# Where It All Comes Together

# **Union County**

The seat of the county was organized in 1785 and both were named after the Union Church. Union County has a long history as a pioneer in the textile industry, and textiles still flourish there. Union County has drawn attention for its surge in economic growth in manufacturing, which began in 1994. Located just minutes away from 1-77, 1-85, and 1-26, Union is at the center of a river of commerce running through the Upstate region. Businesses enjoy ready access to the nearby markets of large metropolitan areas and the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport. Union County residents enjoy small town friendliness close to the attractions of Charlotte, NC, Greenville, the state capital in Columbia, and Spartanburg. The University of South Carolina has a satellite campus located in Union, and Spartanburg Technical College and Greenville Technical College are convenient to residents. Other schools within easy daily commuting distance include Wofford College, Converse College, and Spartanburg Methodist College.



# **Total Population**

				Growth
	2010	2018	2023	Rate <sup>1</sup>
Union County	28,961	28,164	27,678	-0.35%
Upstate SC	1,362,073	1,482,416	1,563,925	1.08%
South Carolina	4,625,364	5,108,693	5,437,217	1.25%

Projected Annual Growth Rate 2018-2023

# Population by Age

	2010	2018	2023
Under 5	5.8%	5.2%	4.9%
5 to 9	6.0%	5.7%	5.4%
10 to 14	6.7%	5.9%	6.0%
15 to 24	12.2%	11.0%	10.6%
25 to 34	10.5%	11.8%	10.9%
35 to 44	12.9%	11.5%	11.4%
45 to 54	15.5%	13.6%	12.8%
55 to 64	13.9%	15.0%	14.8%
65+	16.5%	20.2%	23.2%

# 36.9% of the population is prime working age

# Population by Race & Ethnicity

	2010	2018	2023
White	66.6%	66.4%	66.0%
Black	31.3%	30.6%	30.2%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
Asian	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%
Two or More Races	1.2%	1.9%	2.5%
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%

# Households & Families

	2010	2018	2023
Total Households	11,974	11,574	11,346
Total Families	8,095	7,702	7,502
Average HH Size	2.4	2.4	2.4
Renter Occupied*	28.2%	30.5%	29.9%
Owner Occupied*	71.8%	69.5%	70.1%

<sup>\*</sup>Housing tenure data is a percentage of total occupied housing units

#### Median Household Income

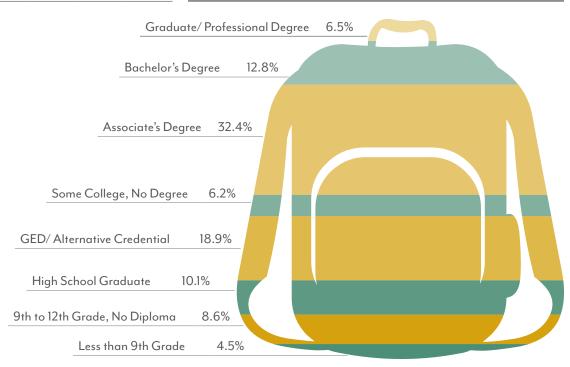
	2018	2023
Union County	\$39,928	\$45,952
South Carolina	\$50,748	\$56,462
United States	\$58,100	\$65,727

# Per Capita Income

	2018	2023
Union County	\$22,170	\$25,534
South Carolina	\$27,697	\$31,565
United States	\$31,950	\$36,530

# 2018 Highest Education Attainment, Age 25+





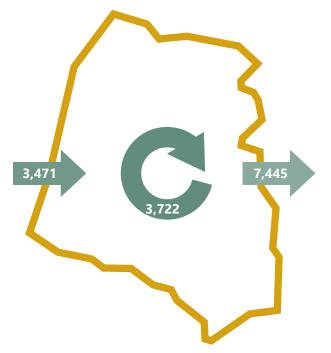


# Travel Distance to Work Less than 10 miles 27.8% 10-24 miles 23.9% 25-50 miles 27.4% 51.7% of workers travel less than 25 miles

21.0%

### Worker Inflow/Outflow

50 miles or more



Live and Work in Union County

Commute into Union County

3,722

3,471

Commute Out of Union County

7,445

# Where Do Union County Workers Live?

Union County	33.3%
Spartanburg County	22.0%
Greenville County	6.6%
Cherokee County	4.4%
Richland County	4.0%
York County	3.3%
Mecklenburg County, NC	3.3%
Laurens County	2.7%
Newberry County	2.3%
Lexington County	1.8%

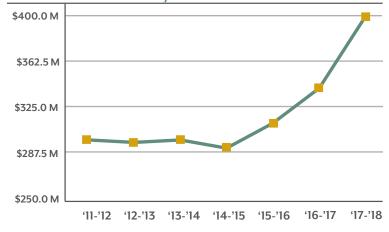
Employment by Industry

Employment by madainy		
Agriculture/Mining	1.0%	120
Construction	5.1%	612
Manufacturing	23.5%	2,821
Wholesale Trade	5.0%	600
Retail Trade	12.3%	1,476
Transportation/Utilities	4.5%	540
Information	0.9%	1,080
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	2.6%	312
Services	38.8%	4,658
Public Administration	6.1%	732
Total	100%	12,004

# 2018 Civilian Population in Labor Force (16+)

Employed	94.7%
Unemployed	5.3%

Gross Retail Sales by Fiscal Year



Business Establishments by Industry



# Top 10 Major Employers

Company	Employees	Primary Product (s) / Industry
Dollar General Distribution Center	561	Distribution center
Union County School District	490	Public Education
Union Medical Center (formerly Wallace Thompson Hospital)	390	Healthcare
The Timken Company - Tyger River Plant	305	Anti-friction roller bearings
Gestamp South Carolina, LLC	291	Stamping; automotive products
Milliken & Company	273	Woven Fabrics
State Government	273	State of South Carolina Government
Belk E-commerce	137	Distribution & fulfillment center
Carlisle Finishing	127	Finishing cotton fabric
Haemonetics	116	Medical Device in Flexible Packaging



#### **Airport Access**

Greenville Spartanburg International

- 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

Union County/Shelton Field



#### Port Access

#### Inland Port Greer

- 48 Miles from the City of Union
- 124,817 Rail Lifts in 2017
- 20.4% growth from 2016

#### Port of Charleston

- 212 Miles from the City of Union
- 2.2 M TEUs handled in 2017
- 9.0% growth from 2016



#### **Highway Access**

#### Interstates

5 miles to I-26

#### Highways

- US 176
- SC 72
- SC 215



#### Rail Access

#### **Rail Providers**

- Norfolk-Southern
- CSX



#### Upstate SC Alliance John Lummus, President/CEO 864.283.2300 www.upstatescalliance.com



#### Appalachian Council of Governments 30 Century Circle, Greenville, SC 29607 864.242.9733 www.scacog.org

## Additional Resources

www.uniondevelopmentboard.com www.countyofunion.org www.cityofunion.net www.unionsc.com

www.southcarolinaparks.com www.sciway.net

Sources: ESRI Business Analyst (2018 and 2023 Estimates); US Census Bureau (2010 Census Data); US Bureau of Labor Statistics; Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics, US Census Bureau (2015 Commuting patterns), Manufacturer's News, Appalachian Council of Governments, Union County Development Board, and SC Department of Revenue and Taxation (Fiscal Year Retail Sales).