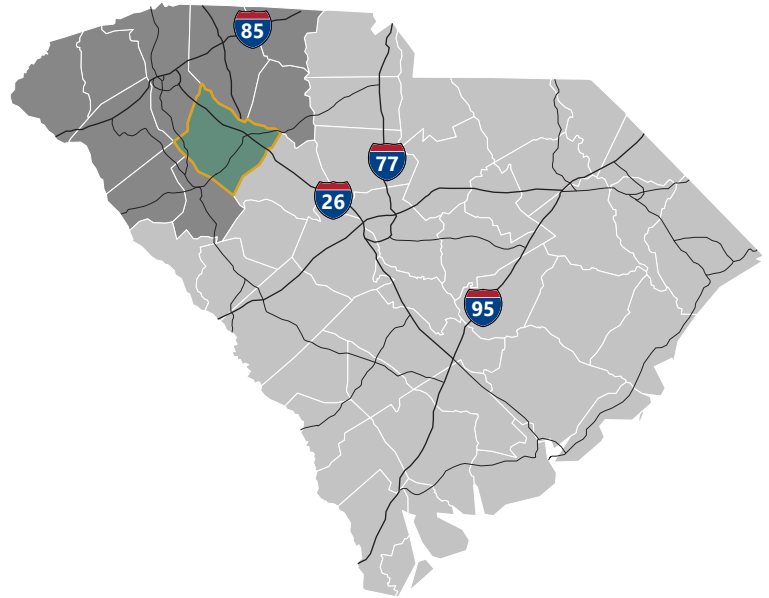


About Laurens

The county and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War leader Henry Laurens (1724-1792). From humble beginnings as a textile manufacturer to the diverse industry mix of today, Laurens County has always enjoyed a climate conducive to business and economic growth. Laurens County is located in the northwest quadrant of South Carolina between the Columbia MSA and the Greenville/Spartanburg MSA - two of the Southeast's most rapidly growing metropolitan areas. Laurens lies about 170 miles inland from the port city of Charleston and about 50 miles southeast of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Laurens County offers historic charm, the pastoral landscape of the Upstate, quality education and health care, abundant outdoor recreation, and cultural diversity. Additionally, Laurens County offers plenty of activities close to home to relieve stress and cultivate relaxation.



Total Population

	2010	2017	2022
Laurens County	66,537	67,718	68,573
Upstate SC	1,362,073	1,460,785	1,533,257
South Carolina	4,625,364	5,037,131	5,348,199

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

Population by Age

	2010	2017	2022
Under 5	6.5%	6.0%	5.7%
5 to 9	6.1%	5.9%	5.7%
10 to 14	6.5%	6.0%	6.2%
15 to 24	14.1%	12.9%	12.3%
25 to 34	10.8%	12.0%	11.3%
35 to 44	12.9%	11.3%	11.3%
45 to 54	14.7%	13.4%	12.5%
55 to 64	13.4%	14.5%	14.4%
65+	15.0%	18.1%	20.6%

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

Population by Sex

	2010	2017	2022
Female	34,239	34,640	34,919
Male	32,298	33,078	33,654

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

Population by Race

	2010	2017	2022
White	70.4%	69.9%	69.3%
Black	25.4%	25.1%	24.7%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
Asian	0.3%	0.4%	0.5%
Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Some Other Race	2.3%	2.6%	3.0%
Two or More Races	1.3%	1.6%	2.0%
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	4.1%	4.6%	5.3%

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

Households & Families

	2010	2017	2022
Total Households	25,525	25,902	26,204
Total Families	17,707	17,737	17,848
Average HH Size	2.51	2.52	2.52
Renter Occupied	23.3%	23.7%	23.7%
Owner Occupied	59.8%	58.9%	58.7%

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

Education Attainment, Age 25+

	2017
Less than 9th Grade	5.8%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	13.7%
High School Graduate	27.6%
GED/ Alternative Credential	7.4%
Some College, No Degree	20.2%
Associate Degree	9.7%
Bachelor's Degree	10.5%
Graduate/ Professional Degree	5.1%

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

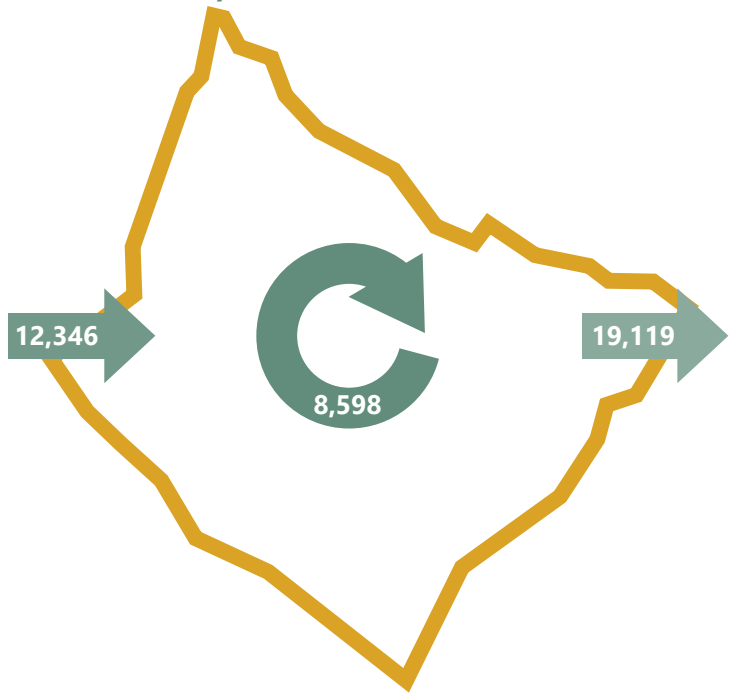


COMMUTING PATTERNS

Travel Distance to Work

Less than 10 miles	26.9%
10-24 miles	30.0%
25-50 miles	24.4%
50 miles or more	18.7%

Worker Inflow/Outflow



Live and Work in Laurens County	8,598
Commute into Laurens County	12,346
Commute Out of Laurens County	19,119

Median Household Income

	2017	2022
Laurens County	\$42,247	\$49,782
South Carolina	\$48,678	\$54,740
United States	\$56,124	\$62,316

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

Per Capita Income

	2017	2022
Laurens County	\$21,793	\$25,303
South Carolina	\$26,262	\$29,962
United States	\$30,820	\$34,828

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

Gross Retail Sales (x\$1,000)

Fiscal Year	Laurens County
2011 - 2012	\$892,453
2012 - 2013	\$938,490
2013 - 2014	\$927,822
2014 - 2015	\$952,550
2015 - 2016	\$1,642,851
2016 - 2017	\$1,419,015

Source: South Carolina Department of Revenue and Taxation

Employment by Industry





Agriculture/Mining	0.8%
Construction	6.3%
Manufacturing	24.7%
Wholesale Trade	2.3%
Retail Trade	10.6%
Transportation/Utilities	4.3%
Information	1.4%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	4.9%
Services	41.8%
Public Administration	2.9%
Total	28,772

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau; US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Top 5 Manufacturing Employers

Company	Employees	Primary Product(s)
ZF Transmissions	2,350	Auto transmissions
Yangfeng	835	Interior auto systems
Sterilite Corporation	812	Household plastics
Country Fresh	550	Food preparation
D&W Flnepack	460	Disposable paper items

Source: South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments and Laurens County Development Corporation

 Airport Access	 Port Access	 Interstate Access	 Rail Access
<p>Greenville Spartanburg International</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allegiant Air - American Airlines - Delta - Southwest Airlines - United Airlines <p>Laurens County Airport</p>	<p>Inland Port Greer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 40 Miles from the City of Laurens - 253,728 Rail Lifts in 2016 - 1.9% Growth from 2015 <p>Port of Charleston</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 175 Miles from the City of Laurens - 1,996,275 Rail Lifts in 2016 - 1.2% Growth from 2015 	<p>Interstates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I-26 - I-385 	<p>Rail Providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CSX - Carolina Piedmont

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