



South Carolina is a state of business offering a world of opportunity. We continue to prove that there is more to this state than beautiful places and smiling faces. The Palmetto State's appeal extends to its business-friendly policies, solid infrastructure, available building sites, skilled workforce and strong worker training programs. South Carolina is building a reputation as a global economic leader; we are doing the right thing, the right way, and the world is taking notice.

From planes to trains to automobiles, the Palmetto State offers seamless connectivity for businesses wanting to put down roots and grow here.



## South Carolina Export Facts

- In 2013, South Carolina exported goods valued at \$352 million to India. India was the state's 16th largest trading partner.
- South Carolina ranked 14th among U.S. states exporting to India.
- In 2013 exports to India increased 80% over 2008. South Carolina's exports to India have increased 853% since 2000.
- The state's top exports to India are compounds of precious metals, machinery and wood pulp.
- Values of all exports from South Carolina to the world are \$26.1 billion, up 31% from 2008.
- South Carolina imports from India are valued at \$719 million, up 19.6% from 2008.



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## Industry Sectors

The South Carolina Department of Commerce is currently working with companies in more than 20 industry sectors.

- Automotive
- Metals and metal fabrication
- Office/shared services facilities
- Agribusiness
- Plastics
- Rubber
- Aviation
- Advance Materials
- Warehouse/distribution

## Globally Competitive



It's not just companies in the U.S. recognizing the value of South Carolina. More than 1,200 operations of foreign-affiliated companies do business in this state. The total direct investment of these companies is \$43.7 billion, employing 125,600 South Carolinians.

## Business-Friendly Climate

South Carolina takes pride in the state's progressive and competitive business environment. With one of the lowest corporate tax rates in the nation, combined with highly competitive wages and low unionization, South Carolina has proven itself to be the ideal location for business growth and development. South Carolina has no state property tax, no local income tax, no inventory tax, and no wholesale tax.

## Unparalleled Market Access



Strategically located halfway between New York City and Miami, South Carolina's exceptional transportation opportunities make reaching markets an easy task. The state's central U.S. East Coast location, coupled with an integrated transportation system of highways, airports, seaports and railways, ensures any company can easily reach every one of their destinations, efficiently sending and receiving shipments around the world.



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