

Anderson County, SC Fact Sheet

The county lies just along I-85 in the southern portion of upstate South Carolina, equidistant to Atlanta, GA and Charlotte, NC. Despite its cosmopolitan neighbors, Anderson County retains the benefits of smaller-town living with friendly people and less traffic than nearby metro cities. Blending the old and new, the county seat of Anderson has revitalized its downtown with new facades, cobblestone areas, fountains, and green spaces. This revitalization complements the stately historic courthouse and the modern new courthouse facing each other on Main Street. Companies throughout the county recruit employees who have received specialized training from area schools, including nearby Tri-County Technical College and Clemson University. From a temperate Southern climate and Lake Hartwell to leading universities and a variety of arts programs, greater Anderson County offers an unmatched combination of quality of life features.

POPULATION

Total Population, 1990, 2000 & 2006 Estimates

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
Anderson County	145,506	165,740	177,963
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	11,130	(6.4%)
Age 5 to 19	34,556	(19.7%)
Age 20 to 34	34,657	(19.7%)
Age 35 to 59	61,619	(35.1%)
Age 60 to 74	22,543	(12.8%)
Age 75+	11,009	(6.3%)

Population Estimates by Race, 2006

White	143,054	(81.5%)
Black	29,725	(16.9%)
Amer. Indian / Alaska Native	387	(0.2%)
Asian	1,046	(0.6%)
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	16	(<0.1%)
Two or More Races	1,286	(0.7%)
Hispanic (all races included)	2,865	(1.6%)

Source of Population Data: US Census Bureau

Highest Educational Attainment, Age 25+, 2006

Less than 9th Grade	10,595	(6.6%)
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	18,988	(14.7%)
High School Graduate Only	36,219	(35.5%)
Some College, No Degree	19,596	(18.0%)
Associate Degree Only	7,930	(7.3%)
Bachelor's Degree Only	12,254	(12.5%)
Graduate or Professional Degree	792	(5.5%)

Source: US Census Bureau, 2006 Comm. Survey

HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING

Households by Type, 2000

Total No. of Households	65,649
HH's with Individuals Under 18	23,195
HH's with individuals 65+	16,001
Average Household Size	2.48
Average Family Size	2.94

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

Housing Occupancy and Tenure, 2000

Total No. of Housing Units	73,213
Occupied Housing Units	65,649
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	50,068
Renter Occupied Housing Units	15,581
Rental Vacancy Rate (percent)	12.1%

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

2006 Estimated Number of Housing Units 81,007

Source: US Census Bureau

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INCOME

Median Household Income, 2005 Estimate

Anderson County	\$38,725
South Carolina	\$39,477

Source: US Bureau of the Census, Am. Comm. Survey

Per Capita Personal Income, 2005

Anderson County	\$26,249
South Carolina	\$27,185

Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis

MAJOR MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

Company	No. of Employees	Major Product
Electrolux (formerly Frigidaire)	1,400	Household Refrigerators
Robert Bosch Corporation	1,380	Oxygen Sensors
Michelin North America	1,300	Semi-Finished Rubber Products
Hexcel Corporation	700	Woven kevlar fabrics
Milliken-Cushman	700	Woven filament fabrics

Source: SC Appalachian Council of Governments and Anderson Economic Development Office

LABOR FORCE

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

Industry Description	Ave. Monthly Employment	Industry Description	Ave. Monthly Employment
Natural Resources and Mining	273	Information	391
Construction	3,206	Financial Activities	1,581
Manufacturing	13,946	Professional and Business Services	4,030
Wholesale Trade	1,557	Education and Health Services	5,244
Retail Trade	8,151	Leisure and Hospitality	7,214
Transportation and Warehousing	1,174	Other Services	1,221
Utilities	281	Total Government	11,412

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

RETAIL SALES

Gross Retail Sales (Billions)

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Anderson County	\$3.3	\$3.1	\$3.5	\$3.7	\$3.9	\$4.1

Source: SC Department of Revenue and Taxation

TRANSPORTATION

Interstate Access	I-85
Nearest Commercial Airport	Greenville-Spartanburg International
Airlines	Northwest, Continental, United Express, Delta, US Airways, American Eagle
Nearest Civil Airport	Anderson Regional Airport
Port Access	Port of Charleston, 217 miles from City of Anderson
Rail Providers	CSX, NSR

Source: SC Department of Commerce

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ADDITIONAL SOURCES

Web sites

<http://www.andersonsc.com>
<http://www.electric-city.net>
<http://www.anderson.library.org>
<http://www.southcarolinaparks.com>
<http://www.sciway.net>
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