

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

Inventory of Existing Conditions

The County is situated approximately half way between New York and Miami with 30 miles of frontage on I-95. The state capital, Columbia, and the historic city of Charleston are within a one hour drive. The South Carolina Ports Authority operates ports in Georgetown and Charleston, both within a short distance from Clarendon County. The Port of Charleston ranks as the second busiest container seaport on the east coast and is currently under expansion that should be complete in 2014. This expansion will increase it's capacity by 55%

The Lake Marion resorts area and the golf courses fuel a growing tourism and retirement industry. To date, the County still retains its southern charm and quiet atmosphere.

Economic Development

The Clarendon County Development Board is responsible for economic development in the County. Its principal efforts are directed toward recruiting manufacturing and distribution facilities. The South Carolina Department of Commerce provides a great deal of assistance in these efforts.

South Carolina is a right-to-work state.

The Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce promotes the County as a retirement place and tourism location. The Chamber also assists the service and commercial businesses.

Economic Base

The following Tables depict the various sources of personal income in 2000 and the total revenue from agriculture in 2006. This personal income information shows that the by far the largest 3 employer sectors in the county are the largest employers. The manufacturing sector employs 1,555, the Healthcare and Social Assistance sector employs 1,248, and the Retail Trades sector employs 1,245. The next largest employers are the Waste Management sector at 652 employees, and the Accommodations and Food Services sectors that employ 651.

Personal income data is a simple measure of the relative importance of various parts of the economy because it shows which types of jobs are generating income for the workers. The data shows that the County's economy is less dependent on any one sector of the economy, and has fairly a healthy diversity. As expected, payrolls for these areas follow suit for the most part. With Manufacturing providing the larger share (25%) of the private sector payroll of the county.

TABLE II-1 A

Agriculture Revenues

Farm Revenue	36,900,000
Live Stock Revenue	42,300,000
Total Agriculture Revenue	79,200,000

Source: Farm Statistics Abstract, 2006

TABLE II-1 B

Table 1: Establishments, Employees, and Annual Payroll

ESTABLISHMENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND ANNUAL PAYROLL BY COUNTY: 1998 AND 2000						
COUNTY	1998			2000		
	NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	ANNUAL PAYROLL (THOU.)	NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	ANNUAL PAYROLL (THOU.)
Clarendon	533	5,968	107,560	528	6,882	129,179
State	94,985	1,526,106	38,559,169	97,146	1,601,532	43,362,158

**Table II-1A: Establishments, Employees, and Annual Payroll by Major Industry Group
Construction, Manufacturing, Wholesale Trade, Retail Trade**

ESTABLISHMENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND ANNUAL PAYROLL BY MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP BY COUNTY: 2000												
COUNTY	CONSTRUCTION			MANUFACTURING			WHOLESALE TRADE			RETAIL TRADE		
	# EMP.	ANNUAL PAYROLL (THOU.)	# ESTAB.	# EMP.	ANNUAL PAYROLL (THOU.)	# ESTAB.	# EMP.	ANNUAL PAYROLL (THOU.)	# ESTAB.	# EMP.	ANNUAL PAYROLL (THOU.)	# ESTAB.
Clarendon	333	7,208	53	1,555	34,137	21	138	3,597	16	1,245	18,805	130
Statewide	116,696	3,335,647	11,440	334,651	11,449,269	4,431	65,255	2,353,408	5,091	223,955	4,082,890	18,619

**Table II-1B: Establishments, Employees, and Annual Payroll by Major Industry Group
Transportation & Warehousing, Finance & Insurance, Real Estate/Rental/Leasing,
Professional/Scientific/Technical Services**

ESTABLISHMENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND ANNUAL PAYROLL BY MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP BY COUNTY: 2000 (CONTINUED)												
COUNTY	TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING			FINANCE AND INSURANCE			REAL ESTATE, RENTAL AND LEASING			PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL SERVICES		
	# EMP.	ANNUAL PAYROLL (THOU.)	# ESTAB.	# EMP.	ANNUAL PAYROLL (THOU.)	# ESTAB.	# EMP.	ANNUAL PAYROLL (THOU.)	# ESTAB.	# EMP.	ANNUAL PAYROLL (THOU.)	# ESTAB.
Clarendon	123	2,501	25	194	5,194	39	33	408	10	88	3,899	21
Statewide	38,970	1,169,382	2,341	58,654	2,177,121	5,955	22,903	618,212	3,766	60,460	2,447,921	7,865

**Table II-1C: Establishments, Employees, and Annual Payroll by Major Industry Group
Administration/Support/Waste Management/Remediation Services, Health Care & Social Assistance, Accommodation & Food Services, Other Services**

ESTABLISHMENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND ANNUAL PAYROLL BY MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP BY COUNTY: 2000 (CONTINUED)												
COUNTY	ADMIN, SUPPORT, WASTE MGT, REMEDIATION SER.			HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			ACCOMMODATION & FOOD SERVICE			OTHER SERVICES		
	# EMP.	ANNUAL PAYROLL (THOU.)	# ESTAB.	# EMP.	ANNUAL PAYROLL (THOU.)	# ESTAB.	# EMP.	ANNUAL PAYROLL (THOU.)	# ESTAB.	# EMP.	ANNUAL PAYROLL (THOU.)	# ESTAB.
Clarendon	652	11,428	20	1,248	25,675	36	651	5,348	50	331	5,068	68
Statewide	146,915	2,896,075	4,672	172,106	5,252,246	7,839	15,390	1,695,302	7,988	72,356	1,229,969	10,706

Source: US Census Bureau & SC Budget and Control Office, 2003

Labor Force Characteristics

Table II-2 shows the County's labor force according to the 2000 Census.

TABLE II-2

Table 3: Labor Force Status of Persons 16 Years and Over

LABOR FORCE STATUS OF PERSONS 16 YEARS AND OVER BY COUNTY: 2000				
COUNTY	TOTAL			
	ARMED FORCES	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE		NOT IN LABOR FORCE
		EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	
Clarendon	31	11,963	859	12,261
SOUTH CAROLINA	36,027	1,824,700	113,495	1,139,794

Source: US Census Bureau & SC Budget and Control Office, 2003

Table II-2A shows the 1999 annual averages for the Labor Force. The term labor force here means all non-military workers residing in the area.

Table II-2A: Total Civilian Labor Force Estimates

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES IN SOUTH CAROLINA BY COUNTY: 1999 ANNUAL AVERAGE				
COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
Clarendon	12,620	11,630	990	7.8%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,962,000	1,874,200	87,800	4.5%

Source: US Census Bureau & SC Budget and Control Office, 2003

The South Carolina Employment Security Commission has provided more current employment data. Table II-3 compares the County to the state as a whole and the neighboring counties in this regard. Note that while the County's unemployment rate has substantially decreased, it is still 50 percent higher than the state average. Approximately 800 employees have been added to the work force since 1990.

**TABLE II-3
Labor Force**

	Labor Force	% Unempld.
State	2,152,400	6.5
Clarendon	12,718	9.4
Orangeburg	40,613	9.0
Sumter	45,001	8.0
Williamsburg	15,480	9.5

Source: SC Employment Security Commission, May, 2008

Clarendon County is fortunate that several other labor force characteristics are favorable. The labor force that is available for employment is an area which potential employers would find appealing. The County has approximately 12,261 residents, age 16 to 65, who are not currently participating in the labor force. These residents are capable of entering the labor force given sufficient opportunity to do so and as such are a tremendous labor resource.

The South Carolina Statistical Abstract stated that the per capita income for all full-time and part-time wage and salaried workers in the County was \$ 13,998 in 1999. Table II-4 compares the County to the State.

**TABLE II-4
Per Capita Income**

	Per Capita Income
Clarendon Co	\$ 13,998 Rank in State: 38th
South Carolina	\$ 18,795

Source: SC Statistical Abstract, 1999

As mentioned in the last chapter, a concern for the labor force is the education attainment of the available force. The low rank within the state of education attainment is a factor to be dealt with.

TABLE II-5

APRIL 1, 2000								
PERSONS 25 YEARS AND OVER								
COUNTY	% WITH LESS THAN 9 TH GRADE EDUCATION		% 9 TH - 12 TH GRADE NO DIPLOMA		% HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OR HIGHER		% WITH FOUR OR MORE YEARS OF COLLEGE	
	PERCENT	RANK	PERCENT	RANK	PERCENT	RANK	PERCENT	RANK
Clarendon	13.1	10	21.6	10	65.3	39	11.4	35

Source: US Census Bureau & SC Budget and Control Office, 2003

Employment by Place of Work

Employment statistics are compiled by place of work, not worker's place of residence. The SC Employment Securities Commission completed a worker commuting patterns analysis for the whole state in 1994.

This study estimated that 1600 workers commute to work in Clarendon County, half of which come from Sumter County. Approximately one fourth of the County's total work force commute out of the County to places of employment. Two-thirds of these workers commute to Sumter County. This commuting pattern is similar to that found in many urban areas.

Experience has found that such workers would rather reduce their commute time and be employed close to their place of residence. Therefore, increased County employment opportunities will keep more workers in the County and reduce commute times.

Table II-6 shows the top ten industrial employers in Clarendon County. As you will note, there is a large gap between the top employer, Federal-Mogul and the remainder of the list.

**TABLE II-6
Top Ten Industrial Employers**

Plant Name	Number Employee
Federal-Mogul	650
Triamco Industries of SC	210
Yanagawa of South Carolina	198
Arvin/Meritor Automotive, Inc.	125
Southwoods Lumber & Millwork, Inc.	120
KC Manufacturing	100
Freeman Millwork Co., Inc.	41
Starflo Corp.	39
LBT Stainless, Inc.	29
Carolina Modular, Inc.	28

Source: Clarendon County Development Board, July, 2008

Table II-7 shows the industrial directory as of July, 2008. Of the total of 1,781 industrial plant employees, 27% of them work for Federal Mogul on US 301 near Summerton down from almost half in 2003. The employment of the industrial employers with out Federal-Mogul is 1,131. Twenty-one of the industrial employers have less than 50 employees with the average number of employees of those twenty-one being 18. The average employment of the twenty eight industrial employers is 64.

In 2008, the South Carolina Department of Commerce and the Clarendon County Development Board announced two significant economic development events in Clarendon County. In March, Manhattan Holdings, LLC announced the expansion of its wood molding operations. The announcement included an additional \$2,5 million investment and is expected to create 65 new jobs. In April, IntraBond LLC, announced the investment of \$3.8 million in the county, which is expected to creat 45 new jobs.

**TABLE II-7
Industrial Plant Directory**

Plant Name	Product	Established	Employees
American Wood Molding, LLC	Distribution of Wood Moulding		23
A&K Mulch	Mulch	2004	25
Arvin/Meritor Automotive, Inc.	Heavy Vehicle Braking Systems	1998	125
Black River Tools, Inc.	Fishing Accessories	1982	12
Carolina Modular Inc	Custom Modular Bldgs	1995	28
Classic Turf	Turf	1997	20
East Coast Industrial Services, Inc.	Tire Recycling / Alternative Fuel	2001	25
Federal-Mogul	Oil Seals & Gaskets	1974	650
Filtration Services, Inc	Stainless Steel Filters	1990	3
Freeman Millwork Co., Inc	Doors & Windows	1947	41
Gintek, Inc	Specialized Detectors for Scientific Application	1994	6
Grant Clarendon, Inc.	Oriented Strand Board	2006	
Kaycee Manufacturing	Home Fashion & Children's Clothing	2001	100
L. A. Enterprises	Fibers		5
LBT Stainless, Inc.	Tankers	1997	29
L & B Fabrication	Fabrication & Welding	1992	3
Manning Times	Newspaper	1882	11
Mid Eastern, Inc.	Custom Graphic Arts, Embroidery, Truck Parts	1985	24
MidState Tooling	Tool & Die Repair	1994	6
Palmetto Sales & Equipment	Mfg. Agri. Equip.	1989	17
Pocotaligo Products	Pallets & Skids	1984	20
Quality Printer, Inc.	Printers	1971	8
Southwoods-Arauco Lumber & Millwork	Lumber: Custom Kiln dry & Molding	1994	120
Starflo Corp.	Steel & Iron Valves	1983	39
Superior Mfg. Co	Wooden Pallets	1969	21
Technical Cleaning, Inc.	Fiber Filter Cleaning	1990	12
Triamco Industries of SC	Painting Supplies	1983	210
Yanagawa of South Carolina	Components for Honda ATV's	1999	198

Source: Clarendon County Development Board, July, 2008

Table II-8 shows the top 10 employers according to the South Carolina Employment Security Commission in their May 21, 2008 update. One telling fact of this information is that 6 of the top ten employers are governmental employers (7 if you include Clarendon Memorial Hospital).

CLARENDON COUNTY TOP 10 EMPLOYERS

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CLARENDON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

FEDERAL MOGUL CORPORATION

CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

SC DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL

YANAGAWA OF SOUTH CAROLINA INC

CLARENDON SCHOOL DIST #3

CLARENDON CNTY DSBLTIES & SPECIAL NEEDS

SUMMERTON SCHOOL DIST #1

A Statement of Needs

The County has a significant labor pool that is unemployed and available for jobs when the opportunity is presented. The primary focus of the County's economic development efforts remains the creation of above-average-wage jobs

Goals, Objectives and Policies (Implementation Actions)

Goal – To manage the development of Clarendon County's economy by increasing employment opportunities, including but not limited to, supporting existing business growth and attraction of new high technology industries

Objective A The County, through the cooperative efforts of the Development Board and the Planning and Public Service Commission (PPSC), will continue to improve the County's competitive position in creating new job opportunities.

Policy A-1 The County will implement a cost/benefit analysis for proposed projects to determine the extent of financial assistance that should be provided.

Policy A-2 The County will improve liaison activities with existing industries.

Policy A-3 The Planning Department will increase its coordination activities with the Development Board.

Policy A-4 The County will continue to support further diversification of the County's industrial base through better coordination and cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce's business development activities.

Objective B The County will improve coordination of its development plans and programs with adjacent jurisdictions.

Policy B-1 The County will support and coordinate with neighboring counties in joint industrial park development and other economic development agendas.

Policy B-2 The County will support central business district revitalization efforts in its municipalities.

Objective C The County will concentrate its economic development efforts in areas where adequate public facilities exist, or are planned in the near future.

Policy C-1 The County will develop land development regulations that direct new development to areas with existing water and sewer service capacity and adequate traffic carrying capacity.

Policy C-2 The Public Service Department will use its utility franchise review authority to ensure expansion of existing systems, and new systems, support the economic development objectives of the Development Board.
