

INSIDER'S GUIDE TO

# charleston

Charleston Open Source is a people-powered movement bringing together local developers, designers, entrepreneurs, and tech leaders to share all that's amazing about living and working in Charleston | SC | USA. It's a how-to guide – a means to help you find your spot, make a connection, and land the tech job that fits you best in Charleston.

BE PART OF A COMMUNITY WITH A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MOMENTUM.

The Charleston metro is home, workplace and inspiration to more than 787,000 voices, talents, passions and ideas. Fast emerging as the next tech hub for smart, creative professionals – here it's all about balancing your life and your livelihood.

Charleston is a great place to do business, to innovate, to get inspired and be successful.

"best city in america" eight years running \_CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER

a "best city for technology jobs" \_FORBES

#1 mid-sized metro for millenials \_U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

CHARLESTON'S ECONOMY IS STRONG, DIVERSIFIED AND RAPIDLY EXPANDING:

4.5X

Employment growing faster than U.S. average

4X

IT workforce growing faster than U.S. average (since 2010)

3X

Regional population growing faster than U.S. average

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## YOU'LL BE IN GOOD COMPANY HERE.

The Charleston region is one of the fastest growing mid-size U.S. metros for software industries and occupations. This market offers a supportive and strong entrepreneurial network, skilled talent pool, numerous colleges and technical schools, startup incubators, accelerators, co-working spaces, code camps, code education programs, user groups, meetups and other invaluable resources.

With such a vibrant IT community, there's never a shortage of work or opportunities to collaborate.

- home to a larger percentage of employment in IT-related businesses than austin or raleigh
- #5 in the U.S. for high-tech gdp growth (2017-2018)
- #1 mid-sized metro for IT job growth
- home to 600+ tech companies and global companies like Google, Blackbaud, Volvo, Boeing & many more

## tech resources & events

CHARLESTON DIGITAL CORRIDOR  
CHARLESTON TECHNOLOGY  
(open-source directory of information)  
CHARLESTON STARTUP GRIND  
CHARLESTON WOMEN IN TECH  
CODEON  
DIG SOUTH  
THE HARBOR ENTREPRENEUR CENTER  
JRS CODING SCHOOL  
MUSC INNOVATORS  
STARTUP GRIND  
WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS OF CHARLESTON  
LEVEL UP CODING INSTITUTE

## WAYS TO PLAY

CHARLESTON BATTERY SOCCER  
CHARLESTON FASHION WEEK  
CHARLESTON FOOD TRUCK RODEO  
CHARLESTON INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL  
CHARLESTON MEETUPS  
CHARLESTON WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL  
COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUN  
HIGH WATER FESTIVAL  
RIVERDOGS BASEBALL  
SOUTHEASTERN WILDLIFE EXPOSITION  
SPOLETO FESTIVAL USA  
STINGRAYS HOCKEY  
VOLVO CAR OPEN

## CHARLESTON'S LIFESTYLE IS WORLD CLASS.

Ranked among the nation's "Best Places to Live" by Outside magazine, Charleston boasts 90 miles of coastline, acres of freshwater lakes and rivers, and a temperate, sub-tropical climate. Our multi-billion dollar tourism industry attracts 6 million visitors annually, resulting in an internationally-acclaimed culinary scene, a thriving retail center, plus world-class festivals, events and professional sports. Visit the Charleston CVB for a searchable event calendar.

People vacation here. YOU get to live here and enjoy cultural, entertainment and recreational opportunities rarely found in a metro this size.

Charleston is home to a growing number of craft breweries and distilleries.

The Charleston region offers a year-round supply of fresh, local foods from farmers' markets and local purveyors.

Charlestonians take pride in protecting the environment and living a green lifestyle.

See for yourself why Charleston is home, workplace and inspiration to nearly three quarters of a million people who are globally connected through trade, technology and travel – and locally engaged to craft a legacy for the future.