

Commerce and Labor

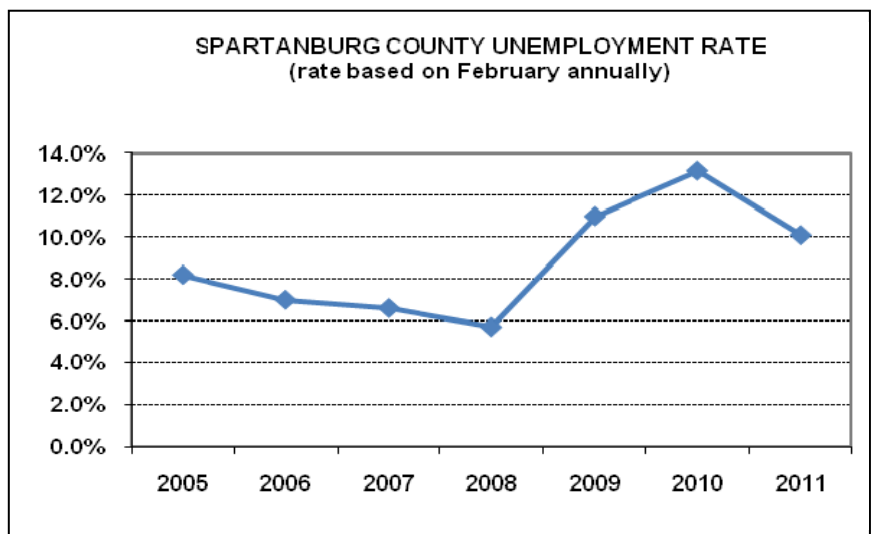
Spartanburg County is home to over eighty (80) international firms including BMW, Adidas, Michelin and Magna representing 18 countries. The New York Times reports Spartanburg as having the highest per capita international investment in the nation. Automotive, advanced materials, biosciences, energy and logistic are all reflective of existing industries as well as sectors expected to perform well economically in this area. In addition, there are many other industries including plastics, packaging, metalworking and distribution that comprise a large percentage of our economic base. (www.economicfuturesgroup.com)

Spartanburg is located in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains and is uniquely situated at the crossroads of two major interstates, I-85 and I-26. It is positioned well to attract nationally recognized headquarters of companies such as Advance America, Milliken and Company, Cryovac, Alcoa Fujikura and Denny's. Clearly, business flourishes in this area as a result of the I-85 corridor, proximity to deep water sea ports, pro-business climate, cultural amenities and unparalleled quality of life. Quite naturally, Spartanburg is a prime destination for companies around the world. (www.economicfuturesgroup.com)

SPARTANBURG COUNTY MAJOR EMPLOYERS 2010 DATA			
Company Name	Business/Product	Employees	% of workforce
Spartanburg County Schools	Public School System	6643	4.8%
Spartanburg Regional Medical Center	Hospital	5600	4.1%
BMW Manufacturing Corporation	Automotive Manufacturer	6200	4.5%
State of South Carolina	State government	2312	1.7%
Milliken and Company	Research & development on yarns, chemicals	1300	0.9%
Spartanburg County	County government, courts, law enforcement	1411	1.0%
Cryovac	Mfg. of plastic packaging material	1100	0.8%
Mary Black Memorial Hospital	Private Hospital	1071	0.8%
Michelin Tire Company	Radial truck tire manufacturer	965	0.7%
Kohler Company	Manufacturer of china plumbing fixtures	600	0.4%

Source: 2010 Spartanburg County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Based on information from the South Carolina Employment Security Commission, the available labor force is approximately 135,000. As of February 2011, the unemployment rate for Spartanburg County was at 10.1%. In addition, the unemployment for the State of South Carolina was 10.5% in February 2011.



Source: <http://dew.sc.gov/about-lmi.asp>