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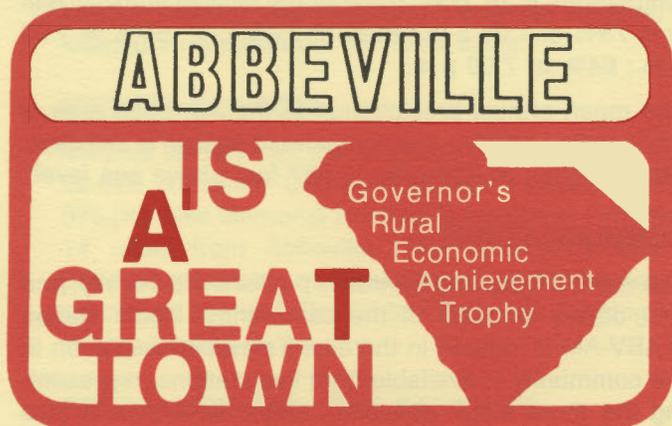
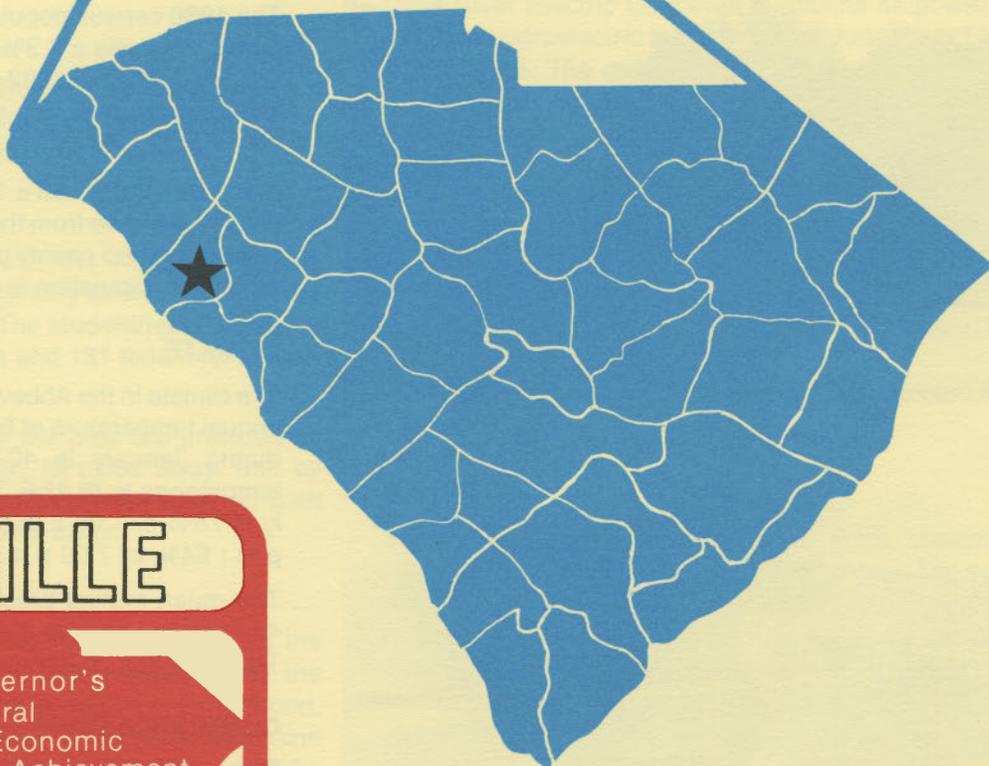
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STATE DOCUMENTS



LOCATION

As depicted on the cover, Abbeville, seat of Abbeville County, is in the western section of the state. Charleston, South Carolina's busiest port, is 189 miles southeast. Columbia is 82 miles east and Greenville is 52 miles north. Abbeville is 135 miles northeast of Atlanta; 767 miles south of New York; and 2,658 miles east of San Francisco.



Abbeville High School



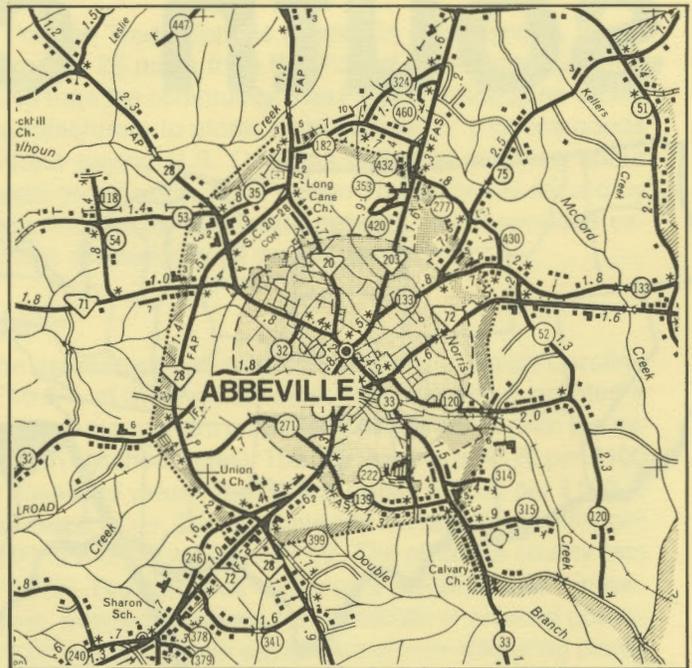
Piedmont TEC



Downtown Shopping Area



Abbeville County Memorial Hospital



POPULATION

The 1980 census population of the city of Abbeville was 5,863. This was a 6.3% increase from the 1970 population of 5,515. The 1982 estimated population was 5,961. The population within a 15-mile radius is 59,887, and within a 30-mile radius is 248,155.

Abbeville County had a 1980 census population of 22,627, a 7.2% increase from the 1970 population of 21,112. The 1984 estimated county population is 23,085 and the 1990 projected population is 24,500.

CLIMATE

The climate in the Abbeville area is temperate with a mean annual temperature of 60.6° F. The average temperature during January is 42.3° F, while the average July temperature is 78.3° F. The average relative humidity daily is 78% at 1:00 a.m.; 82% at 7:00 a.m.; 54% at 1:00 p.m.; 64% at 7:00 p.m.

The mean annual precipitation in the Abbeville area is 47.54 inches and the average growing season is 229 days. The elevation of Abbeville is 587 feet above sea level.

COMMUNICATIONS

The weekly *Press and Banner* is published in the city, and four dailies circulate in the community. Radio station WABV-AM is located in the city. Television reception in the community is available from five stations, representing the three major networks. Cable television is also available. Telephone service is provided by the General Telephone Company of the Southeast.

GOVERNMENT

The community has a council-manager form of municipal government. The eight city council members are elected for two-year terms. Abbeville County is governed locally by a seven-member county council, whose members are elected for four-year terms.

POLICE AND FIRE

The Abbeville Police Department has 13 full-time police officers. The department operates five radio equipped patrol cars and one van. The Abbeville Fire Department has five full-time and 21 volunteer firemen who operate three pumper trucks. Abbeville's insurance rating is Class 6.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Abbeville has two banks and two savings and loan associations to serve the financial needs of the community. The banks have total assets of \$3.9 billion, while the savings and loans have assets of \$232 million.

HOTELS AND MOTELS

Abbeville has a beautifully restored turn-of-the-century inn featuring 25 guest rooms, dining room, lounge, and banquet and meeting facilities. There are also two motels with overnight accommodations. There are more than three hundred and fifty guest rooms in nearby Greenwood and a resort facility on Clarks Hill Lake, approximately 23 miles away.

CHURCHES

Abbeville has 15 Protestant churches. A Catholic church is located in the city, and a Jewish house of worship is located in Anderson, 30 miles away.

EDUCATION

Abbeville, which is included in the Abbeville County School System, has four elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. The student/teacher ratio is 18.3 to 1, with 2,396 students and 131 teachers. Private schooling is available.

Higher education facilities for the area are provided by Erskine College in Due West, 10 miles away, and by Lander College and Piedmont Technical College, both located in Greenwood, 14 miles away.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical services for the community are provided by the 52-bed Abbeville County Memorial Hospital, and the 375-bed Self Memorial Hospital is located in Greenwood, 14 miles from Abbeville. The community has nine privately-practicing medical doctors and three privately-practicing dentists. The 50-bed Abbeville Nursing Home is also located in the city.

RECREATION AND CIVIC FACILITIES

Abbeville has one of the nation's oldest restored historic opera houses, which is the hub of many civic and cultural

events annually. There is a regular six-play season of community theater and a weekend summer season of live theater. The town square has been revitalized through a unique adaptation of historic preservation. The area is a historic district listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Recreation activities are provided by year-round organized programs. The city has a pool, athletic fields, and recreation center. Golf is plentiful on five easy-to-reach courses. High Meadows Country Club, in the county, has a 9-hole course as well as a pool, clubhouse and tennis facilities. Hickory Knob Resort Park is 23 miles away and water sports abound at nearby lakes Greenwood, Clarks Hill, Hartwell, Russell and the local Lake Secession. All areas have picnic, fishing, boating and swimming facilities. The Abbeville area is one of the state's most prominent hunting preserves and borders Sumter National Forest.

POWER

Electric power is available to the community and surrounding areas from Duke Power Company and Little River Electric Cooperative. Duke Power, the nation's eighth-largest investor-owned operating electric utility, provides installation of service to industrial customers at no cost to the customer in most cases.

Duke Power Company representatives are available to assist industrial prospects at no cost or obligation in analyzing their electricity needs.

Little River Electric Cooperative obtains its power from low-cost hydroelectric facilities and Saluda River Electric Cooperative. The cooperatives in the northwest portion of the state through Saluda River Electric Cooperative have arranged for a reliable competitively-priced power supply for the present and future. High voltage interconnections between the cooperatives and the power supply grid of the eastern United States assure a continuous source of reliable electric power.

FUELS

Natural gas is supplied by South Carolina Electric & Gas Company.

WATER

The Abbeville Water and Electric Plant obtains the municipal water supply from the Rocky River. The system is capable of supplying water at a maximum rate of 9 million gallons per day with an average daily demand of 2 million gallons. Treated water storage consists of 1.45 million gallons in elevated storage and 1.15 million gallons in ground storage.

Analysis of water supplied in the community:

Total solids	74 mg/L
Alkalinity	16 mg/L
Calcium	6 mg/L
Hardness	23 mg/L
Iron	.05 mg/L
pH	5.8

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SEWER

Abbeville utilizes a trickling filter wastewater treatment system. The system has a maximum capacity of 1,000,000 gallons per day with an average daily flow of 930,000 gallons.

LABOR

Because labor information may change in this area, a current labor availability report prepared and kept up to date by the S. C. State Development Board will be furnished to prospective manufacturers at their request. The comprehensive report will include sources of recruitable labor, labor force characteristics, work force skill levels, earnings data and other pertinent information. The S. C. State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education has the resources to recruit and train workers in accordance with a company's entry criteria. This training is at little or no cost to the employer. A lead-time schedule is developed to coordinate recruiting, testing, selecting, and training. This assures that persons will be able to move from training to their respective jobs at the time the plant is ready for initial production.

TRANSPORTATION

Abbeville is served by one interstate highway, I-85 (35 miles away), and five South Carolina highways. The community is served by the Seaboard System Railroad. Abbeville is served by 31 authorized motor carriers.

Freight Delivery Times:

To:	By Rail:	By Truck:
Atlanta	2 days	1 day
Baltimore	3 days	3 days
Chicago	4 days	3 days
Houston	6 days	3 days
New York	4 days	4 days
St. Louis	4 days	4 days
San Francisco	6 days	5 days

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Name	Product or Service	Employees
Abbeville Manufacturing Co., Inc.	Jeans	150
Abbeville Shirtmakers, Inc.	Shirts and blouses	220
Bloomsburg Mills, Inc.	Synthetic fabrics	321
Flexible Technologies	Tubing and accessories	370
Milliken & Company (2 plants)	Synthetic and automotive fabric	855
Pirelli Cable Corp.	Electrical wire and cable	284

The Greenville-Spartanburg Airport, 65 miles from the community, offers regularly scheduled commercial airline service on Piedmont, American, Bankair, Eastern, Sunbird, Delta, and U.S. Air. Private aircraft utilize Davis Field, two miles away, which has a paved and lighted 2,240-foot runway.

FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

A Foreign Trade Zone is located in Summerville, South Carolina, 25 miles from the Port of Charleston and 164 miles from the community. The Foreign Trade Zone allows manufacturers to store, manufacture, or process goods without paying U.S. Customs duties or worrying about quota compliance. This Foreign Trade Zone is served by a multimode transportation network which provides excellent accessibility to market areas.

TAXES

The assessment on industrial property in South Carolina is 10.5% of the market value. New industry is granted a five-year moratorium on general county taxes (with the exception of school taxes). The city tax rate is \$9.70 per \$100 of assessed value. The county rate is \$12.00 per \$100 of assessed value. The effective city tax rate (tax liability per \$100 of market value) is \$1.02. The effective county rate is \$1.26. The state has no tax on a manufacturer's inventories, goods-in-process, raw materials or finished goods. Treatment facilities or equipment of manufacturing plants which control water or air pollution are exempt from all property taxation.

INDUSTRIAL SITES

Industrial sites are available in Abbeville with a wide range of geographic and topographic features. In all probability, a site that will meet the needs of most industries' requirements has been identified, catalogued, and entered into the State Development Board's Computerized Site Selection System. Detailed site information is available and will be furnished upon request.

For Additional Information Contact:

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