

GOVERNMENT PROFILE

Spartanburg County, founded in 1785 and incorporated in 1976 under the South Carolina *Home Rule Act*, is located in the northwest Piedmont section of South Carolina. The County Seat, the City of Spartanburg is located approximately 60 miles southwest of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina and 180 miles northeast of the City of Atlanta. Spartanburg County is part of the Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The County has a land area of 814 square miles, and a current population estimated at 286,822. The County is empowered by State of South Carolina law to levy a property tax on both real and personal property within its boundaries.

The County has operated under the Council-Administrator form of government since 1976. Policymaking and legislative authority are vested in the County Council, which consists of a Council Chairman elected at-large and six (6) District Council Members elected to four-year staggered terms.

The County Council is responsible for passing ordinances, adopting the budget, appointing committees, and hiring the County Administrator, County Attorney and Clerk to the County Council. The County Administrator is responsible for carrying out the policies and ordinances of the County Council and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the county.

The citizens of Spartanburg County elect seven (7) officials to direct departments in the County. Elected officials include: Auditor, Treasurer, Circuit Solicitor (serving the 7th Circuit including Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties), Clerk of Court, Probate Court, Coroner and the Sheriff.

The County and its component units (Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission; Spartanburg County Public Library; Spartanburg County Parks and Recreation Commission; and various volunteer fire districts) provide a full range of services including law enforcement, public health and social services, building inspection, rural fire protection, libraries, road repair, maintenance and construction, recreation emergency preparedness, judicial and administrative services.

The annual budget serves as the foundation for Spartanburg County's financial planning and control. All departments and agencies of the county are required to submit requests for appropriation to the County Budget Management Director in January of each year. The Budget Director uses these requests as the starting point for developing a proposed budget that is presented to County Council for review prior to June 30. County Council is required to hold a public hearing and adopt a final budget after three readings no later than July 1, the start of the county's fiscal year. The budget is prepared by fund, function (e.g. public safety) and department (e.g. Sheriff's Office). Department heads may transfer appropriations within their department with the approval of the County Administrator. The County Administrator may transfer funds between departments. Budgetary control is established at the department level by the Budget Ordinance (a copy of the Operating Budget Ordinance can be found on page B24).



SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

County Council



Pictured are: (Front row left to right) Councilwoman Jane Hall, Council Chairman Jeffrey A. Horton, Councilman David Britt (Back row left to right) Councilman Dale Culbreth, Councilman Tom Foster, Councilman Michael Brown, Councilman O'Neal Mintz, County Administrator D. Glenn Breed

Spartanburg County Council Members as of April, 2010

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Demographics

Spartanburg County Population Estimate
(July 1, 2009, United States Census) 286,822
 Spartanburg County Population Estimate
(July 1, 2008, United States Census) 280,738

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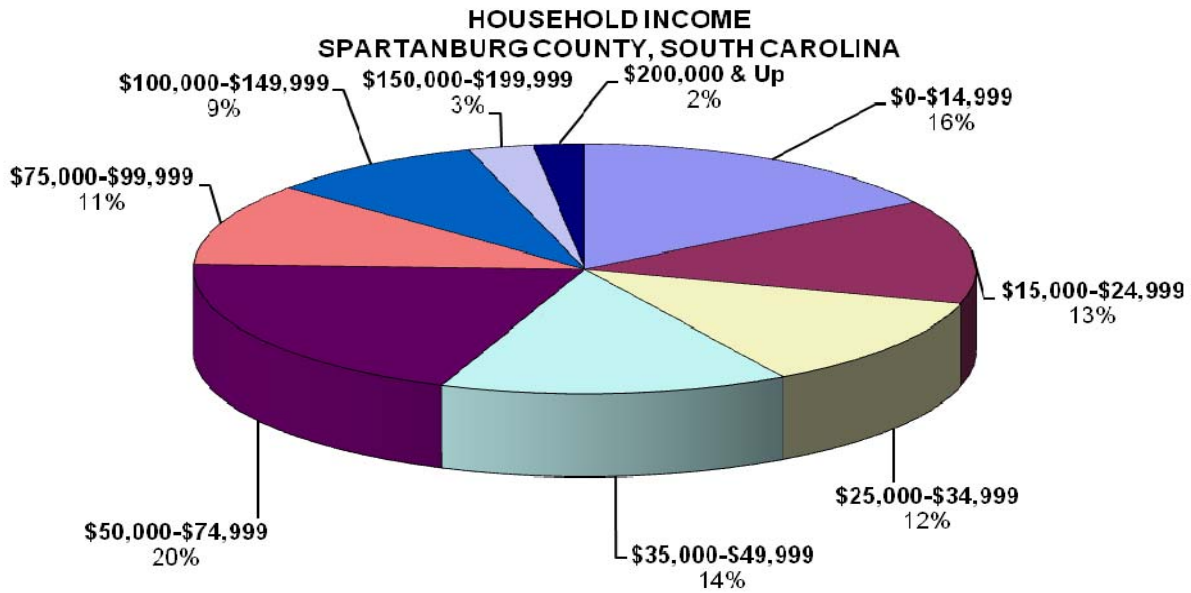
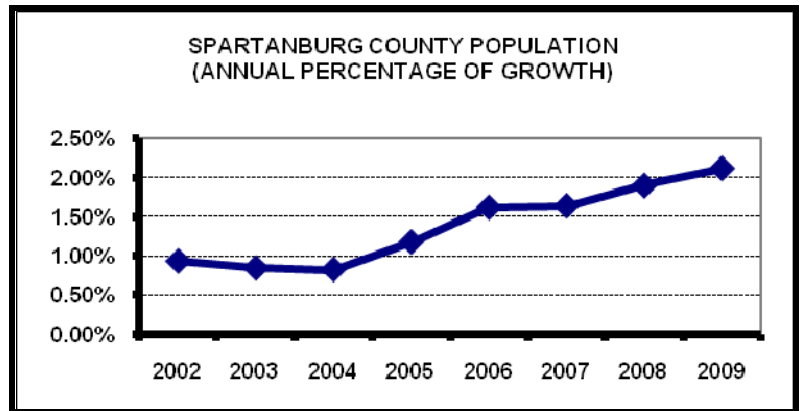
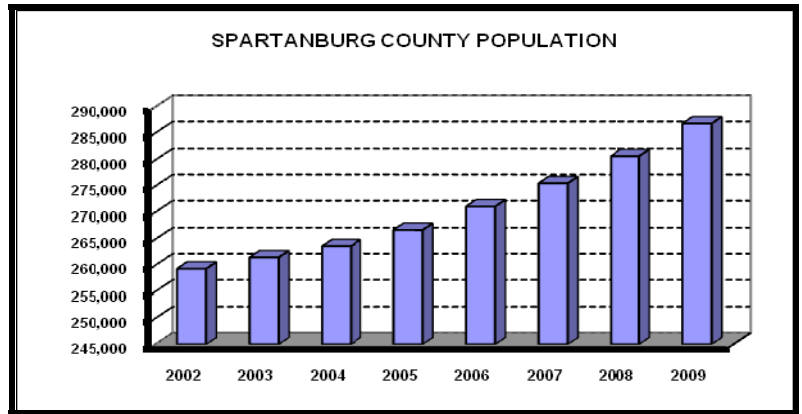
White	207,484
Black.....	57,097
Hispanic or Latino	12,978
Other	2,369

***Number of Households** 106,225

***Average Household Size**..... 2.59

***Income per Household**

\$0-\$14,999.....	16,996
\$15,000-\$24,999.....	14,340
\$25,000-\$34,999.....	12,853
\$35,000-\$49,999.....	15,296
\$50,000-\$74,999.....	20,926
\$75,000-\$99,999.....	11,366
\$100,000-\$149,999.....	9,454
\$150,000-\$199,999.....	2,868
\$200,000 & Up.....	2,231



*Source of this information is the United States Census based on a July 1, 2008 population of 280,738
 **Source of this information is the United States Census, 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3 Year Estimates
 The updated data for most of the demographics is not available from the US Census Bureau.

Commerce and Labor

Located in northwestern South Carolina, the county is part of the growing corridor along Interstate-85 (I-85) between Charlotte, North Carolina and Atlanta, Georgia. The county's population grew nearly twelve percent (12%) in the 1980's and twelve percent (12%) in the 1990's. Since July 1, 2001, the county has seen an estimated ten (10%) increase in population, to the July 1, 2009 estimate of 286,822.

Spartanburg County is the home of BMW Manufacturing Corporation and more than one-hundred (100) other international firms, representing 19 countries. Spartanburg has the highest per capita international investment of any area in the country. Spartanburg County has also attracted national headquarters of companies such as Extended Stay America, Advance America and Denny's. In addition, more than 500 manufacturing firms call Spartanburg County home. The high concentration of international firms in Spartanburg County has provided national and international exposure to the area. (2009 Spartanburg County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) (<http://www.economicfuturesgroup.com>)

SPARTANBURG COUNTY MAJOR EMPLOYERS 2009 DATA		
Company Name	Employees	% of Workforce
Spartanburg County Schools	5,185	3.8%
Spartanburg Regional Medical Center	4,607	3.3%
BMW Manufacturing Corporation	5,400	3.9%
State of South Carolina	2,387	1.7%
Milliken and Company	N/A	1.0%
Spartanburg County	1,678	1.2%
Cryovac	1,152	0.8%
Mary Black Memorial Hospital	1,006	0.7%
Michelin Tire Company	952	0.7%
Kohler Company	909	0.7%

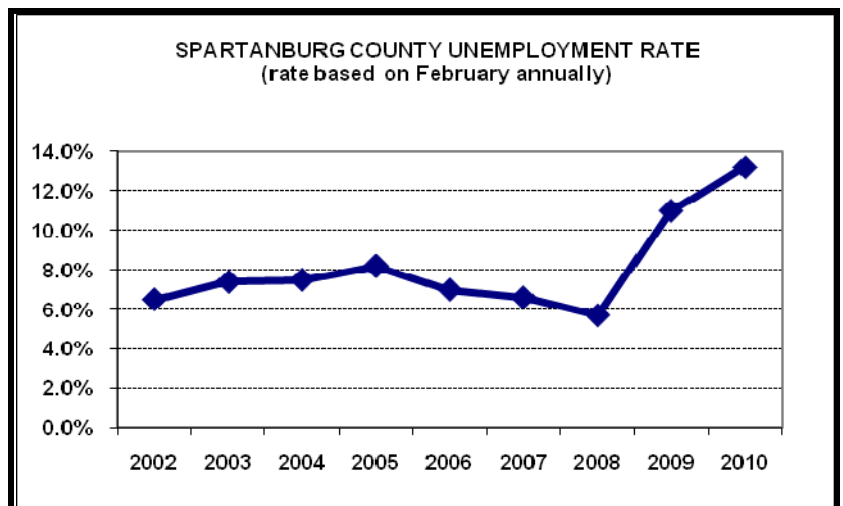
Source: 2009 Spartanburg County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Spartanburg County has a work force readily available to businesses looking to locate or expand in the area. In March 2008, BMW Manufacturing Co. announced that it would hire five-hundred (500) new workers by 2012 as part of an expansion plan to boost production capacity at the Spartanburg County plant.

While the textile industry is still a major component in the industrial community, Spartanburg County has diversified its manufacturing industries over the past thirty (30) years. Such industries include automotive, food

processing, packaging, metal working and stamping. Business flourishes in this area as a result of the I-85 corridor, the pro-business climate, the cultural amenities and the unparalleled quality of life; all located in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. (<http://www.economicfuturesgroup.com>)

Based on information from the South Carolina Employment Security Commission, the available labor force is approximately 135,000. As of February 2010, the unemployment rate for Spartanburg County was at 13.2%. In addition, the unemployment for the State of South Carolina was 12.5% in February 2010.



Transportation

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>.)

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.

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.

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.

Train

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

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:

District	Website	Phone Number (Main Line)
District 1	http://www.spartanburg1.k12.sc.us/	(864) 472-2846
District 2	http://www.spartanburg2.k12.sc.us/	(864) 578-0128
District 3	http://www.spartanburg3.org/	(864) 279-6000
District 4	http://www.spartanburg4.org/	(864) 476-3186
District 5	http://www.spart5.k12.sc.us/	(864) 949-2350
District 6	http://www.spartanburg6.k12.sc.us/	(864) 576-4212
District 7	http://www.spart7.org/home.aspx	(864) 594-4400

In addition, Spartanburg County is also the home to the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind (SCSDB) which offers programs for preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, sensory multi-disabled, vocational and postsecondary educational students, as well as a variety of outreach and support services. The main campus is in Spartanburg, and regional centers are located throughout the state. The website for the school is <http://www.scsdb.k12.sc.us/>, and their phone number is (864) 585-7711.

Spartanburg County is also the home to six (6) institutions of higher learning. Spartanburg Community College and Spartanburg Methodist College offer two-year degree programs, while Wofford College, Converse College and the University of South Carolina – Upstate offer four-year and advanced degrees. Sherman Chiropractic College is also located within the county.

Recreation and Culture

Spartanburg County has a wide variety of features, attractions, recreational opportunities and a diverse culture, rich in history. Spartanburg is host to multiple festivals, bike races, arboretums, gardens, entertainment events and sites of historical significance, such as the Walnut Grove Plantation. Many of our sites are geared towards children, including Cleveland Park, Hollywild Animal Park, orchards, playgrounds, etc. and the opening of Tyger River Park in the fall of 2011. Ground breaking was March 23, 2010. *(Cleveland Park pictured to the right)*



For sports fans, the Carolina Panthers Training Camp is held at Wofford College each summer. Multiple athletic complexes are spread throughout the county, providing public facilities for baseball, soccer, football, softball, basketball, tennis, etc. College sports events are offered by all three (3) four-year colleges and over 100 golf courses are located throughout the Upstate. Outdoor opportunities are furthered by our numerous lakes, walking trails and equine trails in Croft State Park. Croft State Park also offers camping facilities.

The Chapman Cultural Center opened in October of 2007 and is a three building complex which is owned and operated by The Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg. It serves as the anchor of Spartanburg's vast cultural interests. It houses the Spartanburg Art Museum, Science Center, Youth Theatre, Repertory Company, County Regional History Museum, Artists' Guild Galley, Music Foundation and Ballet Spartanburg.

Spartanburg is rich in history that dates back to Colonial times with numerous historical sites to enjoy with the entire family. The Magnolia Street Train Depot is one of the oldest buildings in the city and explains why Spartanburg was called the "Hub City." It now serves as home to Amtrak, Spartanburg County Visitor's Bureau, and Hub City Farmer's Market. Walnut Grove Plantation, The Seay House, and The Price House are 18th century homes that allow visitors to experience life during Revolutionary times. There are also numerous buildings downtown on Morgan Square that date back to the 1880's. The square was named for Daniel Morgan, the general who led the American troops at the Battle of Cowpens.

For more information regarding Spartanburg County and its offerings, visit www.visitspartanburg.com.

**Spartanburg County, South Carolina
Miscellaneous Statistics**

Founded	1785
Date of Incorporation (South Carolina "Home Rule Act").....	1976
Form of Government	Council-Administrator
Number of employees (excluding police, fire, and detention)	955
Area in square miles	814
Spartanburg County facilities and services	
Miles of streets and roads.....	1,697
Culture and Recreation:	
Community recreation centers	5
Parks	27
Park acreage.....	834
Tennis courts	25
Libraries	11
Fire Protection:	
Number of stations	62
Number of personnel and officers (paid/volunteers)	3/1052
Number of calls answered (annually).....	13,000
Number of inspections conducted.....	1,728
Police Protection (County Sheriff):	
Number of stations	2
Number of personnel and officers	321
Number of patrol units	313
Number of law violations:	
Physical arrests	5,197
Traffic violations	12,384
Detention Facility:	
Number of personnel and officers	180
Average inmate population	752
Facilities and services not included in the reporting entity	
Sewerage Systems:	
Miles of sanitary sewers	884
Number of treatment plants	31
Number of service connections.....	29,420
Daily average treatment in gallons	11,965,000
Maximum daily capacity of treatment plants in gallons.....	42,325,000
Water Systems:	
Miles of water mains	1,910
Number of service connections	86,915
Number of fire hydrants	5,430
Daily average consumption in gallons	79,505,000
Maximum daily capacity of plants in gallons	84,714,800
Education:	
Number of elementary, junior high and high schools	68
Enrollment	43,431
Spartanburg Technical College -- enrollment	6,978
University of South Carolina - Upstate:	
Enrollment	4,484
Full-time faculty	231
Wofford College -- enrollment	1,429
Converse College -- enrollment	2,170
Spartanburg Methodist College -- enrollment	750
S. C. School for Deaf and Blind (serves State) -- enrollment	402
Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic -- enrollment	242
Hospitals:	
Number of hospitals	2
Number of patient beds	967

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