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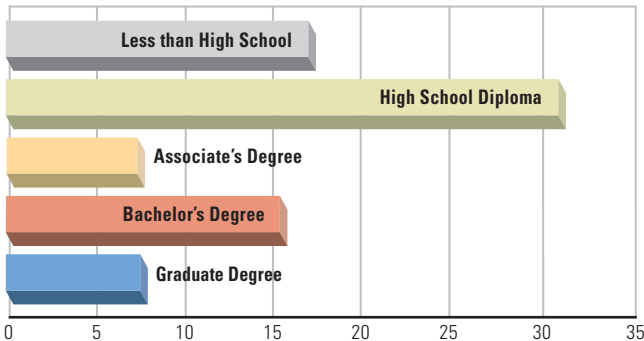
"It is a great day in our country knowing that the NLRB dropped its frivolous lawsuit against Boeing." — Gov. Nikki Haley via Twitter, Dec. 10, 2011, after the National Labor Relations Board dropped its challenge of Boeing's right to locate its new manufacturing facility in North Charleston.

Governor: Nikki Haley (R)

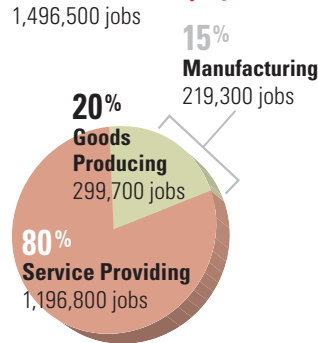
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Population 2011: 4,680,440 Population growth forecast 2011-2015: 6.24% Median household income: \$49,884

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment



Property tax rank: **23**
 Top corporate tax rate: **5.0**
 Unemployment insurance burden rank by least percent of taxable wages: **41**
 Worker's comp rank by lowest index: **12**
 Industrial power prices (per million BTU): **\$16.97**
 Ranked by low price: **18**

Median hourly wage for production occupations: **\$14.68**

Right-to-work state? **YES**

Legislative Update

- In October Gov. Haley received the 2011 State Leadership Award at the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform's annual summit after shepherding the South Carolina Fairness in Civil Justice Act to passage.
- After incentives for a project in Lexington County from Amazon.com were initially voted down, a later package became law on June 8 without the governor's signature, giving Amazon a five-year exemption from collecting sales taxes from online shoppers in South Carolina in return for 2,000 full-time jobs with health benefits and a \$125 million investment.
- As of early December, since Gov. Haley took office in January, the state's economic development efforts had brought nearly 19,500 jobs to the state, and a total investment of more than \$3.7 billion, according to

S.C. Dept. of Commerce figures cited by the Charleston Post and Courier.

- In June Gov. Haley signed into law an illegal immigration reform bill. Earlier in the month, Haley secured permission from the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security to access E-Verify documents that certify an employer's verification of all new hires.
- In February, after two weeks on the job, Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Director Catherine Templeton had reduced requested general fund allocations by nearly \$600,000; reduced fees for 98,373 licensees in South Carolina for a savings of approximately \$1.6 million per renewal cycle; and reduced verification fees payable to the agency for a savings to businesses of \$60,630 annually.

Did You Know?

- The Palmetto State's 2010 exports were valued at \$20.3 billion.
- Two 2011 announcements from tire companies, Bridgestone and Continental, are bringing a total of \$1.7 billion in investment to the state, along with a projected 2,550 jobs.
- The Upstate Alliance has targeted the industries of advanced materials, automotive, biosciences and energy.
- In 1830, the first U.S. steam locomotive built for railroad use was put into service in the state.
- More than 1,200 international firms have facilities in South Carolina. Foreign-affiliated companies (majority-owned) employ more than 102,600 South Carolinians — 7 percent of the state's private industry employment.
- South Carolina has 46 counties and 187 miles of coastline.

Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2011

Company	City	County	Type	N/E	Product	Investment (in millions)	Employment
Continental Tire the Americas	Sumter	Sumter	MF	N	Tires	\$500	1,700
AQT Solar	Blythewood	Richland	MF	N	Solar Cells	460	1,000
Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corp.	Lexington	Lexington	MF	N	Pharmaceuticals	313	707
Michelin	Lexington	Lexington	MF	E	Tires	200	270
Johnson Controls	Florence	Florence	DW	E	Battery Recycling	150	250
Bridgestone Corp.	Graniteville	Aiken	MF	E	Tires	135	
ZF Group	Laurens	Laurens	MF	E	Auto Parts	80	300
Amy's Kitchen	Greenville	Spartanburg	MF	N	Food	63	700
Guardian Industries Corp.	Richburg	Chester	MF	E	Flat Glass	45	50
Domtar Corp.	Bennettsville	Marlboro	MF	E	Paper	40	
Odfjell Holdings	North Charleston	Dorchester	DW	N	Deep Sea Freight	37	1

MF = Manufacturing OF = Office HQ = Headquarters RD = Research & Development CC = Contact Center DW = Distribution/Warehouse N = New E = Expanded

Target Industries: In addition to its pronounced strengths in the aerospace, automotive, manufacturing and technology sectors, the state is paying attention to a burgeoning market for recycling, with more than 300 companies located in the state that broker, collect and transform recovered materials into new products.

Why South Carolina?

Many world-class renewable energy companies have chosen South Carolina. Find out why.

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- Center for Hydrogen Research and Savannah River National Lab in Aiken, SC
- Site of America's large-scale wind turbine drive train testing facility in North Charleston
- Nation's first university site for NSF supported Center for Fuel Cells
- Second highest potential for electricity generated from off-shore wind
- Nations 5th most LEED certified commercial building space per capita



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