



COUNTY *of* LEXINGTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SOUTH CAROLINA

What's New in Lexington County

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— FROM THE DIRECTOR —

Our 2022 Annual Report: Nearly \$500 Million Invested and 1,100 New Jobs

On October 20, The County of Lexington Department of Economic Development released our [Annual Report](#), highlighting our past fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

This report showcases Lexington County's 13 public announcements, representing \$448.7 million in capital investment and 1,107 new jobs to a workforce that's now nearing [150,000](#) people. Fittingly described in the report as Lexington County's "Spirit of Opportunity," our economic and population growth alike stem from years of intentionally building a business- and family-friendly climate.

As the strength of our business community are displayed in this year's Annual

Report, I'd also like to point out a few key points.

- **A Wide Range of Sectors:** This year's announcements reflect the diversity already built into our industrial and office base here in Lexington County. They include a producer of "superfood" ingredients, a maker of insulin patches, a builder of boats, a maker of strength-training equipment, an ammunition manufacturer, as well as a new field office for the FBI.

The largest investment is \$180 million for three different solar energy farms, followed by \$100 million for an expansion by Nephron Nitrile. Home Depot also continued expanding their distribution operations here, as did Spectrum at its large call center operation and Schattdecor's printing operation.

- **More Sites Ready for More Expansion:** The annual report highlights the current occupants and additional improvements underway at our Saxe Gotha, Batesburg-Leesville, and Chapin industrial parks. We also have new spec buildings that should be completed soon, and we're confident they'll be soon occupied.

In the report we also featured the 2021 Annual Business, Industry and Ally Appreciation event, where we had more than 100 golfers and nearly 30 corporate sponsors. This annual event is just one way we can thank our partners and allies for helping Lexington County's economy continue to grow and thrive.

Together, we've built a local economy that can both spread the wealth and absorb the economic challenges ahead because of the diversity of our industrial sectors and the quality of the companies that operate here and the workforce they employ.

Sincerely,



Sarah J. Johnson
Director, Department of Economic Development

— 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT —

CO. OF LEXINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SOUTH CAROLINA
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SAXE GOTHA INDUSTRIAL PARK
palmetto sites

BATESBURG-LEESVILLE INDUSTRIAL PARK
palmetto sites

INDUSTRIAL PARK
THE SC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
near the intersection of I-77 and I-26, already has prominent neighbors (Pharmaceuticals, Amazon Make on Demand, Dominion Neighbors, etc.).

PARK DEVELOPMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS
Construction to start in 2023 on extensive highway improvements on I-26 at Exit 119
New Building Pad 67-acre Lot 3 of +/- 380,000 square feet
New Building Pad 38-acre Parcel 11 of +/- 270,400 square feet (in progress)

BATESBURG-LEESVILLE INDUSTRIAL PARK
DESIGNATED PALMETTO SITE BY THE SC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Batesburg-Leesville Industrial Park, a 189-acre park ideal for new construction materials, metals and fabrication, and large industrial operations, is home to Fisher Tank, C.R. Jackson and Capital Concrete.

PARK DEVELOPMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS
Currently underway: anticipated completion of the widening to four lanes of Augusta Highway (U.S. 1)
New Building Pad 23-acre Parcel 1 of +/- 382,000 square feet (planning underway)

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— ANNOUNCEMENT NEWS —



AGP GROUP ESTABLISHING OPERATIONS IN LEXINGTON COUNTY

COUNTY

\$3.3 MILLION INVESTMENT WILL CREATE 35 NEW JOBS

[AGP Group](#), one of the world's leading specialty glazing manufacturers, today announced plans to establish its innovative [AGP eGlass](#) division in Lexington County. The company's \$3.3 million investment will create 35 new jobs.

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NEW \$4M EV CHARGER PRODUCTION FACILITY COMING TO WEST COLUMBIA

THE NEW SOUTH CAROLINA FACILITY WILL BE CAPABLE OF PRODUCING UP TO 10,000 CHARGERS PER YEAR

[ABB Inc.](#), the world's largest manufacturer of electric vehicle chargers, is opening a new facility in West Columbia.

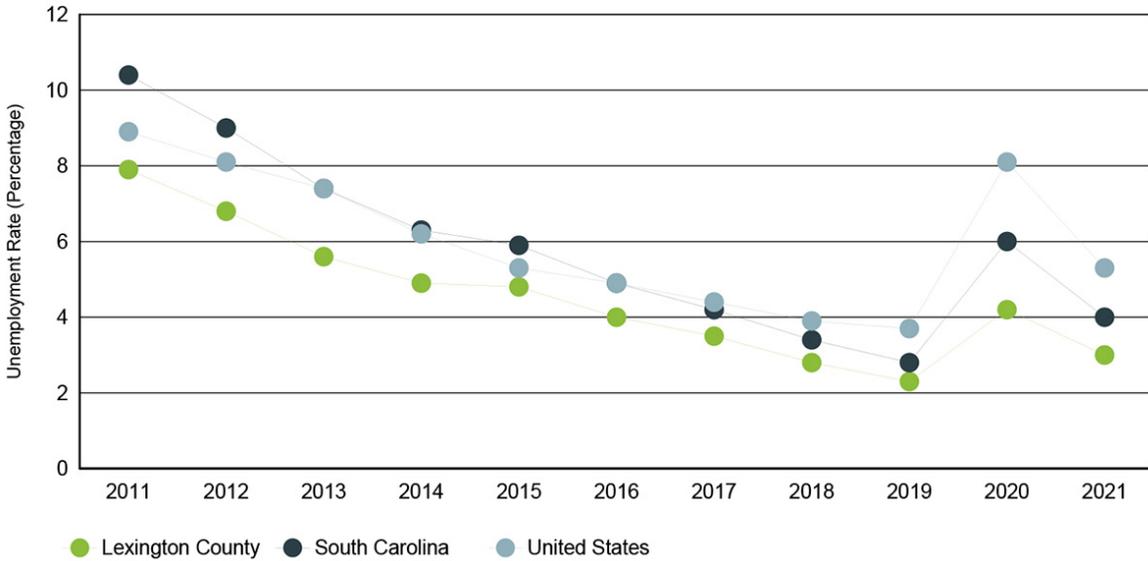
The company's \$4 million investment will increase production of EV chargers, including ones compliant with the Buy America Act, and create more than 100 jobs, according to Bob Stojanovic, ABB's vice president for North America.

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— WORKFORCE SNAPSHOT —

Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Trends



145,727

JOBS

September 2022 employment for Lexington County is an increase of 4,209 jobs since December 2020.

2.5%

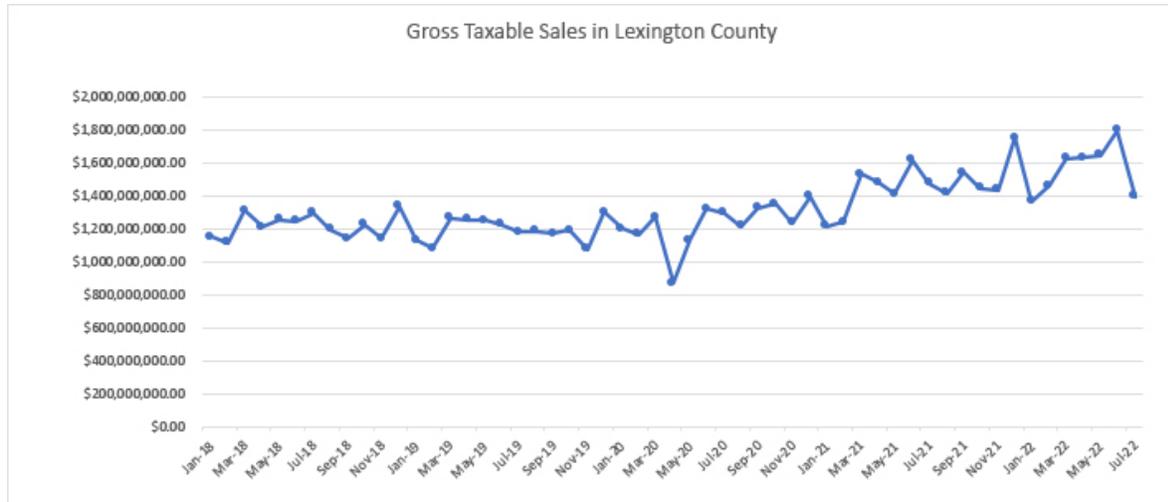
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Lexington County's rate in September 2022 is lower than S.C. (3.2%) and the U.S. (3.5%).

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce & US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Gross Taxable Sales Peaking in June 2022 and Staying Strong through July 2022

Staying Strong through early 2022



— RESOURCES —

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With operations around the world, we are pleased to share the announcement of **AGP Group** locating their AGP eGlass division right here in Lexington County, with \$3.3 million investment and creating 35 new jobs! ...see more

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Congratulations to **AGP Group** on their new operations in Lexington County! The company's \$3.3 million investment will create 35 new jobs. Read more at <https://bit.ly/3eoENQG>.



“We are very pleased to open a new AVO facility in Lexington County. This will support our global expansion strategy to continue working closely with automotive OEMs and partners, especially for the North American market. Thanks to its high level of automation and state-of-the-art



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District 3: Darrell Hudson

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District 5: Gene "Bimbo" Jones

District 6: Charlene "Charli" Wessinger

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District 8: Glen M. Conwell

District 9: M. Todd Cullum

Lexington County Administrator

Lynn Sturkie
