

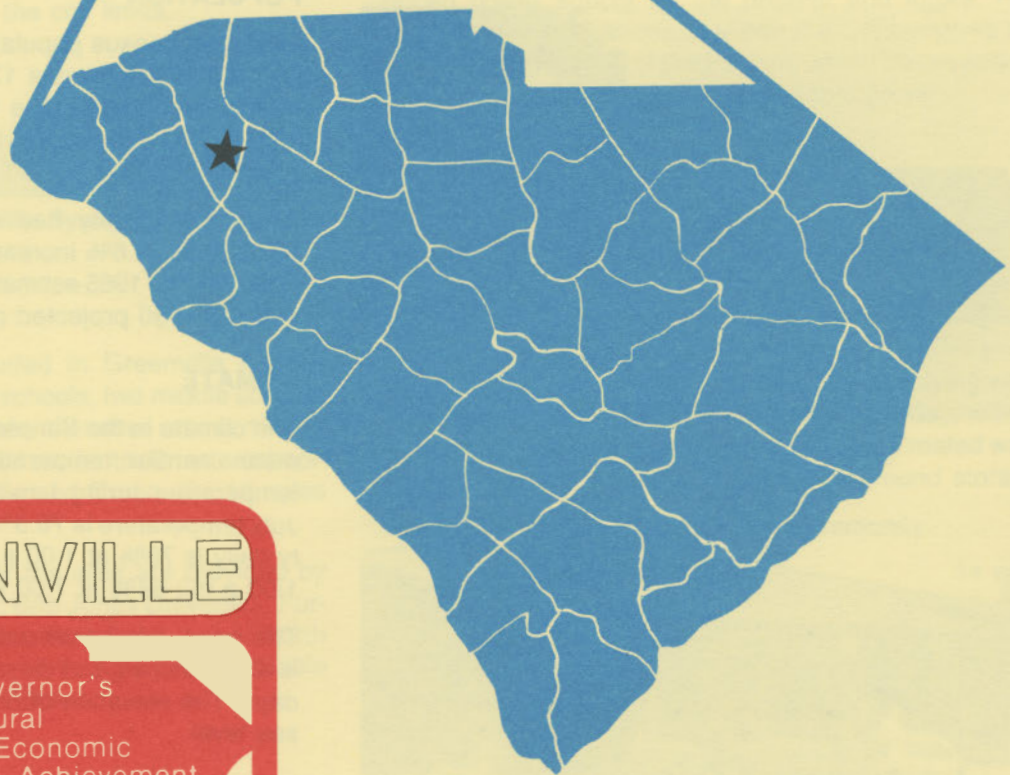
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# SIMPSONVILLE

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Simpsonville City Hall



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## LOCATION

As depicted on the cover, Simpsonville is in the northwestern section of the state in Greenville County. Charleston, South Carolina's busiest port, is 225 miles southeast. Columbia is 89 miles southeast and Greenville is 12 miles north. Simpsonville is 145 miles east of Atlanta; 680 miles south of New York; and 2,679 miles east of San Francisco.



## POPULATION

The 1980 census population of the city of Simpsonville was 9,037. This was a 173.2% increase from the 1970 population of 3,308. The 1982 estimated population was 10,099. The population within a 15-mile radius is 334,728 and within a 30-mile radius is 722,863.

Greenville County had a 1980 census population of 287,895, a 19.6% increase from the 1970 population of 240,774. The 1985 estimated county population is 316,600 and the 1990 projected population is 347,700.

## CLIMATE

The climate in the Simpsonville area is temperate with a mean annual temperature of 60.6°F. The average temperature during January is 42.3°F, while the average July temperature is 78.3°F. The average relative humidity daily is 78% at 1:00 a.m.; 82% at 7:00 a.m.; 54% at 1:00 p.m.; 64% at 7:00 p.m.

The mean annual precipitation in the Simpsonville area is 47.54 inches and the average growing season is 225 days. The elevation of Simpsonville is 1,021 feet above sea level.

## COMMUNICATION

A weekly newspaper, the *Tribune Times*, serves the city. Greenville dailies also circulate in the community. Numerous radio stations are located in Greenville. Television reception is available from seven stations, representing the major networks, educational television and

three independent stations. Cable service is also available. Telephone service in the community is provided by the Continental Telephone Company of S. C..

## GOVERNMENT

The community has a council form of municipal government. The six city council members serve four-year staggered terms and the mayor is elected for a four-year term. The county is governed locally by a council-administrator form of government whose 12 council members are elected for two-year terms.

## POLICE AND FIRE

The Simpsonville Police Department has 15 full-time police officers. The department operates eight radio equipped patrol cars. The community's fire department has seven firemen and 15 volunteer firemen. Simpsonville's insurance rating is Class 5.

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Simpsonville has four branch banks and two branch savings and loan associations to serve the financial needs of the community. The banks have total assets of \$4.6 billion, while the savings and loans have assets of \$1.1 billion.

## HOTELS & MOTELS

There are 30 hotels or motels within a few minutes of Simpsonville with a total of over 3,160 rooms including a new 60-room motel within the city limits.

## CHURCHES

Simpsonville has 24 Protestant churches. One Catholic church is located in nearby Mauldin and churches of most denominations are in Greenville. Synagogues are also in Greenville.

## EDUCATION

Simpsonville, which is included in Greenville County Schools, has five elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school. The student/teacher ratio is 17.9 to 1, with 257 teachers and 4,604 students. Private schooling is available in Simpsonville and Greenville, 12 miles away.

Higher education facilities for the area are provided by Greenville Technical College, Bob Jones University, Furman University and The Golden Strip Extension of North Greenville College. Vocational training is also available at The Golden Strip Career Center..

## MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical services for the community are provided by the 56-bed Hillcrest Hospital, a division of the Greenville Hospital System. The Greenville Hospital System has 1,383 beds in seven hospitals. The community has 15 privately-practicing medical doctors and four privately-practicing dentists.

## RECREATION AND CIVIC FACILITIES

Recreation facilities in the community consist of a city park with outdoor cooking and picnic facilities, tennis courts, athletic fields and playground equipment. Nearby Southside Park serves the area with a swimming pool, tennis courts, BMX Bike Track, outdoor cooking and picnic facilities, athletic fields and courts, and playground equipment. Three nearby country clubs offer golf courses, tennis courts and swimming pools. Collegiate spectator sports, concerts, theaters, and other forms of recreation and entertainment are available in nearby Greenville. Mountain resorts are within an hour's drive of the city.

## POWER

Electric power is available to the community and surrounding areas from Duke Power Company and Laurens Electric Cooperative. Duke Power, the nation's eighth-largest investor-owned operating electric utility, provides installation of service to industrial customers at no cost to the customer in most cases.

Duke Power Company representatives are available to assist industrial customers at no cost or obligation in analyzing their electricity needs.

Laurens Electric Cooperative obtains its power supply from low-cost hydro electric facilities and Saluda River Electric Cooperative. The Cooperatives in the northwest portion of the state through Saluda River Electric Cooperative have arranged for a reliable competitively-priced power supply for the present and future. High voltage interconnections between the Cooperatives and the power supply grid of the Eastern United States assures a continuous source of reliable electric power.

## FUELS

Natural gas is supplied by Piedmont Natural Gas Company.

## WATER

The municipal water supply is provided by the Greenville Water System. The system is capable of supplying water at a maximum rate of 97 million gallons per day, with an average daily demand of 42 million gallons. Treated water storage consists of 320,000 gallons in ground storage.

Analysis of water supplied in the community:

Total solids	14 mg/L
Alkalinity	3 mg/L
Calcium	.8 mg/L
Hardness	3 mg/L
Iron	.05 mg/L
pH	6.8



## SEWER

The Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority operates 37 waste treatment facilities and 52 pumping stations. Simpsonville is served by three of these facilities having maximum capacities of .26 million, .174 million, and 5.0

million gallons per day. Average daily flows for these facilities are .082 million, .158 million, and 2.779 million gallons, respectively. Additional capacity is planned for 1987.

## LABOR

Because labor information may change in this area, a current labor availability report prepared and kept up to date by the S.C. State Development Board will be furnished to prospective manufacturers at their request. The comprehensive report will include sources of recruitable labor, labor force characteristics, work force skill levels, earnings data and other pertinent information. The S.C. State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education has the resources to recruit and train workers in accordance with a company's entry criteria. This training is at little or no cost to the employer. A lead time schedule is developed to coordinate recruiting, testing, selecting, and training. This assures that persons will be able to move from training to their respective jobs at the time the plant is ready for initial production.

## TRANSPORTATION

Simpsonville is served by one interstate highway, I-85, one United States highway and two South Carolina highways. The community is served by one railroad, the Seaboard System Railroad. Simpsonville is served by 67 authorized motor carriers, located in Greenville, of which 36 have terminal facilities.

### Freight Delivery Times:

To:	By Rail:	By Truck:
Atlanta	2 days	1 day
Baltimore	3 days	3 days
Chicago	4 days	3 days
Houston	6 days	3 days
New York	4 days	4 days
St. Louis	4 days	4 days
San Francisco	6 days	5 days

The Greenville-Spartanburg Airport, eight miles from the community, offers regularly scheduled commercial airline

service on American, Eastern, Piedmont, Delta, Bankair, U.S. Air, and Sunbird. Private aircraft utilize the Greenville Downtown Airport, eight miles away, which has paved and lighted runways of 5,390 feet and 4,000 feet. Services available at the two airports are RBn, major airframe and major powerplant repairs, 100LL and Jet A fuel, Unicom and Vortac.

## FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

A Foreign Trade Zone is located in Summerville, South Carolina, 25 miles from the Port of Charleston and 200 miles from the community. The Foreign Trade Zone allows manufacturers to store, manufacture, or process goods without paying U.S. Customs duties or worrying about quota compliance. This Foreign Trade Zone is served by a multimode transportation network which provides excellent accessibility to market areas.

## TAXES

The assessment on industrial property in South Carolina is 10.5% of the market value. New industry is granted a five-year moratorium on general county taxes (with the exception of school taxes). The city tax rate is \$5.26 per \$100 of assessed value. The county rate is \$13.08 per \$100 of assessed value. The effective city tax rate (tax liability per \$100 of market value) is \$.55. The effective county rate is \$1.37. The state has no tax on a manufacturer's inventories, goods-in-process, raw materials or finished goods. Treatment facilities or equipment of manufacturing plants which control water or air pollution are exempt from all property taxation.

## INDUSTRIAL SITES

Industrial sites are available in Simpsonville with a wide range of geographic and topographic features. In all probability, a site that will meet the needs of most industries' requirements has been identified, catalogued, and entered into the State Development Board's Computerized Site Selection System. Detailed site information is available and will be furnished upon request.

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Name	Product or Service	Employees
Arkon Corporation	Non-woven material	145
B K Industries, Inc.	Commercial cooking & food warmer machines	100
Grace, W. R. & Co.-Cryovac Div.	Plastic bags, film	1,236
Harnischfeger	Metal fabrication	180
Hart Graphics	Printing-TV Guide	110
Mt. Vernon Dryer Felt Co.	Paper machine felts	150
Simpsonville Mills Co.	Greige goods, drapery material	692
Union Carbide Corp.	Capacitors	2,250
Woven Electronics	Woven flat ribbon cable	499

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