SALUDA COUNTY

Date Formed:	1895
Land Area (square miles):	452
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	5
Method of Election:	Single Member/ Chair at-Large
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Upper Savannah
County Seat:	Saluda
Other Cities and Towns:	Batesburg-Leesville, Monetta, Ridge Spring, Ward

Population Trends

2020 Census	18,862	**2023 Pop. Estimate**	19,123
2010 Census	19,875	**2020 Pop. Estimate**	18,830
2000 Census	19,181	**Numeric Change 2020-2023**	293
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-1,013	**Percent Change 2020-2023**	1.56%
Persons Per Square Mile	41.7		

Economic Data

2023 Jobs	4,835	**Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023**	$44,568
2020 Jobs	4,989	**Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023**	61.6%
2010 Jobs	4,831	**Per Capita Personal Income, 2022**	$43,883
Percent Change 2020-2023	-3.2%	**Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022**	67.0
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.3%	**Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022**	81.8
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023	3.1		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2022	$74,776,220	**Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:**	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022	$3,964	**Local Option**	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2023	0.1728	**Capital Projects**	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2023	$73,320	**School District**	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	$27,915	**Transportation**	*
State AdmissionsTax, FY 2022	$11,303	**Edu. Capital Improvement**	*
		County Green Space	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2022	$19,612,668	**Per Capita Revenues**	$1,040
Total Expenditures FY 2022	$13,897,200	**Per Capita Expenditures**	$737
General Fund Budget FY 2024	$16,271,913	**Per Capita General Fund Budget**	$863
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	$867,020	**Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023**	$42
Payroll FY 2024	$7,610,813	**County Credit Ratings:**	
Full-Time Employment FY 2024	153	**Fitch FY 2023**	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	8	**Moody's FY 2023**	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2024	31	**S&P FY 2023**	*

County History

Saluda County was named for the Saluda River, which forms one of its borders. The county was established in 1895 from part of Edgefield County. The Cherokee Indians lived in this area for many years. In 1755 they signed a treaty with the British at their settlement, known as Saluda Old Town. Scotch-Irish and English settlers subsequently began moving into the area, while the Cherokees moved farther to the north. Two famous heroes of the Alamo, William Barrett Travis (1809-1836) and James Butler Bonham (1807-1836) were natives of what is now Saluda County.