

South Carolina



Just right.

South Carolina at a Glance

The state of South Carolina is **strategically located** halfway between New York City and Miami. Home to over 4.9 million people, South Carolina is similar in size to Ireland.



Advantage South Carolina

South Carolina offers unparalleled value to companies seeking the ideal business location. **Over 1,200 international firms** already call South Carolina home.

Low Cost of Doing Business

South Carolina businesses thrive thanks to **lower operating and capital costs**.

- While South Carolina boasts the **one of the fastest growing labor forces** in the United States, with an **average salary ranking 7th lowest** in the nation.
- **Industrial power costs** in the state **average only 5.99 cents per kilowatt hour**, one of the **lowest in the Southeast**.
- The average price of natural gas to industrial users in 2016 was **\$4.38 per thousand cubic feet**, lower than Florida, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

Transportation Infrastructure

- Served by **5 interstates**: I-20, I-26, I-77, I-85 & I-95.
- America's most efficient and fastest-growing deep-water port in Charleston, SC.
- **Two Class I rail carriers** and **8 independent lines** to service over 2,300 miles of rail.
- **A state-of-the-art intermodal facility** in Greer SC; a 2nd facility is coming online in Dillon, SC in 2018.
- **3 major airports**: Columbia, Greenville/Spartanburg & Charleston.



Workforce and Education

With a **labor force of over 2 million people**, South Carolina businesses can rely on a **stable, highly-skilled and efficient workforce** at **competitive wage rates**.

- The state connects incoming businesses with a **top-ranked worker training program, readySC**, which is supported by South Carolina's **16 technical colleges**.
- South Carolina is a **right-to-work state** with **one of the lowest unionization rates** in the nation.

South Carolina provides a variety of **incentives** to businesses choosing to **locate or expand their manufacturing operations** in the state.



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