

South Carolina Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- The U.S. economy added 339,000 jobs in May, and the United States has seen 28 consecutive months of job growth under President Biden.
- Since President Biden came into office, the United States has added 13.1 million jobs, and at 3.7%, the unemployment remains near historic lows.
- In May, the unemployment rate was 5.6% for Black workers, 4.0% for Hispanic workers, 3.3% for white workers, 2.9% for Asian workers, and 5.1% (not seasonally adjusted) for American Indian and Alaska Native workers.

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 177,500 jobs have been created in South Carolina.
- In the month of May, 8,600 jobs were created in South Carolina.

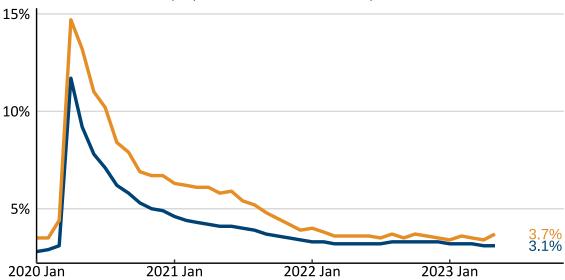
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in May	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
Total Nonfarm	8,600	135%	177,500
Leisure and Hospitality	2,900	106%	41,500
Education and Health Services	2,300	152%	26,500
Professional and Business Services	1,400	172%	24,000
Retail Trade	600	135%	10,000
Construction	400	171%	6,400
Manufacturing	-800	118%	13,900
Government	-1,300	78%	6,900

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: Positive change reflects net job creation. "Recovered" refers to the share of jobs recovered since the pandemic low point as a share of jobs lost during the pandemic. Jobs lost during the pandemic are measured as the difference between the number of jobs in the industry in February 2020 and the number at the "low point" of the pandemic—the month with the fewest people employed in a given industry. The month of the low point varies by industry.

South Carolina Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



Seasonally Adjusted

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



South Carolina Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands



Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Seasonally Adjusted

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

