

Anderson County

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Absolute Location



- Absolute location refers to the geographical coordinates of latitude and longitude for a specific place.
- Anderson County is located approximately at $34^{\circ}52'$ North Latitude at $82^{\circ}64'$ West Longitude.

Relative Location

- Anderson County is located in the Upstate or Upcountry of South Carolina.
- The county borders Hart County, GA and Pickens, Oconee, Greenville, and Abbeville Counties in South Carolina.
- The Savannah River divides Anderson County from Hart County, GA.



Source: United States Census Bureau

Place: Physical Characteristics

- Anderson County is located in the Piedmont of South Carolina.
- The topography consists of gently rolling hills with some higher elevations, but no mountains.
- The climate is humid subtropical.
- Hardwoods and short-leaf pines along with the loblolly pine make up the general vegetation of the area.
- Cedar, oak, dogwood, and kudzu can also be seen in Anderson County.

Place: Human Characteristics



This is Anderson County's second courthouse, constructed on the site of the original courthouse in 1898.

- The city of Anderson is the County Seat of Anderson County.
- Anderson is the hub for communication within the county.
- Anderson is also the only metropolitan area in the county.

Place: Human Characteristics

- Anderson County is growing in diversity.
- While still predominantly white and black, other ethnic groups are growing in the area. Currently 4% of the county's population is of a race other than black or white.
- The county is politically conservative and mostly of the Protestant Christian Faith.



This is the current Anderson County Courthouse, located across the street from the 1898 courthouse. This building was constructed in 1991.

Human/Environment Interaction



- The major impact on the natural environment made by humans in Anderson County has been the Hartwell Dam.
- From this damming effort on the Savannah River, the 56,000 acre Lake Hartwell was created.

Human/Environment Interaction

- The Hartwell Dam spans just over 3 miles and enough concrete was used in its construction to build a sidewalk from Anderson County to San Francisco, CA.
- The lake has 962 miles of shoreline and provides an excellent place for recreation. The Lake appeals to boaters, fishermen, campers, and swimmers along with a host of other activities.



Human/Environment Interaction



- The dam was constructed between 1955 and 1963 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- The dam has saved almost 14 million dollars through flood prevention since its construction.
- The Hartwell Power Plant is a “Peaking Power Plant”. It only supplies power when demand is at its peak.

Movement: Rail



- Anderson County is served by two major railroad companies: Norfolk Southern and CSX.
- Every major city in the United States is within 3-6 days of travel time from Anderson County by rail.

Movement: Road Systems

- Interstate 85 is the backbone of transportation in Anderson County.
- The I-85 corridor connects Anderson County with large markets such as Atlanta GA, Greenville/ Spartanburg SC, and Charlotte NC.



Movement: Sea and Air



Source: Charleston Regional
Development Alliance

- Anderson County is merely 200 miles from the Port of Charleston, which ranks fourth in the U.S.
- Anderson County is located within 2 hours of large international airports such as Charlotte-Douglas and Atlanta Hartsfield.
- Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport is only 45 minutes away.
- Anderson Regional airport serves a smaller volume of local traffic.

Anderson County within Larger Regions

- Anderson county is a part of the natural region of the Piedmont of South Carolina. This is an example of a formal region.
- Anderson county is also a part of the Perceptual/Vernacular region of the upstate or upcountry of South Carolina.
- Anderson county is also linked through a functional region with Atlanta, GA and Greenville and Spartanburg, SC.

Regions within Anderson County



- A major region within the county is a more urban region consisting primarily of the town of Anderson.
- The urban region can be divided into sub-regions of industrial and commercial areas.

Regions within Anderson County

- The rural region is the predominant region in Anderson County.
- This rural region can be divided into sub-regions of agriculture, raising of livestock, and residential areas.



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