

## 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).