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DEW Executive Director Cheryl Stanton's Statement
July 2016 Employment Statement

"We are encouraged to see the unemployment rate fall to levels not achieved in over 15 years. We also are heartened by the job growth we've experienced in the first half of the year as more than 32,000 people found jobs and are now providing for their families. This reflects the confidence businesses have in South Carolina's workforce," said Cheryl Stanton, executive director of the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce. "We still have work to do matching the skills of the 120,000 unemployed to the job opportunities around the state."

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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.