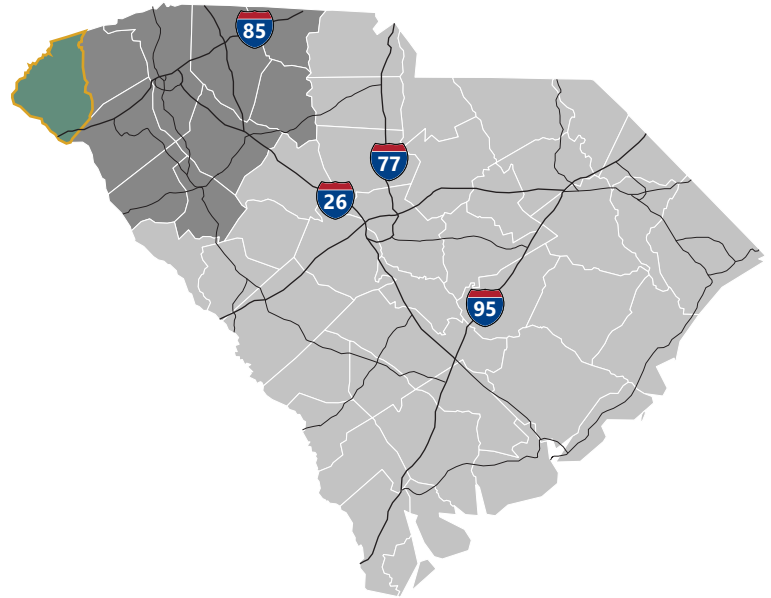


About Oconee

The county was formed in 1868, and the county seat is Walhalla. This area was home to the Cherokees, but the Indians gave up their lands in treaties signed in 1777 and 1816. After the American Revolution, settlers from other parts of the state began moving in, including Germans from Charleston who founded Walhalla in 1850. Oconee County is in the foothills of the beautiful Appalachian Mountains and encompasses rivers, lakes, and forests. As one of South Carolina's most scenic and economically stimulating counties, Oconee County is situated in the northwestern corner of the state and is part of one of the nation's fastest growing areas, the I-85 corridor. With a diversified economic base, Oconee offers a wide variety of occupational and recreational opportunities. The towns of Oconee County are also located on the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor that extends from the Upstate to Charleston.



Total Population

| | 2010 | 2017 | 2022 |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Oconee County | 74,273 | 76,972 | 79,189 |
| 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 | 5.6% | 5.1% | 4.9% |
| 5 to 9 | 5.7% | 5.4% | 5.2% |
| 10 to 14 | 6.1% | 5.6% | 5.7% |
| 15 to 24 | 1.2% | 11.4% | 10.9% |
| 25 to 34 | 10.4% | 10.9% | 10.1% |
| 35 to 44 | 12.1% | 11.0% | 11.0% |
| 45 to 54 | 14.3% | 12.9% | 12.1% |
| 55 to 64 | 14.7% | 15.3% | 14.9% |
| 65+ | 19.0% | 22.5% | 25.2% |

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

Population by Sex

| | 2010 | 2017 | 2022 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Female | 37,591 | 38,760 | 39,723 |
| Male | 36,682 | 38,212 | 39,466 |

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

Population by Race

| | 2010 | 2017 | 2022 |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| White | 87.8% | 86.9% | 86.0% |
| Black | 7.6% | 7.5% | 7.4% |
| American Indian/ Alaska Native | 0.2% | 0.3% | 0.3% |
| Asian | 0.6% | 0.9% | 1.2% |
| Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Some Other Race | 2.3% | 2.6% | 2.9% |
| Two or More Races | 1.6% | 1.8% | 2.1% |
| Hispanic Origin (Any Race) | 4.5% | 5.1% | 5.8% |

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

Households & Families

| | 2010 | 2017 | 2022 |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total Households | 30,676 | 31,729 | 32,619 |
| Total Families | 21,118 | 21,567 | 22,049 |
| Average HH Size | 2.40 | 2.40 | 2.40 |
| Renter Occupied | 19.7% | 19.8% | 19.7% |
| Owner Occupied | 59.4% | 58.2% | 57.7% |

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

Education Attainment, Age 25+

| | 2017 |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Less than 9th Grade | 5.4% |
| 9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma | 10.1% |
| High School Graduate | 24.7% |
| GED/ Alternative Credential | 6.6% |
| Some College, No Degree | 19.1% |
| Associate Degree | 9.95% |
| Bachelor's Degree | 14.9% |
| Graduate/ Professional Degree | 9.3% |

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

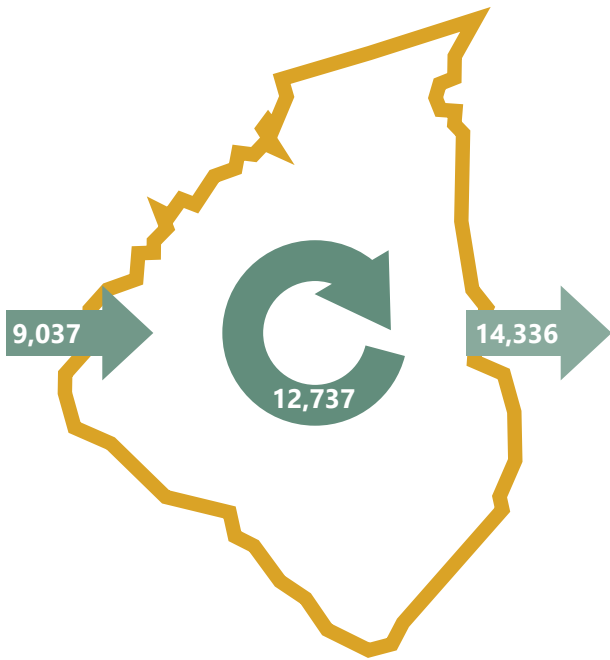


COMMUTING PATTERNS

Travel Distance to Work

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Less than 10 miles | 41.6% |
| 10-24 miles | 22.4% |
| 25-50 miles | 19.4% |
| 50 miles or more | 16.7% |

Worker Inflow/Outflow



| | |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Live and Work in Oconee County | 12,737 |
| Commute into Oconee County | 9,037 |
| Commute Out of Oconee County | 14,336 |

Median Household Income

| | 2017 | 2022 |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Oconee County | \$41,589 | \$45,297 |
| South Carolina | \$48,678 | \$54,740 |
| United States | \$56,124 | \$62,316 |

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

Per Capita Income

| | 2017 | 2022 |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Oconee County | \$25,267 | \$26,837 |
| 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 | Oconee County |
|-------------|---------------|
| 2011 - 2012 | \$1,172,295 |
| 2012 - 2013 | \$1,201,802 |
| 2013 - 2014 | \$1,262,946 |
| 2014 - 2015 | \$1,252,601 |
| 2015 - 2016 | \$1,783,177 |
| 2016 - 2017 | \$2,132,152 |

Source: South Carolina Department of Revenue and Taxation

Employment by Industry





| | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Agriculture/Mining | 2.1% |
| Construction | 6.0% |
| Manufacturing | 22.0% |
| Wholesale Trade | 1.6% |
| Retail Trade | 9.7% |
| Transportation/Utilities | 5.3% |
| Information | 0.7% |
| Finance/Insurance/Real Estate | 4.7% |
| Services | 46.0% |
| Public Administration | 1.9% |
| Total | 30,730 |

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

Top 5 Manufacturing Employers

| Company | Employees | Primary Product(s) |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--|
| Duke Energy | 3,038 | Power Generation |
| BorgWarner | 828 | Transfer cases, electric vehicle charging stations |
| Itron | 780 | Electronic measuring devices |
| JTEKT/Koyo Bearings | 600 | Automotive bearings |
| US Engine Valve Corporation | 383 | Engine valves |

Source: South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments and Oconee Economic Alliance

| 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>Clemson-Oconee Airport</p> |  <p>Inland Port Greer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 55 Miles from the City of Seneca - 253,728 Rail Lifts in 2016 - 1.9% Growth from 2015 <p>Port of Charleston</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 243 Miles from the City of Seneca - 1,996,275 Rail Lifts in 2016 - 1.2% Growth from 2015 |  <p>Interstates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I-85 |  <p>Rail Providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Norfolk-Southern |

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