

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, and 2008 Estimates

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Spartanburg	226,793	253,791	280,738
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	18,170	20.1%
Age 5 to 19	55,340	20.1%
Age 20 to 34	53,691	19.5%
Age 35 to 59	97,290	35.3%
Age 60 to 74	34,364	12.5%
Age 75+	16,679	6.1%

Population Estimates by Race, 2007

White	209,489	76.0%
Black	57,778	21.0%
Am. Indian / Alaska Native	908	0.3%
Asian	4,816	0.0%
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	114	0.0%
Two or More Races	2,429	0.9%
Hispanic (all races included)	12,719	4.6%

Source of Population Data: US Census Bureau

Highest Educational Attainment, Age 25+, 2007

Less than 9th Grade	13,492	7.5%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	27,175	15.2%
High School Graduate Only	57,640	32.2%
Some College, No Degree	31,552	17.6%
Associate Degree Only	16,229	9.1%
Bachelor's Degree Only	21,551	12.0%
Graduate or Professional Degree	11,414	6.4%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2007 Comm. Survey

HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING

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

Total No. of Households:	104,536
HH's with Individuals Under 18	36,704
HH's with Individuals 65+	25,302
Average Household Size	2.51
Average Family Size	3.06

Source: 2007 American Community Survey, US Census Bureau

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

Total No. of Housing Units	118,756
Occupied Housing Units	104,536
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	75,420
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	29,116
Rental Vacancy Rate (percent)	11.3%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2007 Comm. Survey

2007 Estimated Number of Housing Units 120,681

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

Spartanburg County	\$40,743.00
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

Spartanburg County	\$21,925.00
South Carolina	\$22,560.00

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

TOP 5 MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

Company	No. of Employee	Major Product
BMW Manufacturing Corp	4415	Automobiles
Cryovac Division-Sealed Air Corporat	1152	Flexible plastic packaging material
Michelin North America Inc	952	Radial truck tires
Kohler Co	909	China plumbing fixtures
Reeves Brothers Inc-PBG Plant	672	Offset printing blankets

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	362
Construction	6,578
Manufacturing	27,566
Wholesale Trade	6,090
Retail Trade	13,191
Transportation and Warehousing	4,573
Utilities	204
Information	946
Financial Activities	4,808
Professional and Business Services	13,041
Education and Health Services	9,679
Leisure and Hospitality	11,329
Other Services	2,669
Total Government	17767

RETAIL SALES

Gross Retail Sales (Millions)

2000	\$5,290,019
2001	\$5,213,028
2002	\$5,682,889
2003	\$6,291,250
2004	\$6,829,258
2005	\$7,665,092
2006	\$7,757,365
2007	\$7,524,675
2008	\$7,919,226

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TRANSPORTATION

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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ADDITIONAL SOURCES

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