

Greenville County Quick Facts

School Readiness

- ▶ 1 in 5 children under 5 years old are living in poverty in Greenville County.¹
- ▶ Between 2010 and 2014, the teen birth rate dropped nearly 50% in Greenville County.²
- ▶ 30.5% of live births are to mothers who received less than adequate prenatal care.²

High School Graduation

- ▶ 1 out of every 2 students (36,611 children) is eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch.³
- ▶ 21.3% of children ages 5-17 speak English as a second language in Greenville County, though most (79.1%) of these children also speak English very well.¹
- ▶ 83.3% of Greenville County third graders met or exceeded state standards in reading in 2014, but by eighth grade only 73.9% of students met or exceeded these reading standards.⁴
- ▶ In 2014, 81.7% of students graduated high school on-time.⁴

Financial Stability

- ▶ The unemployment rate in Greenville County was 5.1% in March 2015.⁵
- ▶ The median annual salary of a high school dropout is \$18,623—that is \$7,714 less than a person with a high school diploma/GED.¹
- ▶ 20,454 households in Greenville County receive food stamps each month. 56.8% of these households have children under 18 and 23.5% of these households are 60 years or older.¹
- ▶ 22.4% of households (39,570) in Greenville County spend more than 35% of their income on housing costs, which is an indicator of financial instability.¹
- ▶ 8.3% of households in Greenville County are unbanked—they have no checking or savings account. 18.6% of households are under-banked—they use high risk, high interest lending despite having an account.⁶

Life Essentials

- ▶ 19,161 calls were made to 2-1-1 in 2014. Top 2 caller needs were utility assistance and rent assistance.⁷
- ▶ Over 221,300 individuals are medically underserved in Greenville County. That number would fill up the BI-LO Center fourteen times. Medically underserved are those that are uninsured, underinsured, and access challenged.⁸
- ▶ 938 homeless people, including families and children, were counted in January, 2014 in Greenville County. Of these, 176 people were unsheltered and living on the streets or in a car, encampment, or woods.⁹
- ▶ 61,280 people in Greenville County everyday are food insecure. Food insecure means not knowing where at least one meal every day will come from.¹⁰

Sources:

¹U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey

²South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, 2014

³Greenville County Schools Food and Nutrition Services, May 2014

⁴South Carolina Department of Education, 2014

⁵South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce, 2015

⁶Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), 2013

⁷2-1-1 Caller Data, United Way Greenville County, December 2014

⁸Greenville Forward Health Assessment Survey, 2013

⁹South Carolina Housing and Urban Development Homeless Count, January 2014

¹⁰Feeding America, 2014