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With a superb blend of history, nature, culture and recreation, Georgetown County boasts an unparalleled quality of life attractive to businesses and families. Situated between Myrtle Beach and Charleston, this aptly-named center of the Tideland offers unique tourist attractions, gorgeous waterways, lively arts events and exceptional residential coastal living. The area also has a creative talent pool including actively retired CEOs as well as special incentives to cultivate business for the new economy.

Climate

-Yearly avg. temperature: 66.8 degrees F

-Yearly avg. high temperature: 75.5 degrees F

Georgetown Facts

Located on the Hwy 17 Corridor, between Charleston SC & Myrtle Beach SC

County Population: Approximately 70,000



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Entrepreneurial Resources & Special Incentives:

- Tax Credits** - from Research and Development to Life Sciences and Venture Capital Acts.
- Fast TracSC** - Represents the best of entrepreneurial resources in the state, providing hands-on programs for leadership skills and professional networking
- College of Charleston-Tate Center for Entrepreneurship** - As the first Entrepreneurship Center in SC, the center helps sustain economic development in the area via educational events and conferences.
- Life Sciences and Venture Capital Acts** - A legislation creating an unmatched opportunity for bioscience companies. The incentive encourages biosciences and other life sciences companies to expand.
- Work force** - Georgetown/Waccamaw area work force (2006): **56,506**

Cost of Living

The overall cost of living in Georgetown County is significantly lower than the national average. Food costs across the county are consistent with national averages, and utility prices are uniformly low. Housing costs vary from town to town.

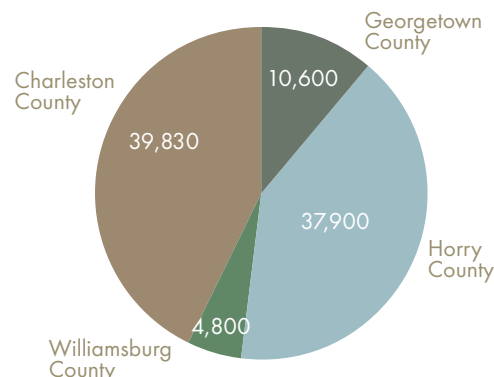


Health Care

The Georgetown Hospital System offers excellent medical care facilities. The private, not-for-profit organization's more than 150 physicians serves in several facilities across the county: Georgetown Memorial Hospital, a 131-bed, acute care facility; Waccamaw Community Hospital, a full-service hospital with 83 private patient rooms, 54 inpatient beds and a 29-bed acute physical rehab center; Francis B. Ford Cancer Treatment Center, which provides state-of-the art cancer treatment.

More than 93,000 Area Retirees

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts.



Attractions



Home of Brookgreen Gardens, the world's largest collection of outdoor sculpture.

Thousands of visitors each year enjoy the white-sand beaches, championship golf, outdoor activities, and world-class dining and shopping of Georgetown County. History buffs are also attracted to the area's historic sites, including five restored rice plantations; 50 antebellum houses, buildings and sites; and two historical districts located in Georgetown and Murrells Inlet. More than 30 sites are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Front St. runs parallel to the downtown Georgetown waterfront. This byway has been completely rebuilt over the last several years, with wider sidewalks and many planters. It is home to many fine shops and restaurants.

Recreation



Georgetown has been named one of the Top 10 Adrenaline Outposts by National Geographic Adventure Magazine for its great outdoor opportunities

Outstanding recreational opportunities are some of Georgetown County's greatest assets. The area offers 35 miles of beaches, five rivers, 13 marinas and boat landings, and five public parks. With its location at the convergence of four rivers - the Waccamaw, Black, Pee Dee and Sampit - on the Intercoastal Waterway, the city of Georgetown is great for kayaking, canoeing, fishing and swimming. The county's Recreation and Leisure Services also provides facilities for a number of outdoor activities, including public beach access at 74 points along the county's 35-mile coastline. Fishing is a major sport at Murrells

Inlet and all around the county. The Andrews area is also well known for fine hunting.

Championship Golf



DeBordieu

public-access golf courses for 2005-06 according to *Golf Digest*. Other premiere courses are Litchfield Country Club, Pawleys Plantation, the Reserve at Litchfield and DeBordieu.

Golfers already familiar with the world-class golf found along the Grand Strand can also enjoy award-winning courses in Georgetown County. Within a 12-mile radius from the center of Georgetown are 17 courses, including The Heritage Club, True Blue Plantation, and Caledonia Golf and Fish Club, three of America's top 100

Rich Culture and History

Cultural offerings in Georgetown County abound—from plantation tours, art shows and festivals to performances of the area's Gullah Geechee heritage. Check out www.visitgeorgetowncountysc.com



*The Pawleys Lifestyle
Pawleys Island hammocks were born on Pawleys Island - one of the oldest and most picturesque summer resorts on the beautiful Lowcountry coast.*

Georgetown, the state's third oldest city, was declared a royal province by England's Prince George (who later became King George II). First occupied by the Spanish in the early 1500s, English planters and merchants settled in what is now Georgetown's Historic District, a five-by-seven block area now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The historic fishing village of Murrells Inlet, now known as the Seafood Capital of South Carolina, was once home to Native American tribes, 16th century Spanish explorers and 17th century English colonists. Legend has it that Blackbeard was one of many pirates in the 1800s who sailed the Inlet's coastline and hid in its winding creeks waiting to plunder England-bound ships.

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Georgetown is emphasizing its **creative class**—from an abundance of actively retired CEOs and a productive work force to nearby top-tier universities and special R&D incentives.

The region is near several top-tier research universities, including those in Atlanta and Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill (RTP). The state of South Carolina is also home to three universities with highly respected, growing research programs:

■ **Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)** - Charleston, S.C. www.musc.edu
Research funding fiscal '05-'06: \$190 million

■ **Clemson University** - Clemson, S.C. www.clemson.edu
Research funding fiscal '05-'06: \$136 million

■ **University of South Carolina** - Columbia, S.C. www.sc.edu
Research funding fiscal '05-'06: \$173 million



Georgetown County has been recognized by National Geographic as one of the nation's top 10 places for summer adventure.

(Litchfield Beach & Golf Resort)

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