


ANDERSON COUNTY

Date Formed:	1826	
Land Area (square miles):	718	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	7	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	2 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Appalachian	
County Seat:	Anderson	
Other Cities and Towns:	Belton, Clemson, Honea Path, Iva, Pelzer, West Pelzer, Pendleton, Starr, Williamston	

Population Trends

2020 Census	203,718	2023 Pop. Estimate	213,076
2010 Census	187,126	2020 Pop. Estimate	204,032
2000 Census	165,740	Numeric Change 2020-2023	9,044
Numeric Change 2000-2020	16,592	Percent Change 2020-2023	4.43%
Persons Per Square Mile	283.7		

Economic Data

2023 Jobs	71,146	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023	\$49,311
2020 Jobs	64,525	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023	68.1%
2010 Jobs	59,819	Per Capita Personal Income, 2022	\$47,693
Percent Change 2020-2023	9.3%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022	72.8
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022	88.9
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023	3.7		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2022	\$2,749,038,068	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022	\$13,494	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2023	0.0840	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2023	\$989,663	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	\$1,092,673	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2022	\$704,603	Edu. Capital Improvement	1.0%
		County Green Space	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2022	\$139,066,840	Per Capita Revenues	\$683
Total Expenditures FY 2022	\$178,160,334	Per Capita Expenditures	\$875
General Fund Budget FY 2024	\$67,210,045	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$330
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	\$31,001,368	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023	\$146
Payroll FY 2024	\$30,564,800	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2024	871	Fitch FY 2023	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	5	Moody's FY 2023	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2024	211	S&P FY 2023	*

County History

Anderson County and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War General Robert Anderson (1741-1812). This region was occupied by the Cherokee Indians until 1777, when it was ceded by treaty to the state. Part of the "Indian Land" became Pendleton District (also called Washington District at one time). The area was given its present name in 1826, when Pendleton District was split into Anderson and Pickens. Most of the early settlers of this area were Scotch-Irish farmers who moved south from Pennsylvania and Virginia in the eighteenth century. The oldest town in the county is Pendleton, which was founded around 1790; it became a popular summer resort for lowcountry planters in the nineteenth century. Some famous residents of Anderson County were U.S. Senator and South Carolina Governor Olin D. Johnston (1896-1965), business leader Charles E. Daniel (1895-1964), and composer Lily Strickland (1884-1958).