

# County Fact Sheet

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## Laurens County, SC

### Total Population, 2010, 2016, and 2021 Forecasts

	2010	2016	2021
Laurens	66,536	67,486	68,420
Upstate Region	1,362,073	1,409,634	1,462,858
South Carolina	4,625,364	4,831,451	5,075,686

### Population by Age, 2010, 2016, and 2021 Forecasts

	2010	2016	2021
Under Age 5	6.5%	6.1%	5.8%
Age 5 to 9	6.1%	5.9%	5.8%
Age 10 to 14	6.5%	6.1%	6.2%
Age 15 to 19	7.4%	13.3%	12.5%
Age 20 to 34	17.5%	11.6%	11.2%
Age 35 to 44	12.9%	11.7%	11.3%
Age 45 to 54	14.7%	13.6%	12.7%
Age 55 to 64	13.4%	14.4%	14.5%
Age 65+	15.0%	17.4%	19.9%

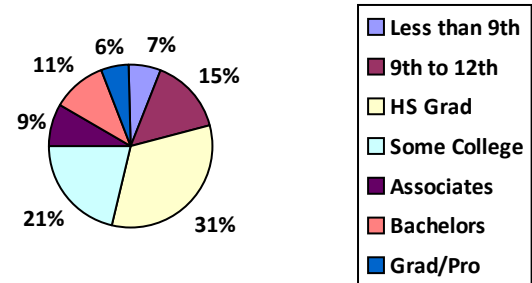
Source: US Census Bureau, 2010 Census Population and Housing. ESRI forecasts for 2016 and 2021 (unless otherwise stated).

### Monthly Employment by Industry Group 2016 (2rd Quarter)

NAICS	INDUSTRY	AVE. EMP.
11, 21	Natural Resources and Mining	119
23	Construction	536
31	Manufacturing	8,102
22, 42, 44, 48	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	3,928
51	Information	124
52, 53	Financial Activities	295
54, 55, 56	Professional and Business Services	1,755
61, 62	Education and Health Services	1,999
71, 72	Leisure and Hospitality	1,486
81	Other Svcs (except Public Admin.)	227
90	Government	3,912

Source: 2016.2 Census of Employment and Wages, Bureau of Labor Statistics, SC Dept of Employment Workforce and EMSI Inc.

### Educational Attainment, 25+, 2016 ESRI Forecasts



### Population by Race, 2010, 2016, and 2021 Forecasts

	2010	2016	2021
White	70.4%	69.5%	68.6%
Black	25.4%	25.6%	25.6%
Am. Indian/Alaska Native	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%
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%	1.9%
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	4.1%	4.5%	5.2%



# Laurens County, SC

## Top 5 Manufacturing

Company	No. of Employees	Major Product
Sterilite Corporation	470	Plastic Products
Rich Products	460	Flat breads
Faurecia	408	Plastic Product Manufacturing
Country Fresh	400	Food Preparation
D & W Finepack	400	Disposable paper items

Source: SC Appalachian Council of Governments and County Economic Development Office

## Median Household Income, 2016 and 2021

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2021</u>
Laurens	\$39,607	\$40,501
South Carolina	\$43,198	\$49,859

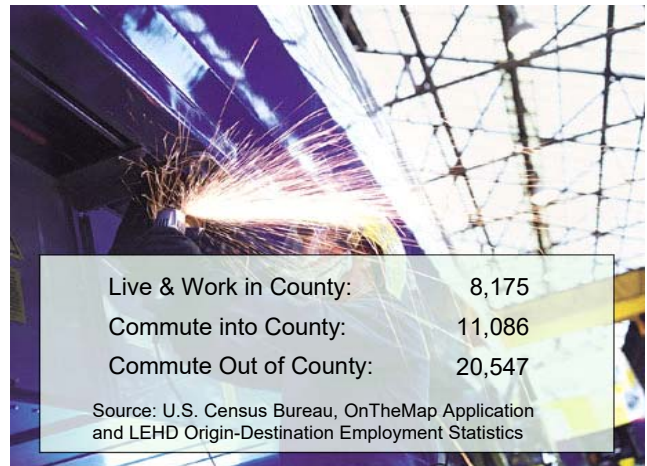
ESRI forecasts for 2016 and 2021

## Per Capita Income, 2016 and 2021

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2021</u>
Laurens	\$20,618	\$21,866
South Carolina	\$23,782	\$26,314

ESRI forecasts for 2016 and 2021

## Worker Inflow/Outflow - 2014



## Households & Families 2010, 2016, and 2021 Estimate

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2021</u>
# of Households	25,525	25,757	26,051
# of Families	17,707	17,659	17,760
Ave HH Size:	2.51	2.53	2.53
Owner-Occupied:	18,375	18,029	18,233
Renter-Occupied:	7,150	7,731	7,832
Median Age:	39.9	41.3	42.4

Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010 Census of Population and Housing. ESRI forecasts for 2016 and 2021 (unless otherwise stated)

## Gross Retail Sales (Millions) by Fiscal Year

FY 2005-06	\$757,832
FY 2006-07	\$809,001
FY 2007-08	\$865,367
FY 2008-09	\$815,229
FY 2009-10	\$839,650
FY 2010-11	\$861,896
FY 2011-12	\$892,453
FY 2012-13	\$650,069
FY 2013-14	\$927,390
FY 2014-15	\$950,531

Source: SC Department of Revenue and Taxation



# Laurens County, SC

## Transportation

<b>Interstate Access</b>	I-85, I-26
<b>Nearest Commercial Airline</b>	Greenville-Spartanburg International
<b>Airlines</b>	Northwest, Southwest, Continental, United Express, Delta, US Airways, American Eagle
<b>Nearest Civil Airport</b>	Laurens County Airport
<b>Port Access</b>	Port of Charleston, 172 miles from City of Laurens
<b>Rail Providers</b>	CSX, NSR

## About Laurens County, SC

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.

## Economic Development

<b>Laurens County Development Corporation</b> Jonathan Coleman, Executive Director	(864) 939-0580 <a href="http://www.laurenscounty.org/ed">www.laurenscounty.org/ed</a>
<b>Upstate SC Alliance</b> John Lummus, President/CEO	(864) 283-2300 <a href="http://www.upstatescalliance.com">www.upstatescalliance.com</a>

## Additional Sources

[www.laurenscounty.org](http://www.laurenscounty.org)  
[www.upstateforever.org](http://www.upstateforever.org)  
[www.sciway.net](http://www.sciway.net)  
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