

# RELOCATION GUIDE

Welcome to Charleston | SC | USA





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## The Pineapple: Charleston's Welcome Symbol of Hospitality

As you explore the region and particularly historic Charleston, you may notice pineapples featured in architecture, décor and gift items. This community has always been a seaport and in Colonial times, sea captains returning from trading voyages began spearing a pineapple at their home's entrance. This signified the successful completion of a venture and said, "My door is open to visitors!" The pineapple is just a token of this feeling as we welcome you home.

Visit [Charleston Magazine](#) for more.

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# WELCOME



Town of Mt. Pleasant



Summers Corner



Lakes of Cane Bay





# Welcome to Charleston | South Carolina | USA

Like waves on our beautiful beaches, the accolades keep rolling in:

- “World’s Best City,” *Travel + Leisure* readers
- “Greatest Places to Live,” *Outside Magazine*
- Top U.S. culinary destination, *Bon Appetit*
- A “Best Place for Jobs,” *Forbes*
- A “Best city for Tech,” *DataFox*
- “Millennial talent magnet,” *USA Today*

This relocation guide offers a deeper glimpse of what makes our community special and provides helpful resources for making this three-county region your new home. This metro region is a thriving, dynamic, historically rich, culturally vibrant place to visit, live, eat, work, play, raise a family and retire. We invite you to get to know us and stay awhile.

Welcome to the Charleston Region







## Three-County Charleston Metro

In the United States, a metro area is a geographical region with a relatively high population density at its core and close economic ties throughout. The Charleston metro region is comprised of Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties and 27 municipalities.

You can choose from beach living, golf communities, historic urban areas, suburban neighborhoods, equestrian rural areas, farms and more. The individual character of various residential communities in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties are highlighted on the following pages.

**Median home prices listed are for single family detached homes.**

Source: Charleston Trident Association of Realtors, 2016.

Welcome to the Charleston Region





# Berkeley County



## DANIEL ISLAND

### 2015 Population

(for zip code 29492): 11,501

**Median home price:** \$595,000

### Municipal Government:

[City of Charleston](#)

### Service District:

[S.C. Electric & Gas Co.](#)

[Charleston Water System](#)

### Schools:

[Berkeley County School District](#)

### More Info:

[Berkeley County Government](#)

Situated on 4,000 acres surrounded by the Wando and Cooper Rivers, this master-planned community (annexed by the City of Charleston but located within Berkeley County) is easily accessed by Interstate-526. The island's nine different neighborhoods are anchored by a central commercial district with groceries, banks, restaurants and shops, as well as headquarters of two major IT companies: Benefitfocus and Blackbaud.

Housing options range from luxury executive waterfront or golf course homes, to single family homes, apartments and condos, all in close proximity to bicycle and running paths, parks and waterways. A haven for those who love active lifestyles and sports, Daniel Island boasts swimming pools, two golf courses, a professional soccer arena and a world-class tennis facility that hosts the annual professional WTA Volvo Car Open, as well as outdoor concerts, festivals and events.







Carnes Crossroads

# GOOSE CREEK

**2015 Population:** 40,633

**Median Home Price:** \$133,600

**Municipal Government:**

[City of Goose Creek](#)

**Service District:**

[S.C. Electric & Gas Co.](#)

[Berkeley Electric Cooperative](#)

[Goose Creek Water Service](#)

[Berkeley County Water  
and Sanitation](#)

**Schools:**

[Berkeley County School District](#)

**More Info:**

[Berkeley County Government](#)

One of the region's fastest growing municipalities, suburban Goose Creek was heralded as a "best place to raise kids" by *Bloomberg Businessweek* two years in a row (2011-2012) and most recently as one of the most affordable places in the state. As the most densely populated city in Berkeley County and home to the Naval Weapons Station, Goose Creek is family and neighborhood-oriented.

Popular developments include: Crowfield Plantation with Crowfield Golf Club and Cane Bay Plantation, which also features a Del Webb neighborhood attractive to active empty-nesters and retirees. Some of the region's largest new developments, including Carnes Crossroads, Wildcat and Cane Bay Plantation, are underway in Goose Creek/Moncks Corner area, and a full-service Roper St. Francis Hospital is under construction nearby.







# MONCKS CORNER

**2015 Population:** 9,873

**Median Home Price:** \$183,350

**Municipal Government:**  
[Town of Moncks Corner](#)

**Service District:**  
[Berkeley County Water and Sanitation](#)  
[Berkeley Electric Cooperative](#)  
[Santee Cooper](#)

**Schools:**  
[Berkeley County School District](#)

**More Info:**  
[Berkeley County Government](#)

Amidst towering cypress groves that shade former rice plantations, Moncks Corner is a rural gem in the northern corner of Berkeley County. Historically a significant trade and transportation hub with its train depot and canal system, and now home to two Google data centers, Moncks Corner remains central to the vital flow of information that keeps our world humming.

Though mostly a quiet, rural community, new neighborhoods and developments are expanding the residential options. Popular neighborhoods include Moss Grove Plantation, Cypress Grove, Oak Hill Plantation, and Stoney Creek. Along with numerous opportunities for hunting, boating and fishing, the Trappist monastery, Mepkin Abbey, offers beautiful gardens for exploration, and Cypress Gardens offers an intimate glimpse of a unique habitat featured in the movie, “The Notebook.”





# ST. STEPHEN

**2015 Population:** 1,814

**Median Home Price:** \$95,100

**Municipal Government:**

[Berkeley County](#)

**Service District:**

[Berkeley County Water  
and Sanitation](#)

[Berkeley Electric Cooperative  
Santee Cooper](#)

**Schools:**

[Berkeley County School District](#)

**More Info:**

[Berkeley County Government](#)



On the east side of Lake Moultrie and at the northern edge of the pristine and peaceful Francis Marion National Forest, St. Stephen offers beautiful rural living and affordable prices for those who seek a quieter, smaller community that is still in easy proximity to the region's urban core.

Recreational access to fishing, boating and water sports on Lake Moultrie as well as to hiking, exploring, hunting and bird-watching in the adjacent Francis Marion National Forest make St. Stephen attractive to outdoor enthusiasts.





# SUMMERVILLE

**2015 Population:** 48,848

**Median Home Price:** \$205,990

**Municipal Government:**  
[Town of Summerville](#)

**Service District:**  
[S.C. Electric & Gas Co.](#)  
[Commissioners of Public Works](#)

**Schools:**  
[Berkeley County School District](#)

**More Info:**  
[Berkeley County Government](#)



The Town of Summerville is mainly located in Dorchester County, but some parts including the master-planned community Nexton, fall in Berkeley County. Nexton, South Carolina's first gigabit community, is designed for those seeking live/work/play convenience, with Class-A office space, restaurants, hotels, an elementary school and neighborhoods designed for multi-generational living at multiple price points and a network of nature and bike trails, parks, and open space. For more information on Summerville, [click here](#).





# Charleston County

## AWENDAW/ MCCLELLANVILLE

(rural Charleston County East)

**2015 Population**  
(combined): 1,901

**Median Home Price:** \$277,400

**Municipal Government:**

Town of Awendaw

Town of McClellanville

**Service District:**

Berkeley Electric Cooperative

S.C. Electric & Gas Co.

Awendaw Water Department

McClellanville: No public water

**Schools:**

Charleston County School District

**More Info:**

Charleston County Government

Photo by Selden B. Hill

North of Mount Pleasant on Highway 17, the fishing and shrimping villages of Awendaw and McClellanville are quaint, quiet, close-knit communities that are bordered by the Intracoastal Waterway to the east and the Francis Marion National Forest to the west.

McClellanville's picturesque waterfront, old churches and shrimping docks are testimony to a salty livelihood that has supported generations of Lowcountry families. A 20-30-minute drive south to Mount Pleasant and I-526 or north to Georgetown make living in these charming small towns feasible for those who work elsewhere.





# CHARLESTON PENINSULA

**2015 Population:** 35,209

**Median Home Price:**

*Upper Peninsula* “Above Crosstown”  
- \$362,000  
*Lower Peninsula* “Historic District”  
- \$800,000

**Municipal Government:**  
City of Charleston

**Service District:**  
S.C. Electric & Gas Co.  
Charleston Water System

**Schools:**  
Charleston County School District

**More Info:**  
Charleston County Government



The historic peninsula framed by the Wando, Cooper, and Ashley Rivers is the region’s urban hub and harbor, which includes the deepwater Port of Charleston. Home to historic churches and synagogues, museums, galleries and award-winning restaurants, the peninsula is also one of the Southeast’s best shopping districts noted for local boutiques, fine art and antiques. Campuses of the College of Charleston, The Citadel and the Medical University of South Carolina are interwoven among walkable, bikable neighborhoods, parks and “boroughs.”

Housing options range from multi-million dollar historic mansions and luxury condominiums South of Broad Street, to apartments and smaller old homes loaded with character in Radcliffeborough, to a mix of 19<sup>th</sup> century Charleston single homes and contemporary townhomes in the Cannonborough/Elliottborough neighborhoods, to quaint bungalows and fixer-uppers in Wagener Terrace and the upper peninsula area.







# FOLLY BEACH

**2015 Population:** 2,614

**Median home Price:** \$490,300

**Municipal government:**

City of Folly Beach

**Service District:**

S.C. Electric & Gas Co.

Charleston Water System

Folly Beach Public Works

**Schools:**

Charleston County School District

**More Info:**

Charleston County Government

Where James Island ends as Folly Road crosses Folly River, the “Edge of America” begins. Folly Beach is home to families, artists, surfers, beach bums, and vacation-goers alike.

Landmarks such as the painted “Folly Boat” abandoned on the causeway after Hurricane Hugo and Bowen’s Island Restaurant, famed for fresh you-shuck oysters, and the Morris Island Lighthouse, add to the island’s colorful character. In the summer, the Tides hotel offers free movies on the beach. Folly retains much of its weathered old island charm. Dogs are allowed on the beach at certain times.







# ISLE OF PALMS

**2015 Population:** 4,371

**Median Home Price:** \$675,000

**Municipal Government:**  
City of Isle of Palms

**Service District:**  
S.C. Electric & Gas Co.  
Isle of Palms Water and Sewer

**Schools:**  
Charleston County School District

**More Info:**  
Charleston County Government

Just across Breach Inlet from Sullivan's, the Isle of Palms offers a similarly relaxed and welcoming beach vibe. While the Isle of Palms is predominantly residential, it does feature a number of restaurants, bars, stores and businesses in its larger commercial district, as well as a few hotels, a marina and many vacation rental properties.

At the northern tip of the island, Wild Dunes Resort is an exclusive private community with two golf courses, a tennis facility and a convention pavilion. The Isle of Palms Connector crosses a breathtaking expanse of the Intracoastal Waterway to join the island with the northern part of Mount Pleasant and convenient access to Highway 17 and Interstate-526.





# Hollywood/Ravenel

(rural Charleston County West)

## 2015 Population:

Town of Hollywood: 4,962

Town of Ravenel: 2,600

## Median Home Price:

Town of Hollywood: \$182,100

Town of Ravenel: \$150,800

## Municipal Government:

Town of Hollywood

Town of Ravenel

## Service Districts:

S.C. Electric & Gas Co.

Charleston Water System

## Schools:

Charleston County School District

## More Info:

Charleston County Government



Scott Glaze (Stono Ferry)

Hollywood and Ravenel are small rural towns between the Edisto and Stono rivers, where country homes amid farmland and hunting preserves attract those seeking privacy and natural beauty.

The Plantation at Stono Ferry features a private equestrian facility for riding & boarding horses, a championship par-72 golf course, and a number of home sites with Intracoastal and marsh views. It hosts the Charleston Cup steeplechase race annually in the fall. The nearby Hyde Park Farm & Polo Club in Ravenel sports a US Polo Association regulation field which is open for play, practice, and for the annual Spring and Fall polo matches.







## JAMES ISLAND

**2015 Population:** 11,789

**Median Home Price:** \$280,000

**Municipal Government:**

Town of James Island

**Service District:**

S.C. Electric & Gas Co.

Charleston Water System

**Schools:**

Charleston County School District

**More Info:**

Charleston County Government

A popular bedroom community with quick access to downtown Charleston, James Island has a distinct character: down-to-earth, independent, and family-friendly. Carved by tidal creeks and marshes, James Island offers residents expansive waterway vistas. Many neighborhoods here were developed in the 1980-90s, so established homes tend to be slightly older and shaded by established tree canopies.

However, a lot of homes, apartments, and condos are newly built and/or under construction. James Island County Park with its water parks and annual Festival of Lights, and the Terrace Theater, which features independent films, are favorite community perks.







## JOHNS ISLAND/ KIAWAH/SEABROOK

### **2015 Population:**

Johns Island: 21,421

Kiawah: 1,749

Seabrook: 1,844

### **Median home price:**

John's Island: \$285,700

Kiawah: \$766,200

Seabrook: \$443,800

### **Municipal government:**

Johns Island: City of Charleston

Town of Kiawah Island

Town of Seabrook Island

### **Service District:**

S.C. Electric & Gas Co.

Charleston Water System (*Johns Island*)

Berkeley Electric Cooperative (*Johns Island*)

Kiawah Island Utilities

Seabrook Island Utility Commission

### **Schools:**

Charleston County School District

### **More Info:**

Charleston County Government

For generations, families have plowed the earth here, fished the waterways and abided by the slow rhythms of a sea island, and today this rural lifestyle continues, albeit with more residents and new neighborhoods. Johns Island is home to the Charleston Executive Airport and the ancient Angel Oak. Neighborhoods like The Preserve at Fenwick Hall, Grimball Gates and Headquarters Island, as well as freestanding farm or equestrian homes, attract those who savor a quiet, peaceful pace. Adjacent Wadmalaw Island and Rockville are equally lovely and more remote.

At the end of Johns Island are Kiawah and Seabrook Islands, renowned for world-class golf courses, luxury homes, beautiful stretches of uncrowded beach and fine dining and boutiques. Both islands have year-round and seasonal residents and a range of homes, townhomes and condominiums.







# Mount Pleasant

**2015 Population:** 78,988

**Median Home Price:** \$386,500

**Municipal Government:**  
Town of Mount Pleasant

**Service District:**  
S.C. Electric & Gas Co.  
Mt. Pleasant Water Works

**Schools:**  
Charleston County School District

**More Info:**  
Charleston County Government

Mount Pleasant, once a quiet fishing and shrimping village, has matured into the state's fifth largest municipality. Excellent public schools and a mix of old established neighborhoods and new suburban developments, make Mount Pleasant attractive to both families and young professionals.

Patriots Point, the picturesque shrimping lane-turned-dining destination of Shem Creek, and the legendary oak alleé of Boone Hall Plantation all draw tourists. The town boasts an excellent recreation department, and an array of stores and restaurants.

Neighborhoods range from the quaint Old Village with its classic soda-fountain pharmacy and the Pitt Street Bridge fishing/walking pier, to the award-winning new urbanism neighborhood of I'On and the adjacent oak-draped streets of Hobcaw, to large planned developments like Park West, Dunes West and Carolina Park further north on Highway 17.





# NORTH CHARLESTON

**2015 Population:** 108,304

**Median Home Price:** \$142,000

**Municipal Government:**  
City of North Charleston

**Service District:**  
S.C. Electric & Gas Co.  
Charleston Water System

**Schools:**  
Charleston County School District

**More Info:**  
Charleston County Government



North Charleston is an energized city offering affordable real estate and diverse neighborhoods in proximity to job centers and Charleston International Airport (CHS). Park Circle neighborhood, designed in the early 20th century by Frederick Law Olmsted's firm, has become one of the region's trendiest neighborhoods, where artists, entrepreneurs and young families are breathing new life into classic bungalows.

Nearby, new construction at Mixson and the sustainably-minded Oak Terrace Preserve are close to the restaurants and shops on North Charleston's old main street, Montague Avenue, and to the city's lovely Riverfront Park. This centrally located city covers all three counties and is a fast-growing hub for business. It's home to Boeing South Carolina as well as the Charleston Area Convention Center and Performing Arts Center, and Trident Technical College. For more information on North Charleston, [click here](#).





# SULLIVAN'S ISLAND

**2015 Population:** 1,915

**Median Home Price:** \$1,389,700

**Municipal Government:**  
Town of Sullivan's Island

**Service District:**  
S.C. Electric & Gas Co.  
Sullivan's Island Water System

**Schools:**  
Charleston County School District

**More Info:**  
Charleston County Government



Sullivan's Island is mostly a residential island with a tight-knit community of nearly 2000 people. On weekends and holidays an influx of beach-goers come to enjoy Sullivan's and Isle of Palms' wide beaches and gentle waves, but the year-round lifestyle on both islands is relaxed and friendly.

Sullivan's offers a mix of cozy old cottages and newer larger homes, with plenty of wide porches with pelicans soaring overhead. With no hotels and limited rental properties, Sullivan's offers a small town beach feel with easy proximity to the region's urban cores.





# WEST ASHLEY

**2015 Population:** 70,044

**Median Home Price:** \$200,000

**Municipal Government:**  
City of Charleston

**Service District:**  
S.C. Electric & Gas Co.  
Charleston Water System

**Schools:**  
Charleston County School District

**More Info:**  
Charleston County Government



The City of Charleston’s original “suburb,” West Ashley, located west of the Ashley River, offers a mix of mid-century subdivisions graced with the character and solid construction of days gone-by, as well as newer developments further south down Highway 17 in the Bee’s Ferry and Shadowmoss areas.

The Crescent has stately brick homes with spacious moss-draped yards, some fronting the Intracoastal Waterway. Nearby are the classic ranch-style homes of Old Windemere, and Northbridge. Byrnes Downs’ timeless bungalows are ideal for starter homes or fans of the small house trend. The West Ashley Greenway, a 10-mile protected bicycle and pedestrian spine, connects neighborhoods to the restaurants, coffee shops and bars in the hip Avondale district. There’s also plenty of walking and exploring to do at Charles Towne Landing, a lovely waterfront state park commemorating South Carolina’s first English settlement.





## Dorchester County

## NORTH CHARLESTON

**2015 Population:** 108,304

**Median Home Price:** \$142,000

**Municipal Government:**  
City of North Charleston

**Service District:**  
S.C. Electric & Gas Co.  
Charleston Water System

**Schools:**  
Charleston County School District

**More Info:**  
Dorchester County Government

This centrally located city covers all three counties and is a fast-growing hub for business. Within close proximity to Dorchester County's largest employer, Robert Bosch, North Charleston is home to a mix of several large newer and classic style neighborhoods. One of the Lowcountry's premier baseball and softball facilities, Wescott Park offers a prime sports and recreation complex for the community including a new premiere aquatics center set to begin construction soon. Other neighborhoods offer top of the line amenities within close range of various retail centers in the area.

With new high end residential developments like Coosaw Creek and Wescott Plantation, North Charleston has seen rapid growth in the Dorchester County portion of the City between the Ashley River and I-26 and provides great access to many of the important quality of life features our residents value. For more information on North Charleston, [click here](#).





# SUMMERVILLE

**2015 Population:** 48,848

**Median Home Price:** \$205,990

**Municipal Government:**  
Town of Summerville

**Service District:**  
S.C. Electric & Gas Co.  
Commissioners of Public Works

**Schools:**  
Dorchester District 2

**More Info:**  
Dorchester County Government



Summers Corner

With stately Victorian homes, azalea-flanked cottages and a quaint Main Street, residents appreciate Summerville's small town, family-oriented ambiance along with all the amenities (a YMCA, excellent recreation programs, good schools) of a larger city. Located right off I-26, Summerville is Dorchester County's largest city and an easy commute to major employers such as Volvo, Robert Bosch, Boeing, and to downtown Charleston.

New master-planned communities such as Summers Corner, feature traditional style homes and a "community in the garden" feel, with bountiful green space, award-winning District 2 schools, and Clemson University Master Gardeners. For more information on Summerville, [click here](#).







# RIDGEVILLE

(rural Dorchester County)

**2015 Population:** 1,836

**Median Home Price:**

Rural Dorchester County: \$111,000

Greater Summerville: \$194,900

**Municipal Government:**

Town of Ridgeville (843) 871-7960

**Service District:**

Ridgeville Water Department

(843) 873-3286

SC Electric & Gas Co.

**Schools:**

Dorchester District 4

**More Info:**

Dorchester County Government

Just a few miles north of Summerville's burgeoning growth line, Ridgeville offers a peaceful rural lifestyle while still in convenient range of urban centers. Mature stands of cypress grace the nearby Francis Beidler Forest, an Audubon Sanctuary and home of Four Holes Swamp where the largest remaining stand of virgin Bald Cypress/Tupelo Gum forest in the world still thrive. Also nearby, Givhans Ferry State Park on the Edisto River is popular with fishermen, paddlers, and picnickers.

A small community rich in natural resources and easy living, Ridgeville residents welcome new neighborhoods and growth but still consider Vaughn's General Store (circa 1933) their mainstay and embrace their community's friendly, down-to-earth ambiance.







# ST GEORGE

(rural Dorchester County communities)

**2015 Population:** 2,176

**Median Home Price:** \$139,800

**Municipal Government:**

Town of St. George: 843-563-3032  
[Dorchester County](#)

**Service District:**

[Edisto Electric Cooperative](#)  
[Dorchester County Water and Sewer Department](#)

**Schools:**

[Dorchester School District 4](#)

**More Info:**

[Dorchester County Government](#)

Near the intersection of two major interstates, I-26 and I-95, St. George is nestled away at the western end of Dorchester County. Serving as the county seat, it offers a quaint downtown characterizing the history and heritage of the small community. Known as the “Grits Capital of the World”, St. George is famous for its World Grits Festival occurring every Spring complete with a grits eating contest and the crowning of “Miss Grits” and a large Holiday Parade every December.

St. George offers an agricultural district unique to Dorchester County with quiet streets and well-kept older homes. Additionally, St. George proudly carries the tagline of the “Town of Friendly People” and boasts many opportunities for outdoor recreation and cultural significance including the Edisto River, Methodist campground, Lourie Theater, and several town parks.





## Education K-12




Families with school-aged children have more options than ever within the four school districts - Berkeley County School District, Charleston County School District, and Dorchester County School Districts 2 and 4 - that comprise the region's public educational landscape.

Many of the highest performing public schools in the state and the nation are among the more than 150 local schools that educate some 106,000 students in these districts. Each district has achieved "Excellent" ratings on the annual evaluation by the South Carolina Department of Education.





A photograph of four children sitting on a concrete pier or dock. From left to right: a girl with long brown hair wearing a brown and white patterned dress, a boy in a blue t-shirt and khaki shorts, a girl in a pink and white patterned dress, and a boy in a light blue polo shirt and khaki shorts. They are all smiling and looking towards the right. In the background, there is a body of water with several sailboats and a small building on the shore under a blue sky with light clouds.

## Things to Know about South Carolina Public Education:

- All school-aged children are required to be enrolled in a school, either public, private or [home school](#).
- Schools are funded by property taxes, administered by District Superintendents and governed by trustees elected by the general electorate to serve on their respective district school board. School boards approve budgets, school year calendars and bell times.
- Elementary school is Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (typically ages 5 -11); Middle School is 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade (typically ages 11 -14) ; high school is 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade (typically ages 14 -18).
- There is no cost to attend public school, although there is often an annual activity and/or book fee (typically < \$50). Bus transportation is provided for students who live more than 1.5 miles from their school. Lunch cost is covered for students whose families meet federal economic criteria.
- Students are zoned to attend certain schools based on their primary residence location. Families can petition their Constituent School Board for a waiver to attend a school in another zone under certain circumstances.
- Students with special needs (physical, emotional or learning disabilities) are provided supportive services at no charge.
- Teachers in public schools are trained education professionals certified by the State Department of Education.







From Montessori schools to traditional neighborhood schools, to district-wide magnet and charter schools with various specialty curricula, to after school enrichment and extension programs, to statewide Governor’s Schools for gifted students, there are numerous options to meet families and students’ needs. Community leaders and organizations such as Tri-County Cradle to Career and the Chambers of Commerce ensure ongoing community investment in educational excellence.



# Berkeley County Primary & Elementary Schools

School	Location	Grade Span	Primary, Elementary, Middle
<a href="#">Goose Creek Primary</a>	Goose Creek, SC 29445	PK-2	Primary
<a href="#">Westview Primary School</a>	Goose Creek, SC 29445	PK-2	Primary
<a href="#">Berkeley Elementary School</a>	Moncks Corner, SC 29461	PK-2	Primary
<a href="#">Sangaree Elementary</a>	Summerville, SC 29483	PK-2	Primary
<a href="#">Daniel Island School</a>	Charleston, SC 29492	PK-8	Elementary
<a href="#">Philip Simmons Elementary</a>	Charleston, SC 29492	K-4	Elementary (new in 2016)
<a href="#">Cross Elementary</a>	Cross, SC 29436	PK-6	Elementary
<a href="#">Boulder Bluff Elementary</a>	Goose Creek, SC 29445	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Devon Forest Elementary School</a>	Goose Creek, SC 29445	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Howe Hall Arts Infused Magnet School</a> ♦	Goose Creek, SC 29445	K-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Marrington Elementary School</a> ♦	Goose Creek, SC 29445	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Sedgefield Intermediate School</a>	Goose Creek, SC 29445	3-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Westview Elementary School</a>	Goose Creek, SC 29445	3-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Hanahan Elementary School</a>	Hanahan, SC 29410	PK-4	Elementary
<a href="#">Tanner/Foster Creek Area Elementary School</a>	Hanahan, SC 29410	PK-5	Elementary (opening 2018)
<a href="#">Cainhoy Elementary/Middle School</a>	Huger, SC 29450	PK-8	Elementary
<a href="#">College Park Elementary</a>	Ladson, SC 29456	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Berkeley Intermediate School</a>	Moncks Corner, SC 29461	3-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Foxbank Elementary School</a>	Moncks Corner, SC 29461	K-5	Elementary (opening 2018)
<a href="#">H.E. Bonner Elementary School</a>	Moncks Corner, SC 29461	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Whitesville Elementary</a>	Moncks Corner, SC 29461	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">J. K. Gourdin Elementary</a>	Pineville, SC 29468	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">St. Stephen Elementary School</a>	St. Stephen, SC 29479	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Cane Bay Elementary School</a>	Summerville, SC 29483	PK-4	Elementary
<a href="#">Nexton Elementary School</a>	Summerville, SC 29483	K-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Sangaree Intermediate School</a>	Summerville, SC 29486	3-5	Elementary

\* International Baccalaureate   ♦ Magnet School



# Berkeley County Middle & High Schools

Middle Schools	Location	Grade Span
<a href="#">Daniel Island School</a>	Charleston, SC 29492	PK-8
<a href="#">Philip Simmons Middle School</a>	Charleston, SC 29492	5-8
<a href="#">Cross High School</a>	Cross, SC 29436	7-12
<a href="#">Marrington Middle School of the Arts</a>	Goose Creek, SC 29445	6-8
<a href="#">Sedgefield Middle School</a>	Goose Creek, SC 29445	6-8
<a href="#">Westview Middle School</a> ♦	Goose Creek, SC 29483	6-8
<a href="#">Hanahan Middle School</a>	Hanahan, SC 29410	5-8
<a href="#">Cainhoy Elementary/Middle School</a>	Huger, SC 29450	PK-8
<a href="#">College Park Middle</a>	Ladson, SC 29456	6-8
<a href="#">Sangaree Middle School</a>	Ladson, SC 29456	6-8
<a href="#">Berkeley Middle School</a>	Moncks Corner, SC 29461	6-8
<a href="#">Macedonia Middle School</a>	Moncks Corner, SC 29461	6-8
<a href="#">St. Stephen Middle</a>	St. Stephen, SC 29479	6-8
<a href="#">Cane Bay Middle School</a>	Summerville, SC 29483	5-8

High Schools	Location	Grade Span	Career Academies
<a href="#">Cross High School</a>	Cross, SC 29436	7-12	Engineering, Business & IT, Health Professions
<a href="#">Goose Creek High School</a> ♦	Goose Creek, SC 29445	9-12	Engineering, Welding, Mechatronics, Business & IT, Health Professions
<a href="#">Stratford High School</a>	Goose Creek, SC 29445	9-12	Engineering, Business & IT, Health Professions
<a href="#">Hanahan High School</a>	Hanahan, SC 29410	9-12	Engineering, Business & IT, Health Professions
<a href="#">Berkeley County Middle College High School</a> ♦	Moncks Corner, SC 29461	11-12	
<a href="#">Berkeley High School</a> * ♦	Moncks Corner, SC 29461	9-12	Engineering, Automotive, Welding, Building Construction, Business & IT, Health Professions
<a href="#">Timberland High School</a>	St. Stephen, SC 29479	9-12	Engineering, Automotive, Building Construction, Environment and Natural Resources, Business & IT, Health Professions
<a href="#">Cane Bay High School</a>	Summerville, SC 29483	9-12	Engineering, Welding, Environment and Natural Resources, Business & IT, Health Professions
<a href="#">Philip Simmons High School</a>	Charleston, SC 29492	9-12	Opening 2017

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# Charleston County Primary & Elementary Schools

School	Location	Grade Span	Primary/Elementary
<a href="#">Carolina Voyager Charter School</a>	Charleston, SC 29403	K-2	Primary
<a href="#">Midland Park Primary</a>	Charleston, SC 29406	PK-1	Primary
<a href="#">Laurel Hill Primary School</a>	Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466	PK-2	Primary
<a href="#">Meeting St. ES @ Brentwood</a>	N Charleston, SC 29405	PK-1	Primary
<a href="#">Buist Academy</a>	Charleston, SC 29401	K-8	Elementary
<a href="#">Memminger School of Global Studies</a> ♦	Charleston, SC 29401	PK-6	Elementary
<a href="#">Charleston Development Academy Public Charter School</a>	Charleston, SC 29403	PK-8	Elementary
<a href="#">Charleston Progressive Academy</a> ♦	Charleston, SC 29403	PK-6	Elementary
<a href="#">James Simons Elementary School</a>	Charleston, SC 29403	PK-6	Elementary
<a href="#">Julian Mitchell Math and Science Elementary School</a> ♦	Charleston, SC 29403	PK-6	Elementary
<a href="#">Mitchell Elementary School</a> ♦	Charleston, SC 29403	PK-6	Elementary
<a href="#">Sanders-Clyde Elementary School</a>	Charleston, SC 29403	PK-8	Elementary
<a href="#">Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary</a> ♦	Charleston, SC 29407	K-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Orange Grove Elementary Charter School</a>	Charleston, SC 29407	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">St Andrew's School of Math and Science</a> ♦	Charleston, SC 29407	K-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Stono Park Elementary School</a>	Charleston, SC 29407	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Harbor View Elementary School</a>	Charleston, SC 29412	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">James Island Elementary School</a>	Charleston, SC 29412	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Murray-LaSaine Elementary School</a>	Charleston, SC 29412	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Stiles Point Elementary School</a>	Charleston, SC 29412	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Drayton Hall Elementary School</a>	Charleston, SC 29414	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Montessori Community School</a>	Charleston, SC 29414	PK-8	Elementary
<a href="#">Oakland Elementary School</a>	Charleston, SC 29414	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Pattison's Academy for Comprehensive Education</a>	Charleston, SC 29414	K-12	Elementary
<a href="#">Springfield Elementary School</a> ♦	Charleston, SC 29414	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Jane Edwards Elementary School</a>	Edisto Island, SC 29438	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Minnie Hughes Elementary School</a>	Hollywood, SC 29449	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Angel Oak Elementary School</a>	Johns Island, SC 29455	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Mt. Zion Elementary School</a>	Johns Island, SC 29455	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Ladson Elementary School</a>	Ladson, SC 29456	PK-5	Elementary

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# Charleston County Primary & Elementary Schools

School	Location	Grade Span	Primary /Elementary
<a href="#">St. James-Santee Elementary School</a>	McClellanville, SC 29458	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Belle Hall Elementary School</a>	Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">East Cooper Montessori Charter School</a>	Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464	1-8	Elementary
<a href="#">James B. Edwards Elementary School</a> ♦	Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Mamie P. Whitesides Elementary School</a>	Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Mt. Pleasant Academy</a>	Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Charles Pinckney Elementary School</a>	Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466	3-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Jennie Moore Elementary School</a> ♦	Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Hunley Park Elementary School</a>	North Charleston, SC 29404	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Chicora School of Communications: An Elementary Magnet</a> ♦	North Charleston, SC 29405	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Edmund A. Burns Elementary</a>	North Charleston, SC 29405	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Mary Ford Elementary School</a>	North Charleston, SC 29405	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary</a> ♦	North Charleston, SC 29405	K-4	Elementary
<a href="#">North Charleston Elementary School</a>	North Charleston, SC 29405	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">A. C. Corcoran Elementary School</a>	North Charleston, SC 29406	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Malcolm C. Hursey Elementary School</a>	North Charleston, SC 29406	PK-8	Elementary
<a href="#">Matilda F. Dunston Elementary School</a> ♦	North Charleston, SC 29406	PK-3	Elementary
<a href="#">Lambs Elementary School</a>	North Charleston, SC 29418	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">W. B. Goodwin Elementary School</a>	North Charleston, SC 29418	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Pepperhill Elementary School</a>	North Charleston, SC 29420	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Pinehurst Elementary School</a>	North Charleston, SC 29420	2-5	Elementary
<a href="#">E. B. Ellington Elementary School</a>	Ravenel, SC 29470	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Sullivan's Island Elementary School</a>	Sullivans Island, SC 29482	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Edith L. Frierson Elementary School</a>	Wadmalaw, SC 29487	PK-5	Elementary

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# Charleston County Middle Schools

Middle Schools	Location	Grade Span
<a href="#">Buist Academy</a> ♦	Charleston, SC 29401	K-8
<a href="#">Burke Middle &amp; High School</a>	Charleston, SC 29403	7-12
<a href="#">Charleston Charter School for Math and Science</a>	Charleston, SC 29403	6-12
<a href="#">Charleston Development Academy Public Charter School</a>	Charleston, SC 29403	PK-8
<a href="#">Sanders-Clyde Elementary School</a>	Charleston, SC 29403	PK-8
<a href="#">West Ashley Middle School</a> ♦	Charleston, SC 29407	6-8
<a href="#">Fort Johnson Middle School</a>	Charleston, SC 29412	6-8
<a href="#">James Island Middle School</a>	Charleston, SC 29412	6-8
<a href="#">C. E. Williams Middle School for Creative and Scientific Arts</a> ♦	Charleston, SC 29414	6-8
<a href="#">Montessori Community School</a>	Charleston, SC 29414	PK-8
<a href="#">Pattison's Academy for Comprehensive Education</a>	Charleston, SC 29414	K-12
<a href="#">Baptist Hill High School</a>	Hollywood, SC 29449	6-12
<a href="#">Haut Gap Middle School</a> ♦	Johns Island, SC 29455	5-8
<a href="#">East Cooper Montessori Charter School</a>	Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464	1-8
<a href="#">Laing Middle School</a> ♦	Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464	6-8
<a href="#">Moultrie Middle School</a>	Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464	6-8
<a href="#">Thomas C. Cario Middle School</a>	Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466	6-8
<a href="#">Charleston County School Of The Arts</a>	North Charleston, SC 29405	6-12
<a href="#">Military Magnet Academy</a> ♦	North Charleston, SC 29405	6-12
<a href="#">Morningside Middle School</a>	North Charleston, SC 29405	6-8
<a href="#">Malcolm C. Hursey Elementary School</a>	North Charleston, SC 29406	PK-8
<a href="#">Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science</a> ♦	North Charleston, SC 29418	6-8
<a href="#">Northwoods Middle School</a>	North Charleston, SC 29420	6-8

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# Charleston County High Schools

High Schools	Location	Grade Span	Career Academies
<a href="#">Burke Middle &amp; High School</a>	Charleston, SC 29403	7-12	Engineering, Culinary, Business, Computer Science, Health Professions
<a href="#">Charleston Charter School for Math and Science</a>	Charleston, SC 29403	6-12	
<a href="#">James Island Charter High School</a> *	Charleston, SC 29412	9-12	
<a href="#">Pattison's Academy for Comprehensive Education</a>	Charleston, SC 29414	K-12	
<a href="#">West Ashley High School</a>	Charleston, SC 29414	9-12	Engineering, Mechatronics, Computer Science, Health Professions
<a href="#">Baptist Hill High School</a>	Hollywood, SC 29449	6-12	Business & IT
<a href="#">St. John's High School</a>	Johns Island, SC 29455	9-12	Hospitality and Tourism, Computer Science
<a href="#">Wando High School</a>	Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466	9-12	School of Math, Science and Engineering, Transportation & Logistics, Business & IT, Health and Human Services, Arts and Humanities
<a href="#">Academic Magnet High School</a> ♦	North Charleston, SC 29405	9-12	Computer Science
<a href="#">Charleston County School Of The Arts</a>	North Charleston, SC 29405	6-12	Arts
<a href="#">Garrett Academy of Technology</a> ♦	North Charleston, SC 29405	9-12	Health Professions
<a href="#">Greg Mathis Charter High School</a>	North Charleston, SC 29405	9-12	
<a href="#">Military Magnet Academy</a>	North Charleston, SC 29405	6-12	Culinary, Computer Science
<a href="#">North Charleston High School</a>	North Charleston, SC 29405	9-12	Engineering, Law Enforcement, Graphic Design, Business, Culinary, Health Professions
<a href="#">R. B. Stall High School</a>	North Charleston, SC 29418	9-12	Engineering, Business and Marketing, Health Professions

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# Dorchester 2 Elementary, Middle & High Schools

Schools	Location	Grade Span	Elementary/Middle School
<a href="#">Joseph R. Pye Elementary</a>	Ladson, SC 29456	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Oakbrook Elementary</a>	Ladson, SC 29456	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Eagle Nest Elementary</a>	N. Charleston, SC 29420	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Windsor Hill Arts Infused Elementary</a> *	N. Charleston, SC 29420	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Alston-Bailey Elementary</a>	Summerville, SC 29483	PK-5	Elementary (new in 2016)
<a href="#">Beech Hill Elementary</a>	Summerville, SC 29485	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Eugene Sires Elementary</a>	Summerville, SC 29483	PK-5	Elementary (new in 2016)
<a href="#">Flowertown Elementary</a>	Summerville, SC 29485	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Fort Dorchester Elementary</a>	Summerville, SC 29485	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">James H. Spann Elementary</a>	Summerville, SC 29483	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Knightsville Elementary</a>	Summerville, SC 29483	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Newington Elementary</a>	Summerville, SC 29485	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Sand Hill Elementary</a>	Summerville, SC 29485	PK-5	Elementary (new in 2016)
<a href="#">Summerville Elementary</a>	Summerville, SC 29483	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">William M. Reeves Elementary</a>	Summerville, SC 29483	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Oakbrook Middle</a>	Ladson, SC 29456	6-8	Middle
<a href="#">River Oaks Middle</a>	N. Charleston, SC 29420	6-8	Middle
<a href="#">Alston Middle</a>	Summerville, SC 29483	6-8	Middle
<a href="#">Charles B. DuBose Middle</a>	Summerville, SC 29483	6-8	Middle
<a href="#">Gregg Middle</a>	Summerville, SC 29483	6-8	Middle
<a href="#">Rollings Middle School of the Arts</a>	Summerville, SC 29483	6-8	Middle

High Schools	Location	Grade Span	Career Academies
<a href="#">Fort Dorchester High</a> *	N. Charleston, SC 29420	9-12	Engineering, Business, Finance & Management, Culinary and Hospitality
<a href="#">Summerville High</a>	Summerville, SC 29483	9-12	Engineering, Business, Finance & Management, Computer Science, Health Professions
<a href="#">Ashley Ridge High</a>	Summerville, SC 29485	9-12	Engineering, Business Finance & Management, Health Professions

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# Dorchester 4 Elementary, Middle & High Schools

Schools	Location	Grade Span	Elementary/Middle/Secondary (High School)
<a href="#">Clay Hill Elementary School</a>	Ridgeville, SC 29472	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Harleyville Elementary School</a>	Dorchester, SC 29437	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Williams Memorial Elementary</a>	Saint George, SC 29477	PK-5	Elementary
<a href="#">Harleyville-Ridgeville Middle School</a>	Dorchester, SC 29437	6-8	Middle
<a href="#">Saint George Middle School</a>	Saint George, SC 29477	6-8	Middle
<a href="#">Woodland High School</a>	Dorchester, SC 29437	9-12	Secondary (High School)

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## More Info on Schools & Programs:

### International Baccalaureate® (IB) Schools

Aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. Programs encourage both personal and academic achievement, challenging students to excel in their studies and in their personal development.

### Magnet Schools

Have a focused theme and aligned curricula. They are free public elementary and secondary schools of choice that are operated by school districts or a consortium of districts. Magnet schools are typically more “hands on – minds on” and use an approach to learning that is inquiry or performance/project based. They use state, district, or Common Core standards in all subject areas, however, they are taught within the overall theme of the school.

### Career Academies

A school-within-a-school structure, offering personalized learning environments through curricula combining academic and occupation-related course requirements that promote applied learning and satisfy college entrance requirements. Academies establish partnerships with local employers to build sequences of career awareness and work-based learning opportunities for their students.

<https://www.charlestonchamber.net/careeracademies/>





## Independent (Tuition-Based) Schools

Summers Corner

The region boasts a number of excellent private and parochial schools for families and students who seek an alternative to public schools. For example, Pinewood Prep, 107-year old Ashley Hall, and Porter-Gaud, which dates to Porter Military Academy's founding in 1867, have longstanding traditions of excellence. Private schools do not have to follow state-mandated curriculum standards and can establish their own faculty hiring/firing requirements. They can also have selective admission criteria for their students.

### Links to Private Schools

#### **Daniel Island:**

- [Bishop England High School \(9 – 12\)](#)

#### **Charleston/West Ashley:**

- [Addlestone Hebrew Academy \(K – 8\)](#)
- [Ashley Hall \(aged 2 – 5, boys and girls; K - 12, girls only\)](#)
- [Charleston Catholic](#)
- [Charleston Day School \(K – 8\)](#)
- [The Cooper School](#)
- [First Baptist School of Charleston \(K – 12\)](#)
- [Mason Preparatory School \(K – 8\)](#)
- [Porter-Gaud School \(K – 12\)](#)

#### **Moncks Corner**

- [St. John's Christian Academy](#)

► Religious-Affiliation

#### **Mount Pleasant:**

- [Christ Our King-Stella Maris School \(pre-K – 8\)](#)
- [Coastal Christian Preparatory School \(K – 12\)](#)
- [Palmetto Christian Academy \(pre-K – 12\)](#)
- [Trident Academy](#)
- [The University School of the Lowcountry \(1 – 8\)](#)

#### **Johns Island:**

- [Charleston Collegiate School \(pre-K – 12\)](#)

#### **North Charleston:**

- [Cathedral Academy \(K – 12\)](#)

#### **Summerville:**

- [Charis Academy](#)
- [The Oaks Christian School](#)
- [Pinewood Preparatory School \(pre-K – 12\)](#)
- [Ridge Christian Academy](#)
- [Summerville Catholic School \(K – 8\)](#)

#### **St. George:**

- [Dorchester Academy \(K – 12\)](#)



# Higher Education & Lifelong Learning



The Charleston metro is home to multiple four-year undergraduate institutions, a major medical university, a law school, a leading two-year technical college, and numerous other degree-granting professional development programs. Access to libraries, art galleries and performances, watching college athletics and hearing visiting lecturers opens opportunities both for the student body and citizens and neighbors.

Adults and young professionals in the Charleston metro region can audit or enroll in courses to further their career or avocational interests, and advanced high school students in the region can take advantage of dual-credit opportunities and apprenticeships offered through Trident Tech and other institutions.

Recent college graduates across the country are moving to Charleston to begin their career, resulting in a 58% population growth among Millennials from 2000 - 2012, making this one of the top metro regions in the country for percentage of population holding college degrees.





# Higher Education & Lifelong Learning

## Charleston Region:

- [American College of Building Arts](#)
- [The Citadel](#)
- [Charleston Art Institute](#)
- [Charleston School of Law](#)
- [Charleston Southern](#)
- [College of Charleston](#)
- [Lowcountry Graduate Center](#)
- [MUSC](#)
- [Trident Technical College](#)

## Clemson Affiliates:

- [Charleston Cooperative Extension](#)
- [Clemson Architecture Center in Charleston](#)
- [Clemson University Restoration Institute](#)
- [SCE&G Energy Innovation Center](#)
- [Zucker Family Graduate Education Center](#)

## University of South Carolina Affiliates:

- [Campuses throughout Lowcountry](#)
- [Charleston Field School](#) (Dept. of History Graduate School Program)

## Southeast Region Resources:

*(Within a day's drive)*

- [Colleges and Universities in Georgia](#)
- [Colleges and Universities in North Carolina](#)
- [Research Triangle Park](#)







## Working in Charleston

The Charleston metro is thriving with unprecedented business growth and economic diversification, with both multinational corporations and fast-growing startups taking advantage of our globally competitive business environment. In addition to the port, aeronautics and automotive manufacturing, other leading economic drivers include: healthcare, higher education, high tech, and tourism.

Charleston offers the workforce and talent companies need to succeed and grow. From 2010 to 2015, our skilled labor pool has grown four and a half times faster than the U.S. average and twice as fast as South Carolina's average. A steady stream of well-educated young talent, who come for jobs – or create their own in our business-friendly community – are helping to boost that number, and in turn their entrepreneurial energy creates new job opportunities for all.

### [Entrepreneurial Resources](#)

- [Berkeley Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Greater Summerville/Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce](#)







## Top Private Sector Employers

- [Blackbaud, Inc.](#)
- [Benefitfocus](#)
- [The Boeing Company](#)
- [Kiawah Island Golf Resort/ The Sanctuary at Kiawah](#)
- [KapStone Charleston Kraft LLC](#)
- [Nucor Steel](#)
- [Roper St. Francis Healthcare](#)
- [Robert Bosch LLC](#)
- [SAIC](#)

[Full list of Employers by Industry](#)







## Community Service

Generosity, volunteerism and concern for the well-being of others are deeply-held values shared by this community. A collaborative spirit among non-profit organizations and leaders helps leverage resources and ensure that programs and outreach efforts are as effective as possible.

There are numerous avenues for becoming involved in the philanthropic culture that makes the Charleston metro such an engaged, generous and warm-hearted place to live. The following organizations offer a starting place for those interested in exploring jobs in non-profit sector, as well as volunteer or donor opportunities.

### Guide to Local Charities:

- [American Red Cross](#)
- [Coastal Community Foundation](#) (many resources)
- [Lowcountry Food Bank](#)
- [One80 Place](#)
- [South Carolina Association of Nonprofit Organizations \(SCANPO\)](#)
- [Trident United Way](#)
- [Tri-County Cradle To Career Collaborative](#)





## Health & Wellness



People from across the Southeast and the country come to seek the medical expertise of Charleston area doctors. The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) attracts leading international researchers in cancer care, cardiology and pediatrics, among other specialties, and trains the healthcare professionals of tomorrow.

Nationally-ranked hospitals within the Roper St. Francis system and smaller community hospitals across the region draw doctors trained at the most distinguished institutions in the country. Trident Health's Emergency Department Director recently earned a national distinguished recognition award as director of the year.

An emphasis on wellness, prevention and healthy living comes with the territory, given our region's abundant outdoor recreation, fitness and health-related activities, as well as our numerous farmers markets and ready supply of fresh, local seafood, vegetables and fruits, and organic produce.





# Things to Know about Medical Care in South Carolina:



- Call 911 in a health emergency. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and an ambulance will respond.
- Health care is paid for on a fee-for-service basis, so patients either pay out-of-pocket or with private health insurance.
- Health insurance coverage often determines which doctors/services you can access, so consult your network of providers.
- Hospital Emergency Rooms are open 24/7 for crisis situations: stroke, shortness of breath/heart attack, severe injury or broken bones, sudden illness, etc.
- Urgent Care and Express Care facilities can often address less acute or non-life threatening medical concerns (cold, flu, concussion, sprains, Xrays, etc)
- Your primary care doctor generally makes initial diagnosis and referral to medical specialists as needed.





# Health Care Resources

## Hospitals:

[East Cooper Medical Center](#)

- [East Cooper Medical Center healthgrade](#)

## [MUSC](#)

- [MUSC healthgrade](#)

## [Roper St. Francis](#)

- [Roper Hospital healthgrade](#)
- [Bon Secours St. Francis healthgrade](#)
- [Mount Pleasant Hospital healthgrade](#)

## [Palmetto Behavioral Health](#)

## [Trident Health](#)

- [Summerville Medical Center](#)
- [Trident Health healthgrade](#)

## Other Resources:

[American Cancer Society](#)

(call local office: (843) 744-1922)

[American Heart Association Charleston Affiliate](#)

[American Red Cross SC region](#)

[Charleston Area National Alliance for the Mentally Ill \(NAMI\)](#)

[DHEC Charleston Public Health Clinics](#)

[Nursing Homes and Extended Care facilities](#)

[Palmetto Poison Center](#)

(Call Local Poison Control: 800-922-1117)

[SC Department of Health and Environmental Control \(DHEC\)](#)

[Teenline](#): 747-8336, 800-273-8255

[Veterinary specialty care](#)





## Getting Around



The main mode of transportation in the Charleston metro area, as with much of the Southeast, is by car, especially in the rural counties. In urban areas of Charleston and in select parts of Mount Pleasant, North Charleston and West Ashley, bicycling and walking are often good options as well.

The Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) offers free Trolley shuttles around the peninsula. CARTA offers rapid bus transit from downtown to Summerville and points North, as well as bus service throughout Mount Pleasant, North Charleston, West Ashley and James Island, and shuttles to and from the airport.





## Things to Know about Getting Around:



- Unless otherwise noted, cars are allowed to turn “right on red” so pedestrians crossing streets need to look for turning vehicles.
- Bicycles are considered vehicles and both have a right to share the road in South Carolina and must obey all traffic rules. Helmets are highly recommended but not mandatory.
- Parking is restricted in downtown areas and at the beaches, so follow posted parking guidelines to avoid being ticketed or towed.
- All cars must be registered with the SC Department of Motor Vehicles and insured, and all drivers must be licensed.
- Seatbelts are required. Texting while driving is illegal.





# Getting Around

[Amtrak](#) (local train station located in North Charleston)

[Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority \(CARTA\)](#)  
[TriCounty Link](#)

[Charleston Cab Company](#) (843-566-5757)

[Charleston Green Taxi](#) (843-819-0846)

[Lyft](#)

[Uber](#)

[Charleston International Airport \(CHS\)](#)

## Executive Airports/FBOs

- [Atlantic Aviation and Landmark Aviation](#)  
*Runway length: 9001 feet (2,743 meters)*
- [Berkeley County Airport](#) (Moncks Corner)  
*Runway length: 5,000 feet (1,524 meters)*
- [Charleston Executive Airport/Atlantic Aviation](#) (Johns Island)  
*Runway length: 3,700 feet (1,128 meters)*
- [Dorchester County Airport](#) – (Summerville)  
*Runway length: 5,001 feet (1,524 meters)*
- [Dorchester County Airport](#) – (St. George)  
*Runway length: 3,201 feet (976 meters)*
- [Mount Pleasant Regional Airport](#) – (Faison Field)  
*Runway length: 3,700 feet (1,128 meters)*

## Bicycling:

- [Affordabike Bicycle Shop](#) (Bike Rentals)
- [Bicycle Shoppe](#)
- [Charleston Moves](#)
- [Interactive Bike Map](#)

## [Department of Motor Vehicles\\*](#):

How to register a car, get a license, links to resources:

- [\\*DMV made simple](#)
- [Registering your car in SC](#)





# Recreation & Sports



For lovers of the outdoors, there are many options for fun adventures in the three-county region. From beach walking to kayaking through endlessly winding waterways, from bicycle rides to sunset sails, from kids splashing in water parks to adult birding excursions, there's something for every level of athlete, explorer, or outdoor aficionado.

Where else can you hike the Palmetto Trail in the morning and surf at the beach in the afternoon, then take in a Riverdogs game while watching the sunset paint the Ashley River horizon? The annual Cooper River Bridge Run 10K inspires thousands of people to walk and run, and numerous organized bike rides, charity walks/runs, and water activities fill the calendar with fitness-focused activities.





# Having Fun

## City Parks and Recreation:

- [Charleston Recreation Department](#)
- [Isle of Palms Recreation Department](#)
- [Mount Pleasant Recreation Department](#)
- [Town of Summerville Parks & Recreation](#)

## Local Spectator Sports:

- [Charleston Riverdogs baseball](#)
- [Charleston Battery soccer](#)
- [SC Stingrays hockey](#)
- [Volvo Car Open tennis tournament](#) (April)

## [Living Here – Local Lifestyle](#)

## [“Things to See & Do”](#)

## [Fishing information](#)

## [Sailing](#)

## County Parks:

- [Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission](#) (CCPRC)
- [Dorchester County parks](#)

## [National parks in SC](#)

## [SC State parks:](#)

- [Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site](#)
- [Colonial Dorchester State Historic Site](#)
- [Edisto Beach State Park](#)
- [Givhans Ferry State Park](#)
- [Hampton Plantation Historic Site](#)

## [Lowcountry Senior Center](#)

## [YMCA](#)

Recreation & Sports





# Arts & Culture



Lowcountry residents have always had an appreciation for the arts. In fact, Charleston is home to America's first public theater, the [Dock Street Theatre](#). Today, that creative legacy is more vibrant and lively than ever, with thriving community theaters, a brand new Gaillard Center where the Charleston Symphony Orchestra and international performers take the stage, ballet and modern dance groups, edgy art exhibits and art studios, and innumerable arts events, from improv comedy to spoken word poetry to chamber music.

While large-scale internationally recognized festivals like Spoleto Festival USA and the Charleston Wine + Food Festival draw thousands of patrons, the day-to-day creative life of the region is celebrated in sweetgrass basket weavers and mural painters, the professional actors and writers, graphic designers and architects, pastry chefs and sommeliers, singers, and choir directors who call the region home.





# Cultural Resources

## Dining:

When dining out, tax and gratuity is NOT typically included in the menu price unless noted.

- [Charleston Restaurant Association](#)
- [Charleston Restaurant Week](#)
- [Charleston Eater](#)

## Classical Music:

- [Charleston Symphony Orchestra](#)
- [North Charleston POPS](#)
- [Summerville Orchestra](#)

## Festivals:

- [Charleston Wine and Food Festival](#)
- [Flowertown Festival](#)
- [MOJA Arts Festival](#)
- [Piccolo Spoleto Festival](#)
- [Southeastern Wildlife Exposition \(SEWE\)](#)
- [Spoleto Festival USA](#)
- [World Grits Festival](#)

## Local/Regional Arts Councils:

- [Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs](#)
- [Charleston Regional Alliance for the Arts](#)
- [North Charleston Cultural Arts Department](#)
- [South Carolina Arts Commission](#)
- [South Carolina Humanities](#)

## Public Libraries:

- [Berkeley County Public Libraries](#)
- [Charleston County Public Libraries](#)
- [Dorchester County Public Libraries](#)

## Museums:

- [Charleston Museum](#)
- [Children's Museum of the Lowcountry](#)
- [Gibbes Museum of Art](#)
- [SC Aquarium](#)





# Quick Reference

[Apply for a driver's license](#)

[Apply for citizenship or work permits](#)

[Access emergency services](#)

[Access emergency services; Hurricane evacuation info](#)

Electricity Hook-Up:

- [Berkeley Electric Cooperative New Member Handbook](#);
- [SC Electric & Gas, Co.](#)

Register for School:

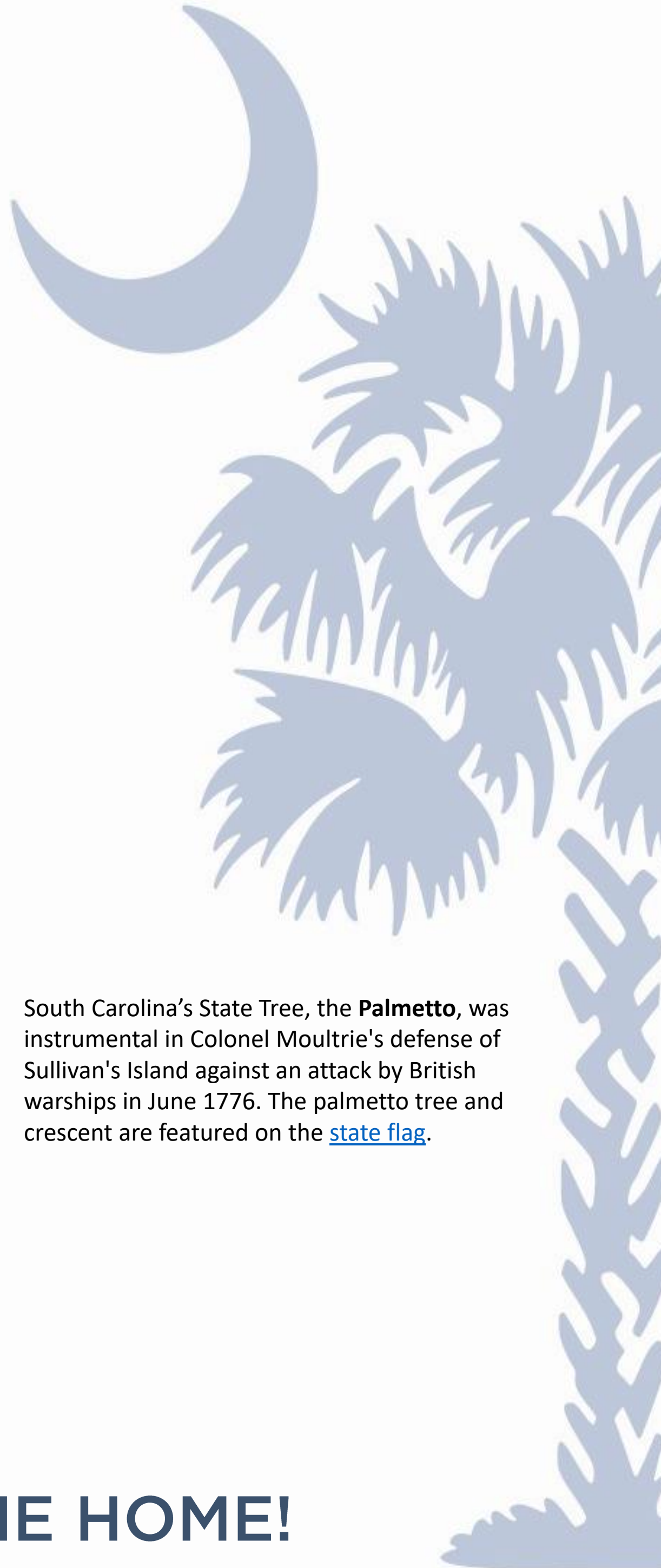
- [Berkeley County School District](#)
- [Charleston County School District](#)
- [Dorchester County District 2](#)
- [Dorchester County District 4](#)

Pay Taxes:

- [State Tax](#)
- [Berkeley County](#)
- [Charleston County](#)
- [Dorchester County](#)

Utilities Provider:

- [Berkeley County Water & Sewer](#)
- Charleston County:  
[Hook up utilities](#)  
[Access Public Works departments](#)
- [Dorchester County Hook Up Water & Sewer](#)



South Carolina's State Tree, the **Palmetto**, was instrumental in Colonel Moultrie's defense of Sullivan's Island against an attack by British warships in June 1776. The palmetto tree and crescent are featured on the [state flag](#).

## WELCOME HOME!