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Site Selection magazine

A new year brings forth new material from the January 2011 issue of [Site Selection](#), now entering its 57th year of publication:



The second annual "**State of the States**" report highlights new laws and incentives; wage and employment data; demographic and education snapshots; and yes, photos of 26 new governors, in one easy-to-navigate compendium.



Rankings from the New Economy Index also are included in the above report, and are among the highlights noted by Editor in Chief Mark Arend in **Find Your 'First-Mover Advantage' in 2011**.



Nine consultants recently took part in a site selectors roundtable convened in Chicago by Site Selection Executive Vice President and General Manager Ron Starner. Find out what they're thinking in **Changing Tax Climate Affects Plant Movement**.

IPA World News

There's more expansion news online in global project coverage from London-based partner [Oxford Intelligence](#). This week's installment includes:

"**VW** Expands R&D Centre in Czech Republic"

"**Law Firm D Harris** Opens Office in Monaco"

"**Tele2** Opens Accounting Centre in Russia"

"**Toyota** Boosts Production in Russia"

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cheeseburger in the [Bahamas](#), brats in [Tuscaloosa](#), hot chocolate in [Oberhausen](#), and warm cookies in [Philadelphia](#).

Upcoming Industry Events

Read about and link to these conferences and many more listed in the [events calendar](#) at SiteNet.com

- **February 9 - 11, 2011** — [Freight In the Southeast: Moving Our Region's Business](#)
- **February 22 - 24, 2011** — [2011 Utility Economic Development Association Winter Forum](#)
- **March 2 - 3, 2011** — [Azerbaijan Investors' Summit](#)
- **March 20 - 22, 2011** — [2011 Federal Economic Development Forum](#)
- **April 3 - 5, 2011** [Brownfields 2011](#)
- **April 12 - 14, 2011** [The Energy Efficiency Global Forum](#)
- **April 30 - May 4, 2011** [IAMC Professional Forum](#)

Industrial Asset Management Council Future Sites Watch

April 30 - May 4 Spring 2011 Forum, [Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa, Albuquerque](#)
September 10-14 Fall 2011 Forum, [Loews Philadelphia Hotel Philadelphia, PA](#)
April 21-25 Spring 2012 Forum, Hyatt Regency Lost Pines - Austin, TX

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-- **Scott R.**

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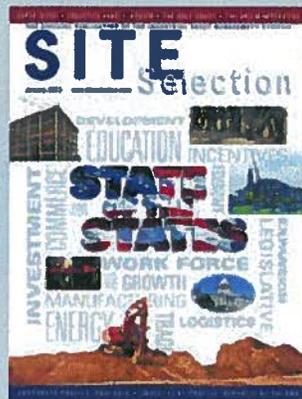
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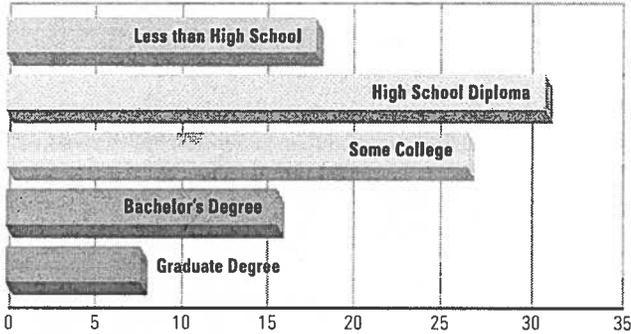


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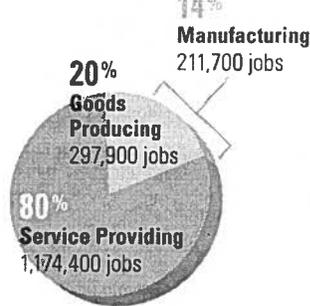
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 Population 2010: 4,590,865 Population growth forecast 2010-2014: 6.57% Median household income: \$48,360

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment



2010 New Economy Index Rankings

Overall: **39**
 Immigration of Domestic and Foreign Knowledge Workers: **T31**
 Manufacturing Value-Added: **28**
 Export Focus of Manufacturing and Services: **8**
 Industry Investment in R&D: **28**

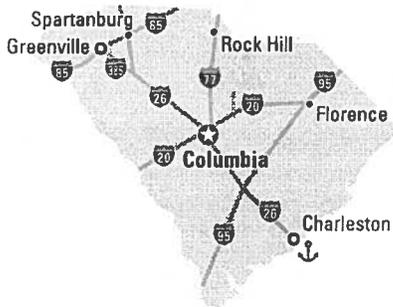
Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$14.49**
 Right-to-work state? **YES**

Did You Know?

- In early December, newly elected Gov. Nikki Haley announced the appointment of former BMW corporate spokesman and news editor Bobby Hitt as the state's next Commerce Secretary. She followed that up by appointing a prominent union opponent, Charleston attorney Catherine Templeton, as director of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, noting that she did so to prevent organized labor from gaining a foothold in the Boeing 787 Dreamliner plant now under construction.

"We're going to fight the unions and I needed a partner to help me do it," said Haley. The state's Employment Security Commission is merging with the Department of Commerce's Workforce Investment Act program. It will be called the Department of Employment and Workforce and will be a cabinet-level agency under the governor.

- South Carolina's corporate income tax rate is 5 percent. Its sales and use tax rate is 6 percent.



Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2010

Company	City	County	Type	N/E	Product	Investment (in millions)	Employment
First Quality Tissue	Anderson	Anderson	MF	N	Tissue Paper	\$1,000	1,000
ZF Group	Laurens	Laurens	MF	N	Auto Parts	350	900
Proterra Inc.	Greenville	Spartanburg	MF	N	Motor Vehicle Bodies	68	1,300
Mohawk Industries	Bennettsville	Marlboro	MF	E	Carpet	60	150
Defense Venture Group	Indian Land	Lancaster	MF/RD/HQ	N	Management Services	50	220
IMO Group	Summerville	Dorchester	MF	N	Slew Drives	47	190
MTU Detroit Diesel	Aiken	Aiken	MF	N	Engines	45	250
Tognum	Graniteville	Aiken	MF	N	Gasoline Engines	45	270
Kronotex Flooring LLC	Barnwell	Barnwell	DW/MF/HQ	E	Lumber	45	40
Parkdale Mills Inc.	Cherokee	Cherokee	MF	N	Textile	45	0
Verizon Wireless	Columbia	Richland	CC	N	Wireless Telecommunications	40	
Akebono Brake Corp.	Lexington	Lexington	MF	N	Automobile	35	283

MF = Manufacturing OF = Office HQ = Headquarters RD = Research & Development CC = Contact Center DW = Distribution/Warehouse N = New E = Expanded

Legislative Update

- The Economic Development Competitiveness Act was signed into law by former Gov. Mark Sanford in June 2010. The measure includes modernizing a port tax credit to attract more shipping volume and warehouse/distribution facilities, revamping the endowed chairs program and extending fee-in-lieu agreements for manufacturing property. The Senate amended the legislation to include incentives for the state's 4,000-plus small and medium manufacturers.

- A legislative agenda from the South Carolina Economic Developers' Association for the 2011 session includes proposals that include using local utility tax credit funds for industrial site prep; lowering the qualifying threshold for service/office and corporate headquarters projects to qualify for state incentives; and adding flexibility in sales tax exemption policy for data center projects in order to better compete with North Carolina.

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