

GREENVILLE COUNTY

Date Formed	1786	Form of Government	Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	790	Council Members	12
Council of Government	Appalachian	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Greenville	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Fountain Inn, Greer, Mauldin, Simpsonville, Travelers Rest		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	506,837	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	7,803
Population Estimate 2016	499,034	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	1.6%
Census Population 2010	451,225	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	55,612
Census Population 2000	379,616	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	1.8%
Census Population 1990	320,167	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	131,058
Persons Per Square Mile	571.17	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	2.0%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	284,309	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$22,094,260
Jobs 2015	278,813	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$44,298
Jobs 2010	246,404	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	90.0%
Jobs 2000	258,326	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$46,144
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-0.5%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	86.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	2.0%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	3.7%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$2,399,763,876	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$5,318	Local Option
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.06240	Capital Projects
Value of One Mil 2017	\$2,182,300	School District
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$7,563,367,652	Transportation
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$3,139,199	Education Capital Improvement
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$3,845,561	

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$217,137,921	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$481
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$243,466,326	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$540
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$168,736,973	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$374
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$81,052,000	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$168
Payroll FY 2018	\$93,589,379	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	2,232	Moody's	Aaa
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	109	Standard and Poor's	AAA
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	4.9	Fitch	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.

County histories obtained from the S.C. State Library Reference Room at www.statelibrary.sc.gov/sc-counties. All other sources listed in the county comparison tables in the appendix.