



# SOUTH CAROLINA

Gross State Product: \$234 billion | 5G Welcome: NO



## What did South Carolina do right?

More than 2,100 people graduated from apprenticeship programs in the state in fiscal year 2018. It also has no laws restricting drone operation or the development and deployment of self-driving vehicles.



## What can South Carolina do better?

The state can increase the percentage of households with access to high-speed internet (48%) and set the stage for 5G connectivity with legislation to prepare for the new technology. It can also attract more investment, as venture capital there currently amounts to just \$8.85 per capita and R&D spending to only \$255.89 per capita.

### Technology

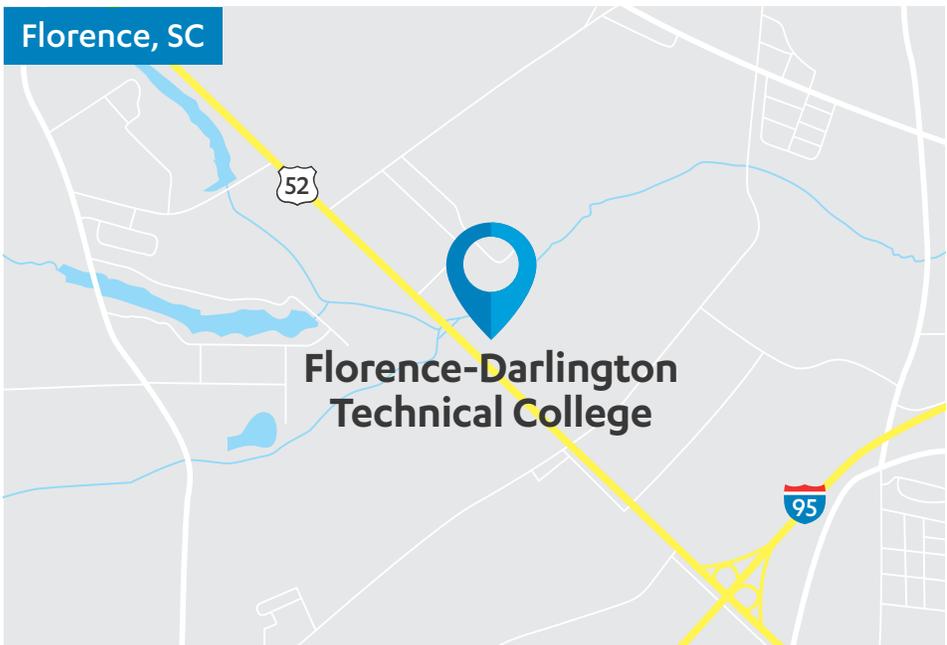
Short-Term Rentals	C
Ridesharing & E-Scooters	C
Self-Driving Vehicles	A
Drones	A
Fast Internet	D

### Society

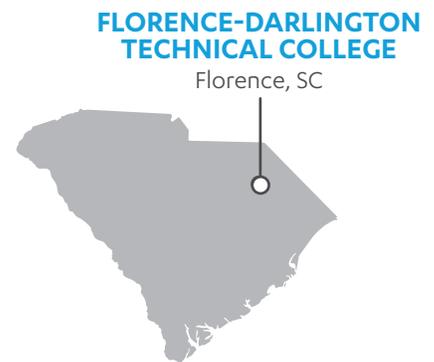
Best & Brightest	B
Grants Advanced Degrees	C
Tech Workforce	B+
Innovation-Friendly Sustainability Policies	B

### Economy

Attracts Investment	D
Entrepreneurial Activity	B-
Tax Friendly	B-



Florence-Darlington Technical College opened a new office of apprenticeship to connect students with apprenticeship programs in high-demand jobs, such as industrial maintenance and machine tool technology.



## Areas of Innovation

CTA's Innovation Scorecard is formulated using a range of complementary factors that indicates how strongly a state supports innovation. These factors may relate to a state's citizens, corporations doing business or employing people there or a state's legislative and regulatory environments.



### Drones

The state has no laws restricting drone activity.



### Self-Driving Vehicles

The state has no laws that restrict the testing, the development or the deployment of SDVs.



### Tech Workforce

It has approximately 30 tech jobs per 1,000 people and reported 2,158 apprenticeship graduates in recent data.



### Best & Brightest

It is a "right-to-work" state, but lacks a law protecting workers from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity.



### Tax Friendly

The state has a corporate tax rate of 5%, and its tax policies are generally business-friendly.



### Innovation-Friendly Sustainability Policies

Although its recycling law is moderately restrictive, regulators collaborate with industry.

## ABOUT THE SCORECARD

CTA's 2020 U.S. Innovation Scorecard grades every state on 12 quantitative and qualitative criteria that measure how well it fosters innovation.

Each state ranks in one of four tiers: Innovation Champions excel in almost all areas, followed by Innovation Leaders, which earn high scores in most. Innovation Adopters promote innovation in some areas but not others. Finally, Modest Innovators may support innovation in one or more areas, but they show the greatest room for improvement.

Learn more about the Scorecard and its methodology on the web at [CTA.tech/scorecard](http://CTA.tech/scorecard).

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