## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

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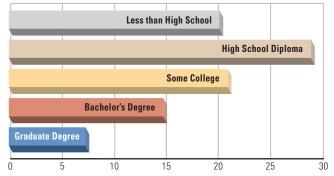
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Population 2009: 4,439,567 Population growth forecast 2009-2013: 7.13% Median household income: \$47,699

**Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2009** 

### **Work Force Education by Percentage**



Private Sector Employment
1,504,400 jobs

14.0%

Manufacturing
20.7%
210,900 jobs

Goods
Producing
311,600 jobs

79.3%
Service Providing
1,192,800 jobs

Employment by
Majority-Owned U.S. Affiliates of
Foreign Firms in 2007: **112,800**Percent of Total State
Employment: **6.9** 

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: \$13.88 Right-to-work state? YES

U.S. Recovery Act Highlight: SC Dept. of Commerce \$1.5 million

### **Did You Know?**

- Florence was a 2008 Site Selection Top Metro in the under 200,000 population category; South Carolina tied for ninth place in the number of micropolitans with the most new or expanded facilities that year.
- South Carolina is the 10th-fastest growing state with a population growth rate of 1.7 percent from July 2007 to July 2008.
- Business network CNBC ranks the Palmetto State's work force the sixth best in the U.S., fourth for access to transportation and the fifth best in terms of the cost of doing business.
- Site Selection ranked South Carolina's business climate the sixth best in 2009; a survey of location executives placed the state 4th as part of that ranking.





Company	City	County	Type	N/E	rivuudi	Investment (in millions)	Employment
Peregrine Energy Corporation	Darlington	Darlington	MF	N	Alternative Fuels	\$135	150
Johnson Controls Power Solutions	Florence	Florence	MF	N	Battery Recycling	100	250
Delfin Group USA	Charleston	Charleston	MF	Е	Petroleum Lubricating O	55 il	160
Bridge to Life Ltd.	Columbia	Richland	HQ/RD	N	Biomedical	45	70
Koyo Corp.	Blythewood	Richland	MF	Е	Bearings	30	
American Synthetics	Goose Creek	Berkeley	HQ/MF	N	Poly woven ba	ags 25	250
FUJIFILM Manufacturing U.S.A., Inc.	Greenwood	Greenwood	MF	E	Photocopying Equipment	25	185
Charles River Laboratories Int'l	Charleston	Charleston	DW/RD	N	Pharmaceutic	als 20	60
DraexImaier Auto. of America LLC	Spartanburg	Spartanburg	MF	Е	Automotive	20	0
Dixie Narco	Barnwell Cnty	v. Barnwell	MF	Е	Vending Machines	20	1,000
Red Ventures	Indian Land	Lancaster	OF	Е	Internet Mktg	ı. 20	1,000

 $MF = Manufacturing \quad OF = Office \quad HQ = Headquarters \quad RD = Research \ \& \ Development \quad CC = Contact \ Center \quad DW = Distribution/Warehouse \quad N = New \quad E = Expanded \ Appendix Part \ Appendix \ App$ 

### **Legislative Update**

- BuySC, a supplier locator service, was transferred to the Dept. of Commerce's Business Services Division.
- The S.C. Taxation Realignment Commission was established to study the state's tax system and make recommendation s about how to make
- the state more competitive in attracting businesses.
- The General Assembly enacted legislation clarifying the role of the state's Ports Authority.

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