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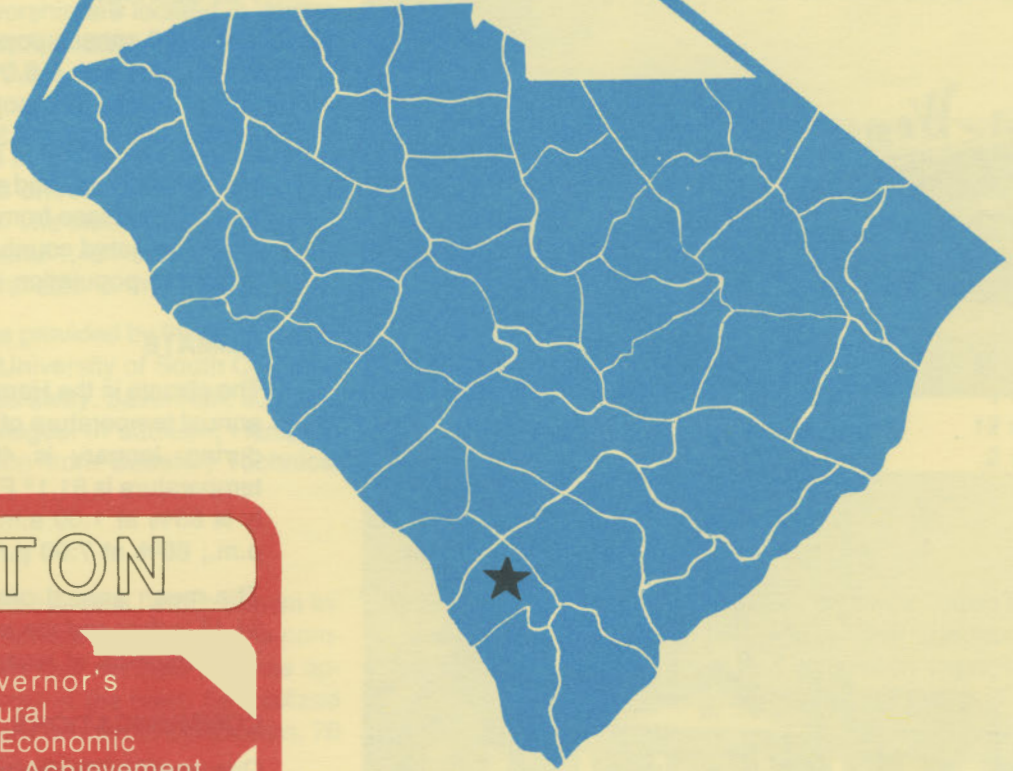
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STATE DOCUMENTS





Hampton General Hospital



Hampton County Courthouse



Westinghouse Electric Corp.



Hampton Town Hall

LOCATION

As depicted on the cover, Hampton, seat of Hampton County, is in the southern section of the state. Charleston, South Carolina's busiest port, is 70 miles east. Columbia is 78 miles north and Greenville is 174 miles northwest. Hampton is 233 miles east of Atlanta; 775 miles south of New York; and 2,756 miles east of San Francisco.



POPULATION

The 1980 census population of the city of Hampton was 3,143. This was a 6.0% increase from the 1970 population of 2,966. The population within a 15-mile radius is 29,457 and within a 30-mile radius is 101,167.

Hampton County had a 1980 census population of 18,159, a 14.4% increase from the 1970 population of 15,878. The 1985 estimated county population is 19,300 and the 1990 projected population is 21,000.

CLIMATE

The climate in the Hampton area is temperate with a mean annual temperature of 65.9° F. The average temperature during January is 49.9° F, while the average July temperature is 81.1° F. The average relative humidity daily is 83% at 1:00 a.m.; 86% at 7:00 a.m.; 54% at 1:00 p.m.; 68% at 7:00 p.m.

The mean annual precipitation in the Hampton area is 51.15 inches and the average growing season is 238 days. The elevation of Hampton is 100 feet above sea level.

COMMUNICATIONS

One weekly, *The Guardian*, is published in Hampton. Four daily newspapers circulate in the community. Radio station WBHC-AM/FM provides local broadcast coverage. Television reception is available on eight channels, representing the three major networks and ETV. HBO is also available in the community. United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc. provides telephone service.

GOVERNMENT

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

POLICE AND FIRE

The Hampton Police Department has six full-time police officers. The department operates six radio equipped patrol cars. The Hampton Fire Department has five full-time and 20 volunteer firemen who operate three pumper trucks. Hampton's insurance rating is Class 7.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Hampton has two banks and one savings and loan association to serve the financial needs of the community. The banks have total assets of \$87.8 million, while the savings and loan has assets of \$323 million.

HOTELS AND MOTELS

Over 500 motel rooms are available in Allendale, 14 miles away. Several meeting and banquet facilities are available in the town. Motel rooms are also available at Yemassee, 16 miles away and Walterboro, 28 miles away.

CHURCHES

Hampton has 20 Protestant churches and a Catholic church. Jewish houses of worship are located in Walterboro, 28 miles away, and in Allendale, 14 miles away.

EDUCATION

Hampton, which is included in Hampton District #1, has two elementary schools and one high school, which includes vocational education. The student/teacher ratio is 17.5 to 1, with 85 teachers and 1,491 students. In addition, private schooling is available in the area.

Higher education facilities are provided by the Salkehatchie Regional Campus of the University of South Carolina, located in Allendale, 14 miles away. Savannah, 63 miles away, has two four-year colleges. In addition, Hampton County has a TEC Extension from Beaufort Technical College.

MEDICAL SERVICES

The 68-bed Hampton General Hospital, which has an intensive care unit, provides medical facilities for the community. Four medical doctors, four dentists and one optometrist have private practices in the town. Specialized medical treatment facilities are located in Charleston, 70 miles away and Beaufort, 49 miles away.

RECREATION AND CIVIC FACILITIES

Hampton has three parks which are equipped for picnicking, tennis and volleyball. Lake Warren, five miles away, provides excellent fishing for anglers. The Hampton County Country Club, two miles away, has an 18-hole golf

course and swimming pool. A swimming pool, dance pavilion and skating rink are located in Varnville, two miles from Hampton. Hampton and Varnville sponsor a summer recreation program with organized competition in baseball, softball and tennis. Hampton is within an hour's drive of several coastal resorts.

POWER

Electric power is available to the community and surrounding areas from South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Palmetto Electric Cooperative. During 1985, SCE&G projects a system reserve of 38.2% with an existing generating capacity of 3,959 megawatts. SCE&G is committed to having sufficient reserves to meet the immediate and future energy requirements of its service area. Being a major exporter of electric power, SCE&G maintains intertie connections with five neighboring utilities.

Electric power for Palmetto Electric Cooperative is supplied by Central Electric Power Cooperative and South Carolina Public Service Authority. The generation capacity of plants in operation or under construction totals over 3,200 megawatts with approximately 73% produced from coal. Interconnections are maintained with all neighboring power suppliers. Sufficient reserves are available to meet immediate and future industrial power requirements. Economic Development Incentive Rates are available for qualifying industries.

FUELS

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

WATER

Hampton obtains its municipal water supply from four wells. The system has a maximum capacity of 1.67 million gpd and operates at an average demand of 188,000 gpd. Treated water storage is 225,000 gallons in elevated storage and 100,000 gallons in ground storage.

Analysis of water supplied in the community:

Total solids	N/A
Alkalinity	110 mg/L
Calcium	4 mg/L
Hardness	12 mg/L
Iron	.2 mg/L
pH	8.0

SEWER

Hampton uses a multi-cell aerated lagoon followed by intermittent sand filter to dispose of the community's wastewater. The system has a maximum capacity for 800,000 gpd and currently averages 600,000 gpd.

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

Hampton is served by one interstate highway, I-95 (18 miles), three United States highways, and one South Carolina highway. The community is served by the Seaboard System Railroad. Hampton has 34 authorized motor carriers serving the community.

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

The Savannah Municipal Airport, 63 miles away, offers regularly scheduled commercial airline service on Delta, Eastern, Piedmont, American and New York. Private aircraft utilize the Hampton-Varnville Airport, two miles away, which has one paved and lighted 3,580-foot runway. Among the services available at the airport are 100LL fuel, RBn and Abvortac.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Name	Product or Service	Employees
Reichhold Chemicals Inc.	Formaldehyde	11
Southland Energy	Refuse treatment	21
T.O. Plastics	Industrial plastics	10
Westinghouse Electric Corp.	Decorative laminates	990

FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

A Foreign Trade Zone is located in Summerville, South Carolina, 25 miles from the Port of Charleston and 45 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 \$4.80 per \$100 of assessed value. The county rate is \$16.30 per \$100 of assessed value. The effective city tax rate (tax liability per \$100 of market value) is \$.50. The effective county rate is \$1.71. 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 Hampton 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.

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