



### Annual Economic Indicators Charleston MSA

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<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>								
Civilian Labor Force	268,344	278,825	288,507	296,690	304,527	313,324	316,707	1.1%
Total Employment	256,189	264,212	273,061	280,730	289,018	298,998	299,787	0.3%
Total Employment, South Carolina (thousands)	1,840.6	1,866.8	1,898.2	1,935.7	1,982.5	2,011.3	2,005.0	-0.3%
Total Employment, U.S. (thousands)	136,485	137,736	139,252	141,730	144,427	146,047	135074	-7.5%
Unemployed (#)	12,155	14,613	15,446	15,960	15,509	14,326	17,904	25.0%
Unemployed (%)	4.5%	5.2%	5.4%	5.4%	5.1%	4.6%	5.7%	
<b>ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY</b>								
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	20,300	18,800	20,200	20,400	21,500	21,800	20,900	-4.1%
Manufacturing	20,900	20,700	21,100	21,300	21,300	22,300	22,100	-0.9%
Wholesale Trade	7,900	7,600	7,900	8,300	8,500	8,900	8,817	-0.9%
Retail Trade	33,900	34,200	35,100	37,100	37,900	37,900	37,967	0.2%
Transportation and Utilities	12,300	11,900	12,300	11,600	11,600	12,400	12,725	2.6%
Information	4,100	4,400	4,500	4,700	5,000	5,100	5,158	1.1%
Financial Activities	11,000	11,200	11,700	13,100	13,400	14,200	14,800	4.2%
Professional and Business Services	32,800	31,700	33,900	35,000	37,400	41,400	41,825	1.0%
Education and Health Services	25,800	28,300	28,300	28,400	29,200	30,200	31,192	3.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	31,200	32,800	34,000	34,400	35,000	36,700	35,875	-2.2%
Other Services	9,600	9,800	10,400	11,600	11,800	12,000	11,908	-0.8%
Government	50,200	52,700	53,200	53,800	54,300	55,800	56,642	1.5%
Total Nonagricultural Employment	260,000	264,100	272,600	279,700	286,900	298,700	299,658	0.3%



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<b>TRANSPORTATION AND GLOBALIZATION</b>								
S.C. Port TEUs (TEUs = twenty-foot equivalent units)	1,592,837	1,690,849	1,863,918	1,984,888	1,968,475	1,754,376	1,635,535	-6.8%
Air Enplanements, Charleston International Airport	791,341	804,134	912,604	1,073,437	943,305	1,140,765	1,170,908	2.6%
Air Deplanements, Charleston International Airport	805,768	812,121	915,993	1,069,668	934,326	1,133,715	1,163,438	2.6%
<b>RETAIL TRADE: Gross Retail Sales (\$000)</b>								
Berkeley County	2,679,686	2,792,175	2,916,269	2,774,618	3,338,564	3,717,883	3,999,639	7.6%
Charleston County	9,217,606	10,042,059	10,681,929	12,050,201	13,085,582	13,088,854	12,963,950	-1.0%
Dorchester County	1,136,977	1,207,613	1,404,172	1,571,065	1,709,947	1,783,614	1,173,190	-34.2%
Total MSA	13,034,269	14,041,847	15,002,370	16,395,884	18,134,093	18,590,351	18,736,779	0.8%
<b>VISITOR INDUSTRY*</b>								
Hotel Occupancy (%)	67.50%	68.10%	69.28%	71.13%	70.15%	72.55%	71.47%	-1.5%
Avg. Daily Rate	\$130.17	\$130.40	\$131.81	\$140.51	\$149.74	\$165.07	\$171.45	3.9%
<b>ATTRACTIONS</b>								
Attendance	2,097,997	1,889,458	1,764,574	1,711,030	1,690,060	1,692,547	1,514,128	-10.5%
% change	2.1%	-9.9%	-6.6%	-3.0%	-1.2%	0.3%		





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<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>								
Single Family Permits, New	4,984	5,384	7,371	8,084	7,304	5,602	3,726	-33.5%
Multi Family (# units) Permitted, New	997	2,010	935	2,734	1,769	1,178	1,104	-6.3%
Total New Residential Permits	5,981	7,394	8,306	10,818	9,073	6,780	4,830	-28.8%
New Non Residential Permits	1,057	1,043	1,214	1,461	1,357	1,278	NA	
Single Family Permit Value, New (\$000)	766,780	797,465	1,136,449	1,470,099	1,429,059	1,150,064	753,687	-34.5%
Multi Family Units Permit Value, New (\$000)	71,244	102,891	80,740	289,891	163,952	117,648	79,851	-32.1%
Total New Residential Permit Value (\$000)	838,027	900,356	1,217,189	1,759,990	1,759,000	1,267,712	833,538	-34.2%
New Non Residential Permit Value (\$000)	245,424	240,900	300,265	455,683	492,736	447,121	NA	
Total Value, including new permits plus additions & alterations (\$000)	1,215,133	1,302,023	1,791,296	2,406,938	2,336,767	1,849,658	NA	
<b>RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES</b>								
Units Sold	9,192	11,496	12,639	15,740	16,248	11,530	8,779	-23.9%
Average Selling Price	\$220,864	\$230,064	\$259,107	\$287,874	\$297,599	\$300,446	\$299,721	-0.2%
Median Selling Price	\$156,000	\$163,000	\$175,000	\$189,000	\$203,743	\$209,020	\$209,900	0.4%
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEX</b>								
Index	179.9	184.0	188.9	195.3	201.6	207.3	215.6	3.8%
% change from year ago (or current inflation rate)	1.6	2.3	2.7	3.4	3.2	2.9	3.8	

Source: Center for Business Research, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, 3/2009