

Union, SC

Fact Sheet

In 1765, the settlers of the Brown's Creek area constructed a church approximately four miles from Union's present site. Serving as the house of worship for the Episcopalians, the Presbyterians, and perhaps the early Quakers who lived in the area, the church was called the early Union Church, and from it the City of Union and Union County get their names. Union County has a long history as a pioneer in the textile industry, and has recently drawn attention for its surge in economic growth in manufacturing, which began in 1994. Businesses enjoy ready access to the nearby markets of large metropolitan areas, while residents enjoy an atmosphere of small town friendliness.

POPULATION

Total Population, 2000, 2010, and 2015 Estimates

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015**</u>
Union	8,039	9,840	8,793
Union	29,881	28,961	27,465
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

** 2015 ESRI Projections, 2000 and 2010 US Census

Households Families, 2000, 2010, and 2015 Estimates

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
# of Households	3,791	2,451	3,317
# of Families	2,399	2,135	2,032

Population Estimates by Race, 2000, 2010 and 2015

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
White	56.5%	57.0%	56.4%
Black	42.1%	41.2%	41.6%
Am. Indian / Alaska Native	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
Asian	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or More Races	0.7%	1.1%	1.3%
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	0.7%	1.2%	1.5%

Population Estimates by Age, 2000, 2010 and 2015

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
Under Age 5	6.5%	6.2%	6.0%
Age 5 to 9	6.7%	6.0%	5.8%
Age 10 to 14	6.6%	6.1%	6.2%
Age 15 to 19	5.8%	6.4%	6.0%
Age 20 to 34	17.5%	16.1%	16.0%
Age 35 to 44	13.9%	11.6%	11.1%
Age 45 to 54	13.2%	13.9%	12.1%
Age 55 to 64	9.9%	13.3%	14.0%
Age 65+	2.0%	20.5%	22.8%

Highest Educational Attainment, Age 25+, 2009

Less than 9th Grade	9.7%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	15.6%
High School Graduate Only	37.5%
Some College, No Degree	15.2%
Associate Degree Only	5.9%
Bachelor's Degree Only	8.6%
Graduate/Professional Degree	7.5%

INCOME

Median, Average, and Per Capita Income, 2000, 2010, and 2015

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
Median HH Income	25,899	32,300	37,430
Average HH Income	36,775	42,728	46,420
Per Capita Income	16,175	18,891	20,676

Households by Income, 2000, 2010, and 2015

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
<\$15,000	30.9%	26.6%	23.8%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	17.6%	14.6%	14.0%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	13.0%	10.8%	9.1%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	16.5%	17.1%	15.6%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	13.6%	6200.0%	21.1%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	4.1%	7.1%	6.8%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	3.0%	6.1%	7.8%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	0.2%	0.5%	0.7%
\$200,000+	1.1%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: ESRI forecasts for 2009, 2010 and 2015; U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing (unless otherwise noted)

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LABOR FORCE

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

Industry Description	Ave. Monthl Employment
Natural Resources and Mining	101
Construction	126
Manufacturing	923
Wholesale Trade	97
Retail Trade	893
Transportation and Warehousing	34
Utilities	57
Information	42
Financial Activities	260
Professional and Business Services	346
Education and Health Services	360
Leisure and Hospitality	526
Other Services	165
Total Government	1969

Source: *Employment and Wages, 2008 Annual Averages, SC Employment Security Commission*

RETAIL SALES

Gross Retail Sales (Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Union Municipality	Union County
2005	\$186,297	\$297,678
2006	\$171,224	\$280,010
2007	\$176,652	\$284,048
2008	\$172,319	\$281,042
2009	\$174,404	\$275,750
2010	\$206,907	\$301,022

Source: *SC Department of Revenue and Taxation*

CLIMATE

2010 Annual Averages

	Union County
Temperature Annual Averages (1981-2010)	
Maximum:	74 F
Minimum:	47 F
Mean:	60.5 F
Precipitation (1981-2010)	
Annual Ave. Rainfall (inches):	46.5"

Source: *National Oceanic Atmospheric Association*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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