

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, and 2008 Estimates

| | 1990 | 2000 | 2008 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Greenville | 320,127 | 379,616 | 438,119 |
| Upstate Region* | 1,059,891 | 1,220,542 | 1,335,571 |
| South Carolina | 3,486,310 | 4,012,012 | 4,479,800 |

*10 County Upstate South Carolina Region

Population Estimates by Age, 2007

| | | |
|--------------|---------|-------|
| Under Age 5 | 30,329 | 20.0% |
| Age 5 to 19 | 85,772 | 20.0% |
| Age 20 to 34 | 83,528 | 19.5% |
| Age 35 to 59 | 154,289 | 36.0% |
| Age 60 to 74 | 50,919 | 11.9% |
| Age 75+ | 23,406 | 5.5% |

Population Estimates by Race, 2007

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------|
| White | 334,019 | 78.0% |
| Black | 79,140 | 18.5% |
| Am. Indian / Alaska Native | 1,584 | 0.4% |
| Asian | 8,387 | 0.0% |
| Hawaiian / Pacific Islander | 365 | 0.1% |
| Two or More Races | 4,748 | 1.1% |
| Hispanic (all races included) | 29,263 | 6.8% |

Source of Population Data: US Census Bureau

Highest Educational Attainment, Age 25+, 2007

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Less than 9th Grade | 16,968 | 6.2% |
| 9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma | 33,660 | 12.3% |
| High School Graduate Only | 77,283 | 28.1% |
| Some College, No Degree | 49,052 | 17.9% |
| Associate Degree Only | 21,891 | 8.0% |
| Bachelor's Degree Only | 51,311 | 18.7% |
| Graduate or Professional Degree | 24,582 | 8.9% |

Source: US Census Bureau, 2007 Comm. Survey

HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING

Households by Type, 2005 - 2007, 3-yr. Estimate

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Total No. of Households: | 162,936 |
| HH's with Individuals Under 18 | 53,195 |
| HH's with Individuals 65+ | 35,634 |
| Average Household Size | 2.49 |
| Average Family Size | 3.05 |

Source: 2007 American Community Survey, US Census Bureau

Housing Occupance and Tenure, 2005-2007 3-Yr. Es

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Total No. of Housing Units | 182,352 |
| Occupied Housing Units | 162,936 |
| Owner-Occupied Housing Units | 111,359 |
| Renter-Occupied Housing Units | 51,577 |
| Rental Vacancy Rate (percent) | 10.1% |

Source: US Census Bureau, 2007 Comm. Survey

2007 Estimated Number of Housing Units 186,086

Source: US Census Bureau, 2007 Comm. Survey

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INCOME

Median Household Income, 2005 - 2007, 3-yr. Estimate

In 2007 inflation-adjusted dollars

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Greenville County | \$45,616.00 |
| South Carolina | \$42,405.00 |

Source: US Census Bureau, 2007 Amer. Comm. Survey

Per Capita Income, 2005 - 2007, 3-yr. Estimates

In 2007 inflation-adjusted dollars

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Greenville County | \$24,789.00 |
| South Carolina | \$22,560.00 |

Source: US Census Bureau, 2007 Amer. Comm. Survey

TOP 5 MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

| Company | No. of Employees | Major Product |
|--|------------------|---|
| Michelin North America Inc | 4000 | Headquarters / R&D / Mfg (radial tires) |
| General Electric Co | 3100 | Engineering/Turbines & Jet Engine Parts |
| Sealed Air Corp - Cryovac Division | 1400 | Plastic Bags |
| Drive Automotive Industries of America | 840 | Major body panels & assemblies for automotive |
| Mitsubishi Polyester Film LLC | 681 | Polyester Film |

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

LABOR FORCE

County Average Monthly Employment by Industry Group, 2007(Annual Average)

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|------------------------------------|--------|
| Natural Resources and Mining | 579 |
| Construction | 13,805 |
| Manufacturing | 30,476 |
| Wholesale Trade | 11,266 |
| Retail Trade | 31,790 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 8,957 |
| Utilities | 731 |
| Information | 5,676 |
| Financial Activities | 11,907 |
| Professional and Business Services | 43,780 |
| Education and Health Services | 21,014 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 23,350 |
| Other Services | 6,482 |
| Total Government | 27,538 |

RETAIL SALES

Gross Retail Sales (Millions)

| | |
|------|--------------|
| 2000 | \$10,323,176 |
| 2001 | \$10,116,220 |
| 2002 | \$10,339,893 |
| 2003 | \$11,008,938 |
| 2004 | \$11,305,278 |
| 2005 | \$12,995,180 |
| 2006 | \$14,382,272 |
| 2007 | \$14,485,167 |
| 2008 | \$14,785,475 |

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TRANSPORTATION

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|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|
| Interstate Access | I-85 | Nearest Civil Airport | Greenville Downtown Airport, SC T |
| Nearest Commercial Airline | Greenville-Spartanburg International | Port Access | Port of Charleston, 212 miles from City of Greenville |
| Airlines | Northwest, Continental, United Express, Delta, US Airways, American Eagle | Rail Providers | CSX, NSR, Greenville Piedmont |

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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|---|---|
| Greenville Area Development Corporation Jerry Howard, President & CEO | (864) 235-2008 www.greenvilleeconomicdevelopment.com |
| Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce Ben Haskew, President & CEO | (864) 242-1050 www.greenvillechamber.org |
| City of Greenville Economic Development Nancy Whitworth, Director | (864) 467-4401 www.greenvilledev.com |
| Upstate Alliance Hal Johnson, President/CEO | (864) 283-2300 www.upstatealliance.com |

ADDITIONAL SOURCES

www.greenvilledev.com
www.greenvillecounty.org
www.greenvillelibrary.org
www.southcarolinaparks.com
www.sciway.net
www.upstateforever.org

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