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South Carolina's Employment Situation September 2011

Unemployment rate dips; Employment increases

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped slightly from 11.1 percent in August to 11.0 percent in September. For the fifth straight month, the state's labor force increased and is now estimated at 2,169,414. September saw a rise in employment of 7,061, bringing the total number employed to 1,931,654.

The national unemployment rate remained unchanged at 9.1 percent.

Nonfarm payroll employment declined for the third consecutive month, falling from August to September by 10,600. Manufacturing, which has seen gains in 10 of the last 12 months, declined 2,000 in September, but is up 9,500 from a year ago.

Increases were recorded in Government (+9,700), mainly in education services, and Professional and Business Services (+2,400). As is usual this time of year, Leisure and Hospitality experienced a drop of 12,200 in employment. Declines were also seen in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-4,400) and Manufacturing employment (-2,000).

Over-the-year, nonfarm payroll employment continues to grow by 11,900. This upward trend was mainly caused by over-the-year advances in Manufacturing, Professional and Business Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance.

The Conference Board's Help Wanted Online Index reflected that the number of online ads in South Carolina increased by 800 (to 46,000 ads) from August to September. Nationally, there was a decline of 43,500 ads posted September. South Carolina's neighboring states experiencing a similar upward trend include North Carolina (+200) and Florida (+1,400). Georgia's online ads fell 1,500.

"This organization recognizes the impact it has on the lives of South Carolinians. We are working everyday to increase efficiency, streamline our processes and eliminate errors so that the men and women in our state can find a job." said SC Department of Employment and Workforce Executive Director Abraham Turner. "I am optimistic that employment in South Carolina will continue to improve."

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Statewide
September 2011

Jobs by Industry	September 2011	August 2011	September 2010	August 2011 to September 2011		September 2010 to September 2011	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,819,100	1,829,700	1,807,200	-10,600	-0.58%	11,900	0.66%
Natural Resources and Mining	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	0.00%	200	5.00%
Construction	75,600	77,200	78,500	-1,600	-2.07%	-2,900	-3.69%
Manufacturing	217,100	219,100	207,600	-2,000	-0.91%	9,500	4.58%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	347,300	351,700	343,700	-4,400	-1.25%	3,600	1.05%
Information	25,200	25,500	25,100	-300	-1.18%	100	0.40%
Financial Activities	96,100	97,000	97,000	-900	-0.93%	-900	-0.93%
Professional and Business Services	224,700	222,300	218,400	2,400	1.08%	6,300	2.88%
Education and Health Services	214,600	216,500	212,900	-1,900	-0.88%	1,700	0.80%
Leisure and Hospitality	212,800	225,000	211,200	-12,200	-5.42%	1,600	0.76%
Government	332,500	322,800	340,000	9,700	3.00%	-7,500	-2.21%

Note: Not Seasonally Adjusted

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
September 2011

INDUSTRY TITLE	September 2011	August 2011	September 2010	August 2011 to September 2011		September 2010 to September 2011	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	1,819,100	1,829,700	1,807,200	-10,600	-0.58%	11,900	0.66%
Anderson MSA	59,700	60,200	59,000	-500	-0.83%	700	1.19%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	286,200	288,700	283,900	-2,500	-0.87%	2,300	0.81%
Columbia MSA	343,700	343,400	341,700	300	0.09%	2,000	0.59%
Florence MSA	82,300	83,000	81,700	-700	-0.84%	600	0.73%
Greenville MSA	301,200	298,800	295,200	2,400	0.80%	6,000	2.03%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	120,400	129,000	117,000	-8,600	-6.67%	3,400	2.91%
Spartanburg MSA	117,800	116,100	117,700	1,700	1.46%	100	0.08%
Sumter MSA	36,700	36,500	36,800	200	0.55%	-100	-0.27%

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	September 2011				August 2011				September 2010			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)
Marion County	12,511	10,028	2,483	19.8	12,682	10,155	2,527	19.9	12,509	10,035	2,474	19.8
Allendale County	3,360	2,713	647	19.3	3,367	2,718	649	19.3	3,343	2,744	599	17.9
Marlboro County	11,707	9,486	2,221	19.0	11,599	9,437	2,162	18.6	11,778	9,529	2,249	19.1
Union County	11,277	9,335	1,942	17.2	11,251	9,289	1,962	17.4	11,364	9,344	2,020	17.8
Chester County	14,562	12,149	2,413	16.6	14,629	12,145	2,484	17.0	14,754	12,155	2,599	17.6
Barnwell County	8,647	7,227	1,420	16.4	8,675	7,240	1,435	16.5	8,702	7,288	1,414	16.2
Bamberg County	6,388	5,374	1,014	15.9	6,458	5,390	1,068	16.5	6,352	5,424	928	14.6
Dillon County	13,747	11,566	2,181	15.9	13,772	11,602	2,170	15.8	13,787	11,656	2,131	15.5
Orangeburg County	40,786	34,291	6,495	15.9	41,050	34,378	6,672	16.3	40,563	34,490	6,073	15.0
Clarendon County	12,942	10,936	2,006	15.5	13,016	10,964	2,052	15.8	12,923	11,030	1,893	14.6
McCormick County	3,299	2,800	499	15.1	3,317	2,804	513	15.5	3,330	2,825	505	15.2
Lancaster County	30,255	25,721	4,534	15.0	30,469	25,731	4,738	15.6	30,548	25,746	4,802	15.7
York County	114,739	98,182	16,557	14.4	114,382	98,178	16,204	14.2	116,627	97,630	18,997	16.3
Hampton County	7,982	6,840	1,142	14.3	8,016	6,856	1,160	14.5	8,017	6,897	1,120	14.0
Williamsburg County	16,115	13,809	2,306	14.3	16,210	13,925	2,285	14.1	16,023	13,857	2,166	13.5
Chesterfield County	18,607	15,967	2,640	14.2	18,716	16,004	2,712	14.5	18,872	16,038	2,834	15.0
Lee County	8,313	7,149	1,164	14.0	8,364	7,156	1,208	14.4	8,347	7,194	1,153	13.8
Cherokee County	24,408	21,072	3,336	13.7	24,579	21,029	3,550	14.4	24,666	21,095	3,571	14.5
Calhoun County	6,863	5,931	932	13.6	6,859	5,919	940	13.7	6,682	5,892	790	11.8
Colleton County	17,613	15,215	2,398	13.6	17,722	15,282	2,440	13.8	17,495	15,297	2,198	12.6
Darlington County	30,987	27,184	3,803	12.3	31,649	27,420	4,229	13.4	30,836	27,014	3,822	12.4
Abbeville County	10,801	9,486	1,315	12.2	10,903	9,510	1,393	12.8	10,875	9,494	1,381	12.7
Fairfield County	10,746	9,437	1,309	12.2	10,760	9,418	1,342	12.5	10,870	9,375	1,495	13.8
Greenwood County	30,236	26,658	3,578	11.8	30,478	26,710	3,768	12.4	30,291	26,744	3,547	11.7
Sumter County	45,162	39,952	5,210	11.5	45,392	39,895	5,497	12.1	45,378	40,154	5,224	11.5
Florence County	63,956	56,866	7,090	11.1	64,561	57,359	7,202	11.2	63,354	56,510	6,844	10.8
Georgetown County	30,236	26,975	3,261	10.8	30,758	27,407	3,351	10.9	30,415	26,987	3,428	11.3
Spartanburg County	135,114	120,836	14,278	10.6	134,220	119,072	15,148	11.3	134,701	120,095	14,606	10.8
Horry County	135,609	121,354	14,255	10.5	143,729	129,434	14,295	9.9	132,433	118,348	14,085	10.6
Newberry County	18,239	16,322	1,917	10.5	18,244	16,223	2,021	11.1	18,273	16,351	1,922	10.5
Edgefield County	11,163	10,018	1,145	10.3	11,243	10,029	1,214	10.8	11,242	10,148	1,094	9.7
Laurens County	32,474	29,118	3,356	10.3	32,435	28,875	3,560	11.0	32,099	28,556	3,543	11.0
Oconee County	30,693	27,546	3,147	10.3	30,908	27,556	3,352	10.8	30,910	27,524	3,386	11.0
Berkeley County	82,134	73,813	8,321	10.1	82,718	74,410	8,308	10.0	81,063	73,094	7,969	9.8
Anderson County	85,227	76,756	8,471	9.9	85,937	77,021	8,916	10.4	84,486	75,662	8,824	10.4
Kershaw County	29,755	26,841	2,914	9.8	29,854	26,789	3,065	10.3	29,812	26,665	3,147	10.6
Jasper County	10,294	9,293	1,001	9.7	10,375	9,327	1,048	10.1	10,321	9,346	975	9.4
Aiken County	76,946	69,573	7,373	9.6	76,778	69,656	7,122	9.3	76,863	70,478	6,385	8.3
Richland County	181,468	164,006	17,462	9.6	182,202	163,683	18,519	10.2	179,735	162,928	16,807	9.4
Pickens County	57,770	52,498	5,272	9.1	57,721	52,058	5,663	9.8	56,988	51,485	5,503	9.7
Dorchester County	64,907	59,084	5,823	9.0	65,508	59,562	5,946	9.1	64,451	58,509	5,942	9.2
Beaufort County	64,553	58,916	5,637	8.7	65,304	59,133	6,171	9.4	64,656	59,250	5,406	8.4
Saluda County	8,918	8,151	767	8.6	9,014	8,135	879	9.8	8,863	8,098	765	8.6
Charleston County	177,016	161,896	15,120	8.5	180,079	163,206	16,873	9.4	175,561	160,320	15,241	8.7
Greenville County	226,242	207,244	18,998	8.4	225,817	205,510	20,307	9.0	223,128	203,245	19,883	8.9
Lexington County	133,695	122,881	10,814	8.1	134,043	122,639	11,404	8.5	132,624	122,074	10,550	8.0
Charleston MSA	324,057	294,793	29,264	9.0	328,305	297,178	31,127	9.5	321,075	291,923	29,152	9.1
Columbia MSA	371,446	337,247	34,199	9.2	372,733	336,584	36,149	9.7	368,586	335,031	33,555	9.1
Florence MSA	94,943	84,050	10,893	11.5	96,210	84,779	11,431	11.9	94,190	83,524	10,666	11.3
Greenville MSA	316,487	288,860	27,627	8.7	315,973	286,443	29,530	9.3	312,214	283,286	28,928	9.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
South Carolina	2,169,414	1,931,654	237,760	11.0	2,163,949	1,924,593	239,356	11.1	2,159,747	1,923,502	236,245	10.9

Current month's estimates are preliminary.

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