

Transportation

Roads

Spartanburg County is served by Interstates 26 (I-26) and 85 (I-85). Major United States highways serving the county include US 221, US 29, and US 176. Major South Carolina highways include SC 9, SC 56, SC 295, SC 296, SC 101, SC 358, and SC 357.

Bus/Transit

Bus transit service is provided by the Spartanburg Regional Transportation Authority (SPARTA) as a fixed route bus system within urban areas in and adjoining the city of Spartanburg, and as a demand-response system for areas outside the city operated by the Spartanburg Regional Hospital System. Interstate bus travel is provided by Greyhound bus lines.

Air

Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) is located in Upstate South Carolina, midway between the cities of Greenville and Spartanburg on I-85 (Exit 57). GSP has grown into one of the finest airports in the country, steadily meeting the Upstate's ever-increasing needs. (<http://www.gspairport.com>). GSP serves approximately 1.4 million passengers and handles 22,000 tons of cargo, with two Federal Inspection Stations (FIS). It has an 11,000-foot runway, with a recent expansion to accommodate such major corporations as BMW Manufacturing Company, LLC. There is more than 42,000 square feet of cargo terminal space. Commercial airlines, including American, Continental, Delta, Northwest, United Express, US Airway, and a new low-cost carrier Allegiant Airlines was added in 2006. These airlines provided approximately seventy (70) departures, including non-stop service to a number of major cities. (<http://www.spartanburgscedc.com>)

The **Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport** is located in the southwest section of the city of Spartanburg off of Ammons Road. The airport serves over 100 local aircraft, as well as corporate jets representing many of Spartanburg's largest companies (<http://www.cityofspartanburg.org>.)

Train

Rail traffic is furnished by Norfolk Southern and CSX for freight and Amtrak for passenger travel.

Ports

The Port of Charleston, the Georgetown Port, and Port Royal are located three (3) to four (4) hours from Spartanburg County and easily accessible via major interstate. These ports are operated by the South Carolina Port Authority and all of them provide container loading facilities.

Education

Spartanburg County is served by seven (7) School Districts. Each school district is governed by elected school board members, who appoint the District Superintendent. The Spartanburg County School Districts have their own taxing authority and annual budgets are approved by the School Board members. Those wishing to learn more on each individual school district will find the following information helpful: