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### **Employment and Workforce Executive Director Dan Ellzey's Statement June 2020 Employment Situation**

"There are many promising economic indicators in June's Employment Situation, as reported in the seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of South Carolinians. More than 105,000 people rejoined the workforce since last month's release. That means we now have more than 2,222,000 South Carolinians working. While that is not as high as the March level, it does show great improvement," states executive director Dan Ellzey.

"Another economic marker to note is the drastic decrease in the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate to 8.7%. While that is nowhere near the March level of 3.2%, it is dramatically better than the May number of 12.4%. It is also significantly better than the US national average of 11.1%. These positive economic numbers would not have been possible without the reopening of the state. It is encouraging to see that our businesses can re-open and comply with strict safety protocols to protect employees and customers. The continued success of our businesses, to both re-open and remain safe, is imperative for the state's economic recovery," continued Ellzey.

"There is still a long way to go and there's much work to be done. We still have South Carolinians filing initial claims at a rate that is double of what we saw in 2009. We will continue to process these claims as quickly as possible and get benefits into the hands of eligible claimants," concluded Ellzey.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCE: For a better understanding of how the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics utilizes trained Census Bureau employees to capture critical labor force data each month, you can read the full PDF explanation here: [https://www.bls.gov/cps/cps\\_htgm.pdf](https://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.pdf).**

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*The S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce is putting South Carolinians to work. The agency has four missions: (1) workforce development; (2) free job match employment services; (3) unemployment insurance; and (4) labor market information. All four missions contribute to workforce development. The agency is dedicated to advancing South Carolina through services and programs that meet the needs of our businesses, jobseekers and those looking to advance their careers.*



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## **South Carolina's Employment Situation June 2020**

### **Employment Rises Sharply as Economic Activity Ramps Up Unemployment Rate Falls**

#### **I. Household Survey<sup>1</sup>**

**Employment:** The seasonally adjusted, monthly survey of households estimated the number of South Carolinians working increased to 2,222,144.

- That is a significant increase of 105,714 people over May 2020.
- That is also a significant decrease of 80,904 people over June 2019.

**Unemployment:** Unemployment estimates decreased significantly to 210,721 people.

- That is a significant decrease of 88,947 people since May 2020 and a notable increase of 141,558 over June 2019.
- The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased considerably to 8.7 percent in June from May's revised estimate of 12.4 percent.

Nationally, the unemployment rate declined from 13.3 percent in May to 11.1 percent in June.

**Labor force:** The state's estimated labor force (people working plus unemployed people looking for work) increased to 2,432,865.

- That is an increase of 16,767 people over May 2020.
- That is a significant increase of 60,654 individuals over June 2019.

#### **Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted<sup>3</sup>)**

The Current Employment Survey of businesses in South Carolina marked an increase of 72,500 nonfarm payroll jobs over the month to a level of 2,059,400.

- Industries reporting gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+29,600); Professional and Business Services (+13,700); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+11,900); Education and Health Services (+6,400); Other Services (+6,200); Manufacturing (+2,600); Construction (+1,400); Financial Activities (+800); and Government (+200).
- Decreases were noticed in the Information (-200) industry.

From June 2019 to June 2020, South Carolina's economy has lost 126,100 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries that reported gains over the year were Construction (+1,800) and Other Services (+900).
- Decreases were reported in Leisure and Hospitality (-62,500); Professional and Business Services (-16,200); Government (-14,800); Education and Health Services (-13,600); Manufacturing (-11,000); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-7,400); Financial Activities (-1,700); and Information (-1,300).

### **Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted<sup>2</sup>)**

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 74,700 from May 2020 to June 2020 for a total of 2,077,400.

- Industries reporting growth during this period were Leisure and Hospitality (+36,300); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+13,000); Professional and Business Services (+12,500); Other Services (+6,600); Education and Health Services (+3,800); Construction (+2,600); Manufacturing (+2,500); and Financial Activities (+2,000).
- Industries reporting declines were Government (-4,500), and Mining and Logging (-100).
- Information remained flat.

Since June 2019, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were down 125,500 overall in South Carolina.

- Industries showing annual gains were Construction (+2,300) and Other Services (+1,200).
- Industries recording an over the year loss are Leisure and Hospitality (-60,900); Education and Health Services (-15,200); Professional and Business Services (-14,900); Government (-14,300); Manufacturing (-12,000); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-8,200); Financial Activities (-1,700); Information (-1,500); and Mining and Logging (-300).

<sup>1</sup>**Household Survey (Current Population Survey):** is a monthly survey of about 60,000 households conducted by the Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This survey provides monthly statistics on employment, unemployment, and related subjects analyzed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

<sup>2</sup>**Current Employment Statistics Survey:** is a monthly survey of about 40,000 employers which yields estimates of nonagricultural wage and salary employment, hours, and earnings by industry.

<sup>3</sup>**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.

<sup>4</sup>**Not Seasonally Adjusted:** Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from these data.

# **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**Statewide**

**June**

Area	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	May 2020 to June 2020		June 2019 to June 2020	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>2,059,400</b>	<b>1,986,900</b>	<b>2,185,500</b>	<b>72,500</b>	<b>3.65%</b>	<b>-126,100</b>	<b>-5.77%</b>
Construction	108,300	106,900	106,500	1,400	1.31%	1,800	1.69%
Manufacturing	247,400	244,800	258,400	2,600	1.06%	-11,000	-4.26%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	400,100	388,200	407,500	11,900	3.07%	-7,400	-1.82%
Information	26,300	26,500	27,600	-200	-0.75%	-1,300	-4.71%
Financial Activities	102,900	102,100	104,600	800	0.78%	-1,700	-1.63%
Professional and Business Services	281,900	268,200	298,100	13,700	5.11%	-16,200	-5.43%
Education and Health Services	244,700	238,300	258,300	6,400	2.69%	-13,600	-5.27%
Leisure and Hospitality	206,300	176,700	268,800	29,600	16.75%	-62,500	-23.25%
Other Services	80,100	73,900	79,200	6,200	8.39%	900	1.14%
Government	357,200	357,000	372,000	200	0.06%	-14,800	-3.98%

# **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**Statewide**

**June**

Area	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	May 2020 to June 2020		June 2019 to June 2020	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>2,077,400</b>	<b>2,002,700</b>	<b>2,202,900</b>	<b>74,700</b>	<b>3.73%</b>	<b>-125,500</b>	<b>-5.70%</b>
Mining and Logging	4,200	4,300	4,500	-100	-2.33%	-300	-6.67%
Construction	110,100	107,500	107,800	2,600	2.42%	2,300	2.13%
Manufacturing	247,400	244,900	259,400	2,500	1.02%	-12,000	-4.63%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	401,100	388,100	409,300	13,000	3.35%	-8,200	-2.00%
Information	26,400	26,400	27,900	0	0.00%	-1,500	-5.38%
Financial Activities	104,000	102,000	105,700	2,000	1.96%	-1,700	-1.61%
Professional and Business Services	283,500	271,000	298,400	12,500	4.61%	-14,900	-4.99%
Education and Health Services	242,000	238,200	257,200	3,800	1.60%	-15,200	-5.91%
Leisure and Hospitality	221,900	185,600	282,800	36,300	19.56%	-60,900	-21.53%
Other Services	81,100	74,500	79,900	6,600	8.86%	1,200	1.50%
Government	355,700	360,200	370,000	-4,500	-1.25%	-14,300	-3.86%

# **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

## **South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted**

**June**

Area	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	May 2020 to June 2020		June 2019 to June 2020	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,059,400</b>	<b>1,986,900</b>	<b>2,185,500</b>	<b>72,500</b>	<b>3.65%</b>	<b>-126,100</b>	<b>-5.77%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	344,900	332,900	375,400	12,000	3.60%	-30,500	-8.12%
Columbia MSA	378,500	376,300	403,700	2,200	0.58%	-25,200	-6.24%
Florence MSA	89,800	87,000	92,800	2,800	3.22%	-3,000	-3.23%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	407,800	394,700	432,000	13,100	3.32%	-24,200	-5.60%
Hilton Head-Bluffton-Beaufort MSA	79,800	75,400	83,800	4,400	5.84%	-4,000	-4.77%
Myrtle Beach MSA	155,100	144,400	174,000	10,700	7.41%	-18,900	-10.86%
Spartanburg MSA	152,400	147,900	163,500	4,500	3.04%	-11,100	-6.79%
Sumter MSA	38,200	37,600	39,800	600	1.60%	-1,600	-4.02%

**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 EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

## **South Carolina & Metropolitan Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**June**

Area	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	May 2020 to June 2020		June 2019 to June 2020	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,077,400</b>	<b>2,002,700</b>	<b>2,202,900</b>	<b>74,700</b>	<b>3.73%</b>	<b>-125,500</b>	<b>-5.70%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	348,400	334,800	378,700	13,600	4.06%	-30,300	-8.00%
Columbia MSA	379,000	378,300	402,800	700	0.19%	-23,800	-5.91%
Florence MSA	90,000	87,700	93,100	2,300	2.62%	-3,100	-3.33%
Greenville MSA	409,200	396,800	433,600	12,400	3.13%	-24,400	-5.63%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	82,400	76,800	86,100	5,600	7.29%	-3,700	-4.30%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	165,300	150,200	184,400	15,100	10.05%	-19,100	-10.36%
Spartanburg MSA	152,400	148,400	163,300	4,000	2.70%	-10,900	-6.67%
Sumter MSA	38,300	37,800	39,900	500	1.32%	-1,600	-4.01%

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

AREA		June 2020				May 2020				June 2019			
		LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLOYMENT	
		FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE (%)	FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE (%)	FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE (%)
Marlboro County	↓	9,911	8,523	1,388	14.0	9,803	8,119	1,684	17.2	9,197	8,750	447	4.9
Chester County	↓	14,138	12,281	1,857	13.1	13,889	11,672	2,217	16.0	13,560	12,934	626	4.6
Union County	↓	12,540	10,894	1,646	13.1	12,387	10,358	2,029	16.4	11,735	11,289	446	3.8
Orangeburg County	↓	37,214	32,722	4,492	12.1	36,659	31,414	5,245	14.3	35,014	33,310	1,704	4.9
Bamberg County	↓	5,162	4,543	619	12.0	5,087	4,418	669	13.2	4,972	4,653	319	6.4
Allendale County	↓	2,700	2,383	317	11.7	2,700	2,355	345	12.8	2,686	2,535	151	5.6
Horry County	↓	157,430	139,549	17,881	11.4	152,161	124,524	27,637	18.2	155,817	150,374	5,443	3.5
Cherokee County	↓	27,039	24,058	2,981	11.0	26,810	22,729	4,081	15.2	25,453	24,566	887	3.5
Williamsburg County	↓	12,654	11,279	1,375	10.9	12,406	10,828	1,578	12.7	12,264	11,674	590	4.8
Fairfield County	↓	9,959	8,891	1,068	10.7	10,069	8,738	1,331	13.2	9,629	9,180	449	4.7
Lancaster County	↓	42,601	38,102	4,499	10.6	41,686	36,124	5,562	13.3	41,636	40,139	1,497	3.6
Marion County	↓	13,633	12,188	1,445	10.6	13,096	11,541	1,555	11.9	13,208	12,619	589	4.5
Lee County	↓	6,912	6,208	704	10.2	6,902	6,046	856	12.4	6,607	6,319	288	4.4
Georgetown County	↓	27,324	24,570	2,754	10.1	26,825	23,221	3,604	13.4	26,658	25,673	985	3.7
Spartanburg County	↓	160,476	144,572	15,904	9.9	160,435	137,404	23,031	14.4	154,298	149,693	4,605	3.0
Laurens County	↓	31,733	28,648	3,085	9.7	31,781	27,258	4,523	14.2	30,490	29,497	993	3.3
York County	↓	144,273	130,424	13,849	9.6	140,737	123,159	17,578	12.5	141,589	137,287	4,302	3.0
Abbeville County	↓	10,440	9,448	992	9.5	10,345	8,911	1,434	13.9	10,100	9,727	373	3.7
Charleston County	↓	219,754	198,915	20,839	9.5	214,688	186,788	27,900	13.0	214,938	209,468	5,470	2.5
McCormick County	↓	3,479	3,154	325	9.3	3,389	2,999	390	11.5	3,427	3,321	106	3.1
Barnwell County	↓	8,239	7,491	748	9.1	8,080	7,198	882	10.9	8,319	7,937	382	4.6
Darlington County	↓	32,444	29,480	2,964	9.1	31,763	28,410	3,353	10.6	30,849	29,652	1,197	3.9
Clarendon County	↓	13,147	11,958	1,189	9.0	13,082	11,610	1,472	11.3	12,874	12,322	552	4.3
Greenwood County	↓	32,436	29,527	2,909	9.0	31,542	27,992	3,550	11.3	31,488	30,385	1,103	3.5
Calhoun County	↓	6,731	6,146	585	8.7	6,756	6,067	689	10.2	6,623	6,362	261	3.9
Dorchester County	↓	80,361	73,367	6,994	8.7	77,815	68,861	8,954	11.5	79,315	77,133	2,182	2.8
Anderson County	↓	95,081	86,941	8,140	8.6	93,939	82,416	11,523	12.3	92,161	89,343	2,818	3.1
Chesterfield County	↓	22,813	20,846	1,967	8.6	22,280	19,989	2,291	10.3	22,266	21,562	704	3.2
Richland County	↓	205,581	187,839	17,742	8.6	203,326	182,769	20,557	10.1	199,511	193,156	6,355	3.2
Sumter County	↓	45,883	41,978	3,905	8.5	45,545	40,519	5,026	11.0	44,112	42,449	1,663	3.8
Greenville County	↓	265,940	243,716	22,224	8.4	262,634	230,762	31,872	12.1	257,323	250,340	6,983	2.7
Berkeley County	↓	106,504	97,661	8,843	8.3	102,870	91,578	11,292	11.0	105,576	102,625	2,951	2.8
Colleton County	↓	17,353	15,924	1,429	8.2	16,751	15,143	1,608	9.6	17,030	16,432	598	3.5
Dillon County	↓	13,523	12,457	1,066	7.9	13,341	12,095	1,246	9.3	13,136	12,590	546	4.2
Pickens County	↓	59,299	54,717	4,582	7.7	58,140	51,798	6,342	10.9	58,131	56,250	1,881	3.2
Florence County	↓	70,743	65,356	5,387	7.6	68,652	62,422	6,230	9.1	67,867	65,673	2,194	3.2
Kershaw County	↓	29,726	27,502	2,224	7.5	29,878	27,006	2,872	9.6	29,367	28,391	976	3.3
Oconee County	↓	36,246	33,515	2,731	7.5	35,918	31,927	3,991	11.1	35,304	34,181	1,123	3.2
Beaufort County	↓	82,372	76,246	6,126	7.4	78,794	69,950	8,844	11.2	79,798	77,422	2,376	3.0
Jasper County	↓	13,349	12,373	976	7.3	12,640	11,422	1,218	9.6	13,054	12,672	382	2.9
Hampton County	↓	8,643	8,024	619	7.2	8,360	7,726	634	7.6	8,496	8,219	277	3.3
Edgefield County	↓	10,887	10,115	772	7.1	11,064	9,936	1,128	10.2	10,798	10,459	339	3.1
Aiken County	↓	76,324	70,996	5,328	7.0	76,489	68,826	7,663	10.0	75,459	72,971	2,488	3.3
Newberry County	↓	19,178	17,899	1,279	6.7	19,185	17,551	1,634	8.5	19,296	18,740	556	2.9
Lexington County	↓	151,999	142,123	9,876	6.5	151,165	138,974	12,191	8.1	150,546	146,559	3,987	2.6
Saluda County	↓	8,820	8,272	548	6.2	9,105	8,449	656	7.2	8,922	8,655	267	3.0
Charleston -	↓	406,619	369,943	36,676	9.0	395,373	347,227	48,146	12.2	399,829	389,226	10,603	2.7
North Charleston MSA	↓	412,816	380,773	32,043	7.8	410,299	372,003	38,296	9.3	404,598	392,303	12,295	3.0
Columbia MSA	↓	103,187	94,836	8,351	8.1	100,415	90,832	9,583	9.5	98,716	95,325	3,391	3.4
Florence MSA	↓	452,053	414,022	38,031	8.4	446,494	392,234	54,260	12.2	438,105	425,430	12,675	2.9
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↓												
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,432,865	2,222,144	210,721	8.7	2,416,098	2,116,430	299,668	12.4	2,372,211	2,303,048	69,163	2.9

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

↑ Unemployment Rate Up  
↓ Unemployment Rate Down  
- Unemployment Rate =