
Relocation Information

Loris Chamber Of Commerce
P.O. Box 356
Loris, SC 29569
Phone: 1-866-664-6030

Demographic Information

According to the U.S Census Bureau statistics released in April of 2001 Horry County, was the 13th fastest growing area in the nation. In the last decade, the county experienced a 36.5% growth in population.

Population

Loris Population	2,087
Within 15 mile Radius of Loris	62,444
Horry County Population	206,039
Total Number of Households	81,800
Average Household Size	2.37
Average Family Size	2.84

Income

Median Household Income	\$47,100
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Education

High School Education	32.19% of population 25 years and over
Bachelor's Degree	12.8% of population 25 years and over

Race

White	81.04% of population
Black	15.49% of population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, State Development board Study

Distance in miles to:

Grand Strand Beaches	23
NC State line	7
Columbia, SC	141
Charlotte, NC	176
Charleston, SC	117
Wilmington, NC	72
Atlanta, GA	350
Nearest Major Mall	19.2
Nearest Hospital	.9
Nearest Wal-Mart	16.6

Source: www.HotRetirementTowns.com

Climate

Annual Weather Statistical Averages

Sunny Days	215
Overcast Days	150
Frost Days	42
Days over 90 degrees	46
Days with more than 10" of rain	117
Average Air Temperature (°F)	64
Average Water Temperature (°F)	66
Average Sunny Days in a Summer Month	18
Average Sunny Days in a Winter Month	15
Wettest Months	July & August
Driest Months	October & April

Average Monthly Temperatures

January	57°
February	60°
March	66°
April	75°
May	82°
June	87°
July	90°
August	89°
September	84°
October	76°
November	68°
December	59°

Source: S.C. Climate Office

Education (K-12)

Horry County School District
1605 Horry St
P.O. Box 260005
Conway, SC 29528-6005
488-6700
www.hcs.k12.sc.us

Horry County School District is the 3rd largest of the state's 85 school districts and has gained over 5,644 students during the last 11 years.

- Employees (2002-2003)
 - Total number of full-time employees: 4,000
 - Classroom teachers: 1,982
 - Professional employees with advanced degrees: 1,496
- Class size
 - Grades 9-1223 student average
 - Grades 6-822 student average
 - Grades 4-524 student average
 - Grades 2-321 student average
 - Grade 120 student average
 - Kindergarten25 student average

Special programs:

- The district serves academically gifted and talented students through the PELICAN program in grades 3-5 and through the Honors program in grades 6-10. Advanced Placement (AP) courses are taught in all high schools.
- Students have the opportunity to participate in dual credit programs with Coastal Carolina University and Horry Georgetown Technical College to enable them to earn credits for high school and college.
- A foreign language instructional program offers Spanish instruction to students in grades K-12. Other foreign languages choices are available in grades 9-12.
- After-school programs are available in most elementary schools. A fee is charged.
- A comprehensive program of special education provides programs for nearly 4,000 students.
- An orchestra program is available for students in middle and high schools.
- Alternative programs are available for students with disciplinary problems in grades 6-12. An alternative school is located in Conway.
- All elementary schools have full day kindergarten classes. Child development classes for targeted 4-year-olds are available.
- A variety of student clubs and organizations, focusing on service, academics and special interests, are available for students to join. High schools athletics include football, basketball, baseball, track and field, softball, volleyball, wrestling, soccer, cheerleading, golf and tennis. Offerings vary by high school.

Other distinctions:

- Horry County Schools has been recognized as a leader in technology. All classrooms are networked to the Internet. The ratio of students to computers is just over 5:1. The use of wireless labs is expanding.
- SAT scores have improved 48 points to 1009 over the last four years.
- The district has a district-wide Literacy Model for grades K-10. It is composed of phonics, guided and shared reading, self-selected reading and writing. Components of the model are integrated in grades 6-10.
- First graders set a state record with 96.7 percent of them scoring "ready" for first grade.
- High schools operate on a 4x4 block scheduling model, offering students the opportunity to potentially earn 32 credits. The state requires 24 units for graduation.
- The district has developed an accountability system for the Board of Education, principals, assistant principals and district office staff to ensure performance.
- School resource officers are available in middle and high schools.
- A full-time drug and weapons canine team conducts frequent, unannounced inspections at middle and high schools.

Loris Area Schools

Loris Elementary School	756-7824
Loris Middle School	756-2181
Loris High School	756-4041
Daisy Elementary School	756-5136
Green Sea Floyds Elementary	392-1078
Green Sea Floyds High	392-3131
Finklea Career Center	756-0061

Source: Horry County Schools

Higher Education Opportunities

Coastal Carolina University

755 Hwy. 544
Conway, SC 29528-6054
347-3161
www.coastal.edu

Coastal Carolina University offers 33 programs leading to the baccalaureate degree, masters' degree programs in education and marine and wetland studies, 7 cooperative programs with other South Carolina universities and 10 international exchange programs.

Horry-Georgetown Technical College

2050 Hwy. 501 E.,
Conway, SC 29526
347-3186
www.hor.tec.sc.us

More than 70 associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs on three campuses.

Webster University

4589 Oleander
Myrtle Beach SC 29577
497-3677
www.webster.edu/multicampus/myrtlebe.html

Master of Business Administration, Master of Arts – business, counseling, human resources development, management, computer resource and information management.

North American Institute of Aviation

1700 Airport Road
Conway, SC 29527
397-9111
www.naisc.com

Aviation Maintenance Technology Program, Professional Pilot Program and individual flight certifications.

Fortune Academy of Real Estate

951 Shine Ave.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
839-1131
www.FortuneAcademy.com

Training for new agents, existing agents, and for those wishing to become brokers. Provides preparation for the state licensing exam, appraisal, and home inspection.

Carolina College of Cosmetology

1600 Elizabeth Street
Coastal center
Conway, SC 295326
248-2413

Complete educational program in preparation for state licensing in cosmetology and nail technology. The college also offers continuing education programs for annual renewals.

Healthcare

Loris Healthcare System

3655 Mitchell St.
Loris SC 29569
716-7000

Loris Healthcare System serves northwestern Horry County and the coastal communities of the North Strand area in South Carolina; and southern Brunswick and Columbus counties in North Carolina. Our healthcare system is comprised of Loris Community Hospital, Seacoast Medical Center, Center for Health & Fitness, Loris Extended Care Center, Family Health Centers in Loris and Green Sea, and Alliance Home Care.

Key Facts

- Established in 1950
- A not-for-profit hospital with a local Board of Commissioners
- Loris Community Hospital is licensed for 105 beds, while the Extended Care Center is licensed for 88 beds.
- We have more than 50 physicians on our active and affiliate medical staff, representing 28 specialties
- Almost 40,000 emergency patients are treated annually at our emergency departments at Loris Community Hospital, and at Seacoast Medical Center
- Accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
- Seacoast Medical Center, a same day surgery center and 24-hour emergency services facility, also houses over 40 primary and specialty physician offices
- Open MRI and complete outpatient rehabilitation therapies (speech, physical, occupational and cardiac/pulmonary) are also available at Seacoast Medical Center, located in Little River
- Outpatient rehabilitation therapies are available at our Center for Health & Fitness in Loris
- A variety of membership based fitness programs are available at the Center for Health & Fitness.

Source: Loris Health Care System

Veterans Health Administration Outpatient Clinic

3381 Phillis Blvd.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
477-0177

Primary Care and Mental Health Services

Business and Industry

South Carolina is a Right-To-Work state. Employer-Employee relations in South Carolina are very stable and the state consistently ranks as one of the least unionized in the nation. In 2001, South Carolina had the lowest union membership rate in the United States. South Carolina has consistently had one of the lowest work stoppage rates in the United States. In 1999, an average of less than .01% of working time was lost due to strikes in manufacturing and non-manufacturing industries combined.

Loris is home to one of the counties largest planned industrial parks. Loris Commerce Center, located on Hwy. 701 North, will be easily accessible to the future I-73 corridor.

Loris Commerce Center	
ACREAGE:	Available:120 acres, Lot Range: Variable, Total: 168 ac.
ZONING:	Heavy Industrial
WATER:	10 inch main, City of Loris
SEWER:	8 inch line, City of Loris
ELECTRIC:	277/477 Volt, Santee Cooper
GAS:	Propane Available
U.S. HIGHWAYS:	U.S. Hwy 701
INTERSTATE ACCESS:	I-95, Distance: 43 miles
AIR SERVICE:	Myrtle Beach International Airport, Distance: 30 miles
PORT:	Port of Charleston, Distance: 115 miles
RAILWAY:	Available

Source: Partners Economic Development

Employment in Horry County

Source: 2002 S.C. Manufacturers Register

Largest Employers In Horry County

1. Horry County School District
2. WalMart
3. Burroughs & Chapin Company
4. Horry County Government
5. AVX
6. Myrtle Beach National
7. Conway Hospital
8. Blue Cross/ Blue Shield
9. Grand Strand Regional Medical Center
10. Coastal Carolina University
11. Verizon
12. Loris Health Care System
13. Sands Oceanfront Resort
14. City of Myrtle Beach
15. HTC
16. Kingston Plantation
17. Santee Cooper Electric
18. Conbraco Industries
19. Ocean Lakes Family Campground
20. Sun Publishing

Employment Information

2002 Unemployment Rate 4.6%

Employment by Industry

Retail & Wholesale Trade 21.0%

Service 42.5%

Government 11.4%

Source: SC Employment Security Commission

Business Resources

Coastal Carolina University

Center for Economic and Community Development

P.O. Box 261954

Conway, SC 29528-6054

349-2589

and

Small Business Development Center

913-7883

www.coastal.edu

Partners Economic Development Corporation

759 Century Circle

Conway, SC 29526

347-4604

www.myrtlebeachdevelopment.com

SCORE

937 Broadway

Myrtle Beach, SC

918-1079

Civic Organizations

Residents of Loris take pride in their community and are actively involved in its growth and well-being.

Civitan's
Young Professionals
Lions Club
Loris Garden Club
Ebony Garden Club
American Legion and Auxiliary
Masons and Eastern Star
Music and Literary Club
Rotary
Kiwanis

Youth Organization's

Girl Scouts
Boy Scouts
Key Club

Sports and Recreation

Local recreational opportunities are available through the Loris City Parks and Recreation Department, Horry County Parks and Recreation Department, as well as the Green Sea Floyds Recreation Department. Various basketball courts, tennis courts, baseball and softball fields are spread throughout the community. Horry County provides more than 30 public boat ramps which makes access to our local rivers easy.

Social and recreational programs for seniors are also available at any of the counties Senior Centers through the Horry County Council of Aging. Three of these centers are located in the Loris area.

Loris Senior Center
3510 Broad Street
Loris, SC 29569
756-3414

Mount Vernon Senior
Center
3200 Hwy 366
Loris, SC 29569
756-0407

Green Sea Floyds
Community Center
5269 Highway 9
Nichols, SC 29581
392-0968

Important Contacts

Libraries

4316 Main St. ,
Loris SC 29569
756-8101

5331 Hwy. 9
Green Sea, SC 29545
392-0994

Department of Motor Vehicles

Out of state driver's licenses are valid for 90 days. New residents who wish to obtain a drivers license must complete an eye test, and present a birth certificate, social security card, and current driver's license.

4103 Hwy. 701 N.
Conway, SC
365-4781

107 Hwy. 57 N.
Little River SC
399-5567

Post Offices

Loris
3085 Broad Street
Loris, SC 29569
756-5343

Green Sea
3720 Mitchell Sea Road
Green Sea, SC 29545
756-7550

Longs
50 Hwy 9 E.
Longs, SC 29568
399-6767

Utilities

Electric

Horry Electric
2774 Cultra Rd,
Conway SC 29526
369-2211

Santee Cooper
3701 Walnut Ave.
Loris, SC 29569
756-5541

Telephone & Cable

HTC (843) 756-2151 or (800) 824-6779

4350 Main St.
Loris SC, 29569

3480 Hwy 701 N
Conway, SC 29528

3383 Hwy 9.
Waterway Plaza
Little River, SC 29569

Water & Sewer

City of Loris
4101 Walnut St.
Loris SC 29569
756-4004

Government

Loris City Government

Loris is governed by a Mayor/Council/Administrator form of government. City Hall is centrally located on Walnut Street. The City boasts one of the best volunteer fire departments in the state, with an ISO rating of class four. Loris is also served by a full time police force and assisted by Horry County Police when necessary.

Loris City Hall
4101 Walnut Street
Loris, SC 29569
756-4004

Loris Fire Department
4101 Walnut Street
Loris, SC 29569
756-4004

Loris Police Department
4103 Walnut Street
Loris, SC 29569
756-4000

County Government

Horry County is governed by an Administrator/Council form of government. The county seat is in Conway. You may contact the Horry County 24 Hour Information Line at 915-5005 to hear automated recording concerning community programs, services, and resources.

Horry County Government
1301 2nd Ave.
Conway, SC 29526
915-5000
www.horrycounty.org

The James P. Stevens County Office Complex, also on Walnut Street, offers local branches of the county Departments of Health, Social Services, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, ambulance service. It also houses the offices of the District Magistrate and County Coroner.

Tax Information

State Sales Tax	5%
Loris Mileage Rate	.2759
County Mileage Rate	.1609
County Property Tax – Primary Residence	4%

For more information on County taxes contact the Assessor's Office at 756-2121

Business Licenses

It is necessary to obtain a business license to operate a business within the city limits of Loris and in Horry County. Contact the following for more information Loris City Hall 756-4004 and Horry County at 399-5431.

Voter Registration

To be eligible to vote in city, state or national elections you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, and have established residency in Horry County. For information on voting in Horry County, contact the Voter's registration Office at 248-1382.

