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## ABBEVILLE COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	508	
<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>	Upper Savannah	
<b>County Seat:</b>	Abbeville	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Calhoun Falls, Donalds, Due West, Honea Path, Lowndesville, Ware Shoals	

### Population Trends

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

### Economic Data

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

### Tax Data

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


### County Finance & Employment Data

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

### 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.

## AIKEN COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1871	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	1,073	
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator	
<b>Council Members:</b>	9	
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.	
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Lower Savannah	
<b>County Seat:</b>	Aiken	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Burnettown, Jackson, Monetta, New Ellenton, North Augusta, Perry, Salley, Wagener, Windsor	

### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	168,808	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	177,130
<b>2010 Census</b>	160,099	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	169,032
<b>2000 Census</b>	142,552	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	8,098
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	8,709	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	4.79%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	157.3		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	63,969	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$60,693
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	58,311	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	83.9%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	62,447	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$51,601
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	8.8%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	78.8
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-0.7%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	96.2
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.4		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$936,443,900	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$5,547	<b>Local Option</b>	*
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0703	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$840,000	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$1,071,387	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$1,379,888	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	1.0%
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$149,469,747	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$885
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$154,983,442	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$918
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$75,617,816	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$448
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$36,900,000	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$208
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$52,907,221	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	956	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	6	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa2
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	71	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AA

### County History

Aiken County and its county seat were named for William Aiken (1806-1831), president of the South Carolina Railroad. The county was formed in 1871 from parts of Orangeburg, Lexington, Edgefield, and Barnwell counties. The area was sparsely settled until the 1830s, when the South Carolina Railroad was built connecting Charleston to the town of Hamburg on the Savannah River with the town of Aiken being established as a depot. In the 1870s, Aiken became a winter resort for wealthy Northerners, and it remains popular with horse trainers and riders. The federal government chose Aiken County in the 1950s to be the site of a hydrogen bomb plant, the Savannah River Site. James F. Byrnes (1879-1972) began his legal and political careers in Aiken before going on to become a U.S. Congressman, Senator, Secretary of State, Supreme Court Justice, and Governor of South Carolina. Other prominent residents of the county were William Gregg (1800-1867), who built the state's first textile mill at Graniteville in 1846, and South Carolina Governor and U.S. Senator James Henry Hammond (1807-1864).



## ALLENDALE COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1919
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	408
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council
<b>Council Members:</b>	5
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Lower Savannah
<b>County Seat:</b>	Allendale
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Fairfax, Sycamore, Ulmer



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	8,039	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	7,369
<b>2010 Census</b>	10,419	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	7,990
<b>2000 Census</b>	11,211	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-621
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-2,380	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-7.77%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	19.7		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	2,454	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$54,355
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	2,533	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	75.1%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	3,492	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$40,632
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-3.2%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	62.1
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-3.8%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	75.8
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	7.8		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$23,615,440	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$2,938	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.2290	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$19,807	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$5,796	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$0	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*


### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$8,968,437	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,116
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$8,673,372	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,079
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	*
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$1,032,941	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$135
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	*	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	*	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Allendale County and its county seat were named for the Allen family, one of whose members, Paul Allen, was the town's first postmaster. The county is South Carolina's youngest; it was formed in 1919 from parts of Barnwell and Hampton counties. The area was settled in the mid-eighteenth century by English, German, and Scotch-Irish farmers, and it remains primarily agricultural. The plantation of Confederate General Johnson Hagood (1829-1898) was in what is now Allendale County, and the artist Jasper Johns spent his childhood years in Allendale.

## ANDERSON COUNTY

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

### Population Trends

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

### Economic Data

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

### Tax Data

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

### County Finance & Employment Data

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

### 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).



## BAMBERG COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1897
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	393
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<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>	Bamberg
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Denmark, Ehrhardt, Govan, Olar



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	13,311	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	12,974
<b>2010 Census</b>	15,987	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	13,251
<b>2000 Census</b>	16,658	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-277
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-2,676	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-2.09%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	33.9		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	3,533	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$43,350
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	3,424	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	59.9%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	5,065	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$39,991
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	3.1%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	61.1
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-4.8%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	74.6
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	7.5		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$32,287,204	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$2,426	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.2279	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$30,850	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$12,436	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$6,313	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$12,356,161	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$928
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$9,640,924	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$724
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$10,389,475	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$781
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$20,022,974	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$1,539
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$4,169,595	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	100	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	8	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	22	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	A

### County History

Bamberg County and its county seat were named for local resident William Seaborn Bamberg (1820-1858) and other members of the Bamberg family. The area was a part of Barnwell County until 1897 when the new county was established. Although the area has been primarily agricultural, several towns developed along the route of the South Carolina Railroad in the mid-nineteenth century. In February of 1865, Confederate soldiers fought an unsuccessful skirmish against General Sherman's troops at Rivers Bridge, now the site of a state park. The plantation of author William Gilmore Simms (1806-1870) was in what is now Bamberg County, and artist Jim Harrison is also a native of the county.

## 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).

## BEAUFORT COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1769
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	587
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	11
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Lowcountry
<b>County Seat:</b>	Beaufort
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Bluffton, Hilton Head Island, Port Royal, Yemassee



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	187,117	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	198,979
<b>2010 Census</b>	162,233	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	187,691
<b>2000 Census</b>	120,937	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	11,288
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	24,884	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	6.01%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	318.8		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	70,752	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$51,308
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	64,763	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	70.9%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	70,693	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$72,142
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	8.5%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	110.2
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-0.9%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	134.5
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.5		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$2,128,619,805	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$11,376	<b>Local Option</b>	*
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0595	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$2,651,702	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$18,109,264	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$6,260,239	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	1.0%


### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$300,878,491	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,608
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$226,626,632	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,211
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$152,023,000	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$812
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$164,524,853	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$783
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$84,486,396	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	1193	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	6	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa1
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	168	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AA+

### County History

Both Beaufort County and its county seat were named for Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort (1684-1714), one of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina. The district was formed in 1769 from the parishes of Prince William, St. Luke, St. Helena, and St. Peter. It remained relatively unchanged in size until 1878, when a large portion was removed to form Hampton County. French explorers visited this area long before the English arrived. They established a fort in 1562, as did the Spanish in 1566; neither of these settlements survived, however. Beaufort, the second oldest town in South Carolina, was founded in 1710. In the years before the Civil War, rice and sea island cotton plantations brought great wealth to the region. Federal troops occupied Beaufort in December 1861, and the first school in the South for freed slaves was established during the Civil War at what is now Penn Center on St. Helena Island. Some famous residents of Beaufort County are naturalists Alexander Garden (ca. 1730-1791) and Stephen Elliott (1771-1830); Robert Smalls (1839-1915), a former slave who became a United States Congressman; boxer Joe Frazier; and writer Pat Conroy.

## BERKELEY COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1682	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	1,098	
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Supervisor	
<b>Council Members:</b>	9	
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member	
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.	
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester	
<b>County Seat:</b>	Moncks Corner	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Bonneau, Charleston, Goose Creek, Hanahan, North Charleston, Jamestown, St. Stephen, Summerville	

### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	229,861	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	255,217
<b>2010 Census</b>	177,843	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	231,568
<b>2000 Census</b>	142,651	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	23,649
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	52,018	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	10.21%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	209.3		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	63,988	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$64,938
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	55,015	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	89.7%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	42,067	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$50,686
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	14.0%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	77.4
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	2.4%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	94.5
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.6		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$1,736,602,652	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$7,555	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0485	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$1,400,000	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$1,698,847	<b>Transportation</b>	1.0%
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$1,926,374	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	1.0%
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$346,821,788	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,509
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$159,517,132	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$694
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$124,906,001	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$543
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$131,968,482	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$505
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$48,433,248	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	1415	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	6	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa1
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	132	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AA+

### County History

Berkeley County was named for two of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, Lord John Berkeley (d. 1678) and Sir William Berkeley (d. 1677). The county was originally named in 1682, and at one time it included the parishes of St. John Berkeley, St. James Goose Creek, St. James Santee, St. Stephen, St. Thomas, and St. Denis. In 1769 this area became part of Charleston District, and it did not become a separate county again until 1882. The county seat was Mount Pleasant from 1882 until 1895, when it was moved to Moncks Corner. This area was settled in the late seventeenth century by English and French Huguenot planters and their African slaves. Many of the old rice plantations are now covered by the waters of Lake Moultrie, which was built in the 1940s as part of the Santee-Cooper hydroelectric project. Two famous Revolutionary War generals were residents of the area: William Moultrie (1730-1805) and Francis Marion (1732-1795), known as the Swamp Fox. Henry Laurens (1724-1792), president of the Continental Congress, resided at Mepkin Plantation, which many years later was purchased by publisher Henry Luce (1898-1967).

## CALHOUN COUNTY

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



### Population Trends

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

### Economic Data

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

### Tax Data

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


### County Finance & Employment Data

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

### 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.

## CHARLESTON COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1769	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	919	
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator	
<b>Council Members:</b>	9	
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member	
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.	
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester	
<b>County Seat:</b>	Charleston	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Awendaw, Folly Beach, Hollywood, Isle of Palms, Kiawah Island, Lincolnville, McClellanville, Meggett, Mount Pleasant, Summerville, North Charleston, Ravenel, Seabrook Island, Sullivan's Island	

### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	408,235	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	424,367
<b>2010 Census</b>	350,209	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	409,418
<b>2000 Census</b>	309,969	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	14,949
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	58,026	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	3.65%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	444.2		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	273,930	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$64,772
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	242,243	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	89.5%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	230,845	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$76,546
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	11.6%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	116.9
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	0.5%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	142.8
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.6		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$4,995,210,362	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$12,236	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0556	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$4,903,717	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$29,781,220	<b>Transportation</b>	1.0%
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$11,072,192	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	1.0%
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$1,025,408,065	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$2,512
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$629,621,515	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,542
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$324,747,197	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$795
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$428,085,000	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$966
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$170,250,526	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	2699	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	AAA
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	7	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aaa
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AAA

### County History

Charleston County and the city of Charleston are the most historic locations in the state. English settlers arrived in the colony of Carolina in 1670 and established a town at Albemarle Point on the west bank of the Ashley River. The settlement, named Charles Town in honor of King Charles II of England, was subsequently moved a few miles away to a peninsula between the Ashley and Cooper rivers. Charles Towne (renamed Charleston in 1783) was the political, social, and economic center of the state throughout the colonial and antebellum periods, and it served as the capital until 1790. Charleston District was formed in 1769, but portions were later split off to form Colleton (1800) and Berkeley (1882) counties. During the Revolutionary War the American forces defeated the attacking British fleet at Charleston in June 1776. At another Charleston fort, Fort Sumter, federal troops were fired on by Confederate forces in April 1861, signaling the start of the Civil War. Charleston County has had many famous residents, including three signers of the United States Constitution: Charles Pinckney (1757-1824), Charles Cotesworth Pinckney (1746-1825), and John Rutledge (1739-1800).



## CHEROKEE COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1897
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	393
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	7
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Appalachian
<b>County Seat:</b>	Gaffney
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Blacksburg



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	56,216	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	56,714
<b>2010 Census</b>	55,342	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	56,179
<b>2000 Census</b>	52,537	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	535
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	874	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	0.95%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	143.0		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	18,948	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$44,898
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	19,510	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	62.1%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	18,902	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$38,740
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-3.0%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	59.2
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	0.3%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	723
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	5.1		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$250,116,590	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$4,449	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0987	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$214,724	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$203,104	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$144,753	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	1.0%
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$59,285,672	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,055
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$41,333,898	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$735
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$11,518,873	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$205
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$10,975,000	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$189
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$15,107,208	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	316	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	6	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa3
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	27	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Cherokee County was named for the Cherokee Indians who once made it their home. It was formed in 1897 from parts of Spartanburg, Union, and York counties, and the county seat is Gaffney. During the Revolutionary War at the battle of Cowpens, an important victory for the revolutionary forces took place there on January 17, 1781. Iron mining was an important activity in this region up to the time of the Civil War, and it is sometimes called the Old Iron District. In the mid-nineteenth century, the resort at Limestone Springs was a popular retreat for lowcountry planters. Writer Wilbur Joseph Cash (1901-1941) was a native of Cherokee County, as is actress Andie MacDowell.

## CHESTER COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	581
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	7
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Catawba
<b>County Seat:</b>	Chester
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Fort Lawn, Great Falls, Lowrys, Richburg



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	32,294	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	32,226
<b>2010 Census</b>	33,140	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	32,276
<b>2000 Census</b>	34,068	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-50
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-846	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-0.15%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	55.6		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	10,155	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$55,754
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	9,517	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	77.1%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	8,457	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$41,411
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	6.3%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	63.3
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	1.1%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	77.2
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	5.9		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$154,241,547	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$4,776	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1838	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$116,536	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$152,099	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$55,187	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*


### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$70,760,778	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$2,191
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$41,454,729	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,284
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	*
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$22,576,600	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$710
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	*	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	*	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	A+

### County History

Chester County and its county seat were named for Chester County, Pennsylvania. The county was formed in 1785 as part of the larger Camden District but was later transferred to Pinckney District (1791-1800); it became a separate district in 1800. Scotch-Irish settlers from Pennsylvania and Virginia moved into this upstate region beginning about 1755. During the Revolutionary War, American forces under General Thomas Sumter were defeated here at the battle of Fishing Creek in August 1780; the Americans were victorious at Fishdam Ford in November of the same year. The Landsford Canal was built in 1823 to allow boats and barges to bypass rapids on the Catawba River; this canal is now open as a state park. In later years, the availability of hydroelectric power encouraged the establishment of textile mills in the area. Governor, U.S. Senator, and Judge Donald S. Russell (1906-1997) lived in Chester as a boy.

## CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	799	
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator	
<b>Council Members:</b>	9	
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member	
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.	
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Pee Dee	
<b>County Seat:</b>	Chesterfield	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Cheraw, Jefferson, McBee, Mount Croghan, Pageland, Patrick, Ruby	

### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	43,273	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	44,031
<b>2010 Census</b>	46,734	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	43,258
<b>2000 Census</b>	42,768	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	773
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-3,461	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	1.79%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	54.2		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	14,552	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$47,033
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	14,239	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	65.0%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	13,711	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$39,008
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	2.2%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	59.6
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	0.4%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	72.8
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	4.5		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$141,055,736	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$3,260	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1343	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$146,972	<b>School District</b>	1.0%
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$94,884	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$39,484	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$42,644,748	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$985
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$26,238,732	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$606
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$22,353,007	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$517
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$7,387,000	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$164
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$10,434,569	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	261	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	6	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	26	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Chesterfield County was named for the English statesman Lord Chesterfield (1694-1773). The county seat is the town of Chesterfield, but the oldest town in the county is Cheraw, which was settled around 1748. The county was formed in 1785, but until 1800 it was part of the larger Cheraws District. Welsh settlers from Pennsylvania and Delaware moved into this region in the mid-eighteenth century, and they were later joined by Scotch-Irish and English. Cheraw was a center for transportation along the Great Pee Dee River, but most of the county is agricultural. General Sherman's troops passed through this area during the Civil War, briefly occupying the towns of Cheraw and Chesterfield. Cheraw State Park, founded in 1934, is the oldest of the state parks. Jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie (1917-1993) was a native of Chesterfield County.

## CLARENDON COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	607
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	5
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member/ Chair at-Large
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Santee Lynches
<b>County Seat:</b>	Manning
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Paxville, Summerton, Turbeville



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	31,144	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	31,004
<b>2010 Census</b>	34,971	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	31,093
<b>2000 Census</b>	32,502	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-89
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-3,827	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-0.29%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	51.3		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	6,824	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$40,585
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	6,642	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	56.1%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	7,788	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$45,300
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	2.7%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	69.2
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-1.7%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	84.5
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	4.9		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$132,551,668	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$4,256	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1795	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$126,156	<b>School District</b>	1.0%
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$240,543	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$52,694	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$39,319,723	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,263
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$41,628,447	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,337
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$27,222,880	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$874
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$44,020,258	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$1,332
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$11,592,710	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	373	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	12	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	66	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	A+

### County History

Clarendon County was named for Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon (1608/9-1674), one of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina. The county was first established in 1785; in 1800 it became part of Sumter District, but then was split from Sumter in 1857. Several Revolutionary War skirmishes took place in this area; at Fort Watson in 1781 British soldiers were driven from a large Indian mound that had been fortified. During the Civil War, Union troops under General Edward Potter moved through the area, burning several plantations. In the 1950s, Clarendon County schools were sued over the issue of racial segregation. The case, *Briggs v. Elliott*, was one of several cases that eventually led the U.S. Supreme Court to abolish segregation in 1954. Clarendon County can claim five South Carolina Governors, all related: James Burchell Richardson (1770-1836), Richard Irvine Manning (1789-1836), John Peter Richardson (1801-1864), John Laurence Manning (1816-1889), and John Peter Richardson (1831-1899). Children's author Peggy Parish (1927-1988) and tennis player Althea Gibson are also Clarendon natives.

## COLLETON COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1798
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	1,056
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	5
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Lowcountry
<b>County Seat:</b>	Walterboro
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Cottageville, Edisto Beach, Lodge, Smoaks, Williams



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	38,604	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	38,874
<b>2010 Census</b>	38,892	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	38,543
<b>2000 Census</b>	38,264	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	331
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-288	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	0.86%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	36.6		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	10,105	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$46,122
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	10,119	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	63.7%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	10,805	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$42,030
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-0.1%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	64.2
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-0.7%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	78.4
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	4.4		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$212,268,461	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$5,499	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1296	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$218,841	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$1,313,014	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$194,109	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$69,253,702	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,794
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$66,774,845	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,730
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$33,692,377	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$873
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$54,759,798	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$1,449
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$25,744,323	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	420	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	11	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa3
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	79	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AA-

### County History

Colleton County was named for one of the Lords Proprietors, Sir John Colleton (1608-1666). The county was first created in 1682 under the proprietary government, but the designation was seldom used in the colonial period. Instead, the area was known by its parish names: St. Bartholomew, St. Paul, and St. George Dorchester. In 1769 these parishes became part of Charleston District, where they remained until Colleton District was formed in 1800. A portion of the county was removed in 1897 to form Dorchester County. Several Revolutionary War skirmishes took place in Colleton County, and the state legislature met in the town of Jacksonboro in 1782 while Charleston was occupied by the British. This part of the lowcountry was known for its extensive rice and cotton plantations, many of which were bought by Northerners after the Civil War for use as hunting preserves; some of those lands are now being incorporated into the ACE Basin, a nature preserve bounded by the Ashepoo, Combahee, and Edisto rivers. The Revolutionary War hero Isaac Hayne (1745-1781) was a Colleton resident, as were politicians Rawlins Lowndes (1721-1800) and William Lowndes (1782-1822).

## DARLINGTON COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	561
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	8
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Pee Dee
<b>County Seat:</b>	Darlington
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Hartsville, Lamar, Society Hill



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	62,905	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	62,416
<b>2010 Census</b>	68,681	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	62,833
<b>2000 Census</b>	67,394	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-417
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-5,776	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-0.66%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	112.1		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	20,358	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$55,938
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	19,607	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	77.3%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	20,266	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$47,707
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	3.7%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	72.9
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-0.3%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	89
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	4.5		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$259,720,527	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$4,129	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0883	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$263,770	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$159,713	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$173,028	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	1.0%
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$48,747,916	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$775
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$52,620,489	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$837
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	*
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$2,076,200	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$32
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	*	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	*	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

The origin of the name of this county is uncertain, but it may have been named for Darlington, England. The county was formed in 1785, with the county seat at Darlington, and until 1800 it was a part of the Cheraws District. Parts of Darlington County were removed to form Florence County in 1888 and Lee County in 1902. This area was settled in the mid-eighteenth century by Welsh, Scotch-Irish, and English farmers, who grew cotton primarily. In more recent years the county has been best known for the stock car races which take place at the Darlington Raceway. David Rogerson Williams (1776-1830), South Carolina Governor and scientific experimenter, was a native of Darlington; he is remembered for introducing the mule to Southern agriculture. Other prominent Darlington residents were industrialists James Lide Coker (1837-1918) and David R. Coker (1870-1938), and novelists Annie Greene Nelson (1902-1993) and Elizabeth Boatwright Coker (1909-1993).



## DILLON COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1910
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	405
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	7
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Pee Dee
<b>County Seat:</b>	Dillon
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Lake View, Latta



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	28,292	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	27,698
<b>2010 Census</b>	32,062	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	28,284
<b>2000 Census</b>	30,722	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-586
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-3,770	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-2.07%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	69.9		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	9,589	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$39,513
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	9,137	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	54.6%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	9,558	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$39,114
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	4.7%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	59.7
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-0.5%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	72.9
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	5.8		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$83,565,563	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$2,954	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1550	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$78,789	<b>School District</b>	1.0%
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$195,346	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$19,151	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*


### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$27,254,851	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$963
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$25,476,025	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$900
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$22,636,378	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$800
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$5,108,505	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$174
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$9,065,983	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	191	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	7	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	66	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Dillon County was named for James W. Dillon (1826-1913), a prominent local resident. The county seat was also named for him. Dillon County was formed in 1910 from Marion County. Swamps and rivers kept this section of the Pee Dee isolated for many years, but the construction of a railroad in the nineteenth century brought increased development. The residents primarily engaged in cotton and tobacco farming and in timber harvesting. Composer Carlisle Floyd was born in the Dillon County town of Latta.

## DORCHESTER COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1897	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	575	
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator	
<b>Council Members:</b>	7	
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member	
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.	
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester	
<b>County Seat:</b>	St. George	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Harleyville, North Charleston, Reevesville, Ridgeville, Summerville	

### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	161,540	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	169,833
<b>2010 Census</b>	136,555	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	161,975
<b>2000 Census</b>	96,413	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	7,858
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	24,985	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	4.85%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	280.9		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	39,432	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$51,053
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	34,497	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	70.6%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	31,213	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$47,775
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	12.5%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	73.0
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	1.0%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	89.1
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.6		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$817,392,704	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$5,060	<b>Local Option</b>	*
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0841	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$822,633	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$269,378	<b>Transportation</b>	1.0%
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$673,454	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$249,602,323	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,545
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$165,105,854	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,022
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$82,573,199	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$511
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$228,451,490	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$1,281
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$45,275,100	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	1040	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	6	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa1
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	189	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AA+

### County History

Dorchester County was named for Dorchester, Massachusetts. In 1696, Congregationalists from that town moved south and established a new settlement called Dorchester. Although the town of Dorchester had been abandoned by 1788, the parish in which it was located continued to be referred to as St. George Dorchester. This name was subsequently adopted for the county when it was formed from parts of Colleton and Berkeley counties in 1897. The town of Summerville was settled in the late eighteenth century as a summer resort for planters who wished to escape the malaria prevalent on their rice plantations; the town later became a winter resort also. Middleton Place Gardens, the remains of an old rice plantation, are the oldest landscaped gardens in the country, having been laid out in 1741. Middleton Place was the home of Henry Middleton (1717-1784), President of the Continental Congress, his son Arthur Middleton (1742-1787), a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and his grandson Henry Middleton (1770-1846), South Carolina Governor, United States Congressman, and Ambassador to Russia.

## EDGEFIELD COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	502
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	5
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	2 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Upper Savannah
<b>County Seat:</b>	Edgefield
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Johnston, North Augusta, Trenton



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	25,657	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	27,607
<b>2010 Census</b>	26,985	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	25,675
<b>2000 Census</b>	24,595	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	1,932
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-1,328	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	7.52%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	51.1		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	5,730	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$49,899
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	5,155	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	69.0%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	6,438	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$49,139
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	10.0%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	75.1
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-2.5%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	91.6
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.4		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$98,555,885	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$3,841	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0975	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$100,750	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$35,124	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$32,064	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$15,834,388	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$617
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$19,393,725	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$756
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$14,462,632	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$564
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$23,579,911	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$846
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$9,375,868	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	189	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	7	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	25	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	A+

### County History

The origin of the name Edgefield is not clear, although it is usually described as "fanciful." The county was formed in 1785 as part of Ninety Six District; parts of Edgefield later went to form Aiken (1871), Saluda (1895), Greenwood (1897), and McCormick (1916) counties. This part of the upcountry, settled in the late eighteenth century, was the site of several Revolutionary War skirmishes. Although primarily agricultural, Edgefield County developed a thriving pottery industry in the nineteenth century; the old alkaline-glazed Edgefield pottery is highly sought after today. The larger Edgefield County was the home of ten South Carolina governors, including Francis W. Pickens (1805-1869), Benjamin R. Tillman (1847-1918), and Strom Thurmond (1902-2003). Confederate General Martin Witherspoon Gary (1831-1881) was also a resident of Edgefield County.

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	687
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	7
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Central Midlands
<b>County Seat:</b>	Winnsboro
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Ridgeway



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	20,948	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	20,422
<b>2010 Census</b>	23,956	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	20,858
<b>2000 Census</b>	23,454	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-436
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-3,008	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-2.09%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	30.5		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	5,895	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$60,926
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	5,291	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	84.2%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	7,269	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$50,074
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	10.2%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	76.5
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-3.7%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	93.4
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	5.8		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$160,546,047	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$7,664	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1919	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$152,338	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$65,984	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$91,352	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*


### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$44,808,328	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$2,139
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$42,502,822	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$2,029
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	*
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$3,911,775	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$182
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	*	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	*	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	A

### County History

The origin of the name Fairfield is not known, but local legend attributes it to a remark by Lord Cornwallis about the "fair fields" of the area. The county was formed in 1785 as a part of Camden District. The town of Winnsboro, which was settled around 1755, is the county seat. Fairfield County lies between the upcountry and the lowcountry areas of the state, and it was settled both by Scotch-Irish immigrants from colonies to the north and by English and French Huguenot planters from the lowcountry. In the colonial period this area was a center for the Regulator movement, which sought to bring law and order to the backcountry. During the Revolutionary War, Lord Cornwallis made his headquarters in Winnsboro from October 1780 to January 1781; the county was also invaded by General Sherman's troops during the Civil War. Cotton production was the major economic activity of the area, but the county also produced Winnsboro Blue Granite. Some prominent residents of the county were Regulator leader Thomas Woodward (d. 1779), Revolutionary War soldier Richard Winn (1750-1818), and artist Laura Glenn Douglas (1886-1962).

## FLORENCE COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1888	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	800	
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator	
<b>Council Members:</b>	9	
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member	
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.	
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Pee Dee	
<b>County Seat:</b>	Florence	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Coward, Johnsonville, Lake City, Olanta, Pamplico, Quinby, Scranton, Timmons ville	

### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	137,059	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	137,214
<b>2010 Census</b>	136,885	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	136,805
<b>2000 Census</b>	125,761	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	409
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	174	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	0.30%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	171.3		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	67,830	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$50,116
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	63,507	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	69.3%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	66,543	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$52,035
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	6.4%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	79.5
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-0.5%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	97
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	4.1		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$631,768,819	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$4,609	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1049	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$555,241	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$1,869,444	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$510,661	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$171,291,903	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,250
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$165,942,423	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,211
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	*
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$122,227,000	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$895
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	*	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	*	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa2
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AA-

### County History

Florence County took its name from its county seat, the City of Florence. The county was formed in 1888 from parts of Marion, Darlington, Williamsburg, and Clarendon counties. The City of Florence was founded in the 1850s as a stop on the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad; it was named for Florence Harllee, daughter of William Wallace Harllee (1812-1897), the president of the railroad. Florence soon became an important transportation center for the Pee Dee region. During the Civil War it was the site of a Confederate prison camp. In later years tobacco growing became a major activity in the county. Some famous Florence County natives are artist William H. Johnson (1901-1970), astronaut Ronald E. McNair (1950-1986), and stock car racer Cale Yarborough.

## GEORGETOWN COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1769
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	815
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	7
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Waccamaw
<b>County Seat:</b>	Georgetown
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Andrews, Pawleys Island



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	63,404	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	65,731
<b>2010 Census</b>	60,158	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	63,440
<b>2000 Census</b>	55,797	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	2,291
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	3,246	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	3.61%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	77.8		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	25,450	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$48,909
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	23,446	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	67.6%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	23,994	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$57,180
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	7.9%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	87.3
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-0.2%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	106.6
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	4.8		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$650,395,309	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$10,258	<b>Local Option</b>	*
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0768	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	*	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$3,128,559	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$1,067,049	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$93,174,346	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,470
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$94,077,818	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,484
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$33,024,000	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$521
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$33,887,124	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$523
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$29,141,108	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	638	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	10	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa2
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	100	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Georgetown County and its county seat were named for King George II of England. Spanish explorers are believed to have visited this coastal area in 1526, but no permanent settlement was established. English planters and their African slaves moved into the region in the early eighteenth century, building large rice and indigo plantations. The town of Georgetown, which was established around 1730, was a busy port serving the surrounding plantations. Georgetown District was first named in 1769 and in 1785 the district was divided into four counties: Liberty (which became Marion District in 1800), Kingston (which became Horry District in 1801), Williamsburg (which became a separate district in 1804), and Winyah (which was renamed Georgetown in 1800). Many famous South Carolinians were residents of Georgetown County, including Thomas Lynch, Jr. (1749-1779), a signer of the Declaration of Independence; Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779-1851), U.S. Congressman, Secretary of War, and Ambassador to Mexico, who introduced the poinsettia to the U.S.; and Joseph Hayne Rainey (1832-1887), the first African-American elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.



## GREENVILLE COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1786
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	790
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	12
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Appalachian
<b>County Seat:</b>	Greenville
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Fountain Inn, Greer, Mauldin, Simpsonville, Travelers Rest



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	525,534	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	558,036
<b>2010 Census</b>	451,225	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	526,980
<b>2000 Census</b>	379,616	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	31,056
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	74,309	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	5.89%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	665.2		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	291,752	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$60,437
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	264,396	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	83.5%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	246,404	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$56,653
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	9.4%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	86.5
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	0.7%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	105.7
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.4		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$3,334,488,266	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$6,345	<b>Local Option</b>	*
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0703	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$2,982,763	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$6,276,372	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$5,170,505	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$328,982,368	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$626
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$402,325,036	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$766
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$213,676,673	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$407
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$282,061,000	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$496
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$145,979,954	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	2402	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	AAA
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	5	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aaa
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	76	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AAA

### County History

The origins of the name Greenville County are uncertain, but the county was probably named for Revolutionary War General Nathanael Greene (1742-1786) or for an early resident, Isaac Green. This part of the state was the territory of the Cherokee Indians until 1777. Scotch-Irish and English settlers began moving into the area soon after it was ceded to the state. Greenville District was created in 1786, but from 1791 to 1800 it was part of the larger Washington District. The county seat was originally named Pleasantburg, but in 1831 the name was changed to Greenville. Because of its location in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Greenville County became a popular summer retreat for lowcountry planters. Encouraged by abundant streams and rivers, textile manufacturers began operating in the area as early as the 1820s, and after the Civil War Greenville County became a textile center. Diplomat and U.S. Congressman Waddy Thompson (1798-1868) was a resident of Greenville, and in more recent years the county has produced baseball player "Shoeless Joe" Jackson (1887-1951), Nobel Prize winner Charles Townes, and civil rights leader Jesse Jackson.

## GREENWOOD COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1897
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	456
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Manager
<b>Council Members:</b>	7
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Upper Savannah
<b>County Seat:</b>	Greenwood
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Hodges, Ninety Six, Troy, Ware Shoals



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	69,351	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	69,460
<b>2010 Census</b>	69,661	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	69,380
<b>2000 Census</b>	66,271	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	80
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-310	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	0.12%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	152.1		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	27,581	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$50,822
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	27,522	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	70.2%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	29,900	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$43,776
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	0.2%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	66.9
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-0.9%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	81.6
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	4.5		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$308,461,390	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$4,448	<b>Local Option</b>	*
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0736	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$211,621	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$310,995	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$313,613	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*


### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$66,405,241	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$958
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$50,252,285	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$725
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$26,636,965	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$384
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	*	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$18,946,233	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	390	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	6	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	113	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Greenwood County takes its name from its county seat, Greenwood. The town of Greenwood was named around 1824 for the plantation of an early resident, John McGehee. Greenwood County was formed in 1897 from parts of Abbeville and Edgefield counties, which were originally part of the old Ninety Six District. This part of the backcountry was not settled until the mid-eighteenth century. The town of Ninety Six was established as a frontier trading post around 1730, and it was the site in November 1775 of one of the first South Carolina battles of the American Revolution. In May 1781, American forces besieged the British-held Star Fort at Ninety Six for over a month, but were forced to withdraw when British reinforcements approached. The arrival of the railroad in 1852 stimulated cotton growing and textile manufacturing in this area. Local plantation owner Francis Salvador (1747-1776), who was killed fighting Cherokees during the Revolutionary War, was the first Jewish person elected to the state legislature. U.S. Congressman Preston Smith Brooks (1819-1857) and educator Benjamin Mays (1894-1984) were also residents of Greenwood County.

## HAMPTON COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1878	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	560	
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator	
<b>Council Members:</b>	5	
<b>Method of Election:</b>	At-Large	
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.	
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Lowcountry	
<b>County Seat:</b>	Hampton	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Brunson, Estill, Furman, Gifford, Luray, Scotia, Varnville, Yemassee	

### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	18,561	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	18,122
<b>2010 Census</b>	21,090	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	18,512
<b>2000 Census</b>	21,386	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-390
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-2,529	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-2.11%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	33.1		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	4,688	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$48,080
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	4,464	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	66.4%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	5,320	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$40,380
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	4.8%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	61.7
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-1.9%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	75.3
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.6		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$56,936,994	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$3,068	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.2277	<b>Capital Projects</b>	0.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$57,388	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$25,888	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$19	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*


### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$23,172,030	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,248
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$26,099,003	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,406
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	*
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$3,466,620	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$190
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	*	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	*	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Hampton County and its county seat were named for Confederate General and South Carolina Governor Wade Hampton (1818-1902). The county was formed from Beaufort County in 1878, shortly after Wade Hampton took office as governor. Parts of Hampton County later went to form Jasper (1912) and Allendale (1919) counties. During the Civil War, while the coastal areas of Beaufort County were occupied by federal troops, many planters fled to the area that became Hampton County. General Sherman's troops passed through the county in 1865, fighting several skirmishes with Confederate troops. This section of the state has remained primarily agricultural. Athlete Lucile Ellerbe Godbold (1900-1981), who won two gold medals in track and field at the 1922 Olympics, grew up in Hampton County, and writer Vertamae Grosvenor was also born there.

## HORRY COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1801	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	1,134	
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator	
<b>Council Members:</b>	12	
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.	
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Waccamaw	
<b>County Seat:</b>	Conway	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Atlantic Beach, Aynor, Briarcliffe Acres, Loris, North Myrtle Beach, Myrtle Beach, Surfside Beach	

### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	351,029	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	397,478
<b>2010 Census</b>	269,291	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	353,498
<b>2000 Census</b>	196,629	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	43,980
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	81,738	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	12.44%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	309.5		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	140,787	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$45,921
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	122,231	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	63.5%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	115,574	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$46,995
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	13.2%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	71.8
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	0.5%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	87.6
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	5.1		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$3,089,291,482	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$8,801	<b>Local Option</b>	*
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0562	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$3,040,000	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$31,616,130	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$13,933,687	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	1.0%
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$724,813,374	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$2,065
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$525,200,320	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,496
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$254,191,688	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$724
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$177,454,379	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$423
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$157,309,342	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	2755	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	AA+
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	8	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa1
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	150	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AA+

### County History

Horry County was named for Revolutionary War hero Peter Horry (1743-1815). The county was originally a part of Georgetown District, and at one time it was called Kingston. It became a separate county in 1801, with the county seat at Conway. This area of the state was isolated for many years by numerous rivers and swamps, and the inhabitants sometimes referred to themselves as the "Independent Republic of Horry." Lumber and naval stores were the primary industries during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, with tobacco farming being introduced later. In the twentieth century, tourism has come to dominate the coastal section of the county centered around Myrtle Beach. Television personality Vanna White is a native of Horry County.

## JASPER COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1912
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	656
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	5
<b>Method of Election:</b>	At Large
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Lowcountry
<b>County Seat:</b>	Ridgeland
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Hardeeville



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	28,791	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	33,544
<b>2010 Census</b>	24,777	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	29,073
<b>2000 Census</b>	20,678	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	4,471
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	4,014	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	15.38%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	43.9		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	10,981	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$52,133
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	9,643	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	72.0%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	8,044	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$41,144
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	12.2%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	62.8
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	1.7%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	76.7
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.4		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$214,859,314	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$7,463	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1520	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$224,465	<b>School District</b>	1.0%
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$651,038	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$136,422	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$49,037,835	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,703
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$40,571,976	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,409
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	*
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$20,411,631	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$591
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	*	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	*	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AA-

### County History

Jasper County was named for Revolutionary War hero Sergeant William Jasper (ca.1750-1779). The county was formed in 1912 from parts of Beaufort and Hampton counties. This area of the state was the home of the Yemassee and Coosaw Indians until colonial times. In 1732 Swiss-German immigrants led by Jean Pierre Purry established a settlement called Purrysburgh on the Savannah River, but the town did not survive. Other settlers built extensive rice plantations, some of which now form the Savannah River National Wildlife Refuge. Two other towns in the county, Coosawhatchie and Pocotaligo, served at different times as the seat of government for Beaufort District. During the Civil War the Confederate Army defeated federal troops at the Battle of Honey Hill in November 1864. Jasper County was home to Thomas Heyward, Jr. (1746-1809), a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Henry Martyn Robert (1837-1923), author of Robert's Rules of Order.

## KERSHAW COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1791
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	726
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	7
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member/ Chair at-Large
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Santee Lynches
<b>County Seat:</b>	Camden
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Bethune, Elgin



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	65,403	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	69,905
<b>2010 Census</b>	61,697	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	65,536
<b>2000 Census</b>	52,647	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	4,369
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	3,706	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	6.67%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	90.1		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	18,414	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$45,985
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	16,806	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	63.6%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	17,436	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$52,782
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	8.7%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	80.6
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-0.4%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	98.4
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.7		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$325,732,029	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$4,980	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0875	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$302,000	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$268,123	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$49,785	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	1.0%
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$82,619,036	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,263
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$68,565,644	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,048
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$34,746,306	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$531
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$22,043,112	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$314
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$7,125,983	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	385	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	AA
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	6	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa2
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	125	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Kershaw County was named for Joseph Kershaw (1727-1791), an early settler. Originally part of Camden District, Kershaw County was formed in 1791 from parts of Claremont, Lancaster, Fairfield, and Richland counties. The county seat is Camden, which is the oldest inland city in South Carolina. This site was settled around 1732 by English traders and farmers who moved inland from Charleston. During the Revolutionary War, the British occupied Camden from June 1780 to May 1781. Fourteen battles took place in the area, including the Battle of Camden (August 16, 1780) and the Battle of Hobkirk Hill (April 25, 1781). Kershaw County later produced six Confederate generals: Joseph Brevard Kershaw (1822-1894), James Chesnut (1815-1885), James Cantey (1818-1873), Zack Cantey Deas (1819-1882), John Bordenave Villepigue (1830-1862), and John Doby Kennedy (1840-1896). Union troops under General Sherman burned parts of Camden in February 1865. Statesman and financier Bernard M. Baruch (1870-1965) and labor leader Lane Kirkland were born in Kershaw County.



## LANCASTER COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	549
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	7
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Catawba
<b>County Seat:</b>	Lancaster
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Heath Springs, Kershaw



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	96,016	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	108,215
<b>2010 Census</b>	76,652	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	96,652
<b>2000 Census</b>	61,351	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	11,563
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	19,364	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	11.96%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	174.9		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	27,407	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$60,647
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	25,305	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	83.8%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	18,411	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$55,065
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	7.7%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	84.1
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	2.7%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	102.7
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	4.4		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$564,606,088	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$5,880	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1049	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$480,415	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$123,550	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$297,312	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*


### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$135,344,489	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,410
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$121,624,403	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,267
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$70,066,507	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$730
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$33,017,265	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$288
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$31,848,295	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	587	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	6	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa1
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	250	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AA-

### County History

Lancaster County and its county seat were named for Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The county was formed in 1785, and it was originally part of Camden District. A part of Lancaster County was removed in 1791 to form Kershaw County. Scotch-Irish settlers from Pennsylvania began moving into this upstate region in the 1750s. The Waxhaws settlement on the border with North Carolina was the birthplace of President Andrew Jackson (1767-1845). During the Revolutionary War British Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton earned his nickname of "Bloody" Tarleton by massacring American troops in this area on May 29, 1780; the Battle of Hanging Rock was also fought in the county later the same year. Although Lancaster County has been primarily agricultural, gold mining began there in the 1820s and textile manufacturing sprang up following the Civil War. Governor and U.S. Senator Stephen Decatur Miller (1787-1838), surgeon J. Marion Sims (1813-1883), industrialist Elliott White Springs (1896-1959), and astronaut Charles M. Duke, Jr. were all Lancaster County residents.

## LAURENS COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	715	
<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>	Upper Savannah	
<b>County Seat:</b>	Laurens	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Clinton, Cross Hill, Fountain Inn, Gray Court, Ware Shoals, Waterloo	

### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	67,539	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	68,873
<b>2010 Census</b>	66,537	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	67,551
<b>2000 Census</b>	69,567	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	1,322
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	1,002	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	1.96%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	94.5		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	20,882	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$49,650
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	19,916	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	68.6%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	18,740	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$42,725
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	4.6%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	65.3
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	0.6%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	79.7
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	4.3		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$242,443,405	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$3,590	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0974	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$186,480	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$193,500	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$119,440	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$58,828,912	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$871
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$68,603,849	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,016
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$34,163,867	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$506
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$26,627,206	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$391
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$16,225,823	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	399	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	6	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa3
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	90	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Laurens County and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War leader Henry Laurens (1724-1792). The county was established in 1785 as a part of Ninety Six District. This part of the state was settled primarily by Scotch-Irish and English immigrants in the mid 1700s, and during the American Revolution quite a few of its residents remained loyal to Great Britain. Several Revolutionary War battles were fought in the county, including the Battle of Musgrove's Mill (August 18, 1780). President Andrew Johnson (1808-1875), a native of North Carolina, worked as a tailor in the town of Laurens for a brief time in the 1820s. Laurens County was also home to Ann Pamela Cunningham (1816-1875), the leader of the movement to preserve Mount Vernon, and educator Wil Lou Gray (1883-1984).

## LEE COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1902
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	410
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	7
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Santee Lynches
<b>County Seat:</b>	Bishopville
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Lynchburg



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	16,531	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	15,967
<b>2010 Census</b>	19,220	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	16,458
<b>2000 Census</b>	20,119	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-491
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-2,689	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-2.98%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	40.3		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	3,857	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$46,868
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	3,721	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	64.8%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	4,000	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$40,995
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	3.5%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	62.6
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-0.7%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	76.4
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	5.6		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$38,137,061	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$2,307	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1794	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$42,000	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$17,946	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$47,729	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*


### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$26,155,765	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,582
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$16,603,867	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,004
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$15,260,299	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$923
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$5,793,272	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$375
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$6,626,117	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	132	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	8	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	55	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Lee County was named for Confederate General Robert E. Lee (1807-1870). The county was formed in 1902 from parts of Darlington, Kershaw, and Sumter counties. A Revolutionary War skirmish took place in 1781 at Ratcliff's Bridge, and during the Civil War Confederate and Union troops skirmished at Mount Elon and Spring Hill in 1865. Lee County was also the site in 1880 of the last fatal duel fought in South Carolina. Cotton farming has long been associated with this area. U.S. Senator Ellison Durant Smith (1864-1944), a native of Lee County, was nicknamed "Cotton Ed" because of his support for cotton farmers.

## LEXINGTON COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	699	
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator	
<b>Council Members:</b>	9	
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member	
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.	
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Central Midlands	
<b>County Seat:</b>	Lexington	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Batesburg-Leesville, Cayce, Chapin, Columbia, Gaston, Gilbert, Irmo, Pelion, Pine Ridge, South Congaree, Springdale, Summit, Swansea, West Columbia	

### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	293,991	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	309,528
<b>2010 Census</b>	262,391	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	294,891
<b>2000 Census</b>	216,014	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	14,637
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	31,600	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	4.96%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	420.6		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	130,157	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$53,343
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	119,027	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	73.7%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	102,569	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$57,076
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	8.6%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	87.2
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	1.4%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	106.4
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.0		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$1,582,349,005	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$5,382	<b>Local Option</b>	*
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0942	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$1,476,267	<b>School District</b>	1.0%
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$1,661,603	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$1,132,712	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$278,798,730	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$948
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$239,127,080	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$813
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$182,532,088	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$621
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$13,800,000	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$43
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$122,672,429	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	1856	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	6	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aaa
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	174	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AA+

### County History

Lexington County was named for the Battle of Lexington, Massachusetts, the first battle of the American Revolution. This part of the state was designated as Lexington County from 1785 to 1791, then was merged back into the larger Orangeburg District. Lexington was eventually made a separate district in 1804. Small parts of the county later went to form Aiken (1871) and Calhoun (1908) counties. European settlement of this area began around 1718 when the British established a trading post on the Congaree River, which eventually became the town of Granby. Beginning in the 1730s many German, Swiss, and Scotch-Irish immigrants moved into the area and established small farms. Granby was the leading town and county seat for many years, but the growth of Columbia across the Congaree led to Granby's decline, and the county seat was moved to the town of Lexington in 1818. General Sherman's troops shelled the city of Columbia from the Lexington side of the Congaree during the Civil War. In 1930 Lake Murray was created on the Saluda River in Lexington County, covering many of the old farms and creating new recreational opportunities.

## MARION COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	489
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	7
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Pee Dee
<b>County Seat:</b>	Marion
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Mullins, Nichols, Sellers



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	29,183	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	28,508
<b>2010 Census</b>	33,062	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	29,043
<b>2000 Census</b>	35,466	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-535
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-3,879	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-1.84%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	59.7		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	6,735	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$43,842
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	6,900	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	60.6%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	7,697	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$41,108
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-2.4%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	62.8
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-1.2%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	76.7
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	6.6		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$86,139,162	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$2,952	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1458	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$78,139	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$32,685	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$6,828	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$35,073,183	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,202
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$33,814,143	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,159
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$23,640,261	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$810
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$1,206,879	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$41
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	*	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	231	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	8	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	32	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Marion County and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War General Francis Marion (1732-1795), known as the "Swamp Fox." In 1785 Liberty County was created as a part of Georgetown District; renamed Marion, it became a separate district in 1800. Parts of Marion later went to form Florence (1888) and Dillon (1910) counties. English settlers moved up the Great Pee Dee River into this area in the eighteenth century. During the Revolutionary War General Marion's men fought several skirmishes with the British here before retreating to their camp at Snows Island. In the twentieth century Marion County became a major tobacco growing region. Writers Virginia Durant Young (1842-1906) and Gwen Bristow (1903-1980) were natives of Marion County.

## MARLBORO COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	480
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	8
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Pee Dee
<b>County Seat:</b>	Bennettsville
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Blenheim, Clio, McColl, Tatum



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	26,667	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	25,704
<b>2010 Census</b>	28,933	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	26,537
<b>2000 Census</b>	28,818	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-833
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-2,266	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-3.14%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	55.6		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	5,530	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$51,806
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	6,457	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	71.6%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	7,445	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$37,831
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-16.8%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	57.8
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-1.5%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	70.6
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	7.8		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$86,345,096	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$3,238	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1283	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$65,000	<b>School District</b>	1.0%
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$20,769	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$11,023	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$28,704,823	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,076
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$18,944,551	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$710
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$14,233,618	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$534
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$2,373,773	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$97
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$7,632,380	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	189	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	7	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	42	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Marlboro County was named for John Churchill, first Duke of Marlborough (1650-1722). The county name was originally spelled Marlborough, but it was later shortened. The county was created in 1785 as a part of Cheraws District. Welsh Baptists from Delaware settled in an area of the county known as Welsh Neck around 1737, and they were later joined by English and Scotch-Irish settlers. Cotton growing made this a wealthy part of the state prior to the Civil War. The town of Blenheim was also known for its mineral springs. General Sherman's troops passed through the county in 1865, briefly occupying the town of Bennettsville. Some famous Marlboro County natives are U.S. Congressman and diplomat Robert Blair Campbell (1791-1862), U.S. and Confederate Congressman John McQueen (1804-1867), and children's advocate Marian Wright Edelman.



## McCORMICK COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1916
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	360
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	5
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Upper Savannah
<b>County Seat:</b>	McCormick
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Parksville, Plum Branch



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	9,526	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	9,941
<b>2010 Census</b>	10,233	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	9,513
<b>2000 Census</b>	9,958	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	428
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-707	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	4.50%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	26.5		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	1,903	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$39,604
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	1,576	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	54.7%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	1,844	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$46,096
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	17.2%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	70.4
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-1.7%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	86
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	4.8		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$53,559,056	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$5,622	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1508	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$51,179	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$59,285	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$90,078	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*


### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$15,417,165	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,618
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$12,478,819	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,310
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$14,334,345	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$1,505
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$5,277,226	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$584
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$6,117,839	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	125	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	13	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	49	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Named for inventor Cyrus Hall McCormick (1809-1884), McCormick County was formed in 1916 from parts of Edgefield, Abbeville, and Greenwood counties. The area was settled in the mid-18th century by Scotch-Irish, French Huguenot, and German farmers. The British built Fort Charlotte to protect the region after early inhabitants were massacred by Cherokee Indians at Long Cane in 1760; this fort was one of the first to be seized by the Americans during the Revolutionary War. Around 1850 gold was discovered where the town of McCormick now stands. In 1871 Cyrus McCormick donated land from the Dorn Gold Mine for the town, which was named for him. S.C. Governor and U.S. Senator George McDuffie (1790-1851), Unionist leader James Louis Petigru (1789-1863), and Willington Academy educator Moses Waddel (1770-1840) resided in the county. John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), U.S. Vice President, Secretary of War, Secretary of State, and Senator, was born in McCormick County.

## NEWBERRY COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1783	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	631	
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator	
<b>Council Members:</b>	7	
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member	
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.	
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Central Midlands	
<b>County Seat:</b>	Newberry	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Little Mountain, Peak, Pomaria, Prosperity, Silverstreet, Whitmire	

### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	37,719	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	38,825
<b>2010 Census</b>	37,508	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	37,715
<b>2000 Census</b>	36,108	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	1,110
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	211	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	2.94%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	59.8		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	14,883	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$46,940
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	14,310	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	64.9%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	14,157	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$47,464
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	3.9%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	72.5
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	0.1%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	88.5
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.3		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$181,145,558	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$4,803	<b>Local Option</b>	*
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1350	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$164,645	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$222,924	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$27,729	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$40,201,244	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,066
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$34,403,981	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$912
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$32,907,171	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$872
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$8,545,292	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$219
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$10,545,275	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	195	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	5	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa3
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	16	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

The origin of the name Newberry is unknown. The county was formed in 1785 as a part of Ninety Six District. This part of the upcountry was settled largely by Scotch-Irish, English, and German immigrants in the mid-eighteenth century. Germans were so prevalent in part of Newberry County that it became known as Dutch Fork, with Dutch meaning Deutsch (German). Large-scale cotton farming replaced small farms in the nineteenth century, and the coming of the railroad made Newberry a leading cotton market. Historians John Belton O'Neall (1795-1863) and David Duncan Wallace (1874-1951) were Newberry County natives, as was South Carolina Governor and U.S. Senator Coleman L. Blease (1868-1942).

## OCONEE COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1868
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	625
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	5
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Appalachian
<b>County Seat:</b>	Walhalla
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Salem, Seneca, West Union, Westminster



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	78,607	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	81,221
<b>2010 Census</b>	74,273	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	78,638
<b>2000 Census</b>	66,215	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	2,583
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	4,334	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	3.28%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	125.8		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	25,507	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$54,498
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	23,460	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	75.3%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	23,204	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$54,415
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	8.0%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	83.1
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	0.1%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	101.5
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.6		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$663,221,645	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$8,437	<b>Local Option</b>	*
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0734	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$640,128	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$798,137	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$419,224	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*


### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$90,465,752	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,151
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$81,908,043	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,042
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$60,766,345	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$773
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$19,530,190	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$234
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$25,609,866	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	555	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	7	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa2
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	25	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AA

### County History

Oconee County, which was formed in 1868 from Pickens County, takes its name from an Indian word. This area in the northwest corner of the state on the edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains was home to several Indian tribes, including the Creeks and the Cherokees, but the Indians gave up their lands in treaties signed in 1777 and 1785. After the American Revolution, settlers from other parts of the state began moving in, including the Germans from Charleston who founded the town of Walhalla in 1850. In 1856 work began on a tunnel for the Blue Ridge Railroad that would have linked Charleston with Knoxville, Tennessee, but the Civil War ended that project; the unfinished Stumphouse Tunnel can still be seen today. Several Revolutionary War heroes moved to present day Oconee County after the war, including Andrew Pickens (1739-1817), Robert Anderson (1741-1813), and Benjamin Cleveland (1738-1806).

## ORANGEBURG COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	1,106	
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator	
<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>	Orangeburg	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Bowman, Branchville, Cope, Cordova, Elloree, Eutawville, Holly Hill, Livingston, Neeses, North, Norway, Rowesville, Santee, Springfield, Vance, Woodford	

### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	84,223	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	82,820
<b>2010 Census</b>	92,501	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	83,958
<b>2000 Census</b>	91,582	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-1,138
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-8,278	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-1.36%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	76.2		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	28,346	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$46,339
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	27,241	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	64.0%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	32,874	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$41,090
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	3.9%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	62.8
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-2.1%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	76.6
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	7.1		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$305,036,311	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$3,622	<b>Local Option</b>	*
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1808	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$311,108	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$1,027,625	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$207,579	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$93,367,346	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,109
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$109,558,017	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,301
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	*
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$111,241,819	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$1,354
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	*	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	A
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	*	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	A-

### County History

Orangeburg County was named for William IV (1711-1751), Prince of Orange, the son-in-law of King George II. Orangeburg District was established in 1769, and from 1785 to 1791 it included four counties: Lexington, Orange, Winton, and Lewisburg. The district was reduced in size when Barnwell (1800) and Lexington (1804) districts were formed; parts of Orangeburg also went to form Aiken (1871) and Calhoun (1908) counties. Swiss and German farmers moved into this region around 1735, and English settlers from the lowcountry followed. The battle of Eutaw Springs was fought there during the Revolutionary War on September 8, 1781; it was the last major battle of the war in South Carolina. Large plantations using slave labor were established in Orangeburg in the nineteenth century, and the county became a major producer of cotton. Railroads arrived in the area early; Branchville became the first railroad junction in the state in 1840. Union troops under General Sherman passed through Orangeburg in February 1865. Orangeburg County was the birthplace of historian Alexander S. Salley (1871-1961) and singer Eartha Kitt.

## PICKENS COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1868
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	497
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	6
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Appalachian
<b>County Seat:</b>	Pickens
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Central, Clemson, Easley, Liberty, Norris, Six Mile



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	131,404	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	135,495
<b>2010 Census</b>	119,224	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	131,602
<b>2000 Census</b>	110,757	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	3,893
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	12,180	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	2.96%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	264.4		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	38,911	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$51,351
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	35,049	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	71.0%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	37,334	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$45,835
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	9.9%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	70.0
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-0.7%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	85.5
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.5		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$663,201,731	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$5,047	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0740	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$667,335	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$838,289	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$2,864,830	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*


### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$89,352,522	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$680
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$90,771,219	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$691
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$55,610,333	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$423
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$25,134,229	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$189
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$25,763,875	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	609	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	5	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa2
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	196	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AA

### County History

Pickens County was named for Revolutionary War hero Andrew Pickens (1739-1817). This area in the northwestern corner of the state was Indian territory until 1777. It subsequently became part of Pendleton District (at one time called Washington District). In 1826 Pendleton was divided into two counties, Pickens and Anderson; the western portion of Pickens County was later split off to form Oconee County (1868). The earliest European settlers in this region were Indian traders. The British built Fort Prince George around 1753 as protection against the Indians, and the fort was the site of several battles in the Cherokee War of 1756. The Cherokee town of Old Seneca was later destroyed by American troops in 1776. John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), U.S. Vice President, Senator, and cabinet member, made his home at Fort Hill plantation in Pickens County. His son-in-law, Thomas Green Clemson (1807-1888), bequeathed the plantation to the state for use as an agricultural college, which led to the founding of Clemson University.

## RICHLAND COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	756	
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator	
<b>Council Members:</b>	11	
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member	
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.	
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Central Midlands	
<b>County Seat:</b>	Columbia	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Arcadia Lakes, Blythewood, Eastover, Forest Acres, Irmo	

### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	416,147	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	425,138
<b>2010 Census</b>	384,504	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	416,527
<b>2000 Census</b>	320,677	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	8,611
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	31,643	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	2.07%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	550.5		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	223,996	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$60,510
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	212,162	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	83.6%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	224,103	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$53,963
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	5.3%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	82.4
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-0.6%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	100.6
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	4.1		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$1,931,627,990	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$4,642	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1277	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$1,840,000	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$4,357,659	<b>Transportation</b>	1.0%
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$4,658,085	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$497,559,982	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,196
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$409,871,164	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$985
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$218,996,057	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$526
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$248,280,000	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$577
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$98,482,968	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	2225	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	5	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aaa
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	295	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AAA

### County History

Richland County was probably named for its "rich land." The county was formed in 1785 as part of the large Camden District. A small part of Richland later went to Kershaw County (1791). In 1786 the state legislature decided to move the capital from Charleston to a more central location. A site was chosen in Richland County, which is in the geographic center of the state, and a new town was laid out. Columbia subsequently became not only the center of government but an important trade and manufacturing center. Cotton from the surrounding plantations was shipped through Columbia and later manufactured into textiles there. Columbia is also known for its educational institutions, particularly the University of South Carolina, which was founded in 1802. General William T. Sherman captured Columbia during the Civil War, and his troops burned the town on February 17, 1865. The U.S. Army returned on more friendly terms in 1917, when Fort Jackson was established. Confederate General, South Carolina Governor, and U.S. Senator Wade Hampton (1818-1902) was a resident of Richland County, and President Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924) lived in Columbia as a boy.



## SALUDA COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1895
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	452
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	5
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member/ Chair at-Large
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Upper Savannah
<b>County Seat:</b>	Saluda
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Batesburg-Leesville, Monetta, Ridge Spring, Ward



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	18,862	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	19,123
<b>2010 Census</b>	19,875	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	18,830
<b>2000 Census</b>	19,181	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	293
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-1,013	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	1.56%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	41.7		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	4,835	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$44,568
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	4,989	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	61.6%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	4,831	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$43,883
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-3.2%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	67.0
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	0.3%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	81.8
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.1		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$74,776,220	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$3,964	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1728	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$73,320	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$27,915	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$11,303	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*


### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$19,612,668	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,040
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$13,897,200	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$737
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$16,271,913	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$863
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$867,020	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$42
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$7,610,813	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	153	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	8	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	31	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Saluda County was named for the Saluda River, which forms one of its borders. The county was established in 1895 from part of Edgefield County. The Cherokee Indians lived in this area for many years. In 1755 they signed a treaty with the British at their settlement, known as Saluda Old Town. Scotch-Irish and English settlers subsequently began moving into the area, while the Cherokees moved farther to the north. Two famous heroes of the Alamo, William Barrett Travis (1809-1836) and James Butler Bonham (1807-1836) were natives of what is now Saluda County.

## SPARTANBURG COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	811	
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator	
<b>Council Members:</b>	7	
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.	
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Appalachian	
<b>County Seat:</b>	Spartanburg	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Campobello, Central Pacolet, Chesnee, Cowpens, Duncan, Greer, Inman, Landrum, Lyman, Pacolet, Reidville, Wellford, Woodruff	

### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	327,997	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	356,698
<b>2010 Census</b>	284,307	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	329,364
<b>2000 Census</b>	253,791	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	27,334
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	43,690	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	8.30%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	404.4		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	152,472	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$56,619
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	144,453	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	78.2%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	119,497	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$52,621
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	5.3%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	80.4
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	1.7%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	98.1
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	4.0		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$1,862,285,620	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$5,678	<b>Local Option</b>	*
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0775	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$1,792,247	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$1,709,600	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$954,172	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$368,209,847	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,123
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$303,656,979	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$926
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	*
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$71,055,463	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$204
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	*	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	AA+
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	*	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa1
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AA+

### County History

Spartanburg County and its county seat were named for the Spartan Regiment, a local militia unit that fought in the Revolutionary War. The county was formed in 1785 as a part of Ninety Six District, and from 1791 to 1799 it was part of Pinckney District. A part of Spartanburg County later went to form Cherokee County in 1897. European settlers, primarily Scotch-Irish, began moving into this area from Pennsylvania and Virginia in the late eighteenth century. For many years the primary occupations were small-scale cattle raising and cotton farming. Areas with mineral springs, such as Glenn Springs, were also popular summer resorts for lowcountry residents. Following the Civil War, textile manufacturing became the dominant industry, and Spartanburg County remains an important manufacturing center today. Some well-known Spartanburg residents are hymn writer and publisher William Walker (1809-1875), U.S. Army General William C. Westmoreland, and industrialist Roger Milliken.

## SUMTER COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1845
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	665
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	7
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Santee Lynches
<b>County Seat:</b>	Sumter
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Mayesville, Pinewood



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	105,556	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	104,165
<b>2010 Census</b>	107,456	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	105,417
<b>2000 Census</b>	104,646	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-1,252
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-1,900	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-1.19%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	158.7		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	35,579	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$50,961
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	35,639	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	70.4%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	42,524	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$46,582
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-0.2%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	71.2
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-1.9%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	89.6
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	4.6		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$358,308,830	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$3,394	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1139	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$317,413	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$589,021	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$168,880	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$127,506,973	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,208
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$85,826,900	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$813
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$60,172,521	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$570
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$14,381,273	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$137
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$26,206,740	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	609	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	6	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa2
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	71	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	A+

### County History

Sumter County and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War General Thomas Sumter (1734-1832), who was a resident of the area. This county has changed its name and boundaries several times. In 1785 Claremont County was formed as a part of Camden District; a part of the county was later split off in 1791 to form Salem County. Claremont, Clarendon, and Salem counties were combined into Sumter District in 1800. Clarendon was once again split off in 1857, however, and another small part of Sumter County went to form Lee County in 1902. This part of the state began attracting English settlers from the lowcountry and from Virginia in the mid-eighteenth century. The area known as the High Hills of Santee, a narrow ridge along the Wateree River, was famous for its healthy climate and rich soil. Sumter County eventually became a leading agricultural region. In 1941, Shaw Air Force Base was established near Sumter, and it continues today as an active duty fighter base. Confederate General Richard Heron Anderson (1821-1879) was a Sumter resident, as were opera singer Clara Louise Kellogg (1842-1916) and educator Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955).

## UNION COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	514
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Supervisor
<b>Council Members:</b>	7
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Catawba
<b>County Seat:</b>	Union
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Carlisle, Jonesville, Lockhart



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	27,244	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	26,629
<b>2010 Census</b>	28,961	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	27,148
<b>2000 Census</b>	29,881	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-519
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-1,717	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-1.91%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	53.0		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	7,340	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$46,870
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	7,461	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	64.8%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	7,159	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$38,157
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-1.6%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	58.3
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	0.4%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	71.2
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	6.5		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$83,884,662	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$3,079	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1749	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$74,000	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$48,165	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$762	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$38,278,011	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,405
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$27,891,936	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,024
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$20,192,036	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$741
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$5,069,231	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$191
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$9,613,965	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	193	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	7	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	63	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Union County was named for the old Union Church, which served both the Presbyterian and Episcopal congregations in the area. The church was erected in 1765 near the present day town of Union, the county seat. Union County was created as a part of Ninety Six District in 1785. It was part of Pinckney District from 1791 to 1800 and became a separate district when Pinckney was dissolved in 1800. The upper part of the county later went to form Cherokee County in 1897. The early settlers in this area were mainly Scotch-Irish from Virginia and Pennsylvania, who began immigrating to the South Carolina upcountry in the 1750s. Much fighting took place here during the Revolutionary War, including the battles of Musgrove's Mill (August 18, 1780) and Blackstocks (November 20, 1780). Revolutionary leaders Thomas Brandon (1741-1802) and Joseph McJunkin (1755-1846) were from Union County, as were Confederate Generals States Rights Gist (1831-1864) and William Henry Wallace (1827-1905). Secession Governor William Henry Gist (1807-1874) made his home at Rose Hill Plantation in Union County, now a state park.

## WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1705
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	934
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Supervisor
<b>Council Members:</b>	8
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Waccamaw
<b>County Seat:</b>	Kingstree
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Andrews, Greeleyville, Hemingway, Lane, Stuckey



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	31,026	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	29,891
<b>2010 Census</b>	34,423	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	30,902
<b>2000 Census</b>	37,217	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-1,011
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-3,397	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-3.27%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	33.2		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	7,243	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$50,095
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	8,108	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	69.2%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	9,220	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$38,446
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-11.9%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	58.7
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-1.4%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	71.7
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	6.1		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$108,636,227	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$3,501	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1735	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$109,408	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$23,215	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$5,215	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*


### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$67,425,385	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$2,173
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$58,287,750	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,879
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$20,534,327	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$662
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$33,572,590	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$1,203
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$9,621,124	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	283	<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>	86	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	A

### County History

Williamsburg County was probably named for King William III of England (1650-1702). Scotch-Irish and French Huguenot settlers began moving into this part of the lowcountry around 1732, and in 1736 the township of Williamsburg was laid out on the Black River in the vicinity of the settlement of Kingstree. This area was part of Prince Frederick Parish, which in turn was part of Georgetown District. In 1804, Williamsburg became a separate district with the seat at Kingstree. A small part of Williamsburg later went to form Florence County in 1888. During the Revolutionary War, many of General Francis Marion's men hailed from this area, including Major John James (1732-1791). The battles of Black Mingo (September 28-29, 1780), Mount Hope Swamp (March 1781), and Lower Bridge (March 1781) were all fought in Williamsburg County. The county has remained primarily an agricultural region. Nobel Prize-winning geneticist Joseph L. Goldstein grew up in the town of Kingstree.

## YORK COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	682	
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Manager	
<b>Council Members:</b>	7	
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member	
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.	
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Catawba	
<b>County Seat:</b>	York	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Clover, Fort Mill, Hickory Grove, McConnells, Rock Hill, Sharon, Smyrna, Tega Cay	

### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	282,090	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	298,320
<b>2010 Census</b>	226,073	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	283,899
<b>2000 Census</b>	164,614	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	14,421
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	56,017	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	5.08%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	413.6		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	103,923	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$58,192
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	96,903	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	80.4%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	79,250	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$59,987
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	6.8%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	90.1
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	1.8%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	110
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.7		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$1,782,885,512	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$6,320	<b>Local Option</b>	*
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0745	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$1,714,194	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$1,873,717	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$2,536,452	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$255,357,261	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$905
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$224,086,213	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$794
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$148,125,141	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$525
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$121,852,159	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$379
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$101,198,297	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	1198	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	4	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aaa
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	139	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AA+

### County History

York County and its county seat were named for York County, Pennsylvania. The county was first established in 1785 as part of Camden District. From 1791 to 1800 it was part of Pinckney District, and it became a separate district when Pinckney was dissolved in 1800. Part of the county went to form Cherokee County in 1897. When European settlers arrived, this part of the state was inhabited by the Catawba Indians. The Catawbans signed a treaty with the English in 1763, relinquishing their rights to much of their land. This treaty opened up the area to Scotch-Irish settlers moving down from Pennsylvania and up from the lowcountry. The Catawba Nation is now the only federally-recognized Indian tribe in the state. Two battles were fought in this area during the Revolutionary War, Williamson's Plantation (July 12, 1780) and Kings Mountain (October 7, 1780); the latter battle was a major victory for the Americans. Small-scale cotton farming was prevalent in the county in the nineteenth century, but textile mills became important in the twentieth century, contributing to the growth of the county's largest city, Rock Hill.



**APPENDIX:  
COMPARISON TABLES**

## General County Government Information

County	Date Formed	Form of Government	Election Method	Council Members	Term Length	Council of Government
Abbeville	1785	Council	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Aiken	1871	Council-Administrator	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	9	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Allendale	1919	Council	Single Member	5	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Anderson	1826	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	2 yrs.	Appalachian
Bamberg	1897	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Barnwell	1800	Council	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Beaufort	1769	Council-Administrator	Single Member	11	4 yrs.	Lowcountry
Berkeley	1682	Council-Supervisor	Single Member	9	4 yrs.	Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester
Calhoun	1908	Council	Single Member	5	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Charleston	1769	Council-Administrator	Single Member	9	4 yrs.	Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester
Cherokee	1897	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Appalachian
Chester	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Catawba
Chesterfield	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	9	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
Clarendon	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	5	4 yrs.	Santee Lynches
Colleton	1798	Council-Administrator	Single Member	5	4 yrs.	Lowcountry
Darlington	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	8	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
Dillon	1910	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
Dorchester	1897	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester
Edgefield	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	5	2 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Fairfield	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Central Midlands
Florence	1888	Council-Administrator	Single Member	9	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
Georgetown	1769	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Waccamaw
Greenville	1786	Council-Administrator	Single Member	12	4 yrs.	Appalachian
Greenwood	1897	Council-Manager	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Hampton	1878	Council-Administrator	At-Large	5	4 yrs.	Lowcountry
Horry	1801	Council-Administrator	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	12	4 yrs.	Waccamaw
Jasper	1912	Council-Administrator	At Large	5	4 yrs.	Lowcountry
Kershaw	1791	Council-Administrator	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	7	4 yrs.	Santee Lynches
Lancaster	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Catawba
Laurens	1785	Council	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Lee	1902	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Santee Lynches
Lexington	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	9	4 yrs.	Central Midlands
Marion	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
Marlboro	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	8	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
McCormick	1916	Council-Administrator	Single Member	5	4 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Newberry	1783	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Central Midlands
Oconee	1868	Council-Administrator	Single Member	5	4 yrs.	Appalachian
Orangeburg	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Pickens	1868	Council-Administrator	Single Member	6	4 yrs.	Appalachian
Richland	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	11	4 yrs.	Central Midlands
Saluda	1895	Council-Administrator	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	5	4 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Spartanburg	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	7	4 yrs.	Appalachian
Sumter	1845	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Santee Lynches
Union	1785	Council-Supervisor	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Catawba
Williamsburg	1705	Council-Supervisor	Single Member	8	4 yrs.	Waccamaw
York	1785	Council-Manager	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Catawba

Decennial Census Population					
County	2000 Census	2010 Census	2020 Census	Numeric Change 2000-2020	Percent Change 2000-2020
Abbeville	26,167	25,417	24,295	-1,122	-4.3%
Aiken	142,552	160,099	168,808	8,709	6.1%
Allendale	11,211	10,419	8,039	-2,380	-21.2%
Anderson	165,740	187,126	203,718	16,592	10.0%
Bamberg	16,658	15,987	13,311	-2,676	-16.1%
Barnwell	23,478	22,621	20,589	-2,032	-8.7%
Beaufort	120,937	162,233	187,117	24,884	20.6%
Berkeley	142,651	177,843	229,861	52,018	36.5%
Calhoun	15,185	15,175	14,119	-1,056	-7.0%
Charleston	309,969	350,209	408,235	58,026	18.7%
Cherokee	52,537	55,342	56,216	874	1.7%
Chester	34,068	33,140	32,294	-846	-2.5%
Chesterfield	42,768	46,734	43,273	-3,461	-8.1%
Clarendon	32,502	34,971	31,144	-3,827	-11.8%
Colleton	38,264	38,892	38,604	-288	-0.8%
Darlington	67,394	68,681	62,905	-5,776	-8.6%
Dillon	30,722	32,062	28,292	-3,770	-12.3%
Dorchester	96,413	136,555	161,540	24,985	25.9%
Edgefield	24,595	26,985	25,657	-1,328	-5.4%
Fairfield	23,454	23,956	20,948	-3,008	-12.8%
Florence	125,761	136,885	137,059	174	0.1%
Georgetown	55,797	60,158	63,404	3,246	5.8%
Greenville	379,616	451,225	525,534	74,309	19.6%
Greenwood	66,271	69,661	69,351	-310	-0.5%
Hampton	21,386	21,090	18,561	-2,529	-11.8%
Horry	196,629	269,291	351,029	81,738	41.6%
Jasper	20,678	24,777	28,791	4,014	19.4%
Kershaw	52,647	61,697	65,403	3,706	7.0%
Lancaster	61,351	76,652	96,016	19,364	31.6%
Laurens	69,567	66,537	67,539	1,002	1.4%
Lee	20,119	19,220	16,531	-2,689	-13.4%
Lexington	216,014	262,391	293,991	31,600	14.6%
Marion	35,466	33,062	29,183	-3,879	-10.9%
Marlboro	28,818	28,933	26,667	-2,266	-7.9%
McCormick	9,958	10,233	9,526	-707	-7.1%
Newberry	36,108	37,508	37,719	211	0.6%
Oconee	66,215	74,273	78,607	4,334	6.5%
Orangeburg	91,582	92,501	84,223	-8,278	-9.0%
Pickens	110,757	119,224	131,404	12,180	11.0%
Richland	320,677	384,504	416,147	31,643	9.9%
Saluda	19,181	19,875	18,862	-1,013	-5.3%
Spartanburg	253,791	284,307	327,997	43,690	17.2%
Sumter	104,646	107,456	105,556	-1,900	-1.8%
Union	29,881	28,961	27,244	-1,717	-5.7%
Williamsburg	37,217	34,423	31,026	-3,397	-9.1%
York	164,614	226,073	282,090	56,017	34.0%
South Carolina	4,012,012	4,625,364	5,118,425	493,061	12.3%
United States	248,709,873	308,745,538	331,449,281	22,703,743	9.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; www.census.gov

Population Estimates						
County	2020 Census	2023 Pop. Estimate	2020 Pop. Estimate	Numeric Change 2020-2023	Percent Change 2020-2023	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2020 - 2023
Abbeville	24,295	24,434	24,212	222	0.92%	0.92%
Aiken	168,808	177,130	169,032	8,098	4.79%	4.79%
Allendale	8,039	7,369	7,990	-621	-7.77%	-7.77%
Anderson	203,718	213,076	204,032	9,044	4.43%	4.43%
Bamberg	13,311	12,974	13,251	-277	-2.09%	-2.09%
Barnwell	20,589	20,447	20,567	-120	-0.58%	-0.58%
Beaufort	187,117	198,979	187,691	11,288	6.01%	6.01%
Berkeley	229,861	255,217	231,568	23,649	10.21%	10.21%
Calhoun	14,119	14,186	14,125	61	0.43%	0.43%
Charleston	408,235	424,367	409,418	14,949	3.65%	3.65%
Cherokee	56,216	56,714	56,179	535	0.95%	0.95%
Chester	32,294	32,226	32,276	-50	-0.15%	-0.15%
Chesterfield	43,273	44,031	43,258	773	1.79%	1.79%
Clarendon	31,144	31,004	31,093	-89	-0.29%	-0.29%
Colleton	38,604	38,874	38,543	331	0.86%	0.86%
Darlington	62,905	62,416	62,833	-417	-0.66%	-0.66%
Dillon	28,292	27,698	28,284	-586	-2.07%	-2.07%
Dorchester	161,540	169,833	161,975	7,858	4.85%	4.85%
Edgefield	25,657	27,607	25,675	1,932	7.52%	7.52%
Fairfield	20,948	20,422	20,858	-436	-2.09%	-2.09%
Florence	137,059	137,214	136,805	409	0.30%	0.30%
Georgetown	63,404	65,731	63,440	2,291	3.61%	3.61%
Greenville	525,534	558,036	526,980	31,056	5.89%	5.89%
Greenwood	69,351	69,460	69,380	80	0.12%	0.12%
Hampton	18,561	18,122	18,512	-390	-2.11%	-2.11%
Horry	351,029	397,478	353,498	43,980	12.44%	12.44%
Jasper	28,791	33,544	29,073	4,471	15.38%	15.38%
Kershaw	65,403	69,905	65,536	4,369	6.67%	6.67%
Lancaster	96,016	108,215	96,652	11,563	11.96%	11.96%
Laurens	67,539	68,873	67,551	1,322	1.96%	1.96%
Lee	16,531	15,967	16,458	-491	-2.98%	-2.98%
Lexington	293,991	309,528	294,891	14,637	4.96%	4.96%
Marion	29,183	28,508	29,043	-535	-1.84%	-1.84%
Marlboro	26,667	25,704	26,537	-833	-3.14%	-3.14%
McCormick	9,526	9,941	9,513	428	4.50%	4.50%
Newberry	37,719	38,825	37,715	1,110	2.94%	2.94%
Oconee	78,607	81,221	78,638	2,583	3.28%	3.28%
Orangeburg	84,223	82,820	83,958	-1,138	-1.36%	-1.36%
Pickens	131,404	135,495	131,602	3,893	2.96%	2.96%
Richland	416,147	425,138	416,527	8,611	2.07%	2.07%
Saluda	18,862	19,123	18,830	293	1.56%	1.56%
Spartanburg	327,997	356,698	329,364	27,334	8.30%	8.30%
Sumter	105,556	104,165	105,417	-1,252	-1.19%	-1.19%
Union	27,244	26,629	27,148	-519	-1.91%	-1.91%
Williamsburg	31,026	29,891	30,902	-1,011	-3.27%	-3.27%
York	282,090	298,320	283,899	14,421	5.08%	5.08%
South Carolina	5,118,425	5,373,555	5,130,729	242,826	4.73%	4.73%
United States	331,449,281	331,893,745	331,501,080	392,665	0.12%	0.12%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; www.census.gov

## Land Area and Population Density

County	Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	2020 Census	Persons Per Sq. Mi.*	County	Sorted by Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	County	Sorted by Persons Per Sq. Mi.*
Abbeville	508	24,295	47.82	1. Horry	1,134	1. Greenville	665.23
Aiken	1,073	168,808	157.32	2. Orangeburg	1,106	2. Richland	550.46
Allendale	408	8,039	19.70	3. Berkeley	1,098	3. Charleston	444.22
Anderson	718	203,718	283.73	4. Aiken	1,073	4. Lexington	420.59
Bamberg	393	13,311	33.87	5. Colleton	1,056	5. York	413.62
Barnwell	548	20,589	37.57	6. Williamsburg	934	6. Spartanburg	404.44
Beaufort	587	187,117	318.77	7. Charleston	919	7. Beaufort	318.77
Berkeley	1,098	229,861	209.35	8. Georgetown	815	8. Horry	309.55
Calhoun	380	14,119	37.16	9. Spartanburg	811	9. Anderson	283.73
Charleston	919	408,235	444.22	10. Florence	800	10. Dorchester	280.94
Cherokee	393	56,216	143.04	11. Chesterfield	799	11. Pickens	264.39
Chester	581	32,294	55.58	12. Greenville	790	12. Berkeley	209.35
Chesterfield	799	43,273	54.16	13. Richland	756	13. Lancaster	174.89
Clarendon	607	31,144	51.31	14. Kershaw	726	14. Florence	171.32
Colleton	1,056	38,604	36.56	15. Anderson	718	15. Sumter	158.73
Darlington	561	62,905	112.13	16. Laurens	715	16. Aiken	157.32
Dillon	405	28,292	69.86	17. Lexington	699	17. Greenwood	152.09
Dorchester	575	161,540	280.94	18. Fairfield	687	18. Cherokee	143.04
Edgefield	502	25,657	51.11	19. York	682	19. Oconee	125.77
Fairfield	687	20,948	30.49	20. Sumter	665	20. Darlington	112.13
Florence	800	137,059	171.32	21. Jasper	656	21. Laurens	94.46
Georgetown	815	63,404	77.80	22. Newberry	631	22. Kershaw	90.09
Greenville	790	525,534	665.23	23. Oconee	625	23. Georgetown	77.80
Greenwood	456	69,351	152.09	24. Clarendon	607	24. Orangeburg	76.15
Hampton	560	18,561	33.14	25. Beaufort	587	25. Dillon	69.86
Horry	1,134	351,029	309.55	26. Chester	581	26. Newberry	59.78
Jasper	656	28,791	43.89	27. Dorchester	575	27. Marion	59.68
Kershaw	726	65,403	90.09	28. Darlington	561	28. Chester	55.58
Lancaster	549	96,016	174.89	29. Hampton	560	29. Marlboro	55.56
Laurens	715	67,539	94.46	30. Lancaster	549	30. Chesterfield	54.16
Lee	410	16,531	40.32	31. Barnwell	548	31. Union	53.00
Lexington	699	293,991	420.59	32. Union	514	32. Clarendon	51.31
Marion	489	29,183	59.68	33. Abbeville	508	33. Edgefield	51.11
Marlboro	480	26,667	55.56	34. Edgefield	502	34. Abbeville	47.82
McCormick	360	9,526	26.46	35. Pickens	497	35. Jasper	43.89
Newberry	631	37,719	59.78	36. Marion	489	36. Saluda	41.73
Oconee	625	78,607	125.77	37. Marlboro	480	37. Lee	40.32
Orangeburg	1,106	84,223	76.15	38. Greenwood	456	38. Barnwell	37.57
Pickens	497	131,404	264.39	39. Saluda	452	39. Calhoun	37.16
Richland	756	416,147	550.46	40. Lee	410	40. Colleton	36.56
Saluda	452	18,862	41.73	41. Allendale	408	41. Bamberg	33.87
Spartanburg	811	327,997	404.44	42. Dillon	405	42. Williamsburg	33.22
Sumter	665	105,556	158.73	43. Bamberg	393	43. Hampton	33.14
Union	514	27,244	53.00	44. Cherokee	393	44. Fairfield	30.49
Williamsburg	934	31,026	33.22	45. Calhoun	380	45. McCormick	26.46
York	682	282,090	413.62	46. McCormick	360	46. Allendale	19.70
South Carolina	30,109	5,118,425	170.00				
U.S.	3,537,438	331,449,281	93.70				

\*Persons per square mile calculated with 2020 Census population.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

## Annual Average Unemployment Rate

County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Abbeville	10.6	9.5	7.7	6.9	5.5	4.6	4.0	3.3	6.5	4.5	3.8	3.7
Aiken	8.6	7.6	6.5	5.9	5.0	4.1	3.3	2.8	4.9	3.4	3.1	3.0
Allendale	16.9	14.0	12.2	11.3	8.6	6.9	5.8	5.2	9.3	7.8	5.6	5.3
Anderson	8.9	7.1	6.0	5.4	4.6	3.9	3.3	2.7	5.8	3.7	3.0	2.8
Bamberg	15.9	13.5	11.6	10.5	9.1	7.5	6.5	5.4	8.8	7.5	5.4	5.3
Barnwell	13.9	12.1	9.7	9.0	7.4	6.0	4.8	4.2	7.2	6.5	4.6	4.3
Beaufort	7.6	6.4	5.7	5.5	4.8	4.1	3.2	2.6	5.3	3.5	3.1	2.8
Berkeley	8.4	7.0	6.0	5.5	4.6	3.8	3.0	2.5	5.4	3.6	3.0	2.7
Calhoun	11.2	9.6	8.0	7.1	6.2	5.2	4.2	3.5	6.0	4.5	3.5	3.3
Charleston	7.2	5.9	5.2	4.9	4.1	3.5	2.8	2.3	6.2	3.6	2.7	2.4
Cherokee	12.8	10.5	8.3	7.1	6.0	5.0	3.6	3.0	7.8	5.1	4.1	4.2
Chester	14.8	12.2	9.7	8.4	7.2	6.1	4.8	4.1	8.8	5.9	4.2	3.9
Chesterfield	11.4	9.2	6.9	6.1	5.0	4.3	3.3	2.8	5.9	4.5	3.5	3.2
Clarendon	12.8	10.3	8.4	7.7	6.7	6.0	4.7	3.8	6.6	4.9	4.0	4.0
Colleton	12.1	9.9	7.6	7.0	5.6	4.8	4.0	3.1	5.9	4.4	3.5	3.1
Darlington	11.1	9.3	8.0	7.4	6.3	5.3	4.1	3.3	6.3	4.5	3.5	3.3
Dillon	14.1	11.8	9.7	8.6	6.8	5.7	4.8	4.0	6.0	5.8	4.5	4.4
Dorchester	7.8	6.6	5.8	5.5	4.6	3.9	3.0	2.4	5.7	3.6	2.9	2.6
Edgefield	9.4	8.1	6.7	6.4	5.7	4.6	3.5	2.8	5.0	3.4	3.2	3.1
Fairfield	13.0	10.7	8.7	8.1	7.2	7.4	6.2	4.4	7.8	5.8	4.7	4.0
Florence	9.7	8.3	7.2	6.6	5.3	4.5	3.7	2.9	5.4	4.1	3.2	3.0
Georgetown	12.0	10.1	8.6	8.4	6.8	5.6	4.5	3.7	7.3	4.8	3.7	3.3
Greenville	7.4	6.1	5.3	4.9	4.3	3.7	2.9	2.4	5.5	3.4	2.8	2.6
Greenwood	10.1	8.6	6.9	6.3	5.2	4.5	3.6	3.0	6.2	4.5	3.7	3.5
Hampton	11.2	9.3	7.7	8.4	5.9	4.4	3.5	2.6	4.8	3.6	2.9	2.8
Horry	10.4	8.6	7.4	7.1	5.9	5.0	4.2	3.6	8.4	5.1	3.9	3.4
Jasper	8.5	6.9	5.7	5.1	4.4	3.7	3.0	2.5	5.0	3.4	3.0	2.6
Kershaw	9.5	7.8	6.5	6.0	5.2	4.5	3.5	2.9	5.2	3.7	3.2	3.0
Lancaster	11.3	9.3	7.2	6.3	5.3	4.7	3.8	3.3	6.6	4.4	3.5	3.3
Laurens	10.3	8.6	7.1	6.6	5.2	4.4	3.6	2.9	6.7	4.3	3.3	3.2
Lee	14.1	11.0	9.1	8.4	7.1	6.0	4.6	3.9	7.4	5.6	4.6	3.9
Lexington	7.0	5.8	5.1	4.8	4.1	3.6	2.9	2.3	4.2	3.0	2.6	2.5
Marion	11.8	9.8	7.9	7.1	5.6	4.5	3.6	4.2	7.6	6.6	4.8	4.4
Marlboro	15.9	13.1	10.6	10.0	8.8	7.4	5.5	4.7	9.5	7.8	6.6	7.2
McCormick	17.6	13.8	10.6	10.1	8.4	6.5	5.1	3.0	6.5	4.8	3.6	3.3
Newberry	8.8	7.3	5.7	5.3	4.5	4.2	3.1	2.6	4.6	3.3	2.7	2.9
Oconee	8.8	7.7	6.3	5.8	5.2	4.4	3.3	2.7	5.2	3.6	3.0	2.8
Orangeburg	14.3	12.4	11.4	10.9	8.9	7.2	5.8	4.6	8.8	7.1	5.0	4.4
Pickens	9.0	7.4	6.3	5.8	5.0	4.1	3.4	2.8	5.2	3.5	3.1	2.9
Richland	8.2	6.9	6.0	5.7	4.8	4.3	3.4	2.7	5.7	4.1	3.2	3.0
Saluda	8.5	6.9	5.7	5.2	4.6	3.9	3.1	2.6	4.2	3.1	2.8	2.8
Spartanburg	9.4	7.7	6.4	5.7	4.7	4.0	3.1	2.5	6.3	4.0	3.1	2.9
Sumter	10.7	8.7	7.3	6.9	5.9	5.2	4.0	3.3	6.5	4.6	3.8	3.8
Union	13.6	11.3	8.6	7.9	6.2	5.4	4.1	3.4	8.9	6.5	4.7	4.1
Williamsburg	15.8	12.5	10.0	9.2	7.8	6.4	5.4	4.4	8.0	6.1	4.7	4.8
York	9.3	7.7	6.3	5.5	4.6	4.0	3.3	2.7	5.8	3.7	3.1	2.8
South Carolina	9.3	7.7	6.3	5.5	4.6	4.0	3.4	2.8	6.0	4.0	3.2	3.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; [www.bls.gov/lau/tables.htm#cntyaa](http://www.bls.gov/lau/tables.htm#cntyaa)



Per Capita Personal Income						
County	Per Capita Personal Income, 2021	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2021	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2021	Per Capita Personal Income, 2022	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022
Abbeville	\$ 40,219	76.1	62.4	\$ 39,840	74.3	60.9
Aiken	51,458	97.4	79.9	51,601	96.2	78.8
Allendale	40,888	77.4	63.5	40,632	75.8	62.1
Anderson	47,164	89.3	73.2	47,693	88.9	72.8
Bamberg	40,052	75.8	62.2	39,991	74.6	61.1
Barnwell	40,096	75.9	62.2	39,193	73.1	59.9
Beaufort	70,506	133.5	109.4	72,142	134.5	110.2
Berkeley	49,582	93.9	77.0	50,686	94.5	77.4
Calhoun	50,139	94.9	77.8	49,648	92.6	75.8
Charleston	73,838	139.8	114.6	76,546	142.8	116.9
Cherokee	39,073	74.0	60.6	38,740	723.0	59.2
Chester	41,348	78.3	64.2	41,411	77.2	63.3
Chesterfield	39,243	74.3	60.9	39,008	72.8	59.6
Clarendon	45,667	86.4	70.9	45,300	84.5	69.2
Colleton	42,253	80.0	65.6	42,030	78.4	64.2
Darlington	46,986	88.9	72.9	47,707	89.0	72.9
Dillon	39,685	75.1	61.6	39,114	72.9	59.7
Dorchester	46,857	88.7	72.7	47,775	89.1	73.0
Edgefield	48,960	92.7	76.0	49,139	91.6	75.1
Fairfield	49,145	93.0	76.3	50,074	93.4	76.5
Florence	51,183	96.9	79.4	52,035	97.0	79.5
Georgetown	56,852	107.6	88.2	57,180	106.6	87.3
Greenville	55,755	105.5	86.5	56,653	105.7	86.5
Greenwood	43,953	83.2	68.2	43,776	81.6	66.9
Hampton	40,594	76.8	63.0	40,380	75.3	61.7
Horry	47,592	90.1	73.9	46,995	87.6	71.8
Jasper	42,070	79.6	65.3	41,144	76.7	62.8
Kershaw	51,601	97.7	80.1	52,782	98.4	80.6
Lancaster	53,048	100.4	82.3	55,065	102.7	84.1
Laurens	42,450	80.4	65.9	42,725	79.7	65.3
Lee	41,315	78.2	64.1	40,995	76.4	62.6
Lexington	55,915	105.8	86.8	57,076	106.4	87.2
Marion	41,176	77.9	63.9	41,108	76.7	62.8
Marlboro	38,444	72.8	59.7	37,831	70.6	57.8
McCormick	44,265	83.8	68.7	46,096	86.0	70.4
Newberry	46,911	88.8	72.8	47,464	88.5	72.5
Oconee	53,299	100.9	82.7	54,415	101.5	83.1
Orangeburg	42,145	79.8	65.4	41,090	76.6	62.8
Pickens	45,228	85.6	70.2	45,835	85.5	70.0
Richland	53,387	101.1	82.9	53,963	100.6	82.4
Saluda	43,990	83.3	68.3	43,883	81.8	67.0
Spartanburg	52,220	98.8	81.0	52,621	98.1	80.4
Sumter	46,605	88.2	72.3	46,582	89.6	71.2
Union	38,427	72.7	59.6	38,157	71.2	58.3
Williamsburg	39,668	75.1	61.6	38,446	71.7	58.7
York	56,774	107.5	88.1	59,987	110.0	90.1
South Carolina	52,828	100.0	82.0	53,618	100.0	81.9
United States	64,430	122.0	100.0	65,470	122.1	100.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; [https://apps.bea.gov/iTable/index\\_regional.cfm](https://apps.bea.gov/iTable/index_regional.cfm)

Wage and Salary Employment Trends					
County	2010 Jobs	2020 Jobs	2023 Jobs	Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	Percent Change 2020-2023
Abbeville	6,249	5,315	5,374	-2%	1.1%
Aiken	62,447	58,311	63,969	-0.7%	8.8%
Allendale	3,492	2,533	2,454	-3.8%	-3.2%
Anderson	59,819	64,525	71,146	0.7%	9.3%
Bamberg	5,065	3,424	3,533	-4.8%	3.1%
Barnwell	6,032	4,848	4,999	-2.4%	3.0%
Beaufort	70,693	64,763	70,752	-0.9%	8.5%
Berkeley	42,067	55,015	63,988	2.4%	14.0%
Calhoun	4,289	4,582	4,601	0.6%	0.4%
Charleston	230,845	242,243	273,930	0.5%	11.6%
Cherokee	18,902	19,510	18,948	0.3%	-3.0%
Chester	8,457	9,517	10,155	1.1%	6.3%
Chesterfield	13,711	14,239	14,552	0.4%	2.2%
Clarendon	7,788	6,642	6,824	-1.7%	2.7%
Colleton	10,805	10,119	10,105	-0.7%	-0.1%
Darlington	20,266	19,607	20,358	-0.3%	3.7%
Dillon	9,558	9,137	9,589	-0.5%	4.7%
Dorchester	31,213	34,497	39,432	1.0%	12.5%
Edgefield	6,438	5,155	5,730	-2.5%	10.0%
Fairfield	7,269	5,291	5,895	-3.7%	10.2%
Florence	66,543	63,507	67,830	-0.5%	6.4%
Georgetown	23,994	23,446	25,450	-0.2%	7.9%
Greenville	246,404	264,396	291,752	0.7%	9.4%
Greenwood	29,900	27,522	27,581	-0.9%	0.2%
Hampton	5,320	4,464	4,688	-1.9%	4.8%
Horry	115,574	122,231	140,787	0.5%	13.2%
Jasper	8,044	9,643	10,981	1.7%	12.2%
Kershaw	17,436	16,806	18,414	-0.4%	8.7%
Lancaster	18,411	25,305	27,407	2.7%	7.7%
Laurens	18,740	19,916	20,882	0.6%	4.6%
Lee	4,000	3,721	3,857	-0.7%	3.5%
Lexington	102,569	119,027	130,157	1.4%	8.6%
Marion	7,697	6,900	6,735	-1.2%	-2.4%
Marlboro	7,445	6,457	5,530	-1.5%	-16.8%
McCormick	1,844	1,576	1,903	-1.7%	17.2%
Newberry	14,157	14,310	14,883	0.1%	3.9%
Oconee	23,204	23,460	25,507	0.1%	8.0%
Orangeburg	32,874	27,241	28,346	-2.1%	3.9%
Pickens	37,334	35,049	38,911	-0.7%	9.9%
Richland	224,103	212,162	223,996	-0.6%	5.3%
Saluda	4,831	4,989	4,835	0.3%	-3.2%
Spartanburg	119,497	144,453	152,472	1.7%	5.3%
Sumter	42,524	35,639	35,579	-1.9%	-0.2%
Union	7,159	7,461	7,340	0.4%	-1.6%
Williamsburg	9,220	8,108	7,243	-1.4%	-11.9%
York	79,250	96,903	103,923	1.8%	6.8%
South Carolina	1,893,479	2,028,041	2,242,434	0.7%	9.6%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; [www.bls.gov/cew/downloadable-data-files.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cew/downloadable-data-files.htm); Total Covered Wages, All Industries

Average Annual Wage Per Job				
County	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2022	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2022	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023
Abbeville	\$ 45,193	65%	\$ 46,819	65%
Aiken	57,573	82%	60,693	84%
Allendale	55,579	79%	54,355	75%
Anderson	48,047	69%	49,311	68%
Bamberg	40,979	59%	43,350	60%
Barnwell	40,136	57%	42,035	58%
Beaufort	50,106	72%	51,308	71%
Berkeley	60,735	87%	64,938	90%
Calhoun	55,148	79%	59,182	82%
Charleston	62,964	90%	64,772	90%
Cherokee	41,979	60%	44,898	62%
Chester	51,861	74%	55,754	77%
Chesterfield	45,078	64%	47,033	65%
Clarendon	38,465	55%	40,585	56%
Colleton	43,728	62%	46,122	64%
Darlington	54,920	78%	55,938	77%
Dillon	37,875	54%	39,513	55%
Dorchester	48,405	69%	51,053	71%
Edgefield	48,131	69%	49,899	69%
Fairfield	58,050	83%	60,926	84%
Florence	48,552	69%	50,116	69%
Georgetown	47,272	68%	48,909	68%
Greenville	58,107	83%	60,437	84%
Greenwood	49,053	70%	50,822	70%
Hampton	46,787	67%	48,080	66%
Horry	43,611	62%	45,921	63%
Jasper	50,290	72%	52,133	72%
Kershaw	43,982	63%	45,985	64%
Lancaster	59,185	85%	60,647	84%
Laurens	47,820	68%	49,650	69%
Lee	44,209	63%	46,868	65%
Lexington	51,161	73%	53,343	74%
Marion	40,703	58%	43,842	61%
Marlboro	49,437	71%	51,806	72%
McCormick	39,110	56%	39,604	55%
Newberry	45,185	65%	46,940	65%
Oconee	53,338	76%	54,498	75%
Orangeburg	46,229	66%	46,339	64%
Pickens	48,864	70%	51,351	71%
Richland	57,473	82%	60,510	84%
Saluda	42,302	60%	44,568	62%
Spartanburg	54,643	78%	56,619	78%
Sumter	47,756	68%	50,961	70%
Union	45,007	64%	46,870	65%
Williamsburg	48,539	69%	50,095	69%
York	57,787	83%	58,192	80%
South Carolina	55,551	79%	57,943	80%
United States	69,986	100%	72,357	100%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; <https://www.bls.gov/data>

\* Suppressed Employment and Wages Excluded from Data Set

Assessed Property				
County	Total Assessed Property, 2021	Per Capita Assessed Property, 2021	Total Assessed Property, 2022	Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022
Abbeville	\$ 80,601,647	\$ 3,318	\$ 86,761,579	\$ 3,571
Aiken	889,621,477	5,270	936,443,900	5,547
Allendale	24,295,238	3,022	23,615,440	2,938
Anderson	1,005,482,054	4,936	2,749,038,068	13,494
Bamberg	32,777,906	2,462	32,287,204	2,426
Barnwell	60,422,966	2,935	61,680,680	2,996
Beaufort	2,365,105,764	12,640	2,128,619,805	11,376
Berkeley	1,530,639,074	6,659	1,736,602,652	7,555
Calhoun	91,601,599	6,488	100,265,307	7,101
Charleston	4,841,619,853	11,860	4,995,210,362	12,236
Cherokee	232,006,333	4,127	250,116,590	4,449
Chester	146,744,251	4,544	154,241,547	4,776
Chesterfield	149,528,609	3,455	141,055,736	3,260
Clarendon	119,329,135	3,832	132,551,668	4,256
Colleton	200,361,300	5,190	212,268,461	5,499
Darlington	266,794,077	4,241	259,720,527	4,129
Dillon	79,817,603	2,821	83,565,563	2,954
Dorchester	753,402,399	4,664	817,392,704	5,060
Edgefield	91,972,166	3,585	98,555,885	3,841
Fairfield	151,088,006	7,213	160,546,047	7,664
Florence	603,332,378	4,402	631,768,819	4,609
Georgetown	628,575,470	9,914	650,395,309	10,258
Greenville	3,182,682,057	6,056	3,334,488,266	6,345
Greenwood	318,409,528	4,591	308,461,390	4,448
Hampton	56,450,252	3,041	56,936,994	3,068
Horry	2,844,010,319	8,102	3,089,291,482	8,801
Jasper	189,103,429	6,568	214,859,314	7,463
Kershaw	294,433,440	4,502	325,732,029	4,980
Lancaster	521,813,956	5,435	564,606,088	5,880
Laurens	226,870,216	3,359	242,443,405	3,590
Lee	40,925,958	2,476	38,137,061	2,307
Lexington	1,558,959,141	5,303	1,582,349,005	5,382
Marion	86,058,920	2,949	86,139,162	2,952
Marlboro	85,485,290	3,206	86,345,096	3,238
McCormick	51,102,439	5,365	53,559,056	5,622
Newberry	177,402,502	4,703	181,145,558	4,803
Oconee	643,589,880	8,187	663,221,645	8,437
Orangeburg	314,332,894	3,732	305,036,311	3,622
Pickens	625,113,869	4,757	663,201,731	5,047
Richland	1,863,677,564	4,478	1,931,627,990	4,642
Saluda	73,953,055	3,921	74,776,220	3,964
Spartanburg	1,717,460,223	5,236	1,862,285,620	5,678
Sumter	355,920,203	3,372	358,308,830	3,394
Union	84,283,894	3,094	83,884,662	3,079
Williamsburg	106,309,087	3,426	108,636,227	3,501
York	1,704,888,469	6,044	1,782,885,512	6,320
All Counties	31,468,355,890	6,148	34,441,062,507	6,729

Per Capita Assessed Property calculated with 2020 Census population. Source: SC Department of Revenue; Contact Information: <https://dor.sc.gov/lgs/contact>

County Millage Rates and Mil Values		
County	County Millage Rate, 2023	Value of a County Mil, 2023
Abbeville	0.13770	\$ 72,743
Aiken	0.07034	840,000
Allendale	0.22900	19,807
Anderson	0.08400	989,663
Bamberg	0.22790	30,850
Barnwell	0.17720	61,911
Beaufort	0.05950	2,651,702
Berkeley	0.04850	1,400,000
Calhoun	0.13030	60,569
Charleston	0.05560	4,903,717
Cherokee	0.09870	214,724
Chester	0.18380	116,536
Chesterfield	0.13432	146,972
Clarendon	0.17950	126,156
Colleton	0.12955	218,841
Darlington	0.08830	263,770
Dillon	0.15500	78,789
Dorchester	0.08410	822,633
Edgefield	0.09749	100,750
Fairfield	0.19190	152,338
Florence	0.10490	555,241
Georgetown	0.07680	*
Greenville	0.07030	2,982,763
Greenwood	0.07360	211,621
Hampton	0.22770	57,388
Horry	0.05620	3,040,000
Jasper	0.15200	224,465
Kershaw	0.08750	302,000
Lancaster	0.10490	480,415
Laurens	0.09736	186,480
Lee	0.17940	42,000
Lexington	0.09419	1,476,267
Marion	0.14580	78,139
Marlboro	0.12830	65,000
McCormick	0.15080	51,179
Newberry	0.13500	164,645
Oconee	0.07340	640,128
Orangeburg	0.18080	311,108
Pickens	0.07400	667,335
Richland	0.12770	1,840,000
Saluda	0.17280	73,320
Spartanburg	0.07750	1,792,247
Sumter	0.11390	317,413
Union	0.17490	74,000
Williamsburg	0.17350	109,408
York	0.07450	1,714,194

\* Not Reported

Millage rates represent county base rates and do not include school districts, municipalities, special purpose districts, special fees, or county industrial abatements

Value of a mil based on county operations only.

Source: 2023 South Carolina Property Tax Rates by County; <https://www.sccounties.org/research-information/property-tax-rates>

Sales Taxes Imposed at the County Level						
County	Local Option	Capital Projects	School District	Transportation	Ed. Capital Improvement	County Green Space
Abbeville	1.0%	*	*	*	*	*
Aiken	*	1.0%	*	*	1.0%	*
Allendale	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Anderson	*	*	*	*	1.0%	*
Bamberg	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Barnwell	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Beaufort	*	*	*	*	*	1.0%
Berkeley	1.0%	*	*	1.0%	1.0%	*
Calhoun	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Charleston	1.0%	*	*	1.0%	1.0%	*
Cherokee	1.0%	*	*	*	1.0%	*
Chester	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Chesterfield	1.0%	*	1.0%	*	*	*
Clarendon	1.0%	*	1.0%	*	*	*
Colleton	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Darlington	1.0%	*	*	*	1.0%	*
Dillon	1.0%	*	1.0%	*	*	*
Dorchester	*	*	*	1.0%	*	*
Edgefield	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Fairfield	1.0%	*	*	*	*	*
Florence	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Georgetown	*	*	*	*	*	*
Greenville	*	*	*	*	*	*
Greenwood	*	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Hampton	1.0%		*	*	*	*
Horry	*	1.0%	*	*	1.0%	*
Jasper	1.0%	*	1.0%	*	*	*
Kershaw	1.0%	*	*	*	1.0%	*
Lancaster	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Laurens	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Lee	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Lexington	*	*	1.0%	*	*	*
Marion	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Marlboro	1.0%	*	1.0%	*	*	*
McCormick	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Newberry	*	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Oconee	*	*	*	*	*	*
Orangeburg	*	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Pickens	1.0%	*	*	*	*	*
Richland	1.0%	*	*	1.0%	*	*
Saluda	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Spartanburg	*	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Sumter	1.0%	*	*	*	*	*
Union	1.0%	*	*	*	*	*
Williamsburg	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*	*
York	*	1.0%	*	*	*	*

Source: S.C. Department of Revenue; <https://dor.sc.gov/tax/sales-and-use>

\*Tax not imposed



### County Local Option Sales and Use Tax Collections

County	Local Option FY 2023	Capital Projects FY 2023	School Districts FY 2023	Transportation FY 2023	Edu. Capital Improvement FY 2023	County Green Space FY 2023
Abbeville	\$2,663,439	*	*	*	*	*
Aiken	*	\$ 28,779,983	*	*	\$ 28,695,137	*
Allendale	736,974	701,999	*	*	*	*
Anderson	*	*	*	*	37,356,454	*
Bamberg	1,421,166	1,227,048	*	*	*	*
Barnwell	2,653,320	2,254,526	*	*	*	*
Beaufort	*	*	*	\$ 196,887	*	\$ 5,443,789
Berkeley	53,886,171	*	*	54,061,292	12,384,035	*
Calhoun	1,942,065	1,800,366	*	*	*	*
Charleston	175,235,616	*	*	173,459,179	157,966,337	*
Cherokee	9,374,584	*	*	*	8,324,811	*
Chester	4,619,600	4,104,449	*	*	*	*
Chesterfield	5,911,759	*	\$ 5,008,843	*	*	*
Clarendon	4,538,317	*	4,514,738	*	*	*
Colleton	7,648,534	6,549,831	*	*	*	*
Darlington	9,998,998	*	*	*	8,482,875	*
Dillon	4,718,966	*	4,117,004	*	*	*
Dorchester	*	*	*	32,150,008	*	*
Edgefield	2,785,027	2,572,491	*	*	*	*
Fairfield	2,949,326	*	*	*	*	*
Florence	35,689,336	31,988,200	*	*	*	*
Georgetown	*	3,260	*	*	*	*
Greenville	*	*	*	*	*	*
Greenwood	*	12,577,606	*	*	*	*
Hampton	2,374,953	8,282	*	*	*	*
Horry	*	125,074,742	*	*	126,002,600	*
Jasper	9,390,648	*	8,452,851	5,405,479	*	*
Kershaw	11,760,297	*	*	*	10,090,570	*
Lancaster	18,989,330	16,384,986	*	*	*	*
Laurens	8,756,680	7,368,733	*	*	*	*
Lee	1,577,788	1,387,027	*	*	*	*
Lexington	*	*	69,615,510	*	*	*
Marion	3,527,083	3,342,292	*	*	*	*
Marlboro	2,345,142	*	2,034,585	*	*	*
McCormick	1,026,565	985,132	*	*	*	*
Newberry	*	5,835,187	*	*	*	*
Oconee	*	*	*	*	*	*
Orangeburg	*	13,982,147	*	*	*	*
Pickens	25,954,972	*	*	*	*	*
Richland	95,513,851	*	*	94,599,890	*	*
Saluda	1,749,400	1,601,335	*	*	*	*
Spartanburg	*	70,428,006	*	*	*	*
Sumter	18,440,642	14,822,776	*	*	*	*
Union	3,914,323	*	*	*	*	*
Williamsburg	3,322,896	2,969,103	*	*	*	*
York	*	54,598,661	*	*	*	*
S. Carolina	536,058,594	411,348,170	93,743,531	359,872,735	389,302,818	5,443,789

Source: S.C. Department of Revenue 2022-2023 Annual Report

<https://dor.sc.gov/resources-site/publications/Publications/2022-2023%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

\*Tax not imposed

## State Accommodations and Admissions Tax Collections

County	State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	State Admissions Tax, FY 2022
Abbeville	\$ 35,479	\$ 13,495.00
Aiken	1,071,387	1,379,888
Allendale	5,796	0
Anderson	1,092,673	704,603
Bamberg	12,436	6,313
Barnwell	31,351	8,171
Beaufort	18,109,264	6,260,239
Berkeley	1,698,847	1,926,374
Calhoun	4,391	7,767
Charleston	29,781,220	11,072,192
Cherokee	203,104	144,753
Chester	152,099	55,187
Chesterfield	94,884	39,484
Clarendon	240,543	52,694
Colleton	1,313,014	194,109
Darlington	159,713	173,028
Dillon	195,346	19,151
Dorchester	269,378	673,454
Edgefield	35,124	32,064
Fairfield	65,984	91,352
Florence	1,869,444	510,661
Georgetown	3,128,559	1,067,049
Greenville	6,276,372	5,170,505
Greenwood	310,995	313,613
Hampton	25,888	19
Horry	31,616,130	13,933,687
Jasper	651,038	136,422
Kershaw	268,123	49,785
Lancaster	123,550	297,312
Laurens	193,500	119,440
Lee	17,946	47,729
Lexington	1,661,603	1,132,712
Marion	32,685	6,828
Marlboro	20,769	11,023
McCormick	59,285	90,078
Newberry	222,924	27,729
Oconee	798,137	419,224
Orangeburg	1,027,625	207,579
Pickens	838,289	2,864,830
Richland	4,357,659	4,658,085
Saluda	27,915	11,303
Spartanburg	1,709,600	954,172
Sumter	589,021	168,880
Union	48,165	762
Williamsburg	23,215	5,215
York	1,873,717	2,536,452
Unallocated		1,495,753
South Carolina	112,344,190	59,091,165

Source: S.C. Department of Revenue 2022-2023 Annual Report  
<https://dor.sc.gov/resources-site/publications/Publications/2022-2023%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

County Revenues and Expenditures				
County	Total Revenues FY 2022	Per Capita Revenues	Total Expenditures FY 2022	Per Capita Expenditures
Abbeville	\$ 24,475,862	\$ 1,007	\$ 21,130,777	\$ 870
Aiken	149,469,747	885	154,983,442	918
Allendale	8,968,437	1,116	8,673,372	1,079
Anderson	139,066,840	683	178,160,334	875
Bamberg	12,356,161	928	9,640,924	724
Barnwell	18,647,973	906	21,142,054	1,027
Beaufort	300,878,491	1,608	226,626,632	1,211
Berkeley	346,821,788	1,509	159,517,132	694
Calhoun	25,010,763	1,771	22,649,971	1,604
Charleston	1,025,408,065	2,512	629,621,515	1,542
Cherokee	59,285,672	1,055	41,333,898	735
Chester	70,760,778	2,191	41,454,729	1,284
Chesterfield	42,644,748	985	26,238,732	606
Clarendon	39,319,723	1,263	41,628,447	1,337
Colleton	69,253,702	1,794	66,774,845	1,730
Darlington	48,747,916	775	52,620,489	837
Dillon	27,254,851	963	25,476,025	900
Dorchester	249,602,323	1,545	165,105,854	1,022
Edgefield	15,834,388	617	19,393,725	756
Fairfield	44,808,328	2,139	42,502,822	2,029
Florence	171,291,903	1,250	165,942,423	1,211
Georgetown	93,174,346	1,470	94,077,818	1,484
Greenville	328,982,368	626	402,325,036	766
Greenwood	66,405,241	958	50,252,285	725
Hampton	23,172,030	1,248	26,099,003	1,406
Horry	724,813,374	2,065	525,200,320	1,496
Jasper	49,037,835	1,703	40,571,976	1,409
Kershaw	82,619,036	1,263	68,565,644	1,048
Lancaster	135,344,489	1,410	121,624,403	1,267
Laurens	58,828,912	871	68,603,849	1,016
Lee	26,155,765	1,582	16,603,867	1,004
Lexington	278,798,730	948	239,127,080	813
Marion	35,073,183	1,202	33,814,143	1,159
Marlboro	28,704,823	1,076	18,944,551	710
McCormick	15,417,165	1,618	12,478,819	1,310
Newberry	40,201,244	1,066	34,403,981	912
Oconee	90,465,752	1,151	81,908,043	1,042
Orangeburg	93,367,346	1,109	109,558,017	1,301
Pickens	89,352,522	680	90,771,219	691
Richland	497,559,982	1,196	409,871,164	985
Saluda	19,612,668	1,040	13,897,200	737
Spartanburg	368,209,847	1,123	303,656,979	926
Sumter	127,506,973	1,208	85,826,900	813
Union	38,278,011	1,405	27,891,936	1,024
Williamsburg	67,425,385	2,173	58,287,750	1,879
York	255,357,261	905	224,086,213	794

Source: 2022 Local Government Finance Report, S.C. Fiscal Affairs and Revenue Office;  
<https://rfa.sc.gov/data-research/local-government/finance>

County General Fund Budget and Payroll			
County	General Fund Budget FY 2024	Per Capita General Fund Budget	Payroll FY 2024
Abbeville	\$ 12,633,212	\$ 520	\$ 8,149,405
Aiken	75,617,816	448	52,907,221
Allendale	*	*	*
Anderson	67,210,045	330	30,564,800
Bamberg	10,389,475	781	4,169,595
Barnwell	23,097,570	1,122	7,215,470
Beaufort	152,023,000	812	84,486,396
Berkeley	124,906,001	543	48,433,248
Calhoun	17,759,442	1,258	11,685,873
Charleston	324,747,197	795	170,250,526
Cherokee	11,518,873	205	15,107,208
Chester	*	*	*
Chesterfield	22,353,007	517	10,434,569
Clarendon	27,222,880	874	11,592,710
Colleton	33,692,377	873	25,744,323
Darlington	*	*	*
Dillon	22,636,378	800	9,065,983
Dorchester	82,573,199	511	45,275,100
Edgefield	14,462,632	564	9,375,868
Fairfield	*	*	*
Florence	*	*	*
Georgetown	33,024,000	521	29,141,108
Greenville	213,676,673	407	145,979,954
Greenwood	26,636,965	384	18,946,233
Hampton	*	*	*
Horry	254,191,688	724	157,309,342
Jasper	*	*	*
Kershaw	34,746,306	531	7,125,983
Lancaster	70,066,507	730	31,848,295
Laurens	34,163,867	506	16,225,823
Lee	15,260,299	923	6,626,117
Lexington	182,532,088	621	122,672,429
Marion	23,640,261	810	*
Marlboro	14,233,618	534	7,632,380
McCormick	14,334,345	1,505	6,117,839
Newberry	32,907,171	872	10,545,275
Oconee	60,766,345	773	25,609,866
Orangeburg	*	*	*
Pickens	55,610,333	423	25,763,875
Richland	218,996,057	526	98,482,968
Saluda	16,271,913	863	7,610,813
Spartanburg	*	*	*
Sumter	60,172,521	570	26,206,740
Union	20,192,036	741	9,613,965
Williamsburg	20,534,327	662	9,621,124
York	148,125,141	525	101,198,297

\*Not Reported

Source: FY 2024 Wage and Salary Report, South Carolina Association of Counties;  
<https://www.sccounties.org/research-information/wage-and-salary-survey>

County Employment				
County	Full-Time Employment FY 2024	Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	Part-Time Employment FY 2024	Full-Time Law Enforcement FY 2024
Abbeville	165	7	48	32
Aiken	956	6	71	222
Allendale	*	*	*	*
Anderson	871	5	211	305
Bamberg	100	8	22	13
Barnwell	186	9	40	*
Beaufort	1,193	6	168	254
Berkeley	1,415	6	132	312
Calhoun	142	10	62	35
Charleston	2,699	7	*	297
Cherokee	316	6	27	106
Chester	*	*	*	*
Chesterfield	261	6	26	53
Clarendon	373	12	66	63
Colleton	420	11	79	59
Darlington	*	*	*	*
Dillon	191	7	66	44
Dorchester	1,040	6	189	239
Edgefield	189	7	25	42
Fairfield	*	*	*	*
Florence	*	*	*	*
Georgetown	638	10	100	120
Greenville	2,402	5	76	494
Greenwood	390	6	113	76
Hampton	*	*	*	*
Horry	2,755	8	150	667
Jasper	*	*	*	*
Kershaw	385	6	125	83
Lancaster	587	6	250	135
Laurens	399	6	90	108
Lee	132	8	55	*
Lexington	1,856	6	174	473
Marion	231	8	32	75
Marlboro	189	7	42	30
McCormick	125	13	49	21
Newberry	195	5	16	79
Oconee	555	7	25	126
Orangeburg	*	*	*	*
Pickens	609	5	196	162
Richland	2,225	5	295	563
Saluda	153	8	31	28
Spartanburg	*	*	*	*
Sumter	609	6	71	214
Union	193	7	63	35
Williamsburg	283	9	86	47
York	1,198	4	139	208

\*Not Reported

Source: FY 2024 Wage and Salary Report, South Carolina Association of Counties; <https://www.sccounties.org/research-information/wage-and-salary-survey>

County Debt Outstanding			
County	General Obligation Debt FY 2023	Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023
Abbeville	\$ 1,426,000	\$ 2,711,100	\$ 112
Aiken	36,900,000	36,900,000	208
Allendale	1,032,941	1,032,941	135
Anderson	10,988,513	31,001,368	146
Bamberg	2,162,974	20,022,974	1,539
Barnwell	4,541,403	4,541,403	229
Beaufort	164,524,853	164,524,853	783
Berkeley	98,433,482	131,968,482	505
Calhoun	7,390,050	11,244,073	798
Charleston	324,305,000	428,085,000	966
Cherokee	10,975,000	10,975,000	189
Chester	17,781,100	22,576,600	710
Chesterfield	2,964,000	7,387,000	164
Clarendon	7,518,291	44,020,258	1,332
Colleton	54,759,798	54,759,798	1,449
Darlington	1,888,000	2,076,200	32
Dillon	4,385,000	5,108,505	174
Dorchester	144,435,735	228,451,490	1,281
Edgefield	679,911	23,579,911	846
Fairfield	3,911,775	3,911,775	182
Florence	120,040,000	122,227,000	895
Georgetown	25,990,000	33,887,124	523
Greenville	82,142,000	282,061,000	496
Greenwood	*	*	*
Hampton	3,466,620	3,466,620	190
Horry	79,434,000	177,454,379	423
Jasper	6,428,200	20,411,631	591
Kershaw	6,329,070	22,043,112	314
Lancaster	27,625,000	33,017,265	288
Laurens	5,510,682	26,627,206	391
Lee	571,467	5,793,272	375
Lexington	13,800,000	13,800,000	43
Marion	1,206,879	1,206,879	41
Marlboro	2,193,543	2,373,773	97
McCormick	2,232,851	5,277,226	584
Newberry	3,572,992	8,545,292	219
Oconee	14,719,215	19,530,190	234
Orangeburg	57,855,978	111,241,819	1,354
Pickens	20,395,000	25,134,229	189
Richland	99,680,000	248,280,000	577
Saluda	*	867,020	42
Spartanburg	52,770,000	71,055,463	204
Sumter	13,296,273	14,381,273	137
Union	5,069,231	5,069,231	191
Williamsburg	9,432,590	33,572,590	1,203
York	99,372,159	121,852,159	379

\* Not Reported

Source: Local Government Debt Report for FY 2022, South Carolina State Treasurer's Office;

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## County Credit Ratings

County	Fitch FY 2023	Moody's FY 2023	S&P FY 2023
Abbeville	*	*	*
Aiken	*	Aa2	AA
Allendale	*	*	*
Anderson	*	*	*
Bamberg	*	*	A
Barnwell	*	*	A
Beaufort	*	Aa1	AA+
Berkeley	*	Aa1	AA+
Calhoun	*	*	*
Charleston	AAA	Aaa	AAA
Cherokee	*	Aa3	*
Chester	*	*	A+
Chesterfield	*	*	*
Clarendon	*	*	A+
Colleton	*	Aa3	AA-
Darlington	*	*	*
Dillon	*	*	*
Dorchester	*	Aa1	AA+
Edgefield	*	*	A+
Fairfield	*	*	A
Florence	*	Aa2	AA-
Georgetown	*	Aa2	*
Greenville	AAA	Aaa	AAA
Greenwood	*	*	*
Hampton	*	*	*
Horry	AA+	Aa1	AA+
Jasper	*	*	AA-
Kershaw	AA	Aa2	*
Lancaster	*	Aa1	AA-
Laurens	*	Aa3	*
Lee	*	*	*
Lexington	*	Aaa	AA+
Marion	*	*	*
Marlboro	*	*	*
McCormick	*	*	*
Newberry	*	Aa3	*
Oconee	*	Aa2	AA
Orangeburg	A	*	A-
Pickens	*	Aa2	AA
Richland	*	Aaa	AAA
Saluda	*	*	*
Spartanburg	AA+	Aa1	AA+
Sumter	*	Aa2	A+
Union	*	*	*
Williamsburg	*	*	A
York	*	Aaa	AA+

Ratings Defined		
Fitch	AAA	Highest credit quality
	AA	Very high credit quality
	A	High credit quality
	BBB	Good credit quality
Moody's	Aaa	Exceptional financial security
	Aa	Excellent financial security
	A	Good financial security
	Baa	Adequate financial security
S&P	AAA	Extremely strong capacity
	AA	Very strong capacity
	A	Strong capacity
	BBB	Adequate capacity
<p>Note: In some cases, Fitch and Standard &amp; Poor's use a plus or minus sign to show relative standing within a rating category. Similarly, Moody's uses the numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 with 1 signifying the higher end of a rating category and 3 signifying the lower end.</p>		

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