

# Economic Profile



| Aiken and Edgefield Counties South Carolina



## Introduction

Don't be fooled by the charming, old South feel of Aiken and Edgefield Counties. Beneath the canopies of stately oaks, beyond the acres of flowering peach orchards, across the lush greens of the polo fields, there is a modern community of cutting-edge manufacturing, world-changing research and development, and a vibrant artistic atmosphere.

Aiken County, formed in 1871, has a long-held appreciation for its rich history and natural beauty. Hitchcock Woods, the largest urban forest in the United States, and Hopeland Gardens are two places in Aiken County for everyone to enjoy. Edgefield County, formed in 1785 as part of the Old Ninety-Six District, has a rich agricultural history, best known for being one of the top peach producers in South Carolina. In the 19th Century, Edgefield County developed a thriving pottery culture, and the old alkaline-glazed Edgefield pottery is highly sought after today. And there must be something of a rarified air here because Edgefield County has produced ten state governors, more than any other county in the state.

*"This place has it all:*

*peace and quiet and*

*excitement and science.*

*The place: Aiken and*

*Edgefield Counties."*

It's been said that South Carolina has one of the largest number of researchers discovering how to best move hydrogen's energetic potential from the laboratory to useful, day-to-day devices. And, thanks to the SRNL, there's credence to the statement. The Laboratory specializes in applied research and development. It is part of the US Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, which is the area's largest employer. Their job is to develop and provide technological solutions in energy security, national and homeland security, as well as environmental restoration.

Our area is home to some of the nation's largest industries who's level of success has dramatically increased since they made their relocation or expansion move. Esteemed industrial business, such as Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Bridgestone, MTU, Urban Outfitters, and Southern Felt, find a perfect fit in Aiken and Edgefield Counties.

Keeping with the goals of Aiken and Edgefield counties, the Economic Development Partnership manages Aiken County's technology outreach through the Applied Research Center (ARC). ARC is partnered with several institutions for advancement of renewables technology, nuclear and materials research. The Collaboration with SRNL recently won an Environmental Sustainability Award (ESTAR) from the Department of Energy.

**Front Cover:** (left) Bridgestone plant, one of the area's largest employers; (right) South Boundary Street, Aiken.

**Back Cover:** (left) Peach Orchard in Edgefield County; (right) Landing, North Augusta on the Savannah River.

**Upper Left:** Picturesque South Boundary Street, Aiken

Aiken and Edgefield Counties  
South Carolina

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# Population

Aiken and Edgefield counties are part of the Aiken-Augusta Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) with a population of more than 500,000 and a workforce of more than 245,000. Population growth is healthy. Aiken County, covering more than 1,000 square miles (almost 2,800 km<sup>2</sup>, is one of the largest geographic counties in the state and has a population of more than 156,000. Edgefield County's population is more than 25,000. The workforce population of the two counties totals more than 800,000, and over half of all residents are of employment age (20-64). Another 275,000 workers are available within a 45-minute drive.

Nearby cities of Augusta, GA, and Columbia, SC, offer additional and varied residential, shopping, and entertainment opportunities to Aiken and Edgefield area employees.

The Savannah River Site (310 square miles/806 km<sup>2</sup>), the area's largest employer, has been responsible for bringing thousands of highly skilled and educated employees and their families to the area.

The MSA includes 80.3 percent high school graduates and 20.6 percent college graduates. The international presence is steadily increasing with 17 multinational companies now operating in the two counties, bringing a cosmopolitan feel to the community.

## Population

	Aiken County	Edgefield County
<b>Population</b>	160,099	26,985
Percent White	69.6%	58.6%
Percent Black	24.6%	37.2%
Percent Other Race	5.8%	4.2%
Percent High School Graduate (25+)	78%	71%
Percent College Graduate (Age 25+)	20%	13%

## Aiken County

### Population of Incorporated Areas

	2000	2010
Aiken	25,337	29,524
Burnettown	2,720	2,673
Jackson	1,625	1,700
New Ellenton	2,250	2,052
North Augusta	17,574	21,348
Perry	237	233
Salley	410	398
Wagener	863	797
Windsor	127	121

## Edgefield County

### Population of Incorporated Areas

	2000	2010
Edgefield	4,449	4,750
Johnston	2,336	2,362
Trenton	226	196

# Aiken and Edgefield Counties South Carolina

*Where tradition meets technology*



## Edgefield County

Edgefield County is an area steeped in history but looking to the future. With its scenic countryside, lifestyle amenities and convenient location, it is quickly becoming one of the fastest growing counties in the region. Come stay a day, a week, or for the rest of your life.\*

## Aiken County

So charming and filled with diversity, Aiken County has something to offer everyone.

Aiken County is known throughout the world as an equestrian training center, claiming national champions. An energetic future, building a solid foundation for families, growth, and prosperity.



\*Quoted from Edgefield County Chamber of Commerce Map



# Quality of Life

**Quality of life can be measured by many factors. Income, education, art, availability of goods and services, convenience, climate, a healthy ecosystem, and innovative business and industry all contribute to the quality of life of a region.**

Aiken and Edgefield Counties offer residents the charm and simplicity of small town life with big city amenities like shopping, cultural arts, state of the art healthcare and many outdoor activities. In addition, with an annual average temperature of 63 degrees, there is a beautiful climate in which to enjoy it all.

The equestrian sports have found a welcoming home in Aiken for more than 100 years. Whether it is world-class polo matches or champion thoroughbred training, steeplechase, fox hunting or just a quiet carriage ride along a lane lined with live oaks, Aiken has options for anyone with a little hay in their blood. More than 45 polo professionals make their homes in Aiken, and Aiken was the site of the final leg of the 2007 USPA's Triple Crown of Polo, broadcast across the globe on the ESPN family of channels.

If your sport doesn't involve a bucket of oats at the end of the day, Aiken and Edgefield Counties offer more than a dozen golf courses, including the Palmetto Golf Club, established in 1892 and ranked among the top ten oldest golf courses in America. In 1932, Dr. Alister MacKenzie was asked to update the Palmetto Club's layout after he finished his design work just across the river at a little known club called the Augusta National Golf Club. Other award winning courses in the area include the Sage Valley Golf Club, designed by Thomas Fazio; Reserve Club at Woodside Plantation, designed by Rees Jones; and the Mount Vintage Plantation & Golf Club, designed by Tom Jackson and hailed by the late golf legend Byron Nelson as a "magnificent layout".

There's more to Aiken and Edgefield Counties than ponies and golf balls. The area is rich in cultural and natural history. Ample evidence of prehistoric Native Americans, including a 10,000 year-old projectile point, has been discovered. Spanish explorer and conquistador Hernando de Soto crossed the Savannah River into South Carolina in 1539 at Point Comfort, just west of the Savannah River Site. America's first native-born naturalist and artist William Bartram explored the area in the 1770's. This history and natural beauty are preserved and displayed in several museums in the region.

The Silver Bluff Audubon Center & Sanctuary, a 3,154-acre wildlife sanctuary owned by the National Audubon Society, showcases a varied habitat of forests, fields, lakes, ponds and streams along more than two miles of the Savannah River. The Augusta Museum of History, just across the Savannah River in Augusta, GA, was established in 1937 and houses a large collection of regional artifacts, including the aforementioned 10,000 year-old projectile point and other Native American items, slave-made Edgefield pottery dating from Antebellum times, Civil War relics, and items from the Godfather of Soul, James Brown, who made his home in Beech Island, SC. The Aiken County Historical Museum is housed in a 1930's Winter Colony mansion named "Banksia." Also on its 3.5-acre grounds are a one-roomed schoolhouse, circa 1890, and a log cabin built in 1808.

The visual and performing arts thrive here, too. The Aiken Center for the Arts offers year-round activities at no or low cost through its five exhibition galleries, art classes and workshops for all ages. The Aiken Community Playhouse was founded in 1952. Performances are held in the URS Center for the Performing Arts.

When you feel good about where you live, where you work, where your children go to school, and when you're proud of all your community has to offer, that's a high quality of life. When you've found all of that, you've found Aiken and Edgefield Counties.

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**Facing page:** (top left) Langley Pond Regatta, Burnetown; (middle left) South Boundary, Aiken (top right) Downtown Aiken; (bottom) Mount Vintage, Edgefield County





# Quality of Life

Aiken was first a summer retreat for Lowcountry planters seeking to get away from the coast's oppressive summer heat and merciless mosquito population. Later, wealthy Northeastern industrialists discovered the mild winters offered a perfect place to train racehorses. The equestrian "industry," established in 1892, gives Aiken a dignified, sophisticated atmosphere. Aiken County boasts the largest equestrian community with economic impact topping \$72 million annually and provides more than 1,800 jobs.

The Triple Crown of Polo has three marquee events a year that are televised domestically and internationally on the ESPN family of networks. In 2007, Aiken, SC, was the third leg of this prestigious event. The New Bridge Polo and Country Club was chosen as the final leg of the TCP because of its high level of play and the stunning location for the ESPN cameras to film. Aiken County boasts nine separate clubs recognized by the United States Polo Association and about 40 fields.

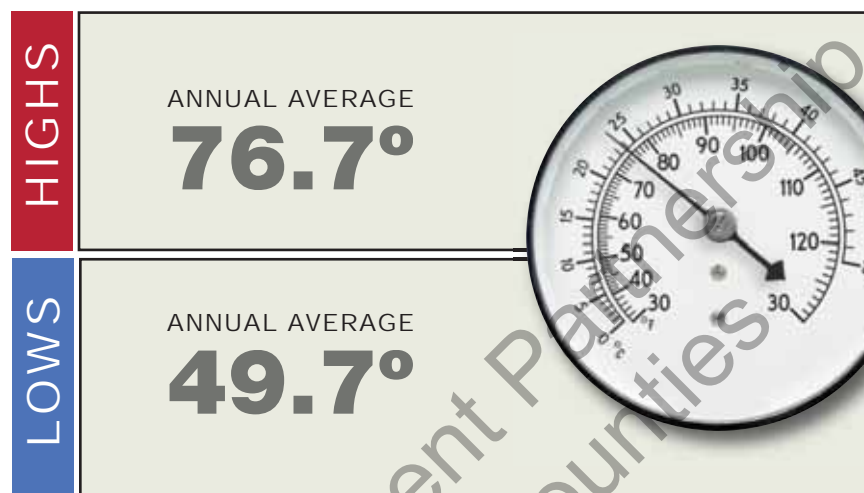
A moderate, four-season climate invites people outdoors. Pristine waterways provide a boating and fishing paradise. Championship level golf and tennis abound. Horseback riding and jogging in Aiken's Hitchcock Woods, the largest urban forest in the nation, provide tranquility in the midst of modern life. A canoe trek down the scenic Edisto River, the second longest blackwater river in the world, is a relaxing and reaffirming activity not to be missed.

Aiken's cultured style offers many fine restaurants, art galleries, and sophisticated musical performances. The Etheredge Center houses a 687-seat proscenium theatre. In March 2010, the Etheredge Center was host to Sue Monk Kidd, author of *The Secret Life of Bees*. Another venue is the USCA Convocation Center that is home to the USCA Pacer athletics. With seating for 4,000 people, the convocation center hosts a variety of events. Recent performances included: Toby Mac, Travis Porter, Disney Life, PBR Rodeo and many community events.

Aiken witnessed a historic debut. Julliard, America's premier conservatory created a one-of-a-kind annual event that celebrates the advancement of the arts and quality of life for our citizens.

Both Aiken and Edgefield Counties are popular with antique collectors, and the Old Edgefield Pottery kiln attracts visitors to learn the techniques and view examples of Indian and nineteenth century pottery making. Edgefield County's 4,000-acre Mount Vintage Plantation offers a sophisticated rural lifestyle that includes a fox hunting and an extraordinary Tom Jackson-designed golf course.

## HIGHS AND LOWS



## Climatological Summary

### Days with Freezing Weather

73

### Precipitation

Annual Total

28.61"

Days with 0.1 Inches or More of Rain

49



(right) USCA Convocation Center



## Quality of Life

### AIKEN COUNTY

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, 2009	\$23,960
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2009	\$44,534

### EDGEFIELD COUNTY

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, 2009	\$20,089
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2009	\$44,391

## INCOME

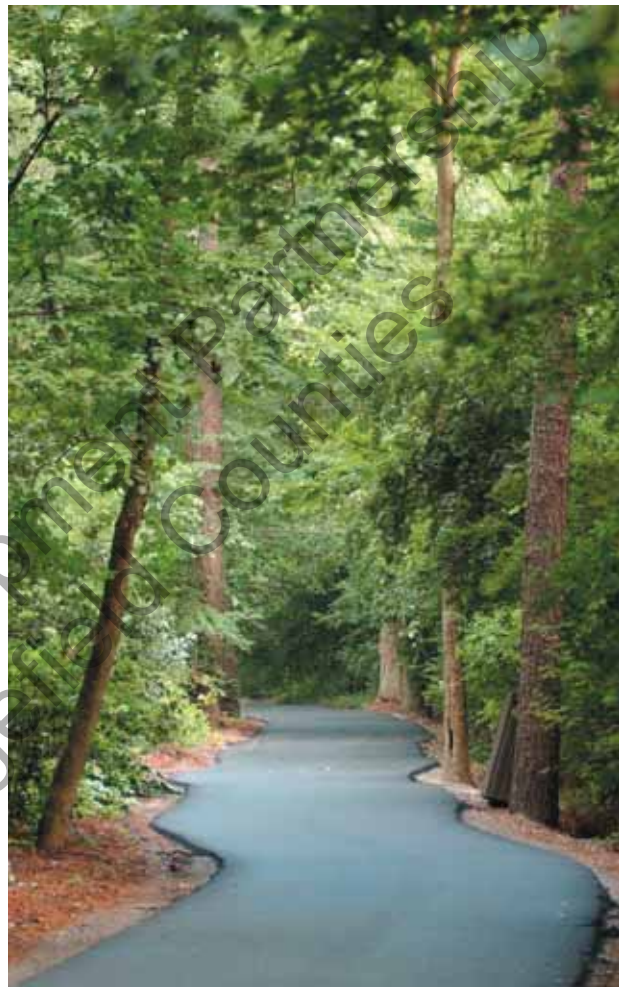
### Cost of Living Index 2010 Annual Average (Aiken-Augusta Metropolitan Area)

Item	2010
Composite	93.7
Grocery	104.8
Housing	78.7
Utilities	95.4
Transportation	94.8
Health Care	96.0
Misc. Goods and Services	101.5

### Distance to Nearby Cities

Columbia	50 miles
Charlotte	145 miles
Greenville	115 miles
Augusta	20 miles
Atlanta	170 miles
Charleston	130 miles
Savannah	125 miles

Greenway, North Augusta (top right); Edgefield Courthouse Square, Edgefield, (bottom left); Etheredge Center, Aiken (bottom right)





# Healthcare

**H**ealthcare in Aiken and Edgefield Counties includes a wide range of specialty care as well as routine and emergency health care. Physicians attracted from around the world bring diverse professional backgrounds and specialties, from neurosurgery and nuclear medicine to open heart surgery and many more. Home health, hospice, personal care services and emergency transportation are well established. An exhaustive array of state-of-the-art testing equipment and highly trained technicians ensure patients and physicians receive the right data to make informed diagnoses.

The campus of Aiken Regional Medical Centers includes several specialty centers. The Cardiovascular Institute of Carolina takes a team approach for a high level of individualized care. Aiken Regional Medical Centers' expert brain attack teams are specially trained to treat urgent stroke symptoms 24-hours a day and offer advanced interventional treatment and diagnostic capabilities, complemented by a longtime tradition of responsive, compassionate care. The Wound Healing Institute now houses two new Hyperbaric Oxygen Chambers and treatment options for people with non-healing wounds. The Cancer Care Institute of Carolina is the most comprehensive cancer treatment center in the region, integrating all therapy and diagnostic treatments in one location. The Diabetes & Nutrition Teaching Center was the first diabetes education program in the Central Savannah River Area to receive recognition by the American Diabetes Association.

The modern Edgefield County Hospital offers a comprehensive range of services. Edgefield County Hospital is a local hospital where medical professionals, family and friends come together to provide the healthcare needs of the community. ECH is a Critical Access Hospital with 25 acute care beds.

## Aiken Regional Medical Centers (ARMC)

<b>Description</b>	Main medical/surgical facility
<b>URL</b>	<a href="http://www.aikenregional.com">http://www.aikenregional.com</a>
<b>Phone</b>	(803) 641-5000
<b>Number of Floors</b>	6
<b>Number of Beds</b>	230
ICU Beds	21
Step-Down Beds	14
<b>Square Feet</b>	326,144
<b>Number of Physicians</b>	133
<b>Number of Specialties Represented</b>	40 plus
<b>Emergency Department</b>	
Designation	Level II Emergency Room
Number of Beds	41
Average Number of Daily Visits	150-155

## Other Facilities Located at the ARMC Campus

### ■ Aurora Pavilion Behavioral Health Center

<b>Number of Beds</b>	47
<b>Square Feet</b>	41,000

### ■ Cancer Care Institute of Carolina

<b>Average Number of Procedures per Year</b>	17,000
<b>Average Number of Patients per Year</b>	372
<b>Square Feet</b>	15,200
<b>Services Available</b>	Radiation oncology and hematology/oncology



(right) Aiken Regional Medical Center, Aiken



## ■ Women's LifeCare Center

<b>Number of Beds</b>	17
<b>Number of Newborn Beds</b>	
Normal Beds	18
Level II Care Beds	8
<b>Number of Physicians</b>	
OB/GYN	8
Pediatricians	7
<b>Average Number of Monthly Deliveries</b>	100
<b>Services Include</b>	
Gynecologic care, breast surgery, treatment of menopause and osteoporosis, estrogen replacement therapy, education classes such as breastfeeding for expectant parents and childbirth preparation	

## ■ Women's LifeCare Diagnostic Services

<b>Square Feet</b>	4,150
<b>Average Number of Procedures per Year</b>	10,327
<b>Services Available</b>	
Mammography, Bone Densitometry, Stereotactic Breast Biopsy, Routine X-Ray	

## ■ Wound Healing Institute of Carolina

<b>Average Number of Procedures per Year</b>	6,800
<b>Average Number of Patients per Year</b>	628
<b>Square Feet</b>	7,650
<b>Number of Physicians</b>	2
<b>Services Available</b>	
Some of the most advanced wound care therapies available today, including hyperbaric oxygen therapy	



## Edgefield County Hospital

<b>Phone</b>	(803) 637-3174
<b>Number of Beds</b>	25
<b>Number of Physicians/Staff</b>	
Active	4
Honorary	1
Courtesy/ Consult	18
ER	16
Nurse Practitioners	2
PA's	2
<b>Emergency Department:</b>	
Designation	Level III
Number of Beds	5
Average Visit Time	1 hour
Average Wait Time	30 minutes
<b>Services Available</b>	
■ Emergency Services - 24 Hours a day	
■ Pharmacy	
■ Surgery/Recovery/Anesthesia	
■ Laboratory	
Blood Bank	
■ Radiology-Diagnostic	
Ultrasound	
CT Scan	
Bone Density	
Fluoroscopy	
■ Rehabilitation	
Physical Therapy	
Occupational Therapy	
Speech Therapy	
■ Respiratory Care	
Pulmonary Function	
Blood Gases	
EKG	
■ Cardiac Monitoring	
Patient Services	
Acute	
Observation	
Medicare Swing Bed	
Respite	
■ Dietary/Diet Education	
■ Patient Education	
■ Diabetic Support Group	
■ Social Work Services	
■ Hospice	
■ Mammography	
■ MRI	
■ Pathology	
■ Organ/Tissue Donation	
■ Cardiology	
Echocardiogram	
Doppler Studies	
■ Transfer Agreement	
Self Regional	
■ ER Physician Coverage	

(left) Edgefield County Hospital, Edgefield





# Education

## Education Test Score Results 2010

■ Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS):  
Percentage Met Standard

	Aiken County	Edgefield County	South Carolina
<b>English/Language Arts</b>			
Grade 3	81.7	80.3	80.7
Grade 4	79.0	82.1	76.5
Grade 5	78.2	78.6	78.1
Grade 6	73.4	71.9	72.2
Grade 7	72.0	71.1	69.2
Grade 8	63.4	66.7	63.7
<b>Mathematics</b>			
Grade 3	63.2	56.3	70.0
Grade 4	74.9	74.3	76.7
Grade 5	68.6	71.6	71.3
Grade 6	70.0	61.1	70.3
Grade 7	68.5	64.8	67.0
Grade 8	62.5	57.5	63.4

■ High School Assessment Program (HSAP - 2010)  
Assesses selected SC academic standards in English/language arts and mathematics that students have had the opportunity to learn by the end of the tenth grade.

	Aiken County	Edgefield County	South Carolina
English/Language Arts	86.8	87.4	85.9
Mathematics	82.5	81.5	71.7

■ SAT (2010) 1,600 Perfect Combined Score

	Aiken County	Edgefield County	South Carolina
Critical reading	491	482	484
Mathematics	506	506	495
Writing	467	466	468
Combined	1,464	1,454	1,447

■ ACT (2010) The score scale for each ACT subject area, as well as the composite score, is from 1 to 36 with the national average at 21.2.

	Aiken County	Edgefield County	South Carolina
Composite	20.8	19.4	20.0



Aiken County is the fifth largest South Carolina Public School District. Aiken County educates a diverse population of approximately 25,000 students in 20 elementary schools, 10 middle schools, 7 high schools, 3 charter schools, and 1 career and technology center, and adult education programs.

Aiken County School District JROTC programs were recognized as state and national winners in drill, rifle, and academic competitions. Academic accomplishments included 17 schools being named Palmetto Gold and Silver Award recipients. National assessments, such as the SAT and ACT, continue to perform above the state average.

The Edgefield School District offers a Pre-Engineering Curriculum at Strom Thurmond High School for students interested in entering a career in engineering or related fields. The school district has contracted with Project Lead the Way (PLTW) to develop and implement a nationally recognized program that will provide real-world projects for students through engineering and biomedical sciences courses.

A strong school-to-work program and vocational training at the Aiken County Career and Technology Center have attracted millions of dollars in local industry scholarships. Local industries offer work experience opportunities and have made generous technology donations. Distance learning is an integral part of education in both counties. The Career Center strives to communicate a realistic vision of the work environment and provide leadership and services needed by students to achieve their educational and career goals.

## School Enrollment

### ■ Aiken County Public School Enrollment, 2010

#### Elementary Schools

Aiken	822
Belvedere	637
Byrd	765
Chukker Creek	405
Clearwater	600
East Aiken	350
Gloverville	432
Greendale	747
Hammond Hill	657
Jefferson	576
Lever	602
Midland Valley Prep Charter School (K-8)	160
Millbrook	632
Mossy Creek	743
North Aiken	520
North Augusta	711
Oakwood/Windsor	480
Redcliffe	819
Ridge Spring Monetta Elementary/Middle	650
Warrenville	489

#### Middle Schools

Aiken	641
Jackson	330
Kennedy	909
L.B.C.	504
Leavelle McCampbell	480
Lloyd-Kennedy Charter School (5 – 8)	61
New Ellenton	229
North Augusta	634
Paul Knox	593
Schofield	656

#### High Schools

Aiken	1,402
Midland Valley	1,251
North Augusta	1,550
Ridge Spring-Monetta	265
Silver Bluff	694
South Aiken	1,557
Wagener-Salley	295



#### Private and Parochial Schools

Aiken Christian (6–12)	89
Aiken Preparatory School (K–12)	151
Mead Hall (K–8)	221
Our Lady of Peace School (K–8)	133
Second Baptist Christian Preparatory (K–4)	66
St. Mary's School (K–8)	237
South Aiken Baptist School (K–8)	317
Victory Christian School (K–12)	118

### ■ Edgefield County Public School Enrollment, 2010

#### Elementary and Middle Schools

Douglas Elementary	290
Johnston-Edgefield-Trenton Middle	495
Johnston Elementary	358
Merriwether Elementary	750
Merriwether Middle	400
W.E. Parker Elementary	516

#### High Schools

Strom Thurmond High School	886
Fox Creek High	339

#### Private and Parochial Schools

Francis Hugh Wardlaw Academy (K-12)	184
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### ■ Summary Information

#### Total Number of Public Schools

Aiken County:	37
Edgefield County	7

#### Total Enrollment of Public Schools

Aiken County	24,778
Edgefield County	3,695

#### Total Number of Private Schools

Total Enrollment of Private Schools	1516
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The University of South Carolina Aiken was recognized as the top public baccalaureate college in the South by *U.S. News & World Report's* guide, "America's Best Colleges." USC Aiken has been ranked first seven times. This is the 13th consecutive year USC Aiken has been ranked in the top three public regional colleges in the South. The University of South Carolina Aiken is a four-year, public coeducational university offering undergraduate degree programs as well as three master's degree programs. Additional graduate courses and degree programs are offered through the USC Extended Graduate Campus program. Approximately 3,200 students attend USCA. Founded in 1961 in a historic mansion in downtown Aiken, USCA moved to its present site in 1972 and occupies 453 acres.

Aiken Technical College currently has approximately 3,000 students preparing for careers in business and industry. ATC is a public, open-door, two-year, comprehensive institution of higher education established to provide citizens of Aiken County opportunities for educational, economic, professional, social, and personal development. The College educates and trains students to provide an effective work force to support economic growth and community development with a focus on manufacturing and technology, leading the way in hydrogen and nuclear workforce training.

South Carolina's readySC program is a nationally recognized training program and prepares workers for new and expanding industries at no cost to the companies. All of South Carolina's technical colleges are partners of the readySC program.

Piedmont Technical College has a state-of-the-art campus in Edgefield. The College offers a wide variety of career studies programs and transfer opportunities to colleges and universities throughout South Carolina.

PASS tests are based on South Carolina Curriculum Standards and measure student and school progress toward the state's academic achievement standards

# Education

## ■ Local Colleges and Universities Enrollments

Aiken Technical College	2,976
Augusta State University	6,289
Augusta Technical College	4,445
Georgia Health Sciences University	2,443
Paine College	863
Piedmont Tech	115
University of South Carolina–Aiken	2,877

## ■ Other Colleges and Universities in South Carolina

Clemson University	19,453
University of South Carolina–Columbia	29,597
Lander University	13,900
Medical University of South Carolina	823

Total Number of Institutions	88
Public Senior Colleges and Universities	15
Private Senior Colleges and Professional	24
Public Two Year Colleges	4
Two Year Technical Colleges	18
Private Two Year Colleges	2
Proprietary Colleges	2
Other degree granting institutions licensed to operate in SC	23

## Education College and University Profiles

### ■ University of South Carolina at Aiken

<b>URL</b>	<a href="http://www.usca.edu">http://www.usca.edu</a>
<b>Phone</b>	(803) 648-6851
<b>Enrollment</b>	
Undergraduate	3,169
Graduate	57
Total Enrollment	3,226
<b>Degrees Offered</b>	
Undergraduate (35 programs of study)	32
Graduate	3
Graduate Coursework	15
<b>Tuition Cost Per Semester (Fall 2011)</b>	
In-State	\$4,230
Out-of-State	\$8,474

### ■ Aiken Technical College

<b>URL</b>	<a href="http://www.atc.edu">http://www.atc.edu</a>
<b>Phone</b>	(803) 593-9231
<b>Enrollment</b>	2,976
<b>Degrees Offered</b>	
Associate (28 majors/emphasis areas)	23
Diploma	3
Certificate	48
<b>Tuition Cost per Semester: (Fall 2011)</b>	
In-State, Aiken County Residents (12 hours)	\$1,861
In-State, Outside Aiken County (12 hours)	\$2,041
Out-of-State (12 hours)	\$5,065
Richmond, Columbia County Residents (12 hours)	\$1,876



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# Government



## Aiken County, FY 2010

<b>Form of Government</b>	Council—Administrator	
<b>Budget for County Operation</b>	\$50,732,857	
<b>Budget for School Operation</b>	\$221,511,683	
<b>Total Millage</b>	235.7	
County Operations Millage	54.4	
School District Millage	137.5	
Other Millage	43.8	
<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Mills</b>
City of Aiken	\$27,334,653	66.0
City of New Ellenton	\$1,448,170	77.3
City of North Augusta	\$27,544,483	77.2
Town of Jackson	\$843,681	56.0
Town of Monetta	\$196,600	17.0
Town of Perry	\$272,244	30.0
Town of Salley	\$1,276,118	50.0
Town of Wagener	\$896,071	60.0

## Edgefield County, FY 2010

<b>Form of Government</b>	Council—Administrator	
<b>Budget for County Operation</b>	\$8,394,279	
<b>Budget for School Operation</b>	\$25,544,848	
<b>County Operations Millage</b>	73.40	
<b>School District Millage</b>	189.84	
<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Mills</b>
Town of Edgefield	\$1,257,100	none
Town of Johnston	\$892,820	81.13
Town of Trenton	\$213,100	69.0

## Aiken County

<b>County Finance &amp; Employment Data</b>	<b>Value</b>
Total Revenues	\$96,757,535
Total Expenditures	\$98,919,318
General Fund Budget	\$50,732,857
Total Debt Outstanding	\$24,610,477
Per Capita Revenues	\$679
Per Capita Expenditures	\$694
Per Capita Gen. Fund Budget	\$365
Per Capita Debt Outstanding	\$158

## Edgefield County

<b>County Finance &amp; Employment Data</b>	<b>Value</b>
Total Revenues	\$13,786,156
Total Expenditures	\$11,838,332
General Fund Budget	\$8,394,279
Total Debt Outstanding	\$1,726,281
Per Capita Revenues	\$561
Per Capita Expenditures	\$481
Per Capita Gen. Fund Budget	\$341
Per Capita Debt Outstanding	\$66

South Carolina's vigorous, pro-business character and its Southern charm, low cost of living, strategic geography, and healthy growth combine to form an attractive destination for business and industry seeking to relocate. South Carolina's corporate incomes taxes are a remarkably low five percent, the lowest in the Southeast.

Aiken and Edgefield Counties work closely with the South Carolina Department of Commerce, ensuring the needs of every company are met through a number of assistance programs and many Enterprise Zone advantages. The state offers a variety of tax incentives with corporate tax credits for job creation, exemptions and sales tax, property tax abatement, investment tax credit and capital resources. Business incentives include industrial revenue bonds, funds or grants for infrastructure and investment and entrepreneurial organizations.

Local governments are staunchly pro-business and committed to economic development. The home for Urban Outfitters is in Edgefield County Industrial Park and Aiken County owns the 1,700-acre Sage Mill Industrial Park. The City of Aiken owns both Verenes and Ventures Industrial Parks near the Aiken Airport.

Aiken County's Sage Mill Industrial Park is the only industrial park in the United States to provide hydrogen infrastructure to its tenants for their fuel cell forklifts.



# Manufacturing

***“World-class products can only compete on a global footing if there is advanced technology and a highly trained, first-class workforce. Aiken and Edgefield Counties are delivering exactly what the manufacturing sector demands. And the world is standing up and taking notice.”***

Cost-efficient productivity and cutting-edge technology are the only ways to manufacture world-class products. Aiken and Edgefield Counties’ total manufacturing facilities recently generated more than \$4.3 billion in sales with just over 20,000 employees. Push the pencil and it works out to an average of a little more than \$215,000 in sales per employee.

From specialty chemicals to specialty metal working, from aerospace to national defense, the manufacturers in Aiken and Edgefield Counties have come to rely on the geographic location, access to transportation, open and enthusiastic governments, R&D and high quality workforce training to grow their companies.

“We were one of the first big industries in the North Augusta Industrial Park,” said Ken McDowell, director of Environment, Health and Safety at Halocarbon Products Corporation. “The park offered us a clean slate with lots of room to expand, and the city, county and state [officials] were easy to work with.

Founded in New Jersey, Halocarbon is a producer of fluorinated specialty chemicals including lubricants used for oxygen and aggressive chemical service, flotation fluids used in gyroscopes, acids for agricultural chemicals, alcohols used in the manufacturing of pharmaceuticals and the generic inhalation anesthetics halothane and isoflurane. The company began production at its North Augusta plant in 1986 and moved its worldwide headquarters here in 1990.

“The company founder was impressed by the labor force,” said McDowell. “He knew we needed chemical engineers and people who could be trained to work safely and efficiently with chemicals. We pull from USC-Aiken and Technical colleges to train employees.”

It is workforce training that grabbed the attention of the previous plant manager Tony Marchman. “The great thing about South Carolina,” said Marchman, is the clear and detailed website from the Department of Commerce that led us through the process of choosing a site, working with the local governments and establishing training needs with Aiken Technical College.” SC Metal Products produces precision metal stampings, split steel pulleys and welded assemblies for the automotive, aerospace and recreational vehicle industries. The company was established in 1965 in Ohio. In 2005 they established the Aiken facility to meet the needs of a large client located in the South. “We felt like we could be more cost competitive by being closer to this customer,” said Marchman. “Since we started production here in November 2005, we have grown from \$8 million in annual sales to more than \$80 million last year and we’ve diversified our customer base.

The Bridgestone Aiken County plant is part of Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations. Bridgestone Americas, headquartered in Nashville, TN, is the largest subsidiary of Bridgestone Corporation, the world’s largest tire and rubber company. The Aiken Plant produces approximately 26,000 tires per day, with a workforce of over 1,000. The Aiken County plant, which began operations in 1998, is located on 585 acres in Graniteville, SC.

Trantech Radiator Products was established in Lansing, Michigan, in 1932 to provide heat exchangers for the power distribution industry. In 1970, they moved to a 126,000 square foot facility in Edgefield. Their signature product is a uniquely designed Flexoplate® radiator that employs an extended convective surface area that increases a transformer’s heat transfer efficiency.

AGY World Headquarters, in Aiken, is the central location for sales and marketing, finance and accounting, customer service, human resources, and technology. In addition to the World Headquarters, the Aiken site also houses the central technology center of AGY. This center is the heart of technology development for products and processes, and is the key to AGY’s commitment to technology and innovation.

Kimberly-Clark helps enhance the health, hygiene and well-being of approximately 1.3 billion people in more than 150 countries. With brands such as Kleenex®, Scott®, Cottonelle®, Huggies®, Pull-Ups®, Kotex® and Depend®, Kimberly-Clark holds the No. 1 or No. 2 market share position in more than 80 countries. The Beech Island Site was constructed in 1968 and is Kimberly-Clark’s largest manufacturing facility, producing consumer products for the Family Care and Baby & Child Care business sectors. Among these “Made in Aiken County” products are Kleenex Facial Tissue, Cottonelle Bath Tissue and Moist Wipes, Scott Bath Tissue and Paper Towels, Viva Paper Towels, and Huggies Diapers. “Our highly-skilled employees and a longstanding partnership with Aiken County are key factors in the continued success of the K-C Beech Island Site,” said John Pownall, Site Manager and Family Care Mill Manager.

(top left) Bridgestone, Graniteville



(top left) MTU, Graniteville; (bottom left) BAE Systems, Aiken; (top right) Urban Outfitters, Trenton; (bottom right) Pepperidge Farms, Aiken

MTU is one of the world's leading manufacturers of large diesel engines and propulsion systems. Its product range is the widest and most modern in the sector. It manufactures diesel engines as well as propulsion systems for ships, heavy agricultural, rail and military vehicles, and the oil and gas industry. "In our search, Tognum America, the parent company of MTU, was looking for a site that had expansion capabilities, with close access to a major East Coast port, a strong workforce and a good incentives. All of those goals were attained and we are exceptionally proud of our talented and dedicated workforce and the strong support we have received from Aiken County," said Tognum America's Director of Operations Joerg Klisch.

BAE Systems is an international company with 88,000 employees worldwide. In Aiken, BAE received various contracts with the U.S. Department of Defense to produce, upgrade and remanufacture key defense systems for the nation's armed forces, such as Bradley Combat Systems vehicles, Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Systems (MRAPS) mine-protected wheeled vehicles and Vertical Launching System components. "South Carolina and Aiken County are very supportive of the manufacturing industry, and the workforce in the Aiken area is excellent," said Mike Eaton, BAE Systems' Aiken Plant Manager.

Urban Outfitters, Inc., a specialty clothing and accessories company, is located in the Edgefield community of Trenton. Urban Outfitters CFO John Kyees said, "We found a building and workforce that ideally suited our needs. Also, we were impressed by the pro-business environment and the exceptional efforts by the South Carolina Department of Commerce, the Economic Development Partnership, the Edgefield County Economic Development Committee and a host of business and community leaders to make us feel welcome in South Carolina."

The Pepperidge Farm – Aiken Plant began operation in March 1976 as a retail bread operation. The plant operates on a three-shift, 24-hour operation, six days a week. The product line consists of 13 varieties of retail bread and 6 varieties of Deli Flats with distribution throughout the Southeastern and Northeastern sections of the United States.

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# Transportation

## Air Service

### **Augusta Regional Airport – Augusta, GA**

1501 Aviation Way  
Augusta, GA 30906-9620  
(706) 793-1137

Carriers: Delta, American Eagle and USAirways Express  
Nonstop service to Atlanta, Dallas and Charlotte.

### **Columbia Metropolitan Airport – Columbia, SC**

3000 Aviation Way  
West Columbia, SC 29170-2191  
(803) 822-5000

Carriers: American Eagle, Continental, Delta, United, and US Airways  
Nonstop services to Dallas, Atlanta, Houston, New York, Detroit, Washington DC, Chicago, Charlotte and Philadelphia

### **General Aviation**

129 Aviation Drive  
Aiken, South Carolina  
(803) 648-7803

## Motor Freight Transportation Multiple Truck Lines Serving Area

## Bus Lines Serving Area Greyhound Southeastern Stages, Inc. Best Friend Express

## Rail Service Serving Area CSX Transportation Norfolk Southern Railway

Most plant managers in the region cite the concentrated transportation grid that serves Aiken and Edgefield Counties as a major reason for locating here. Highways, rail lines and air service all converge on the area. Two-thirds of the U.S. population is within a one-day drive of the area.

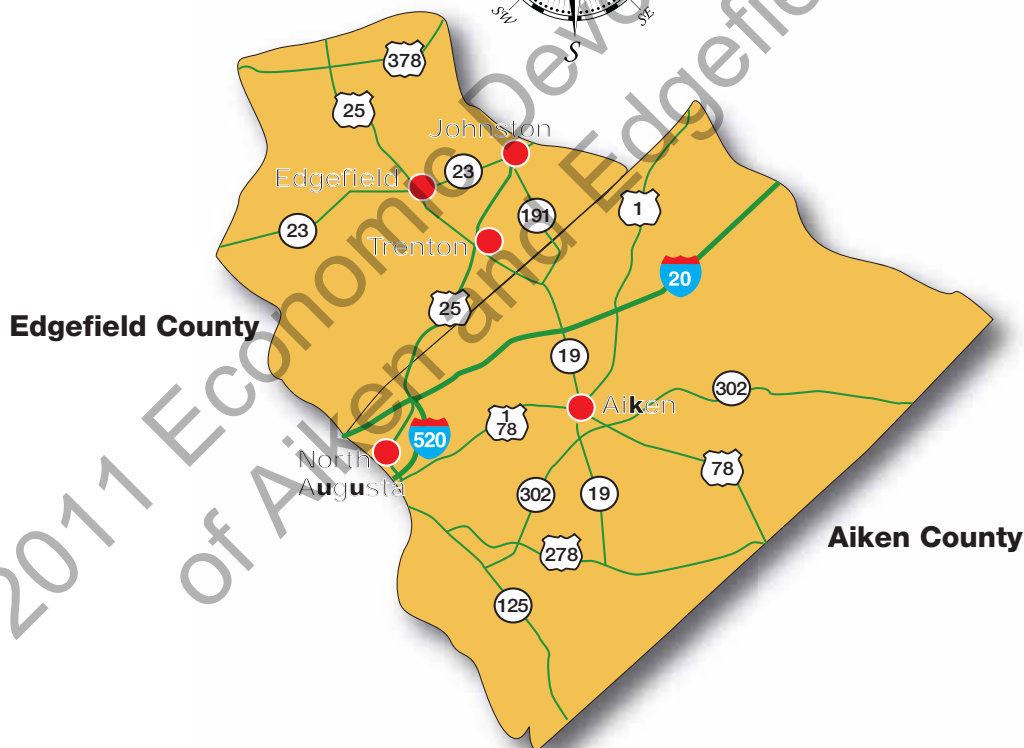
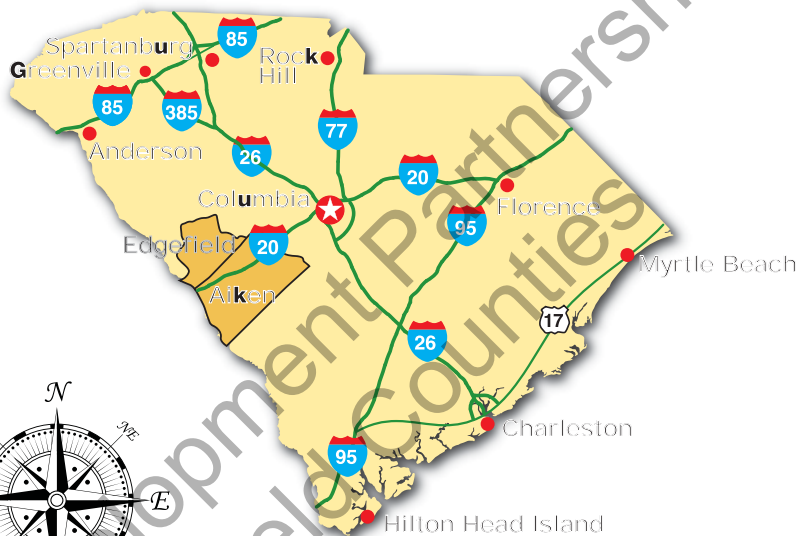
Midway along the 250-mile South Carolina/Georgia border, our community is blessed with excellent transportation access to the Interstate highway system via I-20, which connects the Aiken-Augusta MSA to Atlanta, GA, Birmingham, AL, and Dallas, Texas. In addition, I-20 provides easy access to other nearby Interstates. I-26 and I-77, which offer connection to Charlotte, NC, Charleston, SC and Greenville-Spartanburg, SC, are less than an hour drive. The Palmetto Parkway (I-520) improves the connection between US 1 and I-20.

To the west I-20 connects with I-85 and I-75 at Atlanta, which opens up the entire Midwest to commerce. I-95, the most important transportation artery on the Atlantic Coast, is within a 90-minute drive.

The major rail lines of CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern bisect the area, and a four-mile county-owned spur connects rail service directly to Aiken County's Sage Mill Industrial Park.

Augusta Regional Airport in Augusta, GA, (30 minutes from Aiken) and the Columbia Metropolitan Airport (50 minutes) provide five airlines to serve the area. The Aiken Municipal Airport supports corporate jet service. Three bus lines and more than 40 motor freight carriers serve the area. The major ports of Charleston, SC, and Savannah, GA, are each only a 2.5-hour drive away.





**MAJOR  
HIGHWAY  
SYSTEMS**

I-20	U.S. 25	U.S. 378	S.C. 28	S.C. 125
I-520	U.S. 78	S.C. 19	S.C. 118	
U.S. 1	U.S. 278	S.C. 23	S.C. 121	



# Construction

## Commercial/Industrial and Residential Construction

The Aiken-Augusta Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) continues to have a strong and steady construction market for commercial, industrial and residential sectors. Since construction cost is a major factor in choosing a new business location, Aiken and Edgefield counties offer the advantage of lower construction costs when compared with national rankings.

According to the Aiken Board of Realtors, home sales and growth in residential real estate is attributed to an immigration of retiring professionals from other regions, including Florida and the Northeast. The area is home to many developments such as Trolley Run Station, a planned community on 2,400 acres, and Sage Creek, its sister community. In North Augusta, Hammonds Ferry is a new traditionally designed mixed-use neighborhood on the edge of the Savannah River and adjacent to the River Golf Club, designed by Jim Fazio. The Rapids, an upscale neighborhood in North Augusta, offer beautiful landscapes and many wonderful amenities nestled along the Savannah River. Woodside Plantation, a planned community, was recognized as an award-winning community by "Where to Retire Magazine" in 2011. A safe, friendly community where everyone feels at home. Woodside offers courses designed by Fuzzy Zoeller, Clyde Johnson, Rees Jones and Bob Cupp. Houndslake Subdivision, a picturesque garden town, offers homes of many styles in a golf community. These exciting developments bring the promise of a wide variety of new neighborhoods and communities for all tastes.

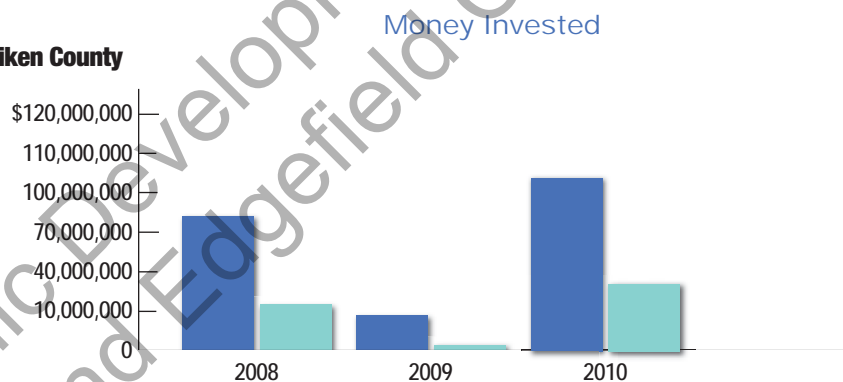
### Aiken County

	2008	2009	2010
<b>Residential Construction</b>			
Number of Permits Issued	403	397	472
<b>Commercial/Industrial</b>			
Number of Permits Issued	61	26	40

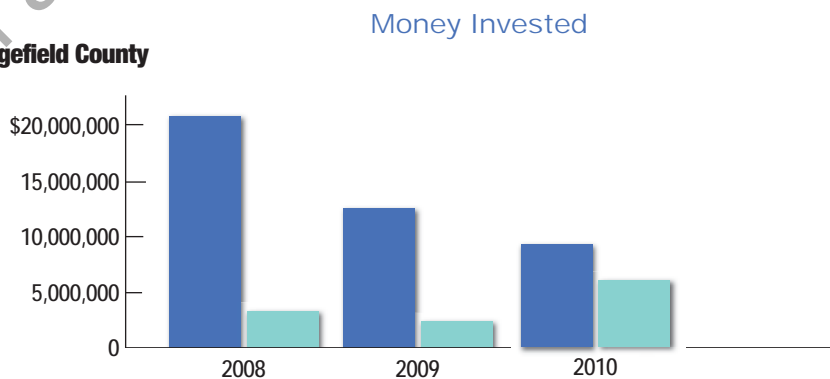
### Edgefield County

	2008	2009	2010
<b>Residential Construction</b>			
Number of Permits Issued	141	132	120
<b>Commercial/Industrial</b>			
Number of Permits Issued	29	32	61

### Aiken County



### Edgefield County



■ Residential ■ Commercial/Industrial



# Utilities



## Utilities

### Water

Municipal Systems  
Special Purpose Districts

### Electricity

Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
South Carolina Electric & Gas Company

### Natural Gas

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company

### Telephone

AT&T  
GTE South  
Ridge Telephone Company

### Cellular Telephone

AT&T  
Sprint Nextel Corporation  
T-Mobile USA  
Verizon Communications, Inc.

### Wastewater Treatment—Aiken County

Aiken County Public Service Authority  
Horse Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant

Capacity	20.00 MGD
Average Use	13.00 MGD

### Wastewater Treatment—Edgefield County

Edgefield County Water & Sewer Authority

Capacity	8.85 MGD
Average Day	4.00 MGD

Sewer

Capacity	5.50 MGD
Average Day	2.10 MGD

Two utility companies - Aiken Electric Cooperative and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company - serve our communities on selected sites. Both can serve customers with dual feed from two separate generation sources.

SCE&G's Urquhart Station has a generating capacity of 650 megawatts using two gas-fired turbines and one coal-fired turbine. Carolina Gas Transmission, which crosses both Aiken and Edgefield counties, provides a variety of flexible services to interstate gas markets allowing large-volume natural gas customers to manage their own purchasing strategies.

Aiken and Edgefield counties have abundant water supplies drawn from pristine stream systems, the Savannah River and deep-water wells that tap a vast aquifer and require very little treatment. The area has one of the premier wastewater treatment facilities in the Southeast. Horse Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility serves a three-county region with a permitted capacity of 20 million gallons. Horse Creek has an expansion capacity of 40 million gallons per day, giving it plenty of room to grow with the community and serve future industrial growth well into the new century.



# Research and Development

**If you're not pushing the ball forward, you'll never progress. Research is the economic equivalent of pushing the ball forward. Aiken/Edgefield Counties more than hold their own when it comes to gaining ground in examination and analysis of modern-as-tomorrow technologies.**

*"We not only have a commitment to the citizens of Aiken County, but to the greater good of this country."*

Ronnie Young, Chairman  
Aiken County Council

The area is home to the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL), one of 12 National Laboratories in the United States. The SRNL performs R&D in many areas, including bio-remediation, ceramics, robotics and remote sensors. For more than 60 years, SRNL has specialized in hydrogen production and storage. Non-classified research moved to the newly-built Center for Hydrogen Research (CHR), a 60,000 square foot facility that houses 80 hydrogen researchers from the national lab and offers space for the private sector to co-locate. Aiken has the largest concentration of hydrogen researchers in the nation, and possibly, the world. The CHR is working with major automobile and energy companies to help establish hydrogen fuel cells as a future energy source.

SRNL and CHR are an integral part of the SC Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Alliance that includes University of South Carolina's Center for Fuel Cells, Clemson University and the James E. Clyburn University Transportation Center at South Carolina State University. Sage Mill Industrial Park is the only hydrogen infrastructure industrial park in the US. Bridgestone & Genco operate a fleet of hydrogen fuel cell fork lifts in their respective facilities.

Nuclear Workforce Study, a consortium of area Colleges, Universities, and Technical Colleges completed a study on nuclear energy and the creation of future jobs within the nuclear energy field.

Other local industries manage their destinies through their R&D efforts as well. For example, Advanced Glassfiber Yarns produces glass yarns by converting molten glass into thin glass filaments which are then twisted into yarn. Glass yarns, because of their unique physical properties, are used in circuit boards and to produce advanced materials for the aerospace and defense industries. AGY's glassfibers are sandwiched between layers of metal to produce a product that has half the thickness and weight but all of the strength of their traditional counterparts.

AmbioPharm, Inc., a new biotech company headquartered in North Augusta, specializes in producing pharmaceutical-grade peptides and amino acid chains used as active ingredients in pharmaceuticals. The pharmaceuticals produced in North Augusta are currently used to treat heart disease and diabetes, but R&D on new applications is being explored. Many of AmbioPharm's worldwide customers are virtual biotech companies with minimal infrastructure. AmbioPharm provides these companies with expert manufacturing of peptides for clinical trials, advice on FDA documentation and regulatory support.

Building a knowledge-based economy is happening today in Aiken and Edgefield Counties. The research and development expertise and investment has global implications that will one day touch every life. From inexpensive, safe, renewable energy to advanced, lightweight and strong fibers to lifesaving, affordable pharmaceuticals ... and many others ... the transfer of ideas from the laboratory to products in the marketplace is built on a foundation in Aiken and Edgefield Counties.



(top left) Center for Hydrogen Research, Aiken; (top right) Savannah River National Lab, Aiken  
 (middle left) Wind Turbines, Graniteville; (middle right) Solar Panels at CHR  
 (bottom left) Aiken Central Liquid Hydrogen Facility; (bottom right) Sage Mill Industrial Park



# Agriculture, Equestrian and



## Agriculture

### ■ Aiken County

	Harvested Acres	Yield/Acre	Production for Grain
<b>Crops</b>			
Corn (bushels)	3,400	52	182,500
Cotton (lbs.)	2,800	408	1,700 bales
Hay (tons)	14,900	2.35	34,700
Soybeans (bushels)	6,100	16.4	130,100
Wheat (bushels)	800	27	21,800

	Cattle	Hogs	Broilers
Livestock Number	12,200	500	27,200,000

	Crops	Livestock	Total
Market Value	\$10,375,000	\$92,420,000	\$102,706,000

Number of Farms	1206
Land in Farms (acres)	159,312
Average Size of Farm (acres)	132

## Equine Inventory, Expenses, and Income

# of horses	Value	Expenses	Sales	Other Income
6,500	\$56.3MM	\$48.8MM	\$7.7MM	\$7.3MM

Acres of Forestland	Percent Forest	Stumpage Timber Value	Delivered Timber Value
457,228	70%	\$12.8MM	\$21.7MM

## Agriculture

### ■ Edgefield County

	Harvested Acres	Yield/Acre	Production for Grain
<b>Crops</b>			
Corn (bushels)	400	83	33,000
Hay (tons)	5,800	2	11,500
Soybeans (bushels)	2,500	13	32,500
Peaches (tons)	3,700	0.73	2,700

	Cattle	Hogs	Broilers
Livestock Number	8,200 (20)	not available	11,000,000

	Crops	Livestock	Total
Market Value	\$38.6MM	\$8.0MM	\$46.7MM

Number of Farms	407
Land in Farms (acres)	76,606
Average Size of Farm (acres)	188

Acres of Forestland	Percent Forest	Stumpage Timber Value	Delivered Timber Value
242,100	78%	\$15.0MM	\$22.6MM

The farms of Aiken and Edgefield Counties, about 236,000 acres, produce a lush harvest every year. Edgefield County ranks second in South Carolina in peach production. Crops and livestock from both counties produce cash receipts of approximately \$150 million annually. We celebrate our indigenous foods and crafts with local events and festivals. Since its beginnings in 1970, Edgefield County's popular Peach Festival has grown to attract more than 8,000 people annually to Trenton. Aiken's Makin' Craft Show, with its 300-plus vendors, attracts 30,000 to 35,000 people each year.

Horses have been big business here for generations. Aiken-trained racehorses have won five Kentucky Derbies and hundreds of other major races. Hitchcock Woods and the historic district are sites for horseback and carriage rides year 'round. Aiken's Triple Crown in March features two-year-old racehorses, steeplechasers and polo. Polo has been played at Whitney Field since 1882, and in 2007, the US Polo Association held the third and final leg of the Triple Crown of Polo, which was broadcast both domestically and internationally on the ESPN family of networks

Edgefield is home to the 30,000 square foot Wild Turkey Center – the national headquarters of the National Wild Turkey Federation – and the Winchester Museum. The Wild Turkey Center includes the museum, an Outdoor Education Center, a 3,000 square foot conference center, and a large warehouse. The NWTF opened Turkey Shoppe on Main, a retail store on the square in historic downtown Edgefield.

The NWTF's more than 400,000 members – organized into 2,300 chapters in the U.S., Canada and Mexico – are dedicated to the conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of the hunting tradition.

Layman's Nursery, on U.S. Highway 25 in Trenton, covers over 1,000 acres with more than 115 acres now in production, growing a wide range of perennials for world markets.

# Conservation

**Edgefield County**  
National Wild Turkey Federation and Peach Trees



**Aiken County**  
Horses in meadow

Photo courtesy of 752 Design



# Capital Investment

**A**iken and Edgefield Counties have a strong record of existing industries expanding and attracting new firms. The latest manufacturing company to move to Aiken County was MTU Detroit Diesel. Located in Graniteville's Sage Mill Industrial Park where the manufacturing and assembly of off-road engines take place. MTU committed to a \$45 million investment and the creation of 250 jobs. In July 2011, MTU announced new parts machining capabilities for their engines here in the US. In the past, all of the parts came in from Europe. This really marks a milestone in our commitment to the US in general and to Aiken in particular.

There is no more important industry than our existing companies. In Aiken County, Bridgestone Americas announced in July 2011, a \$135 million expansion and creation of 122 jobs to their Graniteville facility. Owens Corning announced in December 2010, an investment of \$36 million and job creation of an additional 24 people. In Edgefield County, US Fibers announced expansion in April 2010. The \$10.1 million investment is expected to generate 85 new jobs. In January 2010, Parkdale Mills announced a \$3 million investment and 16 new jobs.

In 2006, Aiken County made a \$10 million commitment to build the Center for Hydrogen Research (CHR), at the Savannah River Research Campus. The CHR mission statement is to bring the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL), the private-sector and academia together in a unique way. This one-of-a-kind facility highlights the cooperation between SRNL and private-sector section. Bringing the partners under the same roof to provide research and development in hydrogen production and storage has proven to be a winning combination.

## ■ Aiken County

Year	Investment (000s)	State Rank	Jobs Created	State Rank
2000	\$562,408	2	1,270	8
2001	\$215,717	6	453	13
2001	\$99,301	13	275	17
2003	\$1,000	32	25	29
2004	\$422,000	2	1,030	3
2005	\$68,000	16	510	8
2006	\$183,100	6	548	9
2007	\$98,960	9	725	7
2008	\$145,175	8	621	10
2009	\$48,700	15	295	15
2010	\$81,000	16	232	19

### Aiken County

<b>2000-2010 Totals</b>	\$1,925,361		5,984	
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## ■ Edgefield County

Year	Investment (000s)	State Rank	Jobs Created	State Rank
2000	\$65,517	21	760	15
2001	\$7,982	36	199	26
2001	\$2,260	44	17	44
2003	\$0		0	
2004	\$7,000	28	32	32
2005	\$68,000	19	740	6
2006	\$0		0	
2007	\$0		0	
2008	\$0		100	27
2009	\$13,100	23	101	26
2010	\$0	46	0	46

### Edgefield County

<b>2000-2010 Totals</b>	\$163,859		1,949	
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### Aiken & Edgefield Counties

<b>2000-2010 Combined Totals</b>	\$2,089,220		7,933	
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# Local Major Companies



Company	Employees	Products
<b>Department of Energy, Savannah River Site</b>	8,300	DOE facility
<b>Kimberly-Clark Corp Beech Island</b>	1857	Consumer health and hygiene products
<b>Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations LLC</b>	1,000	Passenger and light truck tires
<b>AGY</b>	770	High performance materials for wind, automotive and aerospace industries
<b>Shaw Industries</b>	625	Carpet yarns
<b>UPS Customhouse Brokerage</b>	514	Customer service and tracking center
<b>URS Safety Management Solutions</b>	500	Engineering, safety consulting firm
<b>Mount Vernon Mills Inc</b>	450	Household textile products
<b>ASCO Valve Manufacturing LLC</b>	416	Fluid power valve and hose fitting manufacturing
<b>Urban Outfitters</b>	400	Clothing distribution, call center
<b>Carlisle Tire &amp; Wheel Co</b>	370	Tires and metal disc wheels
<b>Hubbell Power Systems (Ohio Brass)</b>	340	High voltage insulators
<b>TTX - Hamburg Division</b>	275	Rebuilt railway cars
<b>Pactiv Corp</b>	250	Polystyrene food and produce containers
<b>Milliken &amp; Co</b>	219	Broadwoven fabric mill
<b>GlaxoSmithKline</b>	210	Pharmaceutical preparations
<b>Harvey Industries/Phelon Electronics</b>	200	Flywheels, ignition systems and aluminum die casting
<b>Newman Technology South Carolina Inc</b>	167	Exhaust and suspension systems
<b>BAE Systems Inc</b>	150	Welds and machines extra-large parts
<b>Halocarbon Products Corp</b>	150	Pharmaceuticals
<b>National Wild Turkey Federation</b>	150	Conservation and management of wild turkeys

The strength of a community lies within its existing industry base. More than two-thirds of new capital investment and job creation originates from expanding industry. This indicates a strong sense of satisfaction from our existing companies.

Aiken and Edgefield Counties are home to a diverse group of companies. Local Fortune 500 companies include: Kimberly Clark Corporation, Carlisle Tire & Wheel, ASCO (Emerson Electric), Pepperidge Farm (Campbell Soup Company) and Owens Corning.

A strong global presence has also emerged in Aiken and Edgefield Counties, where 17 international companies have manufacturing plants. Companies with international parent companies, such as Bridgestone South Carolina (Japan), GlaxoSmithKline (United Kingdom), BAE Systems (United Kingdom), BOC Gases (United Kingdom), Newman Technology SC (Japan), Rieter Automotive Systems North America (Switzerland), The Shinsho American Corporation (Japan) and Metso Paper USA (Finland) and MTU (Germany) call our communities home.

# Local Major Companies

Company	Employees	Products
<b>Aiken Electric Cooperative</b>	144	Electricity supplier to industry and private individuals, part of Touchstone Energy® cooperatives
<b>MTU Detroit Diesel</b>	140	Diesel engines and components
<b>SCANA Energy</b>	125	Customer service center
<b>E.F.T. Menardi-Beacon Filtration</b>	125	Air and liquid filters
<b>Pepperidge Farm Inc</b>	123	Bakery
<b>Cytec Industries Inc</b>	121	Specialty chemicals and coatings
<b>Layman's Nurseries</b>	120	Nursery products
<b>Southern Felt Co Inc</b>	120	Woven felt fabric
<b>Owens Corning</b>	118	Glass fiber reinforcements
<b>Parkdale America #20 (Edgefield)</b>	115	Spun yarn
<b>Trantech Radiator Products</b>	106	Heat Exchangers
<b>Graniteville Specialty Fabrics</b>	100	Specialty fabrics and custom coating
<b>Veracity Payment Solutions</b>	100	Payment processing
<b>Kentucky-Tennessee Clay Co</b>	99	Kaolin and ball clay
<b>Zeus Industrial Products Inc</b>	94	High performance polymer tubing
<b>Metso Paper USA Inc</b>	85	Thermal sprayed roll covers
<b>SCE&amp;G Urquhart Station</b>	81	Electric power generation
<b>Global Investment Recovery</b>	75	Computer and electronics recycling
<b>US Fibers</b>	75	Recycles PET materials
<b>Aiken Standard</b>	70	Newspapers
<b>Arnco Corp</b>	50	Communication apparatus manufacturing
<b>Rieter Corp</b>	50	Textile machinery, heat shields
<b>Aiken Precision Technologies</b>	49	Fabricated wire products
<b>A.S. Tees Manufacturing LLC</b>	42	T-shirt manufacturing and distribution
<b>Progress Rail Services Corp.</b>	38	Rail industry, wheelsets and axles plating
<b>A-D Technologies</b>	35	Plastic conduit
<b>SC Metals Products LLC</b>	35	Metal stampings
<b>SWEP NA</b>	33	Heat exchangers
<b>Southeastern Clay Company</b>	32	Kaolin clay
<b>Augusta Concrete Block Co.</b>	30	Concrete block and brick manufacturing

# Local Major Companies

Company	Employees	Products
<b>Restmaster Bedding Co. Inc.</b>	30	Mattresses, box springs
<b>AmbioPharm Inc</b>	26	Pharmaceutical grade peptides
<b>Dixie Clay Company</b>	25	Airfloated kaolin
<b>The Linde Group</b>	24	Industrial gases
<b>Southeastern Tool Co.</b>	24	Custom built and designed machinery
<b>W.R. Grace Davison - Kaolin Products</b>	24	Kaolin clay
<b>B &amp; S Machine Tool Inc</b>	18	Machine shop
<b>Bondex Inc</b>	18	Thermally bonded nonwovens
<b>Augusta Air Brake &amp; Rail Car Parts Co.</b>	15	Railway brake repair
<b>WHECO Corp.</b>	13	Crane repair
<b>Force Protection Technologies</b>	12	Research and development
<b>The Shinsho American Corporation</b>	11	Steel rods for autos





## Economic Development Partnership

The Economic Development Partnership, a non-profit private development corporation, was formed in 1984 by Aiken County Council at the request of local business leaders as the Economic Development Board of Aiken County. The community realized growth would be hampered and the area would fall behind other regions of South Carolina without a county-wide economic development focus.

The Partnership was restructured in 1988 to serve Edgefield County and gained its present name, Economic Development Partnership, a natural move to increase the effectiveness of a professional economic development program for the region. The Partnership is unique among economic development organizations in that it receives funds from Aiken and Edgefield County governments as well as contributions from the private sector. The Partnership is governed by a Board of Directors with members from the public sector (appointed by the County Councils) and from the private sector (elected by the public sector members).

Our program includes the marketing of Aiken and Edgefield Counties for capital investment and job creation, collection and distribution of demographic and economic data, maintaining an accurate inventory of available sites and buildings, community development assistance for infrastructure projects, and existing industry relations.

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