


LEXINGTON COUNTY

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

Population Trends

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

Economic Data

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

Tax Data

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

County Finance & Employment Data

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