

EDGEFIELD COUNTY

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



Population Trends

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

Economic Data

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

Tax Data

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

County Finance & Employment Data

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