

GREENWOOD COUNTY

Date Formed:	1897
Land Area (square miles):	456
Form of Government:	Council-Manager
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Upper Savannah
County Seat:	Greenwood
Other Cities and Towns:	Hodges, Ninety Six, Troy, Ware Shoals



Population Trends

2020 Census	69,351	2021 Pop. Estimate	69,241
2010 Census	69,661	2020 Pop. Estimate	69,380
2000 Census	66,271	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-139
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-310	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.20%
Persons Per Square Mile	152.1		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	27,310	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$44,431
2020 Jobs	27,522	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	64.6%
2010 Jobs	29,900	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$40,786
Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.8%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	68.5
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-0.9%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	84.9
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$290,986,614	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,196	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0736	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$178,455	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$230,511	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$248,508	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$53,610,622	Per Capita Revenues	\$773
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$57,188,511	Per Capita Expenditures	\$825
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$24,281,844	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$350
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$1,306,420	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$18
Payroll FY 2022	\$18,279,314	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	375	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	5	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	121	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Greenwood County takes its name from its county seat, Greenwood. The town of Greenwood was named around 1824 for the plantation of an early resident, John McGehee. Greenwood County was formed in 1897 from parts of Abbeville and Edgefield counties, which were originally part of the old Ninety Six District. This part of the backcountry was not settled until the mid-eighteenth century. The town of Ninety Six was established as a frontier trading post around 1730, and it was the site in November 1775 of one of the first South Carolina battles of the American Revolution. In May 1781, American forces besieged the British-held Star Fort at Ninety Six for over a month, but were forced to withdraw when British reinforcements approached. The arrival of the railroad in 1852 stimulated cotton growing and textile manufacturing in this area. Local plantation owner Francis Salvador (1747-1776), who was killed fighting Cherokees during the Revolutionary War, was the first Jewish person elected to the state legislature. U.S. Congressman Preston Smith Brooks (1819-1857) and educator Benjamin Mays (1894-1984) were also residents of Greenwood County.