Why Choose Charleston

You may know Charleston as a great place to vacation (after all, for 10 years running we’ve been named the No. 1 city in the U.S. to visit by the readers of Condé Nast Traveler). Those same qualities make this a fantastic place to live and work. In fact, 30 people relocate here each day from all over the world.
Jobs in Charleston

Aerospace | Automotive
Information Technology
Life Sciences | Logistics

These are a few of the industries thriving here, and all of them are hiring for occupations ranging from marketing and operations to research and engineering.

With 15,000 current job openings and 600+ startups, we have opportunities for everyone.

Most In-Demand Industries & Jobs

BUSINESS MGMT
C-Suite
Management

ENGINEERING
Industrial
Mechanical
Electrical

HEALTHCARE
Practitioners
Technicians
R&D

PRODUCTION
Assemblers
Welders
Machinists

SOFTWARE/IT
Developers
Programmers
Analysts
“I love working here because it feels like a vacation ... I can literally run meetings at the beach. Another big motivator is it’s a great place to raise a family.”

Ben Wong
Strategic Services Manager
Blackbaud
You’ll Get More Out of Life in Charleston

Ranked among the nation’s “Best Places to Live” by Outside Magazine, Charleston is attracting people from coast to coast who want their hard work to pay off in more square footage and free time.

Our international community welcomes thousands of new residents each year who contribute to the region’s inclusive culture and lifestyle.
Find Your Way Home

And Double Your Square Footage

Now for the small matter of finding your home.

The same home you’d buy for millions in DC, New York or San Francisco, you’ll own for 70% less in Charleston (and be near the beach).

South Carolina is in one of the top 10 states for lowest property taxes.

COST OF LIVING INDEX COMPARISON

Save more on everything from groceries to your weekly yoga class.

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MONTHLY RENT COMPARISON | AVERAGE 2 BEDROOM

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Whether you prefer a bungalow in a historic downtown, a modern apartment in a trendy neighborhood, or a home with land and easy access to boating and fishing, you’ll find variety in our three vibrant counties:

BERKELEY COUNTY
$160,000-$700,000+*

A peaceful oasis that is home to a national forest and miles of scenic waterways, Berkeley County is also home to Google’s SC Data Center, Volvo’s U.S. operations, and the HQs of Thorne Research, Benefitfocus, and Blackbaud.

CHARLESTON COUNTY
$195,750-$813,000+*

Charleston County is known for European architecture, walkable downtowns, and 90 miles of coastline. It is home to the Charleston Digital Corridor and the Medical District, as well as the Port of Charleston, Boeing, and other advanced manufacturers.

DORCHESTER COUNTY
$163,000-$245,000+*

Bordered by the winding Edisto River, Dorchester County is known for its natural beauty, master-planned communities, charming cottages, and award-winning school district. Key employers include manufacturing companies like Robert Bosch and KION North America along with numerous logistics and distribution centers.

*Median home price

To learn more about the Charleston region’s communities, visit: charlestoncommunityguide.com
I call the Charleston region the ‘Center for Innovation’ for youth apprenticeships in the country. The model you have here ... you want to replicate around the country. That’s something to be proud of.”

Amy Firestone, PhD, Office of Apprenticeships U.S. Department of Labor
Programs Built For Career Success

Whether you're looking to upgrade to a higher-paying career or have yet to discover your calling, you can find it here.

Numerous programs exist for lifelong students seeking new skills, advanced degrees, and professional development.

48,000 students enrolled in area colleges & universities

63% of people moving to Charleston have post-secondary education

36+ STEM degrees available in our market

Area Colleges
Charleston Southern University
Clemson University
College of Charleston
Medical University of South Carolina
SC State University
The Citadel
Trident Technical College
University of South Carolina

Continuing Education
JRS Coding School
Lowcountry Graduate Center
ManuFirst SC
SC Codes
South Carolina Aeronautical Training Center
Zucker Family Graduate Center
“With beaches, world-class dining, history, and a warmer climate, it’s no secret you get more bang for your buck while upgrading quality of life.”

George Mountis, Product Designer at BoomTown!
Charleston Needs Top Talent Like You

BE PART OF A COMMUNITY ON THE RISE

This economic momentum is the result of a decades-long strategic effort to diversify and transform into a technology-driven economy, and position Charleston as a globally competitive location for business, talent, and entrepreneurs.

BALANCE WORK HARD WITH PLAY HARD

You can have a successful career in a hot job market full of innovative companies without the hassle and headache of a massive metro. In Charleston, it’s easier to balance hard work with free time to enjoy family, friends, and your favorite activities.

GET MORE IN CHARLESTON

With a beautiful coastal environment, one of the best medical hubs in the Southeast, diverse housing options, and low residential property taxes, living here means getting more bang (and square footage) for your buck. You can live and work anywhere, why not here?

Visit CharlestonCareers.org to learn more about local job opportunities and CharlestonCommunityGuide.com to find your way home.
Our FAST-GROWING ECONOMY, NATURAL BEAUTY, AND WORLD-CLASS LIFESTYLE have made Charleston popular with job seekers across the globe.

TAKE YOUR CAREER TO THE NEXT LEVEL and be a part of building something great.

People, companies, investors, and entrepreneurs are seeking out Charleston because THERE’S JUST SO MUCH OPPORTUNITY HERE.

GORGEOUS BEACHES, A RENOWNED FOOD SCENE, AND QUALITY EDUCATION offerings are just a handful of things that make Charleston special.

You can live and work anywhere, WHY NOT CHARLESTON?
Awards + Rankings

Top Ten U.S. City GAINING INNOVATION JOBS – The New York Times

The South’s BEST CITY of 2020 – Southern Living
Where the **JOBS WILL BE** in 2020

- Forbes

**THE BEST U.S. CITY,**

eight consecutive years

- Travel + Leisure

**BEST CITIES FOR JOBS** for 2020

- WalletHub
Create a Life You Love in Charleston