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2011 ECONOMIC SCORECARD RESULTS SHOW REGION'S PER CAPITA INCOME CONTINUING TO LAG BEHIND THE UNITED STATES AVERAGE

The Greenville Chamber has released the results from the 2011 Regional Economic Scorecard. Overall, Scorecard results show a continued decline in income competitiveness for the Greenville/Upstate area, but details progress on several strategic sub-measures.

The Scorecard, the region's objective analysis of the local economy, is released annually by the Chamber and serves as the catalyst for engaging business and community leaders in thoughtful dialogue about progress, road-blocks, and solutions to improve economic competitiveness. To ensure the objectivity and technical accuracy of the Scorecard information, the University Center for Economic Development (UCED) at Clemson University was hired to conduct the research and to help craft the final community report.

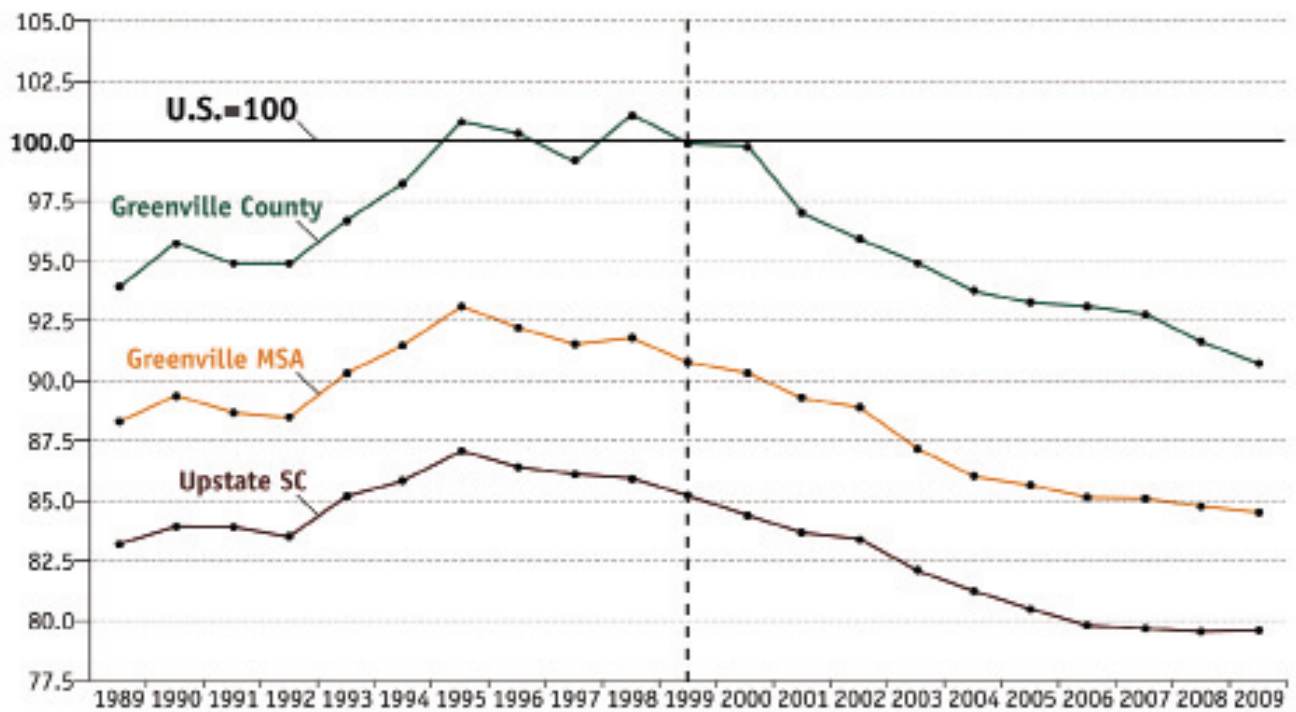
Overall, the 2011 results indicate that the area's economy continues to lag the nation as a whole in regards to personal income growth. Greenville County per capita income, a key measure of community prosperity, fell relative to the U.S. average for the eleventh consecutive year - by far the longest period of decline in Greenville's modern history. The per capita income gap between Greenville County and the national average grew to \$1.65 billion annually.

In other sub-measures of economic vitality like Human Capital and Innovation, the local economy made significant strides and gained ground versus peer communities. In the measure of Entrepreneurism, a key driver of wealth creation, the Upstate economy indexed well below other communities and fell further behind since the 2010 report.

According to Dr. David Barkley, Clemson University Professor and Co-Director of UCED, "The Greenville metropolitan area and the SC Upstate showed some improvement in the 2011 Economic Scorecard, indicating that the region is better positioned to compete in the global economy than last year. However, significant gaps in measures of competitiveness remain between Greenville and the highest scoring metropolitan areas."



Per Capita Personal Income Relative to U.S.



In response to Scorecard results in 2009, the Greenville Chamber launched ACCELERATE!, a 5-year economic development initiative to address the troubling income trend. The effort focuses on three high-leverage areas: Business Environment, World-Class Talent, and High-Impact Entrepreneurship. The business-led initiative provides critical funding and leadership to new development programs including NEXT, the Carolina First Center for Excellence, and recruiting talent. For more information on ACCELERATE!, go to www.accelerategreenville.com.

"The 2011 Regional Economic Scorecard is a critical tool for evaluating our community's true economic position and to effectively crafting our long-term economic development strategy. This year's results again provide us with a sobering reminder of issues which demand attention, but the report also highlights encouraging areas where dedicated focus is working," regional said Sam Konduros, Chairman of the Greenville Chamber's Board of Directors.

If you'd like to learn more about the 2011 Regional Economic Scorecard, please:

- **View the complete report at GreenvilleChamber.org/scorecard.php**
- **Attend GSA's Power Hour on June 16 for a review & discussion. Call 864-235-5677 for details.**
- **Contact Hank Hyatt at hhyatt@greenvillechamber.org or 864-239-3714**

Please join us for these June Greenville Chamber Events

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| June 4: PULSE Field Day with Pendleton Place | June 15: Sales Roundtable - Learn from the Pros |
| June 7: Small Business Council on Growth | June 16: GSA Power Hour Economic Scorecard Discussion |
| June 7: Non-Profit Alliance Social | June 17: Transportation & Infrastructure Meeting |
| June 8: Manufacturers Roundtable | June 21: Business After Hours at Larkin's Sawmill |
| June 9: PULSE Connects - DOWNTOWN ALIVE | June 22: PULSE Social |
| June 10: HR Forum on Managing Employees' Leave | June 23: Business Women in Action |
| June 10: Legislative Issues Committee Meeting | June 23: Getting Started with Constant Contact |
| June 14: Business Before Hours | June 28: Environmental Issues Meeting |

The Greenville Chamber's vision is to build one of the premier business communities in the world. Call 864-242-1050 to invest in the Upstate business community today!