); Government (+2,500); Other Services (+1,500); Construction (+900); and Financial Activities (+100).
- Information remained flat over the year.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted²)

The not-seasonally adjusted, non-farm payroll employment in January decreased by 35,200 over the month to 1,888,000. This decline is typical for the December-to-January time period due to seasonal layoffs and school closings between terms. No industries saw an increase in employment in January. Losses were found in Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-12,200); Government (-5,500); Leisure and

Hospitality (-4,600); Professional and Business Services (-3,700); Education and Health Services (-3,200); Construction (-2,400); Financial Activities (-1,500); and Other Services (1,400).

Since January 2013, not-seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs were up 46,000 overall in the state. These annual gains came from Leisure and Hospitality (+11,300); Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+10,400); Manufacturing (+6,900); Education and Health Services (+5,000); Government (+3,400); Professional and Business Services (+3,100); Construction (+2,800); Other Services (+1,800) and Financial Activities (+1,300). Information increased (+100), while Natural Resources and Mining decreased (-100).

¹Seasonally 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.

²Not 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 2014

Industry	January 2014	December 2013	January 2013	December 2013 to January 2014		January 2013 to January 2014	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,916,700	1,921,500	1,879,300	-4,800	-0.25%	37,400	1.95%
Construction	80,500	82,200	79,600	-1,700	-2.11%	900	1.12%
Manufacturing	227,800	227,900	222,200	-100	-0.04%	5,600	2.46%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	366,300	367,300	357,700	-1,000	-0.27%	8,600	2.35%
Information	26,300	26,200	26,300	100	0.38%	0	0.00%
Financial Activities	94,500	95,700	94,400	-1,200	-1.27%	100	0.11%
Professional and Business Services	243,000	241,900	239,400	1,100	0.45%	3,600	1.48%
Education and Health Services	221,600	221,200	216,400	400	0.18%	5,200	2.35%
Leisure and Hospitality	229,300	229,800	219,800	-500	-0.22%	9,500	4.14%
Other Services	71,900	72,800	70,400	-900	-1.25%	1,500	2.09%
Government	351,800	352,800	349,300	-1,000	-0.28%	2,500	0.71%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
January 2014

Industry	January 2014	December 2013	January 2013	December 2013 to January 2014		January 2013 to January 2014	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,888,000	1,923,200	1,842,000	-35,200	-1.83%	46,000	2.50%
Natural Resources and Mining	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	0.00%	-100	-2.63%
Construction	79,800	82,200	77,000	-2,400	-2.92%	2,800	3.64%
Manufacturing	228,000	228,700	221,100	-700	-0.31%	6,900	3.12%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	361,800	374,000	351,400	-12,200	-3.26%	10,400	2.96%
Information	26,200	26,200	26,100	0	0.00%	100	0.38%
Financial Activities	94,300	95,800	93,000	-1,500	-1.57%	1,300	1.40%
Professional and Business Services	236,000	239,700	232,900	-3,700	-1.54%	3,100	1.33%
Education and Health Services	219,600	222,800	214,600	-3,200	-1.44%	5,000	2.33%
Leisure and Hospitality	213,900	218,500	202,600	-4,600	-2.11%	11,300	5.58%
Other Services	71,200	72,600	69,400	-1,400	-1.93%	1,800	2.59%
Government	353,500	359,000	350,100	-5,500	-1.53%	3,400	0.97%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas
January 2014**

AREA	January 2014	December 2013	January 2013	December 2013 to January 2014		January 2013 to January 2014	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	1,916,700	1,921,500	1,879,300	-4,800	-0.25%	37,400	1.95%
Anderson MSA	66,200	66,300	62,600	-100	-0.15%	3,600	5.44%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	311,900	311,900	307,800	0	0.00%	4,100	1.31%
Columbia MSA	365,000	364,900	358,700	100	0.03%	6,300	1.73%
Florence MSA	85,300	85,500	83,600	-200	-0.23%	1,700	1.99%
Greenville MSA	316,600	316,100	308,800	500	0.16%	7,800	2.46%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	119,300	120,500	117,900	-1,200	-1.01%	1,400	1.17%
Spartanburg MSA	129,300	130,300	126,600	-1,000	-0.77%	2,700	2.09%
Sumter MSA	38,200	38,100	37,500	100	0.26%	700	1.83%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

**South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas
January 2014**

AREA	January 2014	December 2013	January 2013	December 2013 to January 2014		January 2013 to January 2014	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	1,888,000	1,923,200	1,842,000	-35,200	-1.83%	46,000	2.50%
Anderson MSA	65,100	67,000	61,700	-1,900	-2.84%	3,400	5.51%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	306,500	310,900	302,500	-4,400	-1.42%	4,000	1.32%
Columbia MSA	360,600	366,800	354,500	-6,200	-1.69%	6,100	1.72%
Florence MSA	84,600	86,000	82,700	-1,400	-1.63%	1,900	2.30%
Greenville MSA	313,600	318,400	304,600	-4,800	-1.51%	9,000	2.95%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	109,900	114,800	106,500	-4,900	-4.27%	3,400	3.19%
Spartanburg MSA	129,000	132,000	125,300	-3,000	-2.27%	3,700	2.95%
Sumter MSA	38,100	38,300	37,200	-200	-0.52%	900	2.42%

**LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS BY COUNTY, MSA, AND STATE
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

AREA		January 2014				December 2013				January 2013			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)
Marion County	↑	11,232	9,701	1,531	13.6	11,175	9,758	1,417	12.7	11,784	9,633	2,151	18.3
Allendale County	↓	3,144	2,746	398	12.7	3,206	2,753	453	14.1	3,268	2,734	534	16.3
Barnwell County	↑	8,193	7,246	947	11.6	8,161	7,281	880	10.8	8,392	7,154	1,238	14.8
Bamberg County	↑	5,557	4,938	619	11.1	5,558	4,972	586	10.5	5,936	5,078	858	14.5
Marlboro County	↑	11,126	9,918	1,208	10.9	11,136	9,979	1,157	10.4	11,942	10,092	1,850	15.5
Dillon County	↑	12,372	11,082	1,290	10.4	12,352	11,142	1,210	9.8	13,014	11,168	1,846	14.2
Orangeburg County	↑	38,950	34,906	4,044	10.4	38,896	35,123	3,773	9.7	41,167	35,782	5,385	13.1
Clarendon County	↑	12,004	10,810	1,194	9.9	11,880	10,799	1,081	9.1	12,281	10,657	1,624	13.2
Chester County	↑	14,770	13,338	1,432	9.7	14,728	13,376	1,352	9.2	15,294	13,196	2,098	13.7
McCormick County	↑	3,250	2,934	316	9.7	3,239	2,958	281	8.7	3,387	2,957	430	12.7
Williamsburg County	↑	15,306	13,839	1,467	9.6	15,227	13,893	1,334	8.8	15,626	13,715	1,911	12.2
Union County	↑	11,626	10,516	1,110	9.5	11,574	10,566	1,008	8.7	12,084	10,516	1,568	13.0
Horry County	↑	121,450	109,986	11,464	9.4	123,026	113,345	9,681	7.9	122,755	107,842	14,913	12.1
Hampton County	↓	7,531	6,840	691	9.2	7,574	6,860	714	9.4	7,685	6,757	928	12.1
Fairfield County	↑	10,152	9,284	868	8.6	10,051	9,305	746	7.4	10,441	9,214	1,227	11.8
Colleton County	↑	16,796	15,398	1,398	8.3	16,670	15,403	1,267	7.6	16,757	14,877	1,880	11.2
Lee County	↑	7,863	7,208	655	8.3	7,852	7,239	613	7.8	8,113	7,239	874	10.8
Cherokee County	↑	25,196	23,139	2,057	8.2	25,105	23,197	1,908	7.6	25,987	22,970	3,017	11.6
Chesterfield County	↑	18,537	17,013	1,524	8.2	18,512	17,040	1,472	8.0	19,312	16,934	2,378	12.3
York County	↑	113,381	104,096	9,285	8.2	112,234	104,139	8,095	7.2	115,894	101,803	14,091	12.2
Darlington County	↑	29,843	27,439	2,404	8.1	29,819	27,599	2,220	7.4	30,369	27,203	3,166	10.4
Georgetown County	↑	28,895	26,596	2,299	8.0	28,802	26,733	2,069	7.2	28,080	25,079	3,001	10.7
Lancaster County	↑	33,421	30,794	2,627	7.9	33,307	30,849	2,458	7.4	33,954	30,070	3,884	11.4
Edgefield County	↑	10,709	9,875	834	7.8	10,744	10,000	744	6.9	11,171	10,111	1,060	9.5
Abbeville County	↑	10,743	9,916	827	7.7	10,751	9,959	792	7.4	11,047	9,899	1,148	10.4
Florence County	↑	62,333	57,533	4,800	7.7	62,302	57,868	4,434	7.1	62,943	57,039	5,904	9.4
Aiken County	↑	75,619	69,951	5,668	7.5	75,914	70,833	5,081	6.7	78,658	71,620	7,038	8.9
Greenwood County	↑	30,434	28,162	2,272	7.5	30,305	28,206	2,099	6.9	31,143	27,953	3,190	10.2
Sumter County	↑	44,113	40,817	3,296	7.5	43,623	40,559	3,064	7.0	44,741	40,366	4,375	9.8
Oconee County	↑	31,431	29,150	2,281	7.3	31,269	29,198	2,071	6.6	31,402	28,511	2,891	9.2
Calhoun County	↑	6,383	5,944	439	6.9	6,377	5,957	420	6.6	6,542	5,899	643	9.8
Laurens County	↑	29,832	27,832	2,000	6.7	29,536	27,833	1,703	5.8	29,761	27,226	2,535	8.5
Richland County	↑	182,189	170,649	11,540	6.3	181,684	171,033	10,651	5.9	184,144	169,371	14,773	8.0
Spartanburg County	↑	138,315	129,737	8,578	6.2	138,653	130,690	7,963	5.7	138,746	127,063	11,683	8.4
Beaufort County	↑	65,048	61,161	3,887	6.0	64,733	61,124	3,609	5.6	61,344	56,546	4,798	7.8
Berkeley County	↑	85,786	80,748	5,038	5.9	85,387	80,625	4,762	5.6	86,726	80,345	6,381	7.4
Newberry County	↑	17,782	16,739	1,043	5.9	17,885	16,903	982	5.5	18,399	16,902	1,497	8.1
Kershaw County	↑	29,075	27,393	1,682	5.8	28,972	27,455	1,517	5.2	29,561	27,188	2,373	8.0
Saluda County	↑	8,862	8,347	515	5.8	8,820	8,365	455	5.2	8,928	8,284	644	7.2
Anderson County	↑	86,570	81,657	4,913	5.7	87,085	82,477	4,608	5.3	85,495	78,607	6,888	8.1
Jasper County	↓	10,503	9,912	591	5.6	10,509	9,907	602	5.7	10,046	9,165	881	8.8
Pickens County	↑	56,961	53,759	3,202	5.6	56,724	53,762	2,962	5.2	56,805	52,590	4,215	7.4
Charleston County	↑	176,043	166,414	9,629	5.5	174,943	166,161	8,782	5.0	177,737	165,584	12,153	6.8
Dorchester County	↑	68,285	64,562	3,723	5.5	68,119	64,464	3,655	5.4	69,027	64,240	4,787	6.9
Greenville County	↑	229,012	217,024	11,988	5.2	228,205	217,034	11,171	4.9	227,592	212,304	15,288	6.7
Lexington County	↑	134,595	127,772	6,823	5.1	134,675	128,059	6,616	4.9	135,464	126,815	8,649	6.4
Charleston MSA	↑	330,114	311,724	18,390	5.6	328,448	311,250	17,198	5.2	333,491	310,169	23,322	7.0
Columbia MSA	↑	371,255	349,389	21,866	5.9	370,580	350,175	20,405	5.5	375,080	346,772	28,308	7.5
Florence MSA	↑	92,176	84,972	7,204	7.8	92,121	85,467	6,654	7.2	93,312	84,242	9,070	9.7
Greenville MSA	↑	315,805	298,615	17,190	5.4	314,465	298,629	15,836	5.0	314,158	292,120	22,038	7.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,169,264	2,030,996	138,268	6.4	2,168,224	2,025,887	142,337	6.6	2,189,430	2,008,869	180,561	8.2

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 =