

Wood Products

Georgetown and Wood Products: *A Natural*

With a large forest resource, its prime location to ports, an ample skilled and productive work force, Georgetown is a natural for the wood products industry.

For almost two centuries, timber and related wood products have had a solid footing in Georgetown. More than 1,500 people are employed in the wood products industry in the area, for companies such as:

- International Paper - *the county's largest employer*
- MeadWestvaco
- American Gypsum
- Sampit Lumber Mill



Georgetown Facts

- Located on the Hwy 17 Corridor, between Charleston SC & Myrtle Beach SC
- County Population: Approximately 70,000



“Georgetown is very business-friendly; county government and local citizens are very aware of the contributions made by the wood products industry and are supportive of the industry.”

—Dan Scheffing of MeadWestvaco - manufacturer/distributor of packaging

Strong Industry Indicators:

- Many industry suppliers, loggers and contractors
- Forest-friendly climate & soil
- Recent International Paper \$200 million expansion
- Recent location of American Gypsum's \$125 million wallboard facility
- Locally-generated secondary forest products
- Port of Georgetown a breakbulk facility (with planned expansion)
- Skilled workforce
- #1 worker training program in US, *Expansion Management*

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Workforce

Workforce Availability

Georgetown County/Waccamaw Region:

The Unemployed: Actively seeking work	18,200
Persons Not in the Labor Force	3,800
The Under-Employed: Gross Income \$12,000	19,900
College Students: Enrolled in area schools	10,000
College Graduates: Graduating each year	2,000
Total Potential Employees	53,900

Source: *The Pathfinders: "2006 Waccamaw Region Labor Availability Report"*



Average Unemployment from the past five years: 10 %



Worker productivity is above the median ranking of excellent according to Pathfinders Study, February 2006



Average Wage for Blue Collar Occupations
-Median Hourly: \$13.54



Labor Force (2006): 56,506



Lifestyle

Georgetown has a unique lifestyle envied by most of the nation, if not the world. It's a coastal community, with a mild climate serving as a recreational playground—appropriately named one of the "Top 10 U.S. Adrenaline Outposts" recently by *National Geographic Adventure Magazine* for its great outdoor opportunities. Golf is a standout attraction for both residents and tourists, boasting more than 100 golf courses in the area.

There are several neighboring beach resorts within 30 miles of Georgetown—from Pawley's Island to Litchfield, all internationally-recognized. The quality of life and economic opportunities in Georgetown County continue to draw many new residents and businesses to the area. It's the best of "business casual" - the resources to power business growth, yet with a comfortable relaxed lifestyle.



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.

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



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