

GREENWOOD COUNTY

Date Formed	1897	Form of Government	Council-Manager
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	456	Council Members	7
Council of Government	Upper Savannah	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Greenwood	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Hodges, Ninety Six, Troy, Ware Shoals		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	70,355	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	183
Population Estimate 2016	70,172	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	0.3%
Census Population 2010	69,661	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	694
Census Population 2000	66,271	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	0.1%
Census Population 1990	59,567	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	10,094
Persons Per Square Mile	152.77	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	0.8%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	30,857	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$2,418,057
Jobs 2015	30,839	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$34,478
Jobs 2010	29,900	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	70.0%
Jobs 2000	35,543	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$38,292
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-1.6%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	71.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	0.1%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	4.5%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$258,157,749	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$3,706	Local Option	
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.07380	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of One Mil 2017	\$173,199	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$672,057,988	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$277,780	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$202,247		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$40,753,799	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$585
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$41,060,417	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$589
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$21,533,490	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$309
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$4,568,732	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$62
Payroll FY 2018	\$16,185,762	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	404	Moody's	A1
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	94	Standard and Poor's	A+
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	5.8	Fitch	

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.

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.