



## SC Department of Employment and Workforce

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**Palmetto State Sees Record-Breaking Year for Number of People Working**

According to the SC Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW), newly-released figures show that 2014 was a record-breaking year for South Carolina. The numbers show that more South Carolinians were in the labor force working and looking for work by the end of the year than ever before in the state's history.

In 2014, South Carolina's employment remained above the two-million mark increasing every month throughout the year. The number of South Carolinians employed in December 2014 was 2,069,190, growing by more than 35,000 since January.

"Amazingly, a comparison of data from January of 2013 to December of 2014, the state has seen an increase in the employment level by approximately 75,000 people, reflecting continued progress over the nearly two-year period," said Cheryl M. Stanton, DEW Executive Director. "Furthermore, the labor force increased by 46,800 during the year to slightly more than 2.2 million people."

The employment situation for January will be released March 17, and February's figures will be released March 27.

***\*About benchmarking:** The Bureau of Labor Statistics re-estimates labor force data annually to take advantage of the latest available information related to unemployment claims, nonfarm employment, population changes, and other data used in generating the estimates.*

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