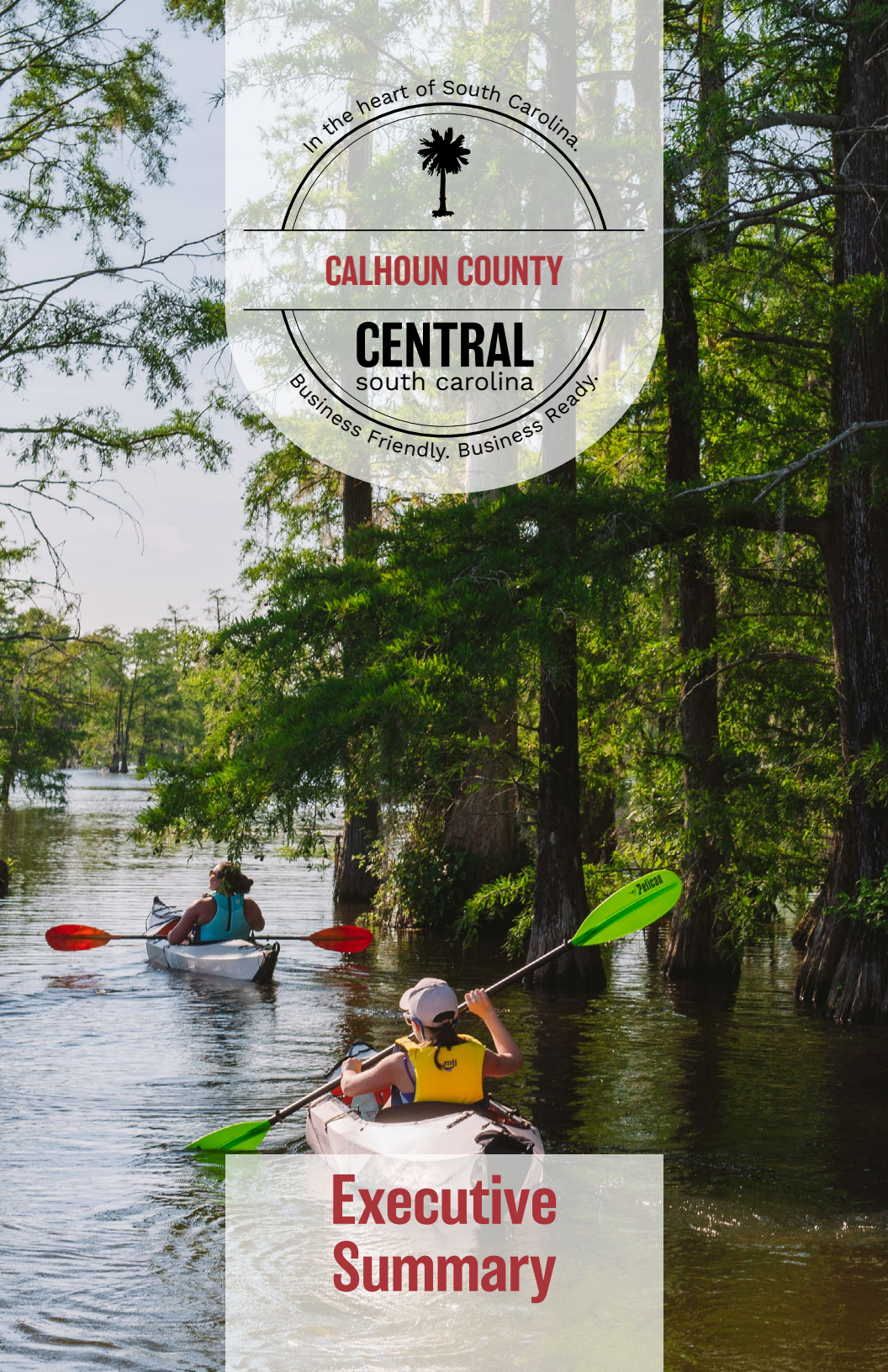


In the heart of South Carolina.

CALHOUN COUNTY

CENTRAL
south carolina

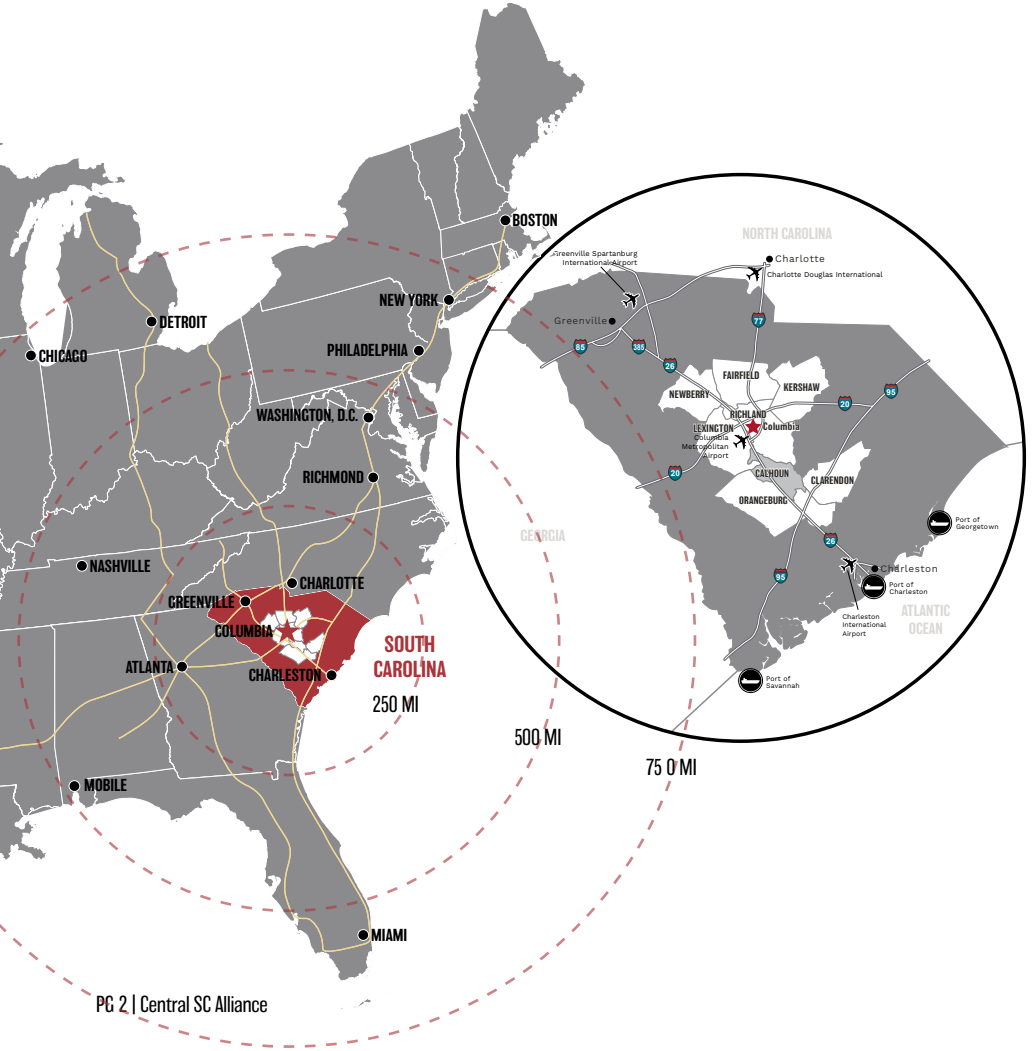
Business Friendly. Business Ready.

Executive Summary

WHY CENTRAL SC?

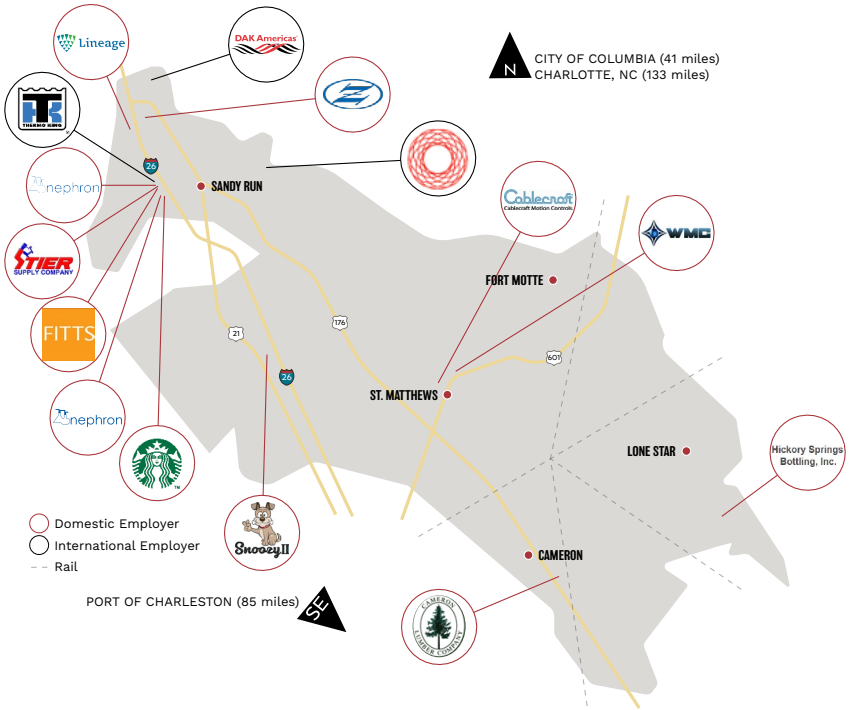
Located in the heart of South Carolina, the Central SC Region is composed of South Carolina's capital city, Columbia, and eight surrounding counties: Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg and Richland. Together, these areas host an average workforce of 460,000 dedicated professionals.

Conveniently positioned in the center of the state and halfway between New York and Miami, the Central SC Region is crossed by four major interstates, providing unrivaled speed to market.



CALHOUN COUNTY

When Henry Ford was producing the first Model T in 1908, South Carolina was creating a history of its own with the formation of Calhoun County, named after former US Vice President John C. Calhoun. Small but mighty, Calhoun County boasts globally-recognized businesses like Starbucks, with one of the few roasting plants found worldwide; Devro Inc., one of the world's leading manufacturers of edible casings; and Zeus Industrial Products, Inc., a global supplier of high-performance polymer tubing. Its convenient location between the state capital of Columbia and the Port of Charleston, as well as ease of interstate travel make Calhoun County a formidable competitor when it comes to attracting big business.



AN IDEAL LOCATION

APPROXIMATELY 2/3 OF THE NATION'S POPULATION IS ACCESSIBLE WITHIN A DAY'S DRIVE

TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Columbia Metropolitan Airport (CAE): 33 miles SE
NONSTOP FLIGHTS TO 9 MAJOR AIRPORTS IN 8 CITIES INCLUDING CHARLOTTE, ATLANTA, DALLAS/FORT WORTH, CHICAGO, WASHINGTON D.C., PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, MIAMI • SERVES 1.3 MILLION PASSENGERS ANNUALLY • DIRECT FLIGHTS TO MAJOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT VIA CHARLOTTE (CLT) • MAIN FREIGHT CARRIERS: FEDERAL EXPRESS, UPS • 75,000 TONS OF CARGO PROCESSED IN 2020

Charleston International Airport (CHS): 78 miles SE
WELCOMES APPROXIMATELY 4 MILLION PASSENGERS ANNUALLY • NONSTOP FLIGHTS TO OVER 40 DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING ATLANTA, CHARLOTTE, DETROIT, NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, BALTIMORE, CHICAGO, NEWARK, BOSTON • SEASONAL DIRECT FLIGHT TO LONDON • HOME TO BOEING ASSEMBLY FACILITY FOR THE 787 DREAMLINER

Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT): 132 miles N
NONSTOP SERVICE TO 183 DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING 36 INTERNATIONAL • RANKED 5TH WORLDWIDE FOR AIR TRAFFIC & 6TH FOR PASSENGER TRAFFIC • AVERAGING OVER 1,400 DAILY ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES • HOME TO NORFOLK SOUTHERN'S CHARLOTTE REGIONAL INTERMODAL FACILITY

Shipping & Foreign Trade Zones
UPS SOUTHEAST REGION AIR HUB & FEDEX GROUND HUB LOCATED ON-SITE AT CAE • FTZ 127 LOCATED AT CAE • FTZ 21 LOCATED AT PORT OF CHARLESTON • INDIVIDUAL FTZ SITES ESTABLISHED ACROSS THE STATE

Port of Charleston: 88 miles SE
9TH LARGEST U.S. PORT • #3 U.S. PORT FOR NORTH EUROPE CONTAINER VOLUME • DEEPEST WATER IN THE SOUTHEAST • NEO-PANAMAX SERVICE WITH CHANNEL OF 52' • ALL MAJOR CONTAINER CARRIERS • INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS: AFRICA, ASIA, AUSTRALIA, CENTRAL AMERICA, EUROPE, SOUTH AMERICA, INDIA • INTERMODAL AND MERCHANDISE RAIL SERVICES THROUGH CSX AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN

Port of Georgetown: 108 miles E
DEDICATED BREAKBULK & BULK CARGO • SPECIALIZED FOR CEMENT, AGGREGATES, FOREST PRODUCTS, METALS • CSX RAIL-SERVED WAREHOUSING SPACE • PROVIDES NEARLY 28 ACRES OF OPEN STORAGE AND OVER 100,000 SF OF WAREHOUSE SPACE

Port of Savannah: 127 miles S
LARGEST SINGLE-TERMINAL CONTAINER FACILITY IN THE NATION • 1.4 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF COVERED STORAGE WITH ADJACENT RAIL • SERVED BY CSX & NORFOLK SOUTHERN • 3RD BUSIEST CONTAINER GATEWAY IN THE U.S.

Interstate Access:

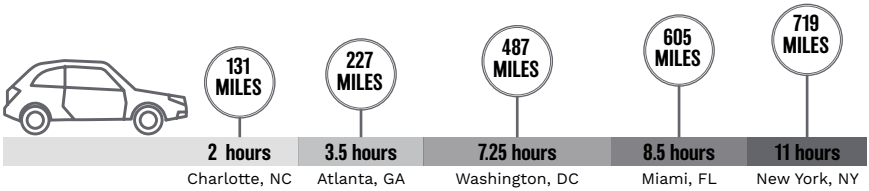
- 20 — ACCESSIBLE 37 MILES E
- 26 — PASSES THROUGH CALHOUN COUNTY
- 77 — ACCESSIBLE 33 MILES E
- 95 — ACCESSIBLE 32 MILES E

Rail Service: CSX & Norfolk Southern

OFFER 2,400+ MILES OF RAIL STATEWIDE COMBINED • INTERMODAL FACILITIES LOCATED IN CHARLESTON & CHARLOTTE

- EFFICIENT PORT OPERATIONS
- NEARBY AIRPORTS & TRADE ZONES
- SPEEDY INTERSTATE TRAVEL
- ABUNDANT RAIL SERVICE

ACCESS TO MAJOR CITIES



CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST EFFICIENT U.S. PORTS, THE PORT OF CHARLESTON HAS BEEN A MAJOR HUB FOR GLOBAL COMMERCE AND TRADE FOR OVER 300 YEARS.

OUR PEOPLE

In Calhoun County, our people are hardworking, highly educated, dedicated and skilled in a variety of industries. Companies that have opened new locations or expanded existing facilities in the county know this first hand. Their talents, ideas, and ambitions are a large part of what makes Calhoun *The Ideal Place to Grow Your Business*.

DEMOGRAPHICS

6.4K
LABOR FORCE
Annual 2021

4.5%
UNEMPLOYMENT
Annual 2021

13.9K
POPULATION
Annual 2022 estimate

22.8%
BACHELOR'S
degree or higher

88.4%
HIGH SCHOOL
grad or higher

80.2%
RESIDENTS
age 18+

2.31
HOUSEHOLD
average size

45.1
MEDIAN AGE
of population

49%
MALE
population

51%
FEMALE
population

3.37%
SC POPULATION GROWTH RATE

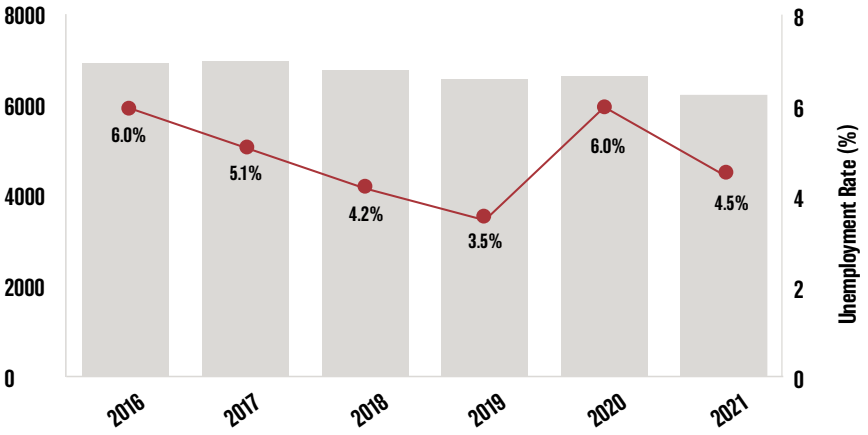
PAST FIVE YEARS

FASTER THAN

COMPETING SOUTHEASTERN STATES,
THE SOUTHERN AVERAGE &
THE UNITED STATES AVERAGE

- U.S. Census Bureau

LABOR FORCE & UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS



COMMUTING PATTERNS

5,651
OUTBOUND

Top 5 Locations:
Orangeburg County
Richland County
Lexington County
Charleston County
Berkeley County

3,330
INBOUND

Top 5 Locations:
Lexington County
Orangeburg County
Richland County
Aiken County
Berkeley County

1,106 Live & Work in Calhoun County

TRAVELERS AVERAGE
30 MILES
IN
30 MINUTES

EASY
30-MINUTE OR LESS
COMMUTE FOR
60%
OF CENTRAL SC WORKERS

PROUD TO MANUFACTURE

MANUFACTURING JOB CONCENTRATION

4.16 X

THE NATIONAL CONCENTRATION

20,892

EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

45-MINUTE DRIVE TIME

DRIVE TIME POPULATION

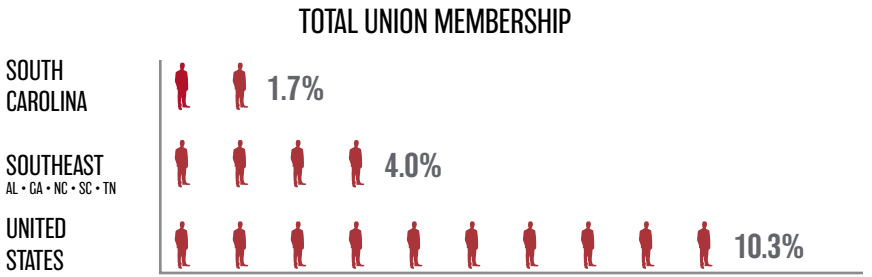
30 MINS 67,963

45 MINS 427,453

60 MINS 959,498

LOWEST UNIONIZATION IN THE NATION

South Carolina maintains one of the lowest unionization rates in the nation, making the state a prime location for businesses seeking a reliable and stable workforce. Calhoun County has **no known manufacturing unions**.



PRIVATE UNION MEMBERSHIP

1.1%	2.5%	6.1%
SC	SOUTHEAST	US

PRIVATE MANUFACTURING UNION MEMBERSHIP

0.8%	2.8%	7.6%
SC	SOUTHEAST	US

CALHOUN IS HOME TO ONE OF THE FEW STARBUCKS ROASTING PLANTS IN THE WORLD

INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE BY FACILITY

Mexico
53.9%

United Kingdom
38.7%

Ireland
4.6%

Japan
2.5%

Belgium
0.3%

FLOURISHING INDUSTRIES

ALL INDUSTRIES

MANUFACTURING

CONSTRUCTION

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

RETAIL TRADE

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING

HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

ADMINISTRATIVE & WASTE SERVICES

WHOLESALE TRADE

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD SERVICES

UTILITIES

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

OTHER SERVICES (EXCEPT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)

ALL OTHERS

- Bureau of Labor Statistics, QCEW 2021 for Calhoun County

LARGEST PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

COMPANY	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES
DAK Americas LLC	Plastic materials & resins	251-500
Devro Inc.	Edible casings for meat packaging	251-500
Zeus Industrial Products, Inc.	High-performance polymer tubing for aerospace, automotive, medical & other industries	251-500
Starbucks Roasting Plant	Roasts & distributes coffee	101-250
Lineage Logistics	Food products distribution & cold storage facilities	51-100
Alaglas Pools	Fiberglass pool construction	51-100
Cameron Lumber Co.	Southern yellow pine specialty lumber mill	51-100
Cablecraft Motion Controls	Control heads, cable & mechanical control assemblies	51-100
The Fitts Company	Sign, building & ATM manufacturing	51-100
Hickory Springs Water Co. Inc.	Bottled water manufacturing	26-50
ThermoKing	Temperature controls for the transportation industry	26-50
Golden Kernal Pecan Company	Pecans, Nuts	26-50
Environmental Fabrics, Inc.	Environmental fabric solutions	26-50
Stone Interiors	Stone fabrication & distribution	26-50
Stier Supply Company	Building materials & millwork	26-50
Wire Mesh Corporation	Manufacturing and distribution of welded wire products	26-50
Snoozy II	Manufacturing of fiberglass campers & refurbishing of boat trailers	1-25
Southern Milling & Lumber Inc	Pallets, skids, & wall siding	1-25
Helena Chemical Co.	Distributor of agricultural chemicals, seed & fertilizer	1-25
Hi-Tech Specialty Fabrics	Specialty engineered fabrics	1-25

MARQUEE COMPANIES

DOMESTIC BRANDS

ZEUS

Lineage

FITTS

Cameron Lumber Company

Cablecraft Motion Controls

ALAGLAS SWIMMING POOLS

stone interiors
Granite ❖ Marble ❖ Ceramic

INTERNATIONAL BRANDS

MATHESON

DEVRO

Lhoist

HELENA

THERMO KING

DAK Americas

HIGH-PERFORMANCE POLYMER TUBING
ZEUS INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS

FOOD DIST. & COLD STORAGE
LINEAGE LOGISTICS

PLASTIC MATERIALS & RESIN
DAK AMERICAS LLC

COFFEE ROASTING & DIST.
STARBUCKS ROASTING PLANT

TEMPERATURE CONTROLS
THERMOKING

SOUTHERN YELLOW PINE MILL
CAMERON LUMBER CO.

SIGN, BUILDING, ATM's
THE FITTS COMPANY

EDIBLE MEAT CASINGS
DEVRO INC

WELDED WIRE PRODUCTS
WIRE MESH CORPORATION

WORKFORCE TRAINING

readysc™
a division of the
SC Technical College System

Established in 1961, **readySC™ is one of the premier training programs in the nation**. The program assists qualified employers with recruitment, curriculum development and training, instructors, training sites, and project management at little or no cost. Over 307,800 workers have been trained through readySC™ for companies like:

ZEUS

WMC

FITTS

SC TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

The largest higher education system in the state, composed of **16 colleges** from around South Carolina and the parent organization to readySC™ and Apprenticeship Carolina™. **Four of its colleges serve the Central SC Region:**

MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE • ORANGEBURG-CALHOUN TECHNICAL COLLEGE • CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE • PIEDMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE

APPRENTICESHIP CAROLINA™
SC TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Apprenticeship Carolina™ works to increase the awareness and the use of registered apprenticeships in the state. More than **42,600 apprentices** and over 900 active registered apprenticeships. **Targeted industry clusters include:**

ADV. MANUFACTURING & TECHNOLOGIES • CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGIES • ENERGY • HEALTHCARE • INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY • TOURISM & SERVICE INDUSTRIES • TDL

WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO EXISTING & INCOMING COMPANIES AT LITTLE TO NO COST OR MAY INCLUDE A TAX INCENTIVE.

HIGHER EDUCATION

12 colleges/universities are available to serve students in the Central SC Region. Below are some of the locations within the county and their specialized training programs/facilities, and major institutions nearby:

University of South Carolina

35,000+ STUDENTS SERVED ANNUALLY • 60 NATIONALLY RANKED PROGRAMS • #1 INT'L BUSINESS DEGREE PROGRAMS • RANKED TOP 50 GLOBALLY FOR MASTER'S IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS • NATION'S BEST PUBLIC UNIVERSITY HONORS COLLEGE • NATION'S LEADING FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

4 YR INSTITUTION 300+ areas of study | Specialized studies/facilities include: McNAIR Aerospace Center | Engineering | Moore School of Business: International Business graduate & undergraduate | Integrated Information Technology | Risk and Insurance Management | Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management | Carnegie Foundation Designation

Midlands Technical College

150+ EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN 8 SCHOOLS OF STUDY • ~9,000 STUDENTS SERVED ANNUALLY • 35 ADV. MANUFACTURING & SKILLED TRADES PROGRAMS • 7 CAMPUSES WITHIN THE CENTRAL SC REGION • 2,000+ DEGREES AWARDED ANNUALLY

2 YR INSTITUTION Specialized studies/facilities include: Mechatronics | Industrial Electricity/ Electronics | Center of Excellence for Technology (CET) | Advanced Manufacturing | HAAS Shop Floor training facility | Business Accelerator | Welding Technology Center | SCBIO Life Sciences Pharmaceutical Manufacturing

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College

HBCU • 2,500 STUDENTS SERVED ANNUALLY • 13 PROGRAMS OF STUDY • STATE-OF-THE-ART NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES BUILDING

2 YR INSTITUTION Specialized studies/facilities include: Advanced Manufacturing and Technologies | Electronics Engineering Technology | Agriculture | Healthcare | Mechatronics | Logistics

Columbia College

APPROXIMATELY 1,200 STUDENTS SERVED ANNUALLY • 30+ UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS • RANKED 9TH BEST REGIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR VETERANS (2023)

4 YR INSTITUTION Specialized studies/facilities include: Evening Extended Program offering 13 majors for working adults in the Midlands area | Business Administration | Computer & Information Science | Healthcare Studies (BA/BS) | Accounting

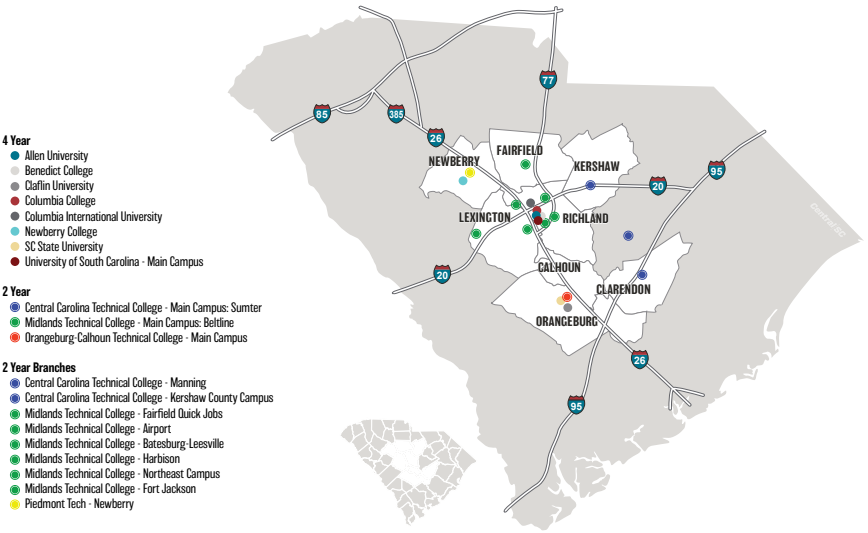
SC State University

HBCU • ~3,000 STUDENTS SERVED ANNUALLY • ONLY UNIVERSITY IN SC WITH BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NUCLEAR ENGINEERING

4 YR INSTITUTION Specialized studies/facilities include: Nuclear Engineering | Departments of Engineering & Engineering Technology | Department of Miliary Science | Computer Science and Mathematics Department | only undergraduate environmental field station in the nation

Other regional institutions:

LOCATIONS IN CENTRAL SC



GRADUATES BY DISCIPLINE

3,354
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

414
MECHANIC & REPAIR TECHNOLOGIES

958
ENGINEERING & ENGINEERING TECH.

564
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

3,125
BUSINESS

231
PRECISION PRODUCTION

Disciplines showcased are those of high demand within the Central SC Region and do not include all fields of study provided by institutions of higher learning.

LIVING IN CALHOUN

AFFORDABLE UTILITIES

Competitive utility prices and available benefits make SC an affordable, pro-business location. SC averages rates **12% lower** in electricity and **6% lower** in natural gas.

NATURAL GAS	ELECTRICITY	WATER/SEWER	TELECOM
Dominion Energy	Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc. TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE Your Touchstone Energy® Partner Dominion Energy	CALHOUN COUNTY	AT&T Spectrum windstream communications

HOUSING

Columbia MSA: **$233,200**

U.S. Average: **$353,400**

South Carolina has the **9th highest Gen Z homeownership** in the nation.

CLIMATE

Temperate weather year-round provides the perfect atmosphere for outdoor and indoor living.

SUMMER AVERAGES

92.4° HIGH

71.4° LOW

JULY

WINTER AVERAGES

57.4° HIGH

37.2° LOW

JANUARY

AVERAGE PRECIPITATION: 45.05 INCHES

AVERAGE SNOWFALL: 1.2 INCHES

HEALTHCARE

Hospitals in the Central SC Region have been ranked among the top in South Carolina:

PRISMA HEALTH SYSTEM REPEATEDLY RECOGNIZED AS "BEST HOSPITAL SYSTEM" IN S.C. & BAPTIST PARKRIDGE RECOGNIZED AS A TOP HOSPITAL FOR QUALITY AND SAFETY IN S.C. • LEXINGTON MEDICAL CENTER RANKED #2 IN S.C. BY U.S. NEWS, RECIPIENT OF THE "HEARTCARE CENTER NATIONAL DISTINCTION OF EXCELLENCE", RECOGNIZED AS "BEST HOSPITAL IN COLUMBIA METRO"

PRIMARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

3
SCHOOLS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
IN CALHOUN COUNTY

242
SCHOOLS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
IN THE CENTRAL SC REGION

9
HIGH SCHOOLS
IN THE CENTRAL SC REGION
RANKED IN THE TOP 25 OF S.C.

~50,000
STUDENTS ENROLLED
IN 88 PUBLIC CHARTER
SCHOOLS IN S.C.

88.4%
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR HIGHER
IN CALHOUN COUNTY

The Columbia MSA repeatedly ranks in the
leading 50% of Most Educated Cities in the nation & **top 2 in the state.**

FEATURES & ATTRACTIONS

Lake Marion
THE LARGEST LAKE IN SOUTH CAROLINA COVERING 110,600 ACRES, THIS LAKE TOUCHES THREE CENTRAL SC REGION COUNTIES INCLUDING CALHOUN. IT IS PART OF THE SANTEE COOPER LAKES SYSTEM AND RICH WITH WILDLIFE.

Farm to Table
IN TRUE SOUTHERN FASHION, FOOD IS A FOCUS OF FAMILIES AND LIFESTYLE HERE. IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR FRESH PRODUCE, CALHOUN COUNTY IS HOME TO NUMEROUS FARMS LIKE RAST STRAWBERRIES AND ULMER FARMS WHERE YOU CAN PICK YOUR FILL.

One of our "Favorite Things"
FEATURED ON OPRAH'S FAVORITE THINGS FOR 2012, "SALLIE'S GREATEST" JAMS GAINED NATIONAL ATTENTION IN THE TELEVISION SHOW'S SPOTLIGHT. THE JAMS COME OUT OF CAMERON, SOUTH CAROLINA WHERE SALLIE DENTH PORT COMES UP WITH HER SIGNATURE FLAVORS.

Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center
THE CALHOUN COUNTY MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER IS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY SEAT, ST. MATTHEWS. ESTABLISHED IN 1959, THE MUSEUM HOUSES A VAST COLLECTION OF MEMORABILIA AND ARCHIVES UNIQUE TO THE COUNTY AND TO SOUTH CAROLINA.

Calhoun Hills Golf Complex
THIS CHALLENGING 18-HOLE COURSE IS BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED. DESIGNED BY ELLIS MAPLES, THE LAYOUT IS SET ON GENTLY ROLLING HILLS BETWEEN PINE AND HARDWOOD TREES. THIS COURSE HAS BEEN RATED 3 STARS BY GOLF DIGEST'S PLACES TO PLAY.

Banks House
THIS GRAND HOME NAMED AFTER COLONEL JAMES ARTHUR BANKS - A NOTEWORTHY MERCHANT, BANKER, FARMER AND TOWN LEADER - IS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY SEAT. IT'S JUST ONE OF APPROXIMATELY 15 REGISTERED HISTORIC SITES AND DISTRICTS IN CALHOUN COUNTY.

Calhoun County Courthouse
CONSTRUCTED IN 1913 AND NAMED AFTER JOHN C. CALHOUN, IT WAS DESIGNED IN THE COLONIAL REVIVAL STYLE BY DARLINGTON NATIVE WILLIAM AUGUSTUS EDWARDS. ON OCTOBER 30, 1981, IT WAS ADDED TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

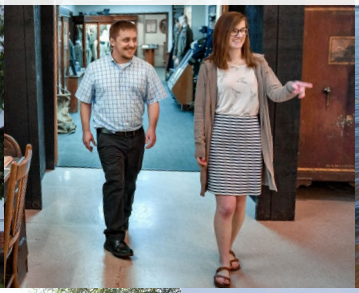
Congaree National Park
THE STATE'S ONLY NATIONAL PARK, THE CONGAREE NATIONAL PARK IS FOUND ALONG THE COUNTY'S NORTHERN BORDER AND PROVIDES VISITORS WITH CAMPING, HIKING, FISHING, KAYAKING AND ANIMAL WATCHING OPPORTUNITIES. HOME OF AN ANNUAL BREATHTAKING SYNCHRONOUS FIREFLIES DISPLAY.

Congaree River
RUNNING ALONG THE NORTHERN BORDER OF THE COUNTY, THIS RIVER RUNS UP FROM LAKE MARION TO CONNECT WITH THE BROAD AND SALUDA RIVERS TO CREATE THE "THREE RIVERS GREENWAY".

Coming soon! Recreational/sports complex
APPROVED IN 2022, A RECREATIONAL/SPORTS COMPLEX IS UNDER DEVELOPMENT TO GIVE ATHLETES AND FITNESS FANS A NEW DESTINATION TO EXERCISE THEIR TALENTS.

HISTORIC
BANKS HOUSE

MUSEUM &
CULTURAL CENTER



LAKE
MARION

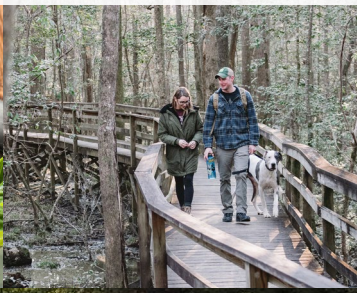
HISTORIC COUNTY
COURTHOUSE

FARM TO TABLE
LIFESTYLE

CALHOUN HILLS
GOLF COMPLEX

SALLIE'S GREATEST
JAMS

CONGAREE
NATIONAL PARK



CONGAREE RIVER

NOTES

Central SC
Business Friendly. Business Ready.

The Central SC Alliance (CSCA) is a full-service professional economic development organization, founded in 1994 as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, public/private partnership, engaged in the recruitment of capital investment and jobs to the heart of South Carolina. Services provided by CSCA include: Marketing, Research, Project Management and Economic Development Consulting.

CSCA represents the capital city of Columbia and eight counties: Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg and Richland.

CONTACT US

1201 Main Street, Ste 100
Columbia, SC 29201 (USA)

+1.803.733.1131

www.centralsc.org

START CENTRAL

CALHOUN COUNTY

Proud Member
Central SC
Business Friendly. Business Ready.

114 Courthouse Annex, St. Matthews, SC 29135
(803) 874-2435
www.calhouncounty.sc.gov

Thank you to our partners for their contributions in content and images included in this publication.