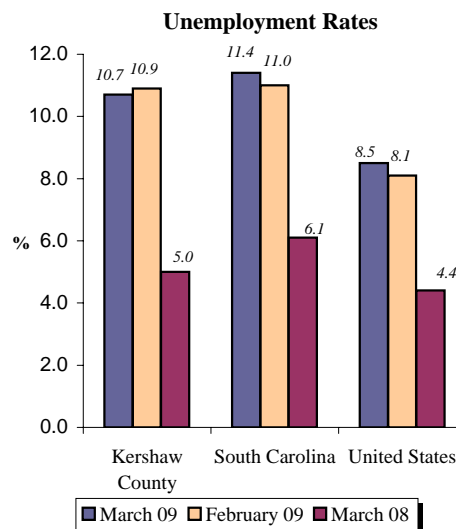


Economic Indicators

May 2009

<u>Unemployment Rate</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2008</u>
Kershaw County	10.7	10.9	5.0
South Carolina	11.4	11.0	6.1
United States	8.5	8.1	4.4

Source: SC Employment Security Commission



<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2008</u>
Total Civilian Labor Force	30,996	30,848	30,013

Source: SC Employment Security Commission

<u>Building Permits - City/County</u>	<u>March 09</u>	<u>February 09</u>	<u>March 08</u>	<u>YTD 09</u>	<u>YTD 08</u>
Total Building Permits	27	11	36	46	121
Value of Total Building Permits	\$2,614,133	\$937,480	\$4,551,748	\$4,541,565	\$14,101,033
Total Commercial Permits	1	0	5	1	14
Value of Total Commercial Permits	\$310,000	\$0	\$1,301,187	\$310,000	\$2,862,894
Total Residential Permits	26	11	31	45	107
Value of Total Residential Permits	\$2,304,133	\$937,480	\$3,250,561	\$4,231,565	\$11,238,139

Source: Kershaw County & City of Camden

<u>Gross Retail Sales</u>	<u>March 09</u>	<u>February 09</u>	<u>YTD 09</u>	<u>YTD 08</u>
Total Retail Sales	\$112,265,636	\$46,114,873	\$252,938,550	\$336,622,548

Source: SC Dept. of Revenue

<u>New Vehicle Registration</u>	<u>March 09</u>	<u>February 09</u>	<u>YTD 09</u>	<u>YTD 08</u>
Total Registrations	329	291	894	1,129
Total Assessment	\$2,955,833	\$2,831,416	\$9,066,749	\$13,735,332

Source: Kershaw County