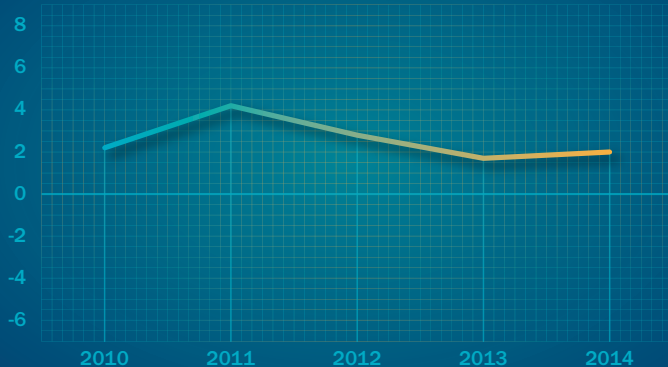


2014 GDP: \$34,428 USD (US rank: 76)



BY THE NUMBERS

With two 2015 projects creating more than 5,000 jobs — **Volvo** (4,000) and **Daimler** (1,300) — Charleston picked a fine time to undergo a population spurt. The U.S. Census Bureau reported that the Charleston metro area experienced the 19th fastest growth in the nation from 2014 to 2015. The Charleston MSA workforce has expanded by 9.3 percent from 2010 to 2015 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Population (2014):** 727,689

**Per Capita Personal Income (2015):** \$41,305

**Unemployment (Jan. 2016):** 4.8%