

MILITARY & DEFENSE

Charleston
South Carolina

Mission Ready.

Home to NIWC Atlantic and Joint Base Lindsey Graham, the Charleston region brings together military expertise, advanced technology, and engineering capabilities to support some of the nation's most critical defense missions.

\$2.1B

**NIWC Atlantic
Local Impact**

NIWC ATLANTIC

90K⁺

**Total military community
supported across Joint Base
Lindsey Graham**

JOINT BASE LINDSEY GRAHAM

\$34B

**SC Statewide
Defense Activity**

SC COUNCIL ON COMPETITIVENESS



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Defense Footprint

Anchored by **Joint Base Lindsey Graham and NIWC Atlantic**, Charleston's defense ecosystem brings together military commands, federal agencies, defense contractors, and technology companies supporting national security priorities across a range of advanced capabilities. **The region offers capabilities across cybersecurity, C5ISR, systems integration, engineering, logistics, and maritime operations**, providing companies access to the expertise, infrastructure, and mission partners needed to advance next-generation defense technologies.

Skilled Workforce & Talent

Charleston's defense workforce combines technical expertise, military experience, and specialized training to support complex national security missions.

The Citadel is a key contributor to the region's defense talent pipeline, preparing graduates in engineering, cybersecurity, intelligence and security studies, computer science, and other disciplines aligned with industry needs.

Trident Technical College complements these capabilities with hands-on education and customized workforce training in advance manufacturing, engineering technology, information technology, and skilled trades.

With **Joint Base Lindsey Graham supporting a total force of more than 90,000**, the region also benefits from transitioning service members, veterans, and military-connected professionals bringing specialized technical skills, leadership experience, and mission-focused expertise to the private sector.

This talent base is further strengthened by **a concentration of engineers 41% higher than the U.S. average**, expanding the pool of highly skilled technical talent available.

- Nonstop air service offering 100+ daily flights to 50+ cities across North America.
- 8th largest U.S. container port, with a 52ft harbor that accommodates vessels up to 20,000 TEUs
- An integrated transportation network allows shipments to reach most domestic



**Military &
Federal Assets**



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