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RETURN ON INVESTMENT ANALYSES: AN OVERVIEW

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Introduction

A key part of our mission at LMI is to provide vital data analysis for employers, educators, and job seekers. As part of this goal, LMI began producing return on investment analyses for degree programs offered by South Carolina's colleges and universities in 2024. These reports aim to answer a few questions — what happens to an individual after they complete their degree? What are their wages? And in what industry do they work? In 2026, we plan to publish a comprehensive ROI analysis, but until then, let's take a look at the reports we've produced so far and how we can use them to better understand the labor market.

How To Access ROI Analyses

ROI analyses can be found on the LMI website by navigating to the publications tab at the top of the home page and clicking on CCWD publications.



From there, users can access all ROI reports available by expanding the Return on Investments Analyses tab. ROI reports have been completed for a number of programs such as nursing, engineering, and early care and education and are categorized by program length.

Return on Investment Analyses ^

The Act requires the development of a reliable and replicable model for measuring returns on public investment in individual education and workforce programs, including a set of common measures used in a performance accountability system.² The reports compare wages for graduates in South Carolina before and after completion of selected Bachelor's Degree, Associate Degree, and Certificate programs. They, further, show the industry of employment and the rate of appearance in the wage records by selected demographics.

Bachelor's Degree Programs:

- [Business \(CIP 52.xxxx\)](#)
- [Computer and Information Systems \(CIP 11.xxxx\)](#)
- [Education \(CIP 13.xxxx\)](#)
- [Engineering \(CIP 14.xxxx\)](#)
- [Nursing \(CIP 51.38xx & 51.39xx\)](#)

Certificate and Associate Degree Programs:

- [Dental Hygiene \(CIP 51.0602\)](#)
- [Early Care and Education \(CIP 13.1210\)](#)
- [Medical Radiologic Technology \(CIP 51.0907\)](#)
- [Nursing \(CIP 51.3801\)](#)
- [Physical Therapy Assistant \(CIP 51.0806\)](#)
- [Respiratory Therapy Technician \(CIP 51.0812\)](#)
- [Surgical/Operating Room Technician \(CIP 51.0909\)](#)

What is the source of ROI data?

Graduate data are provided by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education and the South Carolina Technical College System. The Department of Employment and Workforce determines patterns in wages and employment using Standard Occupation Classification (SOC) codes, which are reported by employers when filing unemployment insurance.

What data are included in ROI analyses?

Supply and Demand of Graduates

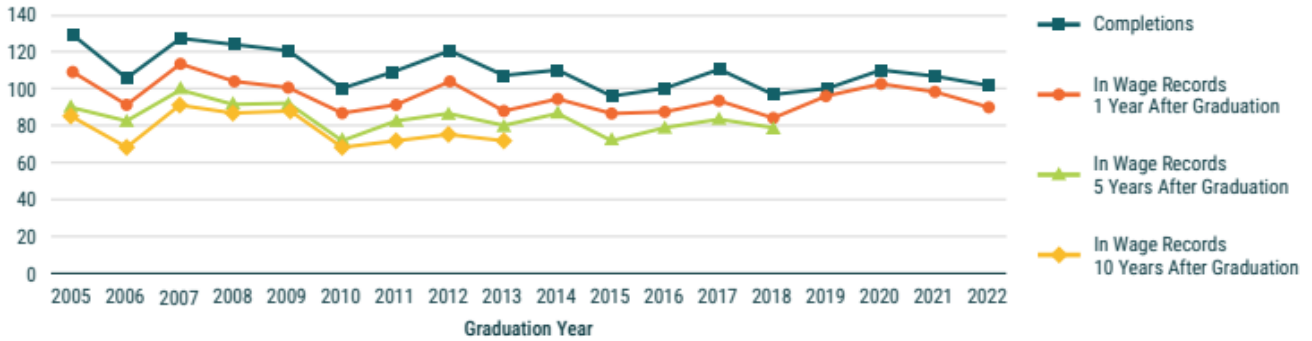
ROI analyses begin with an overview of supply and demand of graduates, which includes the number of degree completions each year and the number of graduates found in South Carolina's wage records one year, five years, and ten years after graduating.¹

These data tell us the number of individuals with qualifications for a particular job and provide a better understanding of retention within a given field. After completion of a degree, graduates may enter the workforce and later leave employment, remain in the workforce, or leave South Carolina to work in another state. By tracking the presence of graduates in the wage records, we gain insight into differences in retention across occupations and are able to see how this changes over time.

For example, the image below shows supply and demand of dental hygiene graduates. From 2005 to 2022, there were 1,720 graduates from dental hygiene degree programs. In 2013, approximately 105 dental hygiene degrees were awarded. One year later, 85 of these graduates were found in the wage records. Five years later, 80 were found in the wage records, and ten years later, there were approximately 70 dental hygiene graduates in the wage records.

¹ The number of graduates found in the wage records ten years after completing their degree are not available for all programs.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF DENTAL HYGIENE GRADUATES

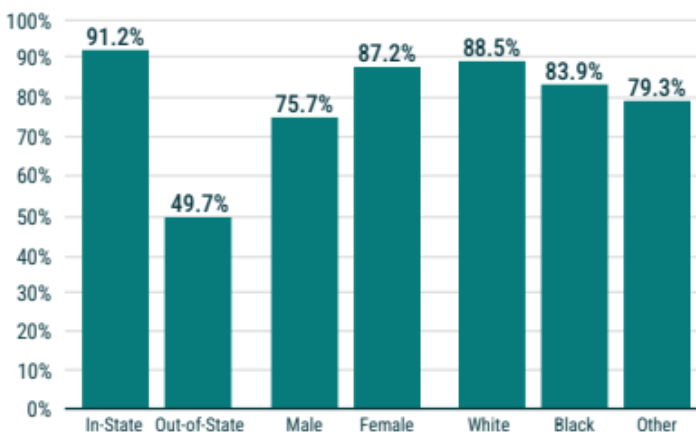


- From November 2023 to November 2024, there were **1,700 documented job postings** in the state for selected dental hygiene related occupations.
- From 2005 to 2022, the number of associate degrees related to dental hygiene awarded each year has ranged from 97 to 130.
- In total, there were **1,720 unique graduates** in associate degree dental hygiene programs between 2005 and 2022.
- **NOTE:** There may be a supply of individuals with dental hygiene credentials obtained outside of the South Carolina higher education system as well as individuals with credentials above the associate degree level.

Percentage of Graduates Found in Wage Records One-Year Post-Graduation

The percentage of graduates found in the wage records one-year post-graduation are broken down in each ROI analysis by gender, race, and whether they graduated from an in-state or out-of-state institution, allowing us to identify discrepancies in labor force participation between demographic groups and compare across degree programs. For example, female dental hygiene graduates were more likely than male graduates to be found in the wage records one year after graduating, but we do not observe this difference among graduates of other degree programs, such as nursing.

PERCENT OF GRADUATES FOUND IN WAGE RECORDS 1-YEAR POST-GRADUATION BY SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS



- In-state dental hygiene graduates were about 84% more likely to be found in wage records one year post-graduation compared to out-of-state graduates.
- Female graduates were slightly more likely than male graduates to be in the wage records one year post-graduation, as were white graduates as compared to graduates of other races.

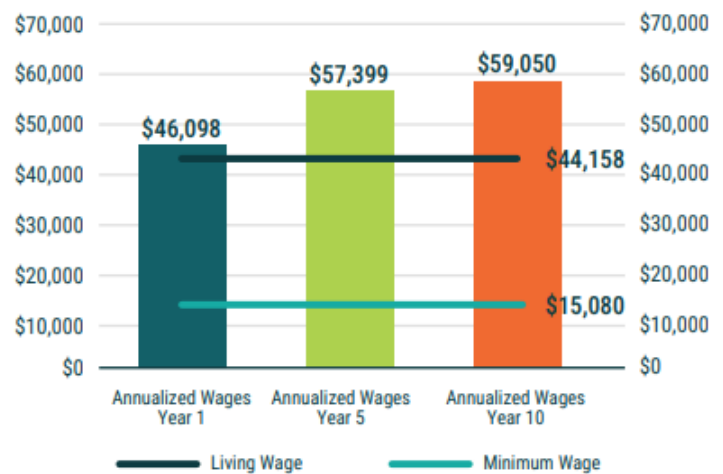
Wage Comparison for Degree Graduates

ROI analyses additionally compare annualized wages for program graduates one year, five years, and ten years after graduation to the minimum wage and living wage for one adult with no children, providing insight into the potential financial benefits of a particular degree. One year after graduation, dental hygiene graduates, for example, can expect their earnings to exceed the living wage and be nearly three times the minimum wage.

Across different degree programs, annual wages can vary immensely, and while some graduates can expect their wages to grow significantly as they progress in their field, wages in other fields may increase only marginally. These data are essential for employers, educators, and prospective students as they navigate the evolving labor market.

WAGE COMPARISON FOR INDIVIDUALS COMPLETING DENTAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATE DEGREES

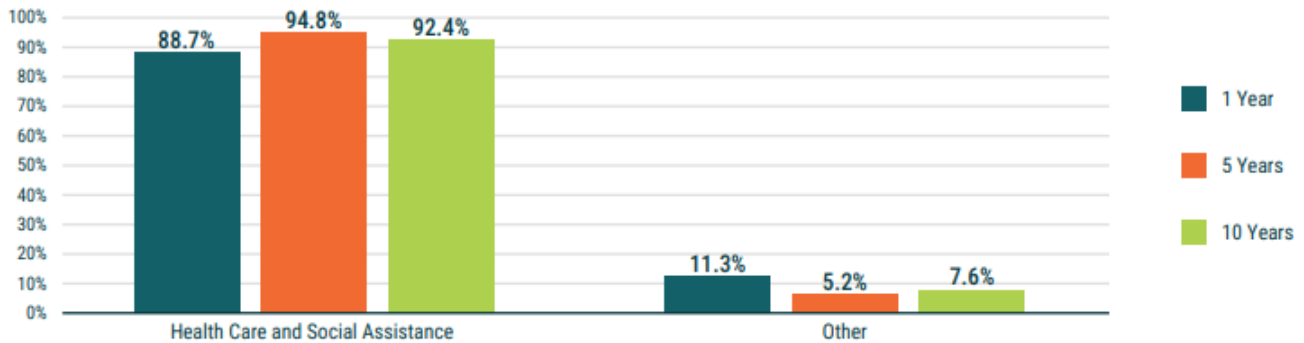
- Per the 2023 CHE Statistical Abstract, the cost of attending a two-year technical college in South Carolina for in state students would likely be around \$10,000.
- Per the U.S. Census Bureau, the median earnings for all high school graduates in South Carolina is \$36,740, and according to the MIT living wage calculator the annual living wage in the state for one adult, no children, is \$44,158.
- By 10 years post-graduation, dental hygiene graduates will make about \$15,000 above a living wage.
- Wages were annualized based on the number of quarters the individual was found working in the state.
- According to 2023 BLS data, the mean wage or "Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations" was \$102,060 per year.



Industry of Employment for Graduates

The final section of each ROI analysis is industry of employment for graduates, which identifies the sectors in which most graduates are likely to be working one year and five years after completing their degrees. Some degrees, such as nursing, education, or dental hygiene, establish a clear path into a particular sector, but other degrees can be applied across industries and do not provide a direct pipeline into the workforce. Additionally, employment distribution by sector may change over time as workers shift career paths. These data help us better understand the typical career trajectory (or trajectories) of a degree holder, if one exists.

INDUSTRY OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL ONE, FIVE, AND TEN YEARS POST-GRADUATION



- **Health Care and Social Assistance was the most common industry for dental hygiene graduates** one, five, and ten years post-graduation. Other top industries of employment include Accommodation and Food Services, Retail Trade, and Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services.
- Current data about South Carolina workers is based on industry of employment. The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) began collecting **occupation data on workers in April 2024**. Future analysis may be able to specifically document which graduates obtain jobs in dental hygiene related occupations.
- **NOTE:** Only graduates whose industry of employment was known were considered for this figure. The top industry of employment is shown and all other industries of employment are combined.

Conclusion

ROI analyses allow educators, employers, job seekers, and students – as well as the policymakers impacting those groups – to make evidence-based decisions. The comparison of costs and wage premiums fits in perfectly with the larger strategic picture of an individual's goals and time horizon. LMI will continue to evaluate degree programs for their return on investment and provide other data tools that inform choices and improve outcomes within the South Carolina job market.

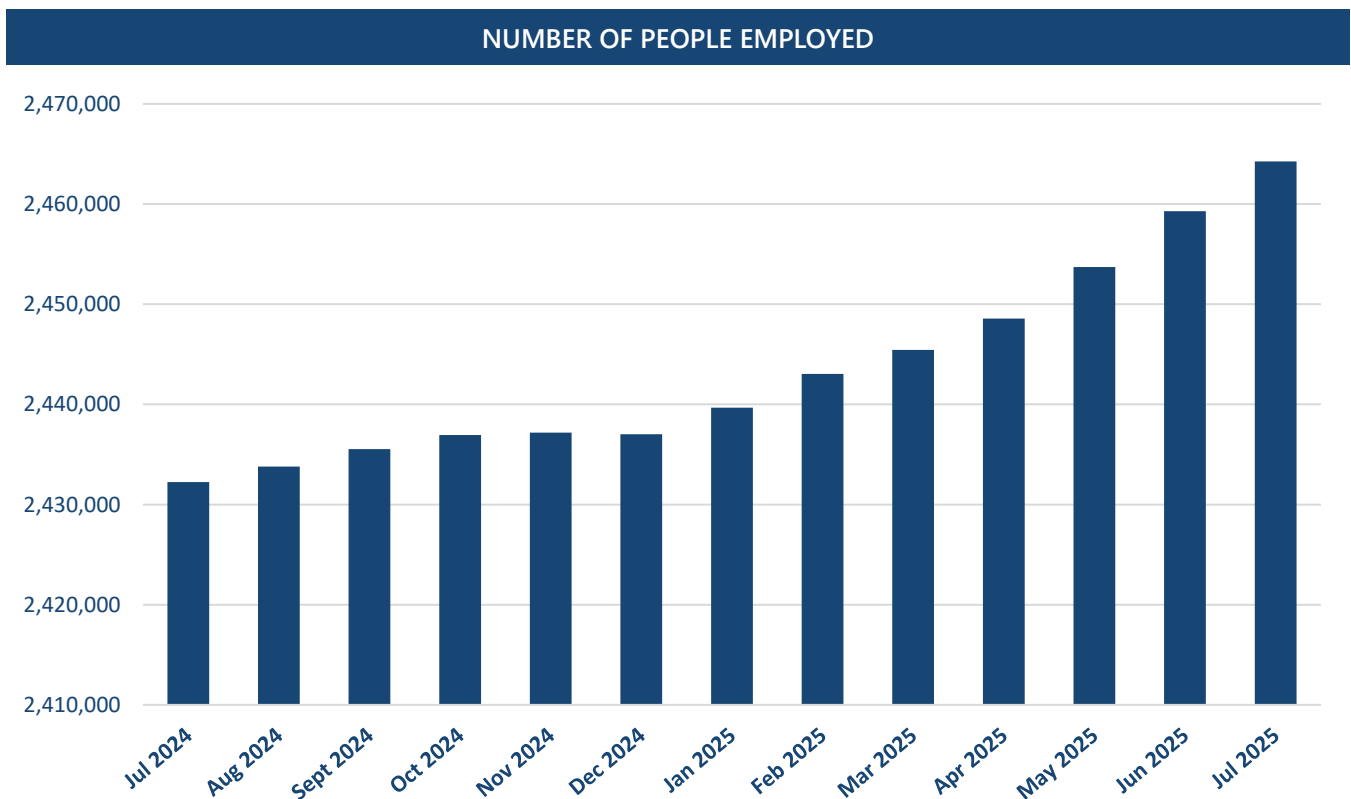
SOUTH CAROLINA'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION (JULY 2025)

Household Survey¹ (Local Area Unemployment Statistics)

Nationally, there is a monthly Current Population Survey of about 60,000 households conducted by the Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to determine employment status of the civilian population. This information, along with other inputs, are used by DEW to operate the Local Area Unemployment Statistics program, which estimates the number of individuals employed and those not employed, but actively seeking employment statewide and for a variety of substate geographies.

EMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED³):

- The seasonally adjusted number of South Carolina workers increased to 2,464,262.
- That is an increase of 4,968 people over the June 2025 estimate.
- That is an increase of 32,024 people over the July 2024 estimate.



SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a 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.

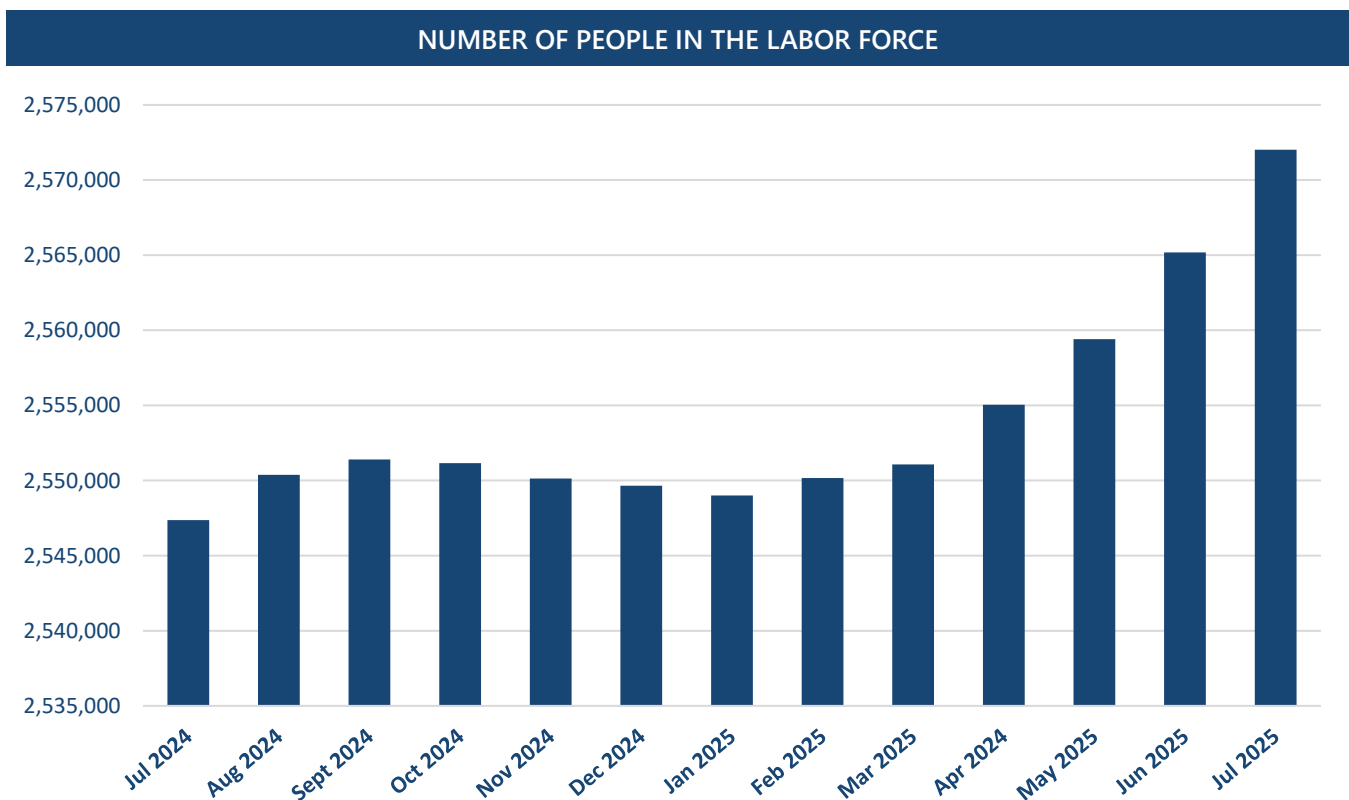
SOUTH CAROLINA'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION (CONT.)

UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED³):

- The estimate of unemployed people increased to 107,755.
- That is an increase of 1,865 people from the June estimate and a decrease of 7,368 from the July 2024 estimate.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.2 percent. The national unemployment rate increased to 4.2 percent, according to the Current Population survey.

LABOR FORCE:

- The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,572,017 while the labor force participation rate increased to 57.7 percent.
- That is an increase of 6,833 people over the June 2025 estimate.
- That is an increase of 24,656 individuals over the July 2024 estimate.



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SOUTH CAROLINA'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION (CONT.)

Employer Survey² (Current Employment Statistics)

BLS conducts a monthly Current Employment Statistics survey of approximately 119,000 businesses and government agencies which yields national estimates of nonagricultural wage and salary employment, hours, and earnings by industry. These data are processed by DEW to generate comparable data for the state and its metropolitan statistical areas (MSA).

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (Seasonally Adjusted³):

The monthly survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an estimated increase of 9,000 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,429,400.

JOBS BY INDUSTRY	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JUNE 2025	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025			JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025		
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE		#CHANGE	%CHANGE	
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,429,400	2,420,400	2,350,400	+9,000 ▲	+0.4% ▲		+79,000 ▲	+3.4% ▲	
Construction	124,300	124,900	118,100	-600 ▼	-0.5% ▼		+6,200 ▲	+5.2% ▲	
Manufacturing	263,300	264,100	263,700	-800 ▼	-0.3% ▼		-400 ▼	-0.2% ▼	
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	449,600	449,200	445,400	+400 ▲	+0.1% ▲		+4,200 ▲	+0.9% ▲	
Information	30,500	30,400	28,500	+100 ▲	+0.3% ▲		+2,000 ▲	+7.0% ▲	
Financial Activities	128,100	127,300	122,200	+800 ▲	+0.6% ▲		+5,900 ▲	+4.8% ▲	
Professional and Business Services	332,500	328,700	310,800	+3,800 ▲	+1.2% ▲		+21,700 ▲	+7.0% ▲	
Education and Health Services	316,700	315,700	300,600	+1,000 ▲	+0.3% ▲		+16,100 ▲	+5.4% ▲	
Leisure and Hospitality	292,800	290,600	279,700	+2,200 ▲	+0.8% ▲		+13,100 ▲	+4.7% ▲	
Other Services	93,500	93,000	90,300	+500 ▲	+0.5% ▲		+3,200 ▲	+3.5% ▲	
Government	393,500	391,900	386,600	+1,600 ▲	+0.4% ▲		+6,900 ▲	+1.8% ▲	

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SOUTH CAROLINA'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION (CONT.)

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (Seasonally Adjusted³):

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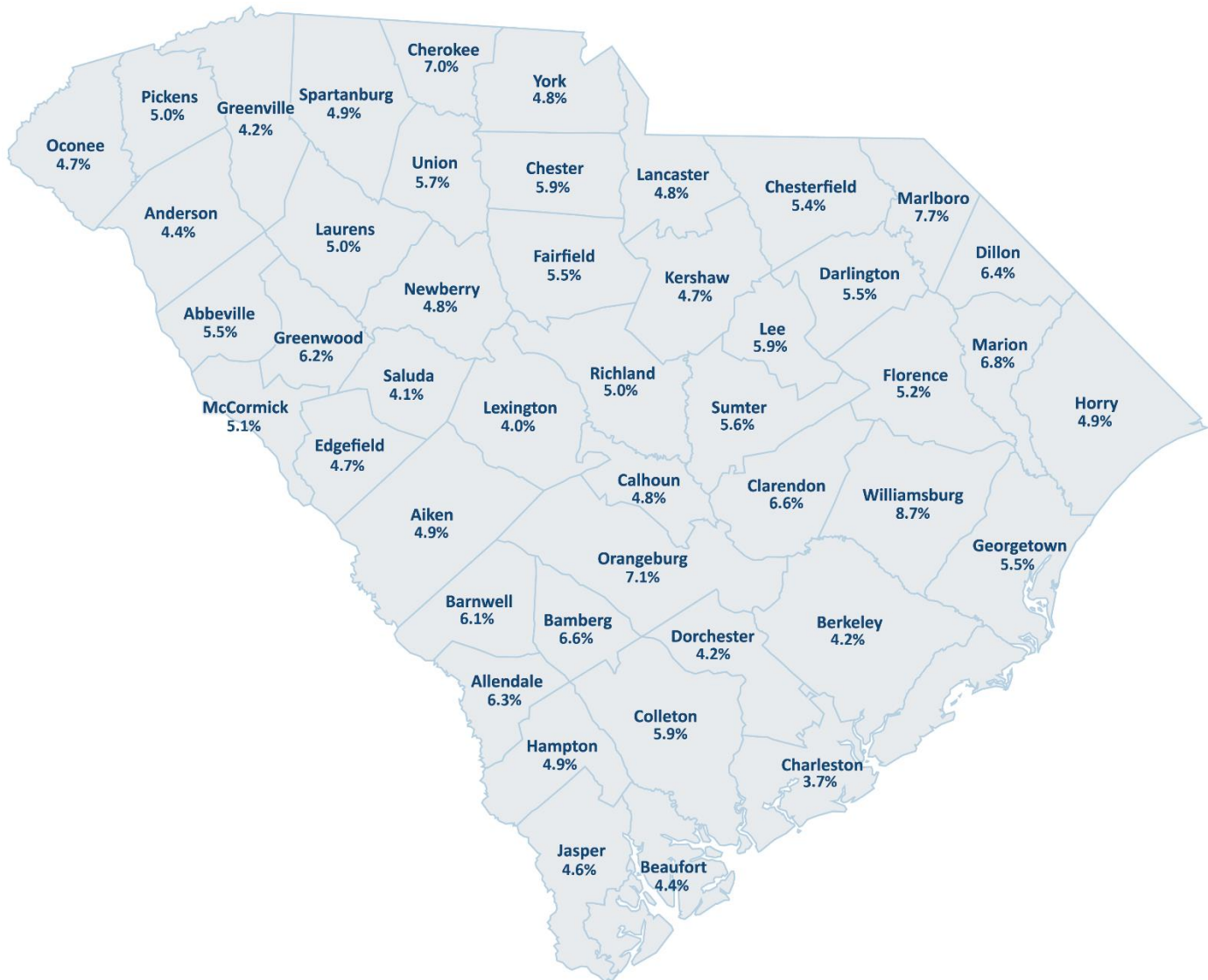
AREA	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JUNE 2025	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025			JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025		
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE		#CHANGE	%CHANGE	
Statewide	2,429,400	2,420,400	2,350,400	+9,000 ▲	+0.4% ▲		+79,000 ▲	+3.4% ▲	
Charleston/North Charleston	438,000	437,100	422,000	+900 ▲	+0.2% ▲		+16,000 ▲	+3.8% ▲	
Columbia	441,600	439,200	430,100	+2,400 ▲	+0.5% ▲		+11,500 ▲	+2.7% ▲	
Florence	99,100	98,700	95,900	+400 ▲	+0.4% ▲		+3,200 ▲	+3.3% ▲	
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin	480,900	479,100	469,900	+1,800 ▲	+0.4% ▲		+11,000 ▲	+2.3% ▲	
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort	89,600	89,500	88,600	+100 ▲	+0.1% ▲		+1,000 ▲	+1.1% ▲	
Myrtle Beach	161,900	161,100	153,100	+800 ▲	+0.5% ▲		+8,800 ▲	+5.7% ▲	
Spartanburg	181,400	180,700	176,400	+700 ▲	+0.4% ▲		+5,000 ▲	+2.8% ▲	
Sumter	39,100	39,000	37,500	+100 ▲	+0.3% ▲		+1,600 ▲	+4.3% ▲	

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

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LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY COUNTY



LAUS EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE					
	TOTAL	PERCENT OF POPULATION	EMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT	
			TOTAL	PERCENT OF POPULATION	TOTAL	RATE(%)
4,460,936	2,572,017	57.7%	2,464,262	55.2%	107,755	4.2%

NOTE: Current month's estimates are preliminary. All data are subject to revision. Population data are not seasonally adjusted.

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY COUNTY
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

AREA	JULY 2025					JUNE 2025				JULY 2024			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		
			LEVEL	RATE(%)			LEVEL	RATE(%)			LEVEL	RATE(%)	
Abbeville County	▲	10,267	9,704	563	5.5	10,380	9,874	506	4.9	10,370	9,809	561	5.4
Aiken County	▲	77,178	73,430	3,748	4.9	77,374	73,871	3,503	4.5	77,859	74,106	3,753	4.8
Allendale County	▲	2,693	2,522	171	6.3	2,671	2,511	160	6.0	2,742	2,552	190	6.9
Anderson County	▲	101,809	97,280	4,529	4.4	101,826	97,588	4,238	4.2	100,520	95,838	4,682	4.7
Bamberg County	▲	5,353	4,999	354	6.6	5,362	5,037	325	6.1	5,422	5,018	404	7.5
Barnwell County	▲	8,062	7,573	489	6.1	8,092	7,630	462	5.7	8,406	7,865	541	6.4
Beaufort County	▲	86,924	83,082	3,842	4.4	86,408	82,724	3,684	4.3	87,520	83,452	4,068	4.6
Berkeley County	▲	133,576	127,915	5,661	4.2	132,939	127,683	5,256	4.0	130,027	124,390	5,637	4.3
Calhoun County	▲	6,798	6,471	327	4.8	6,707	6,391	316	4.7	6,708	6,336	372	5.5
Charleston County	▲	241,120	232,106	9,014	3.7	240,531	231,901	8,630	3.6	235,260	225,928	9,332	4.0
Cherokee County	▲	22,938	21,329	1,609	7.0	23,617	22,237	1,380	5.8	22,825	20,991	1,834	8.0
Chester County	▲	14,887	14,009	878	5.9	14,806	14,012	794	5.4	14,700	13,772	928	6.3
Chesterfield County	▲	19,071	18,043	1,028	5.4	18,898	17,938	960	5.1	19,241	18,156	1,085	5.6
Clarendon County	▲	11,655	10,891	764	6.6	11,892	11,170	722	6.1	11,523	10,769	754	6.5
Colleton County	▲	16,208	15,256	952	5.9	16,068	15,227	841	5.2	16,243	15,321	922	5.7
Darlington County	▲	29,379	27,758	1,621	5.5	29,205	27,749	1,456	5.0	28,553	26,903	1,650	5.8
Dillon County	▲	12,393	11,594	799	6.4	12,494	11,758	736	5.9	12,536	11,661	875	7.0
Dorchester County	▲	89,377	85,666	3,711	4.2	89,091	85,615	3,476	3.9	87,196	83,362	3,834	4.4
Edgefield County	▲	11,970	11,406	564	4.7	11,854	11,364	490	4.1	12,007	11,467	540	4.5
Fairfield County	▲	10,069	9,519	550	5.5	10,002	9,486	516	5.2	9,912	9,347	565	5.7
Florence County	▲	66,527	63,098	3,429	5.2	66,321	63,168	3,153	4.8	64,626	61,204	3,422	5.3
Georgetown County	▲	28,697	27,124	1,573	5.5	28,547	27,048	1,499	5.3	29,307	27,764	1,543	5.3
Greenville County	▲	289,904	277,786	12,118	4.2	290,374	278,896	11,478	4.0	286,298	273,800	12,498	4.4
Greenwood County	▲	28,018	26,290	1,728	6.2	28,789	27,191	1,598	5.6	28,317	26,530	1,787	6.3
Hampton County	▲	7,933	7,544	389	4.9	7,941	7,584	357	4.5	8,218	7,797	421	5.1
Horry County	▲	185,459	176,348	9,111	4.9	183,668	174,953	8,715	4.7	177,792	168,551	9,241	5.2
Jasper County	-	14,661	13,982	679	4.6	14,482	13,823	659	4.6	14,709	14,003	706	4.8
Kershaw County	▲	33,318	31,738	1,580	4.7	32,951	31,470	1,481	4.5	32,687	31,144	1,543	4.7
Lancaster County	▲	50,932	48,485	2,447	4.8	51,159	48,832	2,327	4.5	50,178	47,767	2,411	4.8
Laurens County	▲	31,710	30,109	1,601	5.0	31,691	30,169	1,522	4.8	31,323	29,655	1,668	5.3
Lee County	-	6,007	5,650	357	5.9	5,974	5,622	352	5.9	6,029	5,598	431	7.1
Lexington County	▲	159,202	152,779	6,423	4.0	158,237	152,099	6,138	3.9	156,780	150,073	6,707	4.3
Marion County	▲	12,176	11,342	834	6.8	12,142	11,377	765	6.3	12,134	11,217	917	7.6
Marlboro County	▲	8,227	7,597	630	7.7	8,329	7,738	591	7.1	8,299	7,599	700	8.4
McCormick County	▼	3,296	3,127	169	5.1	3,345	3,171	174	5.2	3,500	3,292	208	5.9
Newberry County	▲	18,582	17,686	896	4.8	18,513	17,666	847	4.6	18,758	17,834	924	4.9
Oconee County	▲	36,371	34,660	1,711	4.7	36,835	35,208	1,627	4.4	36,867	35,015	1,852	5.0
Orangeburg County	▲	34,723	32,250	2,473	7.1	34,605	32,363	2,242	6.5	35,933	33,235	2,698	7.5
Pickens County	▲	66,437	63,088	3,349	5.0	66,358	63,294	3,064	4.6	65,470	62,158	3,312	5.1
Richland County	▲	214,474	203,766	10,708	5.0	212,746	202,773	9,973	4.7	210,692	200,057	10,635	5.0
Saluda County	▲	9,359	8,973	386	4.1	9,076	8,726	350	3.9	9,153	8,763	390	4.3
Spartanburg County	▲	170,993	162,660	8,333	4.9	170,865	163,077	7,788	4.6	168,015	159,136	8,879	5.3
Sumter County	▲	43,430	40,996	2,434	5.6	43,167	40,872	2,295	5.3	42,281	39,799	2,482	5.9
Union County	▲	11,141	10,503	638	5.7	11,089	10,488	601	5.4	11,044	10,261	783	7.1
Williamsburg County	▲	10,884	9,942	942	8.7	10,824	9,984	840	7.8	10,599	9,776	823	7.8
York County	▲	158,999	151,431	7,568	4.8	159,511	152,472	7,039	4.4	156,534	149,171	7,363	4.7

Current month's estimates are preliminary. All data are subject to revision.
Substate estimates are not seasonally adjusted and may diverge from state-level figures.

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JULY 2025					JUNE 2025				JULY 2024			
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			LEVEL	RATE(%)			LEVEL	RATE(%)			LEVEL	RATE(%)
Charleston-North Charleston	▲ 464,073	445,687	18,386	4.0	462,561	445,199	17,362	3.8	452,483	433,680	18,803	4.2
Columbia	▲ 433,220	413,246	19,974	4.6	429,719	410,945	18,774	4.4	425,932	405,720	20,212	4.7
Florence	▲ 95,906	90,856	5,050	5.3	95,526	90,917	4,609	4.8	93,179	88,107	5,072	5.4
Greenville - Anderson-Mauldin	▲ 489,860	468,263	21,597	4.4	490,249	469,947	20,302	4.1	483,611	461,451	22,160	4.6
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	▲ 101,585	97,064	4,521	4.5	100,890	96,547	4,343	4.3	102,229	97,455	4,774	4.7
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	▲ 185,459	176,348	9,111	4.9	183,668	174,953	8,715	4.7	177,792	168,551	9,241	5.2
Spartanburg	▲ 182,134	173,163	8,971	4.9	181,954	173,565	8,389	4.6	179,059	169,397	9,662	5.4
Sumter	▲ 43,430	40,996	2,434	5.6	43,167	40,872	2,295	5.3	42,281	39,799	2,482	5.9
Augusta-Richmond County, GA (S.C. portion)	▲ 89,148	84,836	4,312	4.8	89,228	85,235	3,993	4.5	89,866	85,573	4,293	4.8
Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC (S.C. portion)	▲ 224,818	213,925	10,893	4.8	225,476	215,316	10,160	4.5	221,412	210,710	10,702	4.8

**LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY MUNICIPALITY
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

JULY 2025					JUNE 2025				JULY 2024			
CITIES AND TOWNS ABOVE 25,000 POPULATION	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			LEVEL	RATE(%)			LEVEL	RATE(%)			LEVEL	RATE(%)
Aiken	▲ 13,835	13,092	743	5.4	13,848	13,171	677	4.9	13,945	13,213	732	5.2
Anderson	▲ 14,348	13,641	707	4.9	14,338	13,684	654	4.6	14,150	13,439	711	5.0
Bluffton	- 17,110	16,524	586	3.4	17,033	16,453	580	3.4	17,221	16,597	624	3.6
Charleston	▲ 93,069	89,629	3,440	3.7	92,827	89,542	3,285	3.5	90,796	87,236	3,560	3.9
Columbia	▲ 71,435	67,375	4,060	5.7	70,741	67,047	3,694	5.2	70,066	66,149	3,917	5.6
Conway	▲ 12,264	11,211	1,053	8.6	12,003	11,122	881	7.3	11,641	10,715	926	8.0
Easley	▲ 13,421	12,860	561	4.2	13,423	12,902	521	3.9	13,229	12,671	558	4.2
Florence	▲ 20,060	18,970	1,090	5.4	19,989	18,992	997	5.0	19,390	18,401	989	5.1
Fort Mill	▲ 17,598	16,871	727	4.1	17,662	16,987	675	3.8	17,361	16,619	742	4.3
Goose Creek	▲ 26,083	24,895	1,188	4.6	25,894	24,850	1,044	4.0	25,334	24,209	1,125	4.4
Greenville	▲ 42,542	40,815	1,727	4.1	42,612	40,978	1,634	3.8	41,993	40,229	1,764	4.2
Greer	▲ 23,677	22,749	928	3.9	23,721	22,832	889	3.7	23,304	22,382	922	4.0
Hilton Head Island	▼ 16,624	16,003	621	3.7	16,568	15,934	634	3.8	16,755	16,075	680	4.1
Hanahan	- 12,030	11,644	386	3.2	12,000	11,622	378	3.2	11,779	11,323	456	3.9
Mauldin	▲ 15,761	15,154	607	3.9	15,804	15,214	590	3.7	15,580	14,936	644	4.1
Mount Pleasant	- 53,847	52,129	1,718	3.2	53,818	52,083	1,735	3.2	52,565	50,742	1,823	3.5
Myrtle Beach	▲ 20,425	19,548	877	4.3	20,237	19,393	844	4.2	19,590	18,684	906	4.6
North Augusta	▲ 12,746	12,249	497	3.9	12,799	12,321	478	3.7	12,841	12,360	481	3.7
North Charleston	▲ 67,072	64,266	2,806	4.2	66,808	64,213	2,595	3.9	65,431	62,550	2,881	4.4
Rock Hill	▲ 41,656	39,250	2,406	5.8	41,718	39,520	2,198	5.3	41,053	38,664	2,389	5.8
Simpsonville	▲ 14,934	14,328	606	4.1	14,978	14,386	592	4.0	14,786	14,123	663	4.5
Spartanburg	▲ 17,731	16,632	1,099	6.2	17,658	16,675	983	5.6	17,441	16,272	1,169	6.7
Summerville	▲ 28,936	27,830	1,106	3.8	28,843	27,810	1,033	3.6	28,216	27,080	1,136	4.0
Sumter	▲ 16,881	15,876	1,005	6.0	16,780	15,828	952	5.7	16,441	15,412	1,029	6.3

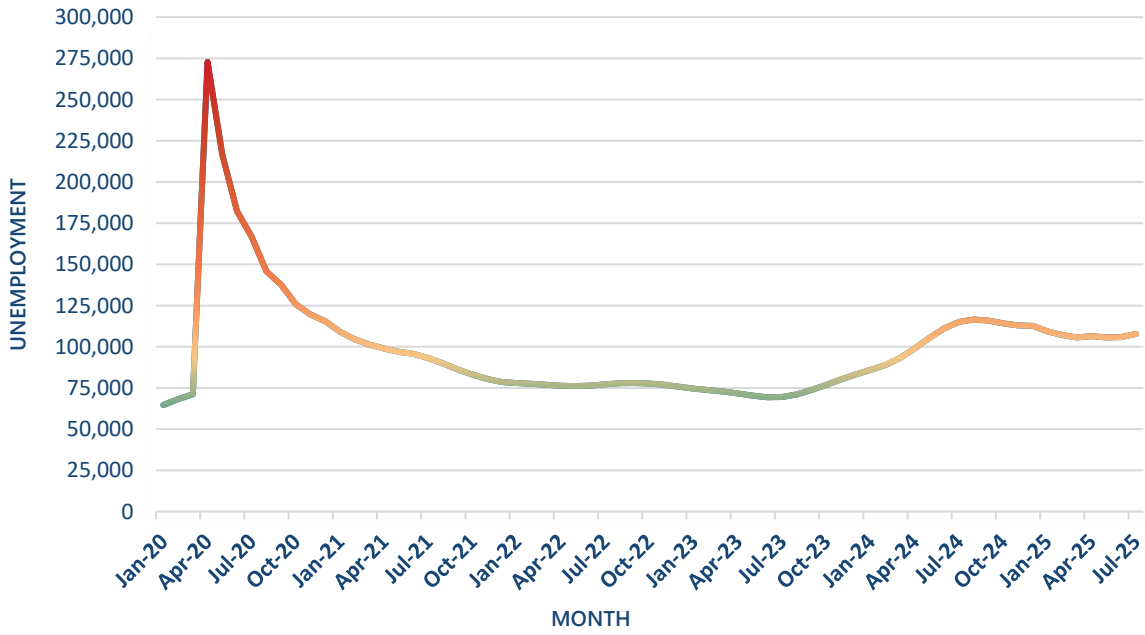
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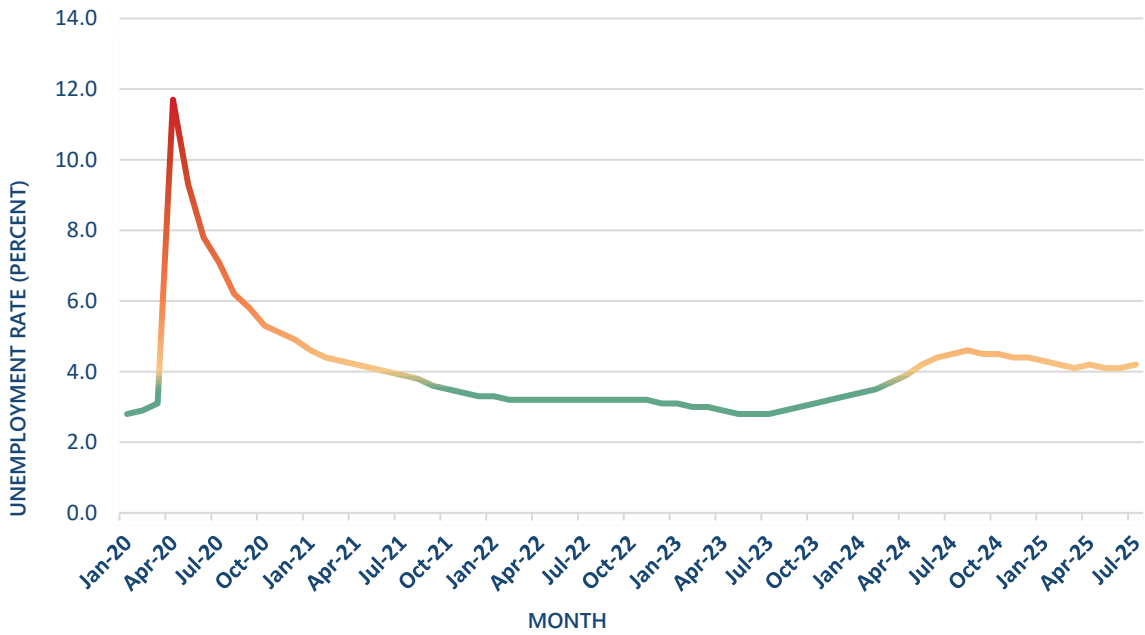
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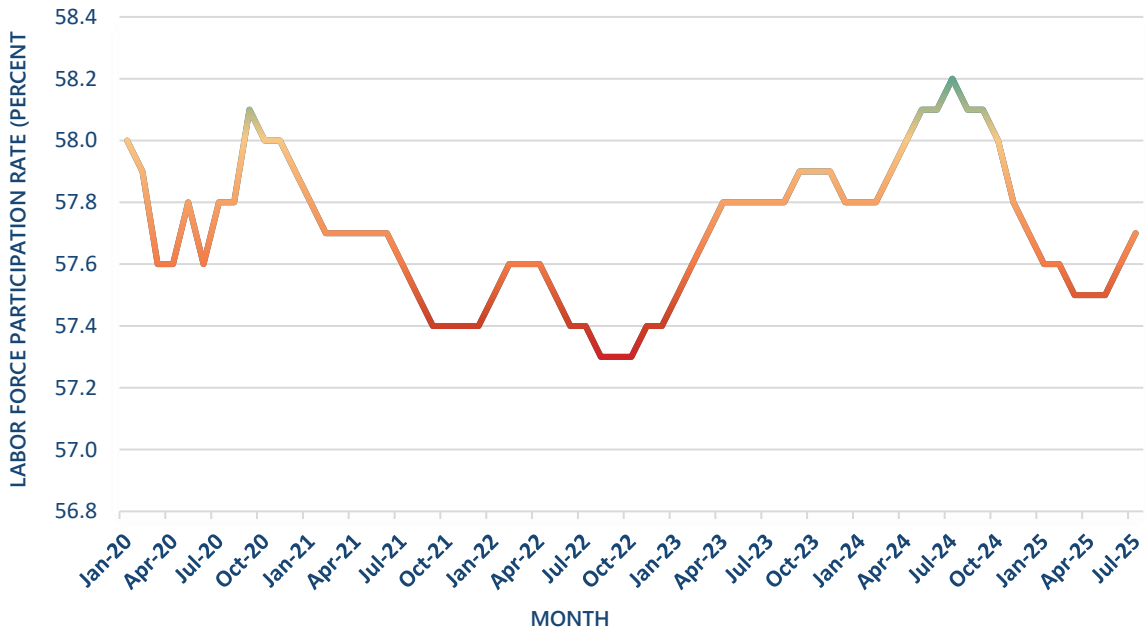
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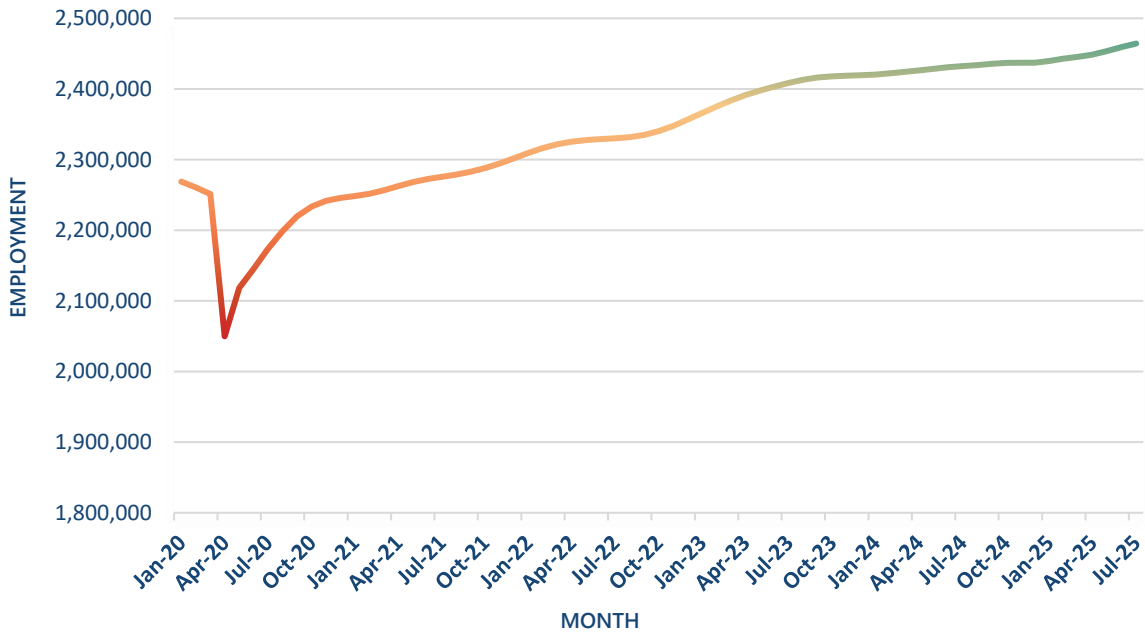
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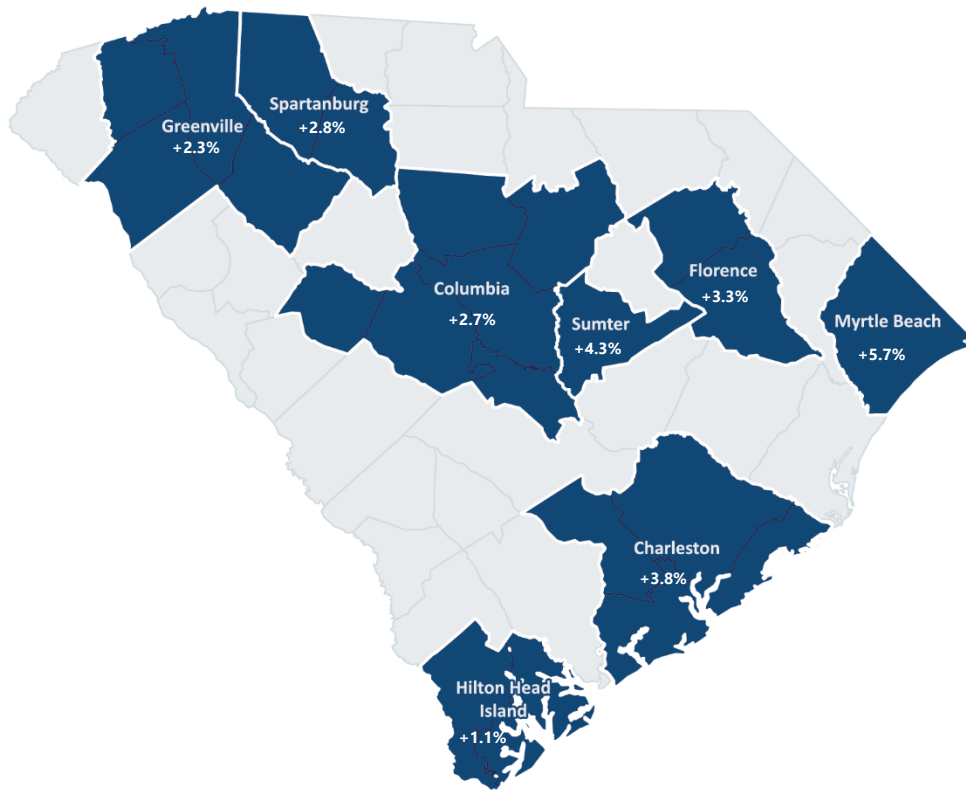


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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED — YEAR-OVER-YEAR CHANGE



NONFARM PAYROLL BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

JULY 2025

AREA	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Statewide	2,429,400	2,420,400	2,350,400	+9,000	+0.4%	+79,000	+3.4%
Charleston-North Charleston	438,000	437,100	422,000	+900	+0.2%	+16,000	+3.8%
Columbia	441,600	439,200	430,100	+2,400	+0.5%	+11,500	+2.7%
Florence	99,100	98,700	95,900	+400	+0.4%	+3,200	+3.3%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	480,900	479,100	469,900	+1,800	+0.4%	+11,000	+2.3%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	89,600	89,500	88,600	+100	+0.1%	+1,000	+1.1%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	161,900	161,100	153,100	+800	+0.5%	+8,800	+5.7%
Spartanburg	181,400	180,700	176,400	+700	+0.4%	+5,000	+2.8%
Sumter	39,100	39,000	37,500	+100	+0.3%	+1,600	+4.3%

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NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (IN THOUSANDS)

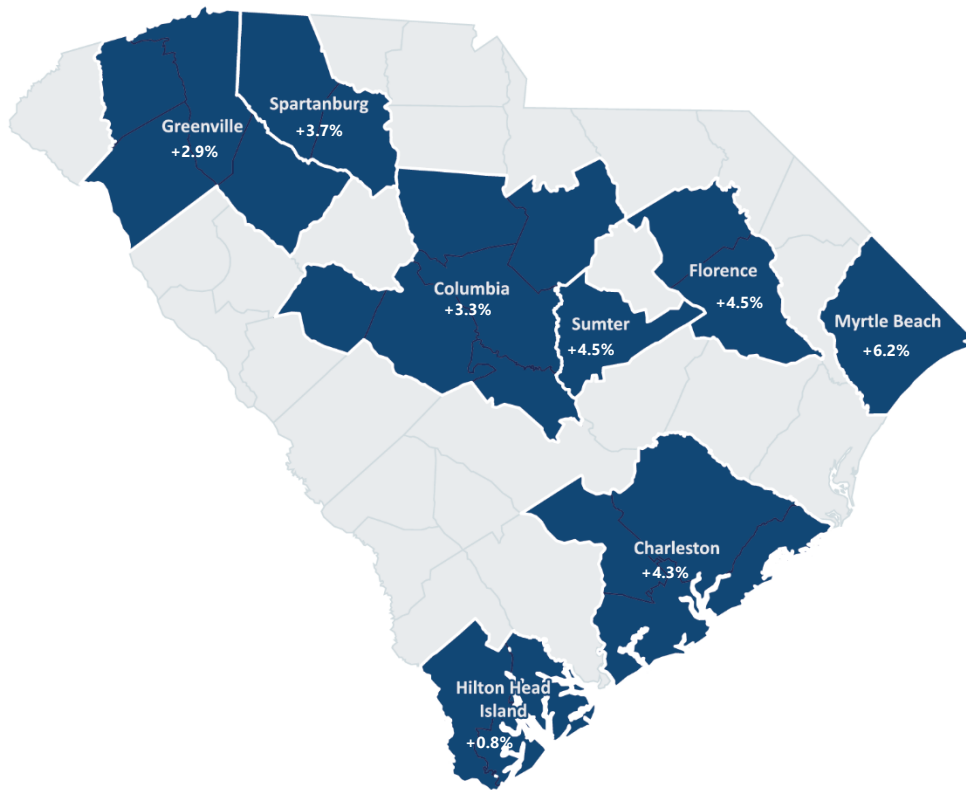
JULY 2025

	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	2,429.4	2,420.4	2,350.4	+9.0	+0.4%	+79.0	+3.4%
Total Private	2,035.9	2,028.5	1,963.8	+7.4	+0.4%	+72.1	+3.7%
Goods Producing	392.2	393.6	386.3	-1.4	-0.4%	+5.9	+1.5%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	128.9	129.5	122.6	-0.6	-0.5%	+6.3	+5.1%
Mining and Logging	4.6	4.6	4.5	0.0	0.0%	+0.1	+2.2%
Construction	124.3	124.9	118.1	-0.6	-0.5%	+6.2	+5.2%
Manufacturing	263.3	264.1	263.7	-0.8	-0.3%	-0.4	-0.2%
Durable Goods	160.9	161.2	160.7	-0.3	-0.2%	+0.2	+0.1%
Non-Durable Goods	102.4	102.9	103.0	-0.5	-0.5%	-0.6	-0.6%
Service-Providing	2,037.2	2,026.8	1,964.1	+10.4	+0.5%	+73.1	+3.7%
Private Service Providing	1,643.7	1,634.9	1,577.5	+8.8	+0.5%	+66.2	+4.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	449.6	449.2	445.4	+0.4	+0.1%	+4.2	+0.9%
Wholesale Trade	84.0	83.7	83.7	+0.3	+0.4%	+0.3	+0.4%
Retail Trade	269.3	269.8	268.4	-0.5	-0.2%	+0.9	+0.3%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	96.3	95.7	93.3	+0.6	+0.6%	+3.0	+3.2%
Information	30.5	30.4	28.5	+0.1	+0.3%	+2.0	+7.0%
Financial Activities	128.1	127.3	122.2	+0.8	+0.6%	+5.9	+4.8%
Finance and Insurance	90.0	89.8	86.8	+0.2	+0.2%	+3.2	+3.7%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	38.1	37.5	35.4	+0.6	+1.6%	+2.7	+7.6%
Professional and Business Services	332.5	328.7	310.8	+3.8	+1.2%	+21.7	+7.0%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	144.4	142.0	133.7	+2.4	+1.7%	+10.7	+8.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	25.6	25.6	23.8	0.0	0.0%	+1.8	+7.6%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	162.5	161.1	153.3	+1.4	+0.9%	+9.2	+6.0%
Education and Health Services	316.7	315.7	300.6	+1.0	+0.3%	+16.1	+5.4%
Educational Services	54.8	54.4	51.7	+0.4	+0.7%	+3.1	+6.0%
Health Care Services	261.9	261.3	248.9	+0.6	+0.2%	+13.0	+5.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	292.8	290.6	279.7	+2.2	+0.8%	+13.1	+4.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	40.3	40.2	36.6	+0.1	+0.2%	+3.7	+10.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	252.5	250.4	243.1	+2.1	+0.8%	+9.4	+3.9%
Other Services	93.5	93.0	90.3	+0.5	+0.5%	+3.2	+3.5%
Government	393.5	391.9	386.6	+1.6	+0.4%	+6.9	+1.8%
Federal Government	38.2	38.3	38.0	-0.1	-0.3%	+0.2	+0.5%
State Government	117.1	117.1	114.3	0.0	0.0%	+2.8	+2.4%
Local Government	238.2	236.5	234.3	+1.7	+0.7%	+3.9	+1.7%

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED — YEAR-OVER-YEAR CHANGE



NONFARM PAYROLL BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

JULY 2025

AREA	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Statewide	2,435,700	2,439,100	2,344,200	-3,400	-0.1%	+91,500	+3.9%
Charleston-North Charleston	441,200	440,900	423,000	+300	+0.1%	+18,200	+4.3%
Columbia	440,600	438,700	426,700	+1,900	+0.4%	+13,900	+3.3%
Florence	99,000	99,400	94,700	-400	-0.4%	+4,300	+4.5%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	478,600	480,500	465,300	-1,900	-0.4%	+13,300	+2.9%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	91,200	90,900	90,500	+300	+0.3%	+700	+0.8%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	168,400	167,300	158,500	+1,100	+0.7%	+9,900	+6.2%
Spartanburg	180,200	180,900	173,700	-700	-0.4%	+6,500	+3.7%
Sumter	39,100	39,300	37,400	-200	-0.5%	+1,700	+4.5%

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.

NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

JULY 2025

	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	2,435,700	2,439,100	2,344,200	-3,400	-0.1%	+91,500	+3.9%
Total Private	2,055,200	2,049,700	1,970,700	+5,500	+0.3%	+84,500	+4.3%
Goods Producing	395,000	396,600	387,800	-1,600	-0.4%	+7,200	+1.9%
Mining, Logging and Construction	129,700	131,100	123,700	-1,400	-1.1%	+6,000	+4.9%
Mining and Logging	4,600	4,600	4,500	0	0.0%	+100	+2.2%
Construction	125,100	126,500	119,200	-1,400	-1.1%	+5,900	+4.9%
Construction of Buildings	31,400	31,800	29,500	-400	-1.3%	+1,900	+6.4%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	19,500	19,700	18,200	-200	-1.0%	+1,300	+7.1%
Specialty Trade Contractors	74,200	75,000	71,500	-800	-1.1%	+2,700	+3.8%
Manufacturing	265,300	265,500	264,100	-200	-0.1%	+1,200	+0.5%
Durable Goods	162,400	162,300	161,200	+100	+0.1%	+1,200	+0.7%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	24,600	24,500	24,200	+100	+0.4%	+400	+1.7%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	53,700	53,600	53,300	+100	+0.2%	+400	+0.8%
Non-Durable Goods	102,900	103,200	102,900	-300	-0.3%	0	0.0%
Textile Mills	11,100	11,100	11,200	0	0.0%	-100	-0.9%
Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	26,500	26,500	26,800	0	0.0%	-300	-1.1%
Service-Providing	2,040,700	2,042,500	1,956,400	-1,800	-0.1%	+84,300	+4.3%
Private Service Providing	1,660,200	1,653,100	1,582,900	+7,100	+0.4%	+77,300	+4.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	450,800	451,200	445,500	-400	-0.1%	+5,300	+1.2%
Wholesale Trade	84,600	84,300	84,100	+300	+0.4%	+500	+0.6%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	45,600	45,200	45,700	+400	+0.9%	-100	-0.2%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	24,200	24,200	23,400	0	0.0%	+800	+3.4%
Retail Trade	270,500	272,000	269,500	-1,500	-0.6%	+1,000	+0.4%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	34,700	34,700	34,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Food and Beverage Stores	56,500	56,400	55,400	+100	+0.2%	+1,100	+2.0%
Health and Personal Care Stores	16,200	16,300	16,200	-100	-0.6%	0	0.0%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	17,900	18,000	17,900	-100	-0.6%	0	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	64,300	63,800	62,800	+500	+0.8%	+1,500	+2.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	95,700	94,900	91,900	+800	+0.8%	+3,800	+4.1%
Utilities	11,300	11,100	11,200	+200	+1.8%	+100	+0.9%
Transportation and Warehousing	84,400	83,800	80,700	+600	+0.7%	+3,700	+4.6%
Information	30,800	31,100	28,600	-300	-1.0%	+2,200	+7.7%
Financial Activities	129,900	128,400	123,500	+1,500	+1.2%	+6,400	+5.2%
Finance and Insurance	90,400	89,900	87,000	+500	+0.6%	+3,400	+3.9%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Monetary Authorities	37,200	37,200	37,300	0	0.0%	-100	-0.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	39,500	38,500	36,500	+1,000	+2.6%	+3,000	+8.2%
Professional and Business Services	330,600	328,900	308,000	+1,700	+0.5%	+22,600	+7.3%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	145,000	141,600	133,600	+3,400	+2.4%	+11,400	+8.5%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services	26,400	26,200	25,100	+200	+0.8%	+1,300	+5.2%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	25,700	25,600	24,000	+100	+0.4%	+1,700	+7.1%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	159,900	161,700	150,400	-1,800	-1.1%	+9,500	+6.3%
Administrative and Support Services	147,200	148,800	137,200	-1,600	-1.1%	+10,000	+7.3%
Employment Services	60,800	62,200	56,100	-1,400	-2.3%	+4,700	+8.4%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	39,600	39,000	37,000	+600	+1.5%	+2,600	+7.0%
Education and Health Services	312,900	313,700	296,400	-800	-0.3%	+16,500	+5.6%
Educational Services	50,200	51,400	47,300	-1,200	-2.3%	+2,900	+6.1%

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**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR CONT.
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

JULY 2025

	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Health Care and Social Assistance	262,700	262,300	249,100	+400	+0.2%	+13,600	+5.5%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	119,800	120,200	115,600	-400	-0.3%	+4,200	+3.6%
Hospitals	46,700	46,600	44,900	+100	+0.2%	+1,800	+4.0%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	46,300	45,500	43,600	+800	+1.8%	+2,700	+6.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	310,700	306,300	290,300	+4,400	+1.4%	+20,400	+7.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	44,100	44,500	40,000	-400	-0.9%	+4,100	+10.3%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	34,900	35,200	32,400	-300	-0.9%	+2,500	+7.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	266,600	261,800	250,300	+4,800	+1.8%	+16,300	+6.5%
Accommodation	36,100	35,800	34,400	+300	+0.8%	+1,700	+4.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	230,500	226,000	215,900	+4,500	+2.0%	+14,600	+6.8%
Other Services	94,500	93,500	90,600	+1,000	+1.1%	+3,900	+4.3%
Repair and Maintenance	27,100	27,000	25,700	+100	+0.4%	+1,400	+5.4%
Personal and Laundry Services	23,200	23,100	22,300	+100	+0.4%	+900	+4.0%
Government	380,500	389,400	373,500	-8,900	-2.3%	+7,000	+1.9%
Federal Government	38,200	38,000	38,100	+200	+0.5%	+100	+0.3%
State Government	112,000	113,300	109,700	-1,300	-1.1%	+2,300	+2.1%
State Government Educational Services	48,800	50,000	48,200	-1,200	-2.4%	+600	+1.2%
State Government Excluding Education	63,200	63,300	61,500	-100	-0.2%	+1,700	+2.8%
Local Government	230,300	238,100	225,700	-7,800	-3.3%	+4,600	+2.0%
Local Government Educational Services	102,900	111,400	101,300	-8,500	-7.6%	+1,600	+1.6%
Local Government Excluding Educational Services	127,400	126,700	124,400	+700	+0.6%	+3,000	+2.4%

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TOTAL PRIVATE NSA STATEWIDE HOURS AND EARNINGS BY MSA

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (AWE)

AREA	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	\$1,156.30	\$1,187.15	\$1,091.31	-\$30.85	-2.6%	+\$64.99	+6.0%
Columbia	\$1,015.01	\$1,020.00	\$1,009.42	-\$4.99	-0.5%	+\$5.59	+0.6%
Florence	\$774.18	\$783.55	\$723.86	-\$9.37	-1.2%	+\$50.32	+7.0%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	\$1,154.84	\$1,169.46	\$1,130.53	-\$14.62	-1.3%	+\$24.31	+2.2%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	\$904.27	\$878.18	\$758.84	+\$26.09	+3.0%	+\$145.43	+19.2%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	\$829.60	\$824.65	\$840.38	+\$4.95	+0.6%	-\$10.78	-1.3%
Spartanburg	\$1,095.28	\$1,091.65	\$1,009.93	+\$3.63	+0.3%	+\$85.35	+8.5%
Sumter	\$957.39	\$943.80	\$986.93	+\$13.59	+1.4%	-\$29.54	-3.0%

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AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS (AWH)

AREA	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	33.8	34.5	33.0	-0.7	-2.0%	+0.8	+2.4%
Columbia	33.8	34.0	34.7	-0.2	-0.6%	-0.9	-2.6%
Florence	33.0	33.3	32.1	-0.3	-0.9%	+0.9	+2.8%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	34.9	35.6	34.7	-0.7	-2.0%	+0.2	+0.6%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	31.0	30.9	30.5	+0.1	+0.3%	+0.5	+1.6%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	32.7	32.1	32.1	+0.6	+1.9%	+0.6	+1.9%
Spartanburg	35.7	35.0	34.2	+0.7	+2.0%	+1.5	+4.4%
Sumter	32.9	32.5	34.8	+0.4	+1.2%	-1.9	-5.5%

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AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS (AHE)

AREA	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Charleston-North Charleston	\$34.21	\$34.41	\$33.07	-\$0.20	-0.6%	+\$1.14	+3.4%
Columbia	\$30.03	\$30.00	\$29.09	+\$0.03	+0.1%	+\$0.94	+3.2%
Florence	\$23.46	\$23.53	\$22.55	-\$0.07	-0.3%	+\$0.91	+4.0%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin	\$33.09	\$32.85	\$32.58	+\$0.24	+0.7%	+\$0.51	+1.6%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort	\$29.17	\$28.42	\$24.88	+\$0.75	+2.6%	+\$4.29	+17.2%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	\$25.37	\$25.69	\$26.18	-\$0.32	-1.2%	-\$0.81	-3.1%
Spartanburg	\$30.68	\$31.19	\$29.53	-\$0.51	-1.6%	+\$1.15	+3.9%
Sumter	\$29.10	\$29.04	\$28.36	+\$0.06	+0.2%	+\$0.74	+2.6%

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NSA STATEWIDE HOURS AND EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (AWE)

INDUSTRY TITLE	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Total Private	\$1,076.19	\$1,080.63	\$1,022.46	-\$4.44	-0.4%	+\$53.73	+5.3%
Goods Producing	\$1,412.38	\$1,398.81	\$1,355.11	+\$13.57	+1.0%	+\$57.27	+4.2%
Construction	\$1,401.04	\$1,385.97	\$1,376.00	+\$15.07	+1.1%	+\$25.04	+1.8%
Manufacturing	\$1,409.52	\$1,394.68	\$1,343.40	+\$14.84	+1.1%	+\$66.12	+4.9%
Private Service Providing	\$995.30	\$1,004.08	\$942.19	-\$8.78	-0.9%	+\$53.11	+5.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	\$947.24	\$944.12	\$870.18	+\$3.12	+0.3%	+\$77.06	+8.9%
Financial Activities	\$1,275.04	\$1,308.63	\$1,244.33	-\$33.59	-2.6%	+\$30.71	+2.5%
Professional and Business Services	\$1,403.86	\$1,459.20	\$1,255.41	-\$55.34	-3.8%	+\$148.45	+11.8%
Education and Health Services	\$1,004.49	\$1,009.58	\$1,017.92	-\$5.09	-0.5%	-\$13.43	-1.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	\$499.97	\$495.47	\$481.97	+\$4.50	+0.9%	+\$18.00	+3.7%
Other Services	\$921.91	\$949.08	\$965.60	-\$27.17	-2.9%	-\$43.69	-4.5%

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS (AWH)

INDUSTRY TITLE	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Total Private	33.8	34.1	33.7	-0.3	-0.9%	+0.1	+0.3%
Goods Producing	40.4	40.3	39.6	+0.1	+0.2%	+0.8	+2.0%
Construction	41.5	41.2	41.9	+0.3	+0.7%	-0.4	-1.0%
Manufacturing	40.1	40.1	39.5	0.0	0.0%	+0.6	+1.5%
Private Service Providing	32.2	32.6	32.3	-0.4	-1.2%	-0.1	-0.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	34.0	33.9	32.8	+0.1	+0.3%	+1.2	+3.7%
Financial Activities	35.3	36.1	37.1	-0.8	-2.2%	-1.8	-4.9%
Professional and Business Services	37.1	38.4	37.0	-1.3	-3.4%	+0.1	+0.3%
Education and Health Services	31.4	31.5	31.8	-0.1	-0.3%	-0.4	-1.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	25.6	25.5	25.3	+0.1	+0.4%	+0.3	+1.2%
Other Services	32.1	33.0	34.0	-0.9	-2.7%	-1.9	-5.6%

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS (AHE)

INDUSTRY TITLE	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Total Private	\$31.84	\$31.69	\$30.34	+\$0.15	+0.5%	+\$1.50	+4.9%
Goods Producing	\$34.96	\$34.71	\$34.22	+\$0.25	+0.7%	+\$0.74	+2.2%
Construction	\$33.76	\$33.64	\$32.84	+\$0.12	+0.4%	+\$0.92	+2.8%
Manufacturing	\$35.15	\$34.78	\$34.01	+\$0.37	+1.1%	+\$1.14	+3.4%
Private Service Providing	\$30.91	\$30.80	\$29.17	+\$0.11	+0.4%	+\$1.74	+6.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	\$27.86	\$27.85	\$26.53	+\$0.01	0.0%	+\$1.33	+5.0%
Financial Activities	\$36.12	\$36.25	\$33.54	-\$0.13	-0.4%	+\$2.58	+7.7%
Professional and Business Services	\$37.84	\$38.00	\$33.93	-\$0.16	-0.4%	+\$3.91	+11.5%
Education and Health Services	\$31.99	\$32.05	\$32.01	-\$0.06	-0.2%	-\$0.02	-0.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	\$19.53	\$19.43	\$19.05	+\$0.10	+0.5%	+\$0.48	+2.5%
Other Services	\$28.72	\$28.76	\$28.40	-\$0.04	-0.1%	+\$0.32	+1.1%

**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
CHARLESTON-NORTH CHARLESTON MSA
JULY 2025 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	441,200	440,900	423,000	+300	+0.1%	+18,200	+4.3%
Total Private	369,500	368,700	353,500	+800	+0.2%	+16,000	+4.5%
Goods Producing	60,400	60,200	59,500	+200	+0.3%	+900	+1.5%
Service-Providing	380,800	380,700	363,500	+100	0.0%	+17,300	+4.8%
Private Service Providing	309,100	308,500	294,000	+600	+0.2%	+15,100	+5.1%
Mining, Logging and Construction	25,500	25,400	24,100	+100	+0.4%	+1,400	+5.8%
Manufacturing	34,900	34,800	35,400	+100	+0.3%	-500	-1.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	78,400	78,100	76,600	+300	+0.4%	+1,800	+2.3%
Wholesale Trade	13,000	13,000	12,900	0	0.0%	+100	+0.8%
Retail Trade	46,000	46,000	45,300	0	0.0%	+700	+1.5%
General Merchandise Stores	8,500	8,500	8,300	0	0.0%	+200	+2.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	19,400	19,100	18,400	+300	+1.6%	+1,000	+5.4%
Information	8,400	8,400	7,800	0	0.0%	+600	+7.7%
Financial Activities	23,500	23,200	21,100	+300	+1.3%	+2,400	+11.4%
Professional and Business Services	71,000	71,500	66,000	-500	-0.7%	+5,000	+7.6%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	29,600	31,300	26,500	-1,700	-5.4%	+3,100	+11.7%
Education and Health Services	51,000	51,200	49,100	-200	-0.4%	+1,900	+3.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	59,700	59,200	57,000	+500	+0.8%	+2,700	+4.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	51,800	51,300	49,400	+500	+1.0%	+2,400	+4.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	42,700	42,100	40,600	+600	+1.4%	+2,100	+5.2%
Other Services	17,100	16,900	16,400	+200	+1.2%	+700	+4.3%
Government	71,700	72,200	69,500	-500	-0.7%	+2,200	+3.2%
Federal Government	12,300	12,200	12,200	+100	+0.8%	+100	+0.8%
State Government	29,100	29,100	27,000	0	0.0%	+2,100	+7.8%
Local Government	30,300	30,900	30,300	-600	-1.9%	0	0.0%

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**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
COLUMBIA MSA
JULY 2025 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	440,600	438,700	426,700	+1,900	+0.4%	+13,900	+3.3%
Total Private	358,100	354,900	343,500	+3,200	+0.9%	+14,600	+4.3%
Goods Producing	52,300	52,000	51,000	+300	+0.6%	+1,300	+2.5%
Service-Providing	388,300	386,700	375,700	+1,600	+0.4%	+12,600	+3.4%
Private Service Providing	305,800	302,900	292,500	+2,900	+1.0%	+13,300	+4.5%
Mining, Logging and Construction	19,900	19,800	18,300	+100	+0.5%	+1,600	+8.7%
Manufacturing	32,400	32,200	32,700	+200	+0.6%	-300	-0.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	78,500	78,100	77,200	+400	+0.5%	+1,300	+1.7%
Wholesale Trade	16,300	16,200	16,400	+100	+0.6%	-100	-0.6%
Retail Trade	44,900	44,800	44,300	+100	+0.2%	+600	+1.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17,300	17,100	16,500	+200	+1.2%	+800	+4.8%
Information	5,300	5,300	4,700	0	0.0%	+600	+12.8%
Financial Activities	36,700	36,400	35,200	+300	+0.8%	+1,500	+4.3%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Monetary Authorities - Central Bank	6,500	6,500	6,800	0	0.0%	-300	-4.4%
Professional and Business Services	60,000	59,800	57,200	+200	+0.3%	+2,800	+4.9%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	31,500	31,800	28,800	-300	-0.9%	+2,700	+9.4%
Education and Health Services	62,300	61,400	60,000	+900	+1.5%	+2,300	+3.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	44,100	43,200	40,300	+900	+2.1%	+3,800	+9.4%
Food Services and Drinking Places	36,500	35,500	33,400	+1,000	+2.8%	+3,100	+9.3%
Other Services	18,900	18,700	17,900	+200	+1.1%	+1,000	+5.6%
Government	82,500	83,800	83,200	-1,300	-1.6%	-700	-0.8%
Federal Government	12,400	12,300	12,400	+100	+0.8%	0	0.0%
State Government	34,400	34,600	34,300	-200	-0.6%	+100	+0.3%
Local Government	35,700	36,900	36,500	-1,200	-3.3%	-800	-2.2%

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**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
GREENVILLE-ANDERSON-MAULDIN MSA
JULY 2025 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	478,600	480,500	465,300	-1,900	-0.4%	+13,300	+2.9%
Total Private	423,000	422,000	407,700	+1,000	+0.2%	+15,300	+3.8%
Goods Producing	87,100	87,300	84,700	-200	-0.2%	+2,400	+2.8%
Service-Providing	391,500	393,200	380,600	-1,700	-0.4%	+10,900	+2.9%
Private Service Providing	335,900	334,700	323,000	+1,200	+0.4%	+12,900	+4.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	25,400	25,500	23,800	-100	-0.4%	+1,600	+6.7%
Manufacturing	61,700	61,800	60,900	-100	-0.2%	+800	+1.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	87,600	87,400	86,400	+200	+0.2%	+1,200	+1.4%
Wholesale Trade	21,900	21,800	22,100	+100	+0.5%	-200	-0.9%
Retail Trade	50,100	50,200	49,300	-100	-0.2%	+800	+1.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	15,600	15,400	15,000	+200	+1.3%	+600	+4.0%
Information	6,500	6,500	6,100	0	0.0%	+400	+6.6%
Financial Activities	24,600	24,100	23,400	+500	+2.1%	+1,200	+5.1%
Professional and Business Services	77,800	77,900	75,000	-100	-0.1%	+2,800	+3.7%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	32,700	32,500	31,300	+200	+0.6%	+1,400	+4.5%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	7,200	7,200	6,900	0	0.0%	+300	+4.3%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	37,900	38,200	36,800	-300	-0.8%	+1,100	+3.0%
Education and Health Services	66,600	67,100	64,200	-500	-0.7%	+2,400	+3.7%
Educational Services	14,600	15,100	13,900	-500	-3.3%	+700	+5.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	52,000	52,000	50,300	0	0.0%	+1,700	+3.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	54,800	53,900	50,900	+900	+1.7%	+3,900	+7.7%
Other Services	18,000	17,800	17,000	+200	+1.1%	+1,000	+5.9%
Government	55,600	58,500	57,600	-2,900	-5.0%	-2,000	-3.5%
Federal Government	3,100	3,000	3,100	+100	+3.3%	0	0.0%
State Government	10,100	10,100	11,900	0	0.0%	-1,800	-15.1%
Local Government	42,400	45,400	42,600	-3,000	-6.6%	-200	-0.5%

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**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
MYRTLE BEACH-CONWAY-NORTH MYRTLE BEACH MSA
JULY 2025 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	168,400	167,300	158,500	+1,100	+0.7%	+9,900	+6.2%
Total Private	148,300	146,200	138,900	+2,100	+1.4%	+9,400	+6.8%
Goods Producing	13,400	13,400	13,000	0	0.0%	+400	+3.1%
Service-Providing	155,000	153,900	145,500	+1,100	+0.7%	+9,500	+6.5%
Private Service Providing	134,900	132,800	125,900	+2,100	+1.6%	+9,000	+7.1%
Mining, Logging and Construction	9,900	9,900	9,500	0	0.0%	+400	+4.2%
Manufacturing	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	34,400	34,400	34,100	0	0.0%	+300	+0.9%
Wholesale Trade	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	27,700	27,700	27,500	0	0.0%	+200	+0.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	0.0%	+100	+3.0%
Information	2,000	2,100	2,000	-100	-4.8%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	9,000	9,000	9,400	0	0.0%	-400	-4.3%
Professional and Business Services	17,200	17,100	15,900	+100	+0.6%	+1,300	+8.2%
Education and Health Services	18,300	18,200	17,200	+100	+0.5%	+1,100	+6.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	48,000	46,100	41,400	+1,900	+4.1%	+6,600	+15.9%
Accommodation and Food Services	39,600	38,000	35,300	+1,600	+4.2%	+4,300	+12.2%
Food Services and Drinking Places	30,300	29,000	27,500	+1,300	+4.5%	+2,800	+10.2%
Other Services	6,000	5,900	5,900	+100	+1.7%	+100	+1.7%
Government	20,100	21,100	19,600	-1,000	-4.7%	+500	+2.6%
Federal Government	1,100	1,100	1,000	0	0.0%	+100	+10.0%
State Government	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	14,800	15,800	14,400	-1,000	-6.3%	+400	+2.8%

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**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
SPARTANBURG MSA
JULY 2025 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	180,200	180,900	173,700	-700	-0.4%	+6,500	+3.7%
Total Private	150,900	150,100	145,400	+800	+0.5%	+5,500	+3.8%
Goods Producing	49,600	49,400	47,800	+200	+0.4%	+1,800	+3.8%
Service-Providing	130,600	131,500	125,900	-900	-0.7%	+4,700	+3.7%
Private Service Providing	101,300	100,700	97,600	+600	+0.6%	+3,700	+3.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	8,700	8,500	8,300	+200	+2.4%	+400	+4.8%
Manufacturing	40,900	40,900	39,500	0	0.0%	+1,400	+3.5%
Durable Goods	28,700	28,700	27,400	0	0.0%	+1,300	+4.7%
Non-Durable Goods	12,200	12,200	12,100	0	0.0%	+100	+0.8%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	36,900	36,800	36,900	+100	+0.3%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	7,400	7,400	7,600	0	0.0%	-200	-2.6%
Retail Trade	19,000	19,000	19,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	10,500	10,400	10,300	+100	+1.0%	+200	+1.9%
Information	900	900	900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	5,800	5,700	5,700	+100	+1.8%	+100	+1.8%
Professional and Business Services	17,400	17,300	16,900	+100	+0.6%	+500	+3.0%
Education and Health Services	17,800	17,800	16,400	0	0.0%	+1,400	+8.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	15,900	15,700	14,600	+200	+1.3%	+1,300	+8.9%
Other Services	6,600	6,500	6,200	+100	+1.5%	+400	+6.5%
Government	29,300	30,800	28,300	-1,500	-4.9%	+1,000	+3.5%
Federal Government	700	700	700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	4,200	4,300	4,200	-100	-2.3%	0	0.0%
Local Government	24,400	25,800	23,400	-1,400	-5.4%	+1,000	+4.3%

NOTE: Current month's estimates are preliminary. All data are subject to revision.

**NONFARM PAYROLL BY ECONOMIC SECTOR
FLORENCE MSA
JULY 2025 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

INDUSTRY TITLE	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	99,000	99,400	94,700	-400	-0.4%	+4,300	+4.5%
Total Private	80,800	80,400	76,900	+400	+0.5%	+3,900	+5.1%
Goods Producing	16,200	16,100	15,600	+100	+0.6%	+600	+3.8%
Service-Providing	82,800	83,300	79,100	-500	-0.6%	+3,700	+4.7%
Private Service Providing	64,600	64,300	61,300	+300	+0.5%	+3,300	+5.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	20,300	20,500	20,300	-200	-1.0%	0	0.0%
Government	18,200	19,000	17,800	-800	-4.2%	+400	+2.2%
Federal Government	700	700	700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	0.0%	+200	+4.1%
Local Government	12,400	13,200	12,200	-800	-6.1%	+200	+1.6%

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND-BLUFFTON-BEAUFORT MSA
JULY 2025 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

INDUSTRY TITLE	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	91,200	90,900	90,500	+300	+0.3%	+700	+0.8%
Total Private	78,800	78,400	78,200	+400	+0.5%	+600	+0.8%
Goods Producing	7,800	7,800	7,600	0	0.0%	+200	+2.6%
Service-Providing	83,400	83,100	82,900	+300	+0.4%	+500	+0.6%
Private Service Providing	71,000	70,600	70,600	+400	+0.6%	+400	+0.6%
Government	12,400	12,500	12,300	-100	-0.8%	+100	+0.8%

**SUMTER MSA
JULY 2025 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

INDUSTRY TITLE	JULY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2024	JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2025		JULY 2024 TO JULY 2025	
				#CHANGE	%CHANGE	#CHANGE	%CHANGE
Total Nonfarm	39,100	39,300	37,400	-200	-0.5%	+1,700	+4.5%
Total Private	33,200	33,200	31,500	0	0.0%	+1,700	+5.4%
Goods Producing	9,400	9,500	8,700	-100	-1.1%	+700	+8.0%
Service-Providing	29,700	29,800	28,700	-100	-0.3%	+1,000	+3.5%
Private Service Providing	23,800	23,700	22,800	+100	+0.4%	+1,000	+4.4%
Manufacturing	6,400	6,400	6,000	0	0.0%	+400	+6.7%
Government	5,900	6,100	5,900	-200	-3.3%	0	0.0%
Federal Government	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	3,300	3,500	3,300	-200	-5.7%	0	0.0%

LONG-RUN TRENDS

ANNUAL LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS DATA 1976-2024

YEAR	CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION	LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE (PERCENT)	EMPLOYMENT- POPULATION RATIO (PERCENT)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (PERCENT)
1976	2,007,417	64.7%	60.1	1,298,668	1,207,409	91,259	7.0%
1977	2,061,250	64.4%	60.0	1,326,585	1,236,934	89,651	6.8%
1978	2,117,667	64.1%	60.5	1,357,715	1,282,095	75,620	5.6%
1979	2,169,417	63.4%	60.2	1,374,740	1,306,553	68,187	5.0%
1980	2,221,189	62.8%	58.5	1,394,098	1,300,398	93,700	6.7%
1981	2,266,387	63.2%	58.0	1,431,228	1,314,047	117,181	8.2%
1982	2,306,997	64.2%	57.3	1,481,395	1,321,621	159,774	10.8%
1983	2,340,604	63.2%	56.9	1,478,129	1,332,493	145,636	9.9%
1984	2,377,872	62.9%	58.5	1,495,372	1,391,236	104,136	7.0%
1985	2,425,715	63.8%	59.5	1,548,432	1,442,703	105,729	6.8%
1986	2,454,394	64.9%	60.8	1,592,444	1,491,149	101,295	6.4%
1987	2,494,231	65.5%	61.9	1,633,928	1,544,366	89,562	5.5%
1988	2,531,731	65.7%	62.7	1,664,039	1,587,665	76,374	4.6%
1989	2,564,562	66.2%	63.2	1,698,019	1,619,583	78,436	4.6%
1990	2,611,727	66.3%	63.1	1,732,623	1,647,991	84,632	4.9%
1991	2,663,381	66.2%	62.1	1,762,572	1,654,432	108,140	6.1%
1992	2,699,099	66.6%	62.1	1,796,665	1,675,819	120,846	6.7%
1993	2,738,558	66.6%	61.8	1,825,100	1,691,707	133,393	7.3%
1994	2,773,845	66.3%	62.2	1,840,083	1,726,501	113,582	6.2%
1995	2,812,457	66.3%	62.9	1,864,109	1,768,423	95,686	5.1%
1996	2,849,311	66.1%	62.4	1,884,580	1,777,622	106,958	5.7%
1997	2,895,736	66.3%	63.3	1,919,215	1,833,161	86,054	4.5%
1998	2,943,400	65.9%	63.5	1,939,577	1,869,206	70,371	3.6%
1999	2,986,809	65.5%	62.8	1,957,132	1,875,672	81,460	4.2%
2000	3,027,577	65.0%	62.6	1,966,970	1,894,367	72,603	3.7%
2001	3,068,817	63.3%	60.1	1,943,755	1,843,373	100,382	5.2%
2002	3,107,288	62.8%	59.0	1,952,296	1,833,649	118,647	6.1%
2003	3,146,479	63.5%	59.2	1,996,734	1,862,178	134,556	6.7%
2004	3,195,378	64.0%	59.5	2,043,898	1,902,144	141,754	6.9%
2005	3,255,131	63.7%	59.4	2,073,749	1,932,855	140,894	6.8%
2006	3,331,133	64.7%	60.6	2,153,884	2,017,604	136,280	6.3%
2007	3,405,022	63.6%	60.1	2,167,128	2,045,344	121,784	5.6%
2008	3,475,376	62.6%	58.3	2,175,274	2,025,641	149,633	6.9%
2009	3,530,767	61.7%	54.9	2,176,789	1,937,493	239,296	11.0%
2010	3,573,592	60.7%	54.0	2,170,408	1,929,604	240,804	11.1%
2011	3,602,934	60.3%	54.1	2,173,678	1,948,705	224,973	10.3%
2012	3,638,670	59.8%	54.4	2,176,794	1,980,647	196,147	9.0%
2013	3,679,519	59.3%	54.9	2,181,555	2,019,093	162,462	7.4%
2014	3,726,088	59.1%	55.4	2,201,844	2,063,369	138,475	6.3%
2015	3,781,039	59.3%	55.8	2,241,067	2,108,786	132,281	5.9%
2016	3,837,888	58.8%	55.9	2,255,783	2,145,584	110,199	4.9%
2017	3,890,648	58.2%	55.7	2,262,949	2,168,104	94,845	4.2%
2018	3,939,491	58.0%	56.0	2,283,363	2,206,821	76,542	3.4%
2019	3,991,400	58.3%	56.7	2,328,087	2,263,682	64,405	2.8%
2020	4,047,327	57.9%	54.4	2,341,703	2,201,090	140,613	6.0%
2021	4,109,767	57.6%	55.3	2,365,616	2,272,940	92,676	3.9%
2022	4,192,468	57.4%	55.6	2,407,887	2,330,548	77,339	3.2%

LONG-RUN TRENDS CONT.

ANNUAL LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS DATA 1976-2024

YEAR	CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION	LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE (PERCENT)	EMPLOYMENT- POPULATION RATIO (PERCENT)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (PERCENT)
2023	4,284,301	57.8%	56.0	2,475,460	2,401,212	74,248	3.0%
2024	4,375,450	58.0%	55.5	2,535,631	2,430,453	105,178	4.1%

ANNUAL CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS NONFARM PAYROLL 1939-2024

YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT	YEAR	EMPLOYMENT
1939	310,100	1961	587,000	1983	1,189,000	2005	1,864,100
1940	328,600	1962	609,800	1984	1,262,500	2006	1,907,100
1941	387,500	1963	630,600	1985	1,296,200	2007	1,946,500
1942	416,500	1964	651,500	1986	1,338,000	2008	1,927,900
1943	428,500	1965	686,000	1987	1,392,200	2009	1,816,200
1944	408,600	1966	734,900	1988	1,449,000	2010	1,813,200
1945	396,000	1967	754,500	1989	1,499,700	2011	1,834,600
1946	411,600	1968	782,900	1990	1,527,600	2012	1,866,500
1947	436,200	1969	819,800	1991	1,497,300	2013	1,903,300
1948	456,400	1970	842,000	1992	1,512,000	2014	1,953,800
1949	443,100	1971	862,600	1993	1,553,200	2015	2,009,400
1950	461,400	1972	920,300	1994	1,592,300	2016	2,058,100
1951	505,800	1973	984,000	1995	1,636,600	2017	2,099,100
1952	544,300	1974	1,015,800	1996	1,669,800	2018	2,158,000
1953	543,900	1975	982,600	1997	1,719,300	2019	2,192,800
1954	519,700	1976	1,038,100	1998	1,780,400	2020	2,085,500
1955	533,000	1977	1,081,700	1999	1,827,000	2021	2,157,500
1956	542,900	1978	1,137,500	2000	1,854,700	2022	2,247,000
1957	545,000	1979	1,176,000	2001	1,815,700	2023	2,309,300
1958	545,900	1980	1,188,800	2002	1,796,400	2024	2,354,900
1959	566,900	1981	1,196,500	2003	1,800,200		
1960	582,500	1982	1,162,300	2004	1,827,800		

LONG-RUN TRENDS CONT.

ANNUAL CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS NONFARM PAYROLL 2007-2024

YEAR	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
2007	\$675.36	36.0	\$18.76
2008	\$669.28	35.6	\$18.80
2009	\$665.55	34.7	\$19.18
2010	\$692.17	34.8	\$19.89
2011	\$716.18	34.8	\$20.58
2012	\$705.16	35.1	\$20.09
2013	\$716.15	34.9	\$20.52
2014	\$726.23	34.5	\$21.05
2015	\$743.27	34.7	\$21.42
2016	\$762.80	34.5	\$22.11
2017	\$791.99	34.6	\$22.89
2018	\$829.36	34.6	\$23.97
2019	\$852.84	34.5	\$24.72
2020	\$888.31	34.1	\$26.05
2021	\$925.41	34.3	\$26.98
2022	\$972.90	34.5	\$28.20
2023	\$1,014.59	34.3	\$29.58
2024	\$1,037.32	33.8	\$30.69

TECHNICAL NOTES:

- 1. Household Survey:** Nationally, there is a monthly Current Population Survey of about 60,000 households conducted by the Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to determine employment status of the civilian population. This information, along with other inputs, is used by DEW to operate the Local Area Unemployment Statistics program, which estimates the number of individuals employed and those not employed, but actively seeking employment for statewide and a variety of sub-state geographies.
- 2. Employer Survey:** BLS conducts a monthly Current Employment Statistics survey of about 44,000 employers which yields national estimates of nonagricultural wage and salary employment, hours, and earnings by industry. This data is processed by DEW to generate comparable data for the state and its metropolitan statistical areas.
- 3. Seasonally Adjusted:** Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a 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.
- 4. Not Seasonally Adjusted:** Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from this data.

Current Employment Statistics (CES)	Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)
Data is published by Industry	Data is published by County
Counts Jobs	Counts People
Utilizes an Establishment Survey	The Current Population Survey (CPS), which is a Household Survey , is used to calculate LAUS
Reference week is the Pay Period that includes the 12th of the month	Reference week is the Calendar Week that includes the 12th of the month
A job held by a person on unpaid leave during the reference week is not counted since they are not receiving pay	A person on unpaid leave is counted as employed because they will return to their job
Does not count self-employed workers	Does count self-employed workers
Does not include agricultural workers	Includes both agricultural and non-agricultural workers
Does not count unpaid family workers	Counts unpaid family workers if they worked at least 15 unpaid hours for a family business or family farm during the reference week
Workers on strike during the entire reference period are not counted	Workers on strike during the reference week are counted as employed in LAUS

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