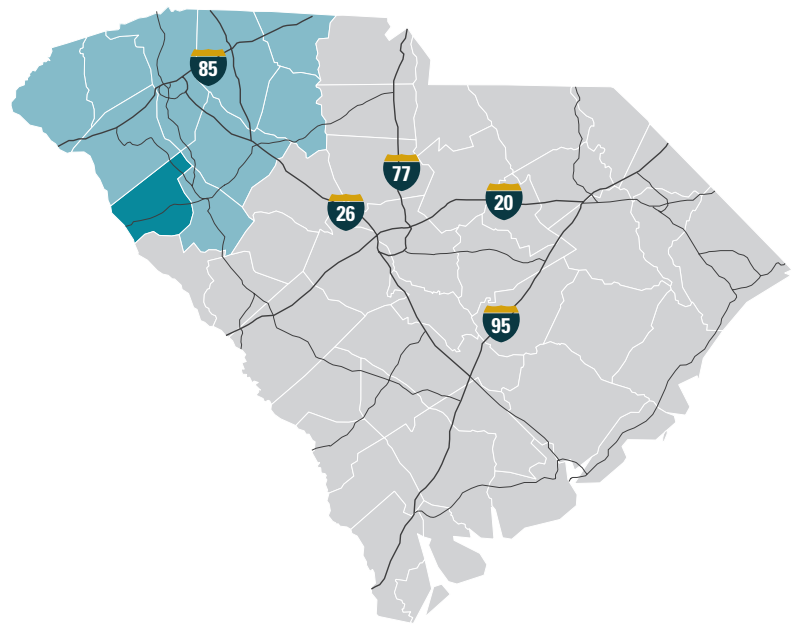# *Abbeville* COUNTY

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. Abbeville 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 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 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.

TOTAL POPULATION

	2010	2023	2028	Growth Rate*
Abbeville County	25,417	24,125	23,952	-0.14%
Upstate SC	1,362,073	1,568,057	1,615,810	0.60%
South Carolina	4,625,364	5,311,184	5,473,930	0.61%

Projected annual growth rate 2023-2028

POPULATION BY AGE

	2010	2023	2028
Under 5	6.0%	5.2%	5.1%
5 to 9	6.2%	5.8%	5.5%
10 to 14	6.5%	6.0%	6.1%
15 to 24	13.6%	12.1%	12.3%
25 to 34	9.8%	11.0%	9.4%
35 to 44	12.2%	11.3%	11.5%
45 to 54	14.4%	11.9%	11.9%
55 to 64	14.7%	14.2%	13.3%
65+	16.5%	22.6%	24.9%
MEDIAN AGE	41.5	43.8	45.1

34.2% of the 2023 population is prime working age

POPULATION by Race & Ethnicity

	2010	2023	2028
White	69.6%	69.6%	69.7%
Black	28.3%	25.1%	24.3%
American Indian / Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Asian	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Some Other Race	0.4%	0.9%	1.0%
Two or More Races	1.1%	3.8%	4.4%
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	1.0%	1.9%	2.1%

HOUSEHOLDS & FAMILIES

	2010	2023	2028
Total Households	9,990	9,813	9,843
Total Families	6,939	6,588	6,585
Average Household Size	2.45	2.37	2.35
Owner Occupied	63.4%	65.8%	66.9%
Renter Occupied	19.4%	19.3%	18.6%
Vacant	17.3%	15.0%	14.5%

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	2023	2028
Abbeville County	$49,825	$55,467
South Carolina	$60,025	$67,198
United States	$72,603	$82,410

PER CAPITA INCOME

	2023	2028
Abbeville County	$30,577	$35,452
South Carolina	$35,757	$40,747
United States	$41,310	$47,525

2023 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, AGE 25+

%	Category
6.0%	Graduate / Professional Degree
14.2%	Bachelor's Degree
14.9%	Associate Degree
13.5%	Some College, No Degree
31.7%	High School Diploma
6.1%	GED / Alternative Credential
10.6%	9th-12th Grade, No Diploma
3.2%	Less than 9th Grade

86.2% high school diploma or higher

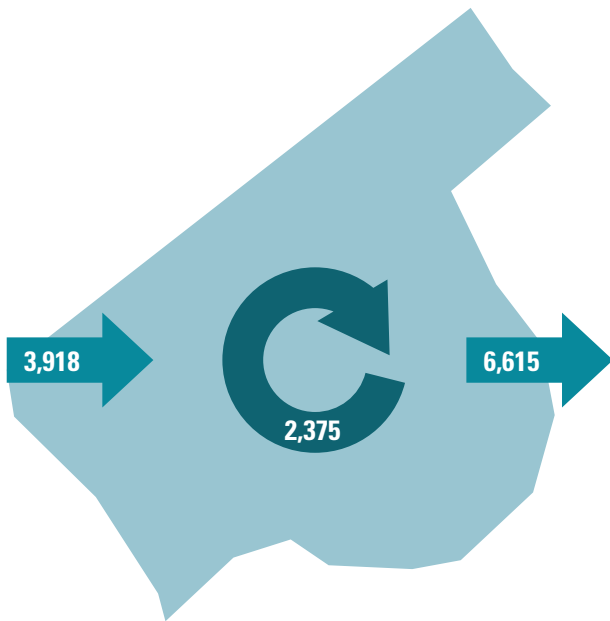**20.1%** bachelor's degree or higher

2020 COMMUTING PATTERNS

WHERE DO WORKERS LIVE?

Abbeville County	37.7%
Greenwood County	23.3%
Anderson County	9.5%
Spartanburg County	4.5%
Greenville County	4.0%
Laurens County	3.2%
McCormick County	2.3%
Richland County	1.4%
Pickens County	1.1%
Lexington County	0.9%

TRAVEL DISTANCE TO WORK

Less than 10 miles	38.2%
10-24 miles	33.9%
25-50 miles	11.3%
50 miles or more	16.6%

72.1%
of workers travel
less than 25 miles

WORKER INFLOW & OUTFLOW

3,918

6,615

2,375

Live and work in Abbeville County	2,375
Commute into Abbeville County	3,918
Commute out of Abbeville County	6,615

2023 EMPLOYMENT
by Industry

Agriculture / Mining	1.1%	98
Construction	10.0%	930
Manufacturing	22.8%	2,116
Wholesale Trade	0.8%	78
Retail Trade	8.9%	826
Transportation / Utilities	5.5%	507
Information	1.5%	143
Finance / Insurance / Real Estate	2.1%	195
Services	43.3%	4,018
Public Administration	3.9%	359
TOTAL	**100%**	**9,270**

2023 CIVILIAN POPULATION
by Labor Force (16+)

Labor Force	9,790
Unemployed	5.3%

GROSS RETAIL SALES
by Fiscal Year

$350M

$300M

$250M

$200M

$321M

$243M

2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22
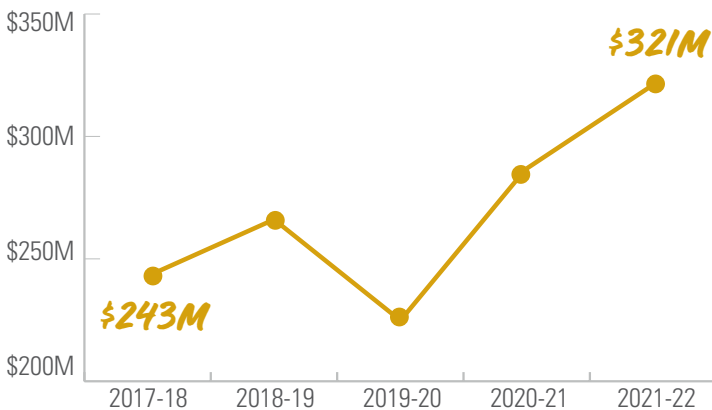
2023 BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS
by Industry

38
Manufacturing

48
Leisure and
Hospitality

95
Retail

38
Professional and
Business Services

18
Transportation
and Warehousing
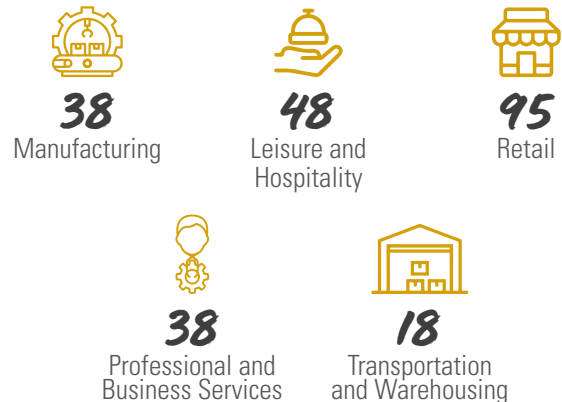
TOP 10 MAJOR EMPLOYERS

COMPANY	PRIMARY PRODUCT(S) / INDUSTRY	EMPLOYEE RANGE
Abbeville County School District	Public Education, K-12	251 to 500
SAGE Automotive Interiors	Automotive Interior Fabrics	251 to 500
Abbeville Area Medical Center	Healthcare	251 to 500
Prysmian Group North America	Insulated High Voltage Cables	251 to 500
Flexbile Technologies, Inc.	Rubber and Plastics Hoses and Beltings	251 to 500
Erskine College	Higher Education	101 to 250
Abbeville County	Local Government	101 to 250
Burnstein von Seelen Precision Castings Corporation	Precision Castings for Electrical Switchgears	101 to 250
US Government	Federal Government	101 to 250
State of South Carolina	State Government	101 to 250

AIRPORT

GREENVILLE-SPARTANBURG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

- **50** non-stop daily departures
- **17** major cities & **20** airports
- **2.3 million** passengers flown in FY2023
- **79,139 tons** of air cargo moved in FY2023

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American Airlines

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DELTA

Silver AIRWAYS

Southwest

UNITED
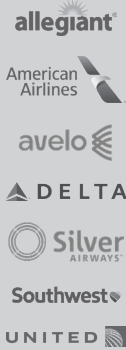
HESTOR MEMORIAL AIRPORT

PORT

INLAND PORT GREER
- **69 miles** from the City of Abbeville
- **151,261** rail lifts in FY2022

PORT OF CHARLESTON
- **184 miles** from the City of Abbeville
- **2.6 million** TEUs handled in FY2023

HIGHWAY

INTERSTATES

85

HIGHWAYS

178   28   72

RAIL

MAJOR PROVIDERS

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

ABBEVILLE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

the Chamber
Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce

ABBEVILLE COUNTY
SOUTH CAROLINA

SCIWAY

SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE PARKS

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