



South Carolina's Employment Situation - April 2010

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South Carolina's Unemployment Rate Continues to Decline

South Carolina's unemployment rate declined for the third straight month to 11.6 % in April, the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce reported today. This was down significantly from the March rate of 12.2%. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, South Carolina's labor force (employed + unemployed persons) declined 6,272 in April to 2,167,544. The drop in the labor force was attributed to a sharp decline in the number of unemployed as fewer people lost their jobs in April and fewer people entered the labor force to look for jobs. The drop in the unemployed estimate (-14,648) was partially offset by a modest increase in total employment.

The national jobless rate increased two-tenths of a percent in April to 9.9%.

A separate establishment-based survey showed the number of non-farm jobs increasing by 13,000 in April, with increases in most major industry divisions. Seasonal gains, mostly tourist-related, were recorded in Retail Trade (+1,800), Leisure and Hospitality (+8,800), and Professional and Business Services (+3,400). Government posted a gain of 1,900, and Manufacturing registered a slight gain of 500 jobs. Declines were measured in construction jobs (-2,800) over the month, as well as in Educational and Health Services (-600).

General John Finan, Executive Director of the newly formed Department of Employment and Workforce said, "We are encouraged by this positive news and remain focused on putting South Carolinians back to work."

S. C. Department of Employment and Workforce John L. Finan, Interim Executive Director

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
April -2010

Industry	April 2010	March 2010	April 2009	Net Change From Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Nonag. Employment	1,822,900	1,809,900	1,832,800	13,000	-9,900
Natural Resources and Mining	4,600	4,300	4,100	300	500
Construction	77,800	80,600	89,700	-2,800	-11,900
Manufacturing	207,700	207,200	216,500	500	-8,800
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	346,000	344,700	348,800	1,300	-2,800
Information	27,500	27,800	27,700	-300	-200
Financial Activities	101,100	101,300	101,600	-200	-500
Professional and Business Services	211,400	208,000	199,000	3,400	12,400
Educational and Health Services	209,900	210,500	207,800	-600	2,100
Leisure and Hospitality	207,500	198,700	213,600	8,800	-6,100
Government	359,800	357,900	354,200	1,900	5,600

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES RANKED BY COUNTY

Rank		Unemployment Rate		
		April 2010	March 2010	Change
1	Marlboro	19.5	21.5	-2.0
2	Marion	18.9	20.6	-1.7
3	Allendale	18.7	20.5	-1.8
4	Chester	18.3	19.9	-1.6
5	Union	17.7	19.1	-1.4
6	Barnwell	16.2	18.0	-1.8
	Lancaster	16.2	18.0	-1.8
8	Bamberg	15.8	16.1	-0.3
	York	15.8	16.3	-0.5
10	Chesterfield	15.5	17.4	-1.9
11	Dillon	14.9	16.0	-1.1
12	McCormick	14.8	17.0	-2.2
13	Cherokee	14.1	15.7	-1.6
14	Clarendon	13.8	15.4	-1.6
15	Orangeburg	13.7	15.3	-1.6
16	Williamsburg	13.5	15.4	-1.9
17	Hampton	13.1	14.8	-1.7
18	Lee	13.0	14.2	-1.2
19	Abbeville	12.6	14.6	-2.0
20	Colleton	12.2	13.6	-1.4
	Fairfield	12.2	12.9	-0.7
22	Sumter	11.6	12.9	-1.3
23	Darlington	11.4	13.0	-1.6
24	Georgetown	11.3	13.0	-1.7
25	Greenwood	11.2	12.8	-1.6
26	Oconee	11.1	13.0	-1.9
27	Horry	10.9	13.2	-2.3
28	Spartanburg	10.8	12.2	-1.4
29	Anderson	10.7	12.3	-1.6
30	Florence	10.5	11.8	-1.3
31	Newberry	10.3	11.5	-1.2
32	Laurens	10.2	11.4	-1.2
33	Calhoun	10.1	11.5	-1.4
34	Kershaw	9.5	10.6	-1.1
35	Edgefield	9.4	9.8	-0.4
	Pickens	9.4	10.2	-0.8
37	Berkeley	9.1	10.3	-1.2
38	Greenville	9.0	10.2	-1.2
39	Richland	8.6	9.8	-1.2
40	Dorchester	8.5	9.6	-1.1
41	Jasper	8.3	9.7	-1.4
42	Aiken	8.2	8.7	-0.5
	Charleston	8.2	9.4	-1.2
44	Saluda	8.1	10.1	-2.0
45	Lexington	7.4	8.4	-1.0
46	Beaufort	7.3	8.8	-1.5

LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT BY LABOR MARKET AREA

April-10

AREA:	LABOR FORCE			UNEMPLOYMENT			% OF LABOR FORCE		
	April 2010	March 2010	April 2009	April 2010	March 2010	April 2009	April 2010	March 2010	April 2009
ABBEVILLE	10,956	11,102	11,585	1,379	1,621	1,614	12.6	14.6	13.9
AIKEN	76,735	76,576	78,358	6,300	6,661	7,225	8.2	8.7	9.2
ALLENDALE	3,316	3,343	3,454	621	686	695	18.7	20.5	20.1
ANDERSON MSA	83,717	84,969	86,654	8,980	10,476	9,993	10.7	12.3	11.5
BAMBERG	6,462	6,409	6,492	1,018	1,030	942	15.8	16.1	14.5
BARNWELL	9,207	9,303	9,170	1,490	1,672	1,416	16.2	18.0	15.4
BEAUFORT	65,255	65,461	63,986	4,780	5,745	5,349	7.3	8.8	8.4
BERKELEY	80,895	80,450	81,574	7,366	8,255	7,996	9.1	10.3	9.8
CALHOUN	6,763	6,823	6,854	683	785	738	10.1	11.5	10.8
CHARLESTON	176,251	175,379	175,947	14,368	16,433	13,954	8.2	9.4	7.9
CHEROKEE	25,215	25,403	26,289	3,551	3,997	4,229	14.1	15.7	16.1
CHESTER	15,390	15,513	16,180	2,811	3,087	3,229	18.3	19.9	20.0
CHESTERFIELD	18,958	19,144	19,301	2,934	3,326	3,155	15.5	17.4	16.3
CLARENDON	12,711	12,815	13,110	1,750	1,972	1,995	13.8	15.4	15.2
COLLETON	17,359	17,396	17,336	2,114	2,366	2,193	12.2	13.6	12.6
DARLINGTON	31,326	31,504	31,910	3,579	4,084	3,999	11.4	13.0	12.5
DILLON	14,102	14,137	14,212	2,095	2,260	2,111	14.9	16.0	14.9
DORCHESTER	64,234	63,825	64,903	5,446	6,104	6,075	8.5	9.6	9.4
EDGEFIELD	11,239	11,215	11,431	1,051	1,102	1,142	9.4	9.8	10.0
FAIRFIELD	11,089	11,102	11,300	1,352	1,432	1,504	12.2	12.9	13.3
FLORENCE	63,632	63,815	64,308	6,700	7,552	7,039	10.5	11.8	10.9
GEORGETOWN	31,157	31,149	30,948	3,519	4,055	3,388	11.3	13.0	10.9
GREENVILLE	219,919	221,670	224,269	19,760	22,662	21,278	9.0	10.2	9.5
GREENWOOD	30,972	31,160	32,034	3,460	3,973	3,969	11.2	12.8	12.4
HAMPTON	7,885	7,934	8,098	1,036	1,177	1,188	13.1	14.8	14.7
HORRY/MYR BCH MSA	132,733	129,808	132,364	14,507	17,144	14,570	10.9	13.2	11.0
JASPER	10,322	10,352	10,172	857	1,006	994	8.3	9.7	9.8
KERSHAW	29,904	30,053	30,479	2,843	3,178	3,254	9.5	10.6	10.7
LANCASTER	30,329	30,633	31,189	4,909	5,519	5,488	16.2	18.0	17.6
LAURENS	32,087	32,360	32,860	3,261	3,700	3,626	10.2	11.4	11.0
LEE	8,354	8,396	8,743	1,084	1,195	1,285	13.0	14.2	14.7
LEXINGTON	132,544	133,192	133,701	9,761	11,252	10,173	7.4	8.4	7.6
MARION	13,067	13,117	13,428	2,466	2,705	2,687	18.9	20.6	20.0
MARLBORO	12,119	12,352	12,678	2,369	2,658	2,510	19.5	21.5	19.8
McCORMICK	3,394	3,447	3,521	501	586	551	14.8	17.0	15.6
NEWBERRY	18,092	18,181	18,711	1,858	2,088	2,063	10.3	11.5	11.0
OCONEE	30,991	31,334	31,812	3,438	4,064	4,214	11.1	13.0	13.2
ORANGEBURG	41,069	41,319	42,432	5,639	6,310	5,822	13.7	15.3	13.7
PICKENS	57,053	57,214	58,089	5,354	5,812	5,658	9.4	10.2	9.7
RICHLAND	180,353	181,620	181,333	15,439	17,838	15,418	8.6	9.8	8.5
SALUDA	8,890	9,029	9,042	719	914	822	8.1	10.1	9.1
SPARTANBURG MSA	134,014	134,504	137,415	14,488	16,423	15,931	10.8	12.2	11.6
SUMTER MSA	43,156	43,693	45,762	5,001	5,623	5,636	11.6	12.9	12.3
UNION	11,948	12,018	12,511	2,109	2,298	2,432	17.7	19.1	19.4
WILLIAMSBURG	15,884	15,985	16,137	2,140	2,459	2,238	13.5	15.4	13.9
YORK	114,245	113,443	112,473	18,102	18,531	15,310	15.8	16.3	13.6
Multi County MSAs									
CHAS MSA	321,379	319,653	322,424	27,180	30,791	28,025	8.5	9.6	8.7
COLA MSA	369,543	371,819	372,710	30,798	35,399	31,909	8.3	9.5	8.6
FLORENCE MSA	94,958	95,319	96,218	10,279	11,636	11,038	10.8	12.2	11.5
GRNV MSA	309,060	311,244	315,218	28,375	32,174	30,562	9.2	10.3	9.7
South Carolina*	2,167.5	2,173.8	2,185.7	250.4	265.0	251.2	11.6	12.2	11.5

* Seasonally Adjusted