

EDGEFIELD COUNTY

Date Formed	1785	Form of Government	Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	502	Council Members	5
Council of Government	Upper Savannah	Term Length	2 years
County Seat	Edgefield	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Johnston, North Augusta, Trenton		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	26,693	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	113
Population Estimate 2016	26,580	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	0.4%
Census Population 2010	26,985	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	-292
Census Population 2000	24,595	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	-0.2%
Census Population 1990	18,375	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	8,610
Persons Per Square Mile	53.75	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	2.3%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	5,905	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$867,726
Jobs 2015	6,205	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$32,921
Jobs 2010	6,438	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	66.9%
Jobs 2000	7,049	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$36,422
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-0.9%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	68.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	-4.8%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	4.6%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$81,593,270	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$3,024	Local Option	1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.09849	Capital Projects	
Value of One Mil 2017	\$76,000	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$70,619,518	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$4,373	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$9,866		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$14,613,718	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$542
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$11,428,865	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$424
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$10,374,106	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$384
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$1,435,407	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$49
Payroll FY 2018	\$6,381,856	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	162	Moody's	
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	7	Standard and Poor's	
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	6.0	Fitch	

County History

The origin of the name Edgefield is not clear, although it is usually described as "fanciful." The county was formed in 1785 as part of Ninety Six District; parts of Edgefield later went to form Aiken (1871), Saluda (1895), Greenwood (1897), and McCormick (1916) counties. This part of the upcountry, settled in the late eighteenth century, was the site of several Revolutionary War skirmishes. Although primarily agricultural, Edgefield County developed a thriving pottery industry in the nineteenth century; the old alkaline-glazed Edgefield pottery is highly sought after today. The larger Edgefield County was the home of ten South Carolina governors, including Francis W. Pickens (1805-1869), Benjamin R. Tillman (1847-1918), and Strom Thurmond (1902-2003). Confederate General Martin Witherspoon Gary (1831-1881) was also a resident of Edgefield 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.