

## PICKENS COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1868
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	497
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	6
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Appalachian
<b>County Seat:</b>	Pickens
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Central, Clemson, Easley, Liberty, Norris, Six Mile



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	131,404	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	135,495
<b>2010 Census</b>	119,224	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	131,602
<b>2000 Census</b>	110,757	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	3,893
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	12,180	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	2.96%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	264.4		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	38,911	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$51,351
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	35,049	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	71.0%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	37,334	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$45,835
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	9.9%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	70.0
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-0.7%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	85.5
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.5		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$663,201,731	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$5,047	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0740	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$667,335	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$838,289	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$2,864,830	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$89,352,522	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$680
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$90,771,219	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$691
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$55,610,333	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$423
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$25,134,229	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$189
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$25,763,875	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	609	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	5	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa2
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	196	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AA

### County History

Pickens County was named for Revolutionary War hero Andrew Pickens (1739-1817). This area in the northwestern corner of the state was Indian territory until 1777. It subsequently became part of Pendleton District (at one time called Washington District). In 1826 Pendleton was divided into two counties, Pickens and Anderson; the western portion of Pickens County was later split off to form Oconee County (1868). The earliest European settlers in this region were Indian traders. The British built Fort Prince George around 1753 as protection against the Indians, and the fort was the site of several battles in the Cherokee War of 1756. The Cherokee town of Old Seneca was later destroyed by American troops in 1776. John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), U.S. Vice President, Senator, and cabinet member, made his home at Fort Hill plantation in Pickens County. His son-in-law, Thomas Green Clemson (1807-1888), bequeathed the plantation to the state for use as an agricultural college, which led to the founding of Clemson University.