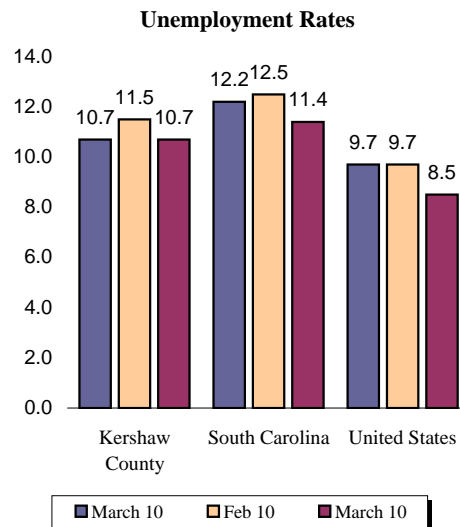


# Economic Indicators

May 2010

| <u>Unemployment Rate</u> | <u>March 2010</u> | <u>February 2010</u> | <u>March 2009</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Kershaw County           | 10.7              | 11.5                 | 10.7              |
| South Carolina           | 12.2              | 12.5                 | 11.4              |
| United States            | 9.7               | 9.7                  | 8.5               |

Source: SC Employment Security Commission



| <u>Labor Force</u>         | <u>March 2010</u> | <u>February 2010</u> | <u>March 2009</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 30,066            | 30,120               | 30,996            |

Source: SC Employment Security Commission

| <u>Building Permits - City/County</u> | <u>March 10</u> | <u>February 10</u> | <u>March 09</u> | <u>YTD 10</u> | <u>YTD 09</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Building Permits                | 33              | 22                 | 27              | 88            | 46            |
| Value of Total Building Permits       | \$4,030,755     | \$2,501,088        | \$2,614,133     | \$9,705,038   | \$4,541,565   |
| Total Commercial Permits              | 1               | 0                  | 1               | 4             | 1             |
| Value of Total Commercial Permits     | \$70,000        | \$0                | \$310,000       | \$176,112     | \$310,000     |
| Total Residential Permits             | 32              | 22                 | 26              | 81            | 45            |
| Value of Total Residential Permits    | \$3,960,755     | \$2,501,088        | \$2,304,133     | \$9,528,926   | \$4,231,565   |

Source: Kershaw County & City of Camden

| <u>Gross Retail Sales</u> | <u>March 10</u> | <u>February 10</u> | <u>YTD 10</u> | <u>YTD 09</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Retail Sales        | Unavailable     | \$92,997,782       | Unavailable   | \$252,938,550 |

Source: SC Dept. of Revenue

| <u>New Vehicle Registration</u> | <u>March 10</u> | <u>February 10</u> | <u>YTD 10</u> | <u>YTD 09</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Registrations             | 536             | 271                | 1,026         | 894           |
| Total Assessment                | \$6,378,333     | \$2,381,166        | \$11,384,832  | \$9,066,749   |

Source: Kershaw County