

**Upstate**

# **WIA Area Profile**

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# Summary

## **Population:**

Population has increased 12,202 from 2000 to 2005.

Females outnumber males 51.6% to 48.4%.

The largest age group is 25-44 years.

The white population is the majority with 75.8%.

The Hispanic population in this area has increased 55.1% from 2000-2005.

The population is expected to increase 63,370 from 2010-2030.

## **Labor Force:**

The unemployment rate has been fairly stable, increasing slightly from 7.3% in 2002 to 8.0% in 2005.

## **Educational Attainment:**

High school graduates top the list with 31.6%, followed by less than a high school degree with 28.4%.

## **Industry Employment:**

The top two industries in this area are Manufacturing and Trade, Transportation and Utilities.

## **Occupational Employment:**

Top five occupations currently are: team assemblers, cashiers, retail salespersons, combined food prep and servers, and heavy truck drivers.

## **Projected Occupations:**

The top five occupations with the most openings in 2002-2012 are: team assemblers, retail salespersons, cashiers, waiters and waitresses, and combined food prep and servers.

## **Occupational Wages:**

The average wage for the area is \$16.29, with an entry wage of \$7.73 and an experienced wage of \$20.56.

## **Per Capita Income:**

With a PCI of \$25,352 in 2004, this area is behind the state's PCI of \$27,185.

# Population

Upstate Cherokee Spartanburg Union

Population				
2000	336,990		52,679	254,432 29,879
2001	339,642		53,106	256,950 29,586
2002	342,280		53,533	259,411 29,336
2003	344,466		53,518	261,825 29,123
2004	346,402		53,655	264,106 28,641
2005	349,192		53,844	266,809 28,539

Gender (from the 2000 Census)				
Male	48.4		48.4	48.6 47.1
Female	51.6		51.6	51.4 52.9

Age (from the 2000 Census)				
0-14 years	70,254		11,431	52,916 5,907
15-24 years	43,928		6,885	33,385 3,658
25-44 years	99,809		15,536	75,925 8,348
45-64 years	79,291		12,168	59,825 7,298
65+ years	42,927		6,517	31,740 4,670

Race (2005)				
White	75.8		78.1	76.2 67.6
Black or African Amer.	21.8		20.5	20.9 31.6
All Other	2.5		1.3	2.9 0.8

Hispanic Population				
2000	8,372		1,092	7,081 199
2005	12,985		1,496	11,259 230
% change	55.1		37.0	59.0 15.6

Projections				
2010	366,190		57,510	279,870 28,810
2015	382,210		60,590	293,040 28,580
2020	398,220		63,660	306,210 28,350
2025	414,230		66,740	319,370 28,120
2030	429,560		69,420	332,450 27,690

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

# Labor Force

2002	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemp. Rate
Cherokee	2,041	24,480	8.3
Spartanburg	8,706	128,801	6.8
Union	1,459	13,719	10.6
Upstate	12,206	167,000	7.3

2003	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemp. Rate
Cherokee	2,139	24,623	8.7
Spartanburg	9,425	130,772	7.2
Union	1,516	13,443	11.3
Upstate	13,080	168,838	7.7

2004	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemp. Rate
Cherokee	2,259	25,251	8.9
Spartanburg	10,023	131,026	7.6
Union	1,614	13,061	12.4
Upstate	13,896	169,338	8.2

2005	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemp. Rate
Cherokee	2,030	25,260	8.0
Spartanburg	10,040	130,860	7.7
Union	1,430	12,830	11.1
Upstate	13,500	168,950	8.0

SOURCE: South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Labor Market Information

# Educational Attainment (2000)

Upstate County/Area Totals	Cherokee	Spartanbur	Union	Area	% of area
	34,283	167,802	20,222	222,307	
Less than HS grad	11,400	45,143	6,686	63,229	28.4
HS grad	12,570	50,233	7,361	70,164	31.6
Some college	4,751	30,676	3,057	38,484	17.3
Associate degree	1,518	11,264	1,136	13,918	6.3
Bachelor's degree or higher	4,044	30,486	1,982	36,512	16.4

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

# Industry Employment (2005)

INDUSTRY DESCRIPTION	Average Employment	Percent
<b>Total, Private and Government</b>	142,484	100.0
<b>Construction</b>	7,927	5.6
<b>Manufacturing</b>	37,932	26.6
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	27,785	19.5
<b>Information</b>	1,117	0.8
<b>Financial Activities</b>	5,185	3.6
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	12,123	8.5
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	11,210	7.9
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	13,090	9.2
<b>Other Services (Except Public Administration)</b>	3,316	2.3
<b>All Government</b>	21,840	15.3

SOURCE: South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Labor Market Information

# Occupational Employment (2005)

Top 25 Occupations Sorted by Percentage of Total Employment

Code	Occupational Title	Employment	% of total emp.
	<b>All Occupations</b>	<b>151,230</b>	
512092	Team Assemblers	5,390	3.6
412011	Cashiers	4,550	3.0
412031	Retail Salespersons	4,120	2.7
353021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	3,390	2.2
533032	Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	3,050	2.0
519198	Helpers--Production Workers	2,990	2.0
537062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,940	1.9
519061	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	2,790	1.8
372011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	2,650	1.8
111021	General and Operations Managers	2,630	1.7
435081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	2,470	1.6
439061	Office Clerks, General	2,380	1.6
499042	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	2,360	1.6
353031	Waiters and Waitresses	2,110	1.4
436014	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	1,910	1.3
311012	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	1,720	1.1
433031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	1,630	1.1
434051	Customer Service Representatives	1,600	1.1
511011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Production and Operating Workers	1,570	1.0
414012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale & mfg., Exc. Technical/Scientific Products	1,420	0.9
411011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	1,360	0.9
472031	Carpenters	1,360	0.9
537051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	1,360	0.9
537064	Packers and Packagers, Hand	1,280	0.8
352011	Cooks, Fast Food	1,240	0.8

SOURCE: South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Labor Market Information

# Occupational Projections 2002-2012

*Ranked by Number of Openings*

Occupation Code	Occupation Title	2002 Emp	2012 Emp	# Change	Median Hrly Wage May 05*
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	122,013	166,152	44,139	
51-2092	Team Assemblers	3,719	6,790	3,071	19.60
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	3,890	5,639	1,749	9.77
41-2011	Cashiers	4,161	5,862	1,701	6.72
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	2,483	4,021	1,538	6.18
35-3021	Combined Food Prep. & Serving Workers, Inc. Fast Food	2,238	3,726	1,488	6.47
29-1111	Registered Nurses	2,176	3,445	1,269	24.23***
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	2,019	2,864	845	34.07
31-1012	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	1,416	2,209	793	8.70
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	2,077	2,819	742	14.83
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	1,026	1,662	636	7.99

\*wages are for the Spartanburg Metro Area which includes Spartanburg County.

\*\*\*Statewide wages

SOURCE: South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Labor Market Information

# Occupational Wages (2005)

Top and Bottom 25 Occupations by Average Wage

Occ. Code Occupational Title Emp. Entry Average Experienced  
**All Occupations 7.73 16.29 20.56**

## Top 25

Occ. Code	Occupational Title	Emp.	Entry	Average	Experienced
291069	Physicians and Surgeons, All Other	20		76.75	
111011	Chief Executives	650	34.10	65.73	81.54
132052	Personal Financial Advisors	30	25.57	58.70	75.27
132041	Credit Analysts	10	21.95	54.97	71.48
231011	Lawyers	360	27.67	46.08	55.28
119121	Natural Sciences Managers	20	38.87	45.85	49.33
291011	Chiropractors	30	20.39	43.30	54.75
132051	Financial Analysts	20	18.12	43.12	55.63
291051	Pharmacists	240	36.96	42.68	45.54
111021	General and Operations Managers	2,630	19.08	42.60	54.36
113049	Human Resources Managers, All Other	60	28.29	41.47	48.05
113031	Financial Managers	470	23.73	39.11	46.80
112021	Marketing Managers	90	21.28	38.82	47.59
172071	Electrical Engineers	220	29.17	38.11	42.59
172041	Chemical Engineers	120	26.11	36.47	41.65
414011	Sales Reps., Wholesale/Mfg., Technical/Scientific Products	230	20.52	35.59	43.13
113061	Purchasing Managers	120	19.45	35.28	43.19
172141	Mechanical Engineers	340	25.00	34.02	38.52
172112	Industrial Engineers	830	23.17	33.99	39.40
113041	Compensation and Benefits Managers	60	18.87	33.38	40.64
113051	Industrial Production Managers	340	24.29	33.16	37.60
171011	Architects, Except Landscape and Naval	120	32.11	32.81	33.16
192043	Hydrologists	20	20.94	31.97	37.48
119021	Construction Managers	210	20.56	31.96	37.66
413031	Securities/Commodities/Financial Services Sales Agents	40	21.06	31.92	37.35

## Bottom 25

372011	Janitors & Cleaners, Exc. Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	2,650	5.94	8.29	9.47
537064	Packers and Packagers, Hand	1,280	6.08	8.27	9.36
412021	Counter and Rental Clerks	470	5.87	8.14	9.28
311011	Home Health Aides	700	7.43	8.11	8.45
434071	File Clerks	190	5.81	8.10	9.25
352021	Food Preparation Workers	760	6.43	8.05	8.86
353041	Food Servers, Nonrestaurant	170	7.26	8.03	8.41
516011	Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers	230	6.13	7.93	8.83
435021	Couriers and Messengers	60	5.79	7.82	8.84
319099	Healthcare Support Workers, All Other	20	6.03	7.77	8.64
399021	Personal and Home Care Aides	230	6.51	7.63	8.19
513011	Bakers	90	5.80	7.50	8.35
352015	Cooks, Short Order	550	5.92	7.46	8.23
359011	Dining Room & Cafeteria Attendants & Bartender Helpers	400	5.93	7.46	8.23
372012	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	600	6.12	7.42	8.08
399011	Child Care Workers	610	5.94	7.30	7.98
353011	Bartenders	290	5.93	7.10	7.69
359021	Dishwashers	730	5.92	7.09	7.68
412011	Cashiers	4,550	5.87	7.06	7.65
353022	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria/Food Concession/Coffee Shop	480	5.95	7.00	7.53
111031	Legislators	120	5.87	6.99	7.55
359031	Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, and Coffee Shop	330	5.88	6.98	7.53
352011	Cooks, Fast Food	1,240	5.92	6.97	7.50
353021	Combined Food Prep. & Serving Workers, Inc. Fast Food	3,390	5.86	6.83	7.32
353031	Waiters and Waitresses	2,110	5.90	6.21	6.36

# Per Capita Income

<b>Area</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
South Carolina	24,424	24,994	25,361	25,972	27,185

<i>Upstate</i>	23,332	23,661	24,186	24,480	25,352
Cherokee	20,313	20,519	20,650	21,353	22,562
Spartanburg	24,327	24,559	25,156	25,340	26,114
Union	20,178	21,508	22,066	22,495	23,542

*SOURCE: Regional Economic Information System, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce*