


ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785	
Land Area (square miles):	1,106	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	7	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Lower Savannah	
County Seat:	Orangeburg	
Other Cities and Towns:	Bowman, Branchville, Cope, Cordova, Elloree, Eutawville, Holly Hill, Livingston, Neeses, North, Norway, Rowesville, Santee, Springfield, Vance, Woodford	

Population Trends

2020 Census	84,223	2023 Pop. Estimate	82,820
2010 Census	92,501	2020 Pop. Estimate	83,958
2000 Census	91,582	Numeric Change 2020-2023	-1,138
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-8,278	Percent Change 2020-2023	-1.36%
Persons Per Square Mile	76.2		

Economic Data

2023 Jobs	28,346	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023	\$46,339
2020 Jobs	27,241	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023	64.0%
2010 Jobs	32,874	Per Capita Personal Income, 2022	\$41,090
Percent Change 2020-2023	3.9%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022	62.8
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-2.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022	76.6
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023	7.1		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2022	\$305,036,311	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022	\$3,622	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2023	0.1808	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2023	\$311,108	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	\$1,027,625	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2022	\$207,579	Edu. Capital Improvement	*
		County Green Space	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2022	\$93,367,346	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,109
Total Expenditures FY 2022	\$109,558,017	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,301
General Fund Budget FY 2024	*	Per Capita General Fund Budget	*
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	\$111,241,819	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023	\$1,354
Payroll FY 2024	*	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2024	*	Fitch FY 2023	A
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	*	Moody's FY 2023	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2024	*	S&P FY 2023	A-

County History

Orangeburg County was named for William IV (1711-1751), Prince of Orange, the son-in-law of King George II. Orangeburg District was established in 1769, and from 1785 to 1791 it included four counties: Lexington, Orange, Winton, and Lewisburg. The district was reduced in size when Barnwell (1800) and Lexington (1804) districts were formed; parts of Orangeburg also went to form Aiken (1871) and Calhoun (1908) counties. Swiss and German farmers moved into this region around 1735, and English settlers from the lowcountry followed. The battle of Eutaw Springs was fought there during the Revolutionary War on September 8, 1781; it was the last major battle of the war in South Carolina. Large plantations using slave labor were established in Orangeburg in the nineteenth century, and the county became a major producer of cotton. Railroads arrived in the area early; Branchville became the first railroad junction in the state in 1840. Union troops under General Sherman passed through Orangeburg in February 1865. Orangeburg County was the birthplace of historian Alexander S. Salley (1871-1961) and singer Eartha Kitt.