

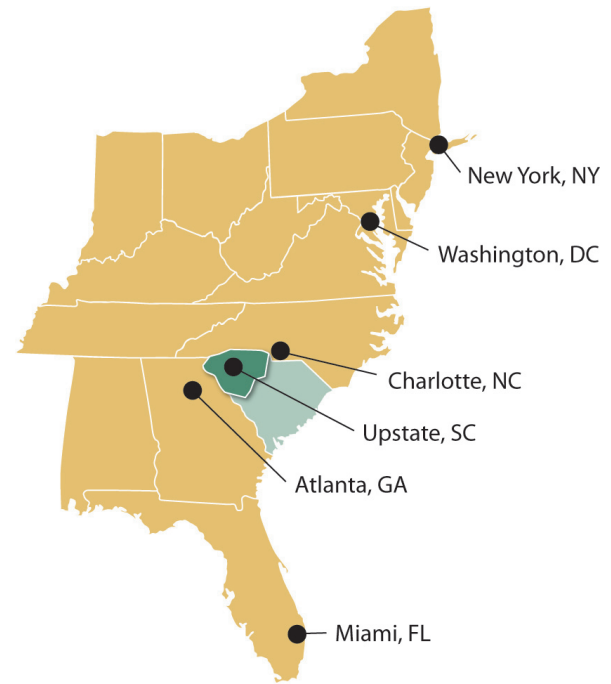


BUSINESS REALLY MOVES HERE

The superior infrastructure and progressive business climate have made Upstate South Carolina an ideal climate for growing businesses. We also offer a low cost of living and our 23 institutions of higher learning, serving more than 85,000 students each year, provide a continuous pipeline of educated workers. So it's no wonder that South Carolina consistently ranks within the Top 10 states for business by companies, according to Chief Executive Magazine, CNBC, Area Development, KPMG, and Pollina.

About Upstate South Carolina

Located in the northwestern corner of South Carolina, the Upstate connects two of the largest cities in the Southeastern United States: Charlotte and Atlanta. The Upstate is home to some of the world's most forward thinking companies, including world leaders in the development and application of cutting-edge technologies in a multitude of industries, and provides an unmatched quality of life to its 1.3 million residents.



Cost of Doing Business

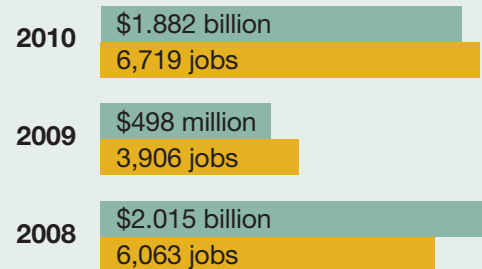
Upstate South Carolina is frequently recognized for its low operating costs. In fact, KPMG recognizes the Greenville-Mauldin-Easley MSA as having some of the lowest business costs in the Southeast. These cost benefits also extend to our cost of living. With our comparatively lower cost of living, companies locating in Upstate South Carolina appreciate a lower payroll expense.

- The corporate tax rate is the lowest in the Southeast and 10th best nationally
- South Carolina ranks 9th best in the nation in adjusted unemployment taxes
- Industrial utility rates are more than 17.5% lower than the national average
- Construction costs are more than 25% lower than some states and 10% below the national average
- AAA notes South Carolina as having some of the lowest gas prices in the nation

Recent Rankings

- Ranked #1 for Economic Growth Potential—Business Facilities
- Ranked 8th best for pro-business regulatory environment—Forbes magazine
- Ranked 6th best for Cost of Doing Business—CNBC's 2010 Top States for Business
- Ranked as the 3rd best place to do business in the nation—Area Development

2008-2010 Announcements



The Upstate has announced over \$4 billion in capital investments and 16,000 jobs, over the past 3 years.

Workforce

CNBC ranks the South Carolina workforce as the 5th best in the nation, based on quality and availability of workers and workforce training. It comes as no surprise as the 10-county Upstate encompasses a population of more than 1.37 million and has grown at a rate of 10% since 2000. South Carolina is also a right-to-work state and has one of the lowest unionization rates in the nation.

Higher Education

Upstate South Carolina is home to 23 institutes of higher learning serving more than 85,000 students annually. These schools represent a diverse mix of colleges, large and small, with specialties in liberal arts, engineering and technical education. To encourage greater participation, South Carolina offers several college scholarship programs.

readySC™

For almost 50 years, readySC™ has been recognized as one of the nation's premier and most experienced workforce training programs. Operated through the SC Technical College System, readySC™ provides customized workforce training at little or no cost for companies locating in the area. Since 1961, readySC™ has served more than 250,000 trainees from 2,000 companies including General Electric, BMW, Michelin, Caterpillar and Bosch.

Infrastructure – An Upstate SC Advantage



By Land

The Upstate:

- Is served by two major interstates:
 - I-85 connecting Montgomery, AL to Richmond, VA
 - I-26 connecting Charleston, SC to the TN/WV border
- Has the 4th largest state-maintained highway system in the nation
- Has Class-I commercial rail service provided by Norfolk-Southern and CSX



By Air

GSP International Airport:

- Provides daily direct flights to many domestic destinations and domestic hubs across the nation
- Serves as a hub for Southwest Airlines
- Is home to a 120,000 sq ft air cargo processing facility operated by FedEx

The Upstate is also served by 12 general aviation facilities across the region.



By Sea

The Port of Charleston:

- Is the most productive East Coast port
- Ranks 1st in customer satisfaction
- Serves more than 150 nations by 36 different steamship lines
- Is less than 4 hours from anywhere in the Upstate
- In undergoing a 10-year, \$1.3 billion capital plan for expansion and facilities upgrade