



Greenville, South Carolina



Greenville, South Carolina, is located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The land that comprises the city and surrounding county originally belonged to the Cherokee Indians and was used briefly by an Indian trader. After the Revolutionary War, South Carolina gave this land to patriot soldiers.

Four of Greenville's museums are located in Heritage Green: Greenville County Museum of Art; the Museum & Gallery at Heritage Green, which is a satellite facility of the Museum & Gallery at Bob Jones University; the Upcountry History Museum; and The Children's Museum of the Upstate. Other museums include the Greenville Cultural Exchange Center, which is an African-American history museum; American Legion War Museum; Shoeless Joe Jackson Museum & Baseball Library, which chronicles the life of one of America's greatest baseball legends; and Zentrum, which showcases the heritage of the BMW automobile.

The Museum & Gallery at Bob Jones University includes a major collection of paintings of European sacred art that dates from the 14th through the 19th centuries, as well as Russian and other religious art and artifacts.

Greenville has many performing arts venues. The Peace Center for the Performing Arts is home to five resident companies: Greenville Symphony, Greenville Chorale, Carolina Ballet Theatre, South Carolina Children's Theatre, and International Ballet. Centre Stage, Greenville Little Theatre, and Warehouse Theatre produce professional theatrical productions. BI-LO Center is a sports and entertainment venue.

The annual Chautauqua Festival provides interactive theater performances throughout Greenville and surrounding areas in June.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Downtown Greenville has many residential options, including historic neighborhoods; newly constructed townhouses, condominiums, and apartments; and condominiums in renovated commercial and historic buildings. Located downtown, the Pettigru Historic District consists of a mix of restored homes and apartments that were primarily built between 1910 and 1930 in Victorian, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Craftsman, and Bungalow styles.

The city has many additional historic districts. Hampton-Pinckney Historic District features large houses from the Victorian era predominantly in Queen Anne and Craftsman styles, though Gothic Revival, Colonial Revival, Italianate, and Prairie styles are also present. Built in the early 1900s, East Park Avenue Historic District contains mostly single-family houses in Craftsman, American Foursquare, Tudor, and Neoclassical styles, as well as McPherson Park. Overbrook Historic District began with the expansion of the Greenville trolley line in 1910; the developer of one section featured Craftsman homes for professionals, whereas another developer built larger homes on larger lots for wealthier clients. Large houses on large lots also comprise the Colonel Elias Earle Historic District, which was planned as an early automobile neighborhood and features early 20th-century historical revival styles, including Neoclassical, Dutch Colonial, Georgian Revival, English Cottage, and Tudor. Heritage Historic District and West End Historic District are also residential.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The city maintains 39 parks and operates 5 community centers. Falls Park contains, Liberty Bridge, a pedestrian-only suspension bridge that spans the Reedy River and provides scenic overlooks of the river's falls; nature trails; picnic areas; a pond with footbridge; excavated mill ruins; and

6 landscaped garden areas. Also along the Reedy River, Cleveland Park, the city's largest park, features the Greenville Zoo; tennis courts; softball fields; playground areas; a fitness trail; and picnic shelters. The Shoeless Joe Jackson Memorial Park is situated on the site where Jackson played in the city's textile leagues. The Wenwood Soccer Complex, home of the Carolina Elite Soccer Academy, has six soccer fields, a playground, and a picnic shelter. Amenities at other parks include softball fields, basketball and tennis courts, playgrounds, and disc golf courses.

Built between 1835 and 1838, the Kilgore-Lewis House, home to the Greenville Council of Garden Clubs, is surrounded by five acres of gardens.

The Greenville Drive, a minor league baseball team, plays at Fluor Field.

EDUCATION

Greenville County Schools serves 70,000 students from Greenville and surrounding areas in 50 elementary schools; 18 middle schools; and 14 high schools, which include 8 magnet academies for special study at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. In addition, the district operates four career centers for high school students and seven special centers for students with academic and other difficulties.

Many opportunities for higher education are available in Greenville. Bob Jones University is a private Christian liberal arts university and seminary that has undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Furman University grants bachelor's degrees in liberal arts and master's degrees in education. Strayer University's Greenville Campus offers undergraduate and graduate programs in various business fields. Brown Mackie College, Virginia College in Greenville, and ITT Technical Institute provide career-focused degree programs. Greenville Technical College, a community college, offers associate's degree programs. Holmes Bible College educates people for professional ministry work.

HEALTH CARE

Greenville is served by 2 hospital systems with a total of 1,048 licensed acute-care beds, which include beds in a dedicated children's hospital. The city also has a rehabilitation hospital, a behavioral health facility, and a long-term acute-care hospital. Shriners Hospitals for Children®—Greenville delivers care to children with orthopedic and neuromusculoskeletal disorders and diseases.

CITY STATS

	2009
City Population	61,782
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	639,617
Per Capita Personal Income, Greenville-Mauldin-Easley, MSA	\$33,410