

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, and 2008 Estimates

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Anderson	145,177	165,740	182,825
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	11,681	19.8%
Age 5 to 19	35,685	19.8%
Age 20 to 34	33,863	18.8%
Age 35 to 59	62,461	34.7%
Age 60 to 74	24,488	13.6%
Age 75+	11,803	6.6%

Population Estimates by Race, 2007

White	146,595	81.5%
Black	30,149	16.8%
Am. Indian / Alaska Native	426	0.2%
Asian	1,176	0.0%
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	42	0.0%
Two or More Races	1,593	0.9%
Hispanic (all races included)	3,531	2.0%

Source of Population Data: US Census Bureau

Highest Educational Attainment, Age 25+, 2007

Less than 9th Grade	8,542	7.2%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	19,361	16.3%
High School Graduate Only	39,326	33.2%
Some College, No Degree	21,080	17.8%
Associate Degree Only	10,208	8.6%
Bachelor's Degree Only	13,541	11.4%
Graduate or Professional Degree	6,431	5.4%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2007 Comm. Survey

HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING

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

Total No. of Households:	68,821
HH's with Individuals Under 18	24,075
HH's with Individuals 65+	17,172
Average Household Size	2.52
Average Family Size	2.98

Source: 2007 American Community Survey, US Census Bureau

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

Total No. of Housing Units	80,891
Occupied Housing Units	68,821
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	51,112
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	17,709
Rental Vacancy Rate (percent)	12.2%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2007 Comm. Survey

2007 Estimated Number of Housing Units 82,321

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

Anderson County	\$41,078.00
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

Anderson County	\$21,374.00
South Carolina	\$22,560.00

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

TOP 5 MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

Company	No. of Employee	Major Product
Electrolux Home Products	1400	Household refrigerators
Robert Bosch Corporation	1380	Automotive components (oxygen sensors)
Michelin North America, Mfg. Divisio	1300	Semi-finished rubber products
Hexcel Corporation	700	Woven kevlar fabrics
Milliken-Cushman Facility (Williamst	700	Woven filament fabrics

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

LABOR FORCE

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

Natural Resources and Mining	173
Construction	3,519
Manufacturing	13,345
Service-Providing	31,785
Wholesale Trade	1,562
Retail Trade	8,352
Transportation and Warehousing	1,140
Utilities	243
Information	390
Financial Activities	1,595
Professional and Business Services	4,563
Education and Health Services	5,456
Leisure and Hospitality	7,259
Other Services	1,223
Total Government	11,480

RETAIL SALES

Gross Retail Sales (Millions)

2000	\$3,302,804
2001	\$3,318,691
2002	\$3,112,222
2003	\$3,501,961
2004	\$3,668,168
2005	\$3,873,782
2006	\$4,121,016
2007	\$4,466,162
2008	\$4,772,310

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TRANSPORTATION

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Anderson County Office of Economic Development Heather Jones, Director	(864) 260-4386 www.andersonpartnership.com
Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce Lee R. Luff, CCE, CAE, President	(864) 226-3454 www.andersonscchamber.com
Anderson County Development Partnership Michael Panasko, Executive Director	(864) 260-1061 www.andersonpartnership.com
Upstate Alliance Hal Johnson, President/CEO	(864) 283-2300 www.upstatealliance.com

ADDITIONAL SOURCES

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www.sciway.net
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