

## BARNWELL COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1800
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	548
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council
<b>Council Members:</b>	7
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Lower Savannah
<b>County Seat:</b>	Barnwell
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Blackville, Elko, Hilda, Kline, Snelling, Williston



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	20,589	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	20,447
<b>2010 Census</b>	22,621	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	20,567
<b>2000 Census</b>	23,478	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-120
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-2,032	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-0.58%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	37.6		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	4,999	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$42,035
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	4,848	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	58.1%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	6,032	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$39,193
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	3.0%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	59.9
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-2.4%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	73.1
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	6.5		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$61,680,680	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$2,996	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1772	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$61,911	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$31,351	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$8,171	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$18,647,973	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$906
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$21,142,054	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,027
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$23,097,570	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$1,122
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$4,541,403	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$229
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$7,215,470	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	186	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	9	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	40	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	A

### County History

Barnwell County and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War leader John Barnwell (1748-1800). The county was originally part of Orangeburg District, and in 1785 it was named Winton County. It was given its current name in 1800. Barnwell County has decreased in size over the years as new counties were created within its boundaries (Aiken in 1871, Bamberg in 1897, and Allendale in 1919). The South Carolina Railroad, which connected Charleston to Hamburg on the Savannah River, was built through this area, creating the towns of Blackville and Williston in the mid-nineteenth century. In more recent years, the county was the home of several powerful state politicians, known collectively as the "Barnwell Ring." Included were state Senator Edgar A. Brown (1888-1975), Speaker of the House Solomon Blatt (1895-1986), and Governor Joseph E. Harley (1880-1942).