

FACTS & FIGURES

Area:

718 square miles
3000 miles of fresh water shoreline

Climate Averages:

Annual temperature: 62° F
Annual rainfall: 47 inches
Sunny days per year: 248

Elevation:

764 feet above sea level

Numbers/Years:

Number of churches: 260
Number of school districts: 5
Year city was founded: 1826
Year named All-America City: 2000

Population:

Anderson County: 175,514
City of Anderson: 25,795

Recycling:

Anderson County recycles. Numerous recycling centers throughout the county take in newspapers, plastic, glass, metals, motor oil and batteries. The city of Anderson and some other municipalities provide trash pick-up. Elsewhere, private haulers serve customers.

DRIVING REQUIREMENTS

For complete information regarding Drivers' License, Vehicle Registration and South Carolina's Seat Belt Law call South Carolina Dept. of Highways & Public Transportation, 331 Highway 29 By-Pass North, Anderson, SC at (864)260-2205, Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Anderson County has generated over \$3.5 billion in announced capital investment from 1992-2000. In 1999, Anderson County led the state in announced capital investment with over \$1.2 billion. A diverse group of companies contributed to these new site locations and expansions. These companies include BASF, Robert Bosch Corp., Ryobi Motor Products Corp., Michelin Tire Corp., Frigidaire, Plastic Omnium and Allied Signal.

COST OF LIVING COMPARISONS

Above/below National average

Cost of Living Averages:

Anderson, SC	- 0.5%
Charleston, SC	+ 2.5%
Hilton Head, SC	+ 9.0%
Prescott, AZ	+ 7.5%
West Palm Beach, FL	+ 8.0%
Rochester, NY	+ 10.0%
Columbus, OH	+ 5.0%

Itemized Price Averages:

Item	SC City	Other
Groceries	- 0.2%	+ 6.2%
Housing	+ 1.2%	+ 19.4%
Utilities	+ 5.9%	+ 12.8%
Transportation	- 7.3%	+ 4.1%
Health Care	- 4.6%	+ 5.3%
Misc. Goods	+ 0.1%	+ 3.1%

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MAJOR EMPLOYERS BY FACILITY (250+)

Company	Employees	Product/Service
AnMed Health	3500	Health Services
Anderson County School District 5	2028	Public Education
Electrolux Home Products	1500	Household refrigerators
State of SC Budget and Control Board	1344	State Government
Robert Bosch Corp	1200	Automotive components (oxygen sensors)
Michelin North America Inc	1100	Semi-finished rubber products
Anderson County School District 1	899	Public Education
Anderson County Government	772	Government
Honeywell Nylon	650	Nylon fibers
Glen Raven Inc	600	Acrylic fabrics
Tri-County Technical College	600	Education
Timken Co	540	Screw machine parts and bearing rollers
Anderson County School District 2	474	Public Education
Michelin North America- Steel Wire Div	450	Steel wire processing
Nutricia Mfg USA	430	Vitamins
City of Anderson	420	Government
Owens Corning	400	Fibrous glass
Santens of America Inc	400	Terry towels
Associated Fuel Pump Systems Corp	359	Automotive fuel pumps
Mount Vernon Mills-La France Industries	357	Automotive fabric
Blair Mills L P	350	Institutional/retail terrycloth towels and yardage
Orian Rugs Inc	350	Oriental rugs-machine made
Plastic Omnium, LLC	340	Bumpers and bumperettes
Anderson County School District 4	337	Public Education
Anderson County School District 3	300	Public Education
Hydro Aluminum North America	260	Lineal lengths aluminum extrusion
Goodman Conveyer Company	250	Belt conveyor idlers

Source: 2003-2004 SC Industrial Directory, SC Dept. of Commerce (Data for Manufacturing Establishments) and SC Appalachian Council of Governments (Data for Non-manufacturing Establishments)

* Multiple Locations

JOB CREATION Anderson County, 1996-2008

Year	Capital Invest	Jobs Created
1996	61,100,000	510
1997	143,500,000	535
1998	338,000,000	1,362
1999	1,050,237,000	1,789
2000	367,859,914	600
2001	12,735,915	156
2002	212,700,000	343
2003	100,600,000	245
2004	384,000,000	1,660
2005	112,100,000	361
2006	95,000,000	1,352
2007	46,000,000	150
2008**	86,500,000	477
Totals '99 to present	\$2,467,732,829	7,133

Source: Rapid Response Report, SC Employment Security Commission

* Refer to annual Mass Layoffs and Plant Closures tables for detailed information

** Includes layoffs and closures announced through October 2008.

ACOG Region = Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, & Spartanburg Counties
Upstate Region = ACOG Counties, PLUS: Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, & Union Counties
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SCDoC Annual Capital Investment and Jobs Creation Reports

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

Staying Informed...

Anderson has two newspapers with daily delivery—the Anderson Independent-Mail and the Greenville News. Both of these carry nationally syndicated material.

Newspapers

Anderson Independent-Mail	(864) 224-4321
The Greenville News	1-800-800-5116
Belton & Honea Path News/Chronicle	(864) 338-6124
The Journal	(864) 847-7361
GSA Business	(864) 235-5677

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- WCCP-FM - 104.9 FM- Sports/ Talk
- WESC-FM - 92.5 FM- Country
- WFBC-FM - 93.7 FM -Contemporary hits/Top 40
- WHAT-AM -1560AM- Black Gospel
- WHPB-AM -1390 AM- Inspirational Radio
- WLFJ-FM - 89.3 FM- Contemporary Christian
- WOLI-Star- 109.9 80's & More
- WORD-AM-1330 AM-News/Radio/Talk
- WRIX-AM-1020 AM Gospel
- WRIX-FM 103.1 FM Talk
- WANS-AM-1280 AM Carolina Beach Music
- WROQ-FM-101.0 FM Classic Rock
- WSPA-FM 98.9 FM Light Rock
- WSPA-AM-9850 AM New-Talk
- WSSL-AM-1440 AM Spanish
- WSSL-FM-100.5 FM Country
- WMYI-FM-100.5-Adult Contemporary
- WJMZ-FM-107.3 FM-Urban Contemporary

Television Stations

- WFBC-40 Greenville-Channel 40 - Independent
- WGGG Greenville-Channel 16 - Ind. Christian Broadcasting
- WHNS Greenville-Channel 21 - Fox Affiliate
- WLOS-13 Anderson, Asheville - ABC Affiliate
- WNTV Greenville-Channel 29- Educational TV
- WSPA Spartanburg-Channel 7 - CBS Affiliate
- WYFF Greenville-Channel 4 - NBC Affiliate
- WNEG Toccoa, Ga. - Ch.32 - CBS Affiliate

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce	(864) 226-3454
Anderson County Library	(864) 260-4500
Agricultural Meteorologist	(864) 656-4070
Civic Center (Ticket Info)	(864) 260-6335
Phone Book (Anderson)	1-800-422-1955
SC Small Business Dev. Center	(864) 656-3227
Weather Report	(864) 225-2000
Where to Call for Service Complaints	
Better Business Bureau	1-800-948-5791
Dept. of Consumer Affairs	1-800-922-1594
Secretary of State	1-888-242-7484
Charity Fraud	1-800-242-7489
Suspect Fraud	
Secretary of State	1-800-242-7484

TAXES

South Carolina has one of the lowest per capita tax rates in the country, according to the US Bureau of the Census. Residents are affected by the following major state and local taxes:

Income Tax

The income tax structure follows federal income tax laws, allowing the same adjustments, exemptions and deductions with only a few modifications. In fact, the starting point for calculating your state tax liability is your federal taxable income. Income tax rates begin at 2.5 percent of taxable income, graduating to a maximum of 7 percent on taxable income exceeding \$12,000. The individual income tax brackets are adjusted annually to help offset the effects of inflation.

When comparing South Carolina's tax rates with other states, it's important to look at each state's total tax package, not just the tax rates. For example, some states tax Social Security benefits. South Carolina does not. In the first year you receive income from a qualified retirement plan, such as a company pension, 401(K) or IRA, you may claim a retirement deduction. For tax year 1998 and forward, taxpayers under age 65 may claim a deduction of up to \$3,000 of qualified retirement income taxed.

A South Carolina resident also becomes eligible at age 65 or older to claim a deduction against any source of income. The maximum deduction allowed is \$15,000. However, this must be reduced by any other retirement deduction claimed by the taxpayer, not including surviving spouse retirement deduction amounts. (Special rules apply to taxpayers who made an election on the retirement deduction prior to 1998. Contact the Dept. of Revenue for more information.)

If you are separating from active duty in the Armed Forces, but wish to continue your military career at the local level, National Guard and Reserve annual training and weekend drill pay is not taxed in South Carolina.

In addition to these deductions and those normally allowed on the federal return, the state allows the following:

- ◆ Disability retirement income for a permanent and total disability is deductible.

- ◆ There is no intangibles tax in South Carolina. Intangibles tax is collected in many states without a general personal income tax and is imposed on bank accounts, interest, dividends, stocks, bonds and other assets.
- ◆ You do not pay a tax in SC on property you sell in another state. SC has adopted the federal provision allowing up to \$500,000 (if married filing jointly, otherwise \$250,000) of the gain from the sale of your home to be excluded from tax.
- ◆ A two-wage earner credit allows married couples to take a maximum tax credit of \$210 annually if both work.
- ◆ Social Security income taxed on the federal income tax return is deductible for South Carolina purposes.
- ◆ A credit is allowed for income taxes paid to another state on income that is taxable in both states.
- ◆ You receive an additional state income tax credit for child care or elderly care expenses. South Carolina allows a credit of up to \$300 annually for nursing care in-home or in a licensed institution.
- ◆ Parents may claim an additional deduction equal to the amount of the federal personal exemption (\$2,900 for 2001, but adjusted annually) for each child under the age of 6.

Sales and Use, Motor Fuels Taxes

South Carolina's sales and use tax rate is 6 percent, but voters may approve local sales taxes in addition to the 6 percent. Local taxes are used for property tax relief, roads, bridges, schools or other projects. Prescription drugs, insulin, dental prosthetics and hearing aids are exempt from the sales tax. A maximum sales tax of \$300 is imposed on the purchase of motor vehicles, boats, motorcycles and airplanes. A 6 percent use tax is applied to purchases made out of state by South Carolina residents. A use tax credit is given if the sales tax is paid to the state in which the purchase is made. Gasoline and diesel fuel purchased in SC is taxed at a rate of 16 cents a gallon.

UPSTATE HEADQUARTERS

Anderson is a part of a headquarters-rich region boasting over 130 world-wide, corporate, regional, and divisional headquarters facilities including the following:

Alpha Technology, Inc.	Hexcel Schwebel Corporation	Pendleton Oil Mill & SOS Erosion Control
Basic Concepts, Inc.	Interfilm Holdings Inc.	Peoples Bank
Canteen Corporation	IPC Supply, Inc.	Redi-Craft Inc.
Consolidated Southern Industries	Little General Food Stores	Santens of America, Inc.
Cromer Food Services, Inc.	Martin, Inc.	Sekido Technology Corporation
Electric City Signs & Neon	Mergon International	Stretch Associates
Electrolux	Metco, Inc.	Third Generation Inc.
E-Z ON Auto Tops, Inc.	Orian Rugs, Inc.	Tile Council of America
Hampshire Designs	Parts, Inc.	Westwind, Inc.

Source: S.C. Department of Commerce, Upstate Alliance and Local Economic Development Agencies.

1 Includes international, North American, national and regional headquarters.

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EMPLOYMENT DISTRIBUTION

Labor Force Estimates (By Place of Work) By Industry Group - Anderson County 1992-2001

Industry Group	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Manufacturing	19,000	20,500	20,800	20,900	20,000	19,200	19,000	18,300	19,000	18,760
Construction & Mining	2,500	2,400	2,700	2,800	3,000	3,600	3,800	4,000	3,800	3,730
Transportation & Public Utilities	1,400	1,400	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	13,400	13,600	14,100	14,700	15,300	15,700	16,700	17,600	18,300	17,710
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,600	1,500	1,530
Services (including Agric. services)	8,300	8,600	8,900	8,800	9,200	9,400	9,500	9,900	10,500	10,020
Government	9,200	9,100	9,200	9,000	9,400	9,700	10,300	10,500	11,500	11,740
Total	55,300	57,200	58,800	59,400	60,300	60,900	62,800	63,600	66,400	65,290

Source: 1992 to 1999 data: South Carolina's Labor Force and Industry, 1990-94 & 1995-99, SC Employment Security Commission; 2000 & 2001 Data: SC Employment Security Commission (internal records)

Notes: Totals may not add due to rounding. Compiled By: InfoMentum - A Decision Support System for Upstate South Carolina

ANDERSON COUNTY, SC



Property Tax

South Carolina counties, cities and school districts impose ad valorem (property) taxes on real and personal property. Local governments assess and collect property taxes. The market value of a legal residence and up to five acres of surrounding land is assessed at 4 percent. The tax liability on the property is determined when local government applies its millage rate to the assessed value. County millage rates vary, but the state average is 255 mills (.255). South Carolina also has a newly adjusted homestead exemption of \$50,000 on the fair market value of a home for residents who are age 65 or older, totally and permanently disabled, or legally blind.

Property tax relief exempts the first \$100,000 of home value from property taxes for school operations. The maximum benefit of this exemption ranges from \$200 to more than \$800 depending on the tax district where the home is located. Personal property tax is collected annually on cars, trucks, motorcycles, recreational vehicles, boats and airplanes. Personal property is assessed at 10.5 percent of market value. If you own a \$10,000 car, based on the average millage rate, your annual property tax would be

\$268. The registration fee for passenger cars is \$24 every two years (\$20 of residents age 65 or older, \$22 for 64-year-olds) and can be paid when you pay your county property tax. Many states, rather than collect personal property taxes on cars, boats, etc., impose a higher registration fee that is comparable to South Carolina's property tax.

—Elizabeth Duncan, SC Department of Revenue
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VOTING

Anderson County Registration and Elections Office

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Anderson, SC 29625
1-800-240-3400

Duke Power Company

Anderson, SC 29621
(864) 231-5803

Little River Electric Cooperative

Abbeville, SC 29620
(864) 459-2141 or 459-2142

Santee Cooper

Moncks Corner, SC 29461-2901
(843) 761-7022

Natural Gas

Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority

Williamston, SC 29697
(864) 847-7471

Piedmont Natural Gas Company

Anderson, SC 29622
(864) 226-8305

Sewer & Solid Waste Disposal

Anderson County Sewer Dept.

Anderson, SC 29626
(864) 260-4023

Container Company of Carolina

101 Rogers Bridge Road
Duncan, SC 29334
(864) 224-8595

Electric City Utilities

Anderson, SC 29624
(864) 260-6347

Garbage Pick-Up, Inc.

Anderson, SC 29621
1-800-564-3706

Waste Management of South Carolina

Wellford, SC 29385
(864) 225-6211

Water

Anderson County Water Association

La France, SC 29656
(864) 646-0017

Belton-Honea Path Water Authority

Honea Path, SC 29654
(864)369-7442

Big Creek Water and Sewer

Belton, SC 29627
(864) 847-4957

Broadway Water and Sewage

Anderson, SC 29621
(864) 225-3821

Electric City Utilities

Anderson, SC 29624
(864) 260-6347

Hammond Water District

Anderson, SC 29621
(864) 847-4957

Homeland Park Water

Commission
Anderson, SC 29624
(864) 296-9766

Powdersville Water District

Easley, SC 29642
(864) 269-5440

Regional Joint Water System

Anderson, SC 29625
(864) 332-6534

Sandy Springs Water District

La France, SC 29656
(864) 646-7729

Starr-Iva Water & Sewer District

Starr, SC 29684
(864) 352-6717

Town of Pendleton

Pendleton, SC 29670
(864) 646-3622

Town of Williamston Water Dept.

Williamston, SC 29697
(864) 847-7473

US Utilities Service

Anderson, SC 29625
(864) 224-1310

West Anderson Water Company

Anderson, SC 29625
Phone (864) 225-5741

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