

South Carolina Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, more than 6 million jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 565,000 created each month.
- In the month of December, the latest for which national data are available, 199,000 jobs were created, and the unemployment rate dropped to 3.9%, outperforming expectations and reaching a new pandemic-era low.
- The unemployment rate went down for adult men (3.6%), adult women (3.6%), white workers (3.2%), Hispanic workers (4.9%) and Asian workers (3.8%), and rose for Black workers (7.1%).

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 57,200 jobs have been created in South Carolina.
- In the month of December, the latest for which state-level data are available, 2,600 jobs were created in South Carolina.

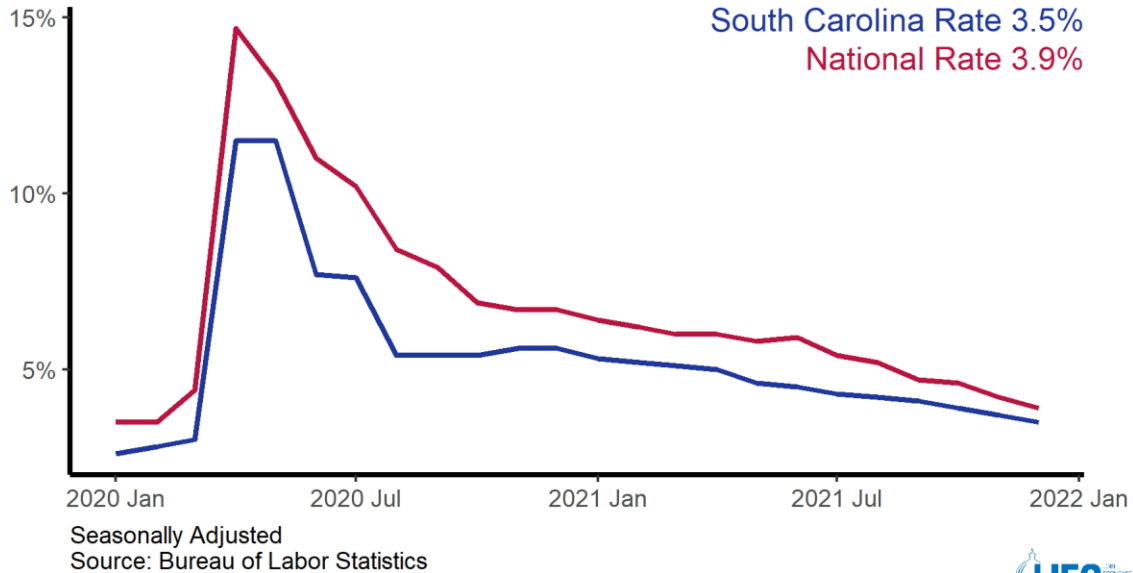
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in December	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
Total Nonfarm, South Carolina	2,600	89%	57,200
Manufacturing, South Carolina	1,500	88%	7,200
Education and Health Services, South Carolina	1,100	86%	5,600
Retail Trade, South Carolina	1,000	125%	6,100
Leisure and Hospitality, South Carolina	400	82%	12,400
Government, South Carolina	-100	64%	7,100
Construction, South Carolina	-700	123%	4,700
Professional and Business Services, South Carolina	-2,100	85%	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



South Carolina Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands

