

UNION COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785
Land Area (square miles):	514
Form of Government:	Council-Supervisor
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Catawba
County Seat:	Union
Other Cities and Towns:	Carlisle, Jonesville, Lockhart



Population Trends

2020 Census	27,244	2023 Pop. Estimate	26,629
2010 Census	28,961	2020 Pop. Estimate	27,148
2000 Census	29,881	Numeric Change 2020-2023	-519
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-1,717	Percent Change 2020-2023	-1.91%
Persons Per Square Mile	53.0		

Economic Data

2023 Jobs	7,340	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023	\$46,870
2020 Jobs	7,461	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023	64.8%
2010 Jobs	7,159	Per Capita Personal Income, 2022	\$38,157
Percent Change 2020-2023	-1.6%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022	58.3
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022	71.2
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023	6.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2022	\$83,884,662	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022	\$3,079	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2023	0.1749	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2023	\$74,000	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	\$48,165	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2022	\$762	Edu. Capital Improvement	*
		County Green Space	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2022	\$38,278,011	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,405
Total Expenditures FY 2022	\$27,891,936	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,024
General Fund Budget FY 2024	\$20,192,036	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$741
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	\$5,069,231	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023	\$191
Payroll FY 2024	\$9,613,965	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2024	193	Fitch FY 2023	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	7	Moody's FY 2023	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2024	63	S&P FY 2023	*

County History

Union County was named for the old Union Church, which served both the Presbyterian and Episcopal congregations in the area. The church was erected in 1765 near the present day town of Union, the county seat. Union County was created as a part of Ninety Six District in 1785. It was part of Pinckney District from 1791 to 1800 and became a separate district when Pinckney was dissolved in 1800. The upper part of the county later went to form Cherokee County in 1897. The early settlers in this area were mainly Scotch-Irish from Virginia and Pennsylvania, who began immigrating to the South Carolina upcountry in the 1750s. Much fighting took place here during the Revolutionary War, including the battles of Musgrove's Mill (August 18, 1780) and Blackstocks (November 20, 1780). Revolutionary leaders Thomas Brandon (1741-1802) and Joseph McJunkin (1755-1846) were from Union County, as were Confederate Generals States Rights Gist (1831-1864) and William Henry Wallace (1827-1905). Secession Governor William Henry Gist (1807-1874) made his home at Rose Hill Plantation in Union County, now a state park.