

Union County, SC Fact Sheet

The seat of the county was organized in 1785 and both were named after the Union Church. Union County has a long history as a pioneer in the textile industry, and textiles still flourish there. Union County has drawn attention for its surge in economic growth in manufacturing, which began in 1994. Located just minutes away from I-77, I-85, and I-26, Union is at the center of a river of commerce running through the Upstate region. Businesses enjoy ready access to the nearby markets of large metropolitan areas and the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport. Union County residents enjoy small town friendliness close to the attractions of Charlotte, NC, Greenville, the state capital in Columbia, and Spartanburg. The University of South Carolina has a satellite campus located in Union, and Spartanburg Technical College and Greenville Technical College are convenient to residents. Other schools within easy daily commuting distance include Wofford College, Converse College, and Spartanburg Methodist College.

POPULATION

Total Population, 1990, 2000 & 2006 Estimates

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
Union County	30,319	29,881	28,306
Upstate Region*	1,063,372	1,220,542	1,297,943
South Carolina	3,499,064	4,012,012	4,321,249

*10 County Upstate South Carolina Region

Population Estimates by Age, 2005

Under Age 5	1,681	(5.9%)
Age 5 to 19	5,519	(19.6%)
Age 20 to 34	4,838	(17.0%)
Age 35 to 59	10,356	(36.3%)
Age 60 to 74	3,888	(13.6%)
Age 75+	2,185	(7.7%)

Population Estimates by Race, 2005

White	19,287	(67.6%)
Black	9,032	(31.6%)
Amer. Indian / Alaska Native	52	(0.2%)
Asian	65	(0.2%)
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	5	(<0.1%)
Two or More Races	98	(0.3%)
Hispanic (all races included)	230	(0.8%)

Source of Population Data: US Census Bureau

Highest Educational Attainment, Age 25+, 2000

Less than 9th Grade	2,724	(13.5%)
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	3,962	(19.6%)
High School Graduate Only	7,361	(36.4%)
Some College, No Degree	3,057	(15.1%)
Associate Degree Only	1,136	(5.6%)
Bachelor's Degree Only	1,347	(6.7%)
Graduate or Professional Degree	635	(3.1%)

HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING

Households by Type, 2000

Total No. of Households	12,087
HH's with Individuals Under 18	4,185
HH's with individuals 65+	3,362
Average Household Size	2.44
Average Family Size	2.93

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

Housing Occupancy and Tenure, 2000

Total No. of Housing Units	13,351
Occupied Housing Units	12,087
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	9,267
Renter Occupied Housing Units	2,820
Rental Vacancy Rate (percent)	9.5%

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

2005 Estimated No. of Housing Units

13,529
Source: US Census Bureau

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