



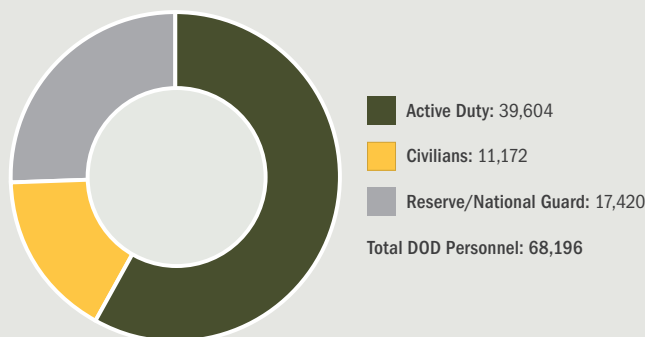
OVERVIEW

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, the state of South Carolina received \$6.5 billion in Defense spending, which provides direct funding for the Department of Defense (DOD) personnel salaries, defense contracts, and construction of military facilities in the state. This spending by DOD personnel, contractors, and their families creates significant economic activity, attracts related industries and investments, and generates important state and local government tax revenues.

The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool used by DOD and its partners to protect the military's ability to train, test, and operate in the state. The Department created the REPI Program in response to the development of lands and loss of habitat in the vicinity of or affecting its installations, ranges, and airspace that can lead to restrictions or costly and inadequate training and testing alternatives. Through the REPI Program, DOD works with state and local governments, conservation organizations, and willing private landowners to address these challenges to the military mission and the viability of DOD installations and ranges. The REPI Program has benefited from broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. From FY 2005 through FY 2024, DOD and its partners have contributed over \$107.5 million supporting four REPI projects in South Carolina.

DOD IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DOD Personnel (as of 30 Sep 2023)



Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact

(in FY 2023)



\$6.5 billion
in Federal
Defense
spending

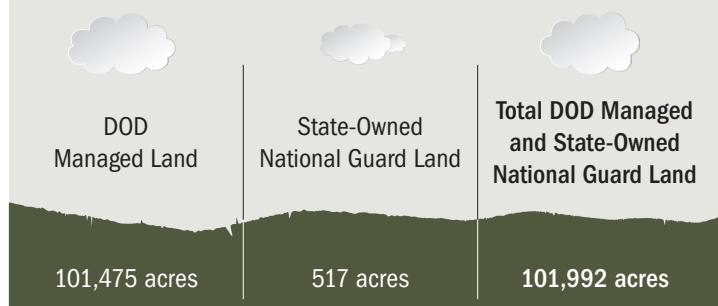


2.0%
of state Gross
Domestic
Product



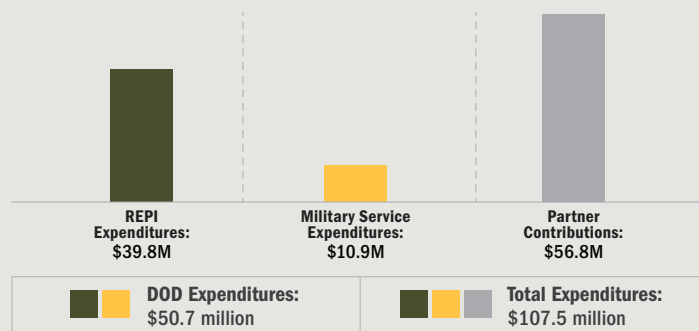
\$3.3 billion
in payroll contributed
\$3.2 billion
in contracts awarded

Acres of DOD Managed and State-Owned National Guard Land (as of 30 Sep 2023)



REPI PROJECTS* IN SOUTH CAROLINA

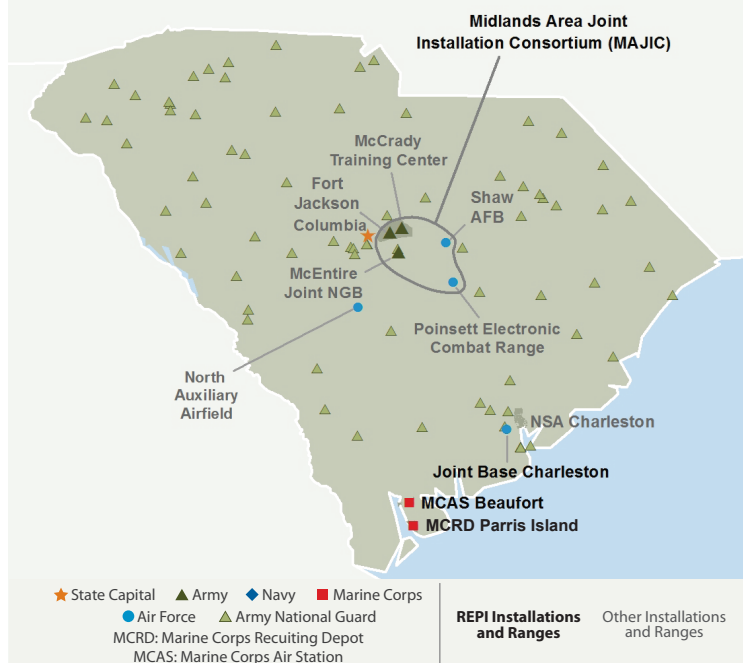
Funding Summary (from FY 2005 through FY 2024)



Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding.

* REPI projects refer to any action authorized by 10 U.S. Code (U.S.C.) § 2684a to include the acquisition of real property interests in land from willing landowners to prevent incompatible development or improve military installation resilience. REPI projects involving the Army or Army National Guard are also termed Army REPI partnerships. Those involving the Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force, are also termed encroachment partnering agreements. Eligible entities include conservation organizations and state and local governments.

Total Acres Protected (FY 2005 through FY 2024): 35,312



MILITARY PRESENCE

- The military community contributes **\$34.3 billion** annually to South Carolina's economy, supporting 254,095 jobs and generating \$14.6 billion in labor income.
- MCAS Beaufort serves as the operational hub for **Marine Aircraft Group 31 (MAG-31)**, overseeing all active duty USMC F/A-18 air operations on the East Coast. MAG-31 comprises four F-18 squadrons, one F-35B Training Squadron, and other Marine Corps support units including Marine Wing Support Squadron 273, which provides vital aviation ground support both domestically and abroad.
- The 628th Air Base Wing (ABW) serves as the host unit of Joint Base Charleston and consists of two operational groups and a wing staff directorate, employing **2,600 military and civilian personnel**. The 628th ABW offers installation support to over 60 DOD and federal agencies, catering to a community of over **70,000 Airmen, Sailors, Marines, Soldiers, Coast Guardsmen, civilians, dependents, and retirees**. Additionally, it deploys expeditionary Airmen to combatant commanders in aid of joint and combined operations.
- Located on **8,095 acres** in Beaufort County, including more than 4,000 acres of salt marsh and tidal streams, MCRD Parris Island is the Marine Corps' **second oldest post and one of the most visited military facilities in the world**.

REPI PROJECTS

Installation	County	Congressional District
Joint Base Charleston	Charleston	6th
MCAS Beaufort	Beaufort	1st
MCRD Parris Island	Beaufort	1st
MAJIC (MCAS)	Kershaw, Richland, Sumter	2nd, 5th, 6th

For all REPI Project Profiles visit: www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx



MCAS Beaufort hosts training on aircraft such as the F/A-18 Hornet (left). Preserved wetlands near the installation help to protect area water quality (top).

Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS)

- The REPI Program supports regional partnerships such as SERPPAS to identify common issues and solutions for mutual benefit.
- SERPPAS partners work to prevent encroachment around military lands, encourage compatible resource-use decisions, and improve coordination among regions, states, communities, and military services.
- South Carolina is a member of SERPPAS along with the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and North Carolina. For more information, visit www.serppas.org.

Key REPI Partners

- Beaufort County
- Beaufort County Open Land Trust
- Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program
- Charleston County
- City of Beaufort
- City of Columbia
- City of Sumter
- Coastal Conservation League
- CoWaSee
- Ducks Unlimited
- Governor's Military Task Force
- Kershaw County
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- North Carolina Coastal Federation
- Open Land Trust
- Palmetto Conservation Foundation
- Richland County
- Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program
- South Carolina Conservation Bank
- South Carolina Department of Commerce
- South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
- South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
- Sumter County
- The Central Midlands Council of Governments
- The Compatible Lands Foundation
- The Congaree Land Trust
- The Conservation Fund
- The Nature Conservancy of South Carolina
- The Trust for Public Land
- U.S. Department of Agriculture — Natural Resources Conservation Service

Data Sources

- **For Economic Impact Information:**
 - South Carolina Military Base Task Force
 - "The Economic Impact of South Carolina's Military Community: A Statewide and Regional Analysis, June 2022": www.scdva.sc.gov/sites/scdva/files/Documents/Economic%20Impact%20Final%20June%202022.pdf
- **For Land Information:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: "Base Structure Report — FY24 Baseline" (as of 30 Sept 2023)
- **For Federal Spending and Personnel Information:** Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation: "Defense Spending by State — Fiscal Year 2023": www.oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2023
- **For REPI Projects Information:** "2025 REPI Report to Congress": www.repi.mil/Portals/44/Documents/Reports_to_Congress/REPI2025RTC.pdf