

Quality of Life Greenville, South Carolina

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I. Executive Overview

As a warm southern community with a diverse economy and an abundance of international businesses and amenities, Greenville offers the perfect combination of industry, workforce and culture for business location or expansion. Greenville is a mid-sized metro area, with a low cost of living. It offers the appeals of a big city with small-town hospitality that is hard to find elsewhere.

Demographics

With an estimated population of 451,225 in 2010, Greenville County is South Carolina's largest county. Growth rates have averaged more than 1.9 percent per year since 2000.

Housing

Greenville has a rich history of diverse living environments and neighborhood identity, and offers housing options within traditional older neighborhoods, historic districts, suburban areas or the heart of a bustling downtown.



Transportation

The Upstate of South Carolina has over 14,000 miles of state and county maintained highways. Among these are several major interstate systems. Additionally, South Carolina's largest airport, the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) is the major aviation facility in the Upstate.



Diversity

Greenville is committed to improving the levels of diversity in the Upstate, as demonstrated by the development of the Diversity Leadership Initiative. Greenville strives to promote racial, religious, and cultural diversity.



Venues, Museums, and Performing Arts

With a wide variety of theatres, symphonies, and performing arts centers making their home in the area, Greenville has been established as a cultural sensation.



Nestled in the heart of downtown Greenville, Heritage Green is an urban arts and cultural campus that comprises four museums—The Greenville County Museum of Art, the Museum & Gallery at Heritage Green, the Upcountry History Museum and The Children's Museum, and more.

Downtown Greenville

Greenville's downtown area offers something for everyone. Featured in *Southern Living* Magazine as a benchmark for downtown revitalization, Main Street occasionally closes to traffic and allows for local festivals and celebrations in a family-friendly atmosphere. Nationally recognized, Greenville is the winner of the 2003 Great American Main Street Award.



Healthcare

Two major hospitals – Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center and Bon Secours St. Francis Health System – offer high-level medical care, with services such as a level-one trauma center and cancer centers. In addition to these hospitals, Greenville is also home to the Shriner's Children's Hospital, as well as a number of other healthcare groups.



Sports, Recreation, and the Outdoors

Located in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, Greenville has plenty of outdoors to explore. *Bike Magazine* has rated Greenville as one of the "Top 5 Best Places to Live and Ride." In addition, Greenville has both professional and college sports teams. Greenville will satisfy everyone's outdoor and recreational tastes.



Table Rock State Park



Greenville's newest attraction is the Liberty Bridge which spans the Reedy River in downtown Greenville.



II. Demographics

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Greenville is one of ten counties that comprise the Upstate Region of South Carolina. The Upstate Region's population has been steadily increasing, growing from 1,220,516 in 2000 to 1,362,073 in 2010, a 1.2 percent annual increase since 2000. The Greenville MSA population (Greenville, Laurens and Pickens County) has grown from 559,940 in 2000 to 636,986 in 2010, a 1.4 percent increase per year during that time period.

Greenville County residents are among the State's wealthiest. Greenville County traditionally ranks number two in South Carolina for per capita income, outranked only by Beaufort County, which includes the Hilton Head resort community. According to the US Department of Commerce, Greenville County per capita income for 2009 was \$35,963. Per capita income for the Greenville MSA was \$35,963 in 2009.

Profile of General Demographic Characteristics Greenville County, 2010

Subject	Number	Percent (%)
Total Population	451,225	
Gender		
Male	218,791	48.5
Female	232,434	51.5
Age		
Under 10	61,056	13.5
10 to 19	60,794	13.5
20 to 34	90,551	20.1
35 to 54	128,138	28.4
55 to 64	53,105	11.7
65 and older	57,581	12.8
21 and older	323,018	71.6
Median Age	37.2	
Race		
One Race	442,755	98.1
White	333,084	73.8
Black or African American	81,497	18.1
Asian	8,849	2.0
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	257	0.1
Amer. Indian / Alaskan	1,401	0.3
Some Other Race	17,667	3.9
Two or More Races	8,470	1.9
Hispanic or Latino (any race)	36,495	8.1

US Census Bureau

Population Growth, 1990-2010

Area	Population Increase	% Increase 2000-2010
Greenville County	71,609	18.9%
Greenville MSA	77,046	13.8%
Upstate SC Region	141,531	11.6%
South Carolina	613,352	15.3%

US Census Bureau

III. Housing

Greenville has a rich history of diverse living environments and neighborhood identity and offers housing options within traditional older neighborhoods, historic districts, suburban areas or the heart of a bustling downtown.

Between 2005 and 2010, over 15,550 new residential units were constructed in the county, while millions of dollars in renovations has taken place in the city's older neighborhoods in the last ten years.

Currently, planned residential development projects in the Greenville area offer price points ranging from \$65,000 to over \$500,000 for individuals and families of all income levels. According to the National Association of Realtors, the median sales price for existing single family homes in Greenville, SC is \$137,200 (1st quarter 2010).

The city's downtown is experiencing a boom in new housing development as the demand increases for urban living. Downtown Greenville is fast becoming one of the most popular places to live in the city. With quality schools, unparalleled cultural amenities within walking distance, a location convenient to other parts of the city, and a variety of living options in safe and comfortable neighborhoods, Greenville is the perfect place to call home.

www.greenvillesc.gov/Living/Neighborhoods.aspx

Greenville County Housing Characteristics, 2010

Housing Units, Total	195,462
Occupied	176,531
Vacant	18,931
Households, Total	176,531
Person Per Household	2.49
Family Households	119,362
Persons Per Family	3.03

US Census Bureau

IV. Transportation

Greenville County is situated in the northwest corner of South Carolina. Located along the mega-growth I-85 corridor, the county is centered between Atlanta, GA to the south (145 miles) and Charlotte, NC to the north (92 miles). The county seat of Greenville is located 101 miles from the capitol city of Columbia and only 200 miles from the port city of Charleston.

Interstate and Highways

The Upstate of South Carolina has over 14,000 miles of state and county maintained highways. Among these are several major interstate systems. Interstate I-85 is the backbone of the manufacturing region. Passing thru the Upstate, I-85 stretches from Richmond, VA to Atlanta, GA and southern Alabama and connects the southeast with the northeast. Greenville also connects with I-26 to the south, allowing access to the South Carolina ports. The Southern Connector (part of I-185), a privately developed 17-mile toll road, has opened up portions of the county that have heretofore been inaccessible for industrial development. An aggressive land use plan, including a state-of-the-art business and technology park, has already been developed for this area.

Airports

South Carolina's largest airport, the **Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP)** is the major aviation facility in the Upstate. Located just 20 minutes from downtown Greenville on I-85, GSP provides both passenger and cargo service. GSP handles over 1.2 million passengers annually and is served by eight passenger airlines and four cargo airlines. GSP offers over fifty(50) weekday departures to 18 non-stop destinations. With a recent \$100 million expansion, the airport's runway now measures 11,000 feet and is capable of handling any aircraft flying today. A proposed \$50 to \$90 million terminal renovation is now in the design phase. GSP was voted 7th most user-friendly small airport in the nation in a survey by Conde' Naste Traveler.

www.gspairport.com

Located adjacent to the Palmetto Exhibition Center and only three miles from the Central Business District, the **Greenville Downtown Airport (GMU)** serves as the "Corporate Gateway" to Greenville. GMU is a modern and attractive facility with a wide variety of tenants that offer a full range of aviation services.

www.greenvilledowntownairport.com

The SC Technology and Aviation Center (SC TAC) features a public airport designed to meet a variety of aviation needs. **Donaldson Field (GYH)** at SCTAC has an 8,000-foot primary runway that can handle virtually any landing gear configured aircraft and has a Category 1 Instrument Landing System. SC TAC is also well suited for air freight/cargo services as well as aviation MRO and other aviation-related business needs.

www.sc-tac.com

Selected Air Charter and Air Taxi Services

Stevens Aviation (864) 879-6155	Air Charter Express (864) 277-4004	Special Service Corp (864) 242-3383
Venture Aviation Group (864) 370-2962	Open Air (800) 940-2359	Tempus Jets (864) 382-2380

V. Diversity

Interesting Facts about Greenville County's Cultural Diversity

- *Southern Living* Magazine recently recognized the area as being South Carolina's City of the Arts.
- Greenville's international flavor is also seen in its faith community – with a variety of major world religions represented, providing services in Kurdish, Korean, Chinese and many other languages.
- Microsoft recently ranked Greenville County as being a Top 10 digital county.
- Artisphere, Greenville's newest arts festival offering, will feature international artists in both visual and performing arts.
- Greenville is also home to numerous world-class chefs regularly featured in *Bon Appetite*.

International Festivals

Main Street occasionally closes to traffic and allows for local festivals and celebrations in a family-friendly atmosphere. International festivals include: the Greenville Scottish Games, the Greek Festival, Shalom Fest, Oktoberfest, Hispanic Festival, A Day with India Event, as well as the Shinnehkai and Bon Japanese Festivals and the World Tai Chi Day.

Diversity Leadership Initiative (DLI)

Population centers such as the Upstate have become increasingly diverse as South Carolina has grown in recent years. Recognizing a need for diversity-related programming, the Riley Institute, then in cooperation with the American Institute for Managing Diversity (AIMD), launched a unique program that encouraged community leaders to consider the challenges and opportunities presented by the many facets of diversity in our state, including among others, differences in cultural background, language, gender, and physical ability.

Since its inception in 2003 in the Upstate of South Carolina, the Riley Institute Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI) now operates statewide, adding classes in the South Carolina Lowcountry (2005) and Midlands (2006). Over 400 CEOs of corporations, mayors, city and county council members, legislators, school superintendents, pastors and rabbis, non-profit heads, chamber of commerce directors, and community leaders have graduated from the program.

In addition, each summer the Riley Institute sponsors three leadership programs – Teachers of Government, Emerging Public Leaders, and South Carolina United – that address questions of civics and leadership among exceptional teachers, high school students, and incoming college freshman.

<http://riley.furman.edu/diversity>

Opportunities for Minority Business (via the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce)

- **The Diversity Committee** works to address the needs of diverse-owned businesses.
- **Business Women in Action Committee** creates opportunities for women in business by providing network, mentoring, awareness and education.

www.greenvillechamber.org

Religious Communities with a Cultural Affiliation in the Upstate

- Vedic Center of Greenville (Hindu)
- Hindu Society of Greater Spartanburg
- Bethel Israel Synagogue (Jewish)
- Temple of Israel (Jewish)
- Islamic Society of Greenville (Muslim)
- Carolina Buddhist Vihara
- St. George Greek Orthodox Church
- St. Mary's Coptic Orthodox Church (Egyptian)

Accomplished Professionals Reflective of Greenville's Diversity

- Max Heller is a Jewish immigrant who is a former mayor of Greenville. As mayor, he was responsible for the redevelopment of Greenville.
- Merle Code is an African-American entrepreneur and judge. He was also a past Chairman of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce.
- Ruben Montalvo is a Hispanic entrepreneur and the owner of several restaurant chains.
- Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher is an African-American educator and is Superintendent of the Greenville County School District.
- Vivian Wong is a Chinese immigrant; she is an entrepreneur, developer, and winner of the Order of the Palmetto.
- Brent Clinkscale is a prominent African-American attorney who served on the Board of the Greenville Area Development Corporation. In addition, Brent is general counsel to the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund; he was named 2004 Greenville Business Person of the Year and one of *Greenville Magazine's* 50 Most Influential in 2005.

VI. Venues, Museums, and the Performing Arts

Greenville has established itself as a cultural sensation with a wide variety of theatres, symphonies, and performing arts centers making their home in the area. Following is a brief description of the cultural attractions that Greenville has to offer.

The Bi-Lo Center

This state-of-the-art sports and entertainment complex has attracted some of the biggest national artists in addition to major and minor league sporting events. One of the largest arenas in South Carolina, the Bi-Lo Center accommodates up to 16,000 patrons, and nearly one million patrons attend events at the Bi-Lo Center annually.

www.bilocenter.com

The Peace Center for Performing Arts

The Peace Center is located adjacent to Falls Park in downtown Greenville. It is an arts center that contains the 2100-seat Peace Concert Hall, 400-seat Dorothy Hipp Gunter Theater, and the Dow Brands Amphitheater located beside the Reedy River. It hosts over 300 events each year, including classical music, Broadway shows and appearances by popular artists such as Bill Cosby and David Copperfield. There are four resident companies: Greenville Symphony Orchestra, Carolina Ballet Theater, South Carolina Children's Theater, and the International Ballet.

www.peacecenter.org

Greenville Symphony Orchestra

For many years the Greenville Symphony Orchestra has taken a leading role in providing the Upstate with a diverse source of musical entertainment and education. Maestro Edvard Tchivzhel and the Greenville Symphony Orchestra present some of the best loved works in musical literature, such as Gershwin's American in Paris, Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, and Verdi's Requiem. Internationally acclaimed guest performers include soprano Marquita Lister, pianist Richard Cass, and violinist Chee-Yun.

www.greenvillesymphony.org

Carolina Youth Symphony

The Carolina Youth Symphony's beginnings stretch back to 1955, when Rita May Baker, a musician in Greenville, South Carolina, formed a "Little Symphony" made up of young musicians and supported by the Crescent Music Club as a Greenville Symphony Orchestra. During the past 44 years, the group has matured into two orchestra levels made up of 160+ students representing over 60 area schools, the South Carolina Governor's School, and communities in both the Carolinas. CYS currently presents five full-length concerts each year, plus wind, string, and chamber ensemble performances. Orchestra members consistently win solo competitions and scholarships for summer music studies.

www.carolinayouthsymphony.org

Greenville Chorale

The mission of the Greenville Chorale is to bring together vocal and orchestral artists to provide the region with a professional symphonic chorus for the purpose of re-creating great music to enrich the soul and enjoyment of both performer and listener. The vision of the Artistic Director and Conductor determines the balance of masterworks and new music to ensure exacting performance standards and enthusiastic involvement for all participants.

www.greenvillechorale.com

Greenville Little Theatre

Celebrating 75 years of theatrical excellence the Greenville Little Theatre presents six major productions of Broadway-style, family oriented musicals and plays annually. Youth acting classes are offered year round.

www.greenvillelittletheatre.org

Centre Stage Theatre

Centre Stage-South Carolina is a professional theatre committed to the core ideal of engaging the community with innovative approaches to performance and production, enriching the local artistic landscape and enhancing the quality of life with uncompromising theatrical integrity. The mission of Centre Stage is to be a cornerstone of the creative life of the Upstate, providing captivating entertainment, stimulating intellectual discovery and broadening the social spectrum of local audiences through the medium of live theatre.

www.centrestage.org

The Warehouse Theatre

The Warehouse Theatre is a professional theatre organization dedicated to the concept of theatre as a serious art form; to high-quality, diverse and challenging productions; to the training of theatre professionals; to community outreach; and to student education. The Warehouse Theatre chooses plays to stretch the imagination of Upstate audiences, to energize and excite the community with intimate, intense and unexpected performances that explore and celebrate the complexities of our time. The Warehouse Theatre does this to encourage an adventurousness of spirit, and to develop a hunger for the visceral impact of theatre, in the mind, heart, and soul.

www.warehousetheatre.com

South Carolina Children's Theatre

Magical adventures await you and your family at the South Carolina Children's Theatre! SCCT presents 5 captivating plays or musicals each year. Auditions are open to the public and production values are of the highest quality in order to create enriching artistic experiences for actors, crew and audiences alike! Founded in 1987, SCCT offers extensive year-round education, Kindermusik, and outreach programs at our downtown Greenville and Upstate area satellite locations. Stimulating young minds and imaginations, our programs boost self confidence, increase self esteem and create fun for all participants.

www.scchildrenstheatre.org

Café and Then Some

Café and Then Some is a well-known comedy theater in the Upstate, and its plays are loosely based on local humor. The café opens for dinner at 6:30, and the show starts at 8:15. The cast of this comedy troupe has been successfully poking fun at Greenville's social, civic and political scene since 1978.

www.cafeats.com

Greenville Chautauqua

Chautauqua is interactive theater presenting "History that just won't stay in a book!" A costumed performer takes you on an astonishing journey into the past -- to laugh with Mark Twain -- to dream with Martin Luther King, Jr. -- to walk the Trail of Tears with the Cherokee. The audience interacts with questions. In June there is a Chautauqua Festival of 20+ performances, many of which are outdoors with live entertainment. All shows are free, fun and family-friendly.

www.greenvillechautauqua.org

Carolina Ballet Theatre

Dedicated to the promotion and expansion of the art of dance in Greenville, Carolina Ballet Theatre (CBT) offers quality performances that appeal to all dance tastes and styles. Founded in 1972, CBT is part classical ballet, part contemporary performing arts - all focused on delivering acclaimed performances as well as training and educating all they encounter.

www.carolinaballet.org

International Ballet Company and Academy

The International Ballet Company is a nonprofit classical ballet performance company which produces annual performances of The Nutcracker as well as up to eight annual performances of a Chamber Ballet Company. The International Ballet Academy (IBA) offers the highest level of classical ballet training for the young student to the professional dancer. Ballet classes are taught using the Vaganova method. Contemporary, Jazz and Character classes are offered to students who have a foundation in classical ballet, enabling them to expand their training.

www.internationalballetacademy.com

Greenville County Museum of Art

Located on Heritage Green in downtown Greenville, the Greenville County Museum of Art (GCMA) collects and exhibits American art. GCMA is ranked among the pre-eminent regional museums in the country and is nationally known for three collection strengths: the Southern Collection, a survey of American art using southern-related examples; Andrew Wyeth: The Greenville Collection; and a collection of contemporary art unrivaled in the state. The Museum boasts individual works by such twentieth-century masters as George Bellows, Georgia O'Keeffe, Josef Albers, and Philip Guston. The collection includes forty works by Jasper Johns, sixty-eight by Stephen Scott Young, and thirty-two by Andrew Wyeth. A strong and varied exhibition program complements the Museum's collection. In 1973, the American Association of Museums accredited GCMA and renewed accreditation in 1986 and 1998.

www.greenvillemuseum.org/

Upcountry History Museum

Recently opened, the 43,000-square foot Upcountry History Museum, located within Greenville's Heritage Green cultural complex, will promote, present and preserve the history of Upcountry South Carolina through education, research and service. Through permanent exhibits, collaborative outreach, oral history presentations and student enrichment programs, the Museum will invite visitors not only to discover the rich texture of the Upcountry's past and present, but also to participate in telling its story visitors not only to discover the rich texture of the Upcountry's past and present, but also to participate in telling its story.

www.upcountryhistory.org

Bob Jones University Museum and Gallery

The Bob Jones University Museum & Gallery houses one of the most important collections of religious art in America. The Gallery contains 30 galleries displaying European sacred art from the thirteenth through the nineteenth centuries and includes important works of many major artists such as Rembrandt, Tintoretto, Titian, Veronese, Sebastiano del Piombo, Cranach, Gerard David, Murillo, Ribera, Rubens, Van Dyck, Honthorst, and Dore.

www.bjumg.org

Museum and Gallery at Heritage Green

The Museum and Gallery became an integral part of Heritage Green in 2008. The satellite facility of the Bob Jones University Museum & Gallery is a place of culture, education, and art adding distinction to Greenville and the Upstate. A select portion of the more than 400 Old Master paintings and hundreds of pieces of furniture and decorative arts are regularly on display.

www.bjumg.org/heritage_green

Upstate Visual Arts

The mission of Upstate Visual Arts is to enhance the quality of life within the community by elevating the stature of visual art and educating the public to its significance. Upstate Visual Arts began officially in 1991, when a small group of area business and cultural leaders resolved to serve both area artists and the community by celebrating the vast talent of local artists. UVA now exists as a thriving non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, almost 500 members strong.

www.upstatevisualarts.org

The Greenville Cultural Exchange Center

The Greenville Cultural Exchange Center is a multi-cultural museum founded in 1987 by Ruth-Ann Butler. The Center provides a haven of historical reflection, research and education. Exhibits, archives, guided tours and meeting spaces will be improved to offer even greater resources for those seeking knowledge and understanding of the City of Greenville's and the region's multi-cultural diversity, contributions and accomplishments.

<http://www.greenvillesc.gov/Culture/History/CulturalExchangeCenter.aspx>

Outdoor Entertainment

Beginning in April and running through October, Greenville hosts weekly and recurring outdoor events and concerts. Music, movies, market stalls and more are open to the public throughout the "Series Season." All events are free. Details for each event are available online and through local listings.

www.greenvillesc.gov/PublicInfo_events/SpecialEvents.aspx

Acoustic Café

The City of Greenville Acoustic Café is a program to schedule and promote street performance at six downtown locations: Main Street Plaza (Falls Park), Piazza Bergamo, Hyatt Plaza, Riverwalk, Court Square and the Shoeless Joe Jackson Plaza.

Main Street Gallery

The City of Greenville's Main Street Gallery offers visual artists the ability to showcase their artistic talents in downtown Greenville. Artists can sign up in three-hour intervals and perform at one of six different downtown locations: Max Heller Plaza, Piazza Bergamo, Sterling Square Statue, McBee Statue Plaza, Peace Center Fountain or Bowater Amphitheater in Falls Park.

VII. Downtown Greenville

Greenville's downtown area offers something for everyone. Featured in *Southern Living* as a benchmark for downtown revitalization, Main Street occasionally closes to traffic and allows for local festivals and celebrations in a family-friendly atmosphere. Greenville is the winner of the 2003 Great American Main Street Award.

www.greenvillesc.gov/EconDev/Downtown/default.aspx

Business

Downtown Greenville is the pre-eminent business center of the Upstate, accounting for over one-third of the total office space in the Greenville-Spartanburg metropolitan area with almost 3 million square feet and the largest concentration of headquarter offices in the region.

Dining

Main Street and its vicinity offer a variety of options with over 60 dining choices. From bistros to tapas, breweries to Mexican, and delis to Asian, the choices seem endless. In addition, coffee houses, local pubs, and live music venues offer nighttime entertainment.

Shopping

Main Street shopping is also first-rate. Offering designer shops to antiques stores, shopping downtown is always a pleasant experience in a safe and calm environment. Also serving the Upstate are major shopping malls, housing major department stores as well as smaller regional and national chains.

Entertainment

Visitors to downtown can enjoy, in addition to great dining, a year-round series of special events suited to the season and appealing to almost every taste. From April through September, weekly concerts ranging from folk to jazz entertain visitors three nights a week while larger downtown celebrations mark the coming of each new season. With almost 200 event days a year, Greenville leads the region in hosting visitors.

www.greenvillesc.gov/Culture/FamilyThingsToDo.aspx

Greenville's downtown also has long been the cultural center for the region, featuring the Peace Center for the Performing Arts, the Greenville County Art Museum, the Greenville County Library, and a number of private galleries and theatre venues. In addition, there is fun for the whole family in downtown with many parks, events, the zoo and the Bi-Lo Center arena.

Housing

Downtown Greenville is the center of business, culture, and entertainment, and it is also one of the most desirable residential districts in and around Greenville. In coming years, the unique benefits of living downtown will attract more and more residents, giving the downtown area an even more well-rounded character.

www.greenvillesc.gov/EconDev/Downtown/DowntownProjects.aspx

VIII. Healthcare

Greenville has some of the best healthcare services and facilities in the state, if not the Southeast. Two major hospitals – Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center (GHS) and Bon Secours St. Francis Health System – offer high-level medical care, with services such as a level-one trauma center and cancer centers. In addition to these hospitals, Greenville is also home to the Shriner's Children's Hospital, as well as a number of other healthcare groups.

Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center is the nation's first multi-hospital system. GHS is a university-affiliated research and teaching facility and provides a variety of health services, with Greenville Memorial Hospital serving as a regional center of clinical excellence offering the area's most advanced technology and health services.

- 9,778 employees with 1,264 staff physicians
- 1,268 Beds
- Teaching affiliations with the Medical University of South Carolina, the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, and Duke University
- 180 resident physicians in seven residency programs / nine fellowship programs
- Nursing affiliations with Bob Jones University, Furman, Greenville Technical College, University of South Carolina, Clemson University, Lander University, and Tri-County Technical College
- A Biomedical Research Collaborative partnership with Clemson University
- The region's only Level I trauma center
- The Upstate's only Children's Emergency Center and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
- A Regional Perinatal Center and Greenville's only Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

www.ghs.org

Bon Secours St. Francis Health System is a private, non-profit system that is enhancing its relationship with CancerCenters. It has also improved its services through uses of the latest technology. Bon Secours St. Francis Health System includes St. Francis Hospital, St. Francis Women's & Family Hospital, St. Francis HomeCare, St. Francis Hospice, St. Francis Optimum Health Network, and the St. Francis Foundation.

- Louis P. Batson, Jr. Cancer Care Center
- John I. Smith Diabetes Center
- Heartburn Treatment Center
- William L. Carpenter Heart Center
- WorkWell™ Occupational Health

www.stfrancishealth.org

Shriner's Children's Hospital provides free care to patients under 18 experiencing orthopedic problems. In addition to therapy, the county school system provides classes for its patients.

www.shrinershq.org/Hospitals/Greenville/default.aspx

The University of South Carolina School of Medicine in Greenville (USCSOM-Greenville) will expand to offer all four years of medical education. With its inaugural class scheduled to start in 2012, USCSOM-Greenville will be a separately accredited medical program of the University of South Carolina and will have a synergistic partnership between the state's largest university and the state's largest hospital.

IX. Sports and Recreation

Located in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, Greenville has plenty of outdoors to explore. *Bike Magazine* has rated Greenville as one of the "Top 5 Best Places to Live and Ride." In addition, Greenville has both professional and college sports teams. Greenville will satisfy everyone's outdoor and recreational tastes.

Sports

Greenville County is home to the **Greenville Drive**, the Single A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox and the **Greenville Road Warriors**, a professional hockey team with affiliations with the Philadelphia Flyers and the New York Rangers.

www.greenvilledrive.com

www.greenvilleroadwarriors.com

In addition to the professional sports teams, the Upstate is also home to both Furman and Clemson Universities, with nationally ranked men's and women's collegiate programs.

Recreation

Over 400 acres of parks are located *inside* the City of Greenville, many of which have recently been restored. The Reedy River waterfalls and Cleveland Park with its ball fields and jogging trails are among the most popular parks. An equestrian park encompassing 66 acres of gorgeous nature trails offers both competitive and beginning lessons.

The Greenville County Recreation District manages 51 parks and facilities including 7 community centers, 3 water parks, ice rink, inline rink, a camp & retreat center, and a 10-mile rail-trail greenway. Parks range in size from 3 to 400 acres and cover a 240-square mile service area from the mountains to the Greenwood County line.

www.greenvillerec.com

Local mountains boast numerous hiking, mountain biking, and nature trails. Camping possibilities abound, and many lakes in the area provide excellent opportunities for boating and fishing.

The Greenville Zoo's 14-acre, open-air animal kingdom is home to wildlife from around the world.

There are also more than **60 gorgeous golf courses** in Greenville County.

- Thornblade Club occupies a prime spot in the Upstate of South Carolina. Amenities include a master planned 18-hole golf course, eleven tennis courts, competition-size swimming pool, shopping, custom built clubhouse with casual and elegant restaurant dining, full service banquet facilities, and much more.

www.thornbladeclub.com

- Golf at The Cliffs Communities is a four-season sport, with soon-to-be eight championship golf courses and half a dozen sponsored PGA and Champions Tours professionals who call The Cliffs home. *Golf Digest* ranked the Tom Jackson course at The Cliffs at Glassy as the "Fourth Most Beautiful Course in the Nation." The Tom Fazio course at Keowee Vineyards ranked seventh among the best new private courses in the nation by *Golf Digest*.

www.cliffscommunities.com/golf

X. Climate

Yearly Average Temperature	60.3° F
Yearly Average High Temperature	71.0° F
Yearly Average Low Temperature	49.7° F
Average Monthly Maximum Temperature (July)	88.7° F
Average Monthly Minimum Temperature (January)	31.2° F
Yearly Average Precipitation	49.1"
Snowfall: Average Total Inches	5.1"
Sunshine: Average Percent Possible	60%
Annual Average Wind Speed (MPH)	7.0

SC Department of Natural Resources
Data Collected at GSP Airport, 1962-2009