

Southeast Economic Region Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data 1990 to 2020

Note: A change in the way labor force statistics are calculated for sub-state areas makes data prior to 2010 not comparable with later data.

2020

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	35,191	33,813	34,531	34,251	35,107	36,925	37,439	35,271	33,826				
Employment	32,750	31,612	32,384	29,499	30,491	32,055	33,159	32,980	31,557				
Unemployment	2,441	2,201	2,147	4,752	4,616	4,870	4,280	2,291	2,269				
Unemployment Rate	6.9%	6.5%	6.2%	13.9%	13.1%	13.2%	11.4%	6.5%	6.7%				

2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	34,253	34,425	34,787	35,432	38,329	39,536	40,529	39,893	38,784	36,018	34,925	34,691	36,799
Employment	31,616	31,668	32,207	33,236	36,318	37,454	38,643	38,117	36,983	34,027	32,703	32,501	34,621
Unemployment	2,637	2,757	2,580	2,196	2,011	2,082	1,886	1,776	1,801	1,991	2,222	2,190	2,178
Unemployment Rate	7.7%	8.0%	7.4%	6.2%	5.2%	5.3%	4.7%	4.5%	4.6%	5.5%	6.4%	6.3%	5.9%

2018

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	34,739	34,743	34,986	35,799	38,322	39,718	40,756	40,420	38,570	35,942	34,884	34,487	36,950
Employment	32,085	32,092	32,453	33,557	36,292	37,645	38,929	38,679	36,740	33,954	32,656	32,224	34,777
Unemployment	2,654	2,651	2,533	2,242	2,030	2,073	1,827	1,741	1,830	1,988	2,228	2,263	2,173
Unemployment Rate	7.6%	7.6%	7.2%	6.3%	5.3%	5.2%	4.5%	4.3%	4.7%	5.5%	6.4%	6.6%	5.9%

2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	35,000	35,012	35,354	36,101	38,794	39,576	40,902	40,968	39,028	36,173	35,256	35,064	37,267
Employment	32,201	32,236	32,742	33,838	36,695	37,391	38,907	39,072	37,067	34,070	32,932	32,694	34,987
Unemployment	2,799	2,776	2,612	2,263	2,099	2,185	1,995	1,896	1,961	2,103	2,324	2,370	2,280
Unemployment Rate	8.0%	7.9%	7.4%	6.3%	5.4%	5.5%	4.9%	4.6%	5.0%	5.8%	6.6%	6.8%	6.1%

2016

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	34,903	35,038	35,465	36,259	38,700	39,642	40,793	40,916	38,563	36,827	35,168	35,160	37,287
Employment	32,002	32,040	32,691	33,917	36,483	37,440	38,828	39,076	36,601	34,677	32,834	32,720	34,943
Unemployment	2,901	2,998	2,774	2,342	2,217	2,202	1,965	1,840	1,962	2,150	2,334	2,440	2,344
Unemployment Rate	8.3%	8.6%	7.8%	6.5%	5.7%	5.6%	4.8%	4.5%	5.1%	5.8%	6.6%	6.9%	6.3%

2015

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	35,109	35,338	35,462	35,903	38,350	39,374	41,631	41,024	38,833	35,532	35,198	35,053	37,235
Employment	32,116	32,270	32,632	33,441	36,065	37,028	39,514	39,046	36,847	33,265	32,664	32,470	34,780
Unemployment	2,993	3,068	2,830	2,462	2,285	2,346	2,117	1,978	1,986	2,267	2,534	2,583	2,455
Unemployment Rate	8.5%	8.7%	8.0%	6.9%	6.0%	6.0%	5.1%	4.8%	5.1%	6.4%	7.2%	7.4%	6.6%

2014

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	35,850	36,011	36,066	36,697	39,030	40,257	42,584	42,027	39,593	36,685	35,902	35,991	38,060
Employment	32,505	32,574	32,869	33,893	36,490	37,644	40,221	39,812	37,336	34,264	33,266	33,277	35,347
Unemployment	3,345	3,437	3,197	2,804	2,540	2,613	2,363	2,215	2,257	2,421	2,636	2,714	2,713
Unemployment Rate	9.3%	9.5%	8.9%	7.6%	6.5%	6.5%	5.5%	5.3%	5.7%	6.6%	7.3%	7.5%	7.1%

2013

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	36,215	36,234	36,386	36,873	39,155	40,318	42,367	42,241	40,051	36,831	36,228	36,160	38,256
Employment	32,938	32,920	33,372	34,199	36,679	37,722	40,053	40,081	37,838	34,362	33,440	33,288	35,574
Unemployment	3,277	3,314	3,014	2,674	2,476	2,596	2,314	2,160	2,213	2,469	2,788	2,872	2,682
Unemployment Rate	9.0%	9.1%	8.3%	7.3%	6.3%	6.4%	5.5%	5.1%	5.5%	6.7%	7.7%	7.9%	7.0%

2012

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	36,466	36,252	36,680	37,410	39,370	40,585	42,658	41,880	39,878	37,172	36,784	36,638	38,482
Employment	33,089	32,843	33,498	34,614	36,755	37,910	40,238	39,641	37,602	34,734	34,114	33,814	35,738
Unemployment	3,377	3,409	3,182	2,796	2,615	2,675	2,420	2,239	2,276	2,438	2,670	2,824	2,744
Unemployment Rate	9.3%	9.4%	8.7%	7.5%	6.6%	6.6%	5.7%	5.3%	5.7%	6.6%	7.3%	7.7%	7.1%

2011

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	36,592	36,512	37,010	37,418	39,671	39,804	41,699	41,820	39,960	37,590	36,950	36,724	38,481
Employment	33,097	33,012	33,708	34,525	36,977	37,025	39,225	39,453	37,580	34,925	34,046	33,606	35,600
Unemployment	3,495	3,500	3,302	2,893	2,694	2,779	2,474	2,367	2,380	2,665	2,904	3,118	2,881
Unemployment Rate	9.6%	9.6%	8.9%	7.7%	6.8%	7.0%	5.9%	5.7%	6.0%	7.1%	7.9%	8.5%	7.5%

2010

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	36,450	36,544	36,835	37,544	39,313	39,553	41,582	41,238	39,199	37,062	36,654	36,787	38,230
Employment	32,832	32,947	33,472	34,634	36,622	36,851	39,130	38,924	36,909	34,483	33,822	33,734	35,364
Unemployment	3,618	3,597	3,363	2,910	2,691	2,702	2,452	2,314	2,290	2,579	2,832	3,053	2,866
Unemployment Rate	9.9%	9.8%	9.1%	7.8%	6.8%	6.8%	5.9%	5.6%	5.8%	7.0%	7.7%	8.3%	7.5%

2009

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	31,064	31,249	31,489	32,343	33,879	34,711	36,613	36,117	34,256	32,356	31,627	31,497	33,100
Employment	28,742	28,795	29,058	30,185	31,833	32,595	34,717	34,298	32,373	30,279	29,465	29,293	30,970
Unemployment	2,322	2,454	2,431	2,158	2,046	2,116	1,896	1,819	1,883	2,077	2,162	2,204	2,130
Unemployment Rate	7.5%	7.9%	7.7%	6.7%	6.0%	6.1%	5.2%	5.0%	5.5%	6.4%	6.8%	7.0%	6.4%

2008

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	31,560	31,789	32,186	32,737	34,314	35,316	37,169	36,224	34,387	32,093	31,368	31,429	33,380
Employment	29,525	29,667	30,213	30,907	32,593	33,525	35,579	34,695	32,855	30,356	29,487	29,487	31,574
Unemployment	2,035	2,122	1,973	1,830	1,721	1,791	1,590	1,529	1,532	1,737	1,881	1,942	1,806
Unemployment Rate	6.4%	6.7%	6.1%	5.6%	5.0%	5.1%	4.3%	4.2%	4.5%	5.4%	6.0%	6.2%	5.4%

2007

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	31,405	31,353	31,621	32,243	33,975	34,306	36,152	35,801	34,578	32,167	31,764	31,465	33,070
Employment	29,405	29,390	29,773	30,585	32,454	32,685	34,703	34,413	33,105	30,578	30,068	29,719	31,407
Unemployment	2,000	1,963	1,848	1,658	1,521	1,621	1,449	1,388	1,473	1,589	1,696	1,746	1,663
Unemployment Rate	6.4%	6.3%	5.8%	5.1%	4.5%	4.7%	4.0%	3.9%	4.3%	4.9%	5.3%	5.5%	5.0%

2006

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	31,334	31,485	31,529	32,322	33,800	34,388	36,465	35,824	34,407	32,271	31,760	31,528	33,092
Employment	29,067	29,209	29,434	30,468	32,107	32,638	34,911	34,352	32,914	30,643	30,056	29,754	31,296
Unemployment	2,267	2,276	2,095	1,854	1,693	1,750	1,554	1,472	1,493	1,628	1,704	1,774	1,796
Unemployment Rate	7.2%	7.2%	6.6%	5.7%	5.0%	5.1%	4.3%	4.1%	4.3%	5.0%	5.4%	5.6%	5.4%

2005

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	30,689	30,876	31,334	31,985	33,660	34,535	36,134	35,882	34,029	32,023	31,485	31,596	32,852
Employment	28,266	28,422	29,093	30,061	31,851	32,655	34,442	34,299	32,436	30,195	29,577	29,591	30,907
Unemployment	2,423	2,454	2,241	1,924	1,809	1,880	1,692	1,583	1,593	1,828	1,908	2,005	1,945
Unemployment Rate	7.9%	7.9%	7.2%	6.0%	5.4%	5.4%	4.7%	4.4%	4.7%	5.7%	6.1%	6.3%	5.9%

2004

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	30,516	30,473	30,686	31,098	32,510	33,447	35,296	34,879	33,229	31,316	30,925	30,857	32,102
Employment	27,915	27,831	28,271	29,022	30,565	31,369	33,497	33,172	31,480	29,341	28,825	28,710	30,000
Unemployment	2,601	2,642	2,415	2,076	1,945	2,078	1,799	1,707	1,749	1,975	2,100	2,147	2,102
Unemployment Rate	8.5%	8.7%	7.9%	6.7%	6.0%	6.2%	5.1%	4.9%	5.3%	6.3%	6.8%	7.0%	6.5%

2003

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	30,615	30,670	30,734	31,380	32,624	33,604	35,806	34,855	33,004	31,280	30,878	30,616	32,173
Employment	28,116	28,123	28,303	29,118	30,555	31,415	33,847	33,046	31,205	29,265	28,683	28,351	30,002
Unemployment	2,499	2,547	2,431	2,262	2,069	2,189	1,959	1,809	1,799	2,015	2,195	2,265	2,171
Unemployment Rate	8.2%	8.3%	7.9%	7.2%	6.3%	6.5%	5.5%	5.2%	5.5%	6.4%	7.1%	7.4%	6.7%

2002

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	30,495	30,497	30,587	31,149	32,417	33,126	35,059	34,496	32,875	31,290	30,828	30,413	31,935
Employment	28,140	28,007	28,150	28,967	30,420	31,028	33,181	32,742	31,120	29,368	28,781	28,289	29,849
Unemployment	2,355	2,490	2,437	2,182	1,997	2,098	1,878	1,754	1,755	1,922	2,047	2,124	2,086
Unemployment Rate	7.7%	8.2%	8.0%	7.0%	6.2%	6.3%	5.4%	5.1%	5.3%	6.1%	6.6%	7.0%	6.5%

2001

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	30,693	30,759	31,112	31,226	32,558	33,432	35,210	34,594	33,066	31,562	30,988	30,869	32,173
Employment	28,617	28,691	29,150	29,458	30,898	31,702	33,686	33,185	31,600	29,841	29,112	28,821	30,397
Unemployment	2,076	2,068	1,962	1,768	1,660	1,730	1,524	1,409	1,466	1,721	1,876	2,048	1,776
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	6.7%	6.3%	5.7%	5.1%	5.2%	4.3%	4.1%	4.4%	5.5%	6.1%	6.6%	5.5%

2000

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	31,210	31,458	31,556	31,652	33,095	34,212	35,677	34,915	33,106	31,512	31,135	30,924	32,537
Employment	29,101	29,268	29,548	29,868	31,444	32,489	34,222	33,536	31,718	29,961	29,458	29,198	30,817
Unemployment	2,109	2,190	2,008	1,784	1,651	1,723	1,455	1,379	1,388	1,551	1,677	1,726	1,720
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	7.0%	6.4%	5.6%	5.0%	5.0%	4.1%	3.9%	4.2%	4.9%	5.4%	5.6%	5.3%

1999

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	28,505	28,856	29,024	29,625	31,099	31,971	33,508	33,013	32,353	30,411	29,747	29,315	30,619
Employment	26,239	26,468	26,751	27,721	29,423	30,184	31,930	31,589	30,878	28,803	28,120	27,648	28,813
Unemployment	2,266	2,388	2,273	1,904	1,676	1,787	1,578	1,424	1,475	1,608	1,627	1,667	1,806
Unemployment Rate	7.9%	8.3%	7.8%	6.4%	5.4%	5.6%	4.7%	4.3%	4.6%	5.3%	5.5%	5.7%	5.9%

1998

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	28,708	28,892	29,409	29,567	30,726	31,430	32,723	32,905	31,549	30,114	29,730	29,160	30,410
Employment	26,312	26,404	27,098	27,660	28,970	29,433	31,037	31,297	29,916	28,263	27,849	27,190	28,453
Unemployment	2,396	2,488	2,311	1,907	1,756	1,997	1,686	1,608	1,633	1,851	1,881	1,970	1,957
Unemployment Rate	8.3%	8.6%	7.9%	6.4%	5.7%	6.4%	5.2%	4.9%	5.2%	6.1%	6.3%	6.8%	6.4%

1997

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	29,446	29,584	30,078	30,214	31,401	32,145	33,351	33,500	32,371	30,447	29,837	29,561	30,995
Employment	26,798	26,909	27,590	28,147	29,540	30,192	31,498	31,829	30,664	28,551	27,950	27,452	28,927
Unemployment	2,648	2,675	2,488	2,067	1,861	1,953	1,853	1,671	1,707	1,896	1,887	2,109	2,068
Unemployment Rate	9.0%	9.0%	8.3%	6.8%	5.9%	6.1%	5.6%	5.0%	5.3%	6.2%	6.3%	7.1%	6.7%

1996

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	29,318	29,404	29,700	30,427	31,389	31,821	33,728	33,543	32,368	30,813	30,076	29,834	31,035
Employment	26,652	26,694	27,127	28,404	29,578	29,943	31,825	31,832	30,626	28,708	27,833	27,543	28,897
Unemployment	2,666	2,710	2,573	2,023	1,811	1,878	1,903	1,711	1,742	2,105	2,243	2,291	2,138
Unemployment Rate	9.1%	9.2%	8.7%	6.6%	5.8%	5.9%	5.6%	5.1%	5.4%	6.8%	7.5%	7.7%	6.9%

1995

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	28,462	28,649	28,847	29,987	31,124	31,560	33,238	33,160	32,134	30,550	30,015	29,652	30,616
Employment	25,995	26,141	26,622	28,128	29,447	29,715	31,432	31,504	30,459	28,613	27,930	27,446	28,620
Unemployment	2,467	2,508	2,225	1,859	1,677	1,845	1,806	1,656	1,675	1,937	2,085	2,206	1,996
Unemployment Rate	8.7%	8.8%	7.7%	6.2%	5.4%	5.8%	5.4%	5.0%	5.2%	6.3%	6.9%	7.4%	6.5%

1994

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	28,409	28,295	28,811	29,524	31,040	31,809	32,647	32,717	31,493	30,048	29,479	28,851	30,262
Employment	25,677	25,489	26,009	27,185	28,872	29,635	30,582	30,951	29,738	28,164	27,572	26,698	28,049
Unemployment	2,732	2,806	2,802	2,339	2,168	2,174	2,065	1,766	1,755	1,884	1,907	2,153	2,213
Unemployment Rate	9.6%	9.9%	9.7%	7.9%	7.0%	6.8%	6.3%	5.4%	5.6%	6.3%	6.5%	7.5%	7.3%

1993

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
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Labor Force	27,852	28,039	28,443	29,034	30,135	30,672	31,904	31,983	31,378	30,166	28,773	28,616	29,751
Employment	25,270	25,455	26,172	27,172	27,990	28,804	30,190	30,315	29,750	28,292	26,724	26,333	27,706
Unemployment	2,582	2,584	2,271	1,862	2,145	1,868	1,714	1,668	1,628	1,874	2,049	2,283	2,045
Unemployment Rate	9.3%	9.2%	8.0%	6.4%	7.1%	6.1%	5.4%	5.2%	5.2%	6.2%	7.1%	8.0%	6.9%

1992

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	27,523	27,464	27,879	28,364	29,593	30,113	31,648	31,937	31,059	30,065	29,312	29,010	29,499
Employment	24,606	24,576	25,251	26,216	27,559	28,061	29,656	30,102	29,262	28,105	27,187	26,797	27,282
Unemployment	2,917	2,888	2,628	2,148	2,034	2,052	1,992	1,835	1,797	1,960	2,125	2,213	2,217
Unemployment Rate	10.6%	10.5%	9.4%	7.6%	6.9%	6.8%	6.3%	5.7%	5.8%	6.5%	7.2%	7.6%	7.5%

1991

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	26,825	26,933	27,176	27,615	28,671	29,367	30,582	30,664	30,228	28,403	27,982	27,690	28,512
Employment	24,322	24,467	24,978	25,726	26,990	27,366	28,630	28,852	28,333	26,426	25,722	25,222	26,420
Unemployment	2,503	2,466	2,198	1,889	1,681	2,001	1,952	1,812	1,895	1,977	2,260	2,468	2,092
Unemployment Rate	9.3%	9.2%	8.1%	6.8%	5.9%	6.8%	6.4%	5.9%	6.3%	7.0%	8.1%	8.9%	7.3%

1990

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	26,329	26,592	26,763	27,466	28,084	28,920	29,970	30,336	29,604	27,897	27,711	27,144	28,068
Employment	24,348	24,359	24,897	26,023	26,764	27,448	28,545	28,938	28,247	26,195	25,742	25,073	26,381
Unemployment	1,981	2,233	1,866	1,443	1,320	1,472	1,425	1,398	1,357	1,702	1,969	2,071	1,687
Unemployment Rate	7.5%	8.4%	7.0%	5.3%	4.7%	5.1%	4.8%	4.6%	4.6%	6.1%	7.1%	7.6%	6.0%

A change in the way the labor force statistics are calculated for boroughs and census areas makes data prior to 2000 not comparable with data from 2000 forward.

Definitions:

- **Labor Force:** Includes all persons in the civilian noninstitutional population classified as either employed or unemployed. (See the definitions below).
- **Employment:** These are all persons who, during the reference week (the week including the 12th day of the month), (a) did any work as paid employees, worked in their own business or profession or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of their family, or (b) were not working but who had jobs from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, bad weather, childcare problems, maternity or paternity leave, labor-management dispute job training, or other family or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off or were seeking other jobs. Each employed person is counted only once, even if he or she holds more than one job.
- **Unemployment:** Includes all persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment some time during the 4 week-period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed.
- **Unemployment Rate:** The ratio of unemployed to the civilian labor force expressed as a percent [i.e., 100 times (unemployed/labor force)].

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