

Greer, SC – Did You Know?

History

- Greer area was Cherokee Indian Territory prior to 1772.
- City developed as railway stop in 1876.
- Community developed into a marketplace for agricultural products and other goods & services.
- 4 textile mills dominated industrial development during the early 20th Century.
- More than 40 of the buildings in downtown Greer are on the National Historic Register.

Demographics

- The City of Greer (population 22,451) is the 17th largest City in SC and the 4th fastest growing city in SC.
- Between 1990 & 2000 Greer's population grew by 63%. From 2000 to 2006 Greer's population grew by 26%.
- Various projections indicate that Greer's population will continue to grow by 6%-11% annually.
- There are more than 70 residential developments either planned or under construction in the Greer area representing 6,640 new units and a population increase of more than 11,000.
- Within a 20 minute drive time of downtown Greer the population is projected to be more than 261,500 by 2010.
- Greer's median household income is estimated at \$52,282 and is projected to reach \$60,273 by 2010.
- Greer has a lower median age (33.7) than Greenville and Spartanburg County, SC.

Business Climate

- In 2006, total retail sales in Greer were \$538,434,000 – a 96% increase from 2002 and a 26% increase from 2005.
- Major employers include BMW Mfg, Mitsubishi Polyester Film, Honeywell, Allen Bennett Hospital, and Michelin.
- Projections indicate that Greer will realize an 18% job growth rate over the next 10 years.
- Strong presence of international companies – over 187 located in Greenville/Spartanburg Counties.
- Unemployment rates in Greer are consistently below state & national averages and a large labor pool is available.
- Major industry sectors include manufacturing, health care, service, and trade.
- Lowest unionized membership rate in the nation.

Infrastructure

- GSP International Airport located in Greer with 15 carriers offering over 65 daily departures.
- Greer located on I-85 Corridor between Atlanta, GA and Charlotte, NC.
- Direct access to Port of Charleston via I-26. SC has third largest port on eastern seaboard.

Quality of Life

- Greer was named as one of the top 25 Best Affordable Suburbs in the South by *Business Week Online*.
- Over 17 parks and recreational facilities including three lakes in the City of Greer. Close proximity to state & national forests and parks.
- Local amenities include art & history museum, theaters, festivals, symphony & ballet, golf, fishing, boating, hiking, biking, and drag way.
- Median Home Prices in Greer, SC have risen to \$160,730 with an average sale price of \$197,695.
- Over 15 award winning public schools in Greer area and 16 institutions of higher education in the Upstate region with over 64,000 students enrolled annually.
- Healthcare service providers include Greenville Hospital System, Spartanburg Regional Healthcare, Mary Black Memorial Hospital, and St. Francis Community Hospital.
- Both Greenville Hospital System and Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System are building new Greer medical campuses. GHS has plans for a \$100 million, 130 acre Greer Medical Campus, and SRHS is planning a 140 acre health and wellness complex in Greer.
- The Greer Police Department has been Internationally Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since 1996.

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