

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, 2000, 2010, and 2015 Estimate

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
Greenville	379,616	451,225	496,675
Upstate Region*	1,220,542	1,362,073	1,464,635
South Carolina	4,012,012	4,625,364	5,016,816

*10 County Upstate South Carolina Region

Population by Race, 2000, 2010 and 2015 Estimate

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
White	77.5%	73.8%	73.3%
Black	18.3%	18.1%	18.7%
Am. Indian / Alaska Native	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%
Asian	1.4%	2.0%	2.3%
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Some Other Race	1.4%	3.9%	3.2%
Two or More Races	1.1%	1.9%	2.1%
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	3.8%	8.1%	9.3%

Population by Age, 2000, 2010 and 2015 Estimate

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
Under Age 5	6.8%	6.7%	6.6%
Age 5 to 9	7.0%	6.7%	6.7%
Age 10 to 14	6.9%	6.7%	6.8%
Age 15 to 19	6.8%	6.8%	6.6%
Age 20 to 34	21.7%	19.4%	19.6%
Age 35 to 44	16.2%	14.4%	13.3%
Age 45 to 54	13.8%	15.0%	14.0%
Age 55 to 64	9.1%	11.9%	12.6%
Age 65+	11.7%	12.4%	13.8%

Highest Educational Attainment, Age 25+, 2010

Less than 9th Grade	6.2%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	10.8%
High School Graduate Only	28.4%
Some College, No Degree	18.3%
Associate Degree Only	7.7%
Bachelor's Degree Only	19.0%
Graduate/Professional Degree	9.5%

HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING

Households Families, 2000, 2010, and 2015 Estimate

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
# of Households	149,556	176,531	197,807
# of Families	102,012	119,362	130,315

Households Families, 2000, 2010, and 2015 Estimate

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
Ave HH Size:	2.47	2.46	2.45
Owner-Occupied:	101,977	123,392	136,002
Renter-Occupied:	47,579	56,849	61,805
Median Age:	35.5	37.2	37.9

Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000 and 2010 Census of Population and Housing. ESRI forecasts for 2015 (unless otherwise stated)

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INCOME

Median Household Income, 2000, 2010, 2015 Est.				Per Capita Income, 2000, 2010, 2015 Estimates			
	2000	2010	2015		2000	2010	2015
Greenville	\$41,234	\$52,607	\$58,900	Greenville	22,081	26,547	28,860
South Carolina	\$37,137	\$47,704	\$53,665	South Carolina	18,795	23,283	25,493

TOP 5 MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

Company	No. of Employees	Major Product
Michelin North America Inc	4000	Headquarters / R&D / Mfg (radial tires)
General Electric Co	3200	Engineering/Turbines & Jet Engine Parts
Sealed Air Corp - Cryovac Division	1420	Plastic Bags
ABB Ltd	668	Speed changers, drives, gears
Honeywell (Engines & Systems)	600	Blades, nozzles, disks for turbine engines

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

LABOR FORCE

County Average Monthly Employment by Industry Group, 2010 (Annual Average)

Natural Resources and Mining	515
Construction	8984
Manufacturing	28050
Wholesale Trade	10749
Retail Trade	26805
Transportation and Warehousing	7832
Utilities	250
Information	5443
Financial Activities	11790
Professional and Business Services	43454
Education and Health Services	24231
Leisure and Hospitality	22382
Other Services	6239
Total Government	28292

RETAIL SALES

Gross Retail Sales (Millions) by Fiscal Year

FY 2002-03	\$9,466,475
FY 2003-04	\$6,843,980
FY 2004-05	\$12,010,617
FY 2005-06	\$14,137,466
FY 2006-07	\$14,547,546
FY 2007-08	\$15,127,862
FY 2008-09	\$13,764,523
FY 2009-10	\$12,968,004
FY 2010-11	\$13,416,069

Source: SC Department of Revenue and Taxation

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

ADDITIONAL SOURCES

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

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