

*Anderson County Loving*



GROWING BUSINESS. BUILDING COMMUNITY.



# ANDERSON COUNTY

## Quick Facts

**Location:** In the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains along the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor in the state's northwestern corner, an area commonly referred to as the Upstate

**Area:** 757 total square miles (718 square miles of land and 39 square miles of water)

**Cities and Towns:** 11 (Anderson, Belton, Honea Path, Iva, Pelzer, Pendleton, Piedmont, Powdersville, Starr, West Pelzer, Williamston)

**Population Estimate:** Approximately 179,981 (July 2007)

**Climate:** Moderate temperature—54° (January)

**Median Home Cost:** \$135,500

**Median Age:** 38 years old

**Median Income:** \$36,807

**Schools:** Thirty elementary schools, 10 middle schools, eight high schools, five universities, and one technical college

**Business Climate:** 230 manufacturers, including 22 international firms

**Airports:** Anderson County Regional Airport, 35 miles from the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP); 110 miles from the Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson International Airport (ATL); and 120 miles from the Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT)

**Interstates:** Nearby access to I-85, I-26, I-95, I-20, and I-77

**Rail Lines:** Two Class 1 railroads (Norfolk Southern Railway and CSX Transportation) and two short lines (Pickens Railway Company and Greenville & Western Railroad Company)





# LIVING

## Welcome to Anderson County, South Carolina

It was once Cherokee hunting grounds. Now its landscape is marked by the footprints of those who call Anderson County home: families who embrace its innovative spirit and traditional values; businesses that thrive in its global, technology-based climate; tourists who are captivated by the natural beauty, culture, and excitement of its cities and towns.

Take a stroll through its stunning gardens. Marvel at its sparkling lakes. Explore off-beaten paths and charming main streets. Experience Anderson County for yourself. Because here, even the sky holds no limits to what is waiting to be found.

Studded with historic sites that have stood the test of time, the city of Anderson is the county seat and a treasure trove of unspoiled parks, art exhibits, shopping, fine dining, and entertainment.

Have some free time? Discover the "Electric City" up close. Celebrate at the Annual Anderson Soiree street festival. Visit Anderson's famed Court House or Generator Park. Downtown Anderson even boasts an annual Chili Cook-Off, where visitors and locals alike sample local, regional, and celebrity chili creations.

Home to the state's only commercial hot air balloon ride business, the city also hosts the Great Southeast BalloonFest, a three-day hot-air balloon festival at the Anderson Sports & Entertainment Center.

No wonder, with all that Anderson County offers,

### One visit will make you want to stay

Perhaps it is the picturesque scenery that tempts people to Anderson County. Or maybe it is the opportunity for a better quality of life. Whatever the reason, there is always one assurance: the welcome here is as pleasing as the climate and the seasons. With its abundant golf and lake communities, condominiums, family residential housing, and equestrian community, Anderson County offers living at its best.



As one of the largest and most technologically advanced health systems in the state, AnMed delivers comprehensive, compassionate care to Anderson County residents at its AnMed Health Medical Center and Rehabilitation Hospital in Anderson.



The first weekend in April, Pendleton holds its Spring Jubilee at City Square by Farmers' Hall. Built on the site of the old courthouse, Farmers' Hall is the oldest farmers' hall in continuous use in the nation. The Pendleton Farmers Society has met there continuously since 1828.



# LEARNING



## Small town? THINK AGAIN!



Anderson County may be quaint and charming in its own way, but if you doubt its commitment to education—think again. Echoing through the halls of its schools and higher learning institutions is a passion for knowledge and resources that are unmatched.

### Where potential abounds

Thirty elementary schools, 10 middle schools, and eight high schools form Anderson County School Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Five colleges (Anderson University, Clemson University, Erskine College, Forrest Junior College, and Southern Wesleyan University), as well as one technical college (Tri-County Tech), are all within a 30-mile radius of Anderson.



Complementing Anderson County's public and private education facilities are its libraries, as well as its heritage and cultural museums. Touring these remarkable places expands the mind, while deepening one's appreciation of the past and of the potential for the future.

*The power of knowledge,  
A place for training*





# DISCOVERING

## Weekend Lures

From the awe-inspiring, 100-foot Issaqueena Falls in Stumphouse Tunnel Park near Walhalla—to live concerts and events in the Anderson Civic Center—to the thunderous roar in Clemson University's "Death Valley," Anderson County offers incredible natural wonders and fun for all ages.



For boating and fishing enthusiasts, Anderson County is skirted by whitewater rivers and freshwater lakes, the most notable being Lake Hartwell, where it recently hosted the world series of fishing—the Bassmaster Classic.

# Guaranteed ways to ESCAPE BOREDOM



Gather a foursome and challenge any of the county's 11 championship golf courses. Picnic or hike in one of the recreational areas or in a nearby national forest or state park. Take the kids to Kid-Venture at the Anderson Sports & Entertainment Center.

From theatrical performances to restored grist mills, from antique pedal car displays to the South's biggest and the world's best flea market, Anderson County has something for everyone.

## Get away and catch some spray

Tubing is just one of many popular pastimes on Lake Hartwell. This 56,000-acre lake is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and welcomes more than 10 million visitors annually.

## Browse the galleries

Just one-half block west of Main Street in Anderson is the 100-year-old Anderson Arts Center and Arts Warehouse. The 33,000-square-foot building houses collections of art, as well as classrooms, and is home to the Anderson Convention & Visitors Bureau visitor center.





# WORKING

## It's all in a name. RECOGNIZE THESE?

Growing business, bringing the world to its backyard—this is the vision that is catapulting Anderson County into its undeniable global presence. Fortune 500 companies and major industry manufacturers in advanced materials distribution, automotive, metal, plastics, consumer products, and textiles now recognize Anderson County as an economic magnet, attracting opportunities for growth and prosperity. More than 230 manufacturers, including 22 international companies, are located within the borders of the county.



"Duke Energy is proud to be a partner in the growth and economic development of Anderson County. For over 100 years, Duke Energy has been working with our local communities in enhancing the growth and vitality of our service territory. The value that all South Carolina economic development organizations bring to our region is immeasurable."

- Clark Sutton Gillespy, Director, Economic Development, Duke Energy Carolinas

## Definite advantages!

Location. Location. Location. With more than 37 miles of Interstate-85 frontage available to build, location is a primary pull to the area. But, business and industry also profit from the county's low taxes and quality labor force. Other pluses: SC Workforce training through Tri-County Technical College's ReadySC training program and a close proximity to Clemson University's Advanced Materials Center and its International Center for Automotive Research (ICAR).

*A website (Advance2Anderson) has been launched by Anderson County Economic Development to acquaint business and community leaders, as well as employers, with the benefits of the county's business environment*

[www.Advance2Anderson.com](http://www.Advance2Anderson.com)

"When we began our search

two years ago, we were looking for a community that provided access to a pool of high-quality prospective employees, an existing facility that met our needs, and a supportive state and local government. We realize how fortunate we are to have found Anderson's community—it meets and surpasses all our expectations."

- Chief Executive Officer, CCHS



"Anderson County provides our company with the skilled workforce and capabilities necessary to meet our manufacturing goals and provide our customers with the quality products they demand. We look forward to a strong and lasting relationship with Anderson County and the Palmetto State."

- Life Stone Materials

"Anderson is Walgreens' most advanced Distribution Center to date, with some of the most innovative logistics systems in the distribution industry. The center is expected to be 20 percent more efficient than the company's previous generation of DCs."

- Walgreens Spokesperson

"Clemson University, in its commitment to driving the knowledge economy in South Carolina, has focused more than \$100 million in research investments in the Advanced Materials Center in Anderson County. This level of investment, coupled with our future growth plans for advanced materials, is a clear sign of our belief that the Anderson area is a cornerstone to economic prosperity in our state."

- Dr. John Ballato, Associate Vice President for Research and Economic Development  
Clemson University



Unlike any other of its kind, the Clemson University Advanced Materials Center (CU-AMC) is an innovative campus and technology park that houses an 111,000-square-foot Advanced Materials Research Laboratory. At its heart is a \$3.8 million Hitachi H9500, the highest-resolution electron microscope available in any university in America.

Within this research hub, some of the world's brightest minds realize innovations in optics, advanced fibers, films, plastics, composites, and nanomaterials.

Advancements in research and technology at the CU-AMC are augmented by the capabilities and resources of its two strategic partners: the South Carolina Research Authority and the Applied Research and Development Institute, along with COMSET and other innovative research entities and companies.



  
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