

Greenwood County, SC Fact Sheet

The county takes its name from its county seat, the City of Greenwood, which was named around 1824 for the plantation of an early resident, John McGehee, Jr. Since 1950, Greenwood County has experienced diversified industrial growth with construction of new factories by major corporations. The county is home to the George W. Park Seed Company, Fuji Photo Film's North American manufacturing complex, and Velux, whose research and development divisions are on the cutting edge of science and technology. Piedmont Technical College and Lander University in Greenwood provide quality educational opportunities for individuals to acquire the knowledge and skills for employment in engineering, industrial technology, business, health, liberal arts, and public service, or for transfer to senior colleges and universities such as Lander University, in Greenwood since 1872.

POPULATION

Total Population, 1990, 2000 & 2006 Estimates

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
Greenwood County	59,854	66,271	68,213
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	4,290	(6.2%)
Age 5 to 19	14,460	(20.1%)
Age 20 to 34	13,656	(20.0%)
Age 35 to 59	22,841	(33.4%)
Age 60 to 74	8,173	(11.9%)
Age 75+	4,793	(7.0%)

Population Estimates by Race, 2006

White	45,046	(66.0%)
Black	21,629	(31.7%)
Amer. Indian / Alaska Native	210	(0.3%)
Asian	769	(1.1%)
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	73	(<0.1%)
Two or More Races	486	(0.7%)
Hispanic (all races included)	2,981	(4.3%)

Source of Population Data: US Census Bureau

Highest Educational Attainment, Age 25+, 2006

Less than 9th Grade	3,188	(7.3%)
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	7,497	(17.2%)
High School Graduate Only	14,254	(32.7%)
Some College, No Degree	6,030	(13.8%)
Associate Degree Only	3,453	(7.9%)
Bachelor's Degree Only	5,885	(13.5%)
Graduate or Professional Degree	3,335	(7.6%)

Source: 2006 American Comm. Survey, US Census Bureau

HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING

Households by Type, 2006

Total No. of Households	25,045
HH's with Individuals Under 18	7,859
HH's with individuals 65+	6,422
Average Household Size	2.66
Average Family Size	3.31

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2006

Housing Occupancy and Tenure, 2000

Total No. of Housing Units	28,243
Occupied Housing Units	25,729
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	17,811
Renter Occupied Housing Units	7,918
Rental Vacancy Rate (percent)	8.3%

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

2006 Estimated Number of Housing Units 29,798

Source: US Census Bureau

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INCOME

Median Household Income, 2005 Estimate		Per Capita Personal Income, 2005	
Greenwood County	\$36,629	Greenwood County	\$25,471
South Carolina	\$39,477	South Carolina	\$28,285

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

MAJOR MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

Company	No. of Employees	Major Product
Fuji Photo Film, Inc.	1,050	Graphic System Products
Greenwood Packing Plant	740	Pork Products
Capsugel – Division of Pfizer Inc.	680	Gelatin Capsules
Cutler-Hammer	490	Voltage Power Assemblies
Kendall-Tyco Healthcare	470	Medical/Surgical Products
Velux Greenwood, Inc.	450	Rook Windows / Fixed Windows

Source: Greenwood Partnership Alliance and individual employers. Updated: October 2007

LABOR FORCE

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

Industry Description	Ave. Monthly Employment	Industry Description	Ave. Monthly Employment
Natural Resources and Mining	127	Information	199
Construction	1,595	Financial Activities	818
Manufacturing	7,503	Professional and Business Services	3,005
Wholesale Trade	454	Education and Health Services	2,331
Retail Trade	3,259	Leisure and Hospitality	2,494
Transportation and Warehousing	410	Other Services	700

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>
Greenwood County	\$1.2	\$1.3	\$1.3	\$1.4	\$1.4	\$1.4

Source: SC Department of Revenue and Taxation

TRANSPORTATION

Nearest Interstate	I-385
Nearest Commercial Airport	Greenville-Spartanburg International
Airlines	Northwest, Continental, United Express, Delta, US Airways, American Eagle
Nearest Civil Airport	Greenwood County Airport
Port Access	Port of Charleston, 173 miles from City of Greenwood
Rail Providers	CSX, NSR

Source: SC Department of Commerce

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