

# DESTINATION CLARENDON

A RELOCATION GUIDE TO CLARENDON COUNTY | 2018

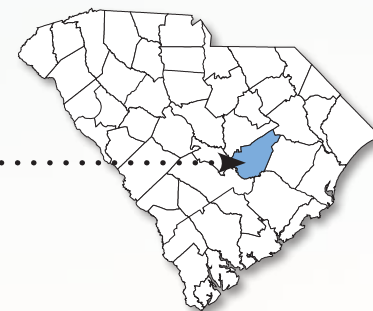




## CLARENDON COUNTY

# Destination Clarendon

*The hidden gem of the Palmetto State*



**W**elcome to Clarendon County, the hidden gem of the Palmetto State. Ripe with nature and full of possibilities, you're sure to fall in love with our area. Home to Lake Marion, the largest lake in South Carolina, we are an outdoor enthusiast's dream destination. Fishing, boating, hunting and golf are just a few favorite pastimes found in our county.

We are centrally located, just a quick drive to Columbia, the state capital, historic Charleston and pristine beaches from the Lowcountry to the Grand Strand.

Historic 301 makes its way through our county and we are conveniently located on the I-95 corridor.

Please take time to explore our county and be prepared to be impressed with what you discover!







## CLARENDON COUNTY

# Destination Lifestyle

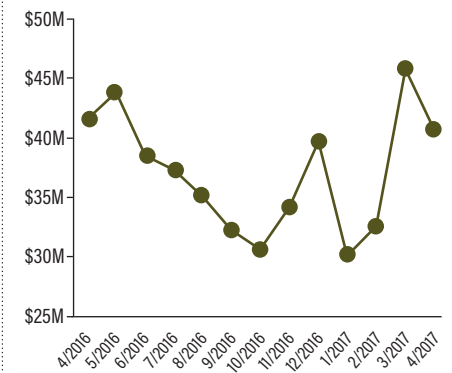
*A charming way of life*



Weldon Auditorium



## RETAIL SALES in Clarendon County April 2016 - April 2017



Source: S.C. Department of Revenue

Clarendon County consists of four incorporated towns; Manning, Paxville, Summerton and Turbeville, as well as miles of beautiful rural countryside.

Quaint shops and eateries can be found throughout the town of Manning. The historic county courthouse is located in the heart of town. Circa 1858, the courthouse remains a beautiful focal point

of the city and underwent a refurbishment in recent years.

Family owned and operated bistros, bakeries and farm fresh produce can be found in the towns of Summerton and Paxville.

Several shops and restaurants line the streets of Turbeville. The town hosts numerous sporting events and tournaments at its recreation complex throughout the year.

### FAST FACT

The sales tax in  
Clarendon County  
is 8%





**CLARENDON COUNTY**

# Destination Healthcare

*McLeod Health Clarendon provides the services you need at the highest quality*

**M**cLeod Health Clarendon is here to provide you and your family with the highest-quality healthcare available.

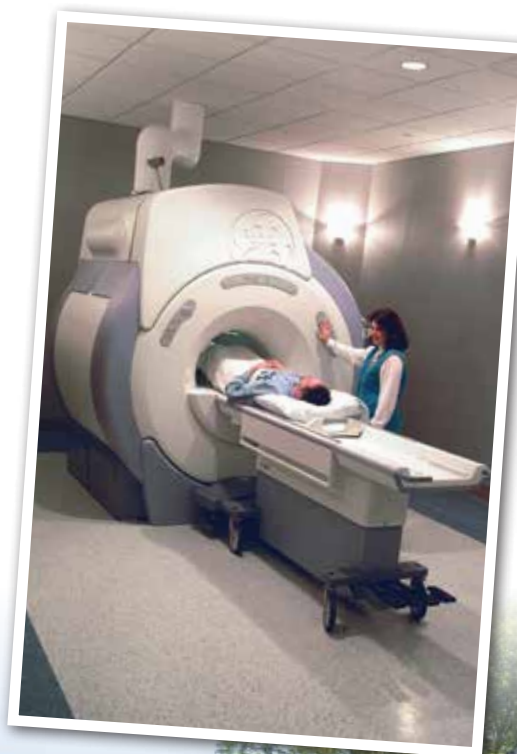
Our highly-skilled physicians and medical staff provide a wide range of medical services designed to meet the unique needs of the communities we serve. As part of the McLeod Health system, McLeod

Health Clarendon patients have access to all the services, skills, and technology that make us the choice for medical excellence in our region.

McLeod Health Clarendon offers a wide variety of services. We are committed to the continued growth of our services to meet the ongoing needs of patients in and around Clarendon County.

These are exciting times at McLeod Health Clarendon. We have the services you need *Here and Now*.

803-433-3000 | [McLeodHealthClarendon.org](http://McLeodHealthClarendon.org)  
10 East Hospital Street, Manning, S.C. 29102



## McLeod Health Clarendon Services

### Services Include:

Cardiology

Diagnostic Imaging:

- Mammography
- CT Scan
- MRI

EMS

General Surgery

Health & Wellness Center

Spa Services

Home Health

Hospice

Infusions

Laboratory Services

Nerve Conduction

OB/GYN

- Laparoscopic
- Labor & Delivery
- Centering Site

Orthopaedics

Pain Management

Pediatrics

Podiatry

Rehabilitation Program

- Cardiac
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy

Sleep Study Program

Swing Bed Unit

Transport Service

Urology

Wound Care



# Destination Education

*Providing a solid foundation for academic excellence*



Clarendon County is home to three public school districts (Clarendon Districts 1, 2 and 3).

Several renowned private institutions can also be found here including Laurence Manning Academy and Clarendon Hall.

Our schools are striving for excellence and have received honorable recognition such as:

- Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards for Academic Performance

- NAEYC Certification
- Highest in the region ACT & SAT scores

Programs of interest involving our schools include:

- Special Olympics Project Unify (state winners)
- Boys State and Girls State attendees
- Early College Honors Program
- 1 to 1 learning environment
- Multi-cultural instructional staff

- Summer Arts Programs

We are also home to F.E. Dubose Career Center, as well as a satellite branch of Central Carolina Technical College. Partnerships with our high schools and higher education institutions lead to college credit and Associates Degrees for students enrolled in the Early College Honors Program.



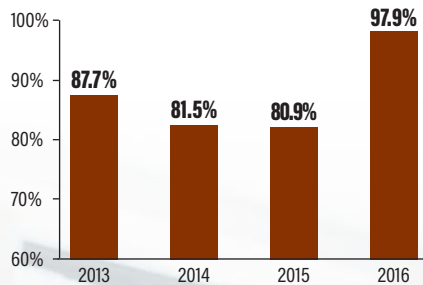


# Clarendon County school districts, by the numbers

## Clarendon District 1

Enrollment: 793  
Schools: 4  
Teachers: 54  
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects: 25.7 to 1  
Dollars Spent per pupil: \$13,280

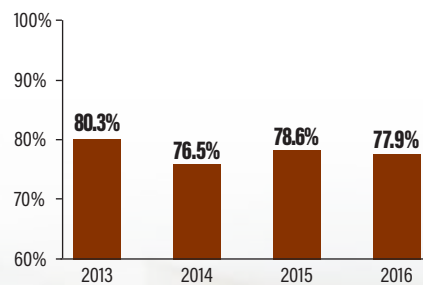
### District Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate



## Clarendon District 2

Enrollment: 2,979  
Schools: 6  
Teachers: 172  
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects: 28.8 to 1  
Dollars Spent per pupil: \$12,088

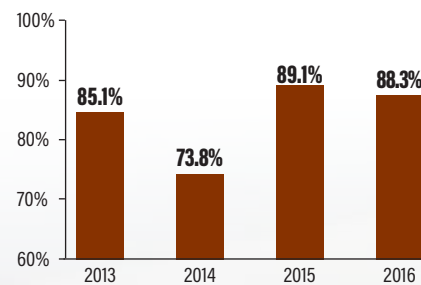
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## Clarendon District 3

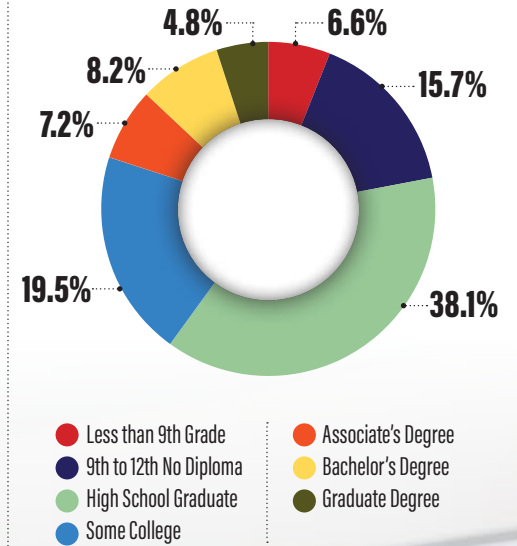
Enrollment: 1,234  
Schools: 2  
Teachers: 74  
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects: 20.4 to 1  
Dollars Spent per pupil: \$8,242

### District Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate



## Educational Attainment

Population 25 Years and Older



Source: S.C. Department of Education

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce



## CLARENDON COUNTY

# Destination Business and Industry

Uniquely situated along the growing **Interstate 95** corridor of opportunity with **6 interchanges**. Clarendon County offers six industrial sites located throughout its 607 square miles of business-friendly soil.

With ample infrastructure and green field sites ranging from  
◀ . . . **15 to 1400 acres and a 50,000 square foot speculative . . .** ▶  
**building** we are sure you will not only find the community welcoming, but a great place to sustain and grow your business.





The Port of Charleston is an **80 mile drive**. Container volumes were up 10% at the end of fiscal year 2017 compared with fiscal 2016, showing the port's continued growth.



International travel is within a **60-mile drive** through the Columbia Metropolitan Airport. The airport is also home to a UPS hub.



## READY FOR BUSINESS

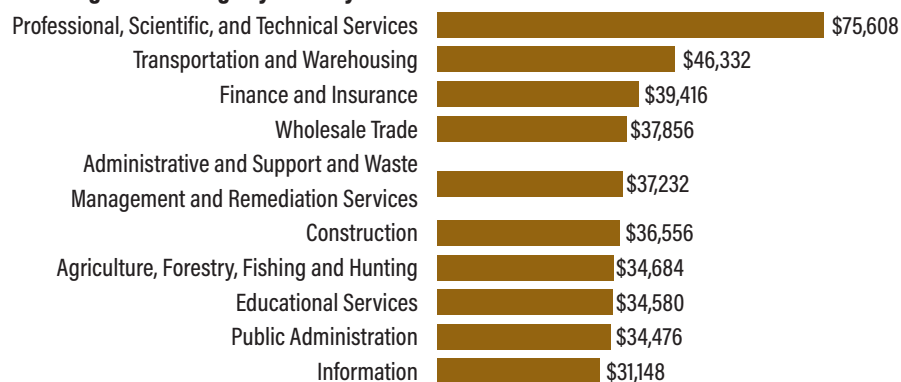
- Some of the more well-known companies that call Clarendon County home include, **Bicycle Corporation of America, Trimaco, Meritor and Georgia Pacific** to name a few.
- With an **ample labor force of over 200,000 within a 60-minute drive time**, Clarendon County offers what your business needs to be successful.
- Clarendon County offers a **very aggressive incentive structure** and is willing to partner with prospective companies to ensure success.
- All properties in Clarendon County are County Owned and **certified to South Carolina Department of Commerce standards**.

## Working in Clarendon County, by the numbers

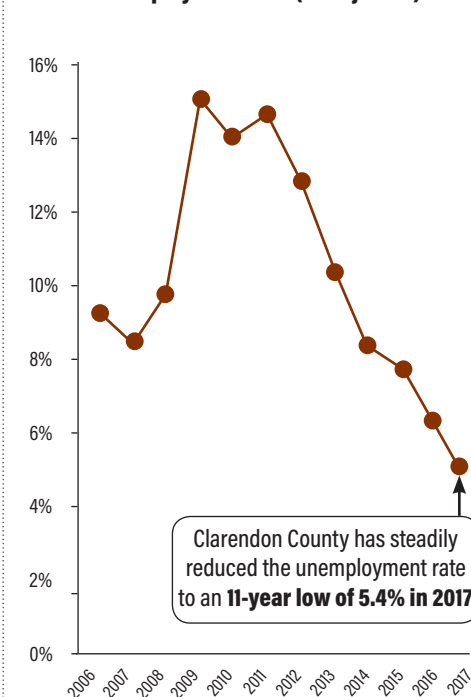
### Top 10 Industries by Employment



### Top 10 Average Annual Wage by Industry



### Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)



Source: S.C. Department of Revenue

## CLARENDON COUNTY

# Destination Recreation

*Experience nature's playground*



## MUST SEE



### **Santee National Wildlife Refuge**

Established in 1941, in Clarendon County, the Santee National Wildlife Refuge is 13,000 acres on the north shore of Lake Marion, the largest lake in South Carolina.

Our moderate weather allows for year-round outdoor recreation. Tee off at one of our signature golf courses and enjoy a challenging game.

The Clarendon County Recreation Department offers an array of organized sports for varying ages including a year-round youth golf program, unique to our area.

Lake Marion is known for signature fishing and is the birthplace of the original

land locked striped bass. Each year numerous fishing tournaments are held on the expansive lake, including Cabela's King Kat and the F.L.W.

Lake Marion visitors can travel to Charleston by boat from Clarendon County through the locks making a day trip to the Holy City an accessible possibility and a delightful way to avoid typical downtown traffic.

There are several camp opportunities

for children found in Clarendon County as well including Camp Woodie and Camp Leopold, which are both wildlife focused. Camp Bob Cooper is the home of Clarendon County 4-H camp.

Numerous festivals and events are held throughout the year in Clarendon County including the famous Striped Bass Festival held in April of each year.

Weldon Auditorium is known as the cultural hub of the county. Built in 1954





*The annual Striped Bass Festival celebrates fishing throughout the county and the arrival of Spring.*

as the auditorium for Manning High School, it survived the fire that burned the rest of the original school. Weldon underwent a restoration and in 2010 reopened its doors as a venue for multiple cultural arts programs and events. From concerts to band performances to ballets,

Weldon hosts an array of events and activities and is also home to an art gallery.

The Summerton Cultural Arts Center was the former Summerton High School Gymnasium and has hosted many nationally known performers such as The Lettermen, The Diamonds and Lee



*Many outdoor recreation opportunities can be found throughout the county.*

Greenwood.

The Palmetto Trail runs through Clarendon County and is South Carolina's premier cross-state trail for hiking, backpacking, cycling, mountain biking, camping and other active outdoor recreation.

### Clarendon County tours:

- The American Revolution in Clarendon County, SC
- Swamp Fox Murals Trail
- Francis Marion Trail Commission Clarendon Tour
- Manning Commercial Historic District Walking Tour
- Manning Residential Historic District Walking Tour

## Clarendon County Parks



### J.C. Britton Park

803-473-3543

3057 Raccoon Rd.  
Manning, SC 29102

- 4 Baseball/Softball Fields
- 2 Playgrounds
- 2 Basketball Courts
- 2 Tennis Courts
- 1 Picnic Shelter
- 1 Concession Facility

### Taw Caw Park

803-473-3543

7212 Wash Davis Rd.  
Summerton, SC 29148

- 36 Acre Park on Taw Caw Creek
- 1 Boat Landing
- 4 Fishing Piers
- 1 Playground
- 2 Picnic Shelters and Numerous Picnic Tables and Grills
- 1 Volleyball Court
- Boardwalk

### Walker Gamble Park

803-473-3543

2496 Walker Gamble Rd.  
New Zion, SC 29111

- 1 Baseball/Softball Field
- 1 Basketball Court
- 1 Tennis Court

### Davis Station Park

803-473-3543

5467 Moses Dingle Rd.  
Davis Station, SC 29041

- 1 Baseball/Softball Field



## CLARENDON COUNTY

# Destination History

*Take a step back in time*

Original settlers of the area included the Scots-Irish and the Huguenots who came here to avoid religious persecution. They traveled inland from Charleston around 1700 and received land grants in our area.

Clarendon County is named for Edward Hyde, the Earl of Clarendon. He

was Lord High Chancellor of England and was appointed Lord Proprietor over this area.

Many areas of historical significance can be found throughout the county.

Revolutionary War battles were forged in Clarendon County prior to the establishment of Manning, the county

seat. The Swamp Fox Murals Trail Society provides unique attractions for residents and visitors alike. The Society was formed in 2004 as an effort to promote and preserve the history of General Francis Marion with murals depicting scenes from the American Revolution, which can be found throughout the county.

Trace the steps of General Francis Marion in the very place where he earned the Swamp Fox moniker and visit the hallowed ground on which Revolutionary War battles were forged.

Our very own Summerton was instrumental in leading the nation's Civil Rights movement in the late 1940's with





the Briggs v. Elliott case, which was part of Brown v. Board of Education.

The Manning post office opened on June 25, 1856 and court was first held in the Clarendon County courthouse on April 19, 1858.

In recent years Clarendon County has seen a great deal of restoration and many historic buildings have been refurbished and are now home to several businesses. Manning's town hall was once the first hotel in town.



#### Notable people from Clarendon County Home to five S.C. governors

- James Burchill Richardson, *served 1802-1804*
- Richard Irvine Manning I, *served 1824-1826*
- John Peter Richardson II, *served 1840-1842*
- John Lawrence Manning, *served 1852-1854*
- John Peter Richardson III, *served 1886-1890*

**Anne Worsham Richardson**, renowned artist known for her paintings of birds

**Peggy Parish**, famed children's author best known for her *Amelia Bedelia* series

In the early 1950s, **Althea Gibson** became the first African-American to compete in both the US National Tennis Championships and Wimbledon. In 1960, she became the first African-American to compete on the women's professional golf tour.



**Marion McKnight**, Miss America 1957

## HISTORIC SCENE



### Wagon Travel Mural

From the historical marker at the mural site, "During the American Revolution, travel was slow and hard work. Wagons needed to stop often since wooden axles and wooden wheels required grease and maintenance. Marion's militia was documented as traveling fifty miles through the swamps at night on horseback. Most travel from Nelson's Ferry to Camden was along the Santee Path just west of here. This Patriot gives directions to Marion's camp near Jack's Creek." The mural was funded by the town of Summerton and the Swamp Fox Mural Trail Society.

## CLARENDON COUNTY

# Destination Home

*Live your best life here*



## NEW JOBS



**W**e are uniquely familiar. We are nostalgic. We are tranquility. We are Clarendon County.

A place where natural wonders embrace relaxing lifestyles. Where you are in the midst of it all yet only a short drive from mountain tops to sandy shores. A place to retreat from the noise of a busy lifestyle.

*Look no further...  
Destination Home*

### Manning

Manning was named after Governor John Laurence Manning in 1855. The first mayor, Dr. George Allen Huggins, declared Manning to be a “garden spot” and today beautiful plants and trees bloom throughout town.

Over the years Manning has overcome more than its fair share of destruction both from war and from natural disasters. In 1865 much of the town was destroyed

during Potter’s Raid. Thirty years later, a fire ravaged the area and in 1915 a tornado swept through destroying many buildings in its path. In the fall of 1989 Hurricane Hugo, a category four hurricane, devastated all of Clarendon County. Many of Manning’s oldest homes and buildings were heavily damaged or destroyed.

Today, Manning is home to many shops and restaurants and is a convenient stop off I-95. Many historic buildings have

### Volvo Plant in Ridgeville, S.C.

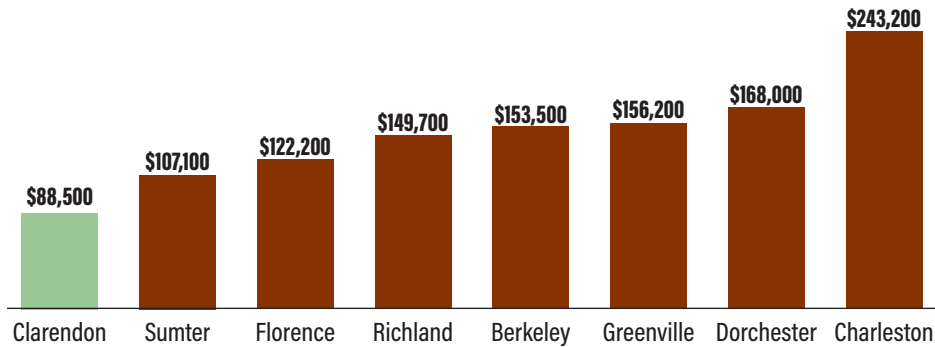
With more than \$1 billion invested, and the promise of 4,000 jobs, the opening of Volvo’s North American plant will transform South Carolina. Commuters living in Clarendon County will avoid the traffic in the Charleston area, have a lower cost of living and be able to live the quieter lake life along the shores of Lake Marion.



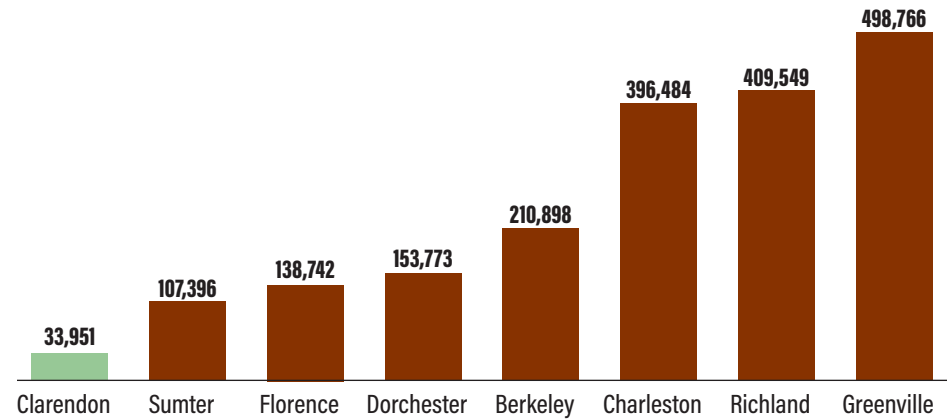
# Comparing Clarendon County

Clarendon County has a smaller population and a much more affordable cost for a home than other counties in the area.

**Median Housing Value, by County**



**2016 Population Estimates, by County**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

been restored and the town exudes Southern charm.

## Paxville

Paxville is located in the western part of Clarendon County and dates back to the mid 1700s when George III of England gave 10,000 acres of land in South Carolina to a relative. In the 1820s Paxville was receiving regular mail deliveries from Charleston and Northwestern Railroad cut through the center of town leading to the development of a depot. The Great Depression devastated this rural town and eventually the rail-

road closed the depot. Today, Paxville offers its residents several places of worship and a park for recreation.

## FAST FACTS

Population: ..... 33,971

Median Household Income: ..... \$33,612

Number of Companies: ..... 2,756

Number of Veterans: ..... 2,565

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Summerton

Summerton marks the southern border of Clarendon County. It was first known as the "Summer Town" when residents of the Charleston area would travel up the Santee River seeking relief from the heat and mosquitoes. The first home in Summerton can be traced back to 1820, although the town was not chartered until 1889. A lumber mill, cannery and garment factory once provided

many jobs and potential for economic growth. Today, 12 antebellum homes remain in the area. Shops and restaurants occupy historic buildings along downtown streets.

## Turbeville

Turbeville borders Clarendon County to the north and was first established between 1870 and 1875 by William J Turbeville. The first post office opened in 1898 and the town was chartered 16 years later. The large number of long-leaf pine trees inspired the creation of a turpentine mill. The owners of the mill bled the pines of their sap to create turpentine. They then opened



a sawmill and harvested the pines they used in their turpentine business for lumber. The Great Depression also devastated this town along with the rest of the county. Several shops and restaurants now line the streets of Turbeville. Beautification and revitalization grants have led to many improvements and growth in recent years.

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