COMMUNITY PROFILE

Population

According to the Census 2000, Greenville County's population total 379,616 people, with 83% of the total living in urban areas and 17% living in rural areas. Table 1 shows population shifts of Greenville and South Carolina. Greenville County experienced an 18.6% increase in population from 1990 to 2000, while the City of Greenville declined by 4%. The population of the state of South Carolina experienced an increase of 15.1% from 1990 to 2000. Further, Greenville County is growing at a faster rate than the rest of the state, and is currently the most populated county.
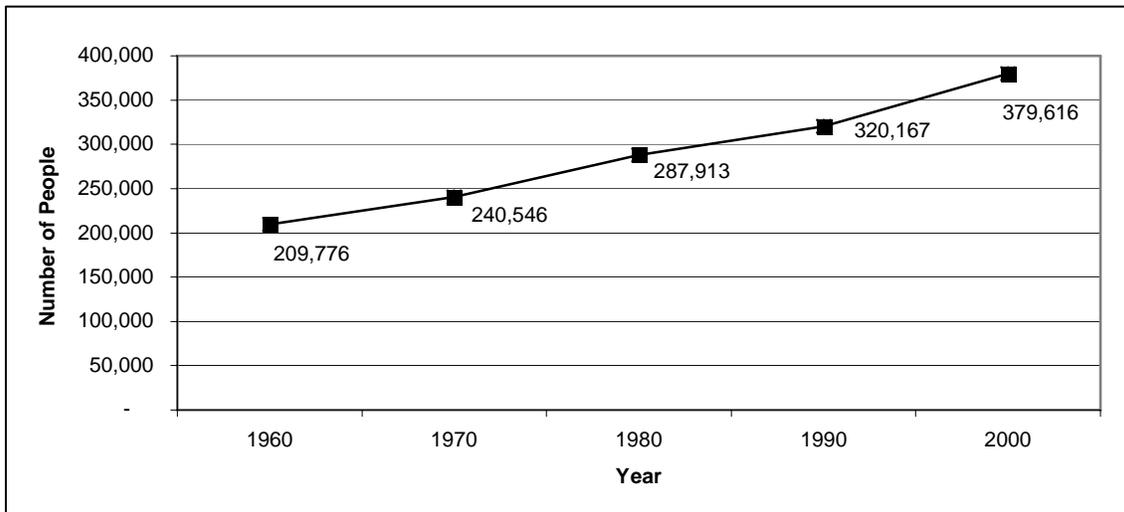
Table 1: Population Shifts

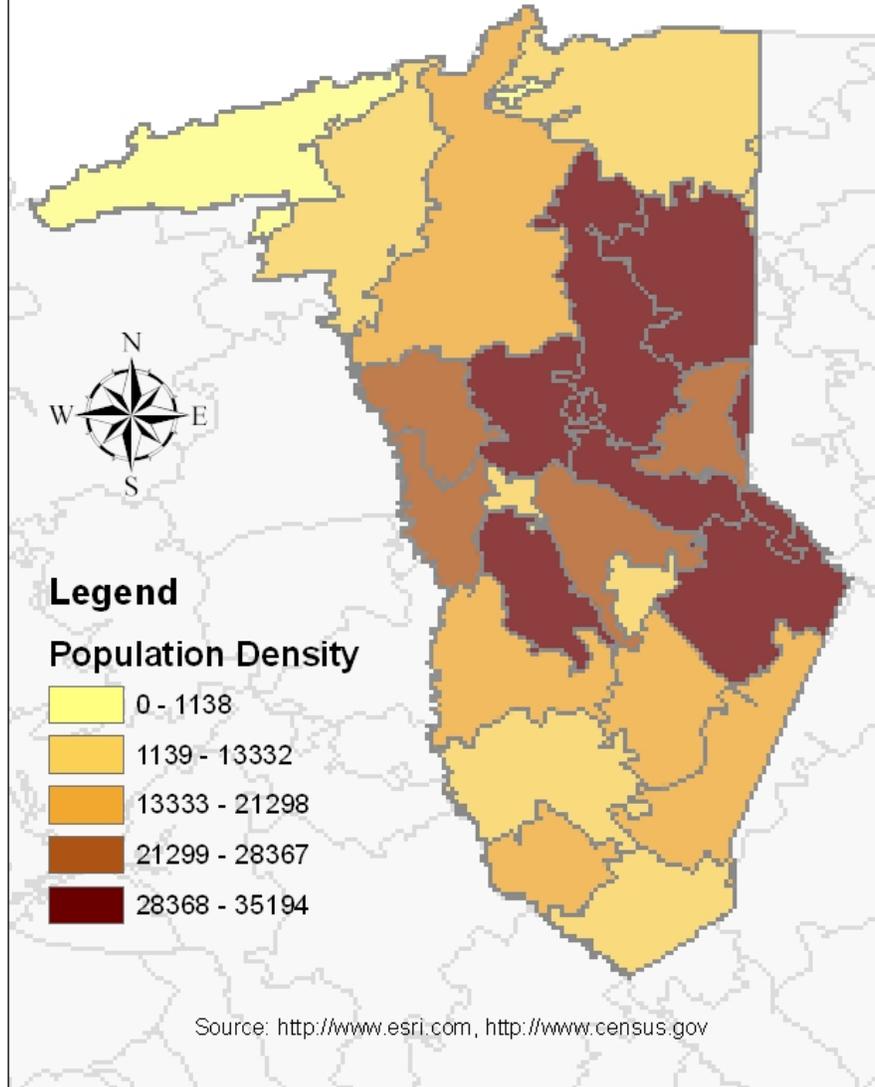|	1990	2000	Percent Change, 1990-2000
Greenville City	58,282	56,002	-3.9
Greenville County	320,167	379,616	18.6
South Carolina	3,486,703	4,012,012	15.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Figure 1 shows the population increase of Greenville County from 1960-2000. This figure shows a trend of steady upward growth over the past 4 decades. According to the Greenville County Planning Commission, this rate of growth is expected to decrease by 2020 (GCRA Plan 10).

Figure 1: Population Growth for Greenville County

Source: SC Community Profiles, 2000/U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000
(http://www.sccommunityprofiles.org/overview.asp?COUNTYID=23)

Figure 2.
Greenville County Population Density, by Zip Code

Legend

Population Density

- 0 - 1138
- 1139 - 13332
- 13333 - 21298
- 21299 - 28367
- 28368 - 35194

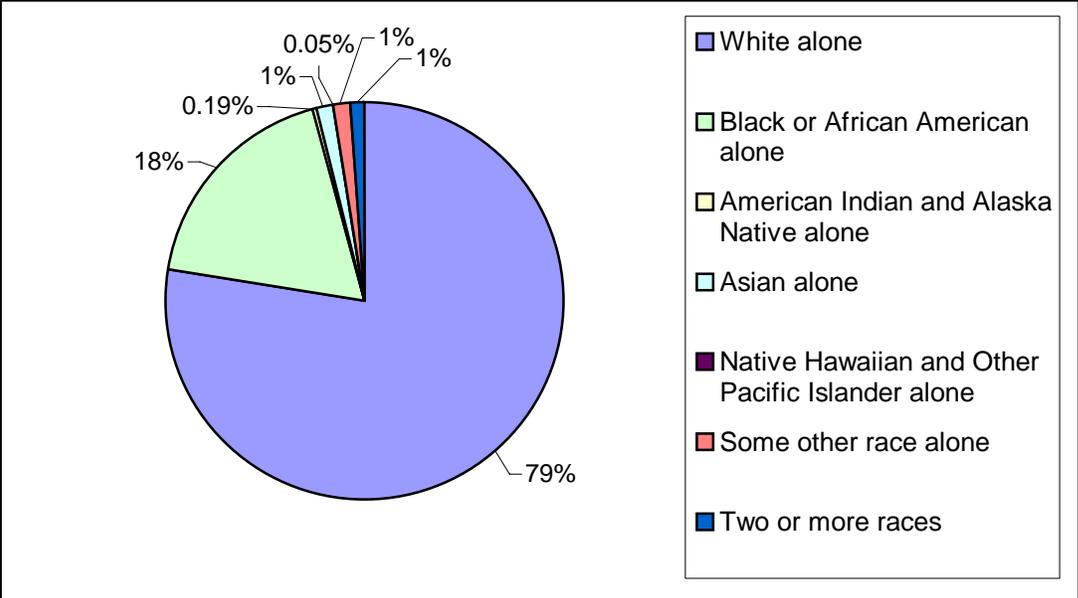Source: http://www.esri.com, http://www.census.gov

Race/Ethnicity

The fastest growing segment of the population is of Hispanic origin, with a growth rate of 371% from 1990 to 2000. People of Hispanic (or Latino) origin make up 3.8% of the Greenville County population, 2.4% of the South Carolina population, and 12.5% of the American population (http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/SAFFFacts?_event=Search&geo_id=&_geoContext=&_street=&_county=greenville+county&_cityTown=greenville+county&_state=04000US45&_zip=&_lang=en&_sse=on&pctxt=fph&pgsl=010). Additionally, as of 2000, the Greenville Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is ranked 134th (out of 331 ranked MSA's) nationally for largest Hispanic population (http://mumford.albany.edu/census/HispanicPop/HspSort/ TotHspSort.htm). Meanwhile, Greenville is ranked 11th nationally for fastest growing Hispanic population (http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2004/farmingville/special_hypergrowth.html).

From 1990 to 2000, the Hispanic population of South Carolina increased by 211% and by 336% in the Greenville MSA (http://www.headstartinfo.org/English_lang_learners_tkit/Immigration/region IV/southcarolina.htm#table2). Then, between 2000 and 2002, the Hispanic population of South Carolina grew by 13.6%, while Greenville's Hispanic population grew by over 25% (http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2004/farmingville/special_hypergrowth.html). Despite the rapid growth of the Hispanic population in the U. S., Hispanics are not included as a separate race according to the Census Bureau. That is, when examining race/ethnicity numbers, Hispanics may be included in other race/ethnic groups such as white or black. As of 2000, Whites made up 79% of the total population in Greenville County, while African-Americans made up 18% and all other races represented 3.2% of the remaining population. Figure 2 displays the percentages of all races in the county.

Figure 3: Racial/Ethnic Makeup of Greenville County

Legend:
- White alone
- Black or African American alone
- American Indian and Alaska Native alone
- Asian alone
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone
- Some other race alone
- Two or more races

Pie chart values: 79%, 18%, 0.19%, 1%, 0.05%, 1%, 1%

Source: SC Community Profiles, 2000/U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000
(http://www.sccommunityprofiles.org/race1.asp?COUNTYID=23)

Figure 4.
Greenville County African American Density,
by Zip Code

Legend

Population Density

African Americans

- 0 - 481
- 482 - 1590
- 1591 - 3557
- 3558 - 5457
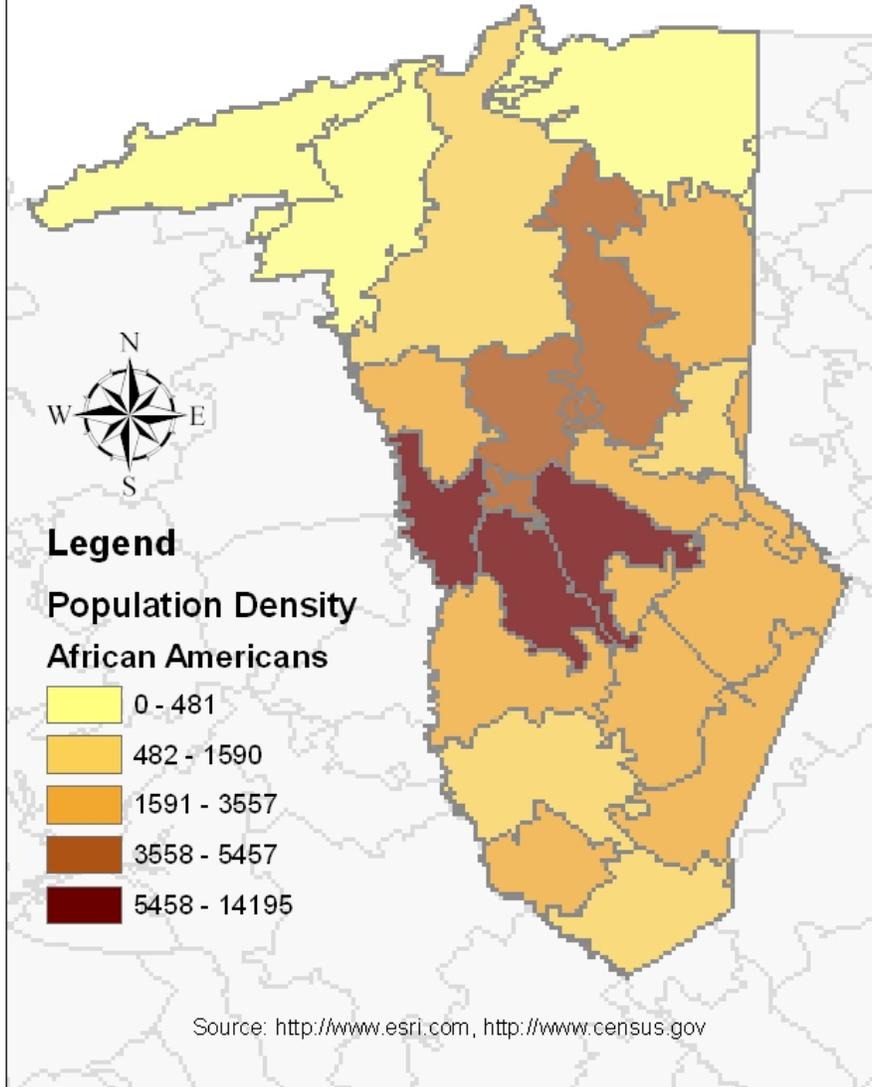- 5458 - 14195

Source: http://www.esri.com, http://www.census.gov

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Figure 5.
Greenville County Hispanic Density,
by Zip Code

Legend

Population Density

Hispanics

- 0 - 98
- 99 - 385
- 386 - 907
- 908 - 1829
- 1830 - 2443

Source: http://www.esri.com, http://www.census.gov