

South Carolina Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 4,817,000 jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 602,000 created each month.
- In the month of September, the latest for which national data are available, 194,000 jobs were created, and the unemployment rate dropped to 4.8%, outperforming expectations and reaching a new pandemic-era low.
- The unemployment rate went down for adult men (4.7%), adult women (4.2%), white workers (4.2%) and Black workers (7.9%). The unemployment rate among Asian workers (4.2%) and Hispanic workers (6.3%) remained stable.

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 42,500 jobs have been created in South Carolina.
- In the month of September, the latest for which state-level data are available, 4,700 jobs were created in South Carolina.

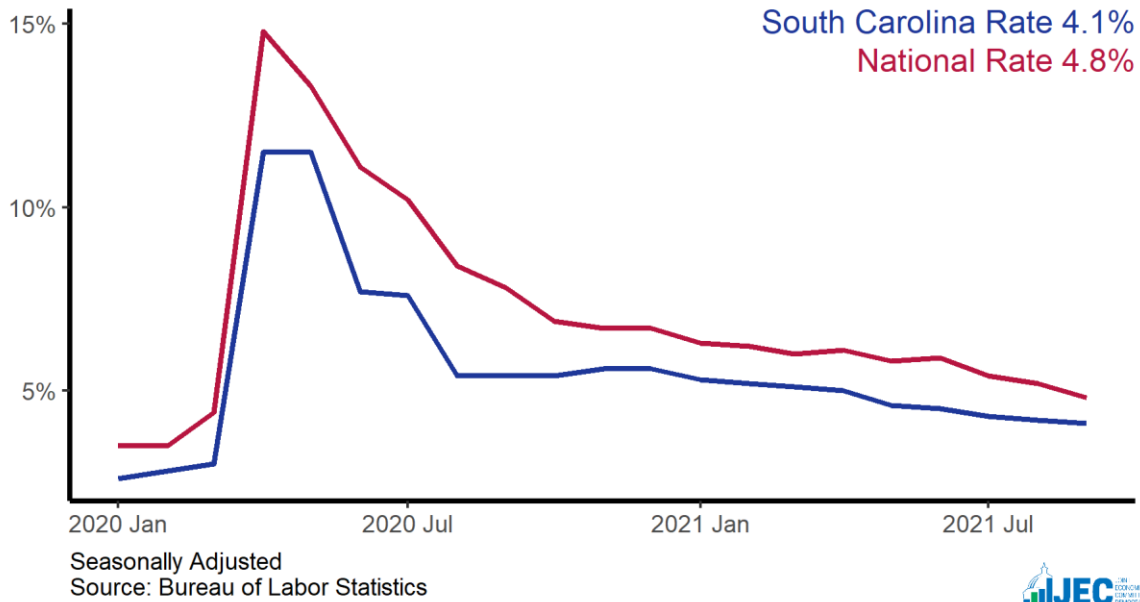
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in September	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January
Total Nonfarm, South Carolina	4,700	84%	42,500
Leisure and Hospitality, South Carolina	3,400	81%	11,600
Education and Health Services, South Carolina	2,100	84%	4,900
Retail Trade, South Carolina	1,100	119%	4,500
Construction, South Carolina	-300	162%	6,800
Government, South Carolina	-700	74%	9,400
Professional and Business Services, South Carolina	-1,500	73%	-3,700
Manufacturing, South Carolina	-1,600	71%	1,700

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



South Carolina Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands

