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Orangeburg County Executive Summary



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What is the Central SC Alliance? It is an alliance of nine counties and one city joined together for the purpose of marketing our assets together as a region to procure capital investment and jobs.

Who is the Central SC Alliance? We are your adept partner in the site selection process—a group of highly educated and certified professionals that will be able to guide you through the difficult process of building or relocating your business.

As you read throughout this document you will get an in-depth look at the many reasons why Orangeburg County—a member of the Central SC Alliance—is the place for growing your business. Ranging from our convenient and accessible interstate systems to a nationally recognized worker training program, we have all the right resources for a successful expansion. Not only do we have these tangible resources, but we have an attitude of cooperation and partnership. Everyone involved in economic development—the public and private sectors, educators, elected officials, allies—have been willing to work together in order to achieve economic growth for the county. This cooperation remains one of the greatest strengths of our county and is something that will be seen and felt from the first day you meet with us. We hope that you will find this document informative and helpful in your decision making process.

CENTRAL SC ASSETS:

Strategic East Coast Location
Population Approaching 1 Million People
Over 440,000 in the Labor Force
16 Institutions of Higher Education
Aggressive Business Incentives
Lowest Industrial Electric Rates in the Southeast
Lowest Corporate Income Tax in the Southeast

One-Stop Permitting
Abundant Infrastructure
Ample Supply of Shovel-Ready Sites
Toll-Free Interstate Highways (I-20, I-26, I-77, I-95)
United Parcel Services Southeast U.S. Air Hub
Close Proximity to the Port of Charleston
Cost of Living well below the national average



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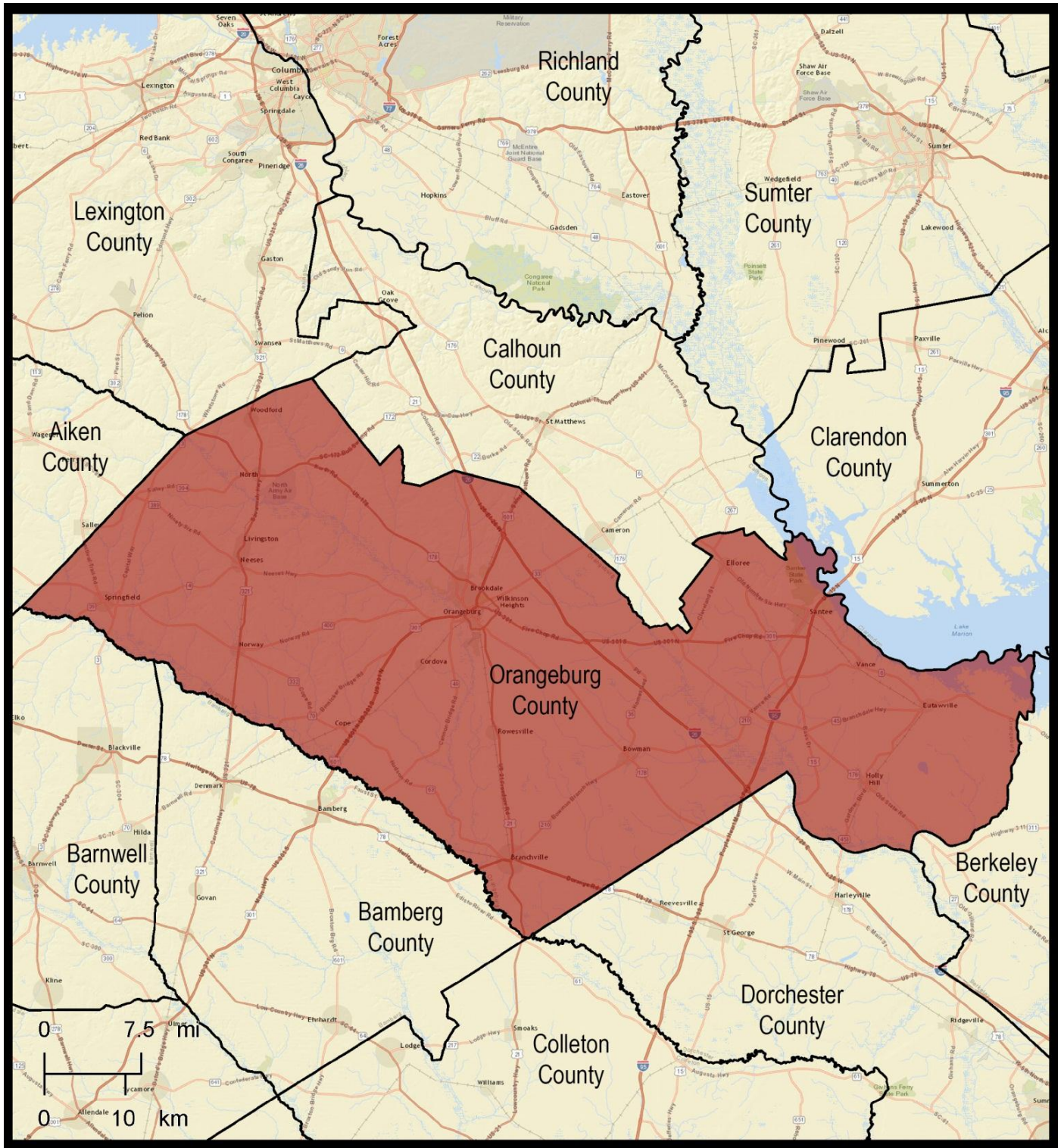


Orangeburg County



LOCATION

Orangeburg County is located in the Midlands region of South Carolina. It is uniquely positioned halfway between New York and Miami, within 24 hour ground access to more than 66 percent of the U.S. market. The total area of the county is 1,106 square miles. The county seat, which is the City of Orangeburg, is located approximately 42 miles from the state's capital, Columbia. The elevation of the City of Orangeburg is approximately 500 feet above sea level.



TRANSPORTATION

HIGHWAYS

Interstates in Orangeburg County:	I-26 (6 Interchanges), I-95 (5 Interchanges)
Other Interstates near Orangeburg County:	I-77, 25 miles; I-20, 41 miles
US & State Highways in Orangeburg County:	US15, US601, US21, US176, US178, US321, US178, US301, SC33, SC6, SC267, SC172, SC134, SC36, SC3, SC394, SC389, SC4, SC332, SC70, SC310

Delivery Days to:

Atlanta:	1	Chicago:	3
Houston:	3	New York:	4
San Francisco:	5	St. Louis:	4

Global Logistics Triangle: I-26, I-95 and highway 301 form the Global Logistics Triangle in Orangeburg County. There are four industrial sites located along this logistics corridor. The Global Logistics Triangle gives companies quick north, south, east, and west interstate access, as well as quick access to the Port of Charleston.

AIRPORTS

Orangeburg Municipal Airport: Has two paved runways (4,500 and 5,400 ft.) and a parallel taxiway (2,800 ft.), jet and 100 low-lead fuel, terminal building, t-hangars, flight instruction, pilots' shop stocks supplies and maintenance. Rental cars are available from Enterprise at a location outside of the airport.

Columbia Metropolitan Airport (CAE): Is located 42 miles from Orangeburg and offers regularly scheduled commercial airline services. There are approximately 60 scheduled arrivals and departures per day from Columbia Metropolitan. In FY 2013- 2014, the airport served about 1 million passengers and processed more than 123 million pounds of air cargo. Runway Lengths: 8,602 ft. x 150 ft. and 8,000 ft. x 150 ft.

Scheduled Airlines Serving Columbia Metro: American Eagle, Delta, US Airways, and United.

Air Freight Operators: Airborne Express, Bankair, Federal Express, Mountain Air Cargo, Piedmont, United Parcel Service*

*In the summer of 1994, UPS selected Columbia as the new home of a \$45 million southeast regional air cargo hub. Today, the hub handles 42,000 packages per hour and holds many unique advantages for Columbia area businesses.

PORTS

As the deepest port in the South Atlantic, the Port of Charleston offers a decided advantage for companies with intermodal logistics and transportation needs. The Port of Charleston is 70 miles from Orangeburg County and is accessible through the state's extensive interstate system, and rail system.



In the year 2013, at the Port of Charleston, the State Ports Authority (SPA) handled 1.56 million TEUS. Top commodity groups include agricultural products, consumer goods, machinery, metals, vehicles, chemicals and clay products. In the fiscal year 2013, the SPA served 1,839 ships and barges at its seaport terminals in Charleston and Georgetown.

The Port of Charleston is one of the busiest container ports along the Southeast and Gulf coasts and is recognized as one of the nation's most efficient and productive ports. The Charleston Customs district ranks as the nation's eighth largest in dollar value of

international shipments, with cargo valued at more than \$63.6 billion in 2012.

Other port specifications include: 45 ft. depth at mean low tide throughout the main shipping channel and 47 ft. in the entrance channel; 5 terminals; 41 average crane moves per hour, and truck turn times of 21 minutes per gate mission on average with a nine-minute average queuing time outside the interchange gates. Additionally, the Port of Charleston is currently undergoing a port deepening project to ready for post-Panamax ships. Upon completion the Port's harbor will be deepened to 52 ft.

Via Hwy 301 and 321, Orangeburg County also offers convenient access to the Port of Savannah. The Port of Savannah has two terminals, two class 1 rail providers, and is in close proximity to I-95.

RAIL TRANSPORTATION

The Orangeburg County rail system is served by CSX Transportation & Norfolk Southern (NS). CSX Transportation operates approximately 1,800 route miles in South Carolina and covers virtually every region of the state; major commodities include: petroleum and coal products, lumber and wood products, and chemicals. Norfolk Southern operates approximately 679 route miles in South Carolina and has trackage rights over CSXT from Newberry to Spartanburg. Major commodities transported over the NS line include: coal, lumber and wood products, chemicals, pulp, paper, and allied products and transportation equipment. Orangeburg County has seven rail served sites, including: Orangeburg County/City Ind. Park, Roquemore I & II, Intl. Commerce Park, The Oaks Rail Site, Mixon Site, and the Jafza Magna Park.

Existing rail passenger service in South Carolina is provided by Amtrak. Four Amtrak trains provide north and southbound service over three railroads connecting the South with the Northeast.

DEMOGRAPHICS

POPULATION

	2000	2010	2014	2019	% Δ 2014-2019
Orangeburg County	91,582	92,501	91,846	90,937	0%
City of Orangeburg	12,765	13,964	13,760	13,575	-1.3%
South Carolina	4,012,012	4,625,364	4,796,559	5,043,087	5%
United States	281,421,906	308,745,538	316,296,988	327,981,317	4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ESRI Forecasts for 2014 and 2019.

POPULATION BY AGE

	2014	2019
0 – 4	6,162 6.7%	5,754 6.3%
5 – 9	5,704 6.2%	5,630 6.2%
10 – 14	5,776 6.2%	5,647 6.2%
15 – 19	7,490 8.1%	6,228 6.8%
20 – 24	7,784 8.4%	6,451 7.2%
25 – 34	10,415 11.3%	11,232 12.4%
35 – 44	10,211 11.0%	9,915 10.9%
45 – 54	12,938 14.0%	10,391 11.4%
55 – 64	12,287 13.3%	12,449 13.7%
65 – 74	7,919 8.6%	10,589 11.6%
75 – 84	4,238 4.6%	4,885 5.4%
85+	1,577 1.7%	1,676 1.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Summary File, ESRI Forecasts for 2014 and 2019.

POPULATION WITHIN COMMUTING DISTANCE

City of Orangeburg	2000	2010	2014	2019	% Δ 2014-2019
15 mile radius	70,439	70,919	69,926	69,039	-1%
30 mile radius	175,370	181,047	180,891	181,527	0%
45 mile radius	810,576	893,371	915,126	946,517	3%

Source: U.S. Census Summary Profile from ESRI Forecasts for 2014 and 2019.

POPULATION BY RACE

	2010	2014	2019
White Alone	31,770 33.7%	31,589 34.4%	31,038 34.1%
Black Alone	57,535 61.0%	56,613 61.6%	55,609 61.2%
American Indian Alone	491 0.5%	549 0.6%	615 0.7%
Asian Alone	752 0.8%	810 0.9%	920 1.0%
Pacific Islander Alone	14 0.0%	14 0.0%	14 0.0%
Some Other Race Alone	843 0.9%	996 1.1%	1,203 1.3%
Two or More Races	1,096 1.2%	1,275 1.4%	1,538 1.7%
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	1,767 1.9%	2,053 2.2%	2,451 2.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau ESRI Forecasts for 2014 and 2019.

INCOME & HOUSEHOLDS

Per Capita Income 2013 = \$31,067

Median Household Income 2014 = \$32,353

HOUSEHOLD INCOME DISTRIBUTION

	2014			2019	
<\$15,000	9,095	25.3%		8,551	23.9%
\$15,000-\$24,999	5,461	15.2%		4,542	12.7%
\$25,000-\$34,999	4,330	12.1%		4,137	11.6%
\$35,000-\$49,999	5,506	15.3%		5,335	14.9%
\$50,000-\$74,999	6,025	16.8%		6,281	17.6%
\$75,000-\$99,999	2,862	8.0%		3,597	10.1%
\$100,000-\$149,999	1,599	4.5%		1,962	5.5%
\$150,000-\$199,999	551	1.5%		701	2.0%
\$200,000+	491	1.4%		598	1.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and ESRI forecasts for 2014 and 2019.

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD CONSUMER EXPENDITURES (2014)

Category	Avg. Amount Spent	Category	Avg. Amount Spent
Food	\$5,482.98	Healthcare	\$3,246.77
Adult Beverages	\$303.349	Entertainment & Rec	\$2,149.03
Housing	\$12,668.51	Personal Care Prod	\$481.60
Household Operations	\$1,057.25	Education	\$716.69
Housekeeping Supplies	\$496.71	Smoking Products	\$406.11
Household Furnishings	\$1,004.65	Misc.	\$808.29
Apparel & Services	\$883.46	Support Payments	\$1,584.10
Transportation	\$7,205.67	Life/Other Insurance	\$328.16
Travel	\$1,062.70	Pension & Soc. Sec.	\$4,079.34

Source: ESRI Household Budget Expenditures Forecasts for 2014, derived from BLS 2011 and 2012 Consumer Expenditure Survey

HOUSEHOLDS

	2000	2014	2019	% Δ 2014-2019
Orangeburg County	34,118	35,924	35,708	0%

Source: ESRI Demographic Data from the Census 2010 Summary Profile

HOUSING UNITS

Orangeburg County	Total	Owner Occupied	Renter Occupied
1990	34,342	21,166	7,744
2000	39,304	25,606	8,275
2010	42,504	24,567	11,221
2014	42,984	23,985	11,950
2019	43,195	23,800	11,879
% Δ 2014-2019	0.5%	-0.77%	-0.59%

Source: ESRI Demographic Data from the Census 2010 Summary Profile

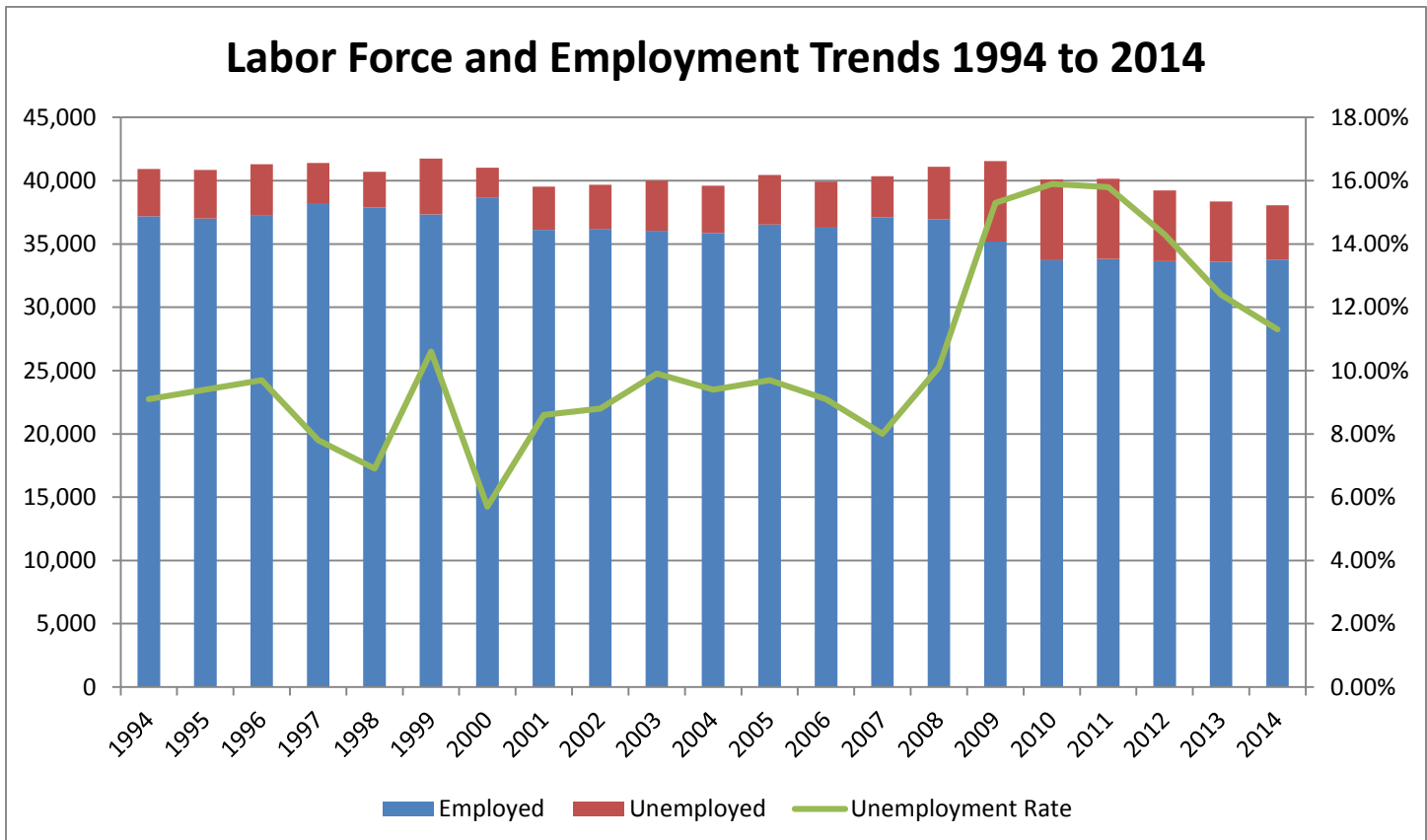
LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

LABOR FORCE & EMPLOYMENT

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
1998	40,698	37,874	2,824	6.9%
1999	41,750	37,334	4,416	10.6%
2000	41,017	38,691	2,326	5.7%
2001	39,521	36,125	3,396	8.6%
2002	39,682	36,186	3,496	8.8%
2003	40,006	36,037	3,969	9.9%
2004	39,598	35,869	3,729	9.4%
2005	40,446	36,529	3,917	9.7%
2006	39,939	36,298	3,641	9.1%
2007	40,356	37,116	3,240	8.0%
2008	41,087	36,936	4,151	10.1%
2009	41,540	35,196	6,344	15.3%
2010	40,103	33,723	6,380	15.9%
2011	40,162	33,812	6,350	15.8%
2012	39,229	33,638	5,591	14.3%
2013	38,364	33,595	4,769	12.4%
2014	38,070	33,778	4,292	11.3%

Source: The Bureau of Labor Statistics LAUS

LABOR FORCE & EMPLOYMENT TRENDS 1994-2014



UNIONS

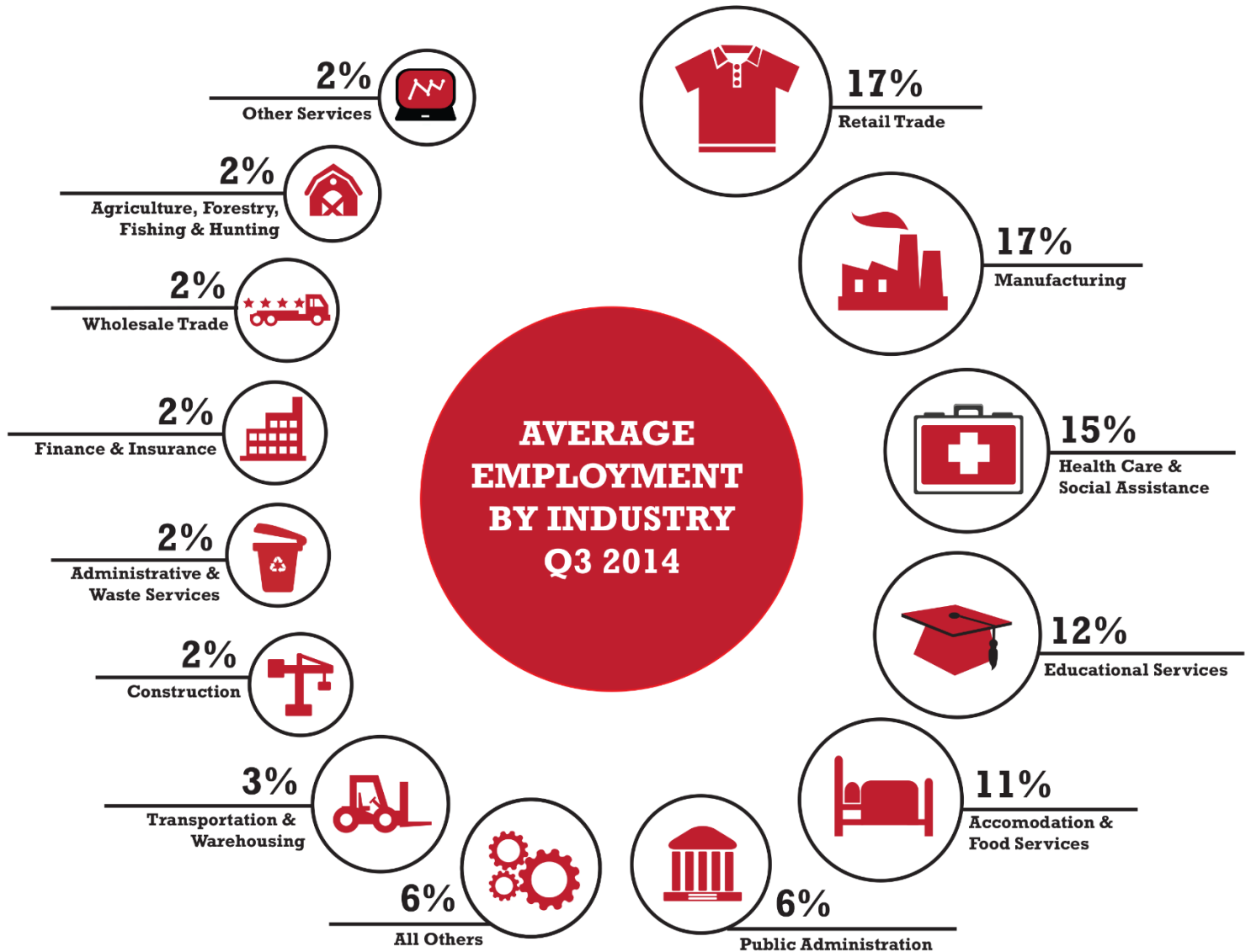
South Carolina is a right-to-work state and has the 2nd lowest private sector unionization rate in the U.S. (at 1.9%); South Carolina also ranks 7th lowest in Private Manufacturing (at 3.5%), and second lowest overall (at 2.1%). At 0.3%, the Columbia Metropolitan Statistical Area has the 21st lowest private sector unionization membership rate among all MSAs in US.

INDUSTRY SECTORS

Industry Description	Employing Units	Employment	% of Total	Avg. Weekly Wage
Total	1,671	27,766	100%	\$665
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	64	565	2.0%	\$655
Utilities	6	362	1.3%	\$1,117
Construction	112	672	2.4%	\$687
Manufacturing	65	4,728	17.0%	\$923
Wholesale Trade	59	595	2.1%	1,180
Retail Trade	379	4,777	17.0%	\$433
Transportation & Warehousing	72	828	3.1%	\$720
Information	11	188	0.6%	\$720
Finance & Insurance	88	684	2.4%	\$944
Real Estate	43	239	1.0%	\$639
Professional & Technical Services	74	356	1.4%	\$735
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	9	105	0.4%	\$401
Educational Services	35	3515	12.2%	\$728
Administrative & Waste Services	66	768	2.4%	\$484
Health Care & Social Assistance	191	3,990	15.1%	\$790
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	18	235	0.9%	\$370
Accommodation & Food Services	162	3,323	11.3%	\$274
Public Administration	42	1,583	5.6%	\$671

Source: U.S. Census Bureau's Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages Q3 2014.

AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



WORKER TRAINING



Created in 1961, ready SC™ is one of the longest running and most experienced worker training programs in the nation. The ready SC™ program focuses on the training needs of new and existing business and industry in South Carolina. They provide recruiting, assessment, training development, management and implementation services to customers who are creating new jobs with competitive wages and benefits. These services are provided through state funds at little or no cost to the company.

Orangeburg Calhoun Tech (OCtech) works in concert with the readySC™ program and offers industrial training and occupational education to workers in Orangeburg County. OCtech houses classroom and laboratory space for welding, mechatronics, truck driver

training and logistics programs in its new state of the art 25,000 square foot Transportation and Logistics Center—which opened in May of 2010.

SC WORKER TRAINING STATISTICS

Category	Results
Trainees Trained this year (FY 2013 – 2014)	4,700
Trainees trained since 1961	280,000
Companies served this year (FY 2013 – 2014)	81
Companies served since 1961	Over 2,000
Online Applications taken this year (FY 2013-2014)	50,000
Average Trainee Age	36 years
Average Trainee Education	13.1 years
Trainee Race	(W) 50%; (B) 40%; (O) 10%
Trainee Sex	(Male) 67%; (Female) 33%

Source: readySC™

From 1998 to 2011 readySC™ has trained 1,332 workers in Orangeburg County including: SCE&G, Mars Pet Care, OKonite, Santee Wire Company, Elloree Veneer Co, Mayer Industries, Inc., The Starflo Corporation, Zeus Industrial Products, Cooper/Abex Friction Products, W&B Enterprises, Inc, DMC Prints, Federal Mogul Friction Products, Allied Air Enterprises (Lennox), Southern Warehouse & Distribution, and Southern Patio.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYERS

Company Name	Employment	NAICS	Industry
Husqvarna Outdoor Products Inc.	1,750	333112	Manufacturing
Food Lion Distribution Center	872	493110	Distribution
Bimbo Foods	550	311812	Food Processing
Koyo Corp of USA	530	332991	Bearings Manufacturing
Zeus Industrial Products Inc.	427	326199	Polymer Manufacturing
Allied Air Enterprises Inc.	350	333415	Manufacturing
Albemarle Corp	330	325188	Chemical Manufacturing
Holcim (US) Inc.	200	327310	Manufacturing
The Okonite Co.	200	331422	Cable Manufacturing
Cox Industries Inc.	180	321114	Wood Product Manufacturing
North American Container Corp	175	321920	Container Manufacturing
Federal-Mogul Friction Products	160	336399	Manufacturing
Carpenter Technology Corp	150	33142	Manufacturing
Dempsey Wood Products Inc.	150	321912	Wood Product Manufacturing
Kimlor Mills	110	314129	Bed Linen Manufacturing
Gulbrandsen Chemicals Inc.	100	325199	Chemical Manufacturing
Mars Petcare Us Inc.	95	311111	Pet Food Manufacturing
Mayer Industries Inc.	80	333292	Textile Manufacturing
C.F. Evans Construction	72	236220	Commercial Construction
Trinity Highway Products	60	237310	Guardrail Construction
Sunshine Recycling	60	331110	Recycling
Starflo Corp	56	332911	Valve Manufacturing
V P Kiser Lumber Co Inc.	50	321113	Sawmill
Hikari USA Inc.	40	336399	Transmission Manufacturing
Sims Bark of Georgia LLC	40	327390	Wood Products Mfg.
Geocycle	38	434310	Fuel Cement Recycler
Paul Argoe Screens Inc.	35	321911	Window & Door Mfg.
Quality Model South Carolina	35	326199	Plastic Products
Triumph Fabrication	35	332710	Machined Parts Mfg.
W & B Enterprises Inc.	35	313311	Souvenir Products
Orangeburg Redi-Mix Concrete	33	327320	Building Products
Orangeburg Coca Cola Bottling	32	312111	Bottling Mfg.
Santee Wire Products Inc.	22	332618	Wire Product Mfg.
Orangeburg Pecan Co Inc.	20	311911	Food Processing
Prologix	20	424920	Distribution
Wactor & Associates	19	314999	Screen Printing
Whitman Mold Inc.	19	332710	Machine Shop
Amware Pallet Service LLC	18	321920	Wood Container Mfg.
ATSKO Inc.	18	325998	Waterproofing Compounds
Carolina Pole Inc.	16	321114	Wood Preservation
Ecka Granules of America LLC	12	331423	Manufacturing
Farmers Milling & Supply Co	11	311211	Flour Milling
ACO Warehouse & Distribution	11	493130	Distribution

Source: Central SC Records.

COMMUTING PATTERNS

17,651 workers live and work in Orangeburg County; 15,000 commute into Orangeburg County, and 15,360 commute out of Orangeburg County. Orangeburg County's interstate system allows local residents and residents of other counties to easily commute into and/or out of Orangeburg County for work. Additionally, the many workers that commute spend most frequently 20-34 minutes commuting to work—extending the labor draw for companies in Orangeburg County.

Commute Destination	
Richland County	3,299
Charleston County	2,045
Lexington County	1,786
Berkeley County	877
Calhoun County	726

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics 2011.

Commute Origin	
Calhoun County	1,506
Richland County	1,196
Lexington County	1,303
Dorchester County	1,222
Bamberg Count	1,208

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics 2011.

COMMUTER CHARACTERISTICS

Subject	Estimate
Workers Age 16 and over	33,461
Worked in County of Residence	77.5%
Worked Outside County of Residence	21.7%
Worked Outside State of Residence	0.7%
Travel Time to Work	
Less than 10 minutes	17.5%
10 to 14 minutes	17.5%
15 to 19 minutes	14.1%
20 to 24 minutes	14.6%
25 to 29 minutes	4.7%
30 to 34 minutes	9.4%
35 to 44 minutes	5.3%
45 to 59 minutes	8.0%
60 or more minutes	8.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes)	24.3
Means of Transportation to Work	
Car, Truck or Van	94.4%
Public Transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.5%
Bicycle	0.0%
Taxicab, motorcycle, or other means	2.0%
Worked at home	2.1%

Source: American Community Survey 2009 – 2013 5-year Estimates

LIVING HERE

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

In early January coon hunting enthusiasts from all over the United States and Canada are drawn to Orangeburg County for the **Grand American Coon Hunt**. Selected as one of the “Top Twenty Tourism Events in the Southeast” by the Southeast Tourism Society, the Grand American is the largest field trial for coon dogs in the United States and is a qualifying event for the World Coon Hunt.

In late April, The **South Carolina Festival of Roses** is held in the Edisto Memorial Gardens. This festival features a weekend of family friendly fun with entertainment including music, sports, races, arts and crafts and much more. In mid-October you can sample the different fare available at the annual “**Taste of Orangeburg**”. Held in downtown Orangeburg, festival goers will be able to try dishes from a variety of local restaurants.



From November to January the City of Orangeburg invites you to experience the most breathtaking display of lights you will ever see. **The Children’s Garden Christmas**, a drive through display located in the beautiful Edisto Memorial Gardens, hosts thousands of lights including still and animated displays.

RECREATION

Orangeburg County offers an array of outdoor recreation. The **Santee Cooper Lakes** provide 170,000 acres of fresh water for boating, swimming, year round fishing and other aquatic activities.

Boaters can even sail to Charleston through the Santee Cooper Lakes’ navigation lock. The Santee State Park features 30 lake front cabins and 150 campsites. Park guests can enjoy activities such as sailing, tennis, boating, camping or taking a stroll on the nature walk. Some of the offerings at the park include boat rentals and professionally guided tours. Orangeburg County also offers everything for the golfer from scenic courses to a year round temperate climate.

There are excellent golf and country club facilities with both private and public facilities available. The City of Orangeburg’s **Hillcrest Golf Club** offers challenging play and is centrally located for county residents and visitors to the area. The Santee Cooper Lakes area is well represented with beautiful courses in picturesque settings.

The **Orangeburg Country Club** is a first-class country club with a full slate of amenities that allows us to satisfy our members’ every sporting and social whim, including an 18-hole championship golf course with manicured fairways and greens. The Country Club was originally designed by leading architect Ellis Maples in 1963, it’s a course that welcomes novices, yet still challenges low-handicap players. In 2009, the course was redesigned and upgraded, including a 2.3 acre short range practice area and 122,000 sq. ft. of restored original greens complexes. For those who wish to hone their

skills, there's a variety of options including a driving range, putting green, and personal instruction from a PGA golf professional.

The **Lake Marion Golf Course** is a public 6,600 yard championship course which overlooks Lake Marion. A semi-private **Santee Cooper Country Club** also overlooks Lake Marion on a 6,500 yard championship course. Lastly, there is the **Santee National Golf Club**, a 7,200 yard public course that challenges everyone from the novice to the seasoned pro.

The **Orangeburg County YMCA** has a wide variety of programs for people of all ages and interests. The YMCA features a waterpark, natatorium, therapeutic pool, large fitness center, gymnasium, Child Watch, and many great programs. Some of the programs offered by the YMCA include: kick boxing, circuit training, bootcamp, ZUMBA, group cycle studio and many more.



PLACES TO VISIT

Orangeburg County is home to many of the state's historic points of interest, **Eutaw Springs Battlefield** being one of them. A monument on S.C. Highway 6 designates this historical site as one of the bloodiest battles of the American Revolution and the largest major Revolutionary battles in South Carolina.

Another historical site to visit is the **Donald Bruce House** located on the **Middlepen Plantation**. The Donald Bruce House, built in 1735, is the oldest home in the County. The house is made of virgin longleaf pine with timbers a foot wide. The house can be seen from Highway 301 about two miles north of the Orangeburg city limits.

The **Orangeburg County Fine Arts Center** housed in the old River Pavilion, which overlooks the Edisto River, offers performances, programs, and classes in the visual, performing and literary arts. The art center is also home to the **Lusty Gallery** which displays a variety of art from paintings, mosaics, pottery, quilts, woodcarvings, and miniatures.



Rated as one of the top twenty visitor attractions in South Carolina, **The Edisto Memorial Gardens** holds not only a mountain of historical significance but also is one of the most breathtaking landscapes in South Carolina. This site was first developed in the 1920's with a few azaleas on 5 acres of land. A playground was added in 1922, and a greenhouse and nursery facility in 1947. To extend the

season of beauty, the first rose garden was planted in 1951. Currently, there are more than 50 beds of roses ranging from miniatures to grandiflora to climbers on over 150 acres of land. Some 4,000 plants representing at least 75 labeled varieties of roses are always on display in the Gardens. In July 1992, a major new theme was added to the Gardens with the establishment of the **Horne Wetlands Park**. This 2,600 foot boardwalk takes the visitor into a Tupelo/Cypress wetland that lies between the Display Rose Garden and the North fork of the Edisto River.

HEALTHCARE

The **Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties (RMC)** founded in 1919 as a small, private hospital, has grown to a 286-bed, acute-care center owned by Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties. Serving a six-county area, the medical center has a multitude of specialties and programs that provide the latest advancements in medical care. Accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations with a Gold Seal of Approval, the RMC offers a wide variety of high-quality medical services allowing area residents to receive the very best possible healthcare without leaving Orangeburg County. The active medical staff numbers more than 100 physicians representing most specialties and more than 40 physicians in outlying areas refer patients to the RMC.

A strong supporter of the community, the RMC sponsors many programs in three focus areas: education, prevention, and healing. Besides the benefit to individual members of the community, wellness makes good economic sense. Wellness programs are used by many companies to reduce employee injury and stress and, as a result, to help them stay on the job.



CLIMATE

The climate in Orangeburg County is relatively temperate. Winters are mild and summers are quite warm. The mean annual temperature is 60.5 degrees; average winter temperature is 46 degrees; average summer temperature is 79.1 degrees; average annual rainfall is 47.31 inches and the yearly percentage of sunshine hours is 62%.

HOUSING

According to Caldwell Banker's 2014 Home Listings Report (HLR), the average listing price for a three-bedroom, two-bathroom property in Orangeburg was \$190,726. Golf course communities and master planned developments have homes ranging from \$125,000 to over \$200,000. Lots in the area range in size from approximately one-half acre to one acre and from \$5,000 to \$48,000 in cost, respectively; with the average cost of a lot being \$20,000. Overall, the Orangeburg area offers more real estate per dollar than most other areas in South Carolina.

SHOPPING

There is plenty of shopping throughout Orangeburg County at the wide variety of shops and outlets. With nearly 580 retail stores throughout Orangeburg, shoppers will find almost everything they might need or want. **The Prince of Orange Mall** creates a great browsing environment for shoppers, with 20 specialty shops, and several department stores including JCPenny and Belk.

GOVERNMENT

Orangeburg County is governed by a Council/Administrative format. The council consists of seven members elected through a single member method. Term length for a council seat is two years.

POLICE & FIRE

Department	Resources
Orangeburg County Sheriff's Department	
Officers	96
Patrol Cars	96
Total Personnel	122
Orangeburg City Police Department	
Officers	77
Patrol Cars	28
Total Personnel	93
Orangeburg Fire Department	
Paid Firefighters	77
Volunteers	0
Fire Stations	2
Fire Trucks	10
Hazmat Trucks	1
Orangeburg County	586

UTILITIES

Utility	Provider / Data
Water & Wastewater Services	
Orangeburg DPU	
Water Capacity	19 MGD
Excess Capacity	7 MGD
Sewer Capacity	9 MGD
Excess Capacity	4.5 MGD
Telephone Services	AT&T, ITC DeltaCom, TDS Telecommunications
Gas Suppliers	Orangeburg DPU, SCE&G
Electric Suppliers	Aiken Electric Coop, Orangeburg DPU, Edisto Electric Coop, SCE&G, Tri-County Electric Coop

MEDIA

Published daily, The State is the largest newspaper and covers the entire state of South Carolina. Orangeburg County's daily newspaper is The Times & Democrat. Cable is provided Time Warner Cable.

EDUCATION

PRIMARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

Orangeburg County has three public school districts comprised of thirty-three schools, which includes one primary school, fifteen elementary schools, ten middle schools and seven high schools.

District	Orangeburg 3	Orangeburg 4	Orangeburg 5
Enrollment	2,982	3,877	6,874
Total SAT Score	1189	1255	1190
Total ACT Score	16.8	17.9	15.8
Pupil / Teacher Ratio	18.1:1	20.2:1	21.2:1
Expenditure Per Pupil	\$11,911	\$9,299	\$11,599
Attendance Rate	92.3%	95.3%	92.3%
Annual Dropout Rate	4.2%	1.6%	1.8%
Teachers with Advanced Degrees	57.3%	61.2%	69.2%

Source: South Carolina Department of Education 2014 School District Report Cards

Orangeburg County School District noteworthy accomplishments of the 2013-2014 school year include: Teacher Advancement Program grant, Palmetto and Gold Award recipients, and improvements in both the "Growth and Absolute Ratings" on the 2013 State Report Card.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Private School	Enrollment	Grades	Denomination
Holly Hill Academy	230	PK-12	Nonsectarian
Orangeburg Precatory School	766	PK-12	Nonsectarian
Vanard Mendinghall Jr. Academy	13	KG-8	7 th Day Adventist
Wesley Christian School	15	PK-11	Christian

Source: SC Private School Enrollment, 2012-2013.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population Age 25+	Percent
Less Than 9 th Grade	7.2%
9 th to 12 th Grade, No Diploma	13.5%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	35.4%
Some College, No Degree	17.3%
Associate's Degree	8.0%
Bachelor's Degree	11.2%
Graduate or Professional Degree	7.4%
High School Graduate or Higher	79.3%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	18.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau's 2009 - 2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

HIGHER EDUCATION

There are four institutions for higher education in Orangeburg County with the state's flagship university, the University of South Carolina, located only 45 minutes away in Columbia. **Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College** is a two-year college that prepares students for the workforce or to transfer to a four year institution.

Also located in Orangeburg County is **Southern Methodist College**, a private four-year Christian liberal arts school. SMC has received full accreditation with the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools.

South Carolina State University and **Claflin College** are two historically black colleges located in the county. SCSU is a state-assisted land grant institution that enrolls approximately 4,300 students and offers 60 baccalaureate programs. Claflin is a private four-year liberal arts university with an enrollment of approximately 1,600 students and offers 30 baccalaureate programs.



Furthermore, Orangeburg County's location between Columbia and Charleston allows access to 11 other institutions of higher education—including the state's flagship university—the University of South Carolina.

HIGHER EDUCATION STATISTICS

Institution	Enrollment	Graduates	Location
Allen University	660	81	Columbia
Benedict College	2,444	309	Columbia
Central Carolina Technical College	3,963	612	Sumter; Multiple Locations
Charleston Southern University	3,367	593	Charleston
Claflin University	1,886	396	Orangeburg
College of Charleston	11,456	2,487	Charleston
Columbia College	1,221	348	Columbia
Columbia International Univ.	1,103	315	Columbia
Midlands Technical College	11,424	2,066	Columbia; Multiple Locations
Newberry College	1,093	197	Newberry
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College	3,060	434	Orangeburg, Calhoun
Piedmont Technical College	5,964	1,007	Greenwood; Multiple Locations
South Carolina State Univ.	3,331	738	Orangeburg
Trident Technical College	16,136	3,298	Charleston
University of South Carolina	32,974	7,470	Columbia

Source: *The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education 2013-2014. Enrollment Fall 2014, Graduates AY 2013-2014.*