


LAURENS COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785	
Land Area (square miles):	715	
Form of Government:	Council	
Council Members:	7	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Upper Savannah	
County Seat:	Laurens	
Other Cities and Towns:	Clinton, Cross Hill, Fountain Inn, Gray Court, Ware Shoals, Waterloo	

Population Trends

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

Economic Data

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

Tax Data

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

County Finance & Employment Data

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

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).