

# 2013 - 2014 COMMUNITY PROFILE

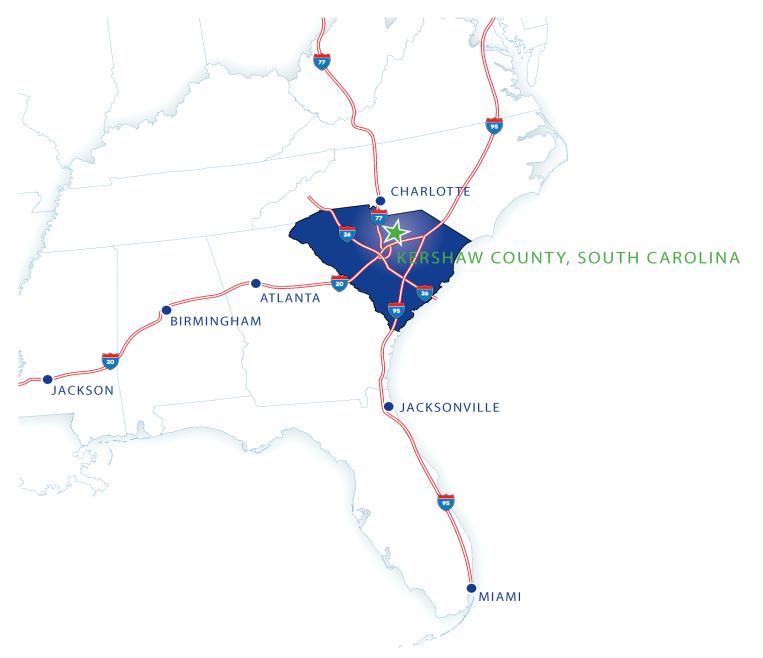
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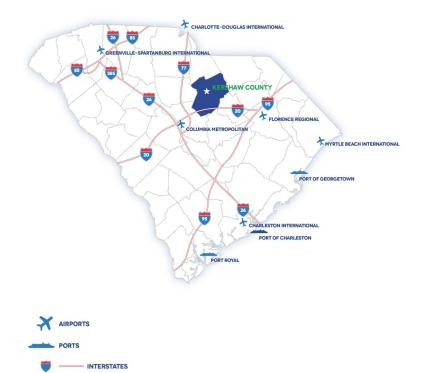
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Kershaw County is located in the Midlands region of South Carolina.

It is positioned halfway between New York and Miami, within 24 hour ground access to more than 70 percent of the U.S. market. The total area of the county is 739.3 square miles, with 16.1 square miles comprised of water. The county seat, which is the historic City of Camden, is located approximately 34 miles from the state's capital, Columbia. The elevation of Camden is 170 feet above sea level.





Interstate in Kershaw County:

I-20 (4 interchanges)

### Interstates near Kershaw County:

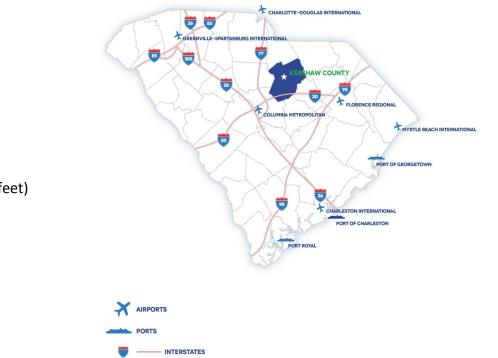
I-26 (34 miles) I-77 (22 miles) I-95 (40 miles)

### US Highways in Kershaw County:

U.S. Highway 1 U.S. Highway 521 U.S. Highway 601

Connecting Cities				
Interstate	From	То		
I-20	Florence, SC	Dallax, TX		
I-26	Charleston, SC	Asheville, NC		
I-77	Columbia, SC	Cleveland, OH		
I-95	Miami, FL	Bangor, ME		

Travel Distance & Time					
City	Distance (Miles)	Drive Time (hours)			
Charlotte, NC	110	2			
Atlanta, GA	245	4			
Washington, DC	448	7.5			
Orlando, FL	463	8			
New York, NY	690	12			
Chicago, IL	762	18			



### Woodward Field Airport

- Located 3 miles northeast of Camden
- 2 paved runways (5,000 ft. and 3,000 feet)
- Charter service
- Tie down
- ADF approach
- Unicom
- 100 LL fuel
- Jet fuel and aircraft repairs.

### **Columbia Metropolitan Airport**

- Located 38 miles from Camden and offers regularly scheduled commercial airline services.
- There are 51 scheduled departures per day from Columbia Metropolitan and 9 non-stop flights available.
- The Columbia airport underwent a \$50 million renovation completed in 1998.
- Foreign Trade Zone #127
- Runway Lengths are 8,602 ft and 8,000 ft
- Scheduled Airlines American Eagle, Continental Airlines, Delta Air Lines, United, US Airways
- Air Freight Operators Mountain Air Cargo, Piedmont, Federal Express, UPS

### **Charlotte Douglas International Airport**

• Douglas International Airport is approximately 100 miles away in Charlotte offering direct flights across the United States and internationally.

### Woodward Field Aircraft Operations:

- Average 40 per day
- 51% transient general aviation
- 47% local general aviation
- 1% air taxi
- Less than 1% military

### Rail

The Kershaw County rail system is served by CSX Transportation. As South Carolina's largest railroad with 1,249 route miles, it covers virtually every area of the state. The railroad has a division office in Florence. In addition to the mileage it owns, it also has trackage rights over NS between Columbia and Charleston. Major South Carolina commodities are petroleum and coal products, lumber and wood products, chemicals and allied products, coal, and miscellaneous mixed shipments (intermodal).

Existing rail passenger service in South Carolina is provided by Amtrak. South Carolina is fortunate when compared to some states in that it has four trains (actually eight when trains in both north and south bound directions are counted) operating over three routes all owned by freight railroads (one NS, two CSXT) all of which connect the South with the Northeast. The Silver Star Amtrak Train Service provides residence of Camden (& Kershaw County) with direct passenger rail access to New York City, Miami, and Washington D.C.



### **Port Facility**

As the deepest port in the South Atlantic, the Port of Charleston offers a decided advantage for companies with intermodal logistics and transportation needs. The Port of Charleston is 124 miles from Kershaw County and can be accessed through the state's extensive interstate system, or rail system.

In the Port of Charleston, the State Port Authority (SPA) handled 1.38 million TEUS. Top commodity groups include agricultural products, consumer goods, machinery, metals, vehicles, chemicals and clay products. In the fiscal year 2011, the SPA served 1,729 ships and barges at its seaport terminals in Charleston and Georgetown.

The Port of Charleston is one of the busiest container ports along the Southeast and Gulf coasts and is recognized as one of the nation's most efficient and productive ports. The Charleston Customs district ranks as the nation's eighth largest in dollar value of international shipments, with cargo valued at more than \$50 billion in 2010.

Other port specifications include: 45 ft. depth at mean low tide throughout the main shipping channel and 47 ft. in the entrance channel; 5 terminals; 41 average crane moves per hour, and truck turn times of 21 minutes per gate mission on average with a nine-minute average queuing time outside the interchange gates.

# Demographics

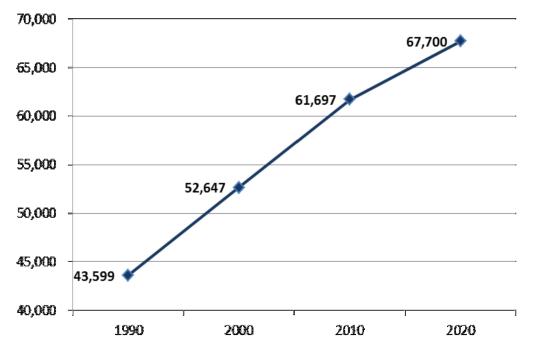
Population 1990 - 2010				
Location	2000	2010	Difference	% Change
Kershaw County	52,647	61,697	9,050	17.13%
Bethune	352	334	-18	-5%
Camden	6,682	6,838	156	2%
Elgin	806	1,311	505	63%
Lugoff	6,278	7,275	1,003	16%

Source: US Census Bureau, ESRI Forecasts for 2012-2017

% Change	2015 Projection
16%	69,957
13%	534,530

Source: US Census Summary Profile from ESRI Forecasts for 2012 and 2017

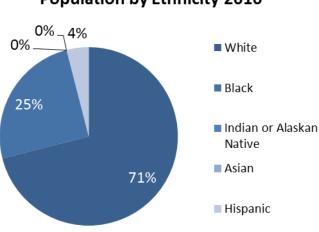
### **Kershaw County Population**



Kershaw County By Age Distribution				
Age	Number	Percent		
Ages 0 - 9	8,198	11.8%		
Ages 10 - 19	8,470	12.2%		
Ages 20 - 34	10,214	14.7%		
Ages 35 - 54	17,506	25.1%		
Ages 55 - 74	13,606	19.5%		
Ages 75+	3,703	5.3%		
Source: US Census Bureau Summary Profile, ESRI Forecasts for 2012 and 2017				



Source: US Census Bureau



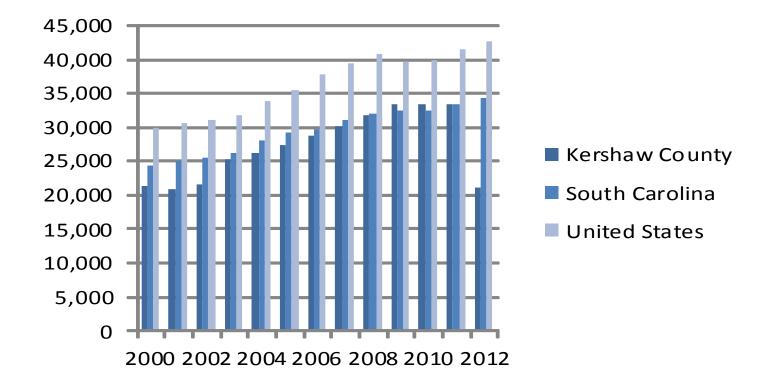
### Population by Ethnicity 2010

# Kershaw County Gender & Ethnicity 2010

Male	30,017		
Female	31,680		
White	43,965		
Black	15,188		
Indian or Alaska Native	197		
Asian	302		
Hispanic	2,298		
Source: US Census Bureau			

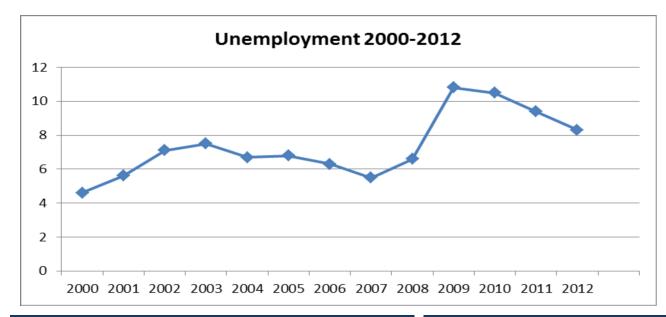
# Demographics

Per Capita Income (\$USD)													
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Kershaw County	21,169	20,835	21,447	25,171	26,159	27,204	28,595	30,067	31,834	33,264	33,382	33,331	35,042
South Carolina	24,273	24,886	25,502	26,132	27,908	29,226	29,515	31,013	31,884	32,338	32,505	33,388	34,266
United States	29,770	30,472	30,906	31,632	33,881	35,424	37,698	39,458	40,673	39,626	39,929	41,560	42,693



Kershaw Cou	unty
Median Household Income 2012	\$41,886
Source: US Census	
Per Capita Income	\$35,042
Source: SCDOR, 12-27-13	

# Labor and Employment



20	2012 Average Labor Force				
	Total Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
Kershaw County	29,640	8.4%			

	Current Labor Force				
Kershaw County	Total Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
August 2014	29,364	6.6%			

### **Employment by Industry Sector**

Total	15,553		
Manufacturing	2,944		
Durable Goods Manufacturing	1,122		
Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing	1,822		
Transportation & Warehousing	602		
Wholesale Trade	117		
Retail Trade	2,515		
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	399		
Mining	78		
Construction	690		
Information	304		
Financial Activities	426		
Finance & Insurance	374		
Real Estate	32		
Educational Services	193		
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	217		
Accommodation & Food Services	1,071		
Source: SC DEW, Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages			

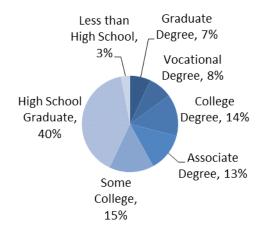
# Labor and Employment

Selected Labor Force Statistics					
	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time			
por Force 2010	70,677	271,396			
Change since 2000	16,777	30,618			
pulation					
Population 2010	142,703	524,139			
Change since 2000	34,496	58,724			
Projected 2015	155,670	555,525			
nder Distribution					
Male	69,618	250,570			
Female	73,085	273,569			
e Distribution					
Ages 20-24	8,354	45,594			
Ages 25-34	19,648	76,482			
Ages 35-44	19,958	65,511			
Ages 45-54	20,793	68,967			
20-54 * prime working age	68,753	256,554			
shest Level of Educational Attainment					
High School	27,186	94,126			
Some College	16,884	65,260			
Associate Degree	7,647	28,310			
Bachelors Degree	18,161	64,591			
Post Bachelor	10,536	41,221			

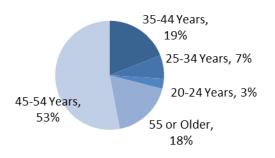
# Labor Availability

Underemployment within the Kershaw County Labor Shed					
# of underemployed workers	85,200				
# of unemployed persons seeking work	43,300				
# of persons not working, but contemplating reentering the workforce	14,800				
Total # of workers available for employers	143,300				

### **Education of Underemployed**



### Age of Underemployed



Employment Skills of Underemployed Workers in Kershaw County						
Skill	# of Persons	Percentage %	Avg. Years of Experience			
Customer Service	52,000	61%	10			
Manufacturing/Assembly/ Fabrication	51,100	60%	12			
Warehouse/Distribution/ Transportation	46,900	55%	10			
Office Operations	46,900	55%	11			
Maintenance/Installation/Repair	30,700	36%	11			
Information Technology	22,200	26%	7			
Medical/Health Sciences	19,600	23%	9			
Call Center	11,900	14%	6			

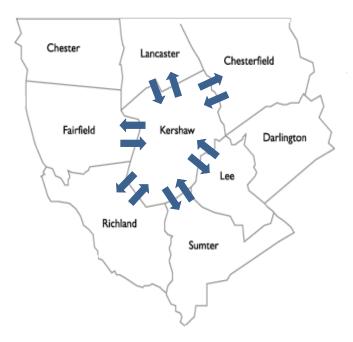
8,176 workers live and work in Kershaw County; 7,454 commute into Kershaw County, and 14,404 commute out of Kershaw County.

Kershaw County's interstate system allows local residents and residents of other counties to easily commute into and/or out of Kershaw County for work. Additionally, the vast majority of residents that commute spend 30 -34 minutes commuting to work—extending the labor draw for companies in Kershaw County.

Commuting INTO Kershaw County					
County	Total # of Commuters OUT				
Richland	45%				
Sumter	25%				
Lee	13%				
Lancaster	12%				
Lexington	5%				

Commuting OUT of Kershaw County					
County	Total # of Commuters OUT				
Richland	60%				
Lexington	12%				
Sumter	10%				
Florence	10%				
York	8%				
Source: US Census Bureau, OnTheMan Application and LEHD					

Source: US Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics 2010



# Labor and Employment

Kershaw County Wages					
OCCUPATIONAL WAGES	Entry	Experienced	Average		
Average Hourly Wages of Employees by Selected Non- Exempt Occupations For Kershaw County Area					
Assemblers and Fabricators	8.06	9.35	10.50		
Butchers and Meat Cutters	7.46	9.27	10.86		
Chemical Equipment Operators	15.13	16.37	17.36		
Logging Equipment Operators	9.43	10.58	12.75		
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	9.95	13.68	16.76		
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	12.42	14.42	16.83		
Machinists	8.95	13.90	17.43		
Packaging & Filling Machine Operators	8.37	10.40	11.32		
Sewing Machine Operators	6.29	7.81	8.91		
Textile, Cutting Machine Operators	6.90	10.17	14.35		
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor Trailer	10.41	14.51	17.07		
Welders, Cutters & Smolderers	10.81	13.20	15.83		
Woodworking Machine Setters	7.74	9.04	10.34		
Average Salary of Employees by Selected Exempt Occupations for Kershaw County Area					
	Entry	Experienced	Average		
Chemical Engineers	\$54,580	\$68,680	\$82,340		
Computer Programmers	\$32,660	\$43,800	\$55,300		
Engineers, NEC	\$41,540	\$55,880	\$66,380		
First Line Production Man & Sup	\$28,520	\$36,220	\$43,800		
Industrial Engineers	\$46,500	\$54,200	\$64,060		
Mechanical Engineers	\$45,860	\$52,800	\$64,240		

### Average Weekly Wage: (2012 3rd Quarter) \$672

### Average Annual Salary: \$41,886

Source: US Census Bureau and ESRI Forecasts for 2012 and 2017

### **Union Information**

South Carolina is a right-to-work state that ranks the lowest in the nation in union membership as a percentage of non-agricultural employment.

### **Work Training**

- Central Carolina Technical College in Sumter and Midlands Technical College in Columbia offer industrial training and occupational education to workers in Kershaw County.
- South Carolina's highly regarded readySC program, administered by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, is available for startup training customized for a company's needs. This training is state funded and, in most cases, is provided at no cost to the participating company.
- Industrial training efforts in South Carolina have proven to be extremely successful in terms of speed and utility to industry. Upon a company's decision to locate in the state, readySC will send industrial engineers to the plant headquarters to establish a pre-employment training program. A lead-time schedule is devised and arrangements are made for each job classification required by the company. readySC provides training manuals and selects qualified instructors for each class. Applicants are accepted for training only after careful screening and testing. Through careful planning and meaningful training programs, employees possess the ability to meet their job requirements on the first day of plant start-up, therefore making efficiency losses practically non-existent.
- The readySC program acts as the company's outsourced human resources department. Recruiting and advertising, developing course curriculum and materials, educating trainers and potential new staff members are all part of the Ready SC program.
- From 1994 to December 2007, readySC trained 3,346 workers at 17 companies in Kershaw County which included:

Dana Corporation Hengst Mancor of SC, Inc. Oak Mitsui Wateree Dyeing & Finishing BBA Fiberweb Jubilee Embroidery Howden Buffalo, Inc. Heritage Embroidery SC Yutaka Technologies Blue Cross Blue Shield Haier America Refrigerators Clariant LSM America TB Kawashima USA, Inc. Target Corporation Forgitron



### Company Name No. of Emp. Product

- Target Corporation 580 Distribution Center
- UTI 320 Contractual Employer
- Hengst 236 Automotive Filters
- Haier America R&D 150 Refrigerators
- WeylChem US 197 Organic Chemicals, Agr. Intermed.
- Canfor Southern Pine 155 Dressed & Treated Lumber
- TB Kawashima USA, Inc. 218 Textiles Automotive
- Suominen Nonwovens 125 Nonwoven Textiles
- Mancor Carolina, Inc. 200 Production Machine Shop
- Covidien 175 Surgical Gauze
- Prestage Farms 160 Turkey Feed Mill
- INVISTA Synthetic Organic Fibers



# **Government & Utilities**

### Government\_\_\_\_\_

The City of Camden is governed under a Council/Manager format. The Mayor and four council members are elected to serve four-year terms.

Kershaw County is governed under a Council/Administrator format. The Council consists of six members representing individual districts and a Chairman who is elected at-large. The County Council serves four-year terms.

### Police & Fire Protection\_\_\_\_\_

Kershaw County Sheriff's Department: 45 certified officers Camden Police Department: 27 certified officers Camden Fire Department: 24 full-time personnel 16 volunteers Fire Insurance Rating: 4 Lugoff Fire Department: 4 full-time personnel 30 volunteers Fire Insurance Rating: 5

### Utilities

Water	City of Camden	Lugoff Elgin Water Authority
Total Capacity:	6 mgd	6 mgd
Average Flow:	2.06 mgd	3 mgd
Excess Capacity:	3.94 mgd	3 mgd

Sewer	City of Camden	Kershaw County	
Excess Capacity:	4 mgd er Electric Cooperative <sub>), 6</sub> Gityd of Camden, Cooperative , Lynches River Electric 1.4 mgd	2.0 mgd Duke Ener <u>gy</u> 2 Fiəjdfield 800,000 gpd	Electric
Natural Gas Suppliers: SCE&G			

# Education

The Kershaw County School District is accredited by the State Department of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The Board of Trustees, consisting of nine elected citizens, directs public education in the county.

Superintendent	Dr. Frank Morgan	
	alternative school & ATEG (803) 432-8416	
The Applied Technology Education Cam	pus (ATEC) is one of the top-ra	ed career centers in the nation. ATEC serves all three ries. An adult education program, community interest
projementarey/AdidologeHighce	educatian courses are offered	at the campus. ATEC has an enrollment of 938 high school
stydents and 965 adults enrolled in the	adult program.498	

### Per Pupil Spending- \$8,287

### Pupil/Teacher Ratio-

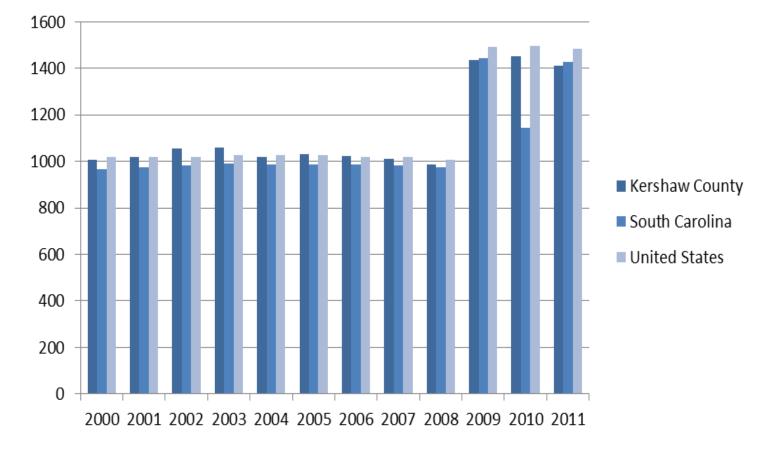
Elementary 15:1

Secondary 15:1

### Internet access in every classroom in the school district

Source: Kershaw County School District

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
1005	1021	1056	1058	1020	1030	1025	1013	988	1436	1453	1411
966	974	981	989	986	986	985	984	973	1445	1143	1427
1019	1020	1020	1026	1026	1026	1021	1021	1009	1493	1497	1483
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# **SAT Scores**

# Education

Colleges Serving the Area					
Name	Location	Enrollment			
University of South Carolina	Columbia	29,599			
University of SC – Sumter	Sumter	1,192			
Central Carolina Technical College	Sumter & Kershaw	4,382			
Midlands Technical College	Columbia	12,078			
Allen University	Columbia	848			
Columbia College	Columbia	1,367			
Benedict College	Columbia	3,137			
Morris College	Sumter	1,048			

Private Schools Serving the Area						
School	Grades Offered	Enrollment	City	Phone		
Camden Military Academy	7-12	280	Camden	(803) 432-6001		
Ben Lippon	K-12	800	Columbia	(803) 786-7200		
Montessori of Camden	K-5	99	Camden	(803) 432-6828		
Cardinal Newman	7-12	443	Columbia	(803) 782-2814		
Hammond School	K-12	905	Columbia	(803) 776-0295		
Heathwood Hall	K-12	763	Columbia	(803) 765-2309		
Thomas Sumter Academy	K-12	442	Sumter	(803) 499-3378		
Robert E. Lee Academy	K-12	497	Bishopville	(803) 484-5532		
Wilson Hall	K-12	830	Sumter	(803) 469-3475		

### **Financial Institutions**

The county has 8 banks and 2 credit unions to serve the financial needs of the community. Thes \$3.2 billion.



### Healthcare

The citizens of Kershaw County benefit from excellent health care. KershawHealth in Camden offers state-of-the-art equipment with a personal touch, including CAT scan, MRI, cardiac catheterization, and stereotactic biopsy. In addition, KershawHealth offers a Health Resource Center for health education as well as a multi-disciplinary Pain Center. The labor and delivery wing recently was renovated to better serve expectant mothers. With 121 beds and 88 long-term-care beds, KershawHealth provides a high tech environment for 40 doctors and their patients. The hospital has just completed a \$15 million expansion to expand its intensive care unit, surgical services, health information management, cardiovascular diagnostic and cardiac rehabilitation. The hospital also has two primary healthcare offices: The Healthcare Place at Elgin and Bethune and the The West Wateree Medical Complex in Lugoff. Nearby Columbia offers 3 full service hospitals.

### Media\_

Kershaw County's local newspaper, the Chronicle-Independent, is published on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The local radio stations are WPUB (FM), WCAM (AM) and WAME (AM). Kershaw County receives 7 television stations and cable is available throughout most of the county.

### Accommodations

Kershaw County has 11 hotels/motels, 5 bed and breakfasts, 1 Inn, and meeting facilities available for up to 250 people.

### Recreation

Camden has a year-round recreation program and 178 acres of city parks. N.R. Goodale State Park, two miles from Camden, is a 2,300 acre park with two lakes, picnic and game facilities. Wateree Lake is a 22-mile navigable lake for water sports and fishing. South Carolina Equine Park, a 40 acre center that has been specifically designed for a full range of activities. Golf, hunting, sporting clays, steeplechase horse racing and horseback riding are just the many activities available. Field trials for dogs and fox hunting are conducted in the area. Kershaw County has 24 parks, 24 tennis courts, 10 ballparks, 2 public golf courses, 1 private country club, 3 pools, 2 theaters, and 1 bowling alley. The University of South Carolina and the Columbia Bombers Baseball Team provide spectator sports for the area



**Historic Camden** is a 98 acre outdoor museum complex open to the public for guided tours. Excavations revealed the remains of the old town, six small surrounding forts, the Kershaw-Cornwallis House (where Cornwallis headquartered) and a large powder magazine. Several examples of early American architecture are found at Historic Camden.

**<u>Camden Historic District</u>**: Encompasses more than 60 gracious old homes and buildings recognized by the Kershaw County Historical Society. Both walking and driving tours have been created for the area.

**<u>Camden Archives and Museum</u>**: The original town clockworks, circa 1825, along with other historic items are on display at the Museum. Visitors are always welcome.

**Fine Arts Center**: A full menu of cultural activities keeps county residents entertained. The Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County, located on five acres in downtown Camden, has one of the most comprehensive arts programs in the state. The complex includes a restored 155-year-old house for meetings and offices, a 300 seat auditorium and art gallery, and a 6,700 square foot Arts Education Building. Over 50,000 people participate each year in plays, concerts, receptions, special events, art classes, and workshops at the Fine Arts Center.

**The National Steeplechase Museum**: Decades of competition and pageantry are displayed in The National Steeplechase Museum's exhibit halls and library. This facility is the only museum in North America dedicated to Steeplechase racing.

### Organizations\_\_\_\_\_

Many civic clubs attest to the pride that Kershaw County citizens take in their community. Some examples of active organizations are: Junior Welfare League; Kiwanis Club; Rotary Club; Lions Club; several Garden Clubs; American Red Cross; American Cancer Society; American Heart Association and the Newcomers Club.

### Religion\_

Religion is an important part of life in Kershaw County with 95 Protestant churches, 1 Roman Catholic Church and 1 Jewish synagogue. During the summer months, non-denominational services are held in a casual setting on the shore of Lake Wateree.

### Equestrian Community\_\_\_\_\_

Kershaw County has a long association with horses. During the winter training season, as many as 1500 thoroughbreds call Kershaw County home. The South Carolina Equine Park is a 40-acre center designed for a full range of activities, breeds, and events and hosts horses and riders all over the world. The Carolina Cup (spring) and The Colonial Cup (fall) at Springdale Race Course showcase the finest steeplechase racing in America.

### Festivals and Events\_\_\_\_\_

**The Carolina Cup International Steeplechase** is one of the world's premier equestrian events. Some of the finest horses are featured each Spring at the "Cup" - not only "jumpers", but champion "flat track" horses are trained in Camden. The Carolina Cup is also known as South Carolina's largest cocktail party! The Carolina Cup is held in late March or early April of each year.

**The Colonial Cup** is held in November and challenges even the fittest horse and most skilled jockey. The victor is awarded the prestigious South Carolina Jockey Club Gold Cup - a cup with a legacy pre-dating the Civil War.

**Revolutionary War Field Days** are held each November on the grounds of historic Camden and features a Reenactment of the Battles of Camden and Hobkirk Hill. In addition to the battles, the event features local crafts, living history demonstrations and regimental drills.

**The Carolina Downhome Blues Festival** offers three jam-packed days of the most authentic, gritty blues artists in the world. Events include Happy Hour performances, Early Evening Concerts, and performances in seven different venues around Kershaw County.

**The Elgin Catfish Stomp**, held in December, welcomes thousands to sample the tantalizing stew made from prime local catfish. Live country music, square dancing and good-hearted competitions round out the thoroughly unique day.

**The Chicken Strut** in Bethune is a three-day festival held in April to recognize Bethune as the largest egg producer in the United States. Events include concerts, square dancing, sky diving demonstrations, craft fairs and pony rides.

### Climate\_\_\_\_

The average annual temperature in Kershaw County is 61.6 degrees Fahrenheit. In January, the average temperature is 42.0 degrees Fahrenheit, while in July the average temperature is 79.7 degrees Fahrenheit. The mean yearly precipitation is 49.1 inches; the greatest monthly average occurs in July (5.8 inches) and the least occurs in November (2.4 inches). The average growing season is 219 days.







### A Sustainable Future\_

Kershaw County, South Carolina is dedicated to the "green" lifestyle as a way to preserve our community's future and its quality of life for citizens to come. We understand our efforts today will create a generational impact

Kershaw County's green efforts include:

- Kershaw Recycling Centers recover white goods, bottles, plastic, paper and cardboa much more.
- As a community known for its equine industry, we have horse manure composting turners
- Kershaw County Government Center utilizes a "green" program of paper, bottles, aluminum cans, and cardboard
- Municipalities in Kershaw County have also adopted sustainable efforts as a beautification initiative for their cities.
- Kershaw County Farmer's Market established in 2005.
- The Kershaw County Clean Community Initiative follows a practical approach that unites citizens, businesses, and government to find solutions that advance core issues of preventing litter, reducing waste, and beautifying cities.
- Kershaw County's Jackson Elementary was named the first LEED Gold Certified school in South Carolina in 2012 by utilizing green materials to construct the school and sustainable energy, like solar panels, to run the facility.
- Kershaw County is also a part of the "Eat Smart, Move More" national campaign dedicated coordinating collaborative and sustainable efforts to support healthy eating and active living.
- Live Well Kershaw sets goals for becoming the healthiest community in South Carolina.







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