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**DEW Executive Director Cheryl Stanton's Statement  
December 2015 Employment Statement**

“While the state’s unemployment rate remained steady at 5.5 percent, it is exciting to see that more than 10,000 people found work in the month of December and are now providing for themselves,” said Cheryl Stanton, executive director of the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce. “This shows us that anyone who wants work and is able to work can find a job. There are nearly 67,000 current job openings in the state. We must continue to build a trained workforce to fill these openings and to meet our employers’ future needs.”

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***About SCDEW***

*The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce is putting South Carolinians to work. The agency invests in building a pipeline of quality workers, matches workers with jobs, and is a bridge for individuals who find themselves out of work for no fault of their own. This promotes financial stability and economic prosperity for employers, individuals and communities. [SCDEW](#) is dedicated to advancing South Carolina through services that meet the needs of the state’s businesses, jobseekers and those looking to advance their careers.*