

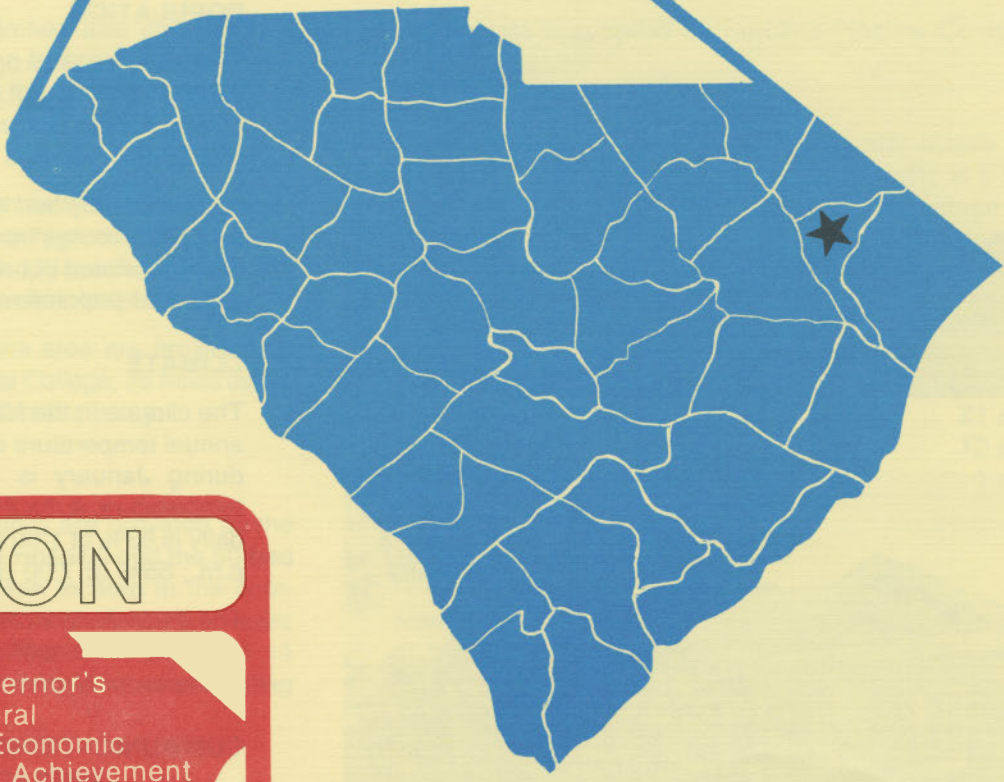
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# MARION

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MARION

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A GREAT TOWN

Governor's Rural Economic Achievement Trophy

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in the city. Telephone service in the community is provided by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

#### **GOVERNMENT**

The community has a mayor-council form of municipal government. The six city council members and the mayor are elected for four year terms. Marion County is governed locally by a council-administrator form of government, whose members are elected for four year terms.

#### **POLICE AND FIRE**

The Marion Police Department has 17 full-time police officers. The department operates five radio equipped patrol cars. The Marion Fire Department has three full-time firemen who operate five pumper trucks. Marion's insurance rating is Class 7.

#### **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

Marion has three banks and two savings and loan associations to serve the needs of the community. The banks have total assets of over \$3 billion, while the savings and loans have assets of \$102 million.

#### **HOTELS AND MOTELS**

The community has two motels with a total of 66 overnight accommodations.

#### **CHURCHES**

Marion has 19 Protestant churches and one Catholic church located in the community. A Jewish house of worship is located in Florence, 22 miles away.

#### **EDUCATION**

Marion School District One has three elementary schools, one junior high school, and one high school. The student/teacher ratio is 19 to 1, with 174 teachers and 3,389 students. Private schooling is available in the city.

Higher education facilities for the area are provided by the Florence-Darlington Technical College, 25 miles away, and Francis Marion College, 15 miles away.

#### **MEDICAL SERVICES**

Medical services for the community are provided by the 82-bed Marion County Memorial Hospital and the 50-bed English Park Medical Center, both located in the community. Mullins Hospital, located in Mullins, eight miles away, has a total of 80 beds. The community has 14 privately-practicing doctors and five privately-practicing dentists.

#### **RECREATION AND CIVIC FACILITIES**

Recreation facilities in the community consist of two public swimming pools, three recreation centers and seven lighted tennis courts, all under the supervision of a full-time recreation director. The city also has one theater, three parks and four playgrounds. The Dusty Hills Coun-

try Club has an 18-hole golf course, tennis courts and clubhouse. The nearby Little Pee Dee and Great Pee Dee Rivers provide areas for fishing and water sports recreation. Little Pee Dee State Park, 17 miles away, has facilities for camping, fishing, swimming and picnicking. Marion is 45 miles from South Carolina's Grand Strand coastal resorts.

#### **POWER**

Electric power is supplied by Carolina Power & Light company (CP&L). CP&L has firm generation capacity of 8000 megawatts and forecasts sufficient reserves to accommodate industrial growth in its service area. Economical power from nuclear energy accounts for a major portion of CP&L's generation and serves to keep the company's rates below the national average. Usually CP&L will install, at no cost to the customer, the necessary equipment to supply the electrical requirements. Alternative rate schedules are available to the industrial customer with the most economical rate for a specific application determined by the characteristics of the user's consumption.

Electric power is also available from Pee Dee Electric Cooperative. Power is generated by Central Electric Cooperative and South Carolina Public Service Authority. The generation capacity of plants in operation or under construction totals 3,435 megawatts with 73% produced from coal. Inter-tie connections are maintained with neighboring power supplies.

#### **FUEL**

Natural gas is supplied by Carolina Pipeline Company.

#### **WATER**

The community obtains its municipal water supply from seven deep wells, capable of supplying water at a maximum rate of 4.1 million gallons per day. The average daily demand is 1.1 million gallons. Treated water storage consists of 1.2 million gallons in elevated storage.

Analysis of water supplied in the community:

Total solids	N/A
Alkalinity	102 mg/L
Calcium	21 mg/L
Hardness	10 mg/L
Iron	1 mg/L
pH	8.4

#### **SEWER**

Marion utilizes an activated sludge plant, which is capable of treating 3.5 million gpd with an average flow of 2.0 million gallons per day.

#### **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, earn-

ings 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

Marion is served by two interstate highways, I-95 (25 miles away) and I-20, two United States highways and two South Carolina highways. The community is served by the Seaboard Systems Railroad. Marion has 33 authorized motor carriers, 19 of which have terminal facilities in near-by Florence.

#### Freight Delivery Times:

To:	By Rail:	By Truck:
Atlanta	3 days	1 day
Boston	5 days	4 days
Chicago	5 days	4 days
Houston	6 days	4 days
New York	4 days	4 days
St. Louis	6 days	3 days
San Francisco	12 days	6 days

The Florence Municipal Airport, 22 miles from the community, offers regularly scheduled commercial airline service on Atlantis and Trans-Southern. Private aircraft utilize the Marion County Airport, three miles away, which has a paved and lighted 4,500-foot runway. Services available at the Marion County Airport are tiedowns, 100LL and Jet

A fuels, RBn, Unicom and Vortac. Other aviation services are available at Florence.

### FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

There is a Foreign Trade Zone located in Charleston, South Carolina, 115 miles away. 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 multi-mode transportation network which provides excellent accessibility to market areas.

### TAXES

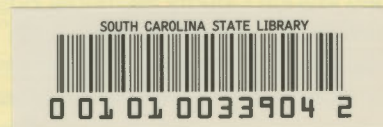
The assessment on industrial property in South Carolina is 10.5% of the market value. New industry is granted a five-year moratorium on general county taxes (with the exception of school taxes). The city tax rate is \$9.10 per \$100 of assessed value. The county rate is \$16.10 per \$100 of assessed value. The effective city tax rate (tax liability per \$100 of market value) is \$.96. The effective county rate is \$1.69. 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 Marion 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.

### MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Name	Product or Service	Employees
AVM of South Carolina	Auto components, screw machine products	444
Blumenthal Mills, Inc.	Damask mattress fabric	244
Coastal Coca Cola Bottling Co.	Soft drinks	189
Heritage Sportswear	Men's & boys' sweaters & shirts	500
L'eggs Products, Inc.	Panty hose	594
Raytex Corporation	Home furnishings	178
Russell Stover Candies, Inc.	Candy	452



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