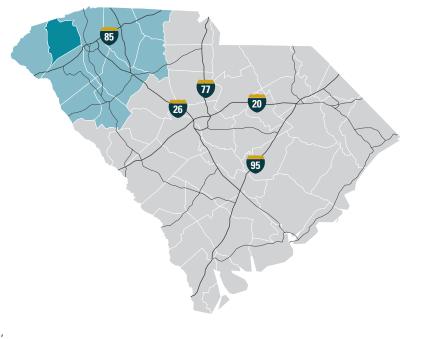


#### **GEM OF THE FOOTHILLS**

Pickens County is an area rich in history, beauty, and vision for the future. Pickens is part of one of the nation's fastest growing regions, the I-85 Corridor yet maintains a small town atmosphere, while located only 30 minutes from Greenville and two hours from Atlanta, GA and Charlotte, NC. The bordering Blue Ridge region provide a beautiful backdrop for natural attractions such as Lakes Jocassee and Keowee, Table Rock State Park, scenic Highway 11, and the SC Botanical Garden. Pickens is also home to Clemson University, Southern Wesleyan University, and Tri-County Technical College, offering Pickens companies a competitive advantage. Leaders from the education, business, and industrial communities work together to ensure Pickens students possess the training and education they need when they enter the workforce. From consistently high academic achievement in schools, access to state-of-theart medical care, consistently low crime rate, to a variety of recreational and cultural amenities, the quality of life in Pickens, South Carolina is second to none.



#### **TOTAL POPULATION**

	2010	2023	2028	Growth Rate*
Pickens County	119,224	135,207	138,081	0.42%
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%

#### **POPULATION BY AGE**

	2010	2023	2028
Under 5	5.4%	4.6%	4.5%
5 to 9	5.6%	5.0%	4.8%
10 to 14	5.9%	5.3%	5.3%
15 to 24	22.0%	20.4%	20.2%
25 to 34	11.3%	12.7%	11.2%
35 to 44	11.7%	11.0%	11.6%
45 to 54	13.3%	11.0%	10.8%
55 to 64	11.5%	12.4%	11.7%
65+	13.4%	17.8%	19.8%
MEDIAN AGE	34.9	36.9	38.2

34.7% of the 2023 population is prime working age

### POPULATION by Race & Ethnicity

	2010	2023	2028
White	88.7%	82.2%	81.4%
Black	6.6%	6.3%	6.2%
American Indian / Alaska Native	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
Asian	1.6%	2.3%	2.6%
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race	1.4%	2.7%	3.0%
Two or More Races	1.5%	6.2%	6.6%
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	3.1%	5.4%	6.0%

#### **HOUSEHOLDS & FAMILIES**

	2010	2023	2028
Total Households	45,228	52,323	54,148
Total Families	29,540	32,857	33,867
Average Household Size	2.48	2.41	2.38
Owner Occupied	60.8%	62.7%	63.7%
Renter Occupied	27.4%	26.6%	26.0%
Vacant	11.7%	10.7%	10.3%

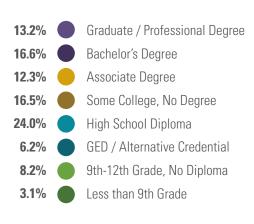
#### **MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

	2023	2028
Pickens County	\$51,152	\$56,781
South Carolina	\$60,025	\$67,198
United States	\$72,603	\$82,410

#### **PER CAPITA INCOME**

	2023	2020
Pickens County	\$30,026	\$34,709
South Carolina	\$35,757	\$40,747
United States	\$41,310	\$47,525

#### 2023 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, AGE 25+







2020 |



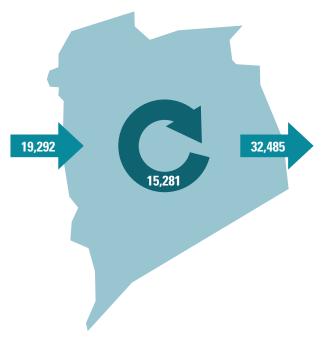
### **2020 COMMUTING PATTERNS**

#### TRAVEL DISTANCE TO WORK

Less than 10 miles	47.2%
10-24 miles	32.0%
25-50 miles	10.0%
50 miles or more	10.8%



#### **WORKER INFLOW & OUTFLOW**



Live and work in Pickens County 15,281
Commute into Pickens County 19,292
Commute out of Pickens County 32,485

# Pickens County WHERE DO WORKERS LIVE?

Pickens County	44.2%
Anderson County	16.5%
Greenville County	14.6%
Oconee County	9.5%
Spartanburg County	2.7%
Richland County	0.8%
Laurens County	0.7%
Aiken County	0.6%
Charleston County	0.6%
York County	0.5%

#### **2023 EMPLOYMENT**

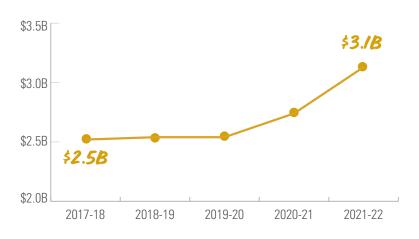
#### by Industry

Agriculture / Mining	0.3%	186
Construction	7.8%	4,610
Manufacturing	14.6%	8,643
Wholesale Trade	1.7%	1,003
Retail Trade	10.3%	6,103
Transportation / Utilities	4.9%	2,924
Information	0.9%	554
Finance / Insurance / Real Estate	4.2%	2,506
Services	51.6%	30,650
Public Administration	3.7%	2,169
TOTAL	100%	59,348

# 2023 CIVILIAN POPULATION by Labor Force (16+)

Labor Force 62,052 Unemployed 4.4%

# GROSS RETAIL SALES by Fiscal Year



# 2023 BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS by Industry



**116** Manufacturing



405 Leisure and Hospitality



**494** Retail



**252**Professional and Business Services



**40**Transportation and Warehousing

#### **TOP 5 MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS**

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Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Company

Milliken & Company

Yokohama America

Abbott

Danfoss (formerly Comatrol)

PRIMARY PRODUCT(S) / INDUSTRY	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>
Fire Sprinklers & Systems Components	501-1,000
Broadwoven Fabrics	501-1,000
Automotive Fluid Handling Components	251-500
Specialty Medical Devices	251-500
Cartridge Valves and Hydraulic Integrated Circuits	251-500

#### TOP 5 NON-MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

#### **COMPANY**

Clemson University

State of SC

Prisma Health

Pickens County School District

Pickens County

#### PRIMARY PRODUCT(S) / INDUSTRY

**Higher Education** 

State Government

Local Government

Public Education, K-12

Healthcare

**EMPLOYEES** 

5.001+

2.501-5.000

1,001-2,500

1,001-2,500

1,001-2,500

501-1,000



#### **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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Silver AIRWAYS

Southwest >

UNITED

### PORT

#### **INLAND PORT GREER**

- **35 miles** from the City of Pickens
- **151,261** rail lifts in FY2022

#### **PORT OF CHARLESTON**

- 227 miles from the City of Pickens
- 2.6 million TEUs handled in FY2023



### **HIGHWAY**

#### **INTERSTATES**



#### **HIGHWAYS**







### **RAIL**

#### **MAJOR PROVIDERS**



#### **SHORT-LINE PROVIDERS**

**Pickens** 

### PICKENS COUNTY AIRPORT

# PICKENS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR CENTER

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES** 









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