

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

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
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. Est

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 Employee	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 Ameri	840	Major body panels & assemblies for autom
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)

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

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

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.greenvillegov.com
Upstate Alliance Hal Johnson, President/CEO	(864) 283-2300 www.upstatealliance.com

ADDITIONAL SOURCES

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

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