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what's new... in Lexington County

Lexington County begins construction on new spec building

Located in the Saxe Gotha Industrial Park and inclusive to the Park's pharmaceuticals and life sciences hub, the building will be 104,000 sq. ft. and expandable to 195,000 sq. ft. It is being constructed on a 17-acre parcel with visibility from I-26. Ideal industry sectors targeted for the building are advanced manufacturing, life sciences, and pharmaceutical companies. Construction is anticipated to be completed by Spring 2021 and is available for sale. See pictures below.

For more information on the Lexington County Speculative Building, please click [here](#).



The 17-acre site in the Saxe Gotha Industrial Park where the spec building is under construction.



Rendering of the finished spec building.

Lexington County Economic Development launches new website

Highlighting the "Spirit of Opportunity" for doing business in Lexington County the new website directs investors and business leaders seeking a strong business environment in central South Carolina to look no further than Lexington County.

The site contains information useful to global site selection consultants and industry. It provides an enhanced user interface and an expanded suite of business resources including workforce characteristics, lifestyle, available real estate, and more. The new content and format provide focused branding for the County of Lexington Department of Economic Development. We encourage you to check it out at www.LexingtonCountyUSA.com. A sampling of data you will find on the site is below.

Sarah J. Johnson, Director
 Department of Economic Development

1.3% ANNUAL GROWTH RATE

Within the past decade, Lexington County's Civilian Labor Force grew by nearly 10%

6th LARGEST COUNTY

Lexington County is the 6th largest county in South Carolina by Population

4th LARGEST INDUSTRY

Manufacturing is Lexington County's 4th Largest Industry

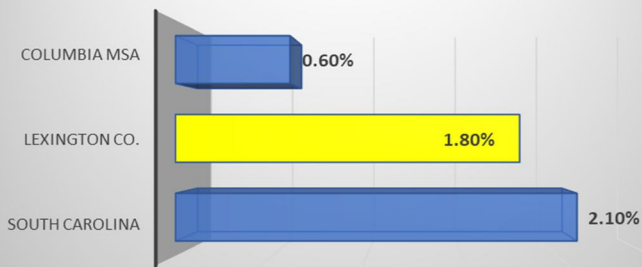


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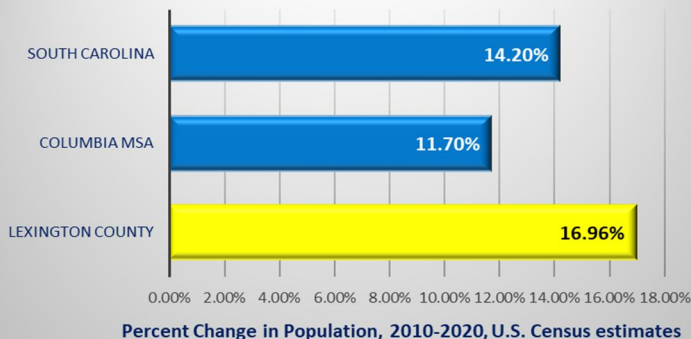
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ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

County 3-Year Employment Growth Keeps pace with State, August 2017 to August 2020



10-Year Growth in County Population Exceeds Region and State



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Not seasonally adjusted County employment in August was 144,074, an increase of 8,055 since April's COVID low. COVID-impacted employment reached a low of 136,019. Lexington County's 5.92% growth from April outpaced employment growth of the Columbia MSA (5.86%). August unemployment rate for the County was 4.7%.

Top Sectors in 1-Year Job Growth
1st qtr. 2019 to 1st qtr. 2020

Source: SC Works



Apex Tool Group Expanding

\$8.6 million investment will create 11 new jobs

A global leader in the manufacture of hand, electronic, and power tools is expanding in Lexington County. Apex is located on Industrial Drive.

Projects in the Pipeline

The County of Lexington, Department of Economic Development staff is working on 13 active projects. These projects have an estimated new investment potential of \$533.7 million, and the potential to create 1,155 new jobs. Of the 13 active projects, one is at the announcement pending stage valued at \$5.95 million in new investment with the creation of at least 240 new jobs.

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