

Abbeville County, SC Fact Sheet

Both the county and its county seat were named for the French town of the same name. Originally part of Ninety-Six District, the area was designated as Abbeville County in 1785. Rich in history and tradition, Abbeville County is known for its historical communities, carefully restored opera house, outstanding fishing, boating, golf, beautiful scenery, and thriving business community. Located along the "Freshwater Coast," Abbeville County is settled at the state's western boundary. Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport is within an hour's drive and CSX Railroad serves the county. The Port of Charleston is easily accessible via major highways and nearby interstates. Abbeville County offers an unbeatable combination of such factors as a diversified industrial base, a high standard of living and quality of life, and a pro-business local government. An available and educated work force can also receive more customized training at nearby Piedmont Technical College.

POPULATION

Total Population, 1990, 2000 & 2006 Estimates

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
Abbeville County	23,927	26,167	25,935
Upstate Region*	1,063,372	1,220,542	1,297,943
South Carolina	3,499,064	4,012,012	4,321,249

*10 County Upstate South Carolina Region

Population Estimates by Age, 2006

Under Age 5	1,531	(6.2%)
Age 5 to 19	5,430	(20.9%)
Age 20 to 34	4,708	(18.2%)
Age 35 to 59	9,033	(34.9%)
Age 60 to 74	3,318	(12.5%)
Age 75+	1,915	(7.0%)

Population Estimates by Race, 2006

White	18,115	(69.7%)
Black	7,546	(29.5%)
Amer. Indian / Alaska Native	28	(<0.1%)
Asian	67	(2.6%)
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	8	(<0.1%)
Two or More Races	71	(0.4%)
Hispanic (all races included)	290	(1.1%)

Highest Educational Attainment, Age 25+, 2000

Less than 9th Grade	2,026	(11.9%)
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	3,076	(18.0%)
High School Graduate Only	6,135	(35.9%)
Some College, No Degree	2,561	(15.0%)
Associate Degree Only	1,093	(6.4%)
Bachelor's Degree Only	1,385	(8.1%)
Graduate or Professional Degree	792	(4.6%)

Source of Population Data: US Census Bureau

HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING

Households by Type, 2000

Total No. of Households	10,131
HH's with Individuals Under 18	3,697
HH's with individuals 65+	2,745
Average Household Size	2.51
Average Family Size	3.00

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

Housing Occupancy and Tenure, 2000

Total No. of Housing Units	11,656
Occupied Housing Units	10,131
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	8,156
Renter Occupied Housing Units	1,975
Rental Vacancy Rate (percent)	10.1%

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

2006 Estimated Number of Housing Units 11,903

Source: US Census Bureau

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INCOME

Median Household Income, 2005 Estimate

Abbeville County	\$32,486
South Carolina	\$39,477

Source: US Bureau of the Census

Per Capita Personal Income, 2005

Abbeville County	\$22,111
South Carolina	\$28,285

Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis

MAJOR MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

Company	No. of Employees	Major Product
Milliken and Company	700	Broadwoven Fabric
Prysmian Power Cables & Systems, NA	600	Wire & Cable
Westpoint Home, Inc.	463	Cotton Sheets, Household Furnishings
Aladdin Manufacturing	450	Organic Fiber & Fiber Products
Flexible Technologies	450	Rubberized fabric hose/ plastic ducting

Source: Abbeville County Development Board and SC Appalachian Council of Governments (updated October 2007)

LABOR FORCE

Abbeville County Average Monthly Employment by Industry Group, 2006 (Annual Average)

Industry Description	Ave. Monthly Employment	Industry Description	Ave. Monthly Employment
Natural Resources and Mining	42	Financial Activities	113
Construction	214	Professional and Business Services	349
Manufacturing	2,394	Education and Health Services	664
Wholesale Trade	56	Leisure and Hospitality	565
Retail Trade	444	Other Services	131
Transportation and Warehousing	50	Total Government	1,522
Information	94		

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

RETAIL SALES

Gross Retail Sales (x \$1 million)

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Abbeville County	\$185.4	\$167.7	\$170.0	\$176.8	\$176.7	\$174.2

Source: SC Department of Revenue and Taxation

TRANSPORTATION

Nearest Interstate	I-85
Nearest Commercial Airport	Greenville-Spartanburg International
Airlines	Northwest, Continental, United Express, Delta, US Airways, American Eagle
Nearest Civil Airport	Hester Memorial (Calhoun Falls)
Port Access	Port of Charleston, 186 miles from City of Abbeville
Rail Providers	CSX

Source: SC Department of Commerce

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www.southcarolinaparks.com
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