

Introduction

South Carolina is located in the Southeast United States with access to the Atlantic Ocean. The name "Carolina" was derived from the Latin word for Charles, "Carolana," for King Charles I of England. South Carolina was primarily an agricultural state until the 20th century and cotton has historically been South Carolina's main cash crop. Today, the state also grows a substantial amount of tobacco and soybeans. Agricultural products also form the foundation of South Carolina's manufacturing sector. The clothing and textile industries rely on cotton grown in the state. Other major products from South Carolina include chemicals, machinery, and automobiles. Apart from manufacturing and agriculture, tourism and the military play a big role in the economy. U.S. military operations in South Carolina include Fort Jackson in Columbia, the Marine Corps at Parris Island and Beaufort, and Air Force bases in Sumter and Charleston.



Abbreviation: SC

Capital: Columbia

Nick Name: Palmetto State

Time Zone-Standard: GMT -5

Time Zone-Daylight Saving: GMT -4

Sales Tax Rate: 6.00%

Motto: While I Breathe, I Hope

Web Site: <http://sc.gov>

Government

Governor: Henry McMaster (R)

Senator: Lindsey Graham (R)

Senator: Tim Scott (R)

Entered Union: May 23, 1788

Statistics

Total GDP (Billions):	\$201,005.00 (2015)
Per Capita Real GDP:	\$36,620 (2015)
Population:	4,961,119 (2016)
% of People under Poverty Level:	16.80%
Per Capita Personal Income:	\$39,465
Unemployment Rate:	4.80% (2016)
% of Population with a Bachelor's Degree:	26.80%
Total Exports:	\$29,624,187,799.00 (2014)

Top 5 Export Partner Countries

Country	Exports
China	\$4,872,186,820
Canada	\$3,711,363,845
Germany	\$3,182,567,787
Mexico	\$1,837,739,095
United Kingdom	\$1,363,130,586

Top 5 Export Merchandise

Segment	Exports
Transportation Equipment	\$9,763,517,384
Machinery Manufactures	\$3,545,555,854
Chemical Manufactures	\$2,581,744,140
Plastic & Rubber Products	\$2,535,624,047
Paper Products	\$1,298,817,650

Major Cities

City	Population
Columbia	133,803
Charleston	132,609
North Charleston	108,304

Main Airports

Code	Name	City
CAE	Columbia Metropolitan Airport	Columbia
CHS	Charleston International Airport	Charleston
FLO	Florence Regional Airport	Florence
GSP	Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport	Greer
MYR	Myrtle Beach International Airport	Myrtle Beach

Main Ports

Port Charleston, Port of Georgetown, Port of Port Royal

Corporations

Company	Fortune 1000 Rank	Revenue	City
Domtar	505	\$5,098,000,000	Fort Mill
Sonoco Products	531	\$4,783,000,000	Hartsville
SCANA	572	\$4,227,000,000	Cayce
Resolute Forest Products	646	\$3,545,000,000	Catawba
ScanSource	647	\$3,540,000,000	Greenville

Corporate Marginal Income Tax Rate: 5.00% > \$0
Individual Income Tax Rate: 0.00% > \$0 || 3.00% > \$2,930 || 4.00% > \$5,860 || 5.00% > \$8,790 || 6.00% > \$11,720 || 7.00% > \$14,650

U.S. Commercial Service

Charleston Phil Minard Manager (803) 397-4590	Columbia Dorette Coetsee USEAC Director (803) 777-2571
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