Charleston offers an ideal business environment for technology companies, entrepreneurs, and talent to thrive in a metro that consistently tops the World’s Best Cities lists.

Home to 1,600+ tech companies, a skilled talent pool, and an ever-expanding supportive ecosystem, we offer what you need to succeed.

#5
Among Mid-Size U.S. Metros for Workforce Ages 25-34
U.S. Census Bureau

#6
Among U.S. Metros for Tech Job Forecast
CompTIA Cyber States, 2023 Report

#9
Among 380+ U.S. Metros for Cyber Security Talent
#2 for Women in Tech
“Scoring Tech Talent” CBRE presentation at Area Development Executive Summit, Nov. 2023

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Fast emerging as a tech hub, Charleston offers a great place to do business, to innovate, and be successful. It’s why 40+ people move here each day, and why our labor pool is growing 3 times faster than the U.S.

CHARLESTON IS BOOMING

HOME TO 1,600+ TECH COMPANIES

CHARLESTON IS A TALENT MAGNET

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

IT NICHE SECTORS INCLUDING:

GLOBAL TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

RECENT ACQUISITIONS:

SAMPLE OF 2024 FUNDING ACTIVITY/CAPITAL RAISES:

CitiBot
($994K raised) (Mar. 2024)
ShiftNOW
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GoodUnited
($1.1M) Venture Round (Dec. 2023)

Source: Crunchbase

Continuing education opportunities is fueled by 45,000+ students attending college including: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Masters, PhDs and Graduate Certificates in Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Information Systems, Software Engineering, and related fields.

IT NICHE SECTORS INCLUDING:

cybersecurity

defense IT

health IT

human resources IT

software products

• Offers a labor force of 430K+ employees, growing 3 times faster than the U.S.

• 41% of incoming talent have a bachelor’s degree or higher (U.S. = 35%)

• 14,000+ people employed in IT occupations

• Ranks #5 among 380+ U.S. Metros for high-tech GDP growth

Recent acquisitions:

Dynepic acquires Smartbridge
(Feb. 8, 2024)
Docugraphics acquires CustomCloud Solutions
(Mar. 1, 2023)

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Global transportation & logistics

• Nonstop domestic flights to 54 airports in 48 cities, plus daily to/from Toronto, Canada

• 8th largest U.S. container port, with the deepest harbor on the East Coast at 52 feet

• An integrated transportation network allows shipments to reach most domestic markets within 48 hours

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