

GREENWOOD COUNTY

Date Formed:	1897
Land Area (square miles):	456
Form of Government:	Council-Manager
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Upper Savannah
County Seat:	Greenwood
Other Cities and Towns:	Hodges, Ninety Six, Troy, Ware Shoals



Population Trends

2020 Census	69,351	2023 Pop. Estimate	69,460
2010 Census	69,661	2020 Pop. Estimate	69,380
2000 Census	66,271	Numeric Change 2020-2023	80
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-310	Percent Change 2020-2023	0.12%
Persons Per Square Mile	152.1		

Economic Data

2023 Jobs	27,581	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023	\$50,822
2020 Jobs	27,522	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023	70.2%
2010 Jobs	29,900	Per Capita Personal Income, 2022	\$43,776
Percent Change 2020-2023	0.2%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022	66.9
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-0.9%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022	81.6
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023	4.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2022	\$308,461,390	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022	\$4,448	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2023	0.0736	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2023	\$211,621	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	\$310,995	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2022	\$313,613	Edu. Capital Improvement	*
		County Green Space	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2022	\$66,405,241	Per Capita Revenues	\$958
Total Expenditures FY 2022	\$50,252,285	Per Capita Expenditures	\$725
General Fund Budget FY 2024	\$26,636,965	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$384
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	*	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023	*
Payroll FY 2024	\$18,946,233	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2024	390	Fitch FY 2023	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	6	Moody's FY 2023	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2024	113	S&P FY 2023	*

County History

Greenwood County takes its name from its county seat, Greenwood. The town of Greenwood was named around 1824 for the plantation of an early resident, John McGehee. Greenwood County was formed in 1897 from parts of Abbeville and Edgefield counties, which were originally part of the old Ninety Six District. This part of the backcountry was not settled until the mid-eighteenth century. The town of Ninety Six was established as a frontier trading post around 1730, and it was the site in November 1775 of one of the first South Carolina battles of the American Revolution. In May 1781, American forces besieged the British-held Star Fort at Ninety Six for over a month, but were forced to withdraw when British reinforcements approached. The arrival of the railroad in 1852 stimulated cotton growing and textile manufacturing in this area. Local plantation owner Francis Salvador (1747-1776), who was killed fighting Cherokees during the Revolutionary War, was the first Jewish person elected to the state legislature. U.S. Congressman Preston Smith Brooks (1819-1857) and educator Benjamin Mays (1894-1984) were also residents of Greenwood County.