

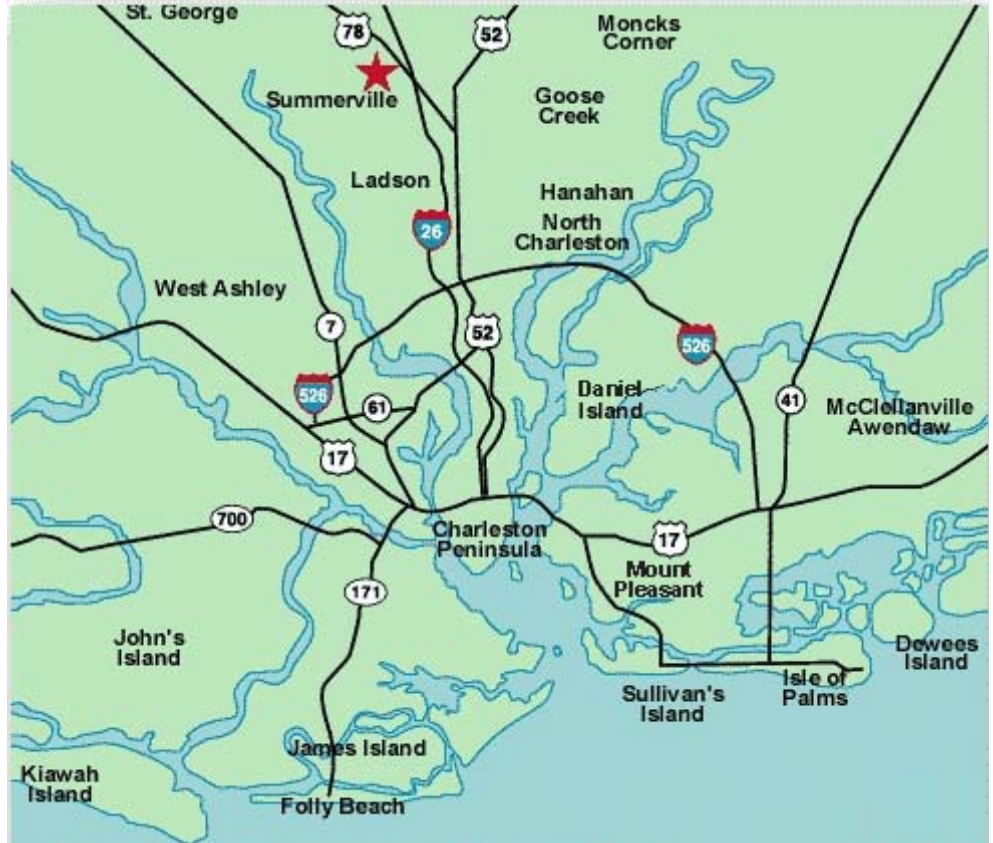
RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES

The Charleston region encompasses nearly 3,200 square miles (8,200 square kilometers), about two and one-half times as large as the state of Rhode Island.

Residential areas are spread throughout the region's three counties, offering a wide array of living options.

The growing demand for housing has spawned a number of new residential opportunities, and most price ranges are well represented.

From rural to urban, beachside to lakeside, you'll find it all in the Charleston region.



Daniel Island

www.danielisland.com

Daniel Island is a 4,000-acre master-planned community conveniently located just minutes from historic downtown Charleston and the beaches of Sullivan's Island and the Isle of Palms. Daniel Island features more than 20 miles of rivers and creeks, neighborhood and private docks for fishing, boating, and swimming. It also boasts more than 400 acres of parks and is home to the private Daniel Island Club and its new Tom Fazio golf course, as well as the Family Circle Cup women's tennis tournament. Much of the island is contained within the city limits of Charleston.



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Folly Beach

www.cityoffollybeach.com

Located just 15 minutes from historic downtown Charleston, Folly Beach is the area's original beach town. Folly was once a vacation resort but is now an incorporated community of over 2,000 year-round residents. Touted as "the Edge of America," Folly Beach offers an ocean-side location with a large dose

of individualism. With its excellent restaurants, fishing pier, shops, vintage beach cottages, fine homes, condominiums and laid back attitude, Folly Beach has become a favorite spot for tourists and locals alike.

Goose Creek

www.cityofgoosecreek.com

Goose Creek is the largest town in Berkeley County and has a population approaching 30,000. Its planned developments have become the model for new single-family homes in the Metro region, offering amenities from private boat docks to bicycle and jogging paths. The community offers numerous parks, tennis courts, ball fields and a country club.

Hanahan

www.bcoc.com

Located in the southern part of Berkeley County, Hanahan is a popular residential area, offering a wide selection of homes and apartments. Approximately 13,000 residents now live in the town, which has easy access to all the amenities of the Charleston Metro area.

Isle of Palms

www.iop.net

The approximately 4,500 residents of the Isle of Palms enjoy a beautiful seven-mile white beach, two world-class championship golf courses and tennis at Wild Dunes, a marina, restaurants, shops and fishing. With the opening of the Isle of Palms connector in 1994, islanders found themselves directly connected to Mt. Pleasant. This has provided much easier access to other areas of the region.



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James Island

www.townofjamesislandsc.org

James Island is a growing suburb of Charleston, with housing options ranging from comfortable older neighborhoods to fresh, newly developed areas. Streets and avenues lined with giant, moss-laden oak trees dominate the landscape. The Ashley and Stono Rivers border the island and make for great waterfront living and dining. James Island is just minutes from both Folly Beach and downtown Charleston, which explains the island's popularity. The James Island County Park is a scenic 640-acre park with boardwalks, miles of paved paths, a fishing/crabbing dock, walking trails, 12 acres of meadow, 16 acres of lagoons, an expansive playground area, picnic sites and a campground.

Johns Island

charlestoncounty.org

Johns Island, adjacent to Kiawah and Seabrook islands, is still semi-rural in nature, but a growing number of residential communities are under development along parts of its waterfront. Some of the best values in deepwater lots and large tracts of land are found on Johns Island today. The island is home to many of the purveyors who supply fresh produce, herbs and flowers to Charleston's restaurants and markets. Residents on or near Johns Island have access to the freshest fruits and vegetables in the region, sold at roadside stands and farmers markets throughout Charleston's long growing season.

Kiawah Island

www.kiawahisland.org

Kiawah Island is a 10,000-acre island with 10 miles of undisturbed Atlantic beach bordered by protective sand dunes. Wildlife abounds on the island, including more than 140 species of birds. More than 1,000 residents live at Kiawah, which is an easy 30-minute drive from Charleston. The island is a private community with access limited to property owners and guests. Championship golf, superb tennis facilities and fine specialty shops distinguish the island. Beachwalker County Park, on the west end of the island, is open to the public.



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Mt. Pleasant

www.townofmountpleasant.com

Founded in 1680, Mt. Pleasant played a pivotal role in both the area's and nation's history. Once a summertime haven for peninsula residents, today's Mt. Pleasant is the perfect combination of preservation and progress. With over 47,000 residents, Mt. Pleasant is now the sixth largest city in South Carolina.

The Old Village is considered the heart of the town, and contains homes dating to the early 1800s. Quaint retail shops and excellent restaurants are located near the Old Village and on Shem Creek. Residents may also enjoy the outdoors by taking advantage of the many parks, plantations and golf courses in the area.

Moncks Corner

www.bcoc.com

Moncks Corner is the county seat of Berkeley County. With approximately 6,000 residents, Moncks Corner offers small town charm with the amenities of Greater Charleston close by. Lake Moultrie, a 60,400-acre man-made lake, offers excellent fishing, water skiing, sailing, diving and swimming opportunities. The lake has 35 boat landings and 14 camping areas, and provides access to the Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean via the Cooper River.

North Charleston

www.northcharleston.org

The city of North Charleston is the largest in the north area of the region. Originally a suburb of Charleston, it has now grown into a flourishing city of nearly 80,000 people. Incorporated in 1972, the city has become the third largest municipality in South Carolina. North Charleston's central location and transportation facilities have made the city increasingly important as a business and transportation center. The Charleston International Airport, Amtrak Station, and some port facilities are all located there, as well as the Convention Center and North Charleston Coliseum.

North Charleston's outdoor activities and amenities include nearby Francis Beidler Forest, a 3,000-acre sanctuary for plant and animal life, containing the world's largest remaining virgin stand of bald cypress and tupelo trees. Water access for recreational boating and fishing is available on the Ashley and Cooper rivers.

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Peninsular Charleston

www.ci.charleston.sc.us

Charleston is one of America's most beautifully preserved cities, with a rich 300-year heritage. "A living museum," the city contains more than 3,500 historic homes and buildings dating from the 1690s. While thousands of visitors enjoy the historic district each year, residents also enjoy playing "tourist" in their own town.



Stores, restaurants, shops and offices are within easy strolling or biking distance from many of the residential areas of the Peninsula. Charleston's signature housing type is the "single house" – a narrow, street-hugging house with side piazzas. There are many other options, however, from marshfront condominiums to studio apartments to more conventional homes.

Seabrook Island

www.townofseabrookisland.org

Seabrook Island is a distinctive resort and residential community completely owned by its property owners. The island has just over 1,200 permanent residents whose homes are situated along the beach, marshes, lakes and golf courses. Sound environmental planning and strict architectural guidelines work together to create an atmosphere of comfortable homes nestled in natural settings of palmettos, oaks, magnolias, pines and myrtles. Championship golf, tennis courts in a racquet club setting, restaurants and shops are all located on the island. Seabrook's equestrian center is home to the annual Charleston Summer Classic Horse Show. Nearby Bohicket Marina has 300 slips available for all sizes of motor cruisers and sailing boats.

Sullivan's Island



www.sullivanisland.com

With a population of less than 2,000, Sullivan's Island offers a serene old-beach atmosphere with restaurants and pubs lining the main road. This three-mile long island features quiet residential neighborhoods with commercial development restricted to a three-block area. Access to the beautiful beach is found at the end of each street.

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Summerville

www.awod.com/gallery/sville

www.gsdccchamber.org/ourcommunity/index.html

Summerville, Dorchester County's largest city, is known for its simple charm, natural beauty, community spirit and historic past. With a population of nearly 28,000, Summerville boasts beautiful moss-draped streets and Victorian homes mixed with progressive new development. Other attributes include affordable housing options, a quality educational system, convenience to the city of Charleston and a variety of recreational opportunities. Freshwater



lakes, rivers and coastal saltwater areas offer boating, fishing and water sports activities.

Givhans Ferry State Park, Old Fort Dorchester State Park, Cypress Gardens, Old Santee Canal State Park and the Francis Beidler Forest are all havens for nature lovers. Each spring, Summerville hosts the Flowertown Festival, which brings in more than 200,000 visitors and residents to enjoy the town's multitude of azaleas and dogwood trees in full bloom.

St. George

www.dorchestercounty.net

Known as the "Town of Friendly People," St. George is a picture perfect setting for a small, rural southern town. A strong sense of family and religion has characterized St. George since its inception. Currently, around 2,000 residents call St. George home. Natural resources provide residents with some of the best hunting and fishing around. Located near Lakes Marion and Moultrie, and the Four Hole Swamp, the area has easy access to numerous recreation opportunities, including the Francis Beidler Forest and Edisto River Canoe and Kayak Trail.

West of the Ashley

www.ci.charleston.sc.us

A suburb area of Peninsular Charleston, West Ashley has continued to prosper since the 1950s. Its luxury apartments, 1960s-era neighborhoods, country club communities and newly established neighborhoods provide a variety of living options. The area is not only convenient to downtown Charleston, but also to dozens of restaurants, businesses and shopping facilities. Much of West Ashley falls within the city limits of Charleston.

Sources: *Welcome* (2002 Guide for New Residents to the Charleston Metro Area); *Guide to Greater Charleston South Carolina*; U.S. Census Bureau, S.C. State Data Center

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