

Pickens County, SC

Fact Sheet

The county and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War hero Andrew Pickens (1739-1817). This area in the northwestern corner of the state was Indian territory until 1777, and the earliest European settlers in this region were Indian traders. John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), United States vice president, senator, and cabinet member, made his home at Fort Hill plantation in Pickens County. His son-in-law, Thomas Green Clemson (1807-1888), bequeathed the plantation to the state for use as an agricultural college, which led to the founding of Clemson University. Pickens County is also part of one of the nation's fastest growing regions, the I-85 corridor. Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains, Pickens County has the best of both worlds. It has a small town atmosphere while only 30 minutes from Greenville and two hours from Atlanta, GA and Charlotte, NC. Pickens encompasses beautiful Lakes Jocassee and Keowee, and is home to prestigious Clemson University. It is an area rich in history, beauty, and vision for the future.

POPULATION

Total Population, 2000, 2010, and 2015 Estimate

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
Pickens	110,757	119,224	123,683
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	90.3%	88.7%	87.8%
Black	6.8%	6.6%	7.3%
Am. Indian / Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Asian	1.2%	1.6%	1.8%
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race	0.7%	1.4%	1.4%
Two or More Races	0.9%	1.5%	1.4%
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	1.7%	3.1%	4.0%

Population by Age, 2000, 2010 and 2015 Estimate

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
Under Age 5	6.1%	6.0%	5.8%
Age 5 to 9	6.3%	5.9%	5.9%
Age 10 to 14	6.4%	6.2%	6.2%
Age 15 to 19	9.3%	8.7%	8.7%
Age 20 to 34	25.1%	23.1%	22.6%
Age 35 to 44	14.3%	12.7%	12.2%
Age 45 to 54	12.4%	13.7%	12.8%
Age 55 to 64	8.8%	11.3%	12.0%
Age 65+	11.4%	12.4%	13.9%

Highest Educational Attainment, Age 25+, 2010

Less than 9th Grade	6.6%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	11.9%
High School Graduate Only	34.2%
Some College, No Degree	16.8%
Associate Degree Only	8.7%
Bachelor's Degree Only	12.1%
Graduate/Professional Degree	9.7%

HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING

Households Families, 2000, 2010, and 2015 Estimate

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
# of Households	41,306	45,228	48,255
# of Families	28,453	29,540	32,118

Households Families, 2000, 2010, and 2015 Estimate

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
Ave HH Size:	2.50	2.44	2.43
Owner-Occupied:	30,350	33,774	35,402
Renter-Occupied:	10,956	12,270	12,853
Median Age:	32.7	34.9	35.7

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
Pickens	\$36,367	\$45,571	\$51,733	Pickens	17,434	21,644	23,419
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
Techtronic Industries NA	700	Gas powered lawn trimmers
Confluence Watersports	650	Sporting and Athletic Goods Mfg
St. Jude Medical	400	Specialty Medical devices
YH America, South Carolina, LLC	400	Motor Vehicle Parts & Accessories
Milliken & Co. - Pendleton Finishing Plant	400	Broadwoven fabrics

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 & Mining	85
Construction	1264
Manufacturing	5177
Service-Providing	18791
Wholesale Trade	411
Retail Trade	4180
Transportation and Warehousing	136
Utilities	n/a
Information	313
Financial Activities	950
Professional and Business Services	2294
Education and Health Services	3736
Leisure and Hospitality	5808
Other Services	767
Total Government	8461

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RETAIL SALES

Gross Retail Sales (Millions) by Fiscal Year

FY 2002-03	\$1,428,950
FY 2003-04	\$1,274,240
FY 2004-05	\$1,613,223
FY 2005-06	\$1,768,131
FY 2006-07	\$1,939,923
FY 2007-08	\$1,929,843
FY 2008-09	\$1,850,954
FY 2009-10	\$1,736,564
FY 2010-11	\$1,960,295

Source: SC Department of Revenue and Taxation

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TRANSPORTATION

Interstate Access	I-85	Nearest Civil Airport	Pickens County Airport
Nearest Commercial Airline	Greenville-Spartanburg International	Port Access	Port of Charleston, 231 miles from City of Pickens
Airlines	Northwest, Continental, United Express, Delta, US Airways, American Eagle	Rail Providers	CSX, NSR

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Alliance Pickens A. Ray Farley, II, CEcD	(864) 898-1500 www.alliancepickens.com
Pickens Chamber of Commerce Denise Duncan, Executive President	(864) 878-3258 www.pickenschamber.com
Upstate Alliance Hal Johnson, President/CEO	(864) 283-2300 www.upstatealliance.com

ADDITIONAL SOURCES

www.co.pickens.sc.us
www.clemson.edu
www.pendleton-district.org
www.alliancepickens.com
www.southcarolinaparks.com
www.sciway.net
www.upstateforever.org

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