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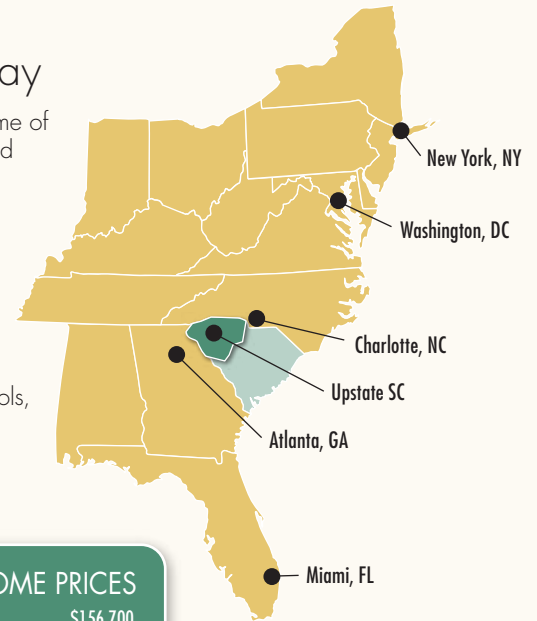
Climate, Recreation & Culture

UPSTATE SOUTH CAROLINA
"I was blown away."

A Great Place to Live, Work & Play

Upstate SC provides an exceptional business climate for 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 such as automotive, healthcare, advanced materials as well as headquarters.

Located in the northwestern corner of South Carolina, Upstate SC is not only strategically positioned between two of the largest cities in the Southeastern United States - Charlotte and Atlanta - but it also provides an unmatched quality of life to its 1.3 million residents. With excellent schools, diverse dining options and a multitude of cultural and recreational opportunities, it's easy to see why people are blown away by Upstate South Carolina.



METRO AREA MEDIAN HOME PRICES

Greenville, SC.....	\$156,700
Spartanburg, SC	\$127,700
Atlanta, GA	\$151,300
Charleston, SC	\$210,900
Raleigh-Cary, NC	\$221,900
Philadelphia, NJ	\$241,100
Los Angeles	\$391,400

Housing

Upstate SC offers a variety of housing options, both rural and urban. The downtowns of Greenville, Spartanburg and Anderson serve up the city life with plenty of options and amenities. For a more scenic view, the Upstate offers up housing opportunities on many of its beautiful lakes or atop its picturesque mountains. For those with active lifestyles, it offers numerous communities including the prestigious Cliffs Communities – home to award-winning golf courses designed by renowned professionals such as Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods.

With all these options, it is no surprise that the Greenville-Spartanburg area was recognized as one of the Top Real Estate Markets by Expansion Management Magazine. Even more comforting is the fact that Forbes recently recognized Greenville as one of the most Affordable Places to Weather a Downturn and Spartanburg as having one of the Best Middle Class Housing Markets.



Healthcare

The Upstate prides itself on its state-of-the-art healthcare systems that are setting standards across the country. These 14 systems represent more than 3,800 general medical and surgical beds and two of the four Level I Trauma Centers located in South Carolina.

- AnMed Health received the HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence for 2008 & 2009
- Bon Secours St. Francis received the 2008 South Carolina Governor's Award for Quality and Excellence
- 3 GHS hospitals recently received national awards for their deliverance of high-quality care
- Spartanburg Regional is among the nation's top 3 % of hospitals for excellence in nursing
- 3 Upstate hospitals were recognized for their Outstanding Patient Experience



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Primary K-12

- Upstate SC's public schools serve over 200,000 students
- SC ranks 3rd in the nation in the number of teachers certified by the prestigious National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
- 13 Upstate schools currently offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, a high quality program of international education
- 12 Upstate schools were recognized in Newsweek's Top 1,300 US High Schools
- Home to the SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities



Higher Learning

Home to 23 Institutes of Higher Education, the Upstate serves more than 85,000 students annually. These institutes represent a diverse mix of colleges large and small, with specialties in liberal arts, engineering, and technical education. Alongside the many opportunities that exist in the Upstate, there are also 10 major research universities located within close proximity to the area.

Climate, Recreation & Culture

In a place that offers the best in recreation and culture, there is something to be found in the Upstate for everyone who looks here. Lakes, mountains and some of the most beautiful terrain in the country make for a wide variety of outdoor recreational activities, from golf and hiking to whitewater rafting and waterskiing. But despite what one might think, there is no shortage of big-city amenities to complement the natural features and small-town feel of the Upstate. Cultural highlights includes world-class arts and entertainment, from opera, rock concerts, theatre and professional sports, to globally recognized museums and galleries. And with the wonder of the Blue Ridge Mountains and the fantastic climes of the coastal Southeast within easy reach, it is easy to be blown away by Upstate South Carolina.



COST OF LIVING COMPARISON

Anderson, SC	91.7
Greenville, SC	90.0
Atlanta, GA	96.1
Charlotte, NC	93.7
Charleston, SC	97.9
Bowling Green, KY	91.5
Raleigh, NC	104.8
Chicago, IL	110.5
Los Angeles	148.1

Upstate SC is one of the least expensive cities of comparable markets in the Southeast.

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Upstate South Carolina leaves an impact on everyone who visits. Learn more about the region and see why so many people say, "I was blown away."