

Positive Economic Trends Occurring in South Carolina

Population Growth

South Carolina grew by 1.29% in 2009, the 10th largest percentage increase, adding almost 58,000 people. Of these, more than 31,000 moved into the state, making South Carolina the 5th most popular United States relocation destination.

Top Ten States for Labor Force Growth, 2002-2009

State	Growth	Ranking
Nevada	21.071%	1
Arizona	17.636%	2
Utah	14.792%	3
Washington	14.157%	4
Florida	13.682%	5
South Carolina	12.678%	6
Virginia	12.107%	7
Texas	11.072%	8
Colorado	10.421%	9
Idaho	9.998%	10

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Ten Fastest-Growing States, 2002-2009

State	Growth	Ranking
Nevada	22.0%	1
Arizona	21.0%	2
Utah	19.3%	3
Idaho	15.2%	4
Georgia	14.5%	5
Texas	14.1%	6
North Carolina	12.8%	7
Colorado	11.6%	8
South Carolina	11.1%	9
Florida	11.1%	10

Source: Population Estimates, US Census Bureau

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- Richard Anderson, vice president and general manager, Integrated Technical Solutions Division, BAE Systems

South Carolina Migration of All College-Educated Individuals, 2004-2008

Year	In Migration	Out Migration	Net Migration	US Ranking
2004	39,366	22,083	+17,283	3
2005	37,047	21,415	+15,632	5
2006	31,147	23,906	+7,241	9
2007	35,847	25,053	+10,794	6
2008	20,297	13,262	+7,035	4

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey