

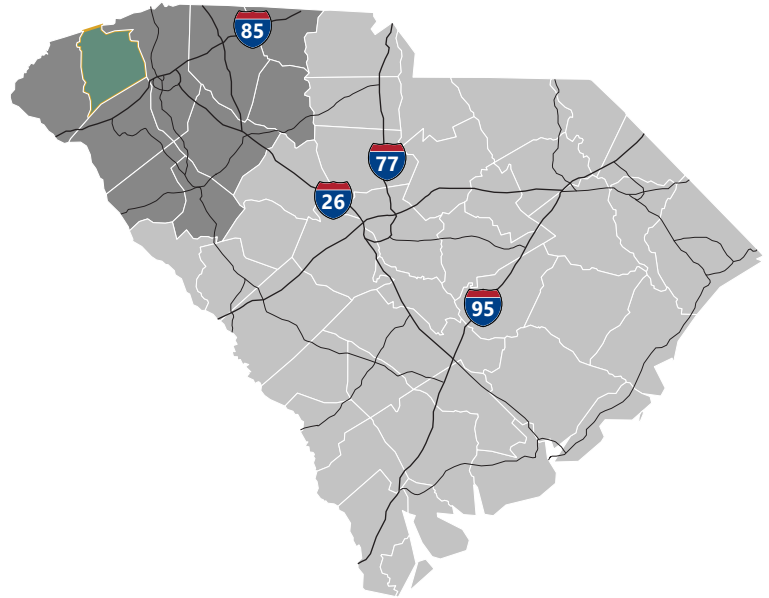
# Pickens County, SC

## FACT SHEET



### About Pickens

The county and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War hero Andrew Pickens (1739-1817). This area in the northwestern corner of the state was Indian territory until 1777, and the earliest European settlers in this region were Indian traders. John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), United States vice president, senator, and cabinet member, made his home at Fort Hill plantation in Pickens County. His son-in-law, Thomas Green Clemson (1807-1888), bequeathed the plantation to the state for use as an agricultural college, which led to the founding of Clemson University. Pickens County is also part of one of the nation's fastest growing regions, the I-85 corridor. Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains, Pickens County has the best of both worlds. It has a small town atmosphere while only 30 minutes from Greenville and two hours from Atlanta, GA and Charlotte, NC. Pickens encompasses beautiful Lakes Jocassee and Keowee, and is home to prestigious Clemson University. It is an area rich in history, beauty, and vision for the future.



### Total Population

	2010	2017	2022
Pickens County	119,224	124,779	129,190
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

### 4. Population by Age

	2010	2017	2022
Under 5	5.4%	5.0%	4.8%
5 to 9	5.6%	5.3%	5.1%
10 to 14	5.8%	5.3%	5.5%
15 to 24	22.0%	20.8%	20.0%
25 to 34	11.3%	12.2%	11.4%
35 to 44	11.7%	10.8%	11.1%
45 to 54	13.3%	12.1%	11.2%
55 to 64	11.5%	12.5%	12.6%
65+	13.4%	16.1%	18.3%

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

### Population by Sex

	2010	2017	2022
Female	59,671	62,123	64,108
Male	59,553	62,656	65,082

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

### Population by Race

	2010	2017	2022
White	88.7%	87.5%	86.5%
Black	6.6%	6.8%	6.9%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
Asian	1.6%	1.8%	2.1%
Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race	1.4%	1.6%	1.8%
Two or More Races	1.5%	2.0%	2.4%
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	3.1%	3.5%	4.0%

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

### Households & Families

	2010	2017	2022
Total Households	45,228	47,063	48,586
Total Families	29,540	30,307	31,099
Average HH Size	2.48	2.51	2.52
Renter Occupied	27.5%	27.9%	28.0%
Owner Occupied	60.8%	60.3%	60.2%

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

## Education Attainment, Age 25+

	2017
Less than 9th Grade	4.7%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	10.3%
High School Graduate	25.7%
GED/ Alternative Credential	5.8%
Some College, No Degree	19.2%
Associate Degree	10.6%
Bachelor's Degree	14.2%
Graduate/ Professional Degree	9.5%

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

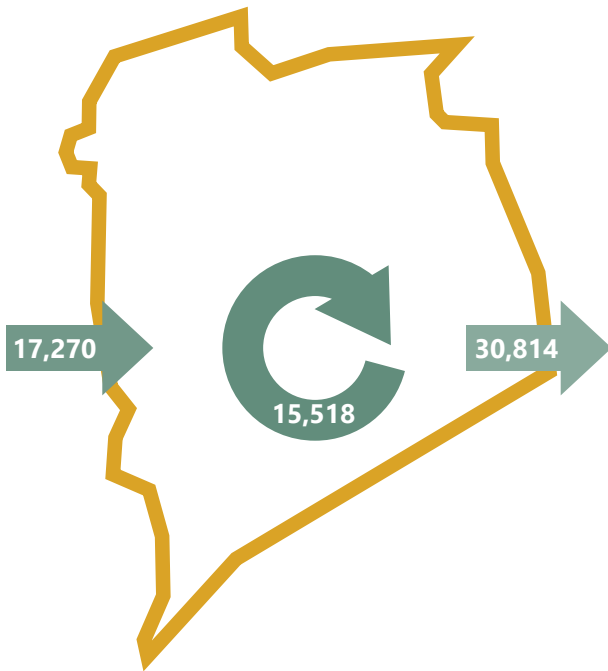


## COMMUTING PATTERNS

### Travel Distance to Work

Less than 10 miles	35.5%
10-24 miles	41.8%
25-50 miles	9.9%
50 miles or more	12.8%

### Worker Inflow/Outflow



Live and Work in Pickens County	15,518
Commute into Pickens County	17,270
Commute Out of Pickens County	30,814

## Median Household Income

	2017	2022
Pickens County	\$44,469	\$52,445
South Carolina	\$48,678	\$54,740
United States	\$56,124	\$62,316

Source: ESRI Business Analyst; US Census Bureau

## Per Capita Income

	2017	2022
Pickens County	\$23,386	\$27,172
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	Pickens County
2011 - 2012	\$1,918,390
2012 - 2013	\$2,001,476
2013 - 2014	\$2,097,904
2014 - 2015	\$2,197,224
2015 - 2016	\$2,426,064
2016 - 2017	2,570,001

Source: South Carolina Department of Revenue and Taxation

## Employment by Industry





Agriculture/Mining	0.6%
Construction	6.9%
Manufacturing	15.1%
Wholesale Trade	2.2%
Retail Trade	10.7%
Transportation/Utilities	5.3%
Information	1.1%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	4.3%
Services	51.0%
Public Administration	2.8%
Total	56,738

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

## Top 5 Manufacturing Employers

Company	Employees	Primary Product(s)
YH America	619	Motor vehicle parts & accessories
St. Jude Medical	400	Specialty medical devices
Milliken & Co. (Pendleton Finishing Plant)	400	Broadwoven cloth
Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Co., Inc.	390	Fire sprinklers & system components
Comatrol	335	Hydraulic pumps & motors

Source: South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments and Alliance Pickens

 <b>Airport Access</b>	 <b>Port Access</b>	 <b>Interstate Access</b>	 <b>Rail Access</b>
<p>Greenville Spartanburg International</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allegiant Air</li> <li>- American Airlines</li> <li>- Delta</li> <li>- Southwest Airlines</li> <li>- United Airlines</li> </ul> <p>Pickens County Airport</p>	<p>Inland Port Greer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 37 Miles from the City of Pickens</li> <li>- 253,728 Rail Lifts in 2016</li> <li>- 1.9% Growth from 2015</li> </ul> <p>Port of Charleston</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 227 Miles from the City of Pickens</li> <li>- 1,996,275 Rail Lifts in 2016</li> <li>- 1.2% Growth from 2015</li> </ul>	<p>Interstates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I-85</li> </ul>	<p>Rail Providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Norfolk-Southern</li> <li>- Pickens</li> </ul>

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## Additional Resources

[www.co.pickens.sc.us](http://www.co.pickens.sc.us)  
[www.cityofpickens.com](http://www.cityofpickens.com)  
[www.pickenschamber.com](http://www.pickenschamber.com)  
[www.clemson.edu](http://www.clemson.edu)  
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