

# Greer, SC Fact Sheet

Prior to the Revolutionary War, the area now known as Greer was a part of the Cherokee Nation. Although this area was obtained by the state shortly after the Revolution, significant growth did not occur until the arrival of the railroad in 1873. The railway established a flag station on land owned by Manning Greer and named it Greer's Station. The town was incorporated in 1876, and the name eventually became Greer. Situated between the cities of Greenville and Spartanburg, Greer is considered a very desirable location for both commercial and residential development.

## POPULATION

### Total Population, 1990, 2000 & 2006 Estimate

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
City of Greer	10,322	16,843	22,451
Greenville County	320,17	379,616	417,166
Upstate Region	1,063,372	1,220,542	1,297,943
State	3,699,943	4,012,012	4,321,249

### Population by Age, 2000

Under Age 5	7.8%
Age 5 to 9	6.9%
Age 10 to 14	6.3%
Age 15 to 19	6.4%
Age 20 to 34	24.7%
Age 35 to 44	15.3%
Age 45 to 54	14.4%
Age 55 to 64	8.0%
Age 65+	13.6%

### Households & Families, 2000

Number of Households	6,714
Number of Families	4,510

### Population by Race, 2000

White	12,361	73.4%
Black	3,283	19.5%
Amer. Indian / Alaska Native	37	0.2%
Asian	195	1.2%
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	10	0.1%
Some Other Race	744	4.4%
Two or More Races	213	1.3%

### Highest Educational Attainment, Age 25+, 2000

Less than 9th Grade	13.8%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	16.9%
High School Graduate Only	27.4%
Some College, No Degree	18.2%
Associate Degree Only	5.1%
Bachelor's Degree Only	12.9%
Graduate or Professional Degree	5.7%

Source of Population Data: US Census Bureau

### Population & Households, 2000, 2007 & 2012, Municipality & Surrounding Census Block Groups\*

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2012</u>
Population	32,475	39,000	43,354
Number of Households	12,826	15,598	17,420

\* This information is based on a demographic report of the census block groups that are contained within and intersected by municipal boundaries. This information is provided for reference only, and should be used with discretion.

Source: Claritas, Incorporated

## HOUSING

### Characteristics of Housing, 2000

Total Number of Housing Units	7,386
Total Number of Occupied Units	6,714
Percentage of Owner-Occupied	61.2%
Percentage of Renter-Occupied	38.8%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

## INCOME

### Income, 2005 Greenville County

Per Capita Income*	\$31,759
Median Household Income (Estimate)**	\$42,714
Percent w/ Income Below Poverty**	13.0%

\*Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

\*\*Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census

**RETAIL SALES**

**Gross Retail Sales (x \$1 million)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
City of Greer	\$346.8	\$275.3	\$290.8	\$319.5	\$424.7	\$538.4
Greenville County	\$10,116.2	\$10,339.8	\$11,008.9	\$11,305.2	\$12,995.1	\$14,382.2

Source: SC Department of Revenue and Taxation

**LABOR MARKET**

**Greenville & Spartanburg County Average Monthly Employment by Industry Group, 2006 (Annual Average)**

Industry Description	Ave. Monthly Employ.		Industry Description	Ave. Monthly Employ.	
	G'ville	S'burg		G'ville	S'burg
Natural Resources and Mining	642	377	Information	5,586	942
Construction	13,408	6,530	Financial Activities	11,280	4,567
Manufacturing	30,946	27,744	Professional and Business Services	42,595	12,313
Wholesale Trade	10,982	5,813	Education and Health Services	19,823	9,314
Retail Trade	31,417	13,250	Leisure and Hospitality	22,410	10,808
Transportation and Warehousing	8,751	4,450	Other Services	6,228	2,705
Utilities	794	229	Total Government	26,506	17,641

Source: 2006 Covered Employment and Wages (Annual Average), SC Employment Security Commission

**CLIMATE**

	GSP Airport	Caesars Head
Annual Average Maximum Temperature	70.8 (F)	63.3 (F)
Annual Average Minimum Temperature	49.5 (F)	45.6 (F)
Annual Average Mean Temperature	60.0 (F)	54.2 (F)
Annual Precipitation	50.12 inches	75.49 inches

\* Represents nearest weather observation station

Source: National Oceanic Atmospheric Association

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**ADDITIONAL SOURCES**

**Web sites**

- www.cityofgreer.org
- www.greenvillechamber.org
- www.greenvillelibrary.org (g'vl county library)
- www.spartanburgsc.org
- www.sciway.net
- www.upstateforever.org

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