

Seneca, SC Fact Sheet

The earliest settlers of Seneca were the people of the Cherokee Nation. A clan of Creek Indians also settled in the area, bringing with them the tomato seed. It is believed that this area was the home of the first cultivated tomato in North America. The name Seneca came from a clan of Iroquois Indians who settled on the banks of the Keowee River. The location for the City of Seneca was determined by the junction of two railroad lines that connected Atlanta and Charlotte. The City of Seneca was founded in 1873, and chartered in 1874.

POPULATION

Total Population, 1990, 2000 & 2006 Estimate

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
City of Seneca	7,726	7,652	8,030
Oconee County	57,494	66,215	70,567
Upstate Region	1,063,372	1,220,542	1,297,943
State	3,699,943	4,012,012	4,321,249

Population by Age, 2000

Under Age 5	6.9%
Age 5 to 9	6.7%
Age 10 to 14	7.0%
Age 15 to 19	6.4%
Age 20 to 34	19.4%
Age 35 to 44	12.8%
Age 45 to 54	14.4%
Age 55 to 64	10.6%
Age 65+	15.9%

Households & Families, 2000

Number of Households	3,286
Number of Families	2,098

Population by Race, 2000

White	4,845	63.3%
Black	2,584	33.8%
Amer. Indian / Alaska Native	24	0.3%
Asian	48	0.6%
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	1	<0.1%
Some Other Race	50	0.7%
Two or More Races	100	1.3%

Highest Educational Attainment, Age 25+, 2000

Less than 9th Grade	11.7%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	16.0%
High School Graduate Only	29.6%
Some College, No Degree	16.2%
Associate Degree Only	4.7%
Bachelor's Degree Only	12.3%
Graduate or Professional Degree	9.5%

Source of Population Data: US Census Bureau

Population & Households, 2000, 2007 & 2012, Municipality & Surrounding Census Block Groups*

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2012</u>
Population	13,637	14,055	14,445
Number of Households	5,664	6,001	6,252

* This information is based on a demographic report of the census block groups that are contained within and intersected by municipal boundaries. This information is provided for reference only, and should be used with discretion.

Source: Claritas, Incorporated

HOUSING

Characteristics of Housing, 2000

Total Number of Housing Units	3,677
Total Number of Occupied Units	3,286
Percentage of Owner-Occupied	60.4%
Percentage of Renter-Occupied	39.6%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

INCOME

Income, 2005 Oconee County

Per Capita Income*	\$28,561
Median Household Income (Estimate)**	\$39,724
Percent w/ Income Below Poverty**	12.7%

*Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

**Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census

RETAIL SALES

Gross Retail Sales (x \$1 million)

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
City of Seneca	\$303.2	\$338.0	\$372.7	\$398.9	\$425.2	\$449.5
Oconee County	\$876.4	\$923.2	\$998.4	\$1,066.3	\$1,142.1	\$1,138.9

Source: SC Department of Revenue and Taxation

LABOR MARKET

Oconee County Average Monthly Employment by Industry Group, 2006 (Annual Average)

Industry Description	Ave. Monthly Employment	Industry Description	Ave. Monthly Employment
Natural Resources and Mining	75	Financial Activities	586
Construction	1,704	Professional and Business Services	858
Manufacturing	5,630	Education and Health Services	1,304
Wholesale Trade	412	Leisure and Hospitality	1,678
Retail Trade	2,789	Other Services	645
Transportation and Warehousing	229	Total Government	4,323
Information	362		

Source: 2006 Covered Employment and Wages (Annual Average), SC Employment Security Commission

CLIMATE

	Walhalla*	Pickens*	Clemson Univ.*
Annual Average Maximum Temperature	71.8(F)	71.7 (F)	72.4 (F)
Annual Average Minimum Temperature	47.0 (F)	49.5 (F)	48.6 (F)
Annual Average Mean Temperature	58.8 (F)	59.7 (F)	60.5 (F)
Annual Precipitation	60.47 inches	55.58 inches	52.80 inches

* Represents nearest weather observation station

Source: National Oceanic Atmospheric Association

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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ADDITIONAL SOURCES

Web sites

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 www.sciway.net
 www.upstateforever.org

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