

# Greenville County, SC Fact Sheet

Encouraged by abundant streams and rivers, textile manufacturers began operating in the Upstate in the 1820s. Over the past thirty years, Greenville County has transformed from the textile capital of the world to a headquarters, manufacturing and warehousing center. Greenville is also known for its high-technology manufacturing, with the engineering industry having a major presence in the area. As South Carolina's most populous county, Greenville is situated in the northwestern corner of the state and is part of one of the nation's fastest growing areas, "The I-85 Corridor." Greenville is located between Atlanta, GA and Charlotte, NC on I-85. The Atlantic Ocean and Port of Charleston are 200 miles to the Southeast down I-26, and the Blue Ridge Mountains are just 15 minutes away. The Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport has been cited by Condé Nast Traveler as one of the top ten airports in the country. Greenville County has a unique blend of southern traditions and international influences, gentle rolling hills, and beautiful majestic mountains--just the right combinations for a great place to live, work, and visit.

## POPULATION

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

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
Greenville County	321,498	379,616	417,166
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, 2005

Under Age 5	27,662	(6.8%)
Age 5 to 19	81,235	(20.0%)
Age 20 to 34	83,207	(20.8%)
Age 35 to 59	146,781	(36.0%)
Age 60 to 74	46,069	(11.3%)
Age 75+	22,429	(5.5%)

### Population Estimates by Race, 2005

White	319,905	(78.5%)
Black	75,507	(18.5%)
Amer. Indian / Alaska Native	981	(0.2%)
Asian	6,685	(1.6%)
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	266	(0.1%)
Two or More Races	4,068	(1.0%)
Hispanic (all races included)	23,064	(5.6%)

### Highest Educational Attainment, Age 25+, 2006

Less than 9th Grade	17,336	(6.6%)
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	34,076	(11.9%)
High School Graduate Only	65,815	(28.5%)
Some College, No Degree	49,277	(18.6%)
Associate Degree Only	18,103	(7.4%)
Bachelor's Degree Only	45,245	(18.7%)
Graduate or Professional Degree	792	(8.4%)

Source of Population Data: US Census Bureau

Source: US Census Bureau, 2006 Comm. Survey

## HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING

### Households by Type, 2006

Total No. of Households	163,129
HH's with Individuals Under 18	53,828
HH's with individuals 65+	35,919
Average Household Size	2.48
Average Family Size	3.05

### Housing Occupancy and Tenure, 2005

Total No. of Housing Units	178,686
Occupied Housing Units	158,307
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	107,852
Renter Occupied Housing Units	50,455

Source: 2006 American Community Survey, US Census Bureau

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## INCOME

### Median Household Income, 2005 Estimate

Greenville County	\$42,714
South Carolina	\$39,477

Source: US Census Bureau, Am. Comm. Survey

### Per Capita Personal Income, 2005

Greenville County	\$30,814
South Carolina	\$27,185

Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis

## MAJOR MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

Company	No. of Employees	Major Product
Michelin North America, Inc.	4,085	Radial Tires (Hqtrs, R&D, Mfg)
General Electric Company	2,600	Gas Turbines
Fluor Corporation	2,400	Engineering/Construction Services
Sealed Air Corp – Cryovac Division	1,700	Plastic Bags & Plastic Film
Lockheed Martin Aircraft & Logistics	1,300	Commercial/military a/c maintenance

Source: Greenville Area Development Corporation and SC Appalachian COG, Updated: November 2007

## LABOR FORCE

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

Industry Description	Ave. Monthly Employment	Industry Description	Ave. Monthly Employment
Natural Resources and Mining	642	Information	5,586
Construction	13,408	Financial Activities	11,280
Manufacturing	30,946	Professional and Business Services	42,595
Wholesale Trade	10,982	Education and Health Services	19,823
Retail Trade	31,417	Leisure and Hospitality	22,410
Transportation and Warehousing	8,751	Other Services	6,228
Utilities	794	Total Government	26,506

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

## RETAIL SALES

### Gross Retail Sales (Billions)

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Greenville County	\$10.1	\$10.3	\$11.0	\$11.3	\$13.0	\$14.3

Source: SC Department of Revenue and Taxation

## TRANSPORTATION

Interstate Access	I-85, I-185, I-385
Nearest Commercial Airport	Greenville-Spartanburg International
Airlines	Northwest, Continental, United Express, Delta, US Airways, American Eagle
Civil Airports	Greenville Downtown Airport, Donaldson Center Air Park
Port Access	Port of Charleston, 212 miles from City of Greenville
Rail Providers	CSX, NSR, Greenville Piedmont

Source: SC Department of Commerce

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## ***ADDITIONAL SOURCES***

### **Web sites**

[www.greatergreenville.com](http://www.greatergreenville.com)  
[www.greenvillecounty.org](http://www.greenvillecounty.org)  
[www.greenvillelibrary.org](http://www.greenvillelibrary.org) (county library)  
[www.southcarolinaparks.com](http://www.southcarolinaparks.com)  
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