

Spartanburg County, SC Fact Sheet

Formed in 1785, Spartanburg County and its county seat were named for the Spartan Regiment, a local militia unit that fought in the Revolutionary War. The county has grown from a frontier trading post and later a major textile center to an important, more diversified, manufacturing center with more than 500 manufacturing firms. Spartanburg County also is an international business center with the highest per capita foreign investment and more than 110 international firms, including BMW Manufacturing Corporation. Spartanburg County offers businesses an excellent transportation system, including highways, rail and truck lines, Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport, and proximity to the Port of Charleston. Spartanburg's location at the crossroads of two major interstate highways, I-85 and I-26, put it on the top of the list for business and personal relocation.

POPULATION

Total Population, 1990, 2000 & 2006 Estimates

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
Spartanburg County	227,515	253,791	271,087
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	17,468	(6.4%)
Age 5 to 19	54,634	(20.1%)
Age 20 to 34	53,552	(19.6%)
Age 35 to 59	96,746	(35.7%)
Age 60 to 74	32,293	(11.9%)
Age 75+	16,394	(6.0%)

Population Estimates by Race, 2006

White	206,682	(76.2%)
Black	56,444	(20.8%)
Amer. Indian / Alaska Native	874	(0.3%)
Asian	4,681	(1.7%)
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	105	(<0.1%)
Two or More Races	2,301	0.8%
Hispanic (all races included)	12,149	(4.5%)

Source of Population Data: US Census Bureau

Highest Educational Attainment, Age 25+, 2006

Less than 9th Grade	12,388	(6.8%)
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	25,381	(13.9%)
High School Graduate Only	58,910	(32.3%)
Some College, No Degree	34,189	(18.8%)
Associate Degree Only	16,357	(9.0%)
Bachelor's Degree Only	22,202	(12.2%)
Graduate or Professional Degree	12,765	(7.0%)

2006 Am. Comm. Survey, US Census Bureau

HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING

Households by Type, 2006

Total No. of Households	107,254
HH's with Individuals Under 18	39,110
HH's with individuals 65+	25,279
Average Household Size	2.46
Average Family Size	2.99

Source: US Census Bureau, 2006 Am. Comm. Survey

Housing Occupancy and Tenure, 2000

Total No. of Housing Units	106,986
Occupied Housing Units	97,735
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	70,339
Renter Occupied Housing Units	27,396
Rental Vacancy Rate (percent)	10.4%

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

2006 Estimated Number of Housing Units 118,741

Source: US Census Bureau

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INCOME

Median Household Income, 2005 Estimate

Spartanburg County	\$39,197
South Carolina	\$39,477

Source: US Bureau of the Census

Per Capita Personal Income, 2005

Spartanburg County	\$26,656
South Carolina	\$28,285

Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis

MAJOR MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

Company	No. of Employees	Major Product
BMW Manufacturing Corp	4,415	Automobiles
Cryovac Division – Sealed Air Corp	1,152	Flexible Plastic Packaging Material
Michelin North America, Inc.	952	Radial Truck Tires
Kohler, Inc.	909	China Plumbing Fixtures
Reeves Brothers Inc. – PBG Plant	672	Offset Printing Blankets

Source: SCEDC and individual employers

LABOR FORCE

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

Industry Description	Ave. Monthly Employment	Industry Description	Ave. Monthly Employment
Natural Resources and Mining	377	Information	942
Construction	6,530	Financial Activities	4,567
Manufacturing	27,744	Professional and Business Services	12,313
Wholesale Trade	5,813	Education and Health Services	9,314
Retail Trade	13,250	Leisure and Hospitality	10,808
Transportation and Warehousing	4,450	Other Services	2,705
Utilities	229	Total Government	17,641

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>
Spartanburg County	\$5.21	\$5.68	\$6.29	\$6.83	\$7.67	\$7.76

Source: SC Department of Revenue and Taxation

TRANSPORTATION

Interstate Access	I-85, I-26
Nearest Commercial Airport	Greenville-Spartanburg International
Airlines	Northwest, Continental, United Express, Delta, US Airways, American Eagle
Nearest Civil Airport	Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport
Port Access	Port of Charleston, 204 miles from City of Spartanburg
Rail Providers	CSX, NSR

Source: SC Department of Commerce

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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ADDITIONAL SOURCES

Web sites

www.spartanburgcounty.org
www.infodepot.org (county library)
www.southcarolinaparks.com
www.sciway.net
www.upstateforever.org
www.spartanburgchamber.com

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