

BAMBERG COUNTY

Date Formed	1897	Form of Government	Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	393	Council Members	7
Council of Government	Lower Savannah	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Bamberg	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Denmark, Ehrhardt, Govan, Olar		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	14,381	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	-149
Population Estimate 2016	14,530	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	-1.0%
Census Population 2010	15,987	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	-1,606
Census Population 2000	16,658	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	-1.4%
Census Population 1990	16,902	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	-915
Persons Per Square Mile	40.68	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	-0.3%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	4,552	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$454,045
Jobs 2015	4,577	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$31,457
Jobs 2010	5,065	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	63.9%
Jobs 2000	5,622	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$32,204
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-1.0%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	60.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	-0.5%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	7.4%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$36,485,300	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$2,282	Local Option	1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.19070	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of One Mil 2017	\$30,810	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$63,048,440	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$2,063	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$7,194		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$7,691,295	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$481
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$7,300,481	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$457
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$7,227,010	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$452
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$1,739,828	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$119
Payroll FY 2018	\$3,012,522	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	90	Moody's	
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	30	Standard and Poor's	AA
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	5.6	Fitch	

County History

Bamberg County and its county seat were named for local resident William Seaborn Bamberg (1820-1858) and other members of the Bamberg family. The area was a part of Barnwell County until 1897 when the new county was established. Although the area has been primarily agricultural, several towns developed along the route of the South Carolina Railroad in the mid-nineteenth century. In February of 1865, Confederate soldiers fought an unsuccessful skirmish against General Sherman's troops at Rivers Bridge, now the site of a state park. The plantation of author William Gilmore Simms (1806-1870) was in what is now Bamberg County, and artist Jim Harrison is also a native of the county.

County histories obtained from the S.C. State Library Reference Room at www.statelibrary.sc.gov/sc-counties. All other sources listed in the county comparison tables in the appendix.