

CALHOUN COUNTY

Date Formed	1908	Form of Government	Council
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	380	Council Members	5
Council of Government	Lower Savannah	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	St. Matthews	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Cameron		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	14,704	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	-47
Population Estimate 2016	14,751	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	-0.3%
Census Population 2010	15,175	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	-471
Census Population 2000	15,185	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	-0.4%
Census Population 1990	12,753	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	2,422
Persons Per Square Mile	39.93	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	0.9%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	4,954	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$524,299
Jobs 2015	4,745	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$35,435
Jobs 2010	4,289	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	72.0%
Jobs 2000	4,467	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$42,895
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-0.4%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	80.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	4.4%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	5.2%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$82,076,384	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$5,409	Local Option	1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.11500	Capital Projects	
Value of One Mil 2017	\$57,360	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$47,788,102	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$9,236	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$302		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$14,776,368	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$974
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$12,061,205	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$795
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$12,775,112	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$842
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$0	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$0
Payroll FY 2018	\$6,019,735	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	132	Moody's	
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	61	Standard and Poor's	
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	8.7	Fitch	

County History

Calhoun County was named for John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), who served as U.S. Vice President, Secretary of War, Secretary of State, and Senator. The county seat, the town of St. Matthews, was settled around 1841 in an area that was known for its cotton plantations. The county itself was formed in 1908 from parts of Orangeburg and Lexington counties. During the Revolutionary War a famous incident took place at Fort Motte in present day Calhoun County. Rebecca Motte (1738-1815), a local plantation owner, helped the Revolutionary troops drive the British out of her plantation house; she reportedly provided the soldiers with a burning arrow to destroy her own dwelling. Another famous resident of the area was Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Julia Peterkin (1880-1961), who lived at Lang Syne Plantation.

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.