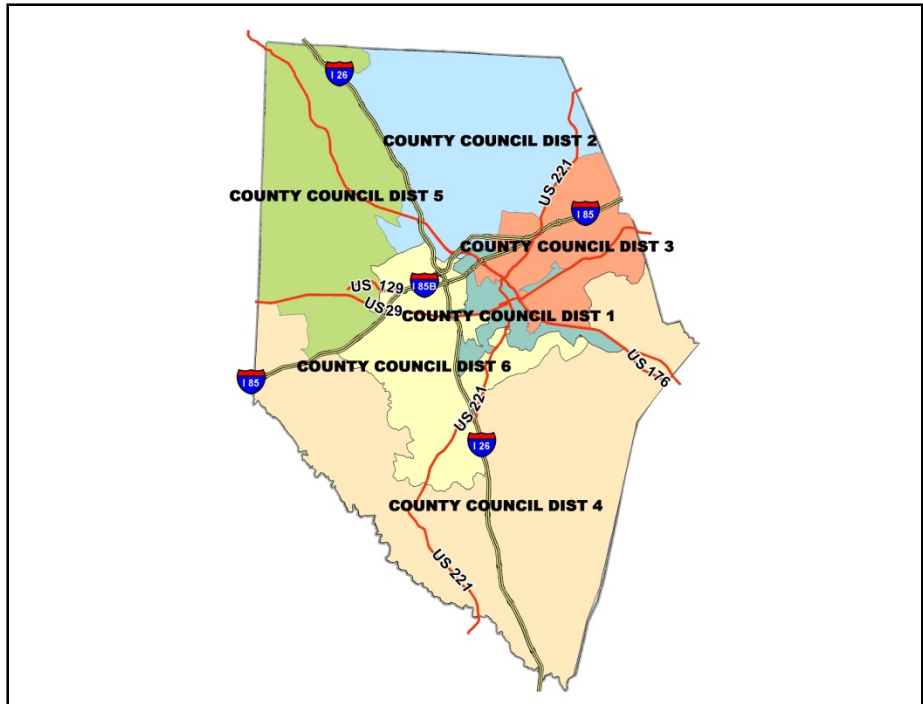


# GOVERNMENT PROFILE

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 275,534. 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 six (7) officials to direct departments in the County. Elected officials include: Auditor, Treasurer, Circuit Solicitor (serving the 7<sup>th</sup> 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

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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 B29).

## **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, 2009**

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

## Demographics

Spartanburg County Population Estimate  
 (July 1, 2008, United States Census) ..... **280,738**  
 Spartanburg County Population Estimate  
 (July 1, 2007, United States Census) ..... **275,534**

**\*Sex**

Male ..... 131,810  
 Female ..... 139,277

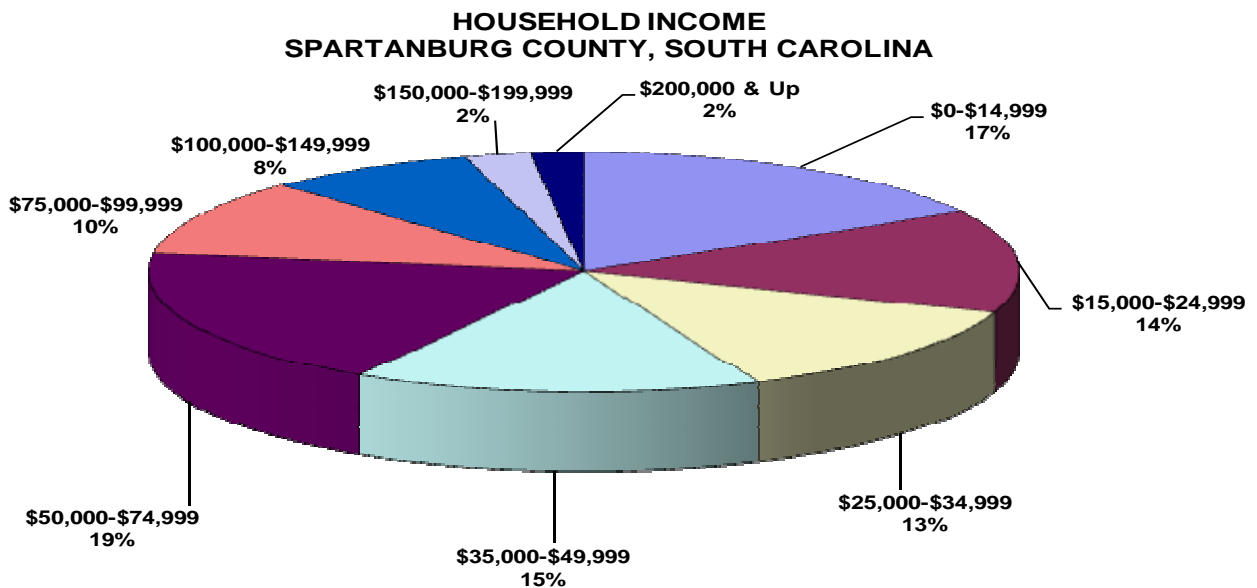
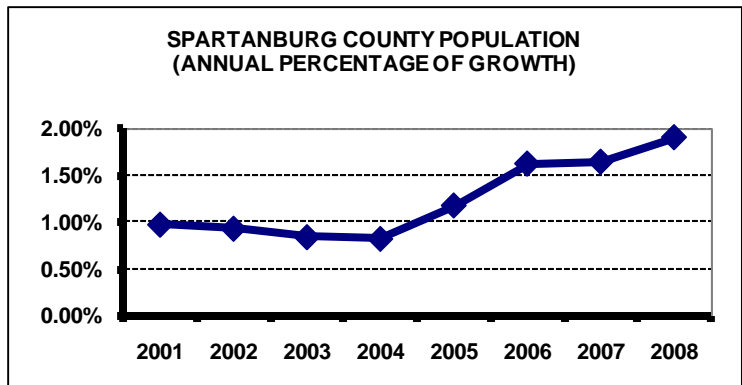
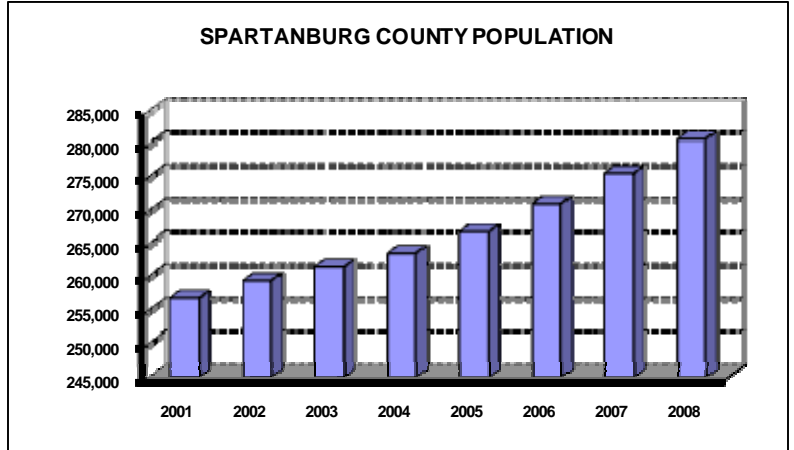
**\*Race**

White ..... 197,385  
 Black ..... 55,203  
 Hispanic ..... 7,444  
 Other ..... 6,777

\*Number of Households ..... 107,254  
 \*Average Household Size ..... 2.59

**\*Income per Household**

\$0-\$14,999 ..... 17,697  
 \$15,000-\$24,999 ..... 15,446  
 \$25,000-\$34,999 ..... 14,372  
 \$35,000-\$49,999 ..... 15,445  
 \$50,000-\$74,999 ..... 20,486  
 \$75,000-\$99,999 ..... 11,047  
 \$100,000-\$149,999 ..... 8,044  
 \$150,000-\$199,999 ..... 2,789  
 \$200,000 & Up ..... 1,931



\*Source of this information is the United States Census, based on a July 1, 2008 population of 280,738. 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 eight and a half percent (8.5%) increase in population, to the July 1, 2008 estimate of 280,738.

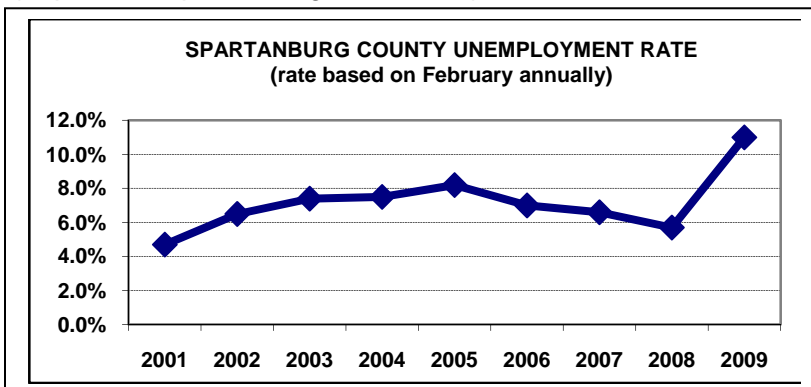
The Spartanburg County Economic Development Corporation (SCEDC) continues to drive international business movement in Spartanburg County. With over eighty (80) international firms representing eighteen (18) countries, including BMW, Milliken, Michelin, Cryovac, Kohler and Invista to name a few, it is only fitting that the *New York Times* reports Spartanburg County as having the highest per capita international investment in the nation. Spartanburg County has also attracted nationally recognized headquarters of companies such as Extended Stay America, Advance America, and Denny's.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY MAJOR EMPLOYERS 2008 DATA		
Company Name	Employees	% of Workforce
Spartanburg County Schools	5,185	3.9%
Spartanburg Regional Medical Center	4,607	3.4%
BMW Manufacturing Corporation	5,400	4.0%
State of South Carolina	2,387	1.8%
Milliken and Company	N/A	1.0%
Spartanburg County	1,379	1.0%
Cryovac	1,152	0.9%
Mary Black Memorial Hospital	1,006	0.8%
Michelin Tire Company	952	0.7%
Kohler Company	909	0.7%

Source: 2008 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 will hire five-hundred (500) new workers by 2012 as part of an expansion plan to boost production capacity at the Spartanburg County plant. Spartanburg County has also added Echostar Communications Corporation and expanded operations at Adidas. In addition, Walmart, this year, will relocate its return center operation to Spartanburg County and this will bring to the County approximately five-hundred (500) new jobs.

More than five-hundred (500) manufacturing firms call Spartanburg County home. While the textile industry is still a major component in the industrial community, Spartanburg County has diversified its manufacturing industries over the past thirty years. Such industries include automotive, food processing, packaging, metalworking, and stamping. Clearly, 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.spartanburgscedc.com>.)



Based on information from the South Carolina Employment Commission, the available labor force is approximately 140,000. In February 2009, the unemployment rate was at 11.5%. This is in line with the State of South Carolina unemployment rate, which was 11.0% in February 2009.

## 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:

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

## Recreation and Culture

Spartanburg County is home to 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 (*an Island Gazebo located at Cleveland Park pictured to the right*), Hollywild Animal Park, orchards, playgrounds, etc.



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. It is a three building complex which is owned and operated by The Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg and 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 Gallery, 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

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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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.visitspartanburg.com).

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<b>Spartanburg County, South Carolina Miscellaneous Statistics</b>	
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
<b>Spartanburg County facilities and services</b>	
Miles of streets and roads.....	1,794
<b>Culture and Recreation:</b>	
Community recreation centers .....	5
Parks .....	27
Park acreage.....	834
Tennis courts .....	25
Libraries .....	11
<b>Fire Protection:</b>	
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
<b>Police Protection (County Sheriff):</b>	
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
<b>Detention Facility:</b>	
Number of personnel and officers .....	180
Average inmate population .....	919
<b>Facilities and services not included in the reporting entity</b>	
<b>Sewerage Systems:</b>	
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
<b>Water Systems:</b>	
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
<b>Education:</b>	
Number of elementary, junior high and high schools .....	68
Enrollment .....	43,754
Spartanburg Technical College -- enrollment .....	4,459
University of South Carolina - Upstate:	
Enrollment .....	4,916
Full-time faculty .....	192
Wofford College -- enrollment .....	1,363
Converse College -- enrollment .....	1,881
Spartanburg Methodist College -- enrollment .....	797
S. C. School for Deaf and Blind (serves State) -- enrollment .....	402
Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic -- enrollment .....	289
<b>Hospitals:</b>	
Number of hospitals .....	2
Number of patient beds .....	922

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