


GREENVILLE COUNTY

Date Formed:	1786	
Land Area (square miles):	790	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	12	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Appalachian	
County Seat:	Greenville	
Other Cities and Towns:	Fountain Inn, Greer, Mauldin, Simpsonville, Travelers Rest	

Population Trends

2020 Census	525,534	2021 Pop. Estimate	533,834
2010 Census	451,225	2020 Pop. Estimate	526,980
2000 Census	379,616	Numeric Change 2020-2021	6,854
Numeric Change 2000-2020	74,309	Percent Change 2020-2021	1.30%
Persons Per Square Mile	665.2		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	273,509	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$42,831
2020 Jobs	264,396	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	62.3%
2010 Jobs	246,404	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$52,213
Percent Change 2020-2021	3.3%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	87.7
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	108.7
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.4		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$2,854,825,571	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$5,432	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0592	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$2,544,308	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$3,259,986	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$2,310,268	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$270,961,721	Per Capita Revenues	\$516
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$347,302,450	Per Capita Expenditures	\$661
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$193,029,749	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$367
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$84,817,000	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$154
Payroll FY 2022	\$150,785,819	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	2241	Fitch FY 2021	AAA
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	4	Moody's FY 2021	Aaa
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	76	S&P FY 2021	AAA

County History

The origins of the name Greenville County are uncertain, but the county was probably named for Revolutionary War General Nathanael Greene (1742-1786) or for an early resident, Isaac Green. This part of the state was the territory of the Cherokee Indians until 1777. Scotch-Irish and English settlers began moving into the area soon after it was ceded to the state. Greenville District was created in 1786, but from 1791 to 1800 it was part of the larger Washington District. The county seat was originally named Pleasantburg, but in 1831 the name was changed to Greenville. Because of its location in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Greenville County became a popular summer retreat for lowcountry planters. Encouraged by abundant streams and rivers, textile manufacturers began operating in the area as early as the 1820s, and after the Civil War Greenville County became a textile center. Diplomat and U.S. Congressman Waddy Thompson (1798-1868) was a resident of Greenville, and in more recent years the county has produced baseball player "Shoeless Joe" Jackson (1887-1951), Nobel Prize winner Charles Townes, and civil rights leader Jesse Jackson.