

Transportation

		Miles	Kilometers
Nearest Interstate	I- 95	20.1	32.16
Nearest Commercial Airport	Florence Regional	29.6	47.36
	Airlines: ASA, US Airways Express		
Nearest Civil Airport	Marlboro County	2.9	4.64
Port Access	Port of Charleston	143	228.8
Rail Providers	CSX and Pee Dee Railroad		

DISTANCES TO MAJOR SOUTHEAST CITIES

	Miles	Kilometers
Charlotte, NC	79.0	126.4
Greenville, SC	154.6	247.4
Charleston, SC	127.3	203.7
Columbia, SC	88.2	141.1
Atlanta, GA	275.8	441.3
Spartanburg, SC	130.7	209.2
Augusta, GA	155.0	248.1
Savannah, GA	193.2	309.1

Marlboro County is served by:

- 2 US highways
- 9 South Carolina highways
- Florence Regional Airport
- Marlboro County Airport
- 40 major motor freight carriers
- 2 motor freight terminals
- CSX Railroad
- Pee Dee River Railroad
- 4 seaports

Utilities

City of Bennettsville provides electric, water, sewer and natural gas within its corporate limits. Certain services are provided outside the city limits at various costs.

MARLBORO WATER COMPANY

Marlboro Water Company is the largest water supplier to rural areas in Marlboro County. The membership of the South Carolina Rural Water Association selected Marlboro Water Company the company of the year for 2003. Since January 2001, Marlboro Water Company has increased its customer base from 1287 to 1900.

Marlboro Water Company also serves many of the county's industrial neighbors, including Weyerhaeuser Fine Paper Mill, Weyerhaeuser MDF Plant, Weyerhaeuser Carolina Particle Board Plant, Weyerhaeuser Will Copy Plant and Mohawk-Oak River Mills.

WALLACE WATER COMPANY

MARLBORO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Marlboro Electric Cooperative serves all its members cost effectively. While all of Marlboro's rates are designed to recover the basic cost of service for each class of customer, MEC's rates also provide the cooperative with a reasonable level of working capital.

Based on this cost-of-service concept, a special rate classification is made available to Marlboro from its wholesale power supplier for its largest power customers.

PROGRESS ENERGY

Marlboro County is also served by Progress Energy, an investor-owned electric utility providing service in South Carolina, North Carolina and Florida. Progress Energy has the experience and capabilities to provide power for even the most sophisticated electric requirements. Progress Energy currently serves more than 1.2 million customers in the Carolinas within 30,000 square miles, including over 5,000 industrial accounts.

Quality of Life

EDUCATION

Marlboro County offers an excellent selection of education facilities. The Marlboro County School District provides public education for approximately 6,700 students, consisting of 10 elementary and middle schools and one consolidated high school. A 12-grade private school has operated since 1968.

CATT - The Center for Accelerated Technology Training

The Center for Accelerated Technology (CATT) is a program of the South Carolina Technical College System designed to provide tailor-made training to new and expanding industries in South Carolina.

CATT provides recruiting, assessment, training development, and management and implementation services to customers who are creating new jobs with competitive wages and benefits. These services are provided through state funds at minimal or no cost and training is developed to meet specific requirements of each customer. Training may be delivered through pre-employment or on the job activities on the time frames and individual needs of the customer.

Higher Education Opportunities

St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, NC
Francis Marion University, Florence, SC
Florence-Darlington Technical College, Florence, SC
Coker College, Hartsville, SC
NETC - Northeastern Technical College, Cheraw, SC
Richmond Community College, Rockingham, NC
UNC-Pembroke, Pembroke, NC

Marlboro County School System

Kindergarten- Bennettsville, McColl, Clio
Blenheim and Wallace Primary - Bennettsville, McColl, Clio
Blenheim and Wallace Middle- Bennettsville, McColl, Clio
Blenheim and Wallace High School - Marlboro County High School, Bennettsville
Private Schools- Marlboro Academy (K-12)

Marlboro County Public School District Office

122 Broad Street
Bennettsville, SC 29512
(843) 479-4016
www.marlboro.k12.sc.us

Private Schools

Marlboro Academy K-12
Phone: (843) 479-6501

Quality of Life

HEALTHCARE

Healthcare providers:

Scotland Healthcare System

Marlboro Park Hospital

Bennettsville Dialysis Center

Tri-County Mental Health Center

Marlboro County Health Department

Pee Dee Public Health

Quality of Life

RECREATION

Marlboro County Parks and Recreation Commission plans and develops activities for the entire county sponsoring sports leagues, clinics, classes and other events.

There are tennis, volleyball and basketball courts, football, baseball, and soccer fields, community centers, parks with playground equipment and a horse arena.

Lake Paul Wallace, one of the area's principal recreational attractions, is a 600 acre man-made lake with separate sections for fishing, swimming, boating, water skiing along with a water fowl refuge. Hunters can enjoy dove shooting, and duck, deer, quail and small game are abundant.

Private clubs offer swimming, tennis and golfing.

Arts

The Marlboro Arts Council, officially established in February 1970, has served as the leader in coordinating and facilitating community arts events.

For more than 30 years, the Council has worked to elevate the quality of life for its constituents by acting as the major presenter of public, professional and community events through its Evening Concert Series, Children's Concert Series, Jubilee Arts Festival, Children's Performing Arts Camp and Writers Reading Series.

The Arts Council is a two-time winner of the prestigious Governor's Award for the Arts - the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award. A capital campaign begun in 1998 purchased of the Weatherly-Walker house (circa 1834) as a permanent home for the Arts Council, which also provides retail, gallery and classroom space as well as office space.

The Marlboro Civic Center, in downtown Bennettsville, is the area's performing arts center and offers a variety of plays, concerts and other performances during the year.

Public safety

The county is under the jurisdiction of a sheriff and deputies. Fire service is provided by volunteer fire departments throughout the county.

Bennettsville, Clio and McColl each have independent, trained police forces. A communications system ties in all law enforcement agencies in the county and towns. This enhanced 911 system serves in all emergency situations.

Industrial Parks

Marlboro County Industrial Park

The Marlboro County Industrial Park is located in Bennettsville, the county seat and largest town, in the county. Located near S.C. 9, a major east/west highway connecting Spartanburg, SC, with Interstate 95 and Myrtle Beach, SC, the Industrial Park offers affordable land, generous incentives, and a full range of utilities with easy access to the world's markets.

25 miles to I-95

40 miles to I-20

Water – 12 inch line
City of Bennettsville

Sewer – 8 inch line
City of Bennettsville

Natural gas – 4 inch line
City of Bennettsville

Electricity
Marlboro Electric Cooperative via 69kV transmission lines



I-95 Gateway Industrial Park

This industrial park is located in Dillon, SC and is supported by Marlboro County, Dillon County and Marion County. It has 460 acres and is located at the I-95 interchange in Dillon County approximately 20 miles from Bennettsville and 30 miles to I-20.

All interstate service to Port of Charleston

Water – 12 inch line.
Trico Water Company
1,000,000 gallon water tank onsite

Sewer – 12 inch line
City of Dillon

Electricity
Marlboro Electric Cooperative

Natural gas
South Carolina Electric & Gas

Major Industries

In Marlboro County, South Carolina, businesses and industries have found a successful and profitable home.

Mohawk

Musashi SC Inc.

Oxbodies

Domtar

Flakeboard

Palmetto Brick

SOPAKCO

International Cup Corporation/Soller LLC

Reliance Electric Company – Baldor-Dodge-Reliance

Pacific MDF

Sandhills Quilting

Bennettsville Printing LLC