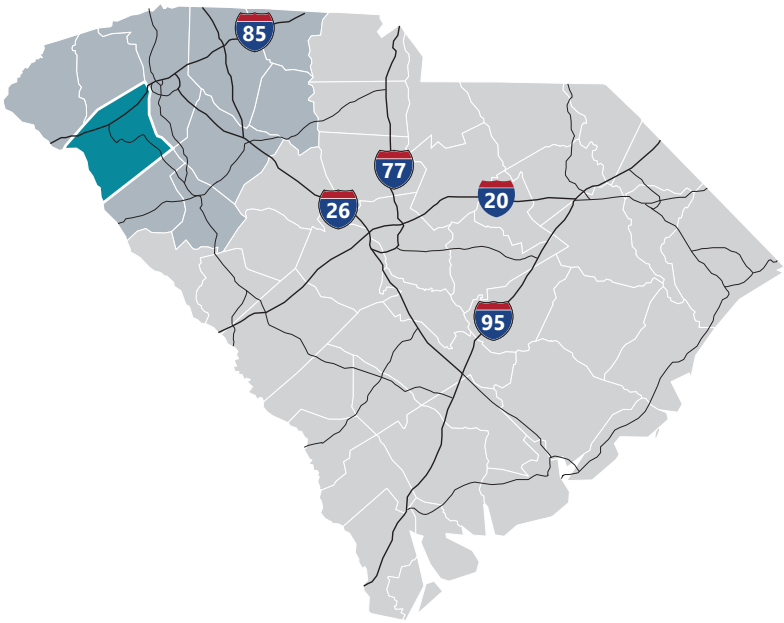
Where the World Comes Together

Anderson County

Anderson County lies along I-85 in the northwestern portion of Upstate South Carolina, equidistant to Atlanta, GA and Charlotte, NC. The area, with one of the lowest costs of living in the United States, is a thriving industrial, commercial, and tourist center. With more than 15 universities and colleges within 50 miles of Anderson, there are many great higher education options for students. With all of these, Anderson County has the integrated resources available to help train and develop a highly skilled workforce with the prestigious education and training programs of institutions including Anderson University, Clemson University, and Tri-County Technical College. Anderson County is also home to 55,950-acre Lake Hartwell, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lake with nearly 1,000 miles of shoreline for residential and recreational use. Its communities have a small-town feel that make people want to stay. From a temperate southern climate and Lake Hartwell, to leading universities and a variety of arts programs, Anderson County offers an unmatched combination of quality of life features that makes for an ideal location for all of its citizens.



Total Population

	2010	2019	2024	Growth Rate[1]
Anderson County	187,126	205,882	216,212	1.0%
Upstate SC	1,362,073	1,507,423	1,588,080	1.08%
South Carolina	4,625,364	5,195,563	5,526,057	1.25%

[1]Projected Annual Growth Rate 2019-2024

Population by Age

	2010	2019	2024
Under 5	6.4%	5.8%	5.7%
5 to 9	6.6%	6.1%	5.9%
10 to 14	6.9%	6.2%	6.3%
15 to 24	12.5%	11.5%	11.1%
25 to 34	11.4%	12.3%	11.4%
35 to 44	13.3%	12.1%	12.4%
45 to 54	14.8%	13.2%	12.6%
55 to 64	12.9%	14.2%	13.7%
65+	15.2%	18.7%	20.9%
Median Age	39.7	41.7	42.7

37.6% of the 2019 population is of prime working age

Households & Families

	2010	2019	2024
Total Households	73,829	80,668	84,531
Total Families	51,922	55,941	58,344
Average HH Size	2.50	2.52	2.52
Renter Occupied*	28.2%	30.0%	29.7%
Owner Occupied*	71.8%	70.0%	70.3%

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

Median Household Income

	2019	2024
Anderson County	$49,377	$56,378
South Carolina	$51,389	$57,210
United States	$60,548	$69,180

Population by Race & Ethnicity

	2010	2019	2024
White	80.1%	79.6%	79.1%
Black	16.0%	15.3%	14.9%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Asian	0.8%	1.0%	1.2%
Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race	1.3%	1.8%	2.1%
Two or More Races	1.5%	2.0%	2.3%
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	2.9%	4.0%	4.8%

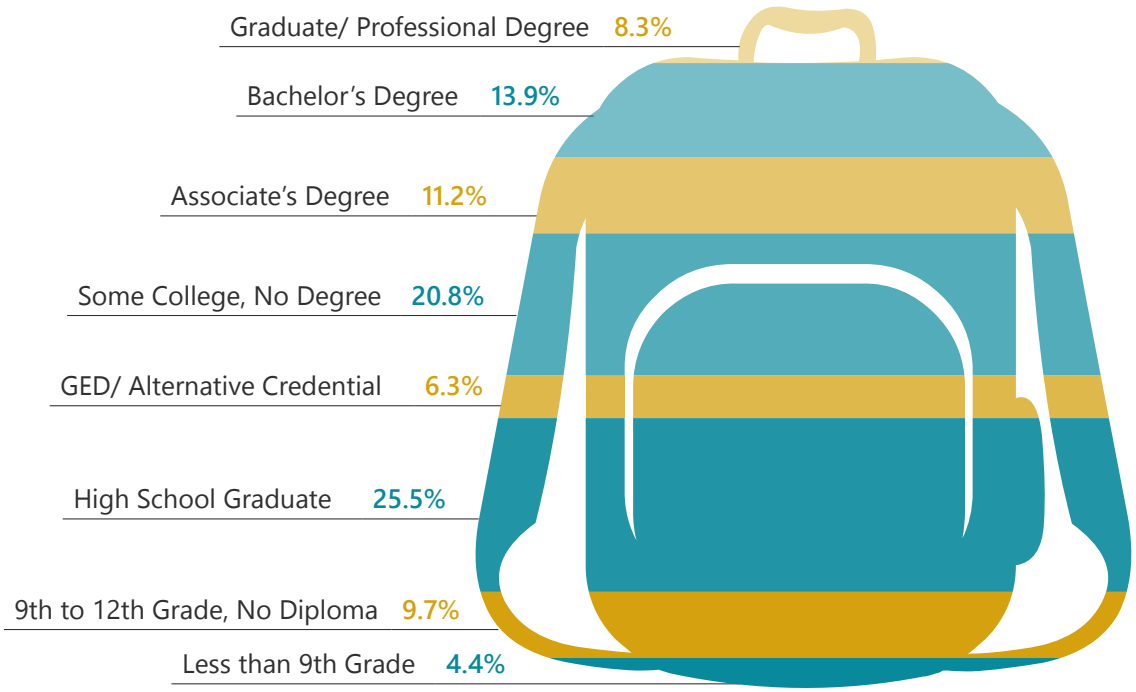
Per Capita Income

	2019	2024
Anderson County	$26,295	$30,112
South Carolina	$28,244	$32,417
United States	$33,028	$37,585

2019 Highest Education Attainment, Age 25+

High School Diploma or Higher

Bachelor's Degree or Higher



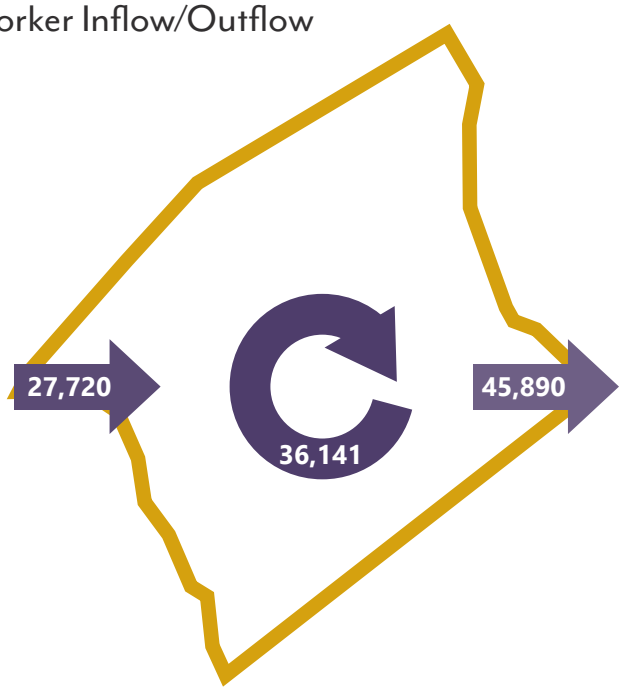
2017 Commuting Patterns

Travel Distance to Work

Less than 10 miles	38.4%
10-24 miles	30.4%
25-50 miles	17.2%
50 miles or more	13.9%

68.8% of workers travel less than 25 miles

Worker Inflow/Outflow



Live and Work in Anderson County	36,141
Commute into Anderson County	27,720
Commute Out of Anderson County	45,890

Where Do Anderson County Workers Live?

Anderson County	56.6%
Greenville County	11.1%
Pickens County	7.3%
Oconee County	3.6%
Spartanburg County	2.9%
Abbeville County	2.3%
Greenwood County	1.5%
Laurens County	1.3%
Richland County	1.2%
Lexington County	0.9%

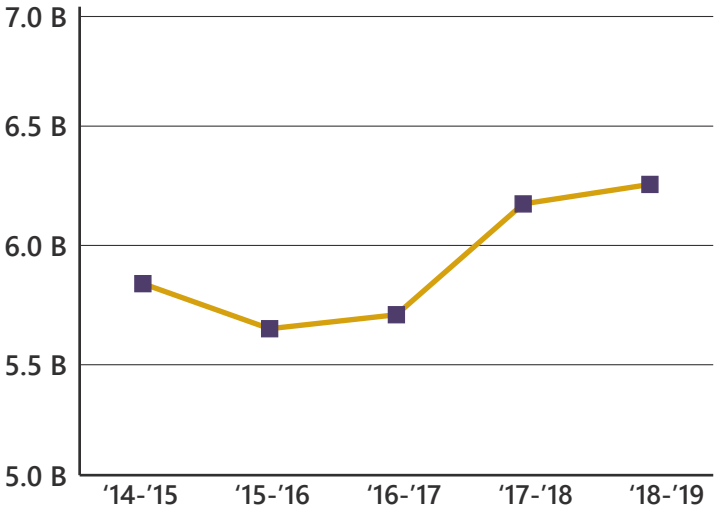
2019 Employment by Industry

Agriculture/Mining	0.6%	564
Construction	6.6%	6,094
Manufacturing	20.7%	19,111
Wholesale Trade	3.4%	3,141
Retail Trade	11.2%	10,356
Transportation/Utilities	4.0%	3,695
Information	1.3%	1,164
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	3.7%	3,399
Services	45.7%	42,239
Public Administration	2.8%	2,606
Total	100%	92,369

2019 Civilian Population in Labor Force (16+)

Employed	95.7%
Unemployed	4.3%

Gross Retail Sales By Fiscal Year



2019 Business Establishments by Industry

Top 5 Manufacturing Employers

Company	Employees	Primary Product(s)
Electrolux Home Products	1,950	Home appliances
Robert Bosch	1,431	Automotive components
Michelin North America	1,241	Rubber tires
Techtronic Industries (TTI)	1,100	Power equipment and tools
First Quality Enterprises	797	Paper and tissue products

Top 5 Non-Manufacturing Employers

Company	Employees	Industry
Anderson County Public Schools	4,172	Public Schools, K-12
AnMed Health	3,755	Healthcare
South Carolina State Government	1,677	State Government
Tri-County Technical College	856	Higher Education
Walgreens Distribution Center	600	Distribution & Logistics

Airport Access

Greenville Spartanburg International
- 35 miles from exit 19, the Heart of the County
- 50 non-stop daily departures
- 16 major cities and 19 major airports across the US
  - Allegiant Air
  - American Airlines
  - Delta
  - Frontier Airlines
  - Southwest Airlines
  - United Airlines

Anderson Regional Airport

ATL Hartsfield | 127 miles away

CLT Douglas | 120 miles away

Port Access

Inland Port Greer
- 40 minutes (42.8 miles) from exit 19, the Heart of the County
- 121,600 rail lifts in 2018
- 6.4% growth from 2017

Port of Charleston
- 217 miles from exit 19, the Heart of the County
- 2.3 M TEUs handled in 2018
- 6.4% growth from 2017

Highway Access

Interstates
- 37 miles of I-85
  - 8 interchanges

Highways
- US-29
- US-76
- US-178
- SC-24
- SC-81

Rail Access

Rail Providers
- 2 Major providers
  - CSX
  - Norfolk-Southern
- 2 Short line providers
  - Greenville & Western
  - Pickens
- Carolina Piedmont
- All major MSA's in the US are accessible by rail within 3 to 6 days

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Sources: ESRI Business Analyst (2019 and 2024 Estimates); US Census Bureau (2010 Census Data); US Bureau of Labor Statistics; Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics, US Census Bureau (2017; Commuting Patterns & Where do County Workers Live), Manufacturer's News, Appalachian Council of Governments, Anderson County Economic Development, and SC Department of Revenue and Taxation (Fiscal Year Retail Sales).