


NEWBERRY COUNTY

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

Population Trends

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

Economic Data

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

Tax Data

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

County Finance & Employment Data

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

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).