

CALHOUN COUNTY

Date Formed:	1908
Land Area (square miles):	380
Form of Government:	Council
Council Members:	5
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Lower Savannah
County Seat:	St. Matthews
Other Cities and Towns:	Cameron



Population Trends

2020 Census	14,119	2023 Pop. Estimate	14,186
2010 Census	15,175	2020 Pop. Estimate	14,125
2000 Census	15,185	Numeric Change 2020-2023	61
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-1,056	Percent Change 2020-2023	0.43%
Persons Per Square Mile	37.2		

Economic Data

2023 Jobs	4,601	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023	\$59,182
2020 Jobs	4,582	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023	81.8%
2010 Jobs	4,289	Per Capita Personal Income, 2022	\$49,648
Percent Change 2020-2023	0.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022	75.8
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.6%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022	92.6
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023	4.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2022	\$100,265,307	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022	\$7,101	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2023	0.1303	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2023	\$60,569	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	\$4,391	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2022	\$7,767	Edu. Capital Improvement	*
		County Green Space	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2022	\$25,010,763	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,771
Total Expenditures FY 2022	\$22,649,971	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,604
General Fund Budget FY 2024	\$17,759,442	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$1,258
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	\$11,244,073	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023	\$798
Payroll FY 2024	\$11,685,873	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2024	142	Fitch FY 2023	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	10	Moody's FY 2023	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2024	62	S&P FY 2023	*

County History

Calhoun County was named for John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), who served as U.S. Vice President, Secretary of War, Secretary of State, and Senator. The county seat, the town of St. Matthews, was settled around 1841 in an area that was known for its cotton plantations. The county itself was formed in 1908 from parts of Orangeburg and Lexington counties. During the Revolutionary War a famous incident took place at Fort Motte in present day Calhoun County. Rebecca Motte (1738-1815), a local plantation owner, helped the Revolutionary troops drive the British out of her plantation house; she reportedly provided the soldiers with a burning arrow to destroy her own dwelling. Another famous resident of the area was Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Julia Peterkin (1880-1961), who lived at Lang Syne Plantation.