

Abbeville County, SC

Fact Sheet

Both the county and its county seat were named for the French town of the same name. Originally part of Ninety-Six District, the area was designated as Abbeville County in 1785. Rich in history and tradition, Abbeville County is known for its historical communities, carefully restored opera house, outstanding fishing, boating, golf, beautiful scenery, and thriving business community. Located along the "Freshwater Coast," Abbeville County is settled at the state's western boundary. Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport is within an hour's drive and CSX Railroad serves the county. The Port of Charleston is easily accessible via major highways and nearby interstates. Abbeville County offers an unbeatable combination of such factors as a diversified industrial base, a high standard of living and quality of life, and a pro-business local government. An available and educated work force can also receive more customized training at nearby Piedmont Technical College.

POPULATION

Total Population, 2000, 2010, and 2015 Estimate

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
Abbeville	26,167	25,417	25,629
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	68.3%	69.6%	66.5%
Black	30.3%	28.3%	31.1%
Am. Indian / Alaska Native	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Asian	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%
Two or More Races	0.7%	1.1%	1.3%
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	0.8%	1.0%	1.8%

Population by Age, 2000, 2010 and 2015 Estimate

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
Under Age 5	6.7%	6.5%	6.4%
Age 5 to 9	6.9%	6.5%	6.4%
Age 10 to 14	7.3%	6.9%	6.8%
Age 15 to 19	7.4%	7.3%	7.4%
Age 20 to 34	18.8%	17.5%	17.2%
Age 35 to 44	14.4%	12.6%	11.9%
Age 45 to 54	14.1%	14.1%	13.1%
Age 55 to 64	9.6%	13.6%	14.1%
Age 65+	14.8%	14.9%	16.7%

Highest Educational Attainment, Age 25+, 2010

Less than 9th Grade	8.3%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	12.8%
High School Graduate Only	40.5%
Some College, No Degree	14.7%
Associate Degree Only	8.7%
Bachelor's Degree Only	8.9%
Graduate/Professional Degree	5.9%

HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING

Households Families, 2000, 2010, and 2015 Estimate

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
# of Households	10,131	9,990	10,088
# of Families	7,288	6,939	7,034

Households Families, 2000, 2010, and 2015 Estimate

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
Ave HH Size:	2.51	2.47	2.46
Owner-Occupied:	8,156	8,147	8,097
Renter-Occupied:	1,975	2,015	1,991
Median Age:	37.0	41.6	40.1

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
Abbeville	\$32,627	\$40,275	\$45,187	Abbeville	15,370	18,825	20,156
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
Prysmian Power Cables & Systems NA	600	Wire & cable
Milliken - Sharon Plant	500	Motor vehicle seating/Interior trim
Milliken and Company	500	Broadwoven Fabric
Mohawk Industries	450	Carpet & Rug Manufacturing
Flexible Technologies	450	Rubberized fabric hose / plastic ducting

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

LABOR FORCE

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

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	28
Construction	151
Manufacturing	1549
Wholesale Trade	40
Retail Trade	427
Transportation and Warehousing	23
Utilities	44
Information	91
Financial Activities	115
Professional and Business Services	240
Education and Health Services	636
Leisure and Hospitality	529
Other Services	101
Total Government	1467

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

RETAIL SALES

Gross Retail Sales (Millions) by Fiscal Year

FY 2002-03	\$159,031
FY 2003-04	\$151,079
FY 2004-05	\$176,502
FY 2005-06	\$180,705
FY 2006-07	\$175,522
FY 2007-08	\$177,377
FY 2008-09	\$182,903
FY 2009-10	\$182,795
FY 2010-11	\$185,120

Source: SC Department of Revenue and Taxation

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TRANSPORTATION

Interstate Access	I-85	Nearest Civil Airport	Hester Memorial (Calhoun Falls)
Nearest Commercial Airline	Greenville-Spartanburg International	Port Access	Port of Charleston, 186 miles from City of Abbeville
Airlines	Northwest, Continental, United Express, Delta, US Airways, American Eagle	Rail Providers	CSX

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Abbeville County Development Board Steve Bowles, Executive Director	(864) 366-2181 www.discoverabbeville.com
Upstate Alliance Hal Johnson, President/CEO	(864) 283-2320 www.upstatealliance.com

ADDITIONAL SOURCES

www.abbevillechamber.com
www.discoverabbeville.com
www.southcarolinaparks.com
www.sciway.net
www.upstateforever.org
www.abbevillecitysc.org

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