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Department of Commerce

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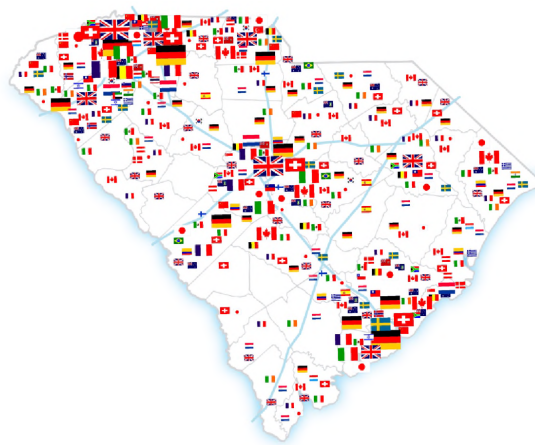
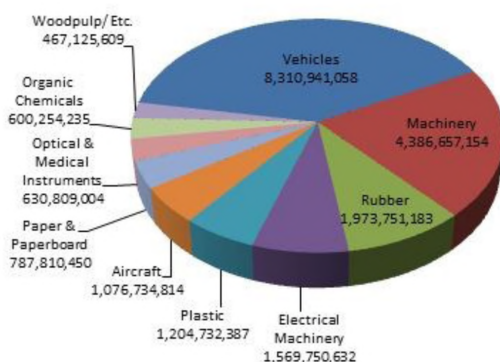
State Profile: South Carolina, USA

Leading Export State

South Carolina is one of the leading export states in the US. In 2013, South Carolina ranked first among U.S. states in tire exports, holding nearly 30 percent of the share of U.S.-made exported tires. Additionally, the Palmetto State ranked second in the export of automobiles to world markets. In total, South Carolina businesses exported \$26.1 billion worth of goods to 202 countries.

For the first time, China surpassed Canada and Germany as the state's top export partner. Since 2000, exports to India have increased overall by 693%. India is currently our 16th largest export partner. Overall, South Carolina ranked 17th among the 50 states in total exports and 10th in per capita. South Carolina's largest export products in 2013 were vehicles, machinery, and rubber.

**South Carolina Domestic Exports
by Commodity (\$000,000) 2013**



Where companies thrive

South Carolina's business-friendly climate, exceptional market access, low cost of doing business, skilled workforce, nationally recognized worker training program and reliable and affordable energy create an environment where businesses can thrive. The proof is in the world-class companies that have chosen to locate here: The Boeing Co., GE, Michelin, Bosch, FUJIFILM, Honda, BMW, Starbucks, Google, JTEKT, Bridgestone, Daimler, Caterpillar, Mitsubishi, Continental Tires and Showa Denko Carbon to name a few.

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Capital:

Columbia

Population:

4,774,839 (U.S. Census, 2013)

Area:

3,537,438 square km
9,161,964 square miles

Government:

Governor Nikki R. Haley (Republican)

Currency:

\$1 USD = 60.925 Indian Rupee
(Bloomberg, March 2014)

Labor Force (December 2013):

2,149,592
58.5% participation rate
6.6% unemployment rate

Emerging Sectors:

advanced materials
aviation and aerospace
automotive
distribution/logistics
life sciences
energy/clean & renewable energy

Traditional Sectors:

automotive-related industries
plastics
forestry and wood products
agriculture
textiles
metal fabrication
tourism

Major Exporters:

Resolute Forest Products
Continental Tires
BMW Manufacturing
Michelin
Bridgestone
Boeing Corp.
Husqvarna
FUJIFILM
KapStone
Nan Ya Plastics
Kimberly-Clark

Total Annual Exports:

\$26.1 billion (2013)