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The State: [EXCLUSIVE: How anger over 2010 race shaped Gov. Nikki Haley's first term](#)

The State: [Why Gov. Nikki Haley is left standing for a second term](#)

The Washington Post: [Nikki Haley went from tea party star to a leader of the New South](#)

The New York Times: [South Carolina Governor Points to Personal Reasons, Not Politics, for Shift on Confederate Flag](#)

Governor Nikki R. Haley 116th Governor of the State of South Carolina Biography

Elected governor on November 2, 2010; re-elected on November 4, 2014, by the largest margin of victory for a South Carolina gubernatorial candidate in 24 years

Youngest governor in the United States (age 43)

Elected governor at age 38

First woman and first minority governor of South Carolina

First Indian American woman governor in American history

Born in Bamberg, the daughter of Indian immigrants

- One of four children; two brothers, one sister; brother Mitti Randhawa served in Operation Desert Storm

Graduated from Clemson University with a B.S. in accounting

Married husband Michael Haley in 1996

- Michael Haley is Captain in the Army National Guard and a combat veteran who was deployed to Afghanistan's Helmand Province in 2013
 - The State: [Michael, Gov. Nikki Haley working on transition after first gentleman's deployment](#)
 - USA Today (video and article): [For S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley, 'it's been a long year'](#)
- The Haley's have two children: Rena, who is 17 and a high school senior, and Nalin, who is 14 and in middle school

In her first run for office in 2004, Nikki Haley challenged State Rep. Larry Koon, the longest serving member of the S.C. House of Representatives, for the Republican nomination to represent Lexington County's District 87 and won in a runoff. Won November general election.

- Served 3 terms in the S.C. House of Representatives (2004, 2006, 2008)

Announced candidacy for the Republican nomination for governor in May 2009

- Republican gubernatorial field included: Congressman Gresham Barrett (SC-03), Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer and Attorney General Henry McMaster
- Securing 49 percent of the vote, nearly won the Republican nomination for governor outright on June 8, 2010
- Won Republican nomination for governor on June 22, 2010, defeating Congressman Gresham Barrett in runoff

- 65-35 percent
- Elected governor of South Carolina on November 2, 2010, defeating Democrat State Sen. Vincent Sheheen 51.4 – 47.0 percent

Under Governor Haley South Carolina Is On The Move

Under Governor Haley more than 73,000 jobs have been announced in 45 of 46 counties and over \$18 billion in invested in our state. (South Carolina Department of Commerce)

Under Gov. Haley South Carolina's unemployment rate hit a 13-year-low. ("South Carolina Unemployment Drops To Lowest Level In 13 Years," The Associated Press, 5/16/14)

Under Gov. Haley South Carolina has one of the fastest growing economies on the east coast. (South Carolina Department of Commerce)

Under Gov. Haley more South Carolinians are working than ever before in the state's history. (Angelia Davis, "More In State Find Jobs," The Greenville News, 4/19/14)

Under Gov. Haley South Carolina was named the third best state in the country to do business. (Dale Buss, "Top States For Doing Business 2014," Area Development, Q3 2014)

Gov. Haley announced 7,100 jobs in one day on June 16, 2014, making it the largest single day of jobs announcements in state history. ("7,100 new jobs: Biggest day of job announcements in South Carolina history," The Times and Democrat, 6/16/14)

Welfare-to-work: more than 25,000 South Carolinians had transitioned from welfare to work since Gov. Haley took office. (South Carolina Department of Social Services)

When The NLRB Sued Boeing, Attempting To Block South Carolina Jobs, Gov. Haley Lead The Fight Against Them.

- Gov. Haley demanded, "answers from white house on Boeing complaint." (Jenny Munro, "Haley Wants Answers From White House On Boeing Complaint," The Greenville News, 4/27/11)
- Gov. Haley: "[W]e will not stand for them (unions) intimidating South Carolinians." (Nikki Haley, "Op-Ed: Obama's Silence On Boeing Is Unacceptable," The Wall Street Journal, 4/29/11)
- In her 2015 State of the State Gov. Haley said, "So, every time you hear a Seattle union boss carry on about how he has the best interest of the Boeing workers in Charleston at heart, remember this: If it was up to that same union boss, there would be no Boeing workers in Charleston." ("Full text: Gov. Nikki Haley delivers State of the State," The State, 1/22/2015)
- The Wall Street Journal: [Obama's Silence on Boeing is Unacceptable](#)

In the wake of the shooting at Mother Emanuel Church in Charleston Gov. Haley standing with members of both political parties, the South Carolina federal delegation and civil rights leaders successfully called for the removal of the confederate flag from the South Carolina Statehouse grounds.

The New York Times: [Nikki Haley, South Carolina Governor, Calls for Removal of Confederate Battle Flag](#)

The State: [Haley calls for Confederate flag's removal](#)

The Washington Post: [Confederate flag comes down on South Carolina's statehouse grounds](#)

The Post and Courier: [Thousands witness to end of an era as Confederate flag comes down in South Carolina](#)

Governor Haley brought together leaders of both political parties, educators and the business community to pass landmark education reforms. These reforms focus attention where it's most needed: on making education funding more equitable for schools in our poorest communities, on reading instruction in the early grades, and on improving technology in classrooms.

Associated Press: [Haley's reform plan would spend more on poor kids](#)
Times and Democrat: [Haley education shift on target locally, for state](#)
Post and Courier: [Tackling key school problems](#)
Anderson Independent: [Haley lays out plan to boost education](#)
Washington Post: [South Carolina's Haley pitches education reform package](#)

Transparency and accountability in state government were priorities for Governor Haley. In 2011, after a fight that began during her days as a legislator, Governor Haley ushered through the General Assembly and signed into law a bill that, for the first time, required legislators to start showing their votes on the record, allowing citizens to see how their legislators are spending their tax dollars.

The State: [Effort to force roll calls begins](#)
The Associated Press: [S.C. House speaker criticized for committee shake-ups](#)
McClatchy Newspapers: [S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley signs voting bill](#)

In 2014, the governor signed a once-in-a-generation government restructuring bill that makes the executive branch truly accountable for its operations.

Governor Haley also delivered tax relief for small businesses, pension reform, Medicaid reform and illegal immigration reform.

Surrogates

Tony Denny: Served as South Carolina Republican Party Executive Director during the 1980s. Managed U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond's last re-election campaign. Managed S.C. Gov. David Beasley's campaign. Currently runs a public affairs/government relations shop in Columbia. [803-315-9648](tel:803-315-9648) tony@tonydenny.com

Bob McAlister. Chief of Staff and Communications Director for S.C. Gov. Carroll Campbell. Supported Henry McMaster for Governor in the 2010 Republican primary. Extensive experience in campaigns and governance. [803-622-9315](tel:803-622-9315) bob@mcalistercommunications.com

Tucker Eskew. Press Secretary and Communications Director for S.C. Gov. Carroll Campbell. Served as George W. Bush's communications director in South Carolina during the 2000 campaign and as director of the Office of Media Affairs in the White House. Extensive experience in campaigns and governance. 703-608-3347

Katon Dawson. Former South Carolina Republican Party Chairman (2002-2009). As chairman, led the successful fight to win back the governor's mansion (2002, Mark Sanford defeated incumbent Jim Hodges), pick up a U.S. Senate seat (2004, when Jim DeMint won race to succeed Fritz Hollings) and expand Republican majorities in the Statehouse. Raised almost \$20 million. Fell 7 votes short of being elected Republican National Committee chairman (2009). [803-360-3374](tel:803-360-3374) kedawson@aol.com

Henry McMaster: Sitting Lieutenant governor. 2 term state attorney general. 4 term South Carolina Republican Party chairman. President Ronald Reagan's first U.S. Attorney. Was defeated by Nikki in the 2010 Republican gubernatorial primary. [803-413-8769](tel:803-413-8769) hdmcmaster@gmail.com

Ted Pitts: President and CEO of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. Former Chief of Staff to Gov. Haley. Served with Gov. Haley in the South Carolina House. [803-767-7862](tel:803-767-7862)

Lewis Gossett, President, S.C. Manufacturers Alliance. [803-608-1373](tel:803-608-1373). gossett@myscma.com

State Rep. Rick Quinn. Lexington Co. House Majority Leader 1999-2004. [803-467-6209](tel:803-467-6209)

State Rep. Nathan Ballentine. Lexington/Richland Cos. Gov. Haley's desk mate in the house who helped her champion on the record voting in South Carolina. [803-206-4199](tel:803-206-4199)

State Rep. Kenny Bingham. Lexington Co. Chairman of the House Ethics Committee. 803-546-0030

State Sen. Harvey Peeler. Cherokee, Spartanburg, Union and York Cos. Senate Majority Leader. 864-303-3409

State Sen. Shane Massey. Aiken, Edgefield, Lexington, McCormick and Saluda Cos. 803-480-0419