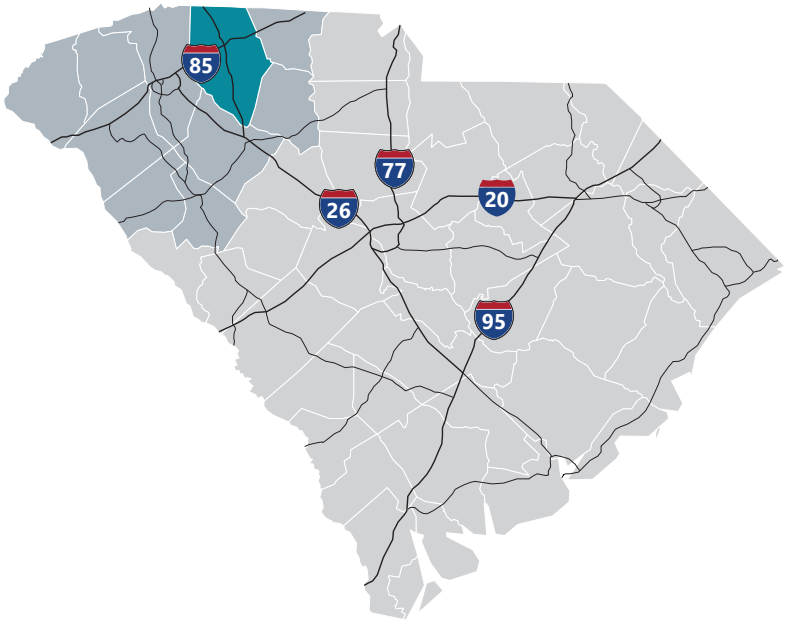
Start. Locate. Expand.

Spartanburg County

Formed in 1785, Spartanburg County and its county seat were named for the Spartan Regiment, a local militia unit that fought in the Revolutionary War. The county has grown from a frontier trading post and later a major textile center to an important, more diversified, manufacturing center. Spartanburg County also is an international business center with the highest per capita foreign investment and more than 110 international firms, including BMW Manufacturing Corporation. Spartanburg County offers businesses an excellent transportation system, including highways, rail and truck lines, Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport, and proximity to the Port of Charleston. Spartanburg's location at the crossroads of two major interstate highways, I-85 and I-26, put it at the top of the list for business and personal relocation.



Total Population

	2010	2021	2026	Growth Rate[1]
Spartanburg County	284,307	331,427	354,621	1.36%
Upstate SC	1,362,073	1,544,124	1,631,029	1.10%
South Carolina	4,625,364	5,321,206	5,665,411	1.26%

1Projected Annual Growth Rate 2021-2026

Population by Age

	2010	2021	2026
Under 5	6.7%	5.9%	5.8%
5 to 9	6.7%	6.3%	6.1%
10 to 14	6.8%	6.3%	6.5%
15 to 24	14.0%	12.1%	11.9%
25 to 34	11.9%	13.3%	12.0%
35 to 44	13.7%	12.3%	13.1%
45 to 54	14.4%	12.6%	11.9%
55 to 64	12.4%	13.3%	12.8%
65+	13.5%	18.0%	20.0%
Median Age	37.9	39.9	40.8

38.2% of the 2021 population is prime working age

Households & Families

	2010	2021	2026
Total Households	109,246	127,634	136,693
Total Families	75,404	86,395	92,026
Average HH Size	2.53	2.54	2.54
Renter Occupied*	30.2%	29.1%	28.6%
Owner Occupied*	69.8%	70.9%	71.4%

*Housing tenure data is a percentage of total occupied housing units

Median Household Income

	2021	2026
Spartanburg County	$56,200	$60,775
South Carolina	$55,711	$61,082
United States	$64,730	$72,932

Population by Race & Ethnicity

	2010	2021	2026
White	72.3%	71.0%	70.0%
Black	20.6%	19.8%	19.5%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Asian	2.0%	2.6%	3.0%
Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Some Other Race	3.1%	3.9%	4.5%
Two or More Races	1.7%	2.3%	2.7%
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	5.9%	7.5%	8.7%

Per Capita Income

	2021	2026
Spartanburg County	$28,445	$31,688
South Carolina	$30,714	$34,369
United States	$35,106	$39,378

2021 Highest Education Attainment, Age 25+

High School Diploma or Higher

Bachelor's Degree or Higher

Graduate/ Professional Degree 10.2%

Bachelor's Degree 16.7%

Associate's Degree 10.8%

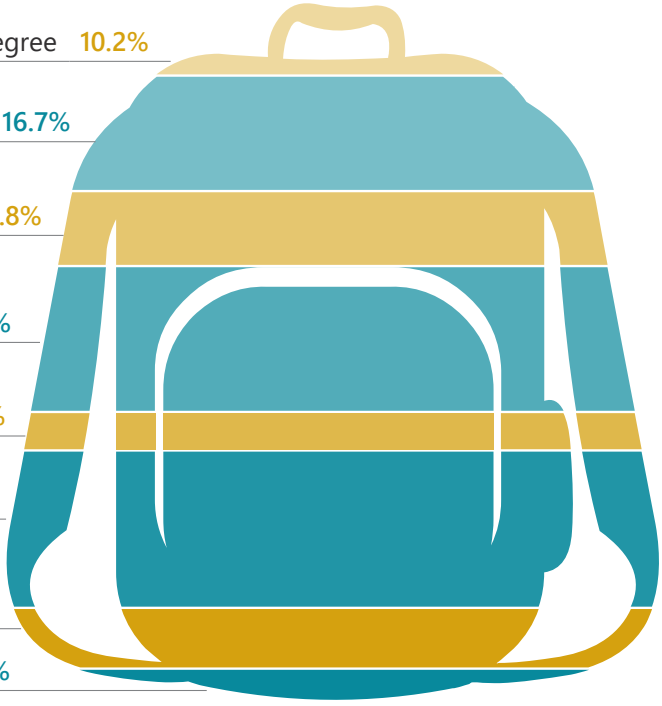
Some College, No Degree 21.2%

GED/ Alternative Credential 5.3%

High School Graduate 22.9%

9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma 8.6%

Less than 9th Grade 4.4%



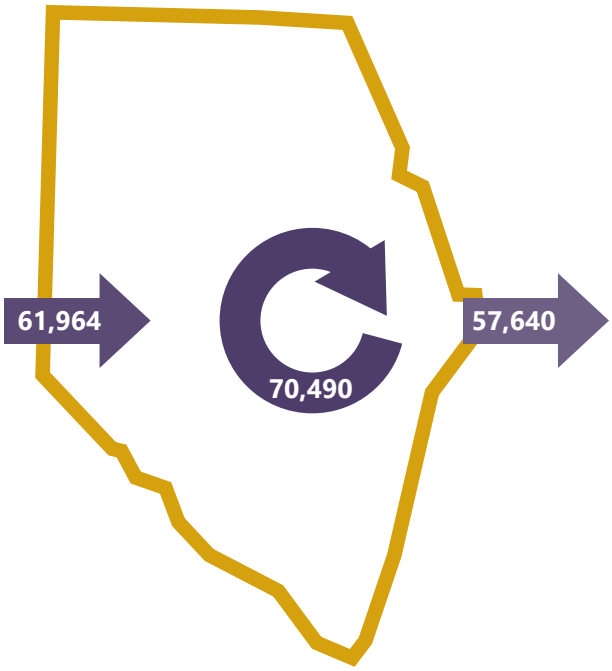
2018 Commuting Patterns

Travel Distance to Work

Less than 10 miles	42.7%
10-24 miles	32.5%
25-50 miles	8.7%
50 miles or more	16.1%

75.2% of workers travel less than 25 miles

Worker Inflow/Outflow



Live and Work in Spartanburg County	70,490
Commute into Spartanburg County	61,964
Commute Out of Spartanburg County	57,640

Where Do Spartanburg County Workers Live?

Spartanburg County	53.2%
Greenville County	16.7%
Cherokee County	4.2%
Anderson County	2.8%
Laurens County	1.9%
Union County	1.9%
Richland County	1.7%
Pickens County	1.5%
York County	1.1%
Lexington County	1.1%

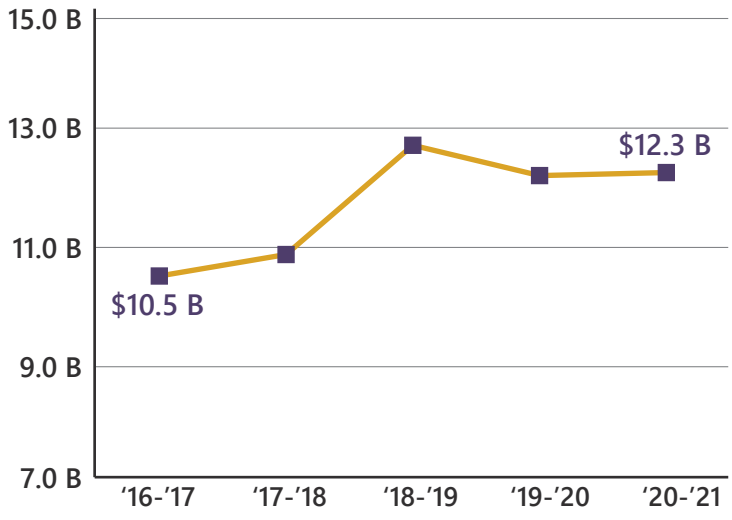
2021 Employment by Industry

Agriculture/Mining	0.4%	585
Construction	6.1%	9,129
Manufacturing	21.0%	31,615
Wholesale Trade	2.9%	4,417
Retail Trade	11.8%	17,835
Transportation/Utilities	5.7%	8,600
Information	1.5%	2,292
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	4.8%	7,284
Services	42.9%	64,639
Public Administration	2.9%	4,416
Total	100%	150,812

2021 Civilian Population in Labor Force (16+)

Labor Force	158,746
Unemployed	5.0%

Gross Retail Sales by Fiscal Year



2021 Business Establishments by Industry

Top 5 Manufacturing Employers

Company	Employees	Primary Product(s)
BMW Manufacturing Corporation	11,000	Automobiles
Draexlmaier Automotive	1,225	Wire harnesses
Michelin North America	1,150	Tires
Plastic Omnium	1,100	Plastic injection molded exteriors
Magna International	980	Automotive seating

Top 5 Non-Manufacturing Employers

Company	Employees	Industry
Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System	9,648	Health Services
Spartanburg County School Districts	6,063	Public Education, K-12
Spartanburg County	1,515	County Government
Adidas	1,450	Distribution and Logistics
Benore Logistics	1,100	Logistics

Airport Access

Greenville Spartanburg International
- 50 non-stop daily departures
- 17 major cities and airports across the US
  - Allegiant Air
  - American Airlines
  - Delta
  - Southwest Airlines
  - United Airlines
- 1.2M passengers flown in FY2021
- 84,217 tons of air cargo moved in FY2021

Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport

Port Access

Inland Port Greer
- 37 miles from the City of Spartanburg
- 157,842 rail lifts in FY2021
- 12.3% growth from FY2020

Port of Charleston
- 212 miles from the City of Spartanburg
- 2.5 M TEUs handled in FY2021
- 9.63% growth from FY2020

Highway Access

Interstates
- I-85
- I-585
- I-26

Highways
- US-29
- US-176
- US-221
- SC-85 (Business 85)

Rail Access

Rail Providers
- CSX
- Norfolk-Southern
- Carolina Piedmont

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