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In the heart of South Carolina's Piedmont region, nestled between the Broad River and the Catawba River, lies York County. Its 685 square miles of gently-rolling landscape is characterized as diverse with a more rural setting in the western half and its growing manufacturing, distribution and office development on the eastern side. Over \$600 million of new road improvements make all areas of York County more accessible to Interstates 77 and 85 as well as uptown Charlotte and Douglas International Airport.

Ranked as the fastest-growing county in the state with a population of over 220,000, York County capitalizes on its geographical proximity by providing the advantages of a South Carolina location with its flourishing business environment and convenient access to Charlotte, the largest metropolitan area in both Carolinas.

The County's commercial and industrial development patterns are most active near Rock Hill and Fort Mill along the I-77 corridor. Over the past several years, York County has averaged \$180 million in business and industrial capital investment and around 1,300 new employment opportunities annually. Since 2000, reported investments have totaled over \$1 billion and have created 8,000 new jobs.



The transition towards more distribution and office operations has created significant opportunities for industrial and workforce diversification.

York Technical College offers training and degree programs that prepare their students for employment with major companies. Through the ReadySC workforce training program, the college has formed partnerships with local industries to mold courses around the technical skills needed by these companies. One example of this type of partnership is the Institute of Manufacturing Productivity, a joint effort between the college and local manufacturers to provide quality training opportunities for employees especially in the machining and metal working fields. Winthrop University, a primarily liberal arts school in Rock Hill, offers diverse undergraduate and graduate degree programs with an enrollment of over 6,300 students.

York County possesses a reliable infrastructure network able to reach both national and international destinations. Logistics, distribution and manufacturing operations are able to thrive and represent a



growing sector in the local economy. Given the excellent transportation network Ross Stores, West Marine, Northern Tool, Black & Decker and U.S. Foods have significant distribution centers in the County. Many of the top 10 employers in York County are now financial-related operations including Mergent, CitiFinancial and Wells Fargo. This year, FedEx recently announced plans to build a \$14 million regional distribution center in Fort Mill adding 22 full-time, 84 part-time workers and 99 independent contractors in the upcoming year.

Total Population, 2010	232,815
Total Households, 2010	87,396
Median Age, 2010	37.5
Projected Population, 2015	278,740

Educational Attainment, 2010

Population 25 and Older	154,032
High School Diploma	29.2%
Some College	20.7%
Associate's Degree	9.3%
Bachelor's Degree	17.3%
Graduate or Professional Degree	8.2%
2010 SAT score, county average	1,487
2010 SAT score, state average	1,380

Income, 2010

Median Household Income	\$55,826
Per Capita Income	\$25,086

Employment by Industry, 2010

Agriculture, Mining	0.6%
Construction	8.5%
FIRE	6.6%
Manufacturing	16.1%
Public Administration	3.0%
Retail Trade	12.4%
Wholesale Trade	4.5%
Services	39.7%
Transportation, Utilities	5.8%
Total Employment, 16+	95,263

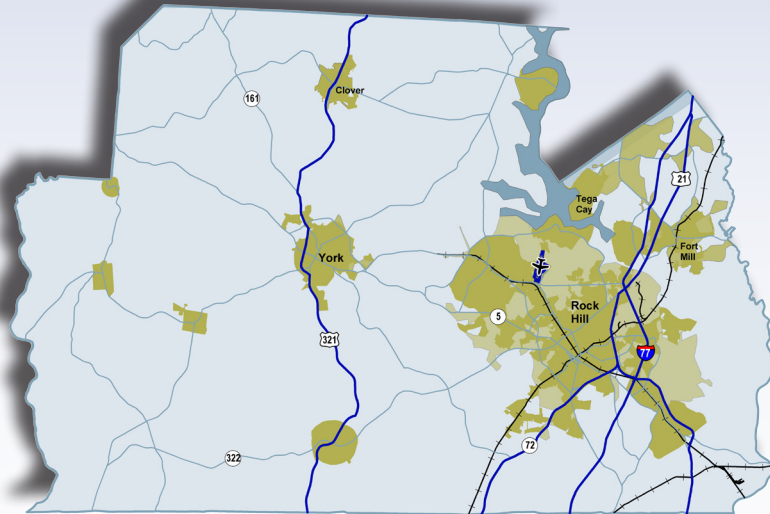
Labor Force, 2009

Labor Force	112,094
Unemployment Rate	14.2%

Source: ESRI 2010, SC Dept of Public Education, SC ESC

MAJOR EMPLOYERS (non government)

Company	Major Product	Employees
CitiFinancial	Financial Services Provider	1,850
Ross Distribution	Retail Chain Distribution	1,800
Wells Fargo Home Mortgage	Financial Services Provider	1,500
Duke Power - Catawba Nuclear Station	Nuclear Power Generation	1,071
AbitibiBowater, Inc.	Coated Paper Market Pulp	957



Average Weekly Wage 2009

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	\$456
Utilities	\$1,592
Construction	\$718
Manufacturing	\$931
Wholesale Trade	\$971
Retail Trade	\$504
Transportation & Warehousing	\$570
Information	\$1,055
Finance & Insurance	\$836
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	\$672
Professional & Technical Services	\$1,031
Management of Companies & Enterprises	\$1,025
Administrative & Waste Services	\$591
Educational Services	\$294
Health Care & Social Assistance	\$758
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	\$267
Accommodation & Food Services	\$240
Average Weekly Wage	\$695

Unemployment Insurance

New Employers (per \$100)	2.7%
Deficit Employers (max rate)	5.4%
Average Tax	\$234
Taxable Base	\$7,000

Inventory Tax

Finished Goods	none
Raw Materials	none
Goods in Process	none
Mat'l consumed in Mfg.	none

Sales Tax, General

State	6.00%
Capital Projects	1.00%

Sales Tax, Special Provisions

Electricity	none
Natural Gas	none
Manufacturing Fuels	none
Manufacturing Equipment	none
Telecommunications Service (intrastate)	5%

Education

Public Schools	54
Private Schools	6
School Districts	4
Colleges & Universities	3

Announced Jobs & Investments

Jobs announced, 2008	783
Total investment announced, 2008	\$108,623,563

Accessibility

Nearest Major City	Charlotte
Distance to Nearest Major City	22 miles
Nearest Commercial Airport	CLT
Runway Length	10,000 ft
Distance to Nearest Airport	22 miles
Nearest Interstate	I-77
Distance to Nearest Interstate	14 miles
Nearest Deepwater Port	Port of Charleston
Distance to Nearest Deepwater Port	189 miles
Foreign Trade Zone Accessibility	Yes
Population within 50 mile radius, 2009	2,530,849

Development Capacity

Wastewater Treatment Capacity Available	Yes
Natural Gas Available	Yes

Taxes, Sales & Service

County Base Millage Rate 2009	\$0.66
Millage Cap FY11	3.2%
Number of Physicians and surgeons, 2007	171
Physicians per 10,000 population, 2007	N.A.
Number of Registered Nurses, 2007	726
Number of Pharmacists, 2007	113

Source: SC Association of Counties and ESRI 2010, ipeds database