


ABBEVILLE COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785	
Land Area (square miles):	508	
Form of Government:	Council	
Council Members:	7	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Upper Savannah	
County Seat:	Abbeville	
Other Cities and Towns:	Calhoun Falls, Donalds, Due West, Honea Path, Lowndesville, Ware Shoals	

Population Trends

2020 Census	24,295	2023 Pop. Estimate	24,434
2010 Census	25,417	2020 Pop. Estimate	24,212
2000 Census	26,167	Numeric Change 2020-2023	222
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-1,122	Percent Change 2020-2023	0.92%
Persons Per Square Mile	47.8		

Economic Data

2023 Jobs	5,374	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023	\$46,819
2020 Jobs	5,315	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023	64.7%
2010 Jobs	6,249	Per Capita Personal Income, 2022	\$39,840
Percent Change 2020-2023	1.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022	60.9
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-1.8%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022	74.3
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023	4.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2022	\$86,761,579	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022	\$3,571	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2023	0.1377	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2023	\$72,743	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	\$35,479	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2022	\$13,495	Edu. Capital Improvement	*
		County Green Space	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2022	\$24,475,862	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,007
Total Expenditures FY 2022	\$21,130,777	Per Capita Expenditures	\$870
General Fund Budget FY 2024	\$12,633,212	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$520
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	\$2,711,100	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023	\$112
Payroll FY 2024	\$8,149,405	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2024	165	Fitch FY 2023	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	7	Moody's FY 2023	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2024	48	S&P FY 2023	*

County History

Both the county and its county seat were named for the French town of the same name. Originally part of Ninety-Six District, the area was designated as Abbeville County in 1785. Parts of Abbeville later went to form Greenwood (1897) and McCormick (1916) counties. The county was settled primarily by Scotch-Irish and French Huguenot farmers in the mid-eighteenth century. A historic treaty with the Cherokee Indians was signed at Dewitt's Corner (now Due West) in 1777. Abbeville was known as a hotbed of secession, and at the end of the Civil War the last Confederate council of war was held there. Abbeville's most famous native son was John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), U.S. Vice President, Secretary of War, Secretary of State, and Senator.